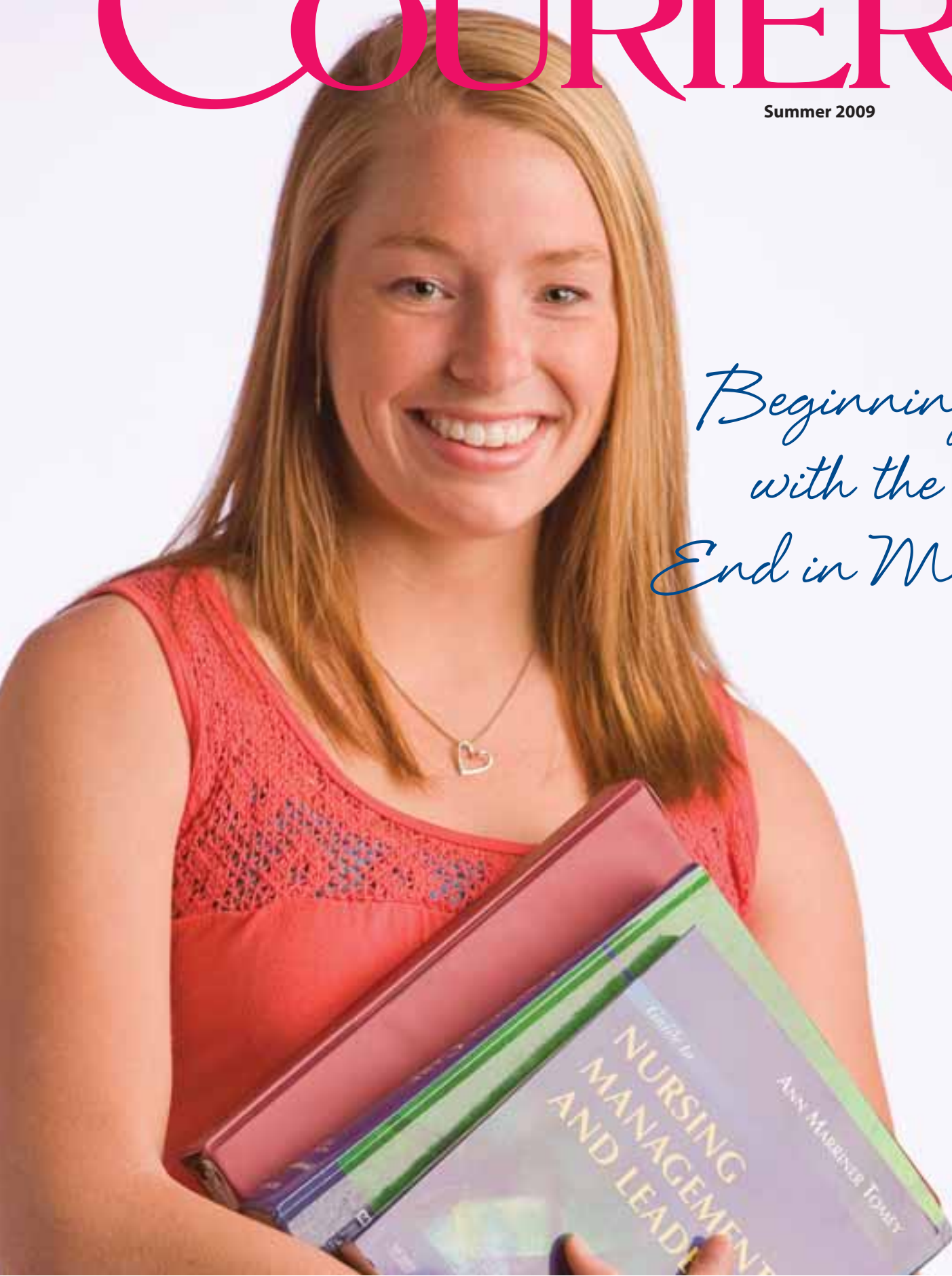


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Saint Mary's College is a Catholic,

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academic community where women

develop their talents and prepare to

make a difference in the world.

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Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's promotes

a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic

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Beginning With the End in Mind

By Shannon E. Brewer '03



Commencement ceremonies embody a college's tradition. At Saint Mary's, their purpose is to bestow that tradition on the graduating class, and to celebrate the four years of intellectual growth, personal growth, and lifelong friendships nurtured over the past four years. Saint Mary's recently celebrated its 162nd Commencement. We sent off the Class of 2009 in full regalia, complete with hooding ceremonies and an Honors Convocation, just as our predecessors did for the Class of 1846.

In that mid- to turn-of-the-century era, Saint Mary's prepared its students for intellectual pursuit that stretched the boundaries placed around women's leadership at the time. We call ourselves, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross who founded this College, pioneers in the education of women. And we are pioneers with an

established tradition of sending women off to challenge the world and lead responsibly.

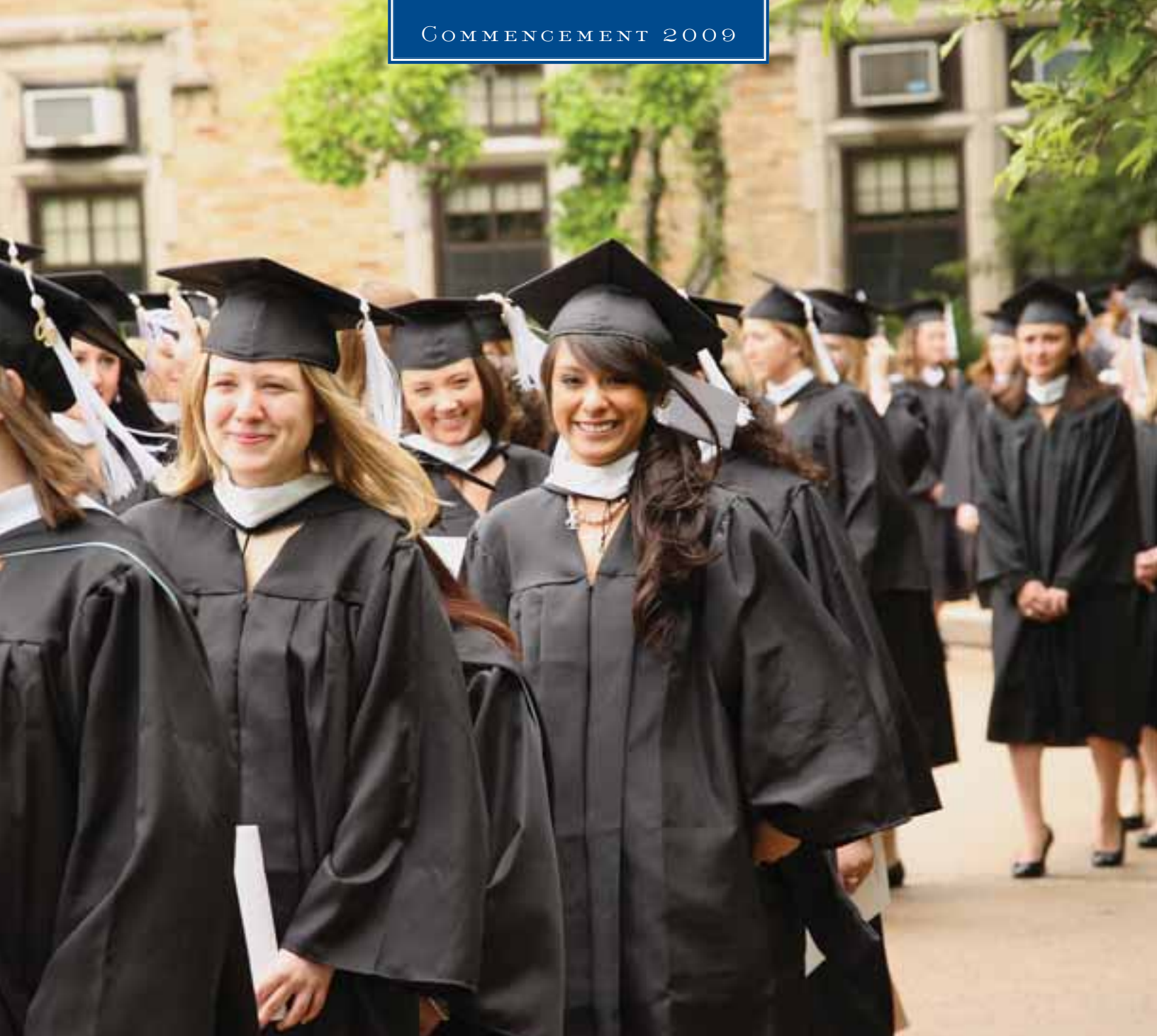
In her 1894 Valedictory address, Mary Angela Smyth encouraged her classmates to take what they learned at Saint Mary's with them. "... As we touch lovingly the [rosary] bead which marks our graduation, we will think of the motto '*In hoc signo vinces*,' and let us promise, dear classmates, to be true to it." The Latin motto means, "in this [sign] you will conquer." Smyth was urging her classmates to remember all they had learned at Saint Mary's, which would spur them on to bright futures. As they went their separate ways the "signo," the sign or symbol that joined them, *was* Saint Mary's.

Our students' transformation takes place over the course of just four years. But their journey maps a wealth of cherished experiences—from sharing a study carrel in McCandless Hall, to that first professional internship; from afternoon softball practice to the thrill of the Opera Workshop's opening night; from hovering over beakers with a much-admired professor in the chem lab, to beholding the Coliseum in the Eternal City on a study abroad trip.

One experience that bonds all Saint Mary's alumnae is the senior comprehensive requirement. In this issue, we tell the stories of several students who wrote papers, developed theories, conducted research in faraway places, and studied for exams that resulted in the honor of adding two or three little letters to the end of their names. That honor is the result of hard work and dedication that will see them through the rest of their lives.

As an alumna, I recall my own Commencement celebration as a happy culmination of experiences and a projection of our class's future success. In switching my tassel from the left to the right, I marked a milestone that shaped my future. Like Smyth, I would choose to lead through service, to my family and others. I would also join the workforce. I would have a business card. Now, just six years later, as an employee of the College, I meet students who are bright, ambitious, and bound for exciting careers and adventures.

Those of us on the academic and administrative side of the College are proud to send our graduates out into the world bearing knowledge that developed from the experiences they lived out at Saint Mary's. It is our greatest pleasure to be a part of their success. In this issue of *Courier*, we celebrate the Class of 2009 and their achievements. We celebrate their transformation from first-year to alumna, the journey they made, and the one they will embark upon. As Valedictorian Courtney Parry put it to her classmates, "Your experience at Saint Mary's has been informative, formative, and transformative—and the transformation you have experienced has prepared you to go out into the world and make a positive difference in the lives of those around you."



Saturday, May 16th started out as a rainy and gray day on the campus of Saint Mary's College, with many wondering whether the ceremony traditionally held on the Court of Le Mans Hall would have to be moved into Angela Athletic Facility. With confidence—and a little help from local meteorologists, plus lots of faith in above—President Carol Ann Mooney determined the outdoor ceremony would go on as planned.

Almost on cue, as the trumpets sounded and the procession began, the skies cleared and the sun broke through on the 340 graduates, family, friends, faculty, and staff gathered to celebrate the culmination of four years of study at Saint Mary's College.

Commencement speaker and broadcast journalist, Judy Woodruff, addressed the graduates at the 162nd commencement. Woodruff began her remarks citing the history of Saint Mary's and

praising the fortitude and determination of the four Holy Cross Sisters who came from France to Indiana in 1843.

Recognizing the challenges their generation is facing upon graduation, Woodruff encouraged and challenged the graduates. "You are in a position to break through the remaining glass ceilings out there. What is certain, is that we in the older generation are counting on you to bring your energy, your intelligence, and your caring about your fellow human beings, to the nation that's given you so much—and to the world that awaits your contribution," said Woodruff, who ended her remarks with a rousing "GO BELLES!"

Woodruff received an honorary degree along with Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74, Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees member. Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC, '66, Vice President for Mission, received the President's Medal.

SCENES FROM COMMENCEMENT



Valedictorian Courtney Parry '09 with commencement speaker and broadcast journalist, Judy Woodruff, anticipate Commencement 2009.



Margaret Bucher Cahill '80, Katie Cahill '09, Laura Kleinschmidt '09, and Catherine Gunn Kleinschmidt '78, proudly display their class rings just moments before the start of the 162nd Commencement ceremony.

“YOUR EXPERIENCE



Kellie Kubacki '09 celebrates her graduation with her dad, Mark, and mom, Judith '77. Mark, who is Superintendent of Grounds at Saint Mary's, and his staff, had a busy week ensuring the campus and Court of Le Mans were picture perfect for this year's ceremony.





President Carol Ann Mooney '72 enjoys a light-hearted moment with members of the Class of 2009 before the start of the academic procession.



Smiling graduates wave to their families and friends during the recessional. The graduates and their guests later joined faculty and staff at a reception on the Cushwa-Leighton Library green.

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— COURTNEY PARRY '09 VALEDICTORIAN



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Graduates line up in the 2nd floor hallway of Le Mans before the commencement ceremony. It's one last moment to chat, adjust their tassels, or even grab a quick snack before they process onto the Court of Le Mans Hall.

EXCEPTIONAL SENIORS

KATIE CHMELKO PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A talented singer and instrumentalist, Katie Chmelko graduated cum laude with a bachelor of music degree. She was also the recipient of the 2009 Music Award. "We have such talented and wonderful teachers at Saint Mary's, and because the department is smaller, we get the personalized attention that is needed for us to grow as students, performers, and future teachers," says Chmelko.

Chmelko has worked two years with Saint Mary's College's "High School Women's Choir Festival," this year conducting a piece. She was the assistant musical director for the spring musical, *Candide*, and she played percussion in the pit orchestra. "Being able to be a part of the musical allowed me to experience exactly what time, effort, and planning is needed to go into a high quality musical production."

She is currently applying for jobs throughout the United States as a high school choral teacher, and she looks to obtain a graduate degree in choral conducting. Chmelko credits her music professors for her "amazing" Saint Mary's experience. "It was through their teachings, challenges, support, and encouragement that I graduate from Saint Mary's as a confident musician and educator."

MARIAM ESKANDER NILES, MICH.

For senior Mariam Eskander, the best part of being a Saint Mary's student was the endless opportunities. "If you set your mind to something, you can definitely pursue it," says Eskander, who, along with another student, started Al-Zahra, the Middle Eastern/North African club. "I wanted to give them [other students] a unique and realistic perspective about the



Katie Chmelko



Mariam Eskander



Anna Hoefer

Middle East and North Africa, other than what they may see on the news."

Eskander received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. She is the 2009 recipient of an International Management Award through the business administration and economics department.

Eskander was also active on the Student Diversity Board and she was the co-chair of the 2008 Diverse Students' Leadership Conference. She was a mentor to a first-year student through the Office of Multicultural Services and Student Programs (MSSP). She credits Larisa Olin-Ortiz, the director of MSSP, with motivating and inspiring her. "She was always very helpful and was definitely the person I could depend on when I needed to talk to someone."

ANNA HOEFER CARMEL, IND.

Anna Hoefer graduated with a B.A. in accounting from Saint Mary's, a minor in religious studies, and a certificate in lay ministry. "One of the most important things I have learned in the lay ministry program is that while the ordained are usually called to serve within the context of a parish, lay people are called to minister where they are," Hoefer says.

Hoefer has been a peer minister and a participant in a pilgrimage trip to Mexico. She has also been a Bible study leader, Eucharistic minister, hospitality minister, and a member of the handbell choir and Circle K club.

Her ministry experiences have rounded out Hoefer's vision of what it means to serve others. "I think it is unique that we are able to participate in the lay ministry program as undergraduates and that the program encompasses a wide variety of ministry experiences along with classroom education."

EXCEPTIONAL SENIORS

CHRISSY ROMO HOUSTON, TEX.

A history major and women's studies minor, Chrissy Romo explored her love of history and passion for the Latin-American culture at Saint Mary's. "My major accomplishment here at Saint Mary's was to expand Latina student involvement, not only within the school, but with other universities and colleges and the Latino community," says Romo. "I feel that I have left these students the tools they need to make our small community successful and strong."

Romo was awarded a certificate to the Phi Alpha Theta History Society from the Department of History at Saint Mary's. She was president of Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro (BFAYO) at Notre Dame, and co-president of La Fuerza, a student group that works to create cultural awareness and attention to issues Latin Americans face in the United States. Through La Fuerza, Romo has helped organized Week of Action, Day of the Dead, and Multicultural Orientation events. Romo will pursue a graduate degree in history and then plans to teach.

ANNE THERESE STROUDE IRVINGTON, IND.

Senior Anne Therese Stroude is ready for her next step. She will pursue her master's degree in social work (MSW) at Washington University in Saint Louis, Mo. "Saint Mary's College has prepared me through their accredited social work program. I have been blessed with the most talented and intelligent professors, who were also my support system in the academic world," says Stroude. "Thanks to the rigorous curriculum, I have been offered advanced standing at Washington University and will be



Chrissy Romo



Anne Therese Stroude



Megan Ryan

a step ahead of the other students who will not be graduating with a bachelor's in social work."

Stroude has been a member of the Social Work Club for the last three years and is currently the community liaison officer. She volunteered at the Catholic Worker House and the Center for the Homeless, and she completed her senior-year internship at Sunshine Clubhouse in South Bend.

MEGAN RYAN FORT WAYNE, IND.

Megan Ryan has been the president of Saint Mary's Right to Life, and the president of Gallery 232, Saint Mary's photography club. She sang in Bellacappella, and Saint Mary's Women's Choir. She also worked at the regional Autism Center at Logan. During her junior year, Megan spent a week in Guadalupe, Mexico, working with the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"I think service is my passion, but I think that it's my spiritual life that guides me," says Ryan. Professor Kurt Buhning deepened her interest in service through his Faith in Action class. "It made me realize that it's possible to get involved other than just on campus; I can be in the community."

Ryan graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and a license in corrective reading. She'll spend a year in Kasoa, Ghana, teaching at Our Lady of Holy Cross School, run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. When she returns she plans to teach in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese. "I want to eventually go back to graduate school for a master's in special education," says Ryan.

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

VALEDICTORIAN COURTNEY PARRY

The valedictorian of the Class of 2009 was Courtney Parry, a mathematics and economics double major with a 3.99 grade point average. Parry has been extensively involved with the math honor society Pi Mu Epsilon, serving as the president of the Saint Mary's chapter. As a junior she presented a lecture entitled "Mathematics and Nature" at the spring 2008 meeting of the Indiana Section of the Mathematical Association of America (INMAA) in addition to serving as a student lecturer in the Pi Mu Epsilon student lectures series in fall 2007. "Saint Mary's has provided me with an excellent education in the liberal arts tradition," says Parry. "I owe a great deal of gratitude to the incredible educators who have influenced my life. These individuals have provided me with a multitude of support, and have always encouraged me to exceed my own expectations."

SPES UNICA AWARD PROFESSOR CHARLES PELTIER

Professor Charles Peltier of the Department of Mathematics was the recipient of the 2009 Spes Unica Award. This award recognizes eminent service to Saint Mary's College. Peltier has served on countless College committees, often as chair. As the secretary of the Faculty Assembly, he worked on the most recent self-study, and was a member of the original strategic plan steering committee. His colleagues respect his integrity and trust his judgment, and as a result, selected him to serve on both the Academic Standards and Academic Affairs committees.



Courtney Parry



Professor Charles Peltier



Caitlin Brodmerkel

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD CAITLIN BRODMERKEL

Caitlin Brodmerkel was the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor of nursing degree. In 2008, she spent ten weeks in Kyarusozzi, Uganda, working with the Sisters of the Holy Cross at their health clinic. She also taught health science at St. Joseph's Secondary School, a school run by the Brothers of Holy Cross in Uganda. At the College, she competed on Saint Mary's cross country team, and was involved with Circle K, Dance Marathon, the Student Nurses Association, and the Student Advisory Committee. She was also involved with a number of charitable organizations in a service capacity. She is enrolled in a nurse practitioner graduate program and is working full-time as a nurse.

SAINT CATHERINE MEDAL ALICIA WILKINS

Each year, Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic Honor Society, awards the Saint Catherine Medal to a sophomore or junior who has demonstrated high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and has contributed to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership. This year, Alicia Wilkins was given the medal, which commemorates Saint Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saint of scholars and especially of women scholars. Wilkins has given her time and energy to many fundraising events, including the 12 Days of Christmas, the Yes We Can Walk for the Hungry, Blue-to-New end of the year project, the area Breast Cancer Walk, Pen Pals, the College Democrats, and the Environmental

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Club. Her enthusiasm for these projects motivates her to recruit other students to join her in these efforts. Her energy is evident in the fact that in two years she has spent over 500 hours with the College Academy of Tutoring Program, serving the needs of local Title 1 schools.

MARIA PIETA AWARD PROFESSOR THOMAS FOGLE

The Maria Pieta Award recognizes excellence in teaching lower division courses. The recipient of this year's award was Professor Thomas Fogle, who has devoted himself to the students of Saint Mary's College for nearly 30 years. His students talk about how hard they have to work, how challenging the classes are, and how comfortable they feel asking for help. They feel well prepared to move on to subsequent courses. Faculty colleagues admire his abilities in the classroom and his contributions to the College community. He is available for students academically, on the basketball court or other playing fields, on study tour trips, and as part of co-curricular programs.

One student said he "makes the learning process fun by including learning models and interactive examples in his lectures. He easily fields questions and his door is always open."



Alicia Wilkins



Professor Thomas Fogle



Meghan Larsen

LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD

MEGHAN LARSEN

The Lumen Christi Award is presented each year to a member of the senior class who is recognized by the College community as an outstanding Christian woman, someone who has excelled in leadership and loyalty to Saint Mary's College, and whose presence has had a profound effect on the College community. Meghan Larsen was the recipient of the Lumen Christi Award this year, the highest award the College confers upon a student. Larsen was active with Campus Ministry, participating in religious services, retreats, the Friends with Sisters program, and in weekly Small Faith Group sessions. A Religious Studies major, she was an excellent student dedicated to the pursuit of life-long learning. She was one of three students who organized a "Poetry Jam" program at the Center for the Homeless. This weekly program was so successful that it continues today and a booklet of the poetry written by the guests of the Center has been published. One of the people who nominated her for this award wrote, "She is an unfailingly cheerful and welcoming spirit who truly embodies the light of Christ."

HONOREES

JUDY WOODRUFF

When Judy Woodruff began her career, women on television were given assignments based on their looks and their ability to read the news. She challenged the norms of the day and helped change the world of journalism into one where women share equally in every aspect of the business.

Woodruff, who is a graduate of Duke University, has covered politics and other news for more than three decades at CNN, NBC, and PBS. An award winning news anchor and journalist, she is the senior correspondent at "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer."

Woodruff has been a friend of Saint Mary's College since September 2005 when she served as a moderator at a conference sponsored by the College's Center for Spirituality titled "Vatican II Forty Years Later: Legacy, Leadership, and Unfinished Business."

DEBORAH JOHNSON SCHWIEBERT '74

Debbie Schwiebert, who graduated from Saint Mary's College in 1974 with a degree in English literature, has given her time, talent, and treasure to the College for the past 16 years. Her many contributions to the College include serving on the Board of Trustees since 1998 and as Board Secretary and then its chair from 2004-2007.

Other service to the College includes serving on two Presidential Search committees, serving as Chair of the Madeleva Society Steering Committee, and as Vice President and President of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors. Schwiebert received the College's Distinguished Alumnae Award in 2004.



Judy Woodruff



Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74



Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC

A 34-year employee of Deere & Company, Schwiebert holds a master's degree in organizational leadership from Saint Ambrose University; she is the Director of Communication Services at Deere's world headquarters.

Schwiebert has a passion for collecting Saint Mary's memorabilia that she gives to the College's archives.

SISTER ROSE ANNE SCHULTZ '66, CSC

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC, was presented with the prestigious President's Medal at this year's Commencement. The medal is presented rarely and exclusively to those who have offered exceptional contributions to the life of the College and the community. Sister Schultz, vice president for mission, retired from the College this spring.

Following in the footsteps of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, Sister Schultz has spent a lifetime in service to her Congregation and her College. She holds the distinction of being the youngest person to serve on the General Council of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Her work at Saint Mary's began in 1990 as the director of administration and mission at the Center for Spirituality and she also served on the Saint Mary's Board of Regents, including a term as its chair.

In 1994 Sister Schultz became the College's first vice president for mission. She willingly jumped into uncharted waters and with typical vision and courage created an office that now touches the lives of the vast majority of students, faculty, and staff.

She's ready

FOR THE NEXT STEP

It's been called the worst job market in a generation and the class of 2009 is headed right into it. With unemployment rates hitting an all-time high, and consumer confidence low, our graduates know first-hand how tough the job market is, and that landing that first job is taking longer.

But, this is Saint Mary's. Possessing the hallmarks of a liberal arts education, this year's graduating class is putting their creativity, communication skills, and ability to solve complex problems to work on their plans after college. The class of 2009 is not sitting around waiting for things to happen. Working with the Career Crossings Office (CCO), our graduates have fine-tuned their resume and job search correspondence, honed their networking and interviewing skills, and utilized the Go BELLES online system to identify job and internship opportunities. Students are exploring alternate post graduate experiences such as volunteer or service work. And, many have prepared themselves for graduate or professional school.

According to Stacie Jeffirs, CCO Director, "It is not impossible to find a job, it just may take longer and they may end up going in a different direction than they originally intended," she says.

Well, intended or not, many of our graduates are ready for "what's next." Despite all the doom and gloom about the economy, the five young women featured on this page are among many recent Saint Mary's graduates who provide encouragement for anyone taking that next step in a challenging economy.

—Karen Zagrocki McDonald '76

McKayela Collins

Elkhart, Ind., Music

Next step: Master's degree in music, vocal performance concentration, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

Michelle "Mickey" Gruscinski

Cleveland, Ohio, History

Next step: Assistant canvass director for Grassroots Campaigns, Inc., Minneapolis; graduate school enrollment Fall 2010

Katie Cahill

Glen Ellyn, Ill., Elementary Education and English Literature

Next step: Teacher for Archdiocese of Chicago

Kristen Edelen

Louisville, Ky., Communications and English Writing

Next step: Sales associate for Intercall Inc., Chicago

Emily Woller

The Woodlands, Tex., Nursing

Next step: Staff nurse for Women and Children's Health Postpartum Unit, New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Hospital, New York



McKayela Collins



Michelle Gruscinski



Katie Cahill



Kristen Edelen



Emily Woller

comprehending the final

By Natalie Davis Miller and Shannon E. Brewer '03

It's a mainstay of the Saint Mary's experience. It's challenging, intellectually invigorating, and requires our students to work independently to communicate ideas that take months to develop. It's the senior comprehensive requirement, and it is each student's crowning achievement at Saint Mary's.

Requiring independent research, a presentation, or an exam, the "senior comp," as they refer to it, prepares students for graduate school or work in their professional fields. Some students have the option to design their own projects based on their major's requirements. While accounting and history majors complete formal exams, art majors may exhibit works in a variety of mediums on advisor-approved topics of their choice. English writing majors select a genre to explore under the guidance of an advisor, and humanistic studies majors synthesize the ideas presented in their program in a comprehensive essay exam.

From accounting to theatre, students present a wide range of ideas as they demonstrate what they've learned throughout their four years at Saint Mary's. The pages that follow showcase a sampling of the excellent work our seniors completed this year.

"I want to continue my career in experimental psychology and conduct research to shed light on social injustice by studying stereotyping and discrimination."

— Jasmine Ahmad

challenge

Jasmine Ahmad, Psychology *Facial Expression and Sexism*

Ever concerned with the place of women in the world, Saint Mary's students often take on topics that bring stereotypes to light in order to prove or disprove them. Psychology grad Jasmine Ahmad chose to examine the relationship between sexism and the ways people perceive emotions in men or women. "Western culture stereotypes men as displaying more emotions, except anger. In addition, experimental research has found people expect anger and are quicker to identify anger more from male faces than female faces," says Ahmad. She says this kind



Jasmine Ahmad

of stereotyping may stem from the social perception that anger is a dominant trait and so it is more associated and acceptable when expressed by men, and less so when expressed by women. Ahmad embarked on a psychological experiment in which she designed a survey administered via the Internet to 132 study participants. The survey rated each participant on a scale based on how biased or unbiased his or her attitudes were toward the opposite sex. The survey first measured how sexist a participant was. Ahmad then showed the participants photographs of male and female faces depicting neutral emotions. "I hypothesized that participants who score high in sexism will support neutral male faces as angry and contemptuous," says Ahmad. "Participants with high sexism scores would rate neutral female faces as more surprised, happy, and fearful." Ahmad also supposed that participants who ranked high in the sexism scale would deem women expressing anger inappropriate.

Her results indicated a disparity between Ahmad's hypotheses and the way participants with high sexism scores would judge a particular expression. As it turned out, people who rated high on the sexism scale didn't offer a biased description of the neutral faces.

Ahmad says that while her hypotheses didn't necessarily prove true, the issues are still worthy of exploration. "The relationship between hostile sexism and reaction to angry women needs to be further examined in order to understand the roots of these biases," she says. "Understanding the level at which these biases are present will be useful information to create awareness of the impact of sexism in lives and careers."

For Ahmad, the senior comprehensive project was an opportunity to explore her topic and develop research skills that will shape her future career. "I want to continue my career in experimental psychology and conduct research to shed light on social injustice by studying stereotyping and discrimination," Ahmad says. This May she and several other students presented their research at the Midwest Psychological Association Conference.

Emma Farrell, Communication Studies *To Ink or Not to Ink*

Graduate Emma Farrell's senior comprehensive project examined something she is intimately familiar with—women and tattoos. Adorned with three tattoos when she began her project, Farrell's senior comp, "Tattooed and Non-Tattooed Women: Perceptions of Beauty, Motivations, Self-image and Reactions," looked at women and their views on tattoos. The communication studies grad interviewed both non-tattooed and tattooed women to note the differences between their feelings about and reactions to women who were tattooed. There were 12 women in her study, with four each in the age ranges of 18–25, 26–40, and 41 and older. Each group was comprised of two tattooed and two non-tattooed women. "Specifically, notions of beauty, self-image, motivations for getting or not getting tattoos, and reactions to tattooed women were what I explored in this qualitative study," explains Farrell.

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Farrell found that the permanence of the tattoo was the motivation for non-tattooed women to stay free of tattoos. Tattooed women had motivations that ranged from seeing tattoos as sexy to seeing them as a collection of beautiful art work. Farrell says that all women noticed their own reactions to tattoos, as well as the reactions of others, but some were more accustomed to seeing tattoos and their reactions had therefore, decreased.

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— Emma Farrell

The women looked at inner beauty and physical beauty, with most of them indicating inner beauty as being more important, and that tattoos were used to collect or present some type of physical beauty. Finally, in regard to self-image,



Emma Farrell

all but one said they were affected positively by getting tattoos.

The subject of Farrell's comp came from one of her classes. "[Professor] Terri Russ helped me find my topic; she knew what I was interested in through her class, 'Female Beauty.'" Farrell worked with Professor Linda Berdayes very closely throughout the composition process. Farrell says that she learned about women and their motivations

for tattoos and why they thought their tattoos were a part of them. "I learned a lot about how females embrace beauty, how they are using tattoos as a freedom of speech, and how they put their inner most feelings or tragic happenings on their outer skin to make them feel like a whole person again."

Kate Petrovic, Italian, Philosophy

Languages Are "Islands"

Kate Petrovic '09 feels prepared for whatever the future brings. Initially intimidated by the prospect of writing a 35-page thesis during her senior year, Petrovic exceeded her expectations for herself and now looks back on the senior comprehensive experience with pride. "The comp experience



Kate Petrovic

has prepared me in many ways. It has shaped me into a sophisticated thinker," says the philosophy graduate. "I look back on my papers from my first year and am in disbelief as to how far I've come. At this point, I am confident in my abilities as well as myself. I am prepared for any career, as long as it is meaningful to me."

Petrovic's chosen topic—a study of the relationship between thought and

language, and the impact of culture and life activity on that relationship—might seem daunting to any budding philosopher. But Petrovic had guidance from her senior comp advisor, Philosophy Professor Patti Sayre. "Since my first year, I have looked at her as the type of woman I would someday like to be—brilliant, passionate, inspirational," says Petrovic. "Working with [Professor Sayre] gave me the confidence to pursue philosophical issues intensely, and anything else I want to do."

As she began work on her comp, Petrovic asked the question, "Are we putting ourselves at risk by reducing our language to texting and instant messaging?" She wanted to know if this popular and evolving communication was limiting our language and therefore our engagement in life. To answer her question, she examined a debate between philosophers Gottfried Leibniz and John Locke. She considered contemporary accounts of their arguments on thinking and ideas, and compared them with opposing arguments from other philosophers.

In the end, Petrovic was still unsatisfied with the arguments she explored. To sum up her own ideas, she developed a metaphor. "In [the metaphor], languages

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are islands, and the deeper into the island we go, or the more engaged we are in a particular language and its corresponding culture and way of life, the more complicated life becomes, and furthermore, the more difficult it becomes to reach an exact translation, because of all that needs to be taken into consideration. However, out in ‘international waters,’ there is no culture, the activity of life is minimal, and so the role of language in turn becomes reduced.” Petrovic concludes, “Therefore, exact translations are possible. Ultimately, though life in ‘international waters’ is simpler, we should strive to move beyond that, towards being deeply immersed in a culture and a language, and above all, toward a meaningful life.”

Petrovic says her explorations through the senior comp and throughout her time at Saint Mary’s, have taught her what it takes to be successful inside and outside the classroom. “I am dedicated, passionate, and disciplined. I am ready, willing, and able,” she says. “I have always had this in me, but Saint Mary’s brought it out of me, and made it who I am.” With the confidence and experience she acquired at

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fall to sample the program and determine where to pursue her master’s degree.

Kim Burkhart, English Literature, English Writing *Real-life Fiction*

A grandmother who takes her Thanksgiving turkey back, a super smart, atheist cousin, and an absentee grandfather are just some of the delightful characters found in the short stories written by graduate Kim Burkhart for her senior comprehensive. Burkhart graduated magna cum laude with a double major in English literature and English writing.

The stories are told in first person and Burkhart’s strong suit is describing both character and setting in a clear, minimalist approach, putting the reader right into her stories. The stories are works of fiction, based on real characters in her life. “I had fun taking massive liberties with plot, imagining what would have happened if a different

Saint Mary’s, Petrovic is heading into graduate school for philosophy. She will start with classes at Western Michigan University this

character had been involved, even resurrecting characters that had died,” says Burkhart.

A common thread running through the stories, in addition to reappearing characters we quickly become familiar with, is the depiction of real family life to which any reader can relate. Burkhart’s writing style is punctuated with deft, well-placed humor. “I tried to make the stories funny and easy to read but be true to the serious question of how family shapes individuals, even as I was embellishing the plot for comedic effect,” says Burkhart.

Of the process of writing a series of short stories, Burkhart says, “I planned four stories but only got to three. Writing against a semester-long deadline really taught me that everything I write will take more time than I expect, so if I ever pursue writing as a career, I’ll have realistic expectations for how much I can produce.”

Burkhart will be attending the University of Wisconsin for law school in the fall. “I knew coming into Saint Mary’s that I would want to at least consider a legal career, and I chose to major in English knowing that the best way for me to prepare would be to develop the skills I loved most—in my case, reading and writing.”

With a liberal arts degree in English writing and literature, she’s ready for the challenge. “I feel the comp has prepared me in so many ways, taught me that I can put my mind to an extended project and challenged me to engage an audience by telling a story,” says Burkhart.

Liz Sonsalla, Political Science, Psychology *Appearances Can Be Deceiving*

Graduate Liz Sonsalla took on a question that may have played on the minds of many Americans during the last election: Do a candidate’s personal traits affect the way we vote? As part of her senior comprehensive, the double major in political science and psychology posed this hypothesis: The more positively young individuals rate a presidential candidate’s personal traits, the more likely they are to vote for that candidate. Sonsalla looked at a group of individuals



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between the ages of 18–30, and the way they rated 2004 presidential candidates George W. Bush and John Kerry. She was surprised about her findings—no significant results were found to accept her hypothesis.

“It was also determined through further analysis that the older population of voters did not display a significant correlation between their rating of candidates’ personal traits and the way in which they ultimately cast their vote,” explains Sonsalla. “In addition to the findings regarding candidates’ personal traits, it was also found that specific political issues did not weigh significantly on individuals’ voting preference regardless of their age.”

Sonsalla says her reason for her hypothesis came from “various conversations—it came to my attention that many of my peers were not educated on the issues at hand. They seemed to be basing their voting preference on the candidates at face value. How the candidates looked and what traits they thought the candidates exuded seemed to be some of the reasons for their decisions.”

Sonsalla worked closely with Professor Pat Pierce on her senior comprehensive, beginning the first semester in the course, Scope and Methods. “We continued meeting once a week throughout the year in order to keep my thesis on track,” says Sonsalla of the professor she considers an inspiration. “He has taught me to be a critical thinker on my own, and I appreciate his assistance in that way.”

Sonsalla is considering graduate school in counseling, journalism, or law school. She is also investigating positions in the field of counseling, an area she enjoyed during an internship with the South Bend Community School Corporation.

Whatever she intends to do, Sonsalla will be prepared through her experience of working on her senior comprehensive, and Saint Mary’s rigorous curriculum. “Requirements such as the senior comprehensive, advanced writing portfolio, and the multitude of classes required to complete a double major like mine have made me a stronger person. I couldn’t have asked for a better education.”



Liz Sonsalla

Meghan Larsen, Religious Studies

Where Spiritual Minds Meet

Imagine having dinner with your hero. Who would it be? For graduate Meghan Larsen, it’s an easy question to answer: Theologian Elizabeth Johnson. The religious studies major had the opportunity to meet Johnson during her senior year, at a dinner held in conjunction with the Center for Spirituality’s (CFS) Quest Project Fall Lecture Series. Johnson presented the lecture, “The Quest for the Living God.”

Larsen’s meeting was a fortuitous event, particularly since she based her senior comprehensive on a comparison of Johnson’s work, *Friends of God and Prophets*, to Theologian James Cone’s work, *The Spirituals and the Blues*.

“Both theologians show how many individuals continue to misinterpret certain individuals’ lives and some theological concepts. They focus on what is called memory restoration, in which they try to bring truth to ideas that have been misinterpreted throughout history,” explains Larsen. “Johnson does this with the Communion of the Saints and Cone does this with black spirituals.”

In her essay comparing the two, Larsen looks at Johnson’s postulate that “women’s history of holiness has been largely erased from the collective memory of the church.” James Cone’s work takes a look at how black spirituals have been misconstrued, and his interpretation that the songs were misrepresenting slaves longing for heaven, when in actuality

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the songs may have been ways to communicate escape plans to the North, as well as a form of expressing salvation given their circumstances. “As a result, they created affirming spirituals to remind them of

their innate dignity and the salvation they had in Jesus,” says Larsen.

Larsen says she expected to learn through her research the similarities and differences between the two theologians. “I was surprised at how groundbreaking each theologian was in their perspective field, and ultimately how important memory restoration is to each of their writings.”

Larsen credits Professors Joseph Incandela and Kurt Buhring with guiding her as she worked on her comprehensive. “They constantly challenged me to think

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broadly and really engage both authors within my work.”

Larsen recently accepted a position with the Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education (PACE), a teaching service program. “I will be receiving a master’s degree over three summers from the University of Portland and teaching [high school students] in Fairbanks, Alaska, for two years.” Larsen says she is ready for the academic work of graduate-level classes because Saint Mary’s challenged her academically. “Saint Mary’s taught me how to use my gifts for the good of humanity and that is why I decided to teach.”

“Elizabeth Johnson is a womanist theologian,” Larsen says, summarizing her senior comp. “Her book, *Friends of God and Prophets*, transforms the idea of the communion of saints from a hierarchical model to a companionship model. Hierarchical model means that first comes God, then the saints, then us on Earth. The companionship model means

that we on Earth are working with the saints on an equal level as friends. Many times when we think of saints, we only think of people like the Virgin Mary or St. Francis; however, Johnson wants to make this model much more inclusive,” says Larsen. She wants to remember those saints that lived holy lives, particularly women, who were never recorded in history books or biblical passages. She also wants to remember those women whose



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memory is distorted, like Mary Magdalene, and work to restore their true identity.

“Like Johnson, James Cone recognized some distortions within black theology. He worked to restore the memory of black slaves and particularly the spirituals that they sang. Often times their theology and ideas were distorted particularly by the white Christian Church. Through his work, *The Spirituals and the Blues*, he worked to combat this incorrect assessment of black slave theology.”

Emily Bernath, Studio Art

Photographic Mirror

“Last year was beset with stress as I constantly strove for perfection in all that I did,” reads Emily Bernath’s artist’s statement. Her photography project is a study of “the discrepancy between what people see and the reality.”

Bernath is not only the artist behind the camera; she is the model as well. Her photographs feature her own body, displayed in stunning black and white, depicted after a particularly stressful year led her to make decisions that profoundly affected her body. Throughout her junior year, Bernath increased her running regimen as a way to maintain health and deal with stress. She struggled with time management, school, and family—a combination of circumstances led to rapid weight loss.



Emily Bernath

Under the guidance of art professors Julie Tourtillotte and Sheilah Wilson, Bernath shot photographs that explore the cultural concept that thinness equals beauty, and in

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— Emily Bernath

their exposure of Bernath’s ribs and jutting hips, challenges that. “Today, this is the ideal, but what is beautiful about being skinny?” Bernath asks. “By exposing

my struggle, I am overcoming it and can move forward conquering my reality.” The art major reflects on the value of the senior comprehensive experience, saying it “helped me prepare for a career by guiding me to excellence as well as allowing me the freedom to pursue difficulties and choices all on my own.”

Building Community: Saint Mary's helps rehabilitate local neighborhood

Students, faculty, and staff got their hands dirty this April as they helped renovate a local family's home through the Rebuilding Together project. Rebuilding Together is a national program that rehabilitates selected houses belonging to elderly, disabled, or low-income homeowners.

In South Bend, the project focuses on a different neighborhood each year, rehabilitating up to 25 homes selected through an application and screening process. The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) organizes the Saint Mary's team.

Nursing major Andrea Deja '11 was head of the paint crew during last year's project. This year she worked outside, painting, pulling weeds, and planting flowers. "Rebuilding Together is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a

Saint Mary's community and give of our time and talent," says Deja. "I believe that volunteering one's time is not only beneficial to others—it benefits us."

Carrie Call, OCSE director, says students take great pride in their work for local families during Rebuilding Together. "The project is important because it shows that very little effort on the part of a group of people can transform the daily life of an individual in need," says Call. "What I hope students take away from it is a sense of solidarity with others in the community. I want them to care about the residents and about the kinds of issues facing the residents. I want them to see beyond their own experiences and their own circle of family and friends." She adds, "And I want them to feel gratitude for all that they have in their own lives."



Andrea Deja '11 (left, foreground) and her classmates head up the paint crew, while students, faculty, and staff (right) team up to repaint and refurbish a local home as part of Rebuilding Together 2009.

Making a Difference in the World: Students Earn Intercultural Leadership Certificate

Becki Faunce '09 is no stranger to thinking outside the box. In fact, her ardent interests in social movements and feminist theory demonstrate that she is a woman for social change.

Upon her graduation this May, Faunce completed the requirements for the Intercultural Leadership Certificate, a program sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). The Certificate program brings together a dynamic group of students to develop their leadership skills through classes, study abroad, and experiential learning.

"When I first heard about the program during my sophomore year, I was really excited because it sounded like such a unique opportunity," Faunce says. As part of the Certificate program, students are required to study abroad for at least one week. Faunce, who double-majored in sociology, with a student-designed major in women's studies, traveled with the Saint Mary's Women's Studies in

Europe program. "I had the amazing opportunity to travel and study in Italy, Poland, the Czech Republic, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom," she says.

In addition to study abroad, the program requires proficiency in six areas of personal development and the creation of an e-portfolio. "My goal for my e-portfolio was to reflect my intercultural growth and leadership development while blending my vision for social change in a way that is uniquely my leadership style and personality," Faunce explains.

Faunce says that the Leadership Certificate program has helped her to develop important skills that she'll use in her future career. Upon graduation she began working full-time as an assistant director for Grassroots Campaigns, Inc. Three other graduating seniors received the Certificate this year. They are Kelli Anderson '09, Sarah Barnes '09, and Monica Velarde '09.

—Kristen Edelen '09, *Courier Intern*

Saint Mary's launches study abroad program in Uganda



Caitlin Brodmerkel '09 with Ugandans in Summer 2008

This summer, six Saint Mary's students will live and learn in East Africa. The College recently launched a six-week summer practicum program in which education and nursing majors work with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Kyarusozo, Uganda. They will help out in two Holy Cross missions, a grade school and a clinic.

Rising senior Hannah Brown, an education major, is looking forward to this new adventure in Uganda. "I looked around at different organizations for a program or trip like this one where I could teach in another country," she says. "When I heard that Saint Mary's was starting this program in Uganda, I jumped at the opportunity."

Brown and her fellow travelers will stay with the Holy Cross Sisters while in Uganda. They will participate in a one-credit course on East African history and culture, and then begin their practicum experience. "I know I'll get some more practice teaching and working in the classroom," says Brown. "I also hope to meet new people and immerse myself in their culture. Simply living in another culture and talking with people that live there is always a learning experience."

Called to Serve

Students recognized for service in local community

From the local homeless shelters and elementary schools to the public library, our students are out making a difference in the community. They tutor local children, counsel women faced with crisis pregnancies, and rebuild homes for families in need.

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, Saint Mary's recently recognized the work our students do to make our community a better place. The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) honored seven women who have contributed outstanding service on campus, and in the wider community.

The award recipients were nominated by their peers, professors, and professionals in the South Bend community who recognized their dedication. They were honored in five categories including service in education, general service, service in the health field, spiritual service, and service work with women.

Student award recipients include Alma Bravo '12, Caitlin Brodmerkel '09, Rebecca Faunce '09, Arlene Forney '09, Meghan Larsen '09, Deanna Molosky '09, and Alicia Wilkins '11.

Saint Mary's hosts Tony Award winning director Harold Prince

This spring music and theatre students reveled in the opportunity of a lifetime. Tony Award winning director Harold Prince visited campus as part of the Margaret Hill

Endowed Chair Visiting Artist Series sponsored by the Department of Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre. He worked with student performers as they rehearsed for the spring musical production of *Candide*. Prince has a special connection to *Candide* as he was the original director of the musical when it debuted on Broadway in 1974.

While on campus, Prince gave a talk titled "Hal Prince on Broadway." He also made time for question and answer sessions with students after rehearsals. Associate Professor of Theatre Katie Sullivan appreciated the advice Prince gave to Saint Mary's students as he helped them hone their performances before the big show. "Hal Prince has been one of the principle movers and shakers when it has come to developing the American musical," she says. "It is such a unique and rich opportunity for us, thanks to the generosity of our Saint Mary's alumna and donor Margaret Hill."

Students and faculty look on as Harold Prince works with Amy Barker '09 and Emily Woller '09, who shared the lead role in *Candide*, the College's spring musical.



Promoting the Advantages of Diversity: Past and present students continue



Mara Martinez '11, President Carol Ann Mooney, Erin McGuire '09, and Kimberly Roland '12



Claradith Landry '06, Jeanne Choquehuanca '08, Angeline Johnson '07, and Kimberly Hodges '08



Students listen to a speaker during DSLC

This spring, the Student Diversity Board held its Fourth Annual Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLC). The event was March 18–20, with 300 in attendance. Participants included, in addition to Saint Mary's students, faculty, and alumnae, people from Notre Dame; Holy Cross; Ivy Tech Community College West Lafayette; University of Michigan; Manchester College; Ball State University; and Indiana University South Bend; area high school students, and community organizations.

In addition to workshops, participants heard from speakers Dr. Julianne Malveaux, the 15th president of Bennett College for Women, and Dr. Jennifer Fluri, assistant professor in the Department of Geography and the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Dartmouth College.

The purpose of DSLC is to enrich each participant's perspective of the adversities and benefits within diverse academic, social, and professional settings. The goals for participants of the conference included identifying the challenges and underlying prejudices that exist in various social institutions; developing educational and interactive skills to transform the challenges of diversity into opportunities; and becoming empowered leaders actively promoting the advantages of diversity. Among this year's attendees were three alumnae who founded DSLC: Kimberly Hodges '08, Angeline Johnson '06, and Claradith E. Landry '06.

Landry traveled to the conference from Germany, where she is stationed in the U.S. Army. Landry says she came back for the conference to answer a question that was asked of her during her college days when she was active in other organizations. "When I used to go to different conferences they always stressed, 'What's your legacy going to be, what are you going to leave behind, what are you going to give to students once you're gone, what will you be remembered for?' I wanted to see if it [DSLC] would stick around, and I wanted to see if I—along with Kimberly and Angeline—if we'd actually left a mark here—and in a positive way, and what kind of message did we leave for the women here?"

Landry sees the conference as a success in part due to students she views as being proactive about diversity issues and challenges. "Of course they have the support of the administration," says Landry of the College's role. "But they are doing it—and that's the point—taking it into your own hands and actually doing something about it, and pulling everyone else with you. You're not a success alone."

conversations around diversity at Diverse Students' Leadership Conference



Members of the Student Diversity Board with President Carol Ann Mooney and Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President of Bennett College for Women. From left to right: Maricruz Cardenas '11, Mara Martinez '11, Sarah Barnes '09, Kimberly Roland '12, Erin McGuire '09, Areli Bautista '12, President Carol Ann Mooney, Dr. Julianne Malveaux, Emily Kempe '09, Danae Jimenez '12, Leslie Lau '09, LaQuay Boone '10, Adriana Rodriguez '10, and Carissa Salvador '10



Rosa Gonzalez with spoken-word troupe, Head Rush, in a workshop with participants

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Marc Belanger, chair and associate professor of political science, contributed a chapter called “Stuck in the Middle: The Challenges of Institutionalizing Democracy in Guatemala” to the book *Beyond Settlement: Making Peace Last After Civil Conflict*, Vanessa E. Shields and Nicholas D.J. Baldwin, editors. Fairleigh Dickinson Press, 2008.

Theodore Billy, chair and professor of English, published his article “‘Look Here, You See’: Focusing on Myopic Vision in The Great Gatsby” in the book *Approaches to Teaching Fitzgerald’s The Great Gatsby* (New York: The Modern Language Association of America, 2009), pages 156–61.

Thomas F. Bonnell, professor of English, published his book *The Most Disreputable Trade Publishing the Classics of English Poetry*, which explores eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century British popular literature and the rise of the publishing industry. Additionally, Bonnell also published an article titled, “When Book History Neglects Bibliography: Trouble with the ‘Old Canon’ in The Reading Nation,” *Studies in Bibliography* 57 (2005–2006), 243–61.

Kurt Buhring, assistant professor of religious studies, published a book titled *Conceptions of God, Freedom, and Ethics in African American and Jewish Theology (Black Religion/Womanist Thought/Social Justice Series)*. His book is a consideration of major contemporary African American and Jewish theological understandings of God, human nature, moral evil, suffering, and ethics, utilizing the work of James Cone and Emil Fackenheim. Buhring presented a related paper “Toward a Theology of Resistance: Dwight N. Hopkins’ Spirit of Total Liberation in Us and Melissa Raphael’s Shekinah as Sources for Constructive Theology,” at the American Academy of Religion’s Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2008.

Carolyn Call, director of the Office of Civic and Social Engagement, presented “Forgiveness: Why We Should and Why We Don’t” at Goshen College’s Science Lecture Series, November 7, 2008. Her lecture focused on the intersection between psychology, theology and biology on the topic of forgiveness.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin, PBVM, was one of sixteen scholars invited to an international symposium held at the Katholieke Universiteit in Leuven Belgium, December 3–6, 2008. The symposium focused on the enduring legacy of the Flemish/Dutch theologian Edward Schillebeeckx, one of the most important Roman Catholic theologians of the twentieth century. Sr. Kathleen’s paper was titled “Integrating Spirituality and Praxis-oriented Theology: Spirituality and the Appeal to Experience in the Sermons of Edward Schillebeeckx.”

Keith J. Egan, Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology Emeritus, religious studies, published the following: “The Eros of the Dark Night,” *Seeing the Seeker*. Louvain: Peeters, 2008, 301–314; “Mother Teresa’s Dark Night,” *Spiritual Life* 54 (Fall 2008), 135–143; “Friends Matter,” *Carmelite Review* 47 (2008), 17, 19; “Thomas Merton’s Approach to John of the Cross,” *Merton Annual* 20 (2008), 62–78. Egan has also published book reviews in *America*, *Catholic Historical Review*, *The Merton Seasonal*.

Mary Firtl, graphic designer in the integrated marketing communications department, designed the book *Over a Century on Wheels*, published in September of 2008. It is a commemorative book that highlights the Studebaker’s rich history on wheels and explores the company’s legacy. This

unique book was written by the museum’s archivist, Andrew Beckman. Another book designed and illustrated by Firtl, *The Broken Doll*, written by Diane C. Zuber and published in 2006, became one of The 2009 Mom’s Choice Awards® Honorees as a 2009 Silver Recipient: Seasonal, Holidays & Festivals.

Krista Hoefle, associate professor, art and art galleries, was in the group exhibition “Under the Influence” at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City, Ind., with two Saint Mary’s alumnae, **Dorothy Schultz** (now a sculptor



Belanger



Billy

and the Director for Enrichment at the Museum for Jurassic Technology in Los Angeles) and **Esther Probst** (an MFA candidate in Video, Transmedia Department, Syracuse University). The show ran from November 2008 to January 2009. One of Hoefle’s digital animations was included in the group show “17 Days,” which debuted at the Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University, and traveled to CEPA Gallery in Buffalo, N.Y., where it was on exhibit through May, 2009. Additionally, Hoefle’s sabbatical exhibition “My Tomorrowland is an Empty Space,” was from Jan. 23–Feb. 27, 2009 in Hammes Gallery in the Moreau Center for the Arts.

Sister Eva Mary Hooker, CSC, professor of English, has recently contributed articles to several publications including “Catenary,” *Georgetown Review*, 2009; “Door,” “The Moon Grows Red in its Reeds” and “What Is Furious and Cold,” *Witness*, January 2009; “This Ain’t No Boogie-Woogie” and “Oh Death, Thou Comest When I Had Thee Least in Mind,” *Drunken Boat*, 2009; and “Shadow of Two,” *Agni*, Spring 2009. Additionally Hooker’s poem “Before the Spring in Which the Forsythia Bloom,” was chosen to be in *Best New Poets 2008*.

Phyllis Kaminski, chair, professor of religious studies, presented a paper entitled “Daughters, Difference, and Irigaray’s Economy of Desire” at the third annual conference of the Luce Irigaray Circle on September 12, 2008, held at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

Mary Ann Kanieski, assistant professor of sociology, was invited to be part of a ESCR (Economic and Social Research Council) Seminar series titled “From child-rearing to ‘parenting’: what’s new about contemporary parenting culture?” Kanieski presented her paper, “Modernity and medicalisation of motherhood,” on January 8th, 2009 at the University of Kent, Canterbury, U.K.

On December 5, 2008, **Jayne Kendle**, associate professor and chair of nursing, presented “Out of the Mouths of Babies: What Nursing Faculty Can Learn from our Students” at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s Baccalaureate Education Conference in San Antonio, Tex.

Trish Keresztes, assistant professor of nursing, and **Mary Wcisel**, associate professor of nursing, collaborated on poster presentations “Developing a Rubric for Evaluating Clinical Care Maps” and “Mentoring Partnerships that Foster Student Development” at the Mosby Faculty Development Institute, January 5–6, 2009 in Orlando, Fla.

Professor **Jerome McElroy**, business administration and economics, published several articles in 2007 and 2008, including “The Political Economy of China’s IncurSION into the Caribbean and Pacific,” with **Wenwen Bai ’10**; *Island Studies Journal* 3(2) (November 2008): 225–246; “St. Kitts at the Crossroads,” with Rachel Dodds, ARA (Caribbean) *Journal of Tourism Research* 1(2) (September 2008): 1–10; “Cuba y el turismo en el Caribe despues de Castro,” con Art Padilla, *Annals of Tourism Research en Espanol* 9(2) (2007): 302–332; “The Advantages of Diversification: Profit/Site versus MIRAB Profiles,” with **Marie-Ellen Ehounou ’07**, pp. 167–176 in *Small Economies and Global Economics*, J.R. Pilarisetti and others (eds), New York: Nova Science Publishers; “Sacred Traces,” a 26-poem chapbook, Georgetown, Ky.: Finishing Line Press, 2008; “The Pool of Bethesda,” *Xavier Review* 28(2) (Fall 2008): 10. McElroy also presented “The Sacramentality of Nature: A Poetic Quest to Understand the Gospel” in the Quest Project series, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Ind., November 19, 2008.

“Free-form Surface Partition in 3-D,” an article by **Ewa Misiolek**, assistant professor of mathematics, with D.Z. Chen, was published in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Vol. 5369, Springer Verlag, Proceedings of the 19th International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation (ISAAC), pp. 520–531, 2008. Misiolek also contributed to “Stabbing Convex Polygons with a Segment or a Polygon,” with P.K. Agarwal, D.Z. Chen, S.K. Ganjugunte, M. Sharir, and K. Tang, published in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Vol. 5193, Springer Verlag, Proceedings of the 16th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA), pp. 52–63, 2008. Along with D.Z. Chen Misiolek’s authored “Optimal Surface Flattening,” published in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Vol. 5059, Springer Verlag, Proceedings of the 2nd International Frontiers of Algorithmics Workshop (FAW), pp. 233–244, 2008.

The opera *Witness*, created by **Zae Munn**, Professor of Music, was recently presented at two venues: the National Opera Association National Conference in Washington, D.C., poster session titled “Witness A New Opera with Relevance, Musical Immediacy, and Rich Solo and Chorus Roles,” Jan. 8, 2009; and the Society of Composers, Inc. Region VI Conference in Oklahoma City. Several scenes from *Witness* were performed by the Oklahoma City University Opera Theatre and directed by Karalyn Merritt, with an associated presentation by Zunn. Another of Zunn’s compositions, the premiere of *Kali, She Who Devours Time* (2006), was performed at Western Michigan University School of Music’s Convocation Series, February 4, 2009.

In 2008, **Patrick A. Pierce**, professor of political science, and Richard A. Brisbin, Jr. published their article “Counting the Chips: The Consequences of Legalized Gambling in West Virginia,” *West Virginia Public Affairs Reporter*, Vol. 25, No. 3, pp. 2–15.

Thomas R. Platt, chair of the Department of Biology, contributed to several articles including “Two new species of Camallanus (Nematoda: Camallanidae) from freshwater turtles in Queensland” along with Rigby, M.C., R.S.K. Sharma,

R.F. Hechinger, J.C. Weaver, to the *Journal of Parasitology*, 94: 1364–1370, Australia, 2008; and “The course of a 300 metacercarial infection of *Echinostoma caproni* (Digenea: Echinostomatidae) in ICR mice, *Comparative Parasitology*, 76: 1–5, 2009.

Portia Prebys, Director of the Saint Mary’s College Rome Program, published in Italian her article “Educating in Paradise: La presenza delle Università Americane in Toscana aumenta,” *Quaderni del Circolo Rosselli*, 2–3, 2008 (XXVIII, fasc. 101), Firenze. It describes North American college and university programs in Tuscany and their increased presence, Prebys also edited the bilingual volume for the Association of American College and University Programs in Italy, *Educating in Paradise: Thirty Years of Realities and Experiences of North American Colleges and Universities in Italy*, Firenze, 390pp. (Prebys is President of the Association.) On December 4, 2008, Prebys was featured at the Guest Lecture Series of Franklin College Switzerland in Lugano, where she delivered the lecture “Giorgio Bassani’s ‘The Garden of the Finzi-Continis’ and Its Cinematographic Betrayal.”

Professor Catherine A. Shoupe, Director, Anthropology Program, published “The ‘problem’ with Scottish dance music: two paradigms,” pp. 105–120 in *Driving the Bow: Fiddle and Dance Studies from around the North Atlantic*, 2, edited by Ian Russell and Mary Anne Alburger. Aberdeen: The Elphinstone Institute: University of Aberdeen, 2008. Shoupe also delivered her paper “The Kingdom of Fife: A Fringe of Gold,” as part of the panel “A Commonwealth to Call My Own: British Folk Cultures of Distinction,” at the 2008 Annual



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Meeting of the American Folklore Society, Louisville, Ky., October 22–25, 2008.

William Svelmoe, associate professor of history published a book titled *A New Vision for Missions: William Cameron Townsend, the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and the Culture of the Early Evangelical Faith Missions, 1896–1945*.

Sue Wiegand, Periodicals Librarian, and **Kitty Marschall**, Catalog Librarian, presented “Using a Wiki as a Library Communication Tool: Always There,” at the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) Conference, November 20, 2008, Indianapolis, Ind. Wiegand also refereed a Paper titled “A Collaborative, Curriculum-Based Collection Development Project” at Proceedings of the Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serials Acquisitions, based on the conference presentation, Nov. 9, 2007, Charleston, N.C.

Alumnae Deaths

Bette Balliet Grefe '40, February 13, 2008.

Ruth Patricia Segety '41, February 25, 2009.

Anne Sheets Butler '42, aunt of Mary Cachat Papa '83, March 7, 2009.

Sister Mary Edwin DeCoursey, SCL '43, February 2, 2009.

Alice Gordon Bowe '49, November 10, 2007.

Jane Ragen Fahrner '50, October 17, 2008.

Gloria Allen Bender '51, October 23, 2008.

Catherine Dillon Hussey '51, February 1, 2008.

Dorothy Raymond Maloney '55, November 28, 2007.

Josephine Martorana Davis '57, March 22, 2009.

Dr. Patricia Louise Sitlington '68, aunt of Mary Pat Sitlington Donlon '83, February 13, 2009.

Paula Shipman Hanson '70, February 14, 2008.

Loretta "Lori" Holdmann Harmon '72, March 15, 2009.

Mary Kranda Sell '75, November 13, 2008.

Diana Papiernik Cunneen '78, March 14, 2009.

Kerry Weber Scholtes '91, January 15, 2009.

Faculty Deaths

Amalia V. de la Torre taught at Saint Mary's from 1969-91 in the Modern Languages Dept. Mother of Lourdes de la Torre Dingman '74, Amy de la Torre Dwyer '75, and Maria de la Torre '80, March 14, 2009.

Family Deaths

The Honorable Joseph P. Albright, father of Theresa Albright Cavi '81 and Loretta Albright Muckley '83, March 20, 2009.

Richard "Dick" Anderson, father of Kristine Anderson Trustey '86, March 30, 2009.

Robert Edward Barnes, D.D.S., husband of Ann Hereley Barnes '47, February 16, 2009.

Bill "Billy" James Boxell, father of Michelle M. Boxell '84, February 8, 2009.

Stella A. Buda, mother of Sandra Buda McCallie '75, February 28, 2009.

Martin "Marty" Bush, uncle of Eileen Bush '04 and Elizabeth Bush '08, March 12, 2009.

James Henry Clark, father of Mary Clark Bidwell '79 and Julia Clark Herrmann '87, October 15, 2008.

John W. Dadmun, father of Joan Dadmun Kortsch '77, March 5, 2009.

James L. Delahanty, father of Kathleen Delahanty Stover '65, January 27, 2009.

Kenneth D. Eslinger, father of Mary Rose Eslinger '77, February 14, 2009.

Nino D. Favero, father of Nannette M. Favero '79, February 6, 2009.

Michael H. Greeley, ND '62, February 26, 2009 and Terry Margaret Greeley, March 4, 2009, brother and sister of Patricia Greeley Lechman '63, uncle and aunt of Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97.

Arthur Horvath, grandfather of Michelle Lee Horvath '06, March 5, 2009.

Beverly Ann Jeffirs, mother of Dana Jeffirs Corrigan '81, and Laura Jeffirs Kruyer '92, grandmother of McKenna Corrigan '08, March 29, 2009.

Susan "Suzi" Killion, daughter of Mary Wieland Scheetz '54, January 23, 2009.

James J. McGraw, father of Marjorie McGraw-Ogle '73, July 21, 2008.

Dave J. Meuleman, brother of Ann Meuleman Jendryk '72, March 10, 2009.

Thomas F. Monahan, father of Mary Jean Monahan O'Malley '79, Kathleen Monahan Connor '81, and Patricia Monahan Diana '83, February 20, 2009.

Kevin J. Moriarty, husband of Carol Anne Sommer '74, November 28, 2007.

Patrick J. Morrissey, father of Kathleen M. Morrissey '82, November 26, 2008.

Thomas R. Ninneman ND '50, father of Margaret Vernie Ninneman '93, January 26, 2009.

Kathleen Virginia Plough, grandmother of Kathleen "Katie" Maxbauer McNulty '97, Lisa Maxbauer Price '99 and Jill Maxbauer Niemi '03, March 24, 2009.

Martin J. Quinn "Pa", grandfather of Colleen Danaher Doyle '93, Sarah Siefert Barney '99, Lizzie Siefert Reidy '04 and Maggie Siefert '08, April 15, 2009.

Frank R. Reynolds, father of Jeanne Reynolds '83, brother of Margaret Reynolds McBride '64 and uncle of Margaret McBride '92, December 23, 2008.

Ralph Roberts, father of Ann Roberts Jesick '64, Jean Roberts Brown '66 and Nancy Roberts Dobson '70, February 19, 2009.

W. Whitney Slaght Jr., father of Mary Ellen Slaght Prendergast '80, Susan Slaght Kindl '80, Margaret Slaght Gillespie '84 and Kathleen Slaght Gross '87, November 29, 2008.

Donald R. Sondag, father of Anne E. Sondag '79, May 13, 2008.

Richard R. Streich, father of Kathleen Streich Molnar '74, February 6, 2009.

Anthony "Tony" Tripepi, father of Elizabeth Tripepi Kresnak '76, March 2, 2009.

Harold G. Van Tassel, husband of Laurie McCawley Van Tassel '51, and father of Theresa Van Tassel '78, January 21, 2009.

Mary Jo Wilkin, mother of Mary Frances Wilkin '86, February 6, 2009.

Michael G. Wisniewski, brother of Elizabeth Wisniewski Ramos '99, March 7, 2009.

Dr. Donn A. Wolfson, father of Kathryn Wolfson '04, March 9, 2009.

Roger W. Young, husband of Cleo Gherna Young '42, January 28, 2007.

Sheldon A. Zabel, husband of Roberta Butz Zabel '71, October, 2008.

Marriages

Marilynne "Sue" Prendergast Burtenshaw '64 and Rev. Noel, February 23, 2008.

Christina Carroll Carter '90 and Phillip, January 10, 2009.

Michele Dunlap '92 and Anthony Hicks, December 12, 2007.

Brigid Brooks Zvirbulis '92 and John, June 21, 2008.

Rebecca Anne Votto '93 and Matt Bennett, February 20, 2009.

Molly Kelsey Clayton '96 and Brian, May 10, 2008.

Meghan McNally Allison '98 and Scott, September 2008.

Kate Votruba Frey '98 and Charlie, September 27, 2008.

Arwen Dickey Moore '98 and Matthew, May 3, 2008.

Karen Kellner Birling '99 and Christopher, September 12, 2008.

Catherine Griebel Bowman '99 and Scott, August 2008.

Greta Zandstra Pofahl '99 and Charles, September 6, 2008.

Victoria Butcko Darcy '01 and Jacob, September 20, 2008.

Mary Paccione Icasuriaga '01 and Jorge, October 25, 2008.

Lauren Bossy Caruso '02 and Peter, October 2008.

Catherine McIntyre Lesh '02 and David, September 15, 2007.

Jaclyn "Jackie" Knier Myers '02 and Brad, March 27, 2008.

Bonnie Arends Pline '02 and Kyle, October 4, 2008.

Jamie Norton Trailov '02 and Jason, July 12, 2008.

Corrine Negrelli Carlson '03 and Doug, October 4, 2008.

Amy Greene Smith '03 and Stephen, October 25, 2008.

Mary Watrobka Albrecht '04 and Mark, June 2008.

Maura Frailey Barth '04 and Christopher, August 16, 2008.

Emily Horner Batton '04 and Adam, October 25, 2008.

Lynn Busse Comerford '04 and Patrick Jr., June 27, 2009.

Hannah McDuffett Finch '04 and Jonathan, ND MBA '07, August 8, 2008.

Bridget Jones Le '04 and Vu: August 16, 2008.

Michelle Winter McCall '04 and Kevin ND '04, November 8, 2008.

Elizabeth Sobieck Miller '04 and Devin, October 30, 2004.

Jacqueline Hamilton Pora '04 and Laszlo, December 26, 2008.

Lori Robakowski Zapp '04 and Keith, December 27, 2008.

Michelle Coristin Wiechkoske '07 and Andrew ND '07, August 8, 2008.

Anna Martinez Cordova '08 and Norman, July 17, 2008.

Births & Adoptions

Karen Krok Hasler '89 and Doug ND '88: Agnes Claire, November 25, 2008.

Patti Jacobs Hein '89 and Kevin: Lucas "Luke" John Patrick, January 20, 2009, adopted January 23, 2009.

Maira Scully Papp '90 and Jim: James Edward Jr., September 8, 2008.

Carol Berkowski Schneider '90 and Dean: Alexander William, May 23, 2008.

Tracey Hayes Uruba '90 and Bill: Sean Patrick, November 19, 2008.

Erin Kelly LaCoste '91 and Jody, Kurt Patrick, March 11, 2009.

Michaeline Feldman Barnes '92 and Lee: Jillian Sidney, December 5, 2008.

Jan Campbell Borgmeier '92 and Dan: Adam Dennis, June 5, 2008.

Nancy Jones Fallon '92 and Luke ND '92: Ava Katherine, January 6, 2009.

Amy Carlisle Keating '92 and James: Ainsley Bridget, May 24, 2008.

Maria Dominello Panowicz '92 and Thomas: Max Leonard, February 13, 2009.

Amy Schlotterer Sarrazine '93 and Ron ND '93: Isaac George, December 9, 2008.

Kiley Coble Wiemer '94 and Jeff: Jacqueline Liang, May 14, 2008, adopted February 23, 2009.

Angela McNulty Bannon '96 and Greg ND '96: William Christopher, December 28, 2007.

Barbara Howells Boukater '96 and Michael: Brooke Morgan, December 2008.

Kelly Falcsik Feinberg '96 and Daniel: Natalia Grace, November 15, 2008.

Karen Gerlach '96 and Steven Lesser: Ginger May, April 28, 2008.

Kira Hutchinson-Beale '96 and Kevin Beale: Leda Skye, May 6, 2008.

Mitzi McAndrews Neighbor '96 and Matthew ND '00: Deaglan John, June 5, 2008.

Beth Van Tiem Nesbitt '96 and Garrett: Holly, March 2007.

Shane Kaniecki Palumbo '96 and Robert: Louisa Maria, August 11, 2008.

Amy Hiniker Robert '96 and Justin ND '96: Twins, Carolyn Helene and Dylan William, December 10, 2007.

Amy Mertz Staunton '96 and Kevin: Lauren Katherine, February 18, 2009.

Stacey Reding Sutter '96 and Tom: Tucker John, November 11, 2008.

Christine Camara Thompson '96 and Jeff: Connor Martin, May 2008.

Mary Pence Walsh '96 and Kevin: Daniel Stephen, January 14, 2008.

Ann Spiess Clark '97 and Bradley: Grace Kathryn, November 28, 2008.

Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97 and John: Kevin Jonathan, February 25, 2009.

Lisa Paas Steele '97 and John: Lauren Elyse, July 22, 2008.

Keri Ruscito Clavin '98 and Nick: Hudson Parker, July 25, 2007.

Rachael Sederberg Ferrell '98 and Dustin: Colin Joseph, July 12, 2007.

Kimberly Jeselnick Gray '98 and Timothy: Ainsley Elizabeth, November 13, 2008.

Shannon Crunk Hipp '98 and Tim ND '95, '96: Flannery Jane, October 30, 2007.

Eleanor Casella Loeb '98 and Don ND '98: Carol Elizabeth, April 2008.

Anna Antes Patterson '98 and Tommy: Luke Thomas, April 2008.

Audrey Miller Price '98 and Brian ND '95: Teague Eoin, September 3, 2008.

Lori Allen Remington '98 and Alexander ND '97: William Richard, August 1, 2008.

Sarah Mullen Schwab '98 and Carl ND '99, Katelyn, November 29, 2008.

Chiara Marcheschi Wroncinski '98 and Daniel: Annabelle Mary, December 23, 2008.

Meghan Nash Cannavan '99 and Brian: Colin Nash, November 20, 2008.

Margaret "Megan" Finegan Daley '99 and Martin: Twins, Abigail Rosemarie and Quinn Finegan, September 23, 2008.

Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer '99 and Michael Klopfer: Charlotte Frances, December 28, 2007.

Moirá Lanigan '99 and Jarrett Joyce: Brendan Healy Joyce, December 30, 2008.

Christina Bartle Meko '99 and Justin ND '99: Conner Robert, October 22, 2008.

Kelly Fennwald Olszewski '99 and David: Rachel Adams, December 20, 2007.

Bridget Deputy Sullivan '99 and Patrick: Louisa Jane, December 26, 2008.

Alison Buysee West '99 and Benjamin: Ellie Peyton, June 6, 2008.

Angela Agness Maloblocki '01 and Patrick ND '01: Caitlin Jean, January 9, 2009.

Kristen Wojtas Berg '02 and Erik ND '03: Leland John, October 5, 2008.

Maria Pilar Paulick Clark '02 and Jeff: Winter Elena, November 11, 2008.

Patricia Moore Hands '02 and Phil: Owen, November 4, 2008.

Janelle Picciano Jankowski '02 and Ryan: Rylee Marie, March 5, 2008.

Kristin Thompson Martin '02 and Daniel ND '04 (Law): Alexander James, August 25, 2007.

Meghan Sirotek Miller '02 and Greg: Charles "Charlie" Rex, September 24, 2008.

Amy Lazzarotto Nelson '02 and Michael: James Michael, September 1, 2008.

Megan McCoy Parker '02 and Greg: Marin Abigail, June 21, 2008.

Gina Caponi Parnaby '02 and Gary: Elizabeth Anne Grace, July 16, 2008.

Lauren Macchia Solberg '02 and Brian: Julia Rose, September 24, 2007.

Katie Quiroz Tate '02 and Matt ND '00: Liam Matthew, May 13, 2008.

Courtenay Lauer Taylor '02 and Rob: James McGann, July 6, 2008.

Michelle Noto Titus '02 and Scott: Sophie Rae, May 30, 2008.

Andrea Zandstra Alves '04 and Pedro ND '04: Lia Rose, October 17, 2008.

Stella Barrutia Coomes '04 and Mark ND '03: Cecilia, December 19, 2008.

Anne Cashore de Borjas '04 and Henry: Henry Thomas "Tommy", April 19, 2009.

Laura Waite Demko '04 and Tommy: Blaise, June 9, 2008.

Melissa Augustine Mejia '04 and J R: Coen Milan, February 2, 2008.

Annmarie Marquez Villegas '04 and Zeke: Jonah, December 2008.

Jennifer Gilbride Wernig '04 and Mark: Madeline Paige, October 20, 2008.

Arizona

A huge congratulations to one of our very own Arizona Club Board Members, Gayla Spenny '97, for receiving the 2009 Outstanding Young Alumna Award. Gayla is former president of the club and an active member. She will be presented the award over Reunion weekend and we look forward to hearing all about it at a future AZ Club event. If you would like more information about our club, please feel free to contact me, Kelly Lewis, via e-mail: kclewis@cox.net.

Boston

Happy Spring Boston area Alumnae! We held our annual Spring Luncheon at The Fireplace Restaurant in Washington Square, Brookline, on Sunday, May 3rd at 12pm. We enjoyed a delicious brunch in the company of fellow alumnae.

Thank you to the more than 20 alumnae who welcomed Adriana Trigiani '80 in Wellesley during the March 17th book signing event! She was welcomed at a meet and greet where we ate delicious snacks, told stories from days passed at Saint Mary's College, took pictures and enjoyed Adriana's company. More than 75 people welcomed Adriana at the book signing portion of the night. She welcomed Mario Cantone to the event, and they provided an hour long comedy show telling stories of

their friendship, of being Italian and about the characters in her new book *Very Valentine* (and of course Adriana managed to sneak in her Saint Mary's College references!). It was a great experience and we all loved meeting Adriana. A special thanks to the lovely women of the Wellesley Area Book Club for providing drinks and treats for us!

We continue to plan our frequent happy hours and events, so please keep checking your email for our monthly newsletters. If you do not receive emails from the club, but would like to, please email us at SMCBoston@gmail.com. We look forward to a great summer of fun events!

Chicago East

The Chicago East Alumnae Club held its annual Scholarship Fundraiser on April 30, 2009. The event was hosted by Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '56 and Mary L. Burke '85 at Mary's home in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood. While enjoying wine, appetizers and Mary's lovely home, over 60 alumnae and friends were delighted to hear about the Chicago Endowed Scholarship's impact from scholarship recipients Kristen Starkey '10 and Katherine Brown '11.

The Club raised over \$2000 for the Chicago Scholarship through donations and a silent auction at the event—special thanks to Mary

and Barbara Patrick O'Toole '56 for the donation of Cubs and White Sox tickets—the cross-town rivalry was a great incentive to all bidders.

Thank you to Chairwoman Laura Meyers Malec '98 and her committee of Martha Conlin '93, Betsy Dwyer '74, Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02, Genevieve Morrill '98, and Francesca Casaccio Rabchuk '02 for their work in organizing the event and a huge round of applause to Maryjeanne and Mary for hosting the Club.

Chicago Northwest

Hello from the Chicago Northwest Club! It's been a while since we've put in our club news, so we have a lot to share!

We had a terrific Christmas Cookie exchange at the home of our club's new communications director, Petrina Proctor. It was a really fun night. We discovered that we had alums living within blocks of each other and didn't even know it. A great group of about 10 alums gathered—the "SMC chicks in the sticks" as we came to call ourselves—came to her Carpentersville home from communities close by in McHenry county. Many thanks to Petrina.

It's easy to forget how large our group is geographically! We have members from Palatine to Arlington Heights to Antioch to Huntley. Three counties. If you'd like an event planned in your area, let us know!!

This Spring Carrie Freeman BA 2004 hosted two College Funding Workshops. She invited our club members to attend. Her free workshop revealed "How to Send your Child to the College of Their Choice Without Spending Your Life Savings or Going Broke!" Carrie knows more than ever there is a financial crunch in every family's budget and college costs are causing more headaches and heartaches for parents. She can help, and got out her message that there are ways to beat the high cost of college. We thank her for her efforts!

We attended Adriana Trigiani '80's book signing luncheon on March 4th. She was truly hysterical and talked for two hours—it was continual stand up the whole time in front of the full house. What a life! Her new book *Very Valentine* is the first of a new trilogy. It was great to have so many alums there: Anne Bufalino '82, Jill Caffarelli '89, Mary Jo Howard '82, Maureen Meagher Orsini '85, Julie Marsh Deischer '93 and Joanne Tracy Marsh '69. Many of us had the chance to share books we no longer needed

through a charity Adriana supports, the Feeding Body & Mind program. Created by her friend, David Baldacci, this program collects new and gently used books for distribution through Feeding America's nationwide network of food banks. They were collected at each stop of her book tour.

We're looking forward to hosting our Send Off this summer, once again in cooperation with the Chicago East club. We are always looking for volunteers to join us on the planning committee! The send off is a terrific way to keep in touch with other alums. If you'd like to help us, please contact Julie Deischer at juliedeischer@yahoo.com.

We are now a group on Facebook! Please join if you have an account on there, and for those of you looking for incentive to create an account, now you have another reason!

Here is the link if you'd like to take a look: <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/ILLINOIS/chicagoNW.html>

Finally, don't forget that the club will once again be sending out membership forms. Please continue to support your club! Do you have an idea for an event? Is there a charity in your area that deserves our club's help? We would love to continue to grow the club and improve. Let us know!

Chicago West

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the club by sending in their dues already this year. We'd love to hear from a few more of you! We are still collecting dues and hope to produce a club directory for members later in the year. Details to mail your dues are located on the club website.

The club remains active with our monthly book club, and even enjoyed visiting with best-selling author and SMC alumna Adriana Trigiani '80 in March, as she toured the country promoting her new book *Very Valentine*. Adriana was her bubbly self and quite entertaining as she visited with 25 alums at Hugo Frog's restaurant in Naperville, where she signed books and took photos with those gathered before heading to Anderson's Bookshop for her official book signing.

In May, alums gathered at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton for our 3rd annual club service project. Those in attendance worked in the food and clothing pantry for a few hours and were able to share their time to ease the task of administering

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The **Colorado Alumni Club** gathered on April 25, 2009 to put together care packages to send to the current Colorado students for exam week. Shown from left to right: Top: Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62, Kim Lynch Fry '75, Mary K. Moran Gaudet '59, Beth Armstrong Perron '82, Kelly O'Brien '90. Bottom: Tracy Graf '02, Ginger Earnest diLorenzo '58.

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Members of the **Milwaukee Club** gathered in March to hear Adriana Trigiani '80 read from her newest novel, *Very Valentine*. Back: Linda Bell '68, Barb Mueller '74, Kara Flynn '05, Jane Glaser '65, Norma Herbers '79. Front: Kelly O'Connor '06, Adriana Trigiani '80, Missy Lind '98.

to the less fortunate in the greater DuPage County area. Especially in these economically tough times, it was rewarding to give a little of our time in the name of our alma mater. Thank you to all who participated.

We have two Saturday lunch bunch dates scheduled for later this year, July 25th (in Naperville) and October 10th (near Yorktown) at noon. Please watch the club website for details and bring a friend!

If you are interested in getting more involved in the club, please contact Alison Kavulich (irishannie93@yahoo.com) or Patty Cushing (patty.cushing@att.net) for details or check out our website for more information: <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/ILLINOIS/chicagowest.html>

Cleveland

It was decided at the annual meeting held on April 15, 2009, that the Club will be taking a new approach after the 2009 Fall Newsletter. The 2009 Fall Newsletter will mark the end of a total hard copy mailing to all. With this last mailing, alumnae will be asked to opt for paperless mailings of the Newsletter starting in 2010. This means that the Club is in the beginning stages of going "green". With approximately five-hundred alumnae in the region, this new approach will be a help for the environment and for reducing the cost of mailing.

Also, at the annual meeting, since there were no new volunteers for office holding, it was moved that the current officers will remain in their positions for another term. Cheri Miller '79 as President, Petrina Simpson '48 as Vice President, Debbie Krawczyk '78 as Secretary, and Kristen Ciofani '99 as Treasurer.

The summer event for the club will be a volunteer experience at an area non-profit organization. Possible suggestions are Malachi House or Womenkind. Both organizations are in need of volunteers. This year's Founders' Day will be held at St. Bernadette's Church in Westlake, Ohio, on Sunday, October 11, 2009. Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74 is making the arrangements for the liturgy along with a reception to follow.

Why not make this the year you get involved with the club? The club is always open to ideas for events, and it is a great way to connect with fellow alumnae. For more information, contact: Cheri Petride Miller '79, clmiller8457@earthlink.net or (440) 526-8966.

Colorado

The Colorado Club had a wonderful "care package party" in April, hosted by Kelly O'Brien '90, in Colorado Springs. We put together 13 packages for our Colorado students, while we looked out Kelly's window at her beautiful view of Pikes Peak!

We're hoping to have a book discussion of Adriana Trigiani '80's latest book *Very Valentine*, sometime this summer. And, in the Fall, we'll celebrate Founders' Day in Golden, Co, hosted by Kim Lynch Fry, '75.

Please contact Sheila Flynn Boone, '65, for more information about the club: 720-851-0985; sfbmfb@comcast.com

Columbus

We have made care packages for all of the Columbus area SMC students to help give them a small break and relieve stress while studying for finals. The first year send off is scheduled for August 2, 2009. We hope to have a great group of women to give insight to the new students before they head off to campus.

The book club meets approximately once a month at different restaurants around Columbus to discuss a wide variety of literature. The conversations are very insightful and intriguing.

We are also gearing up to plan another volunteer day at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. A great time was had by all who could make it in November, and we hope to have an even bigger turnout. Every woman is encouraged to bring family members and friends.

We are always looking for people to take a more active role in the club. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo '03 at apietrop@columbus.rr.com to find out how they can get more involved.

Dallas

If you would like to join the Dallas/Fort Worth alumnae for some of our upcoming events, email the club at smcdfwclub@gmail.com.

Houston

A lot has been happening in Houston! At the beginning of March, several members of the Houston Club went out to cheer on the Notre Dame Baseball Team as they took on Rice University at Reckling Park. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day by walking with the Notre Dame Club in the parade held downtown. In addition, the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Clubs co-hosted a March happy hour, with another happy hour being held in May. In April, we were excited to send Cornzapoppin care packages for finals to current Saint Mary's students from the Houston area. The Club would like to thank Priscilla Pilon '86 for hosting

the tennis mixer and luncheon on May 9th at The Forest Club. Ladies enjoyed a morning of tennis, followed by a wonderful lunch. On July 26th, Bronwyn Azzarello will be hosting the student send-off. The Club is planning a Founder's Day Event for the fall and the annual Christmas Mass & Dinner is currently scheduled for Dec. 6th, 2009. The Houston Club is now doing most of its communication via e-mail, so please update all contact information, especially e-mail with our new club secretary Melissa Christaldi at melissachristaldi@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved with the Houston Club, please contact Jennifer Kincaid at jenniferkincaid@hotmail.com or 713-868-5392.

Idaho

Our annual Notre Dame/Saint Mary's picnic will be held Saturday, June 27th at Surprise Valley. At this picnic we recognize the Notre Dame Summer Service project students, and we have a Student Send-Off for any incoming freshman at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. Raffle tickets are sold at this event, and the first prize is always two tickets to a home game as well as a stay at a local South Bend Bed and Breakfast. If you are interested in attending the picnic or purchasing raffle tickets, please email Jacqueline Jablonski Hageron '83 at jfhalge@msn.com or call her at 208-954-3285.

Milwaukee

In March, several members of the Milwaukee Club met at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop in Mequon to hear Adriana Trigiani '80 read from her newest novel *Very Valentine*. As usual, Adriana left us laughing and very eager to read her book!

Other activities that the Milwaukee Club has participated in include sending care packages to troops serving our country. We adopted an Air Force unit and an Army unit from the Milwaukee area that are currently stationed in Iraq. Both troops were thankful for the goodies that we sent and will be returning to the US this spring.

In addition to the troops' care packages, we sent care packages to each of the 17 students from the area who are currently attending Saint Mary's. Thanks to all of you for supporting our troops and students!

The next event scheduled is a student send-off in late summer. Watch your email for more information.

Anyone interested in serving on the Milwaukee Club Board? We are looking for new leadership and ideas for club activities. Please contact Alumnae Relations at Saint Mary's for more information.

New Jersey

Our Club hosted 2 wonderful events in the spring. We were entertained by Adriana Trigiani '80 at the beautiful home of Board of Trustee Member, Beth Culligan '72 in February; how *Very Valentine*. Thank you Beth and Adri! A luncheon was held at my home with accepted first-year students in April. Six beautiful young women and their parents were in attendance and the girls were all a buzz exchanging cell phone numbers and Facebook info. We had a couple of alumnae come out for this exciting event, which gave the girls the opportunity to talk with graduates, hear their stories and about "life after Saint Mary's." We continue to work together with our sisters in NYC, Philly, and Connecticut to offer more frequent communications and events in our regional area. If you are not receiving our email correspondence, then please be sure to forward your most current email address to dawn@sistersundersail.org! Together with the New York City Club and Fairfield, CT Club, we will host an elegant evening of art and wine in Harlem featuring the works of Ellen Hackl Fagan '82. We continue to send out event announcements from the Jersey

Notre Dame Clubs. They offer great networking events, game watches, game tickets, and other opportunities where we can all get together. Keep an eye out for June Tall Ship receptions in NYC and Atlantic City and the North Jersey Golf Outing on July 13th. Please join us at Saint Mary's on September 19 at the ND vs Michigan game for an alumnae pre-game get-together in the Courtyard of the newly renovated Madeleva. Coffee, doughnuts, students, tour the building, etc. We would love to see some Jersey Girls in attendance for this first annual event hosted by the Alumnae Board of Directors. Remember, dues are always due ladies. Please remit your \$25 annual dues to Dawn Santamaria - 2 Gravel Hill Road - Asbury, NJ 08802.

North Carolina/Triangle Area

In March, ten alumnae from the "Triangle Area" met at Six Plates Wine Bar in Durham, NC. We had graduates from 1966-2008 and thoroughly enjoyed talking about how the college has grown and changed over the years. We are looking forward to more events in this area. —Heather Sopko

Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club is continuing to create a comprehensive directory of all local alumnae. To be included in the directory, please email your current contact information to PGHSMCClub@gmail.com. The information we are requesting is: your name and maiden

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Members of the **South Bend Alumnae Club** came dressed in costume from various "I Love Lucy" episodes to party with the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Pictured left to right: Jodie Emerick '05, Janet Horvath '00, Olivia Barzydlo Critchlow '05, Robyn Chmielewski Albert '00, Mary Beth Dominello '97 and Jennifer Urgonski Keck '04.

name; your graduation year; your current address, telephone number, and email. Please specify your preferred method of communication (mail or email).

To learn more about the Club, or to become more involved, please email Colleen Miles at colleenbmiles@gmail.com.

San Diego

Please contact Sandy Parry '07 for information about alumnae events in San Diego (sandyparry@yahoo.com or (619) 871-8016).

San Francisco

The San Francisco Bay Area Club had a strong group of Belles volunteer to help out with the Easter Egg Hunt for members of KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) on April 4th. A special thank you for Jen Senecal '01, Executive Director of KEEN, for her organization of the event. Other events for the summer and fall are tentatively in the works, so please contact Michelle Lagos '05 at sanfransmc@gmail.com if you'd like to help out or get involved more in the Club.

South Bend

In March, members of the South Bend Alumnae Club joined the Sisters of the Holy Cross in costume for an "I Love Lucy" theme party. Our alumnae

visited with the Sisters while enjoying cupcakes and punch and danced to 50s era music from a real jukebox. Games included "I Love Lucy" trivia and a chocolate-wrapping contest. Fun was had by all.

South Bend Alumnae Club members are looking forward to the final events for the year which include lunch and a wine tour across Southwestern Michigan on Saturday, May 9, with stops at Lemon Creek, Free Run Cellars, Tabor Hill, and Round Barn Winery. In addition, members will bring a dish to share for our annual club picnic on Sunday, June 14, where those in attendance will vote on club officers for next year.

If you are interested in participating in events or want information on how to get more involved with the Club, please contact Club president, Janet Horvath at jghorvath@netzero.com or (219) 778-4941.

St. Louis

The St. Louis Club gathered at the new restaurant Triumph at Grand Center on April 24. The group discussed its next outing at the Missouri Botanical Garden for the Whitaker Music Festival (June-August) and is also considering a summer service project. For more information on the revitalized club, contact Kara Kezios '01 at klk9906@yahoo.com or Cindy Traub '01 at cindytraub@gmail.com.

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Members of the New Jersey Club welcomed accepted students and their parents to an event hosted by Dawn Parker Santamaria '81. Prospects and parents had an opportunity to get to know each other and learn more about the College from alumnae.

com. We hope to see more of you at the upcoming events!

Tennessee

Alumnae from the Northeast Tennessee area met on April 25th at Irish Times in Knoxville to begin organizing an Alumnae Club. Members from the Tri-Cities to Knoxville to Chattanooga were invited to the event. If you are interested in joining the Northeast TN SMC Alumnae Organization please contact Deanna Pickel (deannapickel@gmail.com).

Toledo

Members from the SMC Club of Toledo met on Weds. February 25, 2009, at a local restaurant for a Post-Founders Day Dinner. It was an enjoyable evening for all who attended. The SMC choir made a stop in Toledo at Notre Dame Academy during March, 2009. The SMC Club of Toledo made a donation to the choir department to offset costs while they were on their spring concert tour. The Notre Dame Club joined the SMC club for the annual communion breakfast and brunch at the Inverness Club on Sunday, April 18, 2009. Several Saint Mary's graduates were in attendance and it was a very nice event for both clubs.

For more information, contact Paulette Baz, paulettebaz@bex.net, 3649 Garrison Rd, Toledo, OH 43613, 419.475.2319.

Twin Cities

Spring 2009 has been a busy and exciting time for the Twin Cities Alumnae Club. In addition to our normal activities of Book Club, Mommies & Tots, and Young Alumnae gatherings, the Club held a celebration for winning Club of the Year. The event was held at the Lexington in St. Paul with special guests Shari Rodriguez and Linda Timm from the College. The Club would like to thank all the alumnae and friends who made the night extra special by attending.

This Spring, the Club held its annual planning meeting where the Planning Committee planned for the next Club Year and welcomed new club president, Monica Lindblom. Please look for news on next year's events: Student Send-Off, Book Club, Mommies & Tots, Young Alumnae, and Founders' Day gatherings.

Finally, the Club collected donations for the seven graduating seniors so that we can present them with keepsake Saint Mary's ornaments. We are so proud of you and are excited to welcome you into Alumnae Club!

To find out more about the Twin Cities Alumnae Club, please email the club at smctcalumnaeclub@gmail.com

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Twin Cities: Back row (left to right): Jennifer D'Anastasio ('99), Judy Mahoney '74, Elisabeth Johnson Holod '83, Lori Liseenfelt '82, Cathy Anhut '78, Carrie Korf '06, former president of Saint Mary's College Marilou Eldred, Major Gifts Officer Linda Timm, Vice President of College Relations Shari Rodriguez. Front Row (left to right): Alison Ashley Johnson ('02), Elizabeth McGie Robertson ('92), Charmaine Samaraweera Torma ('99), Monica Lindblom '07, Kelly Roles ('92)

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The St. Louis Club gathered at the new restaurant Triumph at Grand Center on April 24. Pictured from left to right: Allison Sonneveld '99, Alyson Slaughter '02, Elise Hall '00, Megan Ubinger '06, Molly Banahan Edwards '01, Kara Kezios '01, Cindy Traub '01, Katie Walsh '81, Jillian Pietrzak '07, Sharon Dillane '80, and Susan Powers '81.

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I spoke with **Jody Midkiff Chappell** in Richmond yesterday. She was recovering from her 80th birthday party, given by her children the previous night at the country club. All five children and 15 grandchildren were present. Judy said that they have rented a house for all of them the past two summers on Frapp Island, S.C.

Florence Mundi DiPiazza can't wait to see all of us at reunion. All thirty of her family had a wonderful time in Taormina, Sicily, in November for her granddaughter's wedding. She hopes to bring pictures to reunion.

Bernie Socha Fitzsimmons's special granddaughter, Victoria, died in November. She was 13 years old and had spent most of her life in Bernie's home, with round-the-clock aides.

Marylou Manion Gatens was at her place in Florida by Christmas. She and her family spent Thanksgiving in Las Vegas at her grandson's. She is thrilled that a granddaughter is a freshman at ND.

Lois Tripeny Shickich and Joe spent Christmas at Joe Junior's in Seattle. They were snowed in the entire time with "the storm of the century." Lois is looking forward to our 60th reunion in June.

Mary Ann Fellingier Ryan spent a few weeks in Sanibel, Fla., after the holidays. She and **Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley** met for lunch. Mary Ann and **Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue** are making plans for our reunion.

Joanne Clair Lyons's Christmas card said she would see us in June.

Hallie Swift's (Sister Grace) note said that her small convent in Kansas would be merging with a larger one in Kentucky, so she will be moving May 15. Her phone will be (270) 229-4103. Hallie doubts that she will be able to make reunion.

Sr. Mary Ellen Sloan's Christmas letter was written by a fellow sister who sends greetings to all of us. Mary Ellen has had a significant memory loss this past year and "lives in the moment," her friend said. Mary Ellen is still able to walk the halls with her walker, and her back problems seem to have stabilized.

Mary Jo Brown Holik is in a nursing home because of her Alzheimer's.

Thank you, **Ann Cummins McIntyre**, for your late September letter. You just missed my September *Courier*

deadline. Ann's children gave her a lovely August 81st birthday party with out-of-town children coming to join the celebration. Brother Bob and daughters came from Montana.

Ann had a nice surprise in August, when **Mary Lou Kelly Sullivan** called her. Mary Lou lives in Yakima and still goes to her place in Arizona for the winter. Mary Lou was planning a trip home to Butte, Mont., for a visit with her many friends there.

Ann called **Marge Kuppe Hayden**, her freshman roommate, on her Aug. 12th birthday. Marge had taken several trips with her family. We didn't know that Marge's son, Mark, had died very suddenly in 2006. Our deepest sympathies, Marge.

Jean Murphy Westland is looking forward to having us see her new apartment in Holy Cross Village when we come to reunion. Some of us had lunch with Jean when she visited **Sue Wagner Broeren** and Dick in Chicago this fall. Jan was planning to meet daughter Julie in Chicago this month for a visit when Julie comes in from San Francisco.

I spent Thanksgiving in Atlanta with my son Mark and his two children, ages 10 and 12. I had hardly recovered when it was time for Christmas in Connecticut with daughter Liz's family.

Hope to see all of you in June. My next *Courier* deadline is in September. God bless, Nancy.

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I am quite discouraged about the lack of news that our class is reporting. Granted that our lives have slowed down, but most of us are still busy doing interesting things.

Dick and I stayed in Michigan this winter and enjoyed the snow. We have five great-grandchildren. Two of them are living in Germany, as my granddaughter's husband is in the Air Force. Does anyone know how to say "greatgrandmother" in German?

I did have a good phone conversation with **Barbara Herzog Hildebrandt**. Barb and Jim are enjoying their first great-grandchild. Barb is feeling much better.

A Christmas letter came from **Mary Condon Rice** from Bradenton, Fla. Chris is still living in Virginia and working for Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. Kevin works on computer programs at home. MC is enjoying her dance class and taking Kung Fu.

Another Christmas letter came from **Virginia Valle Delaney** from Utah. She and Joe ND '51 have made their home in Salt Lake City for years and enjoy the West.

Carolyn Huebner Collins and her husband, Walt ND '51 just returned from Mexico. Their twin granddaughters will be graduating this summer. Brianna, who will be graduating from Siant Mary's, has a history major and hopes to pursue her master's degree in library science at Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana. Brittany will be graduating from Purdue in linguistics and wants to become a journalist.

Hoping to hear from you—yes, YOU, soon.

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Dear Classmates, just look at the top of this column, and see all the ways there are to connect with me. So please, use one of them! I started this column on January 20 and had nothing to say. In the past few days I have made many phone calls, and managed to connect with some of you. Phoning from the East Coast is something of a problem because of the time differences. I think the best idea is to put me on your Christmas card list, and send a few lines with the card.

Last fall, maybe in October, Jack ND '52 and I had dinner with **Joni Hoffman DeCrane** and Al ND '53 at a restaurant here in Greenwich. We caught up with news of everybody we could think of, including our children, but of course, I couldn't take notes. Some days, I think I am lucky to remember my name, because by morning, I couldn't remember whom we talked about.

In January I talked to **Bunny Fay Murphy**. Uppermost in both of our minds was the idea of getting out of this cold winter for a few days, but neither of us had made plans. Too bad, because I am looking out my window as I write at a fresh 12 inches of snow that fell last night. Bunny hasn't run into anyone from school, but she does see Rosemary Kass, sister of the late **Adrienne Higgins Wallace**, around town. Roey and her husband have had a vacation home in the Catskills for years. Bunny and Bud ND '52 have three daughters in Rye, N.Y., and one in New York City, so they are down this way fairly often.

Jackie Harle Etling, a daughter, and a granddaughter went to visit Saint Mary's and stayed in a room for four—

shades of Jackie's own college days. Jackie went to a Notre Dame game last fall and delighted some grandchildren with ND T-shirts for Christmas. Jackie told me that **Janell Wenzel O'Barski** is in Florida for the winter. You remember, she was a member of our class, but graduated the year behind us. Jackie had kept me posted about **Dolores Kools Herbstreith**, who lived near her, but Dolly moved away. I have an address for her in Milwaukee, now. Jackie says she's in good health right now, but felt she should point out to me that our news is third-from-the-oldest in the *Courier*. I am going to point out to all of you that we have been age 39 so long that most of us get to do it again this year.

I sent to the College for an updated phone list and made about ten phone calls to people who had not been to reunion. I had Randy's wonderful column about those of you who made it, and ticked your names off, and started on the rest. I connected with three or four of you, and that took all my time. And it's my fault—one of my sons says that this whole family is in love with the sound of their own voices! Anyway, I do talk a lot when I call, because the years just fall away, and I am right back at school.

June Root Kramer and I must have talked an hour. Our freshman year we went to class, and shared a mailbox as "Rickhoff, Riley, Root." I tried to get Joan and didn't succeed, but June and I must have talked an hour. She and her husband used to live in South Bend but have been in Hilton Head for something like 17 years. June reminded me that she came to visit me in Greenwich the year we moved here—1957. June didn't tell me much for the *Courier*, but I did remember to ask her what became of **Mary Regnier**. Mary came to Saint Mary's from Saint Catherine's in Minneapolis, I think. Anyway, June traveled to France with Mary after graduation, and she had no details, but Mary died young. June was glad to hear about all the alumnae who have moved to South Bend to live in the condos near school. I had a note from **Jo Disser Barger '62**, and I had heard about **Pat Kerper Moriarty** and **Mary Jane McKeon** all being there.

Joyce Skaggs Butler returned my call, bless her heart, but she didn't have any good news. Her husband, Wick, had a heart attack in April, but he is still practicing law. But before that, for their 50th anniversary, they took a trip to Alaska. I think this was in 2006. After they returned from that trip, Joyce had a terrible fall in her home. Torn rotator cuffs, broken wrists, broken nose and shoulder. She was badly injured, and

her daughter and daughter-in-law took care of her. Joyce is an artist and has had paintings in two national shows as well as traveling shows (and she draws at the art league), but all the above injuries and health problems are slowing her down. Joyce said she didn't get a Christmas card from **Natalie Kocher Forbes**, and that she was ailing. **Joan O'Brien Holland** communicates with Natalie, and this is the first I ever heard that Joan's husband is an artist who paints pictures of lighthouses. (Sounds like fun!)

I spoke with **Mary Jane Farrell Haas**, who lives in Alexandria, Va., and who told me she has three daughters, all in their fifties, and a son who is not quite that old, as well as seven or eight grandchildren. Mary Jane and her husband love to travel, both overseas and to the lakes in Maine for the summer.

Just a note about myself: I have taken on a project, two days a week, to tutor a 12-year-old boy who is in the sixth grade but reads at a third grade level. Because of travel problems, we meet for three hours at a time. It is very hard work, and daunting, and I am in constant touch with the Holy Ghost—begging for enlightenment, of course.

Let me hear from you by the end of August—That's an order! Lorry

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Alana Moynahan Rosshirt died on Jan. 16, 2009. Alana was diagnosed in the fall with advanced-stage lung cancer. She spent her last weeks communicating with family and friends, and died peacefully at home with her family around her. (See below for more on Alana.) I also received word that **Dan Sherman**, husband of **Gretchen Hartman Sherman**, died on Dec. 15, 2008, also of cancer. Losing a spouse is one of the hardest things to endure. We send our prayers and sympathy to these two grieving families.

On a happier note, **Jean Ritcey Woodcock** writes that she and Herb attended a performance in Maine of "On Golden Pond" starring our own **Willi Burke** and her husband, **Bob Brooks**. Willi and Bob were invited by the Good Theatre in Portland, Maine, to perform in this special production. Jean and Herb had a short visit with Willi and Bob between performances. The Woodcocks live in Greenland, N.H.

I met **Sara Struett O'Keefe** at Chicago's Misericordia, where she has volunteered for many years—teaching art to the disabled adults who live there. Sara had just returned from visiting her sister, **Mary Jo Bowman '52**, in California.

A Christmas card from **Bob and Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger** recounts their year of traveling all over America visiting friends and family. After wintering in Florida, Mary Ann had more foot surgery in the spring. They were then off to the Midwest for the ND game and visits with Mary Ann's Michigan family.

Frances Clohessy Spillane traveled to India in the fall, visiting all the sights. She left Mumbai just before the bombing of the Taj Mahal Hotel, where she had been staying.

I received a thank you note from **Molly Marie Lamping**, the recipient of our class scholarship (\$2,800). Molly, a native of Fort Wayne, will graduate in 2009 with a major in political science and minors in French and Irish studies. Thanks to all of you who helped make this award possible. Molly's note was enclosed in a letter from President Carol Ann Mooney with a report on the fund's status and her thanks to all the class.

Sue Mitchell Crowley had triple heart bypass surgery in January. I spoke with her in March, and she is recovering nicely. She and Don plan to take a cruise among the Greek Islands in May.

This has been a winter that won't quit. Spring must be coming soon! I hope that all my classmates are well and inclined to write.

From the Courier Office: Alana Moynahan Rosshirt died from lung cancer on Jan. 16, 2009, in Austin, Texas. She served as editor of the *Courier* following her graduation from Saint Mary's with majors in theology and journalism. The Summer 1957 *Courier* features a photo of Alana and her husband, Jack, with the caption: "Wedding Bells took Alana Moynahan '55 away from the Alumnae Office to become the bride of Jack Rosshirt in February 1957." From 1982-1984 Alana served as president of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors and a member of the Board of Regents. At the close of her tenure, a Board resolution read: "Her zeal for the rights and recognition of women commands not an audience, but a following."

Alana's obituary stated that she faced death with grace and humor—at one point telling her son, "I just tore up my dentist's notice; there are positive aspects to everything!"

Alana, Jack, and their family of five sons lived in Tehran, Iran, from 1970 to 1973 and later in Nairobi and Copenhagen before settling in Houston and then Austin. She was an adventurous traveler who went on camel safaris, took balloon rides in the Serengeti, journeyed through Somalia, Zimbabwe, and Burundi, and made opera trips to Russia. She took courses in Islam at Tehran University and made silent retreats with a noted Indian teacher of meditation in the 1980s.

Shortly after her diagnosis of late-stage lung cancer in early December 2008, Alana's son composed "a letter to my mom's friends." He wrote:

"I asked: 'Is there anything you want to do while you still can?' And she said: 'I would love to send letters to all my friends thanking them for being my friend—but I just don't have the energy.'"

"Maybe we could do something together, Mom. You talk, and I will write."

"Oh, that would be lovely," she said.

Alana's letter to her friends can be read online at saintmarys.edu/alana.

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Christmas is over, the ornaments packed away, gifts acknowledged, and bills paid, but for this class reporter, the joy continues. Your wonderful cards and notes are a delight and make my life easier to be sure. A particularly welcome letter was from **Bob ND '57** and **Gina Feehan Scannell**, after a two-year absence due to health issues. These have been resolved with a resulting list of family gatherings, cruises, and tours too numerous to mention. As Gina said, they have been making up for lost time and are committed to enjoying their return to health. The Scannells' letter was accompanied by a picture of them with their 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 1st grade to college freshman (Creighton). The card of **John ND '56** and **Peggy Maher Engler** showed a wonderful picture of their son, **Father Chapin**, baptizing his two nephews. Father has a weekly radio and TV show called *Daily Living* with **Father Chapin**. **Bob ND '56** and **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick**'s picture was taken at their 50th anniversary celebration in Lake George, N.Y., with their children and 16 grandchildren. They have bought a "new small home" in Hartford and hope that a buyer for their condo will appear shortly.

Last fall, Jody accepted an invitation to be on the Madeleva Steering Committee, which she is enjoying. Thank you for representing us, Jody!

I don't think we have had a contest for the most grandchildren, but unofficially, I'll nominate **Peggy Kearin Carey**. Her Christmas card pictures Peg and her 29 grandchildren. Impressive! Jim and **Pat Hoag Ziperski** celebrated their 50th with their family last April in Raleigh, N.C. Usually **John and Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** join them in avoiding Wisconsin's snow and cold and enjoy winter in Marco Island, Fla. John is recuperating nicely from November surgery, but their travel plans are temporarily on hold. In September, the **Van Beckums** and **Ziperskis** joined **John ND '56** and **Regina Crane Gschwind** at a rainy ND game and reported seeing **Judy Hanks Maus** and **Tom ND '57** (who celebrated their 50th in June) and Ray and **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin**. The Schmidlins' card pictured "Grama and Papa" with their 11 grandchildren. As Julie wrote, "No matching tops this time. We were lucky to get them all together." Isn't that the truth? No pictures from **Jacque Buckley Hobbs**, but her Christmas note reported that they celebrated the graduations of three grandchildren and John's ND '55 75th in one grand event last spring in Thousand Oaks, Calif. A good e-mail exchange with Larry and **Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydowski** reported "no blockbuster events to mention, but the important fact that our seven children, seven spouses, and 15 grandchildren (who range in age from 24 to 3) are all healthy." You can't ask for more than that.

Jim and **Pat Bauervic Leonard**'s card showed most of their family at their previously noted 50th anniversary celebration. Pat's newsy letter spoke glowingly of the pleasure she had attending her 55th reunion at Kingswood High School last June. That made me think with a smile of ours from Trinity High School, held in September. Those enjoying that event were: **Peggy Carey, Janet O'Connell McCue, Mary Lou Reedy Ahlering, Dee Kiley LeFevour, Liz McCorkle Groden**, and me. **Mimi Scanlon Ryan** missed the fun since she and John were enjoying a train trip across Canada, ending with an Alaskan cruise. A delightful excuse, certainly! Liz enjoyed a trip to Alaska over Labor Day to celebrate the birthday of her dear friend, **Sister Ann Fallon**, with a surprise celebration. I presume there were many other high school reunions across the country for our "select group." As Pat Leonard said, "those rare catch-ups are becoming more and more valuable." Pat keeps in touch with **Theresa**

Binckley Byrne and shared the sad news that Theresa's dear husband, Dick, died several years ago. Theresa continues her commitment to helping others, particularly in a local (Ontario, Calif.) soup kitchen.

The Fall *Courier* listed the June death of **Judith Weidner Risacher**. Judy came to Saint Mary's from Loudonville, Ohio. Our sympathy to her family. October brought the news of the sudden death of Dan Culhane, husband of **Mary Baker Culhane**. The Bakers raised their five children in Bloomington, Minn., and were founding members of St. Edward's Church, where his funeral was held. One of the first to share this sadness was **June Moxon Maze '59**.

In November, the media told the story of the passing of Herb Score, husband of **Nancy McNamara Score**, after a lengthy illness. As most of you know, Herb was a pitcher for the Cleveland Indians who became a legendary sportscaster for the team. **Julie Schmidlin, Bobbie Barker Dooley**, and **Diane Landphair Knuth** were able to attend the wake in Rocky River, Ohio. We send our love and support to Mary, Nancy, and belatedly, Theresa and their families. Julie informed me that the Knuths have moved to a "nifty" condo in Lyndhurst, though awaiting the sale of their house, as of last fall. Two of their daughters live in town and have been of great help while Ed has been battling ill health.

A wonderful Hawaiian Christmas card, complete with the greeting "Mele Kalikimaka" came from **Katie Reasor Anglin**. I wish you could see the picture of Katie, her grandson, Michael, and **Marybeth Jones Schmitz**, whose visit in January of '07 was previously mentioned. Katie is one busy lady, tackling home repair, crafts, and painting, specializing in miniatures. Ever the ambassador for her beloved adopted state, she suggested it would be fun to gather a group for a cruise around the islands. Great idea!

Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe** spent Christmas in Raleigh, N.C., with their daughter, **Judy Trippe Geaslen '84**, and her husband and family. Rosemary has remained in contact with **Maureen Schuth Darling**. Maureen and her husband, Roger, have been living in Lake Geneva, Wis., since his retirement, but often make the short trip to the Chicago area to see their grandchildren and Maureen's 102-year-old mother, who, wonderfully, is still living in her own apartment. **Dee LeFevour** told me that **Anne Bittorf Cox** had moved last fall, back to Gypsum, Colo., to be closer to her children. Of her six children, four are

close by, especially her daughter, Katie, who is four houses away. When we spoke, Anne was planning a Florida trip in March and hoped in the spring to get back to Iowa for a visit.

My candidate for "most traveled and adventurous" is **Mary O'Connor**. Her challenges leading tours for the Sierra Club have been reported previously. This January, Mary led a trip to the southern part of Costa Rica, kayaking, snorkeling and learning about rain forest ecology. They visited a nature reserve called LaPaz Gardens on the slopes of the Poas Volcano. While there, they felt a "slight jolt," but the next day on the coast, they experienced the country's biggest earthquake in 80 years. Two weeks after returning home from this adventure, Mary left for a safari in Tanzania and then Bangkok for two nights, after which she is leading a trip to Bhutan. Do you see what I mean with my unofficial nomination?

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I am sad to report the death of **Pat Whealan Hartigan's** husband, Terry. He died last fall after a long bout with cancer. **Pat Wilson Fastiggi** also reported the death of her mother in November. I have fond memories of Pat's parents, having spent many a weekend at their home while performing in ND theatre with Pat. Please remember them in your prayers. On the bright side, Pat traveled to Phoenix with her brothers to accept an award for her dad's induction into the 2008 Track Coaches Hall of Fame. You may remember that her father, Alex Wilson, was the track coach at Notre Dame when we were undergraduates.

While shopping in Laguna Beach last fall, I ran into Aaron and **Marty Gillis Esrig** and met their son and family, who were visiting for Thanksgiving. The Esrigs' travels this year included Mexico, Costa Rica, and the coast of Spain. Bill ND '57 and **Sue Brown Bapst** traveled to Charleston, S.C., for the reunion for Bill's ship, the destroyer Wallace L. Lind. There they spent four days renewing old friendships, listening to the guys tell tales of their days on the high seas, and wining, dining, and sightseeing.

Chuck and **Peg Stratton Burleigh** built a new home, selling their home of 35 years, just in time for the move. In the middle of the whole process, Peg was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a mastectomy. She has

just completed radiation treatments, is feeling great, and is now back to all her activities. Bob and **Mary Kay Moran Gaudet** celebrated Christmas early this year, as Bob underwent back fusion surgery on Dec. 22. He hopes to be playing golf again by summer. In June, Mary Kay and her daughter, Theresa, spent eight days in Ireland, biking the Aran Islands and through Killarney National Park, where they enjoyed the lush Irish countryside and the wonderful hospitality of its people.

Mary Jo Greene Horan calls Sarasota, Fla., home, but is on the road to Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and California to visit her six children and nine grandchildren. She also traveled to the Midwest, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico. **Anne Rody Cooney** writes that she is expecting her ninth grandchild. Gerry and I attended the wedding of this Cooney daughter and know how long she and her husband have tried to have a child. George ND '59, '62 writes that his wife, **Ann Meagher Vander Vennet**, remains stable and thanks everyone for their prayers. She joined her golfing buddies for a week in South Carolina and is busy helping to plan our 50th college reunion. George and Ann welcomed two granddaughters in September, bringing their grandchild count to 11.

Colleen Taffee Harmon happily reports that her PET scan performed in November came back clear with no evidence of cancer, so her lymphoma is officially in remission. She is very grateful for all the prayers and support she received. She feels she has a great deal to be thankful for, as her newborn granddaughter survived bacterial meningitis, her daughter survived breast cancer, and her husband, Bob, his heart problems. It's been a tough year for the Harmons, but all is well, and they look forward to cruising the Caribbean to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary. Tom and **Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** have celebrated the 15th anniversary of their investment business, HTG Investment Advisors, Inc. Jeanne performed a second time at Carnegie Hall and sang at the Berkshire Choral Festival with Craig Jessop, a former conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Murray and **Sharon McGee Bradshaw** made a fun trip to Tahiti in November. I see Sharon and Murray in the summer in Newport Beach, where we both vacation. I also had lunch with her in Santa Monica just before Christmas.

In November, **Rosie Doheny Weller** organized a lunch for classmates in the Washington, D.C. area. **Rosie, Martha Risher Lamb, Anne Sheehan Cullen**, and **Carol Lucas Dunne** met

at Clyde's of Chevy Chase, Md., and had a wonderful time. Rosie sent a report on others who were not able to join them: **"Joy Ueno Brown** has Parkinson's and uses a feeding tube. Her husband said she is much improved after some time in the hospital and a rehab center. A lady lives with them to help, and their children have been wonderful. Joy reads the newspaper to him each afternoon because he is blind. She gets out rarely but might like a phone visit. **Mary Jane Callahan** lives in Roanoke, Va., more than 100 miles from here and could not attend the gathering. **Liz Mahler Keenan** had surgery for liver cancer a few weeks ago. Last I heard she is doing well and may not need chemo. **Mary Cole Akers** is undergoing chemo and radiation for breast cancer and gets very tired. **Mary Ruth Lewis Cloudsley**, of Portsmouth, Va., had a long-standing commitment with a grant workshop in Texas this week. I tried but was not able to contact **Sue Rene Weed**. **Sally Porth Brown** was in Virginia Beach to visit grandchildren. **Kate Bird** of Frederick, Md., said an unexpected family event had popped up, and **Marge Liebrich O'Connor**, of Richmond, Va., had an opportunity to go to the Bahamas. Thank you, Rosie, for your contribution. Marge's Christmas card said they enjoyed a week at their daughter's timeshare at the Atlantis.

I received an e-mail from the alumnae office that **Margaret Kohlbrenner Kress** found it necessary to postpone her reunion planning committee responsibilities because of health issues. Margie has been treated for cancer in the past; please tuck her into your prayers. I received a nice letter from **Rose Marie Cassmeyer Hutches** ("Cass") along with a newspaper article about her mission to rescue homeless dogs. In 2000, Cass and other animal-loving people formed the New Hope Program in Springfield, Ill., which is a cooperative effort between animal control facilities and no-kill animal welfare organizations through which animal welfare agents are able to transfer cats and dogs that are at risk of euthanization into temporary homes until "forever homes" can be found for them. Every September, she travels with her three dogs to Camp Gone to the Dogs in Vermont—which is the highlight of her year. Cass has three grown children: Lou lives with his family in Aurora, Ill.; Sue is a registered nurse in Springfield; and John, who was disabled following a brain aneurysm when he was 20, resides in a local nursing home.

My sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, now calls Venice, Fla., home, leaving the cold of Washington, D.C. behind.

Sadly, her husband, Jack, was stricken with Guillain-Barre Syndrome (known as French polio) just before Thanksgiving. After hospitalization and rehab, he is home but unable to walk or use his arms fully. He goes for therapy three days a week. Betty says it will be a long haul but is confident he will recover eventually. She has two daughters—one a nurse—who live close by and are a great help.

Gerry and I had a great, but very damp, trip to Milwaukee/South Bend for back-to-back games last fall. Tom ND '57 and **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** were our hosts in Milwaukee, and Jim ND '57 and **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** and Brian ND '59 and **Carol Podesta Foley** were our hosts at Lake Michigan, where we joined **Mary Hughes Enright** and **Ann Meagher Vander Vennet** and their husbands, along with **Louise Schulte Johnson** and **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber**. A good time was had by all! After we returned home, I underwent experimental surgery to treat my persistent "tennis elbow." The procedure was successful, and within a month I was back on the tennis court. I also had cataract surgery and had Crystalens implanted—Yeah! No more glasses! Gerry and I visited with Brian ND '59 and Carol Podesta Foley when they traveled to their timeshare in Palm Desert in January—an enjoyable rendezvous we've made for many years.

Next deadline is October 1.

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Well, I certainly got my wish about receiving a lot of snow this winter! As I write this, we have 10-12 inches on the ground, and the drifts are to my waist. I'm taking a Master Gardener course, but it's a little difficult right now to picture working in the yard or at City Hall. It's a good thing, though. The perennials have a thick snow blanket, and, hopefully, the lake level will rise in the spring.

I have a new hero! **Judith Cahill Sweeney** wrote from Apache Junction, Ariz., that she had just completed an 8K trail run in under 55 minutes and placed second in her age group of 10 runners.

Sandy Graham Bartlett e-mailed from Ridgewood, N.J., that she is still a crossing guard at a local school and enjoys seeing the happy little faces. With the cold weather, she's so bundled up she can barely get into her car. With a mask and sunglasses protecting her face,

it's good that the little ones all know her, or she would be a scary sight.

An e-mail from **B.J. Sitzberger Gorman** contained news that a magnolia tree and bench would be dedicated in memory of **Lenore Hennebry Madden** on April 19 near Haggard Hall on the Saint Mary's campus. The tree was donated by Lenore's ski buddies: **B.J., Katie Herbsttritt McMahon, Nancy Higgins Keenan, Marylee Zahner Foley, Mary Cotter Fee, and Sheila McAnaney Kostanecki**. The bench was donated by Lenore's bridge friends and some class friends: **LuAnn Fox, Mary Ellen Podesta Burke, Patty Crotty Misrach, Patty Lehman Crotty, Judy Cole, Alice O'Reilly Moore, Susan Stodgell Dickman, Marilyn Morrissey Sparacino '60, Carol Morrissey Showel '62, Babs Herbsttritt Ward '62, Sheila Higgins Botti '62, and Mary Scanlon Doran '62**. "It will be a nice opportunity for us to get together to honor and remember Lenore happily."

From Hayward, Calif., **Jean Lucey Easterly** wrote that she is enjoying her recent retirement from teaching at California State University, East Bay. She remains very active at All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward, where she serves as coordinator for adult faith formation. Jean is also a lector and member of the RCIA Team and is active as a Maryknoll affiliate.

Peggy Hill in New York sent news she had produced David Mamet's *Speed the Plow* this season on Broadway to wave reviews. One-year-old twin grandsons are lighting up her life, too, and she enjoys having them come to her house for sleep-overs.

From Katie Herbsttritt McMahon in Carbondale, Colo., came news of a dinner party hosted by Mary Cotter Fee for Nancy Higgins Keenan, Marylee Zahner Foley, and Katie in Snowmass. Nancy has recovered well from her lung surgery last fall, but the altitude was a test. Katie was looking forward to some skiing R & R with B.J. Sitzberger Gorman in March and tapping into her gift of keeping everything in perspective.

From their winter home in Venice, Fla., **Christine McGoey Cummings**, sent word of a third granddaughter, Neave Emma, born on Dec. 16, 2008, to son Justin and his wife, Siobhan. Chris says Neave looks very Irish, just like her name.

An e-mail from **Hodgie Shaw Bricke** in Lawrence, Kans., told me she had not retired yet after all. She has talked about it but derives so much satisfaction and stimulus from her work in the Office of International Programs

at the University of Kansas that she just can't bring herself to do it. She and husband Jack enjoyed a great holiday in the former Hapsburg Empire (Vienna, Prague, and Budapest) the summer of 2008. Now, they're planning a three-week jaunt to Madrid and Andalusia in June 2009.

Mary Ellen (Straw) Berry Malone sent a big "thank you-all" to everyone who voted for son Danny in the contest last year. He has gotten some great gigs out of it—one of which was a Wal-Mart Coca-Cola commercial. He has had a few offers for a "label" but is waiting for the right deal. She thinks maybe he'll take care of her in her old age after all! Straw also wrote of her Valentine luncheon for 70 "girls." Everything was pink!

My next deadline is Sept. 1. There are still some of you I have not yet heard from. I hope to hear from you for our next column. Also, keep in mind that our 50th Reunion is only two years from now!

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Pat Martin writes that a reunion was held in September at the Art Institute of Chicago. Organized by **Cathy Michuda Kozak**, the gathering included **Cathy Ryan Condon, Diana Castaldi Scheeler, Mary Ruth MacKinnon Renehan, Virgie Burke Gannon, Barb Bernhard, Jo Lehnis Gotham**, and Pat. A relaxing afternoon enjoyed by all included presidential politics ("relaxing"—in that crowd?) and reminiscing over antics of classmates at Saint Mary's many years ago, some caught, some not caught, some known about, and many still secret until the revelation at this gathering. A short time later Pat wrote again, this time with news of **Kathy Drouillard McQuinnan**, who lives in Valparaiso, married to her college sweetheart and grandmother of 11. She still does artwork when not babysitting or traveling with her attorney husband. Pat tells us of **Judy Galle Falout** who, with her husband, is an amateur photographer with work in galleries in Door County, Wis. Pat also tells us that **Camilla Beierle Benson** is a realtor in Chicago who has received several prestigious awards there and even served as a president of the Chicago Association of Realtors. One of her accolades comes from assisting in the formation of the world's largest MLS listing service. Really impressive, Cam.

Christmas brought pictures of beautiful families, grandchildren, and word that we've all been pretty darn blessed in this life. From **Marilyn McPheron** I received more chocolate! Around reunion time we discovered we were both addicted to the stuff, and we've tried to out-do each other in mailing favorites to one another. On her, it looks good. Me? Well, you know. Anyway, it's been fun. Both **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** and **Joan Dorgan** reported on an after-Christmas gathering in Carmel with **Margo Vitalich Manley, Ann Purcell Perini**, and **Gail Donovan**, poking through shops, enjoying restaurants, and (of course) discussing politics. **Mary Jo Connelly Martin**, elsewhere with her husband, was missed. She did write me, however, to brag about a second knee replacement and to suggest "an award for the most bionic joints in the class." She expects to be running marathons by now, God bless her.

Eileen Holtmeier Cash wrote to boast of her most beautiful great-grandson with another expected by the time you're reading this. I hate to admit that any of us is old enough for greats yet. Eileen enjoys seeing **Betty Rompf Gallick**, living nearby, and tells us that all is well with both families. **Pat Greeley Lechman** thanks the purchasers of her hand-painted note cards during reunion weekend, and says \$400 was donated to our college with the proceeds. If needed for fundraisers, Pat will be happy to send us more. She and husband were soon to visit with **Noreen Blakemore Fitch** and Jim ND '62 to enjoy baseball games, look for lighthouses to paint, loll on the beach, and generally have a wonderful, lazy summer (for which she expresses how very grateful she is that life has offered her so much). **Carol Conrad Rafferty** is back in college while working full-time with the school system, enjoying college basketball, and volunteering at a therapeutic horseback riding facility. Good girl, Carol! And finally, I just received word from **Mary Rainey** and **Irene Canny Lange** of their Florida gathering with **Pat Seider Tyler, Susie Cahill Zabodnyik, Mary Jo Connelly Martin, Betty Rompf Gallick, Judy Reardon**, and **Mary Anne Hermann**. Collectively, the group has 41 grandchildren, the oldest of whom is 19. And, collectively, they report laid-back retirement lives of golf, hiking, travel, playing in local orchestras, painting, entertaining, and volunteering at church, the city, and the Red Cross. "We, your Southwest Florida classmates, invite you to come and enjoy our company in this beautiful sunshine." That said, I'm finished typing this newsletter, and will meet

you in Florida! Try to do somethin' good for another first, and then let's travel southward. Love to all of us.

One last note: Patty Greely Lechman lost her brother, Mike ND '62, whom many of us knew, on Feb. 26, 2009, this followed six days later by the loss of her sister, Terry. The good news, though, is that Patty's very first grandchild, a healthy baby boy, was born the day after Mike left us. You have our sincere condolences, Patty, and our congrats, of course.

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Eight members of the class of 1965 had a book review of children's books by our own **Mary Harris Russell**, who reviews for the *Chicago Tribune*. We all assembled on Sunday, Nov. 9, at the very beautiful condo of Dave ND '65 and **Marianne Spalding Schiavone** in Oak Park, Ill. Mary's reviews were so clever and enjoyable, and her presentation was excellent. We all took lots of notes and then had a delicious luncheon. Those attending were Mary and me, **EJ Caluwaert McFadden**, **Barb Leahy Sutton**, **Mary Delaney Willer**, **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, and **Anne Harvey Lewis**. **Colleen Leahy** could not join us as hoped, as her daughter was returning from Australia that day. About a month later, a number of these gals along with husbands all met for a downtown Oak Park Christmas Walk. They had a wonderful time and hope to repeat the venture next year.

From **Beverly Senda DeFoe** in Georgia: "The Defoes are well and happy, and enjoying retirement. We are taking a cruise to Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico in late February. And **Rosann Gorman Conroy** writes from Flossmore, Ill.: "We are on the road driving to Florida. Martin has regained his strength, and we are looking forward to being in Florida until May 15. Maybe E.J. and I will get together in Naples. Our new granddaughter, Margaret Rose, was born on Feb. 9. We now have three granddaughters. The oldest is 2, and her sister is 5 months. The cousins will have lots of fun in the future."

Prayers go out to **Ann Rockenstein McGeary**. "My husband, Jeffrey, had sudden cardiac arrest on June 2, and died on June 19, 2008. It has been a difficult summer, but I have had great support from family

and friends. We are still in New Jersey but were in the process of planning a move to the Charlotte area to be closer to our daughter and grandchildren. I am still working as a mental health counselor and will pursue licensure in North Carolina. For now, I am taking things one day at a time, not in a hurry to make any decisions."

"Not much news here in Denver... we're just skiing, skiing, skiing", writes **Sheila Flynn Boone**. "The snow has been wonderful this year. And, we are planning a Panama Canal Cruise in late April. I'm still working on our Saint Mary's Colorado Alumnae Club—it is coming along though difficult because we're all so spread out. I just realized that our class reunion is next year, so I'm already looking forward to that! How can it be our 45th? We must have all graduated early!" Kudos to Sheila for organizing the new Saint Mary's Colorado Club.

Mary Harris Russell writes with news of a New York trip "aka 'Granny Takes Manhattan' with my two grandchildren, Ethan, 6, and Phoebe, 4. Secret tips for anyone else who makes the trip: The Met is a complete dead zone for cell phones, so avoid an 'I'll call you as to where to meet me in the museum.' We did dinosaurs and butterflies at the Natural History museum (plus the whale and the squid), mummies at the Met, and the Empire State Bldg (8 am Sunday, NO lines.) There's a great book (sold at the Natural History museum but available by title at Amazon) titled *How to Take Your Grandmother to the Museum*. We're back from the whirlwind trip, blessed by spring-like weather gods, both for travel and for being there."

From **Marcia Black McMahon**: "Please send word to our SMC classmates that **Mary Charlotte Carroll Daniel** died on Dec. 3 after a valiant fight against ovarian cancer. Char was working steadily at the Jesuit Residence at Georgetown University up until ten days earlier. Throughout her illness, she chose to focus on her wellness and continued to be an amazing source of inspiration, strength, and grace. Char's funeral was an extraordinary tribute to a beautiful woman. Her three sons each spoke at a memorial service before the liturgy, and her husband gave a moving eulogy after the funeral Mass. Because of Char's close association with the Georgetown Jesuit Community, 35 priests participated in the liturgy, and the former and current rectors (with whom Char worked) were the homilist and celebrant. It's hard to convey how moving the tributes

were, but they evoked Char's amazing gifts and beautiful spirit. She was remembered as a loving woman who wielded 'soft power,' and was deeply spiritual, forthright, compassionate, and generous. It was so clear that she touched many lives in a very special way. At the end of the Mass, her husband asked that we stand and applaud this unassuming but amazing woman, and the ovation would have made a diva proud. Many SMC friends were there to say farewell: **Elayne Delacey Coggins**, **Pat Sears Kraemer**, **Gretchen Jennings**, **Susan Bouma Deerin**, **Theresa Lapenta Silio**, **Peggy Johnson Douglas**, **Norma Tilden**, **Therese McCaffrey McConville**, **Mary Ann Goodyear Heskett**, **Claire Donohoe O'Mara**, **Pat Hurley Smith**, **Maureen Rodgers Budetti '66**, **Denise Cavanaugh '64**, and **Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran '61**. As **Terry Miltich Murphy** said so well, 'Heaven has another angel, I think...'"

Six gals from our Class of 1965 sailed to the Greek islands with the Saint Mary's College alumnae trip in October. **Judy Piers Locher**, **Marcia Black McMahon**, **Jane Cook Barnes**, **Darlene Unger Currier**, **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, and me. We were blessed with incredible weather and an opportunity to be with other classmates from various years. The beauty of the islands will never be forgotten and the camaraderie was so enjoyable."

From **Pat Devine McCarthy**: "I've recently been diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension (high blood pressure inside my lungs). It is a disease that until recently was unknown to many doctors and misdiagnosed. I'm lucky that they found it now. Just last week I was accepted into a research study for medication to help me. I feel good about being in the study and hope the medication helps! Only time will tell. I have great confidence in my doctors. Now I need the prayers of my SMC classmates and lots of patience. My new mantra is 'I believe!'"

When asked for news, **Junie Miller Smith** replied... "Does getting old, plus having a bad eye and knee count? Probably. But you can say that **Patti Podesta Crumley** and I meet often for lunch at a local restaurant, called Pete's Café in the Dallas area, and catch up on books, family, grandchildren and Farmers Branch events. We were almost the last to leave yesterday, which was chicken-fried steak day."

The current value of our Class of 1965 Memorial Fund Scholarship is now over \$40,000. Last year, we

presented our award recipient, **Caroline Baumgartner '11**, with \$1,300. Our class can be proud of the assist we provide towards a Saint Mary's education for deserving students.

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From Joyce: Hello, classmates! Thanks to those of you who sent me updates for this column!

Almira Wilson Cann was the first to answer my e-mail request for news. She was happy to announce: "Great additions to our family: Jai Amari and Sihah Dorothy are our wonderful new grandchildren. Our daughters both received their doctorates this past year. Colette is teaching at Vassar College in New York, and Andrea just accepted a position at Northwestern University Law School. We are a very blessed family!" On a sad note, though, Almira added, "My family lost our father on Dec. 1, 2008. He was an amazing man. He will always be a very large part of my life. Love to all!"

Amanda Crabtree May wrote that she and her husband, John ND '69, have lived in Cooperstown, N.Y., for most of the past 30 years. "All four of our kids were born and raised in this lovely small town (yep—home of baseball!) Two have gone to ND (Abby ND '96 and Caitlin ND '04.) My husband is a pulmonary and occupational physician who does great work with migrant health workers, among others. I worked for many years for Glimmerglass Opera, a wonderful summer opera festival, and began a second career as a fundraiser, initially for Basset Healthcare. I continue that work as a consultant, which frees me to set my own schedule. I have grandchildren in Philly, so I like having more free time. I'm happy to say that classmate **Mickie Richtsmeier** and her husband, Bill ND '69, also live in Cooperstown. After graduation we both moved to Cleveland for our husbands' medical school years, and then all ended up here together, which has been really great. Our children went to grade school together; then two ended up as

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Top, left to right: Carmen Dur Conley and Eileen Kelly Barry, SMC '69
Bottom, left to right: Tess Conley and Cora Vulin, 1st grade buddies, future SMC grads? Event: Grandparents' Day, St. Clement School, St. Louis.

classmates at ND, and all remain good friends. I am sad to miss reunion, but I have a graduation in California that same week-end. Have fun!"

Our next news came from Washington, D.C., where **Carol Ann Denison Dyer** works as a child and adolescent psychiatrist. "In addition to seeing patients, I have been teaching medical students and residents at George Washington University for almost 20 years as well as child psychiatry fellows at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for about 10 years. The child psychiatry department at Walter Reed has seen close up the impact of the Iraq war on families and their children and has been trying to develop programs to mitigate the stress on them. My volunteer experience with CILA in Peru after graduating from Saint Mary's inspired me to join Physicians for Human Rights as my current volunteer activity. We work in coordination with human rights lawyers to help survivors of torture get political asylum in the United States. My Saint Mary's College French major has served me well in this capacity, as I have been able to directly interview the applicants from Francophone Africa without a translator. I have been impressed by the courage and the resilience of the asylum applicants. I have been lucky to maintain a close connection with our classmate, **Elise Reeder**, who lives across the Potomac from me in Alexandria, Va. Among other things, we share a love of gardening, and

she actually executes this love into some fabulous gardens at her house and others as well. When my second husband was ill and in hospice care at home four years ago, Elise buoyed both our spirits with her energy, organization, and visits. Going beyond the call of duty, she volunteered her husband, Dennis ND '68, as my escort to a beloved concert series after my husband's death. Thanks to Elise, I have news of classmates and have had the pleasure of seeing **Nancy Carlin Figel**."

From Ohio, **Barbara Dosmann Kahn** e-mailed her update. "I am living in a rural area east of Cleveland and working part time as a learning specialist at a large Montessori school with an amazing adolescent program on a 100-acre farm. We have 50 middle school students, half of them boarding, and half of them day students. I also tutor younger students from an orthodox Jewish school in Cleveland. My husband David ND '70 started a Montessori high school this year in the cultural heartland of Cleveland, University Circle. Our son lives in Portland, Ore., and makes movies about Montessori for schools and for a national Montessori organization (also run by David.) My daughter married last fall and works in Raleigh, N.C., as a social worker with a specialization in attachment therapy."

From **Denise Fontana Hoover**: "I'm living in Woodstock, Ill., with the new man in my life, Wally, a German shorthair Pointer who loves tennis

balls and me, of course. I'm still in the insurance business; however, I just completed a Certificate of Painting at the Art Institute of Chicago. My advisor thinks I'm ready to show in Chicago, so I'm working toward that goal. If I had 48 hours in the day, maybe by next year everything would be ready! My son, Buck, is a sophomore at Carthage College, Kenosha, Wis., and a swimmer in environmental studies. My daughter, Patrice, is living near the ocean in Florida. She's a credit counselor and loves her kittens. When I visit her, it's fun to visit **Cathy Lund Moore** also. Brings back all the roomie memories. And by the way, Iqbal Geoffrey, a Saint Mary's College art professor now in Pakistan, included my work and my daughter in his coffee table art book."

From Colorado we have news of several classmates, courtesy of **Katie Garrity Leatherman**, who said she was looking forward to our 40th reunion and couldn't believe it's been that long. Katie shared, "Colorado has been home 37 of the 40 years since graduation—I love it out here! I get together every month with **Kathy Ellis Prescott**, **Susie Martin**, **Nan Raaf**, and **Mary Ann Tavery**. We sew quilts for Children's Hospital in Denver. We're all planning on attending reunion. My life is busy with my husband of 38 years, three kids, one granddaughter, the usual volunteer activities, and travel. Sounds kind of boring when it's written, but life is good and fulfilling—I just wish I had more time every day!" When I sent an e-mail back to Katie telling her I was anxious to hear more about her quilting because that is on my list of 2009 resolutions, she responded with this additional news. "Kathy Ellis Prescott and I have been quilting/sewing for about 25 years. In fact, for the last 10 years, we've gone to Houston in the fall for the International Quilt Festival—lots of exhibits, shopping, and classes—way too much fun! Mary Ann Tavery and I have both had quilts hang in the Colorado Capital Building for the every-other-year quilt show. She does beautiful handwork; I'm a machine girl. We all keep some of our quilts, donate some, and give them as gifts. It's been a great hobby."

I'll insert a little plug here for any other quilters or "blanketeers." Our church bulletin here in Wilmington, N.C., included a blurb about a group I have since joined: Project Linus (yes, of Charlie Brown fame!) It is a national group that basically makes, collects, and distributes handmade blankets whether quilted, knitted, crocheted or fleece-tied with tags or knots. The blankets go to children in need, e.g.,

those in hospitals, rescued from fires or from abusive situations. So far, I have only knit and donated a couple of small blankets, but my goal is to learn how to machine-sew blankets. I have very simple expectations for myself, as I consider myself ... shall we say ... mechanically-challenged. However, I am blown away every month by the group's members, who at "show and tell time" in our meetings humbly hold up several blankets they've put together from scraps of "this and that." I will confess that over the past few months, I have stock-piled a fairly significant stack of fabrics! I seem to be collecting them the way our grown daughters used to collect Beanie Babies. Wish me luck, and if you're so inclined, use Google to see if your area has a Project Linus chapter you'd like to check out.

Margaret Roberts Richards

sent news from her Peace Corps post in Albania. We certainly have an international class! "I have been thinking about you and hoping that all is going well. I am currently downloading the *Courier*, which on my dial-up takes forever, but in the end makes me feel happier and closer to you all. I went on my first journey outside Albania and visited Carnevale in Venice. It was fun and wonderful.....and I took my mask made here in Albania. I became aware of how much work needs to be done to get Albania 'up to speed.' They so badly want to join the EU, now that they are in NATO. . . but the amount of work is enormous. In personal news, my daughter, Margaret, is expecting a baby come September. This week I saw the first picture—not clear, but oh so cute!

Finally, I will end with news from **Cheryl Corsaro**. "Last fall, I attended the wedding of Jean Arkedis, daughter of **Barbara Dowd Arkedis** and George ND '69. The wedding was beautiful, and the reception was in the historic Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. Barb did a terrific job of organizing the wedding from abroad while living in Paris. An extra highlight of the wedding was that it was a mini high school reunion as well. Barb and I went to the same high school in Cleveland, and several former classmates came to Washington for the wedding, which was great. **Laura Berkshire** (a former roommate of Barb and mine) moved back to the Washington, D.C., area in January after living in Paris for four years. She'll be missed by Barbara—"Thirty-five years without a word exchanged and then almost daily contact with her the last

three ... those roommate bonds can withstand a little passage of time!" Laura and I have gotten together a couple of times. After living "la vie en rose," she seems to be adjusting to life back in the USA. She looks forward to more opportunities to reconnect with State-side friends. I also had a fun week-end recently with my two sisters, **Dianne Corsaro Moore '68** and **Cindy Corsaro '74**. We all went to Omaha, Neb., for a week-end in early February for the baby shower of Dianne's daughter, Annebeth Kearney Black. Well, the shower had to be cancelled because Annebeth went into labor a few hours before the event was supposed to start! That evening, she gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Ethan Douglas Black. Dianne stayed on for a few weeks to help Annebeth adjust to her new life as a mother and thoroughly enjoyed herself in her new role as grandmother."

Thank you again for your news, friends. Our next deadline is Sept. 1. Take good care of yourselves!

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From the Courier Office: Mary Beth O'Keefe Buescher was recently appointed to the Juvenile Parole Board for the State of Colorado. Previously, she worked for U.S. Senator Ken Salazar, served as a deputy district attorney for Mesa County for fifteen years, was a full-time mom to four children for ten years, and was an attorney in private practice for five years. Mary Beth has been married to Bernie Buescher ND '71 for 36 years. Bernie was sworn in on Jan. 14, 2009, as Colorado's Secretary of State.

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From Mary: Hello, everyone! Here's the news roundup: It's all about travel, life changes, and keeping in touch.

Kathi Paterno Knise shared that **Janet Ryan Grasso** and her husband, Gary, were in Washington, D.C. for President Obama's inauguration and one of the inaugural balls. (Gary is the mayor of Burr Ridge, Ill., so they had some great connections to the

festivities.) Janet and Gary were also able to get together with **Katie Ryan Brady** and her husband, Phil ND '73, who live in Alexandria, Va.

Last July, **Ellen Connolly Arens** and her family vacationed on Hilton Head Island and, on the way, stopped to see **Ann Blacker** in Raleigh, N.C., where Ann works as a toxicologist for Bayer CropScience. Ellen was also proud to report that her daughter, Kathleen, will start at Saint Mary's in the fall of 2009.

Tricia Lauerman Nobbe and her husband, George, visited Bob and **Sue Swift Maus** in their Austin, Minn., home last June, and they had a ball looking at pictures and reminiscing.

Speaking of traveling—and just about everyone who wrote did—**Ellen McGury Stone** had a pretty spectacular year of visiting with Saint Mary's friends in some fabulous locales. Her experience reflects—as she put it—three very important values that were enhanced by the Saint Mary's experience: life-long learning, travel, and, most importantly, great friends! It started last January, when Ellen traveled from her hometown of Chicago, Ill., to Bangkok, Thailand, to visit her sister, **Susan McGury '80**. Susan was teaching there as part of her role as a professor and a director of international programs at DePaul's School for New Learning in Chicago. **Paula DeLisle** was also in the area; she's a 25-year executive at Watson-Wyatt, an international consulting company. Then, in March, Ellen was in Studio City, Calif., visiting **Cathy Schlesinger** and her family. In April, Ellen headed to Chicago, Ill., and Long Beach, Ind., for visits with **Mary Lela Porter**, **Marianne Clements Tympanick**, and **Alyce Rygiel Payne**. In November, Ellen and her husband, Chuck, made their way to San Antonio, Tex., and a get-together with **Mary Chaput McKeown** and her husband, Pat ND '74. Then it was off to Rome in December for a reunion with Mitch and **Chris Yovanovich**; they were staying with Ellen's sister, Susan, who was teaching THAT semester at DePaul's Rome Program. Ellen, Chris, and Susan lunched with Prof. Portia Prebys, director of the Rome program for Saint Mary's (also president of The Association of American College and University Programs in Italy).

Finally, in late December, Ellen visited Chris and her husband back in their Columbus, Ohio, home, and Paula DeLisle, husband Steve ND '73, and their daughter, Laura Marie ND '09, were also there for the visit. And that's all she wrote!

Sara Cusick tells us that her husband, Richard ND '75, has retired

from Texas Instruments after almost 30 years and that he will be looking for a new job soon, perhaps teaching—but he'll take a little time off first. Their son-in-law, USMC Captain Julian Flores, a Prowler pilot, returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq in early February. Welcome home!

At times, the smallest thing can turn our thoughts back to Saint Mary's. (Even the mention of Waldorf salad...) **Rosanne Regan Hansel** had just read an article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about how anxious college freshmen felt about their unknown future roommates. That reminded Rosanne about her surprise when she arrived in Holy Cross Hall: four roommates! Of the five, one (Katie Sullivan ND '75) transferred to Notre Dame. **Christie Broderick Emmanuel** went to join other friends. That left **Liz Weiss**, **Kit McGugan**, and Rosanne, who decided to room together in Le Mans Hall the next year. Rosanne writes, "Liz lives in Maryland, near Washington, D.C., with her husband and twins, but I've lost track of Christie, Katie, and Kit. I often wonder what they are all up to!" As for Rosanne, she received her degree in art education from Penn State, married David Hansel, and they are parents of Amber and Emily. After teaching at a small private school for eight years in the Philadelphia suburbs, Rosanne became director of various preschools and childcare centers. When Amber and Emily went to college, Rosanne completed her degree in early childhood leadership at the Bank Street College of Education in Manhattan, took a job as the early childhood specialist for the Math Science Partnership (a National Science Foundation grant) at Rutgers University, and is now education program development specialist for the Division of Early Childhood Education at the New Jersey Department of Education in Trenton. She writes, "We are currently expanding preschool for at-risk three- and four-year-olds in over 500 school districts in the state. This is a mighty undertaking, but one that will benefit a large number of young children and their families. We now call New Hope, Penn., home and plan to retire in this beautiful arts community. We welcome anyone who is in the area to stop in!"

(Reporter's note: There's an infomercial associated with this story, so do keep reading.)

From Cleveland, **Kathy Korhumel Dise** sent a newsy note: "I feel very blessed to have Saint Mary's friends. My husband, Ralph, and I are looking forward to visiting **Chris Betz Hartman** and Gary ND '74

at Snowmass, Colo., at the end of February. They have moved to one of my favorite places! My oldest daughter is living in Denver after graduating last year with a degree in ceramics and political science from the University of Colorado, Boulder, so of course our trip will include some time with her. I have also been in touch with **Joan Remini Costello**, who advised me on summer internships for my son, George, a history major at the University of Rochester. **Susie Picton McLaughlin** and Frank were so welcoming and funny when we all connected for a while on a college road trip for our youngest, Eileen. Last year, **Betty Bettman Hackney** and Randy came to Cleveland to watch their youngest daughter, Molly, play basketball for the University of Chicago. And then **Katie McFadden Devine** and her husband, Brett, live close by and are always welcoming when I stop in." She continued, "For the past four years, I have been piecing together projects that have allowed me to work part-time or at home until Eileen starts college this fall. Then I hope to get back work full-time doing something rewarding and fun. My husband, Ralph, is an outplacement/human resource consultant, and I will rely on him and my Saint Mary's classmates for suggestions on how to make this next transition a success."

As for me, I haven't gone anywhere, but the other night, I picked up the phone to call **Donna Cavi '76**, who is in the act of making an exciting life change in Baltimore. But I've been busy. My soft jazz CD, *Mary Sheeran Sings Through the Years* is available at CDBaby.com. A percentage of the profits goes to the Lung Cancer Alliance, in honor of my mother, **Peggy Vlossak Sheeran '44**. (Same for my novel *www.whohavethepower.com*).

Now for that infomercial: Looking for classmates? Lost that phone number? Try the Belle Network at Saint Mary's Web site. Here's how: Go to <http://www3.saintmarys.edu>; click on "Alumnae and Friends of the College"; click on "stay connected" (in the third paragraph); click on "The Belle Network"; click on "The Belle Network login." You'll be asked for your ID and PIN. Your ID can be found on your Courier mailing label. For your PIN, enter your birth date. You can change that PIN after accessing the system. And, if you run into difficulties, contact the alumnae office for help.

After that, it's simple to find a classmate's contact information, so long as their records are updated. Or even find out how many alumnae are named "Mary." That would be 2,514.

Stay in touch and be happy! Mary **From the Courier Office: Joanne Garrett** writes that she and Jennie Sayward became domestic partners on April 1, 2008, just weeks after Washington State made partnerships a legally protected status.

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From Beth: It was so much fun hearing from those who responded to our request for news. I would encourage anyone who receives correspondence from either Deb or me to write us back. We will take your non-answer as an expression of no interest and will respect your privacy. For those who did write back... WOW....we SMC grads are busy and productive! Here goes:

Karen Callaghan Guenther's two oldest children have graduated from the University of Georgia, her husband Arly's alma mater. Michael, 28 received his MBA from Notre Dame last May. Laura, 25, recently gave birth to a daughter, Ainsley. Her daddy came home from Iraq for the birth. Matthew is the youngest child. He is 20, and as part of vocational training for autism, works at Rock Bottom Café in the city.

Arly runs the family business, which is the selling of computer equipment and services to firms mostly in the Chicago area. Karen keeps herself busy. She worked several years as an accountant and then in the family business. Among her interests are tennis and volunteer work. She plays bridge with five other Saint Mary's alumnae (from different class years).

Katie Dinnen Chambers moved to Colorado in 1980. She was in Colorado Springs for 10 years before moving to the Denver area in 1990. She works for CH2M Hill, a global engineering and construction firm headquartered in Englewood, Colo. Katie is the corporate travel manager who oversees all contracts and relationships relating to business travel. She has three children: a son who graduated from college in 2007 and currently lives in Denver, and a daughter and son attending college in Ft. Collins, Colo. She enjoys frequent trips back to Michigan to visit with

family so that she can get in her "lake fix."

Monica Cordes Hanks lives out in sunny Orange County, Calif. She and her husband are empty nesters. Their oldest, Lindsay, 26, graduated from Point Loma University, San Diego three years ago and is the associate editor for *Cat Fancy Magazine*. The youngest, Melanie, 23, is finishing her degree from San Diego State in child development. Monica and her husband, Grendal, are celebrating 29 years of marriage this summer. She is currently an education resources specialist at the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), the largest specialty association in the country for nurses. She also works with the critical care e-learning programs. Before joining AACN, Monica was at Gateway computers in their HR/training and development group. Although living in Southern California has its advantages, she still misses the snow!

Barbara Drossel McKnight writes that she and her husband, Wade, have been married for 28 years. Wade was offered a position in San Diego a year ago, so Barbara has now returned to her roots. Wade is managing partner of the Southern California region of J.H. Cohn, a national accounting firm. After years of being a stay-at-home-mom, Barbara returned to school—the paralegal program at The University of San Diego. Her goal is to become a mediator, working in a family law firm. She and Wade are the proud parents of three daughters. Erin, 26, is a graduate of Northwestern University and working in marketing at a large insurance company. Jenna, 23, a recent graduate of The University of San Diego, is fulfilling her lifelong dream of serving in the Peace Corps. She is teaching English in Kyrgyzstan, a poor country which is part of the former Soviet Republic. Bonnie, 19, is a first-year student at the University of Washington in Seattle. She graduated in May with high honors from The Meadows School in Las Vegas, where she was the head of The Honor Code Committee, a homecoming princess, and the female athlete of the year.

Elizabeth (Liz) Mortell Dubenetzky is executive director of Life Choices Pregnancy Center. This pro-life center is designed to help women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies. Along with her duties at the center, Liz spends time giving speeches regarding pro-life issues and abstinence presentations for schools, churches, fundraisers, and other venues. Liz says that holding a child in her arms who was scheduled to die by abortion is truly a miracle.

'79

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By the time you read this, we will have had had lots of fun reminiscing at our 30th reunion. What is it they say? If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself...

Anyway, I was thrilled to receive an e-mail from my fellow Cleveland native, **Shelley Meditz Signorelli**, who lives in Scituate, Mass. She and Bill ND '77 have three grown boys. Brian graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2007 and is now working for Corporate Executive Board in Arlington, Va., as a research analyst. Kevin, a student at Providence College, spent the fall semester of 2008 studying in London, and Shelley and Bill were able to visit him there. He is expected to graduate in 2010. Michael is also at Providence College, two years behind Kevin. Shelley works part-time as a staff accountant for a small CPA firm, while Bill works for Wells Fargo. Both enjoy playing golf in the warm months.

Mary Monaco Morgan and her husband, Rob, are living in South Bend, where she teaches 16 college classes both on-line and in the classroom. She is also the chairperson of a new non-profit called Bridge of Hope—an organization that works with congregations to prevent homelessness among women and children in transitional poverty. Mary's four children and three grandchildren are spread from Italy to Mississippi.

Doris Mannes Derheimer and her husband, Mike, are living in Fort Wayne, Ind., where she teaches math at Bishop Dwenger High School. Their daughter, Emma, is still a student there. Son Luke graduated from Notre Dame in 2009 and is now pursuing a master's in accountancy at ND.

Lynn Roberts Clarkson and husband Tom ND '78 are grandparents. Their son, TJ, provided them with this milestone in the form of baby Tyler in May 2008. It was a nice diversion since their #2 son is serving in Iraq. He left in March 2008 for a 15-month deployment. Their oldest daughter, Megan, graduated from Saint Mary's in 2009 with a degree in accounting; and youngest daughter, Lisa, is finishing up high school in Champaign, Ill., at St. Thomas More High School.

Please feel free to drop me an email at jpmurphy@flash.net—even if our paths never crossed while we

were at SMC. I want to include news of everyone from the class if I can.

From the Courier Office: Robin McConnell Hamlin writes that Kim **Davis Van Fossan** hosted a holiday luncheon last December at Barrington Hills Country Club for several members of the Class of 1979. "We laughed at old photos of ourselves, tried to remember the names of the faces in our photos from Spring Break trips, and paged through the yearbook, marveling at our hairstyles. I must admit we have all aged gracefully and it was very interesting to learn what each of us had done with our lives. I have already made my reservations for our 30th reunion this June, and I hope to see many of you there as well. I missed our 25th, so I have lots of catching up to do. Many thanks to Kim for a wonderful mini-reunion. Those in attendance included: **Anne Davey McKenna** and husband Kevin ND '79, **Eileen Lynch Fahey** and husband Chris ND '76, **Lynne Ewald Gerding, Maryann Cooke Meyer, Peggy Lynch Buckley** and husband Pat ND '79, **Mary Beth Vieha '78**, and **Robin McConnell Hamlin.**"

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Alicia Burns Gildea writes: I have been working as an emergency department nurse at Merrimack Valley Hospital for almost 28 years. I'm still married to my ND guy, Bob Gildea ND '78. We have two sons: Christopher, 27, and Sean, 24. Chris is married and lives in Robbinsville, N.J., and Sean is engaged. We also built a second home in Madison, N.H., and plan on retiring there. We are National Ski Patrolters and work every Wednesday night and every other weekend at our local ski area in Massachusetts. I lost my mother almost four years ago, but my dad is still living in Florida."

Patrice (P.J.) Tuohy writes: "My daughter, Hannah Tuohy Vilic, who turned 8 in December, is a published author. Her very short story, *Cookies for the Queen*, was featured on a morning children's show, and she was then interviewed at the end of the segment. If you search on YouTube under *Cookies for the Queen* you can see her spot! My husband, Alija, who is originally from Croatia and became a citizen two years ago, voted in his first U.S. presidential election. My company, TrueQuest Communications, and I were honored with the Harvest Award this past October for "dedicated service

and exemplary support of vocation ministry in the Catholic Church." We publish *VISION Vocation Guide* and the *VISION VocationMatch.com* website on behalf of the National Religious Vocation Conference. *VocationMatch.com* was featured in *Time Magazine* and the *CBS Evening News with Katie Couric* in stories on the increased interest in vocations and the use of technology in vocation ministry.

Roseann Enyedy Cyngier and her husband, Peter, cashed in frequent flyer miles for a tropical holiday on the island of Antigua in the British West Indies. "We went with our sons, Edward, Kevin, and Nick, plus we took our nephew, James, son of **Louise Enyedy Bergin '80**, and a niece, Katie. We rented a villa, BBQ'd, snorkeled, kayaked in the mangroves, built sand castles, and enjoyed many of Antigua's 365 beaches. The kids also ziplined from tree house to tree house in the rainforest canopy. Pete and I had spent our honeymoon there 22 years ago, and the return was wonderful. Earlier in the year, I joined Art Enyedy ND '83, his wife, Melanie, and my mother to explore the sites of Venice, Florence, Pisa, Rome, and Pompeii. Seeing the Renaissance masterpieces like Michelangelo's David and the Sistine chapel were breathtaking. In this year of travel, I also hiked in Washington's Olympic and Mt. Rainier National Parks with Art and Melanie."

Karen Finkenbinder Knop writes: "I have taken a new position, since my husband passed away in March. I am now the education consultant for St. Vincent Women's Hospital in Indianapolis. It allows for more 'mom' time and flexible scheduling. I have been actively involved with the Junior League of Indianapolis and will be ending my 10th year of volunteering. My twins, now 12, are very active in their sports: Shelby is becoming a very accomplished swimmer during her first year of competitive swimming—making divisional time and setting her goals on the Olympics. My son, Alex, has started fencing and will start to compete later in the spring. His goal is to join the ND fencing team (scholarship and all). I truly appreciate all the supportive e-mails and calls of encouragement during this past year and feel blessed that I was able to attend Saint Mary's and have such a wonderful group of classmates to call my friends!"

Sharon Moore Cardona writes: "My most exciting news is that my daughter, **Karin Carlisle '09**, will graduate summa cum laude! I've been director of nursing at Saltzer Medical Group for seven years now. It's hard

to believe that I've been retired from the Air Force for that long. We're still living in Boise, Idaho, and enjoying its temperate weather and less hectic life style. My middle daughter, Kristina Carlisle, is a freshman at Gonzaga. She is in the pep band and so gets in free to all the basketball games. Our youngest, Dragon (he goes by Joe now), is at Bishop Kelly, Idaho's only Catholic high school. My husband, Joe, is working out of state as an interim executive nurse. He's basically "Mr. fix-it" for troubled hospitals."

One-time *Observer* features editor **Molly Woulfe** and her ex-star reporter Ryan Ver Berkmoes ND '83 (now a globe-trotting travel writer) recently collaborated on two tongue-in-cheek columns for *The Times of Northwest Indiana*. One was a walking tour of President Obama's Chicago. The other, "The Blago Perp Walk," invited readers to stretch their legs on a walk of shame through a certain disgraced governor's haunts. Excerpt: "Our tour begins on the Northwest Side in the genteel Ravenswood Manor neighborhood bordering on Lincoln Square. Rod and Patti Blagojevich's home, 2934 W. Sunnyside Ave., is where FBI agents arrested the two-term gov for allegedly trying to sell Obama's Senate seat. Chez Blago is "a bland McMansion, of ugly tan brick," Ver Berkmoes said. Far more colorful are the possible chats over breakfast, with the First Couple discussing "how they would snack on Illinois that day. By the way, this is where Patti screamed, '(Bleep) the Cubs!'"

Gina Ameduri Loebach writes: "My husband Larry ND '81 and I will celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary in October. We have three beautiful daughters, Julianna, Angela, and Gabriella. We are South Bend natives, and our oldest daughter is now a first-year student at Saint Mary's! We are so happy that she chose Saint Mary's and know it will be a wonderful education and experience for her. She is living on campus, and is a biology major with intentions of a physical therapy career path. Our middle daughter, Angela, is a freshman at St. Joseph's High School, and our youngest daughter Gabriella, is in 7th grade at Christ the King Grade School. I am still working part-time as a medical technologist for the South Bend Medical Foundation. Sadly, my beloved father, Rocco Ameduri (Rocco's Restaurant in South Bend) passed away on Sept. 6, 2008. He was 90 and had an adventurous, wonderful life. He left a wonderful legacy in his family, business, and the many friends

and customers whom he loved and loved him all these years."

Lauren Perry Wiley writes: "I continue my work at Chicago's Erikson Institute for the Advanced Study in Child Development as director of a statewide early childhood mental health consultation project. I enjoy the work a great deal, although I am getting tired of the commute from my home in Bourbonnais. I have convinced my husband to move closer to the city after our daughter graduates and heads off to college in 2011. Our daughter, Hannah, is an outstanding golfer. She qualified for the state tournament both her freshman and sophomore years, and her goal is to be one of the top ten golfers in the state by her senior year. She is thinking about colleges, and I am proud to say that Saint Mary's is on her short list. Although one of her talents is golf, her passion is drama. She enjoys her acting classes in Chicago and hopes to become a film actress some day. Our son, Luke, is a sophomore at St. Louis University in Missouri, majoring in philosophy and minoring in political science and Italian. He hopes to study in Rome next semester. My husband continues as the executive director at Onarga Academy, a residential treatment program for severely disturbed adolescents and young adults. Our combined work with children, adolescents, and their families makes us feel very fortunate and blessed."

Margie Quinn Zappa writes: "In Fall 2008, **Suzy Eckelkamp**, **Madonna Shannon**, **Christy Frank Murphy**, and **Terri Cavi** all came to Chicago for a weekend visit. A few of us got together for dinner one night—lots of fun! In-towners included: **Mary Beckman Quinn**, **Patty Meagher Clare**, **Michelle Diener Filicicchia**, **Kelly Chambers Mazeski**, and me."

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For the next couple of issues, my goal is to report news from more classmates who have never sent in news before, or who haven't done so for a very long time. (You know who you are!) We all know how exciting it is to read about old friends, so please let us hear from you! You can e-mail me your news whenever you like. My deadlines are Sept. 1 and March 1.

Maureen Toepp Damer is "living in the Indianapolis area (Zionsville) and working as a financial advisor for Wachovia Securities. My husband, Scott, and I have three children: Alec, 11, Austin, 11, and Alena, 7."

Beth Wagner Gildner writes, "I have never contributed any information about myself to the *Courier*, so I decided to respond to the challenge in your e-mail! My husband, Joe ND '83, and I have lived in the Pacific Northwest for 22 years. We presently live in Bainbridge Island, Wash., a short ferry ride from Seattle. I am a nursing restorative coordinator at a long-term care facility on the island, and Joe is a deputy director at Sound Transit in Seattle. We have five children: Theresa ND '11, Megan '13, Katie, 14, Joe, 12, and Molly, 5. We look forward to returning to South Bend for an occasional football game and to catch up with old friends."

From **Kathleen Michelle Ryan Greely**: "I think this is the first time I have sent an update since graduation. Some may remember that I got married during winter break of our senior year. I am still happily married to John Greely after 26 years, and we have two grown children in college. We traveled 16 years of our marriage while in the military: two years at Fort Benning, Ga., two years in Hanau, Germany, four years at Fort Hood Tex., six years in Darmstadt, Germany, then John retired after his last assignment at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga. Our most memorable experience was our stay in Germany (John was a criminal investigator for the Army), where we immersed ourselves in the culture. Megan and Ryan were in German school and gymnastics, and I taught German children swim lessons. We mainly just went on post to church. It was a culture shock for us to come back to the States. We have now been back for 12 years. John is a safety and health manager at Bridgestone. I teach high school math at Evans Christian Academy. I am also an age-group swim coach for the Aiken-Augusta Swim League and coach the Aquinas High School swim team. Ryan, 22, is majoring in math and swimming on a club team at Georgia Southern University. Megan, 19, is majoring in special education and swimming on scholarship for Brenau University. If anyone heads to Gatlinburg, Tenn., for vacation, stop by my family's bakery, The Donut Friar, in the village. We have great donuts and cinnamon bread."

Please remember to send in your news!

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From Elisa: How wonderful it was to hear from so many classmates! Most of you agreed that the class news is the first section you read. We received so many responses, a lot of editing was necessary!

Three cheers for **Leslie McKay**, who was the first to respond to my request for information. Leslie says that this is her 22nd year living in Denver, and that she enjoys her work as a vice president at The Children's Hospital Foundation. Her son, Aidan, turns 4 this spring. Leslie notes that Aidan has acquired her red hair and will fit in nicely at ND someday!

After seven years as a firefighter on the Spokane Fire Department, **Megan McMonigle Phillips** is nearing her fourth year as a deputy fire marshal. She performs safety inspections on all types of businesses as well as on fire suppression and detection systems. She lives in a home on Long Lake that she and her husband, Chris, built. Chris is a fire lieutenant with the SFD.

Margie Kersten says that life remains busy as a single mom. Her oldest, Patrick, is finishing his sophomore year at Holy Cross College and hopes to transfer to Regis University in the fall. Another son, a senior in high school, is deciding where he wants to attend college. Margie's girls are Meghan, 7th grade, and Kersten, 5th grade. She works full-time for Ernst & Young in Chicago and would love to reconnect with college friends.

Maureen Kahn Alexander is adjusting to a new stage in her

life—having a college freshman! Meredith, her oldest, is attending IU-Bloomington this year. Maureen and John have been married for 20 years. Surprising everyone, they got a dog this year—to the delight of Katherine, 16, and Jack, 12. Maureen teaches 6th grade in South Bend and has a Saint Mary's student teacher this year.

Jeanne Carroll Flanagan and husband, Tim, are living in Granger, Ind. Tim ND '86, J.D.'98 still works as an attorney for Notre Dame, while she is a relatively new employee of ND in the ACE program as the assistant business manager. This job, now part-time, allows her to continue her other job as a taxi-driver for kids Sean, 16, Caitlin, 14, and Tim, 9. In January, Jeanne made a trip to Chicago to see **Monica Ragley Pare** during a flight layover. They had a great time catching up before Monica had to head off to O'Hare. Her 7-month-old daughter, Riley Davis Pare, was with Monica and gave Jeanne a much needed "baby-fix." Monica, her husband, stepson Tucker, and Riley all live in Orlando, Fla. Monica works from home for Oracle Corp.

Ann Kaltenbach Hayes is the news bureau director at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where she has been for the past 18 years. Anne's husband, Rocky, is an urban forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation. They have two boys: Eric, 16, and Matthew, 13.

Next up from Cleveland is **Lori Metro Alexander**, who writes, "I have four children, ranging in ages from 9 to 15. I am working part-time in my family's chemical business, and I keep in touch with **Danielle Kleinrichert**."

Mary Reidy writes, "I am still living in Seattle with my husband, David Steinmetz, and two children: Theodore, 8, and Lillian, 6. I job share a recreation coordinator position that focuses on youth and teen development programs. I haven't heard from many '87 grads recently, but do know that **Alice Kroeger-Montgomery** is keeping busy in Scituate, Mass., with her four kids and husband."

Mary Cole Simms shared that she has four children—a daughter, 11, twin 8-year-old daughters, and a son, 3. Mary stays home with the kids and helps with the business run by her husband, Paul. She quit practicing law full time about 10 years ago and is now taking on only an occasional case or arbitration that fits into her kids' schedules! She is able to see **Jeanne Carroll Flanagan** whenever she makes it to South Bend for Saint Mary's and ND Law School reunions. Mary

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Dr. Susan Maude '77 will complete her role as president of the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) in July, 2009. DEC is the largest professional organization supporting young children with disabilities and their families (see <http://www.dec-sped.org/>).

"This is just to let you know that I am receiving the Leonard Manning Lifetime Achievement Award from the *Fordham Law Review* this evening. A friend mentioned that she wished that she had known so I am making this announcement. Warm regards to all."—**Peggy**

Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen '66, MD, the first female physician in the history of the U.S. Congress, the first woman to represent an offshore Territory, and the first woman Delegate from the United States Virgin Islands, will deliver the Commencement Address at the 135th Commencement of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans.

Sister Mary Louise Gude, CSC, '63 will join Saint Mary's College in July as the Vice President for Mission. She will be the second vice president to lead the Division for Mission, established in 1994. Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC, will retire from the post this spring.

Cathleen Cronin Mullen '75 received the 2009 St. Martin dePorres Award for Meritorious Service to the Medical Profession from Fenwick High School. She is currently clinical assistant professor of ophthalmology at Loyola University Medical Center. Dr. Cronin holds the distinction of being the first and only woman thus far to receive Fenwick's St. Martin dePorres Award.

says now that **Jeannette Friedheim Burdell** and her husband, Marc ND '87, are in the area, they are on the list for the next visit. Mary recently got back into musical theater and singing, playing Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music* and the narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*. Her daughters have been in the chorus of these shows, and she enjoys sharing the experience with them. Mary and her kids were extras in the movie *C Me Dance*, a Christian film coming out in April. Sadly, a week after Mary sent the original update, she sent another one saying, "The day that I contacted you, my father fell ill with a severe cerebral bleed. He was taken to the hospital and died two days later, on Feb. 10. Needless to say, my family and I are devastated. Over 1,500 people came to pay their respects. My dad was a very loved and respected man with a lot of family and friends. He practiced medicine in our hometown for over 40 years." The whole family was with him when he died. Mary, we all send our condolences to you.

From across the ocean we have an update from **Monica Cilette McCormic**: "My family and I have been living in Italy—Rome and Naples—for the past six and a half years. Lots of traveling and too many tales to tell! Our children range in ages from 12 to 18. The oldest is graduating high school and will be attending Notre Dame in the fall! I've been subbing at the high school and am starting a M.Ed. program. We anticipate a return to the States some time this summer."

Linda Cross Gentilino writes, "I'm currently living in Lugano, Switzerland, with my family. We moved here two and a half years ago. We have four children, with the oldest a freshman at Saint Mary's this year. Our son is in 11th grade, and our two younger daughters are in 6th and 7th grade. Our children attend an international school here. I spend my time doing the 'normal' mom stuff and subbing at the elementary school."

Suzanne Ritger shares that she is living in New York, N.Y., and will be having an exhibit of her oil paintings

and photographs at SoHo20Chelsea Gallery in March. She also works full-time fundraising for the ASPCA. Many of her past roommates have been on the move recently: **Margaret Calacci Edwards** to Minnesota, **Erika Cretton-Scott** to Alabama, and **Andrea Sendi Hodak** to Texas.

Jane Akalaitis Falvey writes: "I had the pleasure of meeting up with **Linda Joerger Cross** at an ND football game this past fall. It was wonderful to see her after so many years! Linda's daughter, Jessica, is a first-year student at Saint Mary's and plays in the ND band. My eldest, Katie, is a high school sophomore, so we're beginning to think about college. At our recent class reunion, which I missed, **Peggy Prosser Brown** gathered e-mails and got in touch with many of us. We've had a mini El-Ed reunion via email. I'm back to work every day, but part-time. I'm currently teaching 8th grade Spanish at a local middle school. My daughter and I also volunteer with the Sisters of St. Joseph teaching English to local immigrants."

Jennifer Rollo shared that she is currently enrolled in an evening clinical program while working full time. Her fiancé, Brian, has his business (and her future home) in Vermont. He's patiently waiting for her to finish school. "Once I am an RN, I will continue on with my education," she writes. "It's funny, now that I'm back in school, it's hard to stop myself from learning more." She plans to relocate eventually to Vermont once her career change is complete, but right now is still in Jersey City.

The next person I heard from is **Colleen Barry Garrett**: "I am living in Crofton, Md., near Annapolis and have worked for an agency in the Department of Defense for (yikes!) nearly 22 years now. I have been married to Chris Garrett for nearly 14 years. We have two boys: one who was born in England, Liam, 12, and the other born in Annapolis, Aidan, 7."

Sandy Zabel Fleishman had this to share. "After a few moves, I have settled in Orlando, Fla., where my husband works in pediatric cardiology. I took 10 years off from nursing to raise my two girls and returned this past year as a Peds PACU nurse. The girls, ages 11 and 14, still need guidance, so working part time with flexible hours was key to being able to return. Bedside nursing is a nice change from the management position I left."

Eileen Couch Cramer shares that she is living in South Bend with her husband, Bob, and three children: Amy, 16, Bobby, 14, and Nicholas, 11. She is

teaching kindergarten at St. Monica School (her parish) and loves it! She sees **Maureen Kahn Alexander** at basketball games because they both have sons on the 5th-grade team.

Bouncing back to the west coast, we hear from **Michelle Coleman Peirona**: "We have lived for the last 10 years in Lafayette, Calif., a sweet little suburb of San Francisco. My husband, Andy, and I have been married for 13 years. Our children are Megan, 11, and Ryan, 9. I still stay in touch with **Jenny Staud Blanz**, who lives in South Bend with her husband, John, and three adorable kids. **Kathleen Geary Vitanovic** lives outside Chicago with her husband, John, and her little ones, Ava and Gregory."

Next up is **Shannon McMahon** who is out in Colorado. She is the busy single mother of four helping to run a small, family retail furniture business. She talks to **Megan Martin Galgano** and **Diane Cancro** every few months and catches up on all the SMC/ND updates.

Kathleen Dailey shared that she lives in Chicago with her second-grade son and husband, who works for the Chicago Police Department. Since graduation, Kathleen has been working in the advertising business as a media specialist. She currently works for OMD/Prometheus, a media firm under the Omnicom umbrella.

Hillery Haney writes: "My husband, Raymond McDaniel, and I welcomed our new baby daughter, Anna Lauren, on Aug. 10, 2008. She joins her big sister, Julia, 3. We live in Grand Rapids, Mich."

Janet Dowling Dant shared: "Here's my story in a nutshell—Joe ND '87 and I and our eight children live in Batavia, Ill. Our two oldest sons are already away at college. We have three sons in high school, two daughters in grade school, and a little guy in preschool. I teach part-time at our parish school."

"Greetings from Dutch Harbor/Unalaska, Alaska, an island in the Aleutian Chain 800 miles southwest of Anchorage," writes **Ann-Nora Ehret**. "I am a family medicine physician in the only clinic on the island, serving a year-round fishing population of 4,000 with a 10,000 person influx of international folks to process the fish/crab. You may be familiar with Discovery Channel's 'Deadliest Catch.' Those are my patients! Our clinic is on the show. I am the boat doc for the Early Dawn."

Dena Heisler Ocampo writes: "I'm living in Kansas City now with my husband, Phillip, and our twin sons, Jackson and Tyler. I'm vice president of

marketing with an online ad agency (Indigo Interactive, Inc.) and am enjoying my crazy, hectic life."

Beth Beutter Borowski said: "We now live in Saline, Mich. My husband, Andy, took a new job in Plymouth, and we have been here for five years. Our oldest, Jill is a freshman, Jenna is in 7th grade, and Joe is in 3rd grade. I am back in the OR working part time, one to two days a week"

Kari Killilea Wuszke writes that she and husband Greg, married 17 years, have been transferred because of his jobs several times and find themselves back where they started, South Bend. Kari is currently teaching 4th grade at St. Monica School in Mishawaka, Ind. They have two children: Libby, 13, and Michael, 10.

Margaret Calacci Edwards had a big move from Toronto to Phoenix this past summer. She's gone back for a nurse refresher course, which condenses her four years at Saint Mary's into four months. Margaret shares that **Terri Kammerer Meyer** is still in Kansas City. **Mary Dilenschneider Condon** has had a busy year with highlights that include: meeting Julie Andrews (making Margaret green with envy), ringing the closing bell at the New York stock exchange, and having her eldest son gain early acceptance to ND. Margaret is looking for **Jean Crutcher** and **Julie Gschwind**.

It was great to hear from **Colleen Walker**, who says that she is practicing internal medicine in Louisville, Ky. Her fiancé's mom, **Mary O'Meara**, graduated from Saint Mary's College. Colleen is also looking to connect with old friends.

Janine Adamo Below gives us the quick update: She's been married 15 years this October to Anthony, and they have three boys: Joseph, 12, Giovanni, 11, and Daniel, 9. She's been able to stay home with the boys and has recently returned to work for the same computer software company she left after having her children.

Patty Nash Mullen, from Ridgewood, N.J., also checked in to say that she is doing well. They have five children: Tory, 17, Chris, 16, Joe, 12, and twins John and Ryan, 11. The oldest has been applying to colleges and is waiting to hear about acceptances. They see **Sonia Uribe McGowan** and her husband, Mike ND '86, at ND football and basketball games.

Mary Ann Samczyk Scott says, "After teaching high school and college English for almost 10 years, I'm now working from home as a writer and freelance editor while I raise my

two beautiful kids, Connor, 11, and Maise, 8. My husband, Kevin, just took a job as a professor of English at Albany State University, so when the house finally sells, we'll be on our way to Georgia."

Katie Sullivan Fritz writes: "Dan ND '88 and I will celebrate twenty years of bliss this June. We have four kids...Madeline is 17 and looking at colleges (Saint Mary's is on her list!), Molly 14, Danny, 12, and Tommy, 10. I work part-time creating publications for the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools. We've been in Sioux Falls for 14 years and love it."

Andrea LaFreniere Miciano was able to share the exciting news that **Donna Cronin Piemonte** became the mother of twins in Dec. 2008. Parker and Harrison join their brother Calvin, 5.

And last, but certainly not least, I heard from **Valerie Lukas Pinarski '90** after she read the last *Courier* update. She is doing well and lives in Goshen, Ind., with her husband and four kids: Andrea, 17, Stephen, 13, Michael, 10, and Nathan, 4. Her daughter has been accepted to a couple of colleges—Saint Mary's being one of them!

I am well acquainted with being the parent in the college-decision process as our oldest, Melissa, is in the midst of making her decision. By the time you read this, she'll probably be all settled into her dorm room.... somewhere! The boys (and that includes hubby) are all doing well, too, and keeping plenty busy.

From Chris: Megan Martin Galgano and her husband, Jeff, have three children, John 15, Annalisa, 13, and Katie, 11. They have been living in Denver for 10 years. Megan is in charge of the gifted-and-talented program that she designed at the local Catholic school. Both her daughters have attended the Saint Mary's College Fine Arts Camp and have loved it. During the camp, daughter Katie roomed with daughters of **Lori Lohman Camblin** and **Sharon Hegg Costa**. Megan recently visited with **Kim Vanderbilt Meier**, **Karen Lombard** (who lives in Los Angeles), and **Sheila Doyle Tully**.

Diane Cancro has been working as a realtor for over eight years in Birmingham, Mich. Her daughter, Grace, is in kindergarten. She had a sad occasion to see **Karyn Winkel** and **Sue Albertini** over the summer at the funeral of Dan Sullivan ND '87.

Peggy Prosser Brown with husband Dave and three children, Carolyn, 15, Catherine, 8, and Christopher, 4, live in Louisville,

Ky. Dave is the chair of the physics and astronomy department at the University of Louisville. Peggy is a behavior resource teacher for three schools.

Barb Dorini Vlahakis lives in Deerfield Beach, Fla., with her husband of 14 years, Greg, and two children, Donnie 12, and Corena, 9. Barb has been teaching middle-school math in Boca Raton for over 10 years. She gets together regularly with **Gina Hazell Spencer**, also in Florida. Gina has three girls, and her husband, Mike, is a high school football coach. Barb also travels to at least one ND football game every year and spends time with **Chris Fortin Morrow** and her family. She also keeps in touch with **Kelly Tyler**, who is living in Kansas City, Mo., running her own PR/HR business.

Trish Sullivan Maher and husband Tim ND J.D. '90 live in South Bend with their six children: Clare, 15, Maddie 13, Liam, 12, Grace 10, Annie, 7, and Mary Eileen, 2. Trish keeps in touch with **Mary-Theresa Daher Watson**, married to Tony ND '87 with two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, and living in the Pittsburgh area. MT works from home for a dental publication.

Sara Honnigford Lawrence and husband Duane ND '86 have been living in the UK, midway between London and Brighton, for five years. Duane runs a small medical software company in London and they have four sons; Brennan 17, Connor 16, Shea 13, and Kelton, 10, in four different schools in various parts of Sussex. Sara recently discovered that **Jean Crutcher Boyle** is living in Heidelberg. Sara enjoys catching up with Saint Mary's friends on Facebook.

Michele Finger Balcerzak and her family have been living in Colorado for over three years.

After living for a few years in Mexico, she says that it is nice being back in the States. Michele and Ed have six children: Maria 27, Bridgette 19, who is a sophomore nursing major at SMC this year, Patrick, 16, Christian, 15, Ryan, 13, and Evan, 10. After working from home as a writer for the past six years, Michele started working at Barnes and Noble over two years ago just to get out and meet people. Michele went to New York City in March to meet up with other Saint Mary's grads: **Lisa Kelly Goodall '86**, **Marie Regan Hammond '86**, **Teresa Keefe Konrad '86**, **Sara Ferlic Bonn '86**, **Sue McGinnis '86**, and **Patty Fallon Hennessey '86**.

Mary Flynn Boener and husband Joe have two daughters: Kathy, 15, and Ellen, 13. They are living in Florida.

Joe has retired from the Navy and is working as a contractor for the Army. Mary is working for a non-profit that specializes in addiction and mental illness, and enjoys almost every minute of it. She has started work on her PhD.

Chris Fortin Morrow and husband Dave and have been married 20 years and have three daughters: Claire 19, Katie, 17, and Maggie, 15. She is an independent insurance agent, a high school gymnastics judge, and a part-time bartender. She is also involved with Toastmasters, St. Michael's Church, and serves on several volunteer boards.

Chris recently spent time with **Barb Dorini Vlahakis**, **Gloria Eleuteri Ruscitti** who live in Bayville, N.J. Gloria and her husband, Keith have two children: Tommy, 9, and Angelina, 6. Gloria teaches high school children with special needs and coaches track. Keith is a journalist.

Chris also keeps in touch with **Kim Kegowicz**, who is practicing law in Mesa, Ariz., and **Mary Beth Houston Murray**, who lives in Fort Worth, Texas, with husband Phil and their three daughters: Meaghan, 15, Colleen, 13, and Moira, 6.

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Our 20-year reunion was surely a wonderful time for all who were on campus. Those who couldn't make it were missed. Hope to see even more or you in 2012—Yikes!

After a six-year hiatus to be a stay-at-home mom, in May 2008, **Martha Flick Jungenberg** returned to the workforce as a full-time LIRI (Local Industrial Retention Initiative) outreach coordinator for the Back of the (Stock) Yards Neighborhood Council. Back of the Yards is an industrial area in Chicago very close to her home in Bridgeport; and through the program, local business owners pay 1% of their taxes into their area and then they can request that money back in the form of services such as security, landscaping, etc.—whatever they need to keep their business and jobs in the City of Chicago. Martha is enjoying a position that is close to home as well as giving back to her local community. And, she is also working with **Gail Garcia Steffen's** brother, Edwin!

Several classmates have sent their daughters to Saint Mary's summer camps, and one of those is **Robyn Malone Thompson's** daughter Alexis,

14, who loved volleyball camp last summer and plans to attend again this year. Robyn continues to enjoy life in Monroe, Michigan with Chris and their daughters Alexis, Abby, 11, and Alyssa, 8. She has been working in the healthcare industry for the past 17 years and currently works for a biotech firm, Biogen Idec, where she works with multiple sclerosis patients and neurologists in her southeastern Michigan territory.

Julie Wagner Feasel's daughter Brigid will be making her third trip to Saint Mary's Fine Arts Camp this summer. But the Feasel family will have even more reasons to head back to campus now that their oldest daughter Meghan will be part of the Saint Mary's Class of 2013! Congratulations! Julie was happy to attend reunion with her former roommates, **Kelly Glavin Zeh** and **Penny Falaschetti Dolan**, and good friend **Kathleen Gibbons**. Kathleen was Brigid's confirmation sponsor in April.

Beth Rollo Orton shares happy news of her marriage to Michael on Nov. 15, 2008, in Carlsbad, Calif. In attendance were classmates **Katie McShane**, **Corinne Pfender Noyes**, **Katie Scott Kummer**, **Mary Emmerling Brown**, **Tammy Suth Crowe**, and **Cecilie Gehring Lewis**. They had a wonderful weekend, and Beth was surprised with a slide show of her Saint Mary's days during the rehearsal dinner—which included the horror of '80s hair, clothing, and make-up! It all brought a smile and helped everyone relax before the wedding—which was welcomed with a sunny day and rare warm breezes, and a cocktail hour during a beautiful sunset over the ocean. Congratulations, Beth!

A warm welcome to the latest family additions.... On Jan. 23, 2009, **Patti Jacobs Hein** and Kevin brought home their second adopted child, a son! Lucas "Luke" John Patrick Hein was born on Jan. 20, 2009. Big sister Sophie adores him and showers kisses on him at every chance.

Beth Sweeney Rykaczewski and Dave had their first child, Mark David, on Oct. 7, 2008. The family lives in Wexford, Pa., where Beth is a clinical social worker in private practice, and Dave is an environmental engineer. Baby Mark has many Saint Mary's and Notre Dame connections: Beth's parents, **Rosemary Holland Sweeney '59** and **Leo Sweeney, Jr. ND '59**, who live locally, are thrilled with their fourth grandchild; and aunt **Meg Sweeney Nelligan ND '93** and Brendan Nelligan

ND '93, who live in Oak Park, Ill. with their three children, are equally excited with the new addition.

Doug ND '88 and **Karen Krok Hasler** happily announced the arrival of Agnes Claire on Nov. 25, 2008. Mom and baby came home on Thanksgiving to a reception from Becca, 14, Oliver, 8, and Eleanor, 4.

Rozel Gatmaitan Moore and David find themselves back in Dallas/Fort Worth, Tex., where they plan to settle for a while. This summer, David will retire from the Navy after 20 years as a fighter pilot and, unless the perfect job takes them back to Virginia Beach, they'll be making Texas home until their children, Maggie, 6, and Ethan, 4, graduate high school. Rozel is looking forward to getting back to teaching special education this coming school year. Last summer, the Moore family was able to spend a great day with **Mimi Tuohy O'Leary** and her kids, boating, eating, and laughing up at the O'Leary's lake house in Indiana. She also heard from **Rose Pietrzak Carter**, who is living in Savannah, Ga., with her husband, Stewart, and working as the associate director of marketing and communications at Georgia Southern University.

Five years ago, **Katherine Koller Brophy** and John moved from Falls Church, Va., to Colorado Springs, Colo., where John works as a civilian with the Army. The Brophys have six children: Thomas, 14, Mary, 13, Sarah, 10, Margaret, 8, Bridget, 7, and Michael, 5. In her "spare" time Katherine has been working on founding a charter school, and this August, the doors will open on the Thomas MacLaren School, educating children in grades 6-12 with a classically-based curriculum.

Karen Crespy enjoyed a February evening with a lively crowd in northern Virginia when **Adriana Trigiani '81** stopped by on her book tour for her most recent novel, *Very Valentine*. As usual, Adri was gracious, funny, and made everyone feel special.

Theresa Kress Marks is now home schooling her two oldest children, Skylar, 12, and Annabel, 9, with the help of a math and science teacher. The Marks are a musical family, and Skylar has recorded two CDs, both available on iTunes: "Skywriting" and "Running Home." Theresa's husband, Gary, is now represented by a major music promotion company out of Santa Monica, and they have high hopes that some of his songs will find their way into some serious Hollywood films. Theresa continues to write her blog, The Green Mama, work

on some books, and garden her organic veggies.

If you are inclined, check out Facebook. Many of your classmates have accounts and have enjoyed reconnecting, joining Saint Mary's groups, and catching up on life!

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From Amy Smith Wheeler:
Marisa Novak has co-founded a non-profit, non-partisan group called The Society of Conservative Women in Minnesota, with state charters in the works. It is a membership-based organization similar to the Junior League or the League of Women Voters.

Sharon Conley Spellman reports that she and **Megan Lillis Browdy** see each other a fair amount and keep busy with their children and activities. Megan has three boys ages 8, 6, 3; Sharon has boys who are 9 and 7, and girls who are 5 and 3. "We are busy with basketball, flag football, ballet, and of course, school. We both live in St. Louis and recently visited with Katie Jones when she was in St. Louis to see her family." **Stacy Winget Gund** lives on Sharon's street and her children—a girl, 10, and boys 7, 6, and 4 are fun friends to play with. Stacy and her husband recently added a "Notre Dame" décor sport court to their backyard, making them the hit of the neighborhood.

Erin Ryan Savage's family moved to a bigger house in Darien, Ill., in May of '08. "We had outgrown our first house with the birth of baby Maeve Sharon in December '07." Now that

Maeve is older, she tries hard to keep up with Danny, 10, Patrick, 8, Emmett, 6, Molly, 4, and Brendan, 3. The kids attend Our Lady of Peace School in Darien. Erin adds that their new principal, **Mickey Tovey '79**, is a Saint Mary's alumna. As Emmett says, "Our principal is always smiling!"

Diane Florin O'Donnell and her husband, Jim, welcomed Sean Eamonn in September '07 to join his two big brothers, Mickey, 8, and Al, 6. The boys are keeping Diane busy in Louisiana, their home since 2003.

Another busy mom, **Katie Smith**, welcomed Madeleine Dorothy in May '08. "My husband and I keep crossing our fingers that she remains a happy and easy-going child." The baby has already attended her first SMC event: the first-year send-off, held at their home in August '08.

Anne Doyle Miller and husband Chris M.B.A. ND '03 are on the move. Chris has accepted a promotion with Merrill Lynch and is working in Manhattan. The whole family will join him in the spring, moving from Rochester, N.Y. The Miller kids are Claire, 8, Charlie, 6, and Christopher "Max," 2.

Heather Heller Seckinger writes that Ruby Gayle was born in June '05 and that Jetta Marie followed in June '08. Heather is a stay-at-home mom who isn't home very much! She adds that Southern California is definitely the place to raise kids.

On the East Coast, **Tricia Starr Reeder** reports that she, too, is currently staying at home with her three kids: Emily, 5, Jack, 3, and Matt, 22 months. Dave ND '93 and Tricia continue to live in Alexandria, Va.

Suzanne Schaffler Bautch and her husband, Danny ND '92, welcomed Baby Number Four, Reid Daniel, in January. He joins Jackson, 7, Ava, 5, and Austin, 2. The Bautch family resides in Garden City, N.Y.

From the Courier Office: **Amy Schlotterer Sarrazine** writes that she and husband Ron ND '93, welcomed baby Isaac George into their family on Dec. 9, 2008. Big brothers Luke, Johnathan, Joseph, and Benjamin, and big sister Theresa all adore their new baby brother.

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Hello, Class of 1995! Thanks to everyone for the updates. The deadline for the next issue is Aug. 27.

To start, in February 2009, I got to visit with **Christine Graham Gambs**, **Molly O'Brien Adduci**, and **Lara Mattison Bauman**, who was visiting from Harrisburg, Penn. We had dinner out in Naperville, Ill., and had a great time catching up.

Kate Kyle Cameron writes: "It has been a busy few years. I moved with my husband, Jeff, to Cincinnati in 2005 when he received a promotion. I was unable to stay with my company, Pfizer, during the move, but after a year, Jeff was realigned, and we moved back to Indianapolis. I got my job back with Pfizer in May 2006. I still have that job—even after our 60% layoffs a month ago.

We had to say goodbye to our 12-year-old baby, our Siberian Husky, Dakota, in December. We couldn't stand the quiet house and went out and got two new Siberian Husky baby girls from a rescue association. They are beautiful! Skaya is black and white, and Luna is all white. Both have blue eyes and very different personalities. We are having a blast! After three and a half years of traveling for work, Jeff is now home every night. It has been an adjustment—both good and bad, but overall it has been great having him back home. I am getting ready to help coach the track team for our church's grade school. It should be another busy spring."

Nora Coletta McMerrell writes: "My husband, Mark, and I welcomed our third child, Mary Kathleen, on Sept. 8, 2008. She joins Patrick, 4 and Annie, 2. We live in Bay Village, Ohio, where I stay at home with the kids.

In May 2008, **Taylor Markow Hyland** and her husband welcomed a little boy, Patrick Theodore. She writes: "Patrick joins big brother, Peyton, who turned 2 in February 2009. In the past year we've had some fabulous visitors: **Meegan Arazan Burkhart** and her family came for a visit from Chicago last June. I was finally able to meet her beautiful daughter, Charlotte. And **Kim Whitsitt** came for a fun visit in October."

Jen Puhlava writes: "My husband, James Goodstal, and I welcomed our second daughter, Beatrice Diana Goodstal, on Jan. 13, 2009. Big sister Annabel is very excited that her wish for a sister (as opposed to a brother) was granted."

Kara Wegener Jariwala and husband Ravi welcomed a baby boy, Rylan Thomas, to their family on Dec. 25, 2008, in Mountain View, Calif. Big

brother Nalin, 4, is thrilled with his new brother. Kara will return to work at Cisco in mid-summer.

Tina Gruben Nester writes: "As **Chris Singer Kasman** mentioned in her last update, our 6-year-old daughter was diagnosed with leukemia on May 30, 2008—a day we will never forget. We spent the first seven weeks of treatment down in Memphis at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. What an amazing place!

We are so lucky that St. Jude has an affiliate right here in Peoria because Catie has been able to get the majority of her treatment since this summer here. This has been nice—allowing us to be together as a family. Catie is responding well to treatment and is now considered to be in remission. We just have a long road ahead, as treatment lasts for a total of 2 1/2 years.

Anyone can follow her progress if they would like at www.caringbridge.org/visit/catieneester. We ask for prayers for Catie and the many St. Jude children we have met along this journey. We also would like to encourage people to donate blood and platelets whenever possible. Since Catie has started this journey, she has had five blood transfusions and one platelet transfusion, which is nothing compared to some of these kids who need transfusions almost daily. Thank you all who have already been following this journey. Your prayers and support are unbelievable!"

Bridget Bartley McGuire writes: "Hello from Singapore! My husband, Andy ND '95, and I moved to Singapore in June '08 from Peoria, Ill. We are over here with Caterpillar, with Andy working as corporate counsel-Asia/Pacific. We have a 2-year-old, Danny, and we welcomed our second son, Patrick, on Sept. 12, 2008. So far, living over here has been a great experience, although we do miss our family and friends back home!"

On Feb. 6, 2009, **Katie Clancy** and husband Ed Scheer welcomed their first child, John Clancy Scheer. Katie reports that they are adjusting well to their new, growing family.

Melissa Peters Christaldi was married to Joe Christaldi ND '92 on July 7, 2007. She adds, "We were married in the Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. It was a dream of mine since being a student at Saint Mary's to get married in the chapel. From living a few doors down from it my senior year, to going back each summer working at the Fine Arts Camp in July, and being the hall director of Le Mans (2002-2004),

Saint Mary's and the chapel have had a special place in my heart. Our reception was in the Monogram Room at Notre Dame. Saint Mary's friends standing up as bridesmaids included: **Tricia Wallace Moore '94**, **Allison Gagliani Cherry '96**, **Colleen Murray Kartychak '96**, and **Judy Eckelkamp Tobben '78**. Other SMC friends in attendance were: **Ashley Fant '07**, **Marnie Walsh Milakovich '04**, **Colleen Miles '03**, **Katie Phelan Giganti '03**, **Katie Trnka '02**, **Jenny Wejman '99**, **Maggie Rotello Hartford '99**, **Julie Byrdak Jaworski '99**, **Teresa Radostits Sullivan '96**, **Cindy Hamill '96**, **Robin Walsh Bourjaily '96**, **Katie Killian Allen '93**, **Julia Romary Van Meter '92**, and **Lisa Peppers '87**, Dr. Nancy Menk (music department), Michelle Russell (former Director of Residence Life), Dr. Linda Timm (former Vice President of Student Affairs), and JoAn Lootens (LeMans night desk worker) were also in attendance. Fr. Joe Carey celebrated the ceremony." Melissa and Joe took a honeymoon to Hawaii and moved from Chicago to The Woodlands, Texas, in August of 2008—just in time for Hurricane Ike! They are enjoying warm winters, and Melissa is teaching music and giving piano lessons in her home. She is also on the Houston Alumnae Board.

Tara Krull and husband Matt Poteraj welcomed their first child, Emily Alexis Poteraj, on March 9, 2009.

I have some sad news to share; **Allison Murphy Hannah's** husband, EG, was killed in a car accident in December 2008 while on business in Portugal. He and Allison have two children, Miles and Mia, and another baby due in June 2009. Please keep the Hannahs in your prayers.

From the Courier Office: **Mary Horner Thomas** writes: "This past June my husband, Eddie, and I welcomed our second child: Adrienne Elizabeth Thomas. She is the little sister to our son, Christopher Edward, 4. Christopher loves being a big brother and is a big help around the house. We moved back to New Jersey about 18 months ago and are enjoying the seasons, culture, and closeness to family. After graduation, I moved out to Las Vegas, Nev., where I began my career in the casino industry within the finance department. I met my husband while in Vegas and we were married in May of 2002."

'97

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Bonjour à toutes! I hope this finds you doing well. I am writing the afternoon of a surprise winter snowstorm in the Carolinas. Greensboro seems to get quite a bit more snow than Durham. It seems like the perfect day to bake...I think some banana bread may be in our near future.

I hope that 2009 is treating you well. Ignacio and I are doing well and becoming better acquainted with Greensboro every day. Classes at UNCC are good; this semester I am teaching French 101 and 102. Spring break is in a week, which means that I have a lot of grading to do, so I will move right on to news from our classmates. Sit back, relax, and enjoy!

While home over the holidays, I saw **Michele Kuhlmann Nelson** and **April Sass Johnson**. Both are doing well and enjoying motherhood. Michele sent me a note not long ago: "We are doing well. Very busy. I can't say I ever get bored with all these little people around me. Everyone (except Andrew) is enjoying school, dance, art, Brownies, etc., and Andrew enjoys... well... basically everything. He's 8 months old now and crawling. Hard to believe he will walk in about four months, if he's like his sisters."

Also enjoying motherhood is **Angela Cataldo**. Angela and husband Dominic Tocci ND '97 have welcomed their first child. Angie writes: "Jonah Cataldo Tocci was born in June, and Dominic and I are so in love! We just moved back to the Chicago area from Boston after Dom finished up at the Kennedy School of Government. We are house hunting now and think we'll end up in Oak Park—but who knows?!"

Two more new moms are **Marian Kelly Mangoubi** and **Jennifer Ligda Busk**. I've reconnected with both through Facebook, which is where the majority of our updates come from this time around. I heard from Marian about a month ago. She wrote: "I'm back at work. Abigail's doing great. She's growing so fast. She's five months now and starting to eat solids. She's the sweetest little baby and a major daddy's girl. It's fun watching her and Dave interact."

Jen wrote in early October with her news: "Things are well. You may already know, but James and I welcomed twin daughters in May—Madeline Rose and Abigail Claire. They will be

five months next week. I'm working part-time as the executive director of a local Chamber of Commerce. The commute is only seven minutes from home—which is great—and I love having extra time to spend with the girls."

Congratulations to all new moms! Congratulations also to **Corrie Hanrahan**. Corrie married Mike Mieszcak on Dec. 6, 2008, in Naperville, Ill. Corrie writes: "SMC/ND grads in the bridal party: **Amy Young Owens**, **Angie Cataldo** and **Dom Tocci ND '97**, and **Rose Maciejewski Farley**. Guests included **Kimmi Pohlman Meske**, **Tonya Weger**, **Molly Kelsey Clayton '96**, and **Liz Kukoy Lewis**. Special guests at the wedding were Amy's son, Thomas Henry, and Angie and Dom's son, Jonah! It was wonderful sharing our special day with so many close friends from college."

I've enjoyed reconnecting with many of you through Facebook. For those of you who haven't joined yet (or those who don't know about it), know there is a Facebook group for our class. It's called "Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame 1997" and organized by **Nina McDowell Allocco** (thanks, Nina!). There are currently 137 members.

The classmate I've reconnected with most recently has been **Allison Carroll Wallace**, my freshman-year roommate in McCandless. Allison writes: "Eddie and I are living in Rockford, Ill. I am still working at Gift of Hope as an organ donation coordinator, and I love it! I can't imagine doing anything else."

Anna Rafaj Rosenberg and husband Stuart welcomed their third child, Charles Isaiah, on Friday, March 13, 2009. Charles joins siblings Alexis and David Matthew.

Ann Spiess Clark and husband Bradley welcomed Grace Kathryn on Nov. 28, 2008. "I am very excited to have a little girl. She is just precious. She turned four months old yesterday! I continue to stay somewhat involved in the alumnae club, although I must admit my participation has been low due to family obligations. I do like our Mommies & Tots playgroup and love hosting pool parties in the summer with fellow SMC alumnae. Wayne is now 4, and Henry turns 3 at the end of April. We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer in the Clark household."

I am leaving this week for a three-week trip to Ann Arbor, Mich., (where I am from) to be with family. I continue to stay at home with my kids—just dabbling a little in consulting with Creative Memories and Mary Kay. I love

scrapbooking my family, and the kids enjoy seeing pictures of themselves in colorful display.

One final update comes from **Mary Beth Dominello**. Mary Beth writes: "In the 12 years since our graduation, a LOT has happened in my life that I have been meaning to share with the rest of our class. As a non-traditional student who took two classes a semester for ten years before graduating, I realize that most of our classmates don't remember me from the traditional associations in the residence halls or classrooms but might remember me as the administrative assistant in the English, History, and Political Science departments—where I worked for 15 years before transferring to the Alumnae Office. After 25 years at Saint Mary's, I am retiring."

With the birth of Max Leonard Panowicz, son of my daughter, **Maria Dominello Panowicz '92**, and her husband, Tom, my husband, Lenny ND '64, and I now have 11 grandchildren under the age of 9. That said, I think I can safely claim that I have the most grandchildren in our class! We love that all except one of the eleven live within five minutes of us, and we get to see them often. Maria's other children are Emma, Jack, Alex, Cole, and Leah.

Our daughter, **Lisa Dominello Winde '95**, and her husband, Mark, have four boys: Jake, Nate, Zack, and John Luke. Our daughter, **Andrea Dominello Remke '98**, and her husband, Matthew ND '98/06, live in Northern Kentucky with their son, Brayden. Our youngest daughter, **Carla Dominello '99**, loves the big city life and is working at the Patti Gilford Fine Arts Gallery in Chicago.

That's enough for now. I hope all is going well for you. After I retire, I hope to be able to catch up with my personal correspondence, but it might take a few years!"

Thank you for the updates and congratulations on your retirement, Mary Beth! I know you will be missed at Saint Mary's.

And with that, we come to the end of another Class of 1997 *Courier* report. Thanks to all who contributed this time. I enjoyed hearing from you and hope to hear from even more of you next time. For now, take care and have a wonderful summer! All the best and à la prochaine, mes amies!

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From Jenny: Hello, Class of 1999! I hope that everyone is doing well. My big news since the last report is that I ran the Chicago Marathon in October 2008. I love running and have been traveling to run in half marathons as well. **Tricia Malovey** and I traveled to Phoenix to run the PF Chang's Rock and Roll Half Marathon in January.

In September, I got together with **Libby Rector Snipe** when she was in Chicago visiting from Washington, D.C. Libby was in town with her husband, Chris, who was attending a theater conference. In addition to still working at Wolf Trap as a creative director, Libby is the owner of On the Gourmet (www.onthegourmet.com). Her company is a mobile specialty foods market featuring local flavors, epicurean delights, and exclusive imports. A unique gourmet shopping experience!

While Libby was in town, I also reconnected with **Karyn Clark**, who lives in Chicago and works in human resources.

I continue to get together with **Jen Mazurek Miles**. In addition to staying home with her son, Sean, Jen makes nursing covers to sell at a boutique in Northbrook, Ill. You can take a look at these Nursing Covers at the website <http://www.bashfulbaby.blogspot.com/>.

In addition to her attorney life, **Stephanie Villinski** just became a certified yoga instructor. I was lucky enough to attend one of her classes, and it is obvious that Stephanie has found her niche.

Last October, I saw **Mary Liz Tully Lehman** on a walk with her daughter, Madeline Tully Lehman, enjoying a warm Indian summer Saturday. Mary Liz owns a boutique on Southport Avenue called Perchance.

Thanks to all who sent me their updates through Facebook.

Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer welcomed a baby girl, Charlotte Frances Klopfer, on Dec. 28, 2007.

Kelly Fennwald Olszewski and husband David have two children: David and Rachel. The Olszewski family lives in Canton, Mich. After being

with Ford for nine years, Kelly left to stay at home with her kids. She also spends time serving as the president of the Canton Newcomers Club and proofreading her husband's doctoral papers.

Meaghan David Kovacs lives nearby and they get to visit often. They also got to see **Tracey Furjanic Boyle** and her family quite a bit this past year. They are having so fun much watching their kids grow up and play together.

Alison Buysee West and husband Ben had a baby girl, Ellie Peyton West, on June 6, 2008.

Chrissy Bartle Meko and husband Justin ND '99 had a son, Connor Robert, born Oct. 22, 2008.

Madeline Carpinelli wrote with a lot of news. "I am currently living in Minneapolis after years of living in Chicago and a brief, albeit fantastic, 10 months in Denver! I moved to Minneapolis in July of 2008 to begin a Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota in social and administrative pharmacy, which is a program that pulls from several disciplines (e.g. economics, public policy, statistics) to study pharmaceutical pricing, regulations, policies, and behavior. I happened into this field in my first job with the Office of Inspector General for HHS, where I did evaluations of the Department's programs related to drug cost and access to patients.

After my seven years at the OIG and a little more than a year with a consulting firm, I got the offer to come to school as a research fellow under one of the country's top experts in the field, an offer I could not refuse! I spend my days at the U running between class and the office and am really enjoying being back in school."

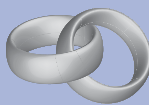
Greta Marie Zandstra married Charles Pofahl on Sept. 6, 2008.

Carolyn Kane writes: "After working in the communications/marketing field for several years, I graduated with my master's in communications in Spring 2008 and now am teaching at Cleveland State University and doing freelance consulting. I live with my husband, Brian ND '00, just east of Cleveland, Ohio."

Heather Cross Fleishauer writes: "I'm still in the Air Force and will pin on Major in the spring. My husband, Ryan, and I are stationed in northern Germany, about an hour from Cologne and two hours from Amsterdam, the Netherlands. We and our three boys living in another country and touring around Europe on weekends and leave. Our newest addition, Zach, was born in April (over here), and he joins

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.



his two brothers, Jake, 4, and Bryce, 2. No girl to pass on the SMC tradition, but maybe they'll marry into it!"

Catherine Griebel Bowman married Scott Bowman in August 2008 in Colorado Springs, Col.

Beth Schafer Coyne married Kevin Coyne on June 21, 2008 at SMC.

Moira Lanigan wrote, "Jarrett and I had our fourth baby, a boy named Brendan Healy Joyce, on Dec. 30, 2008. He has three older siblings: Helen, 4, Micky, 3, and Maggie, almost 2. We are living on the south side of Chicago and still get together with the SMC girls who live in the area."

Christian Robert and Catelyn Elizabeth Brown were born Dec. 1, 2008, to **Mandi Moburg Brown** and husband Kevin ND '97, joining big brother Aidan, 3. They have been living in Aurora, Ill., for eight years. Mandi is a stay-at-home mom. The Brown family is doing well—adjusting to life with twins. Also in December, Kevin joined an ND friend at his three-year-old company, Kymanox, as vice president of information technology. 2009 is also a big year for the Brown family because Mandi and Kevin will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary on May 8.

Mary Louise Musante Weeks welcomed her second child, Luke Thomas, on Feb. 18. She and her husband Mark also have a daughter, Charlotte Louise.

Charmaine Samaraweera Torma writes: "My husband, Mark ND '97, will finish law school here in Minnesota this May, and once he finishes, we will continue to live in Minneapolis. I am a stay-at-home parent to two children, Matthew, 4, and Chiara, 2. In my spare time, I help with our local alumnae club and volunteer for several local organizations. Currently, I am the lead person for fundraising and writing grant proposals for our neighborhood organization. In addition, I am working with the Minneapolis Early Childhood Special Education department to provide resources and support systems for families with children of

special needs, specifically those on the autism spectrum."

Dorothy M. Gentile Huston married Nate Huston ND '99 on July 6, 2002. Bridesmaids and groomsmen included **Melissa Kill Hodges**, **Katie Ryan**, Donny Graham ND '99, and Patrick Arthurs ND '00. They now have two little girls: Hannah Dorothea, 5, and Hayden Marie, 2. Dorothy taught elementary school for five years before taking a break to be with her girls. Nate is a major in the Air Force. They are currently stationed at Langley AFB, Virginia, and live in Williamsburg. Nate is deploying to Iraq, so prayers for him and all deployed service members are appreciated.

Lis Sonneveld is living in St. Louis with her husband and working as a products liability attorney at a large national firm.

From the Courier Office: **Jill Fenstermaker Stowers** writes that she and Scott Stowers welcomed John William Stowers on Oct. 20, 2008. In August, Jill was joined by **Mandy Jones** and **Rene King** at a baby shower and had a great time catching up on SMC news.

Kelley Hart was married to George Rendziperis on Nov. 15 in Austin, Texas. Kelley is a magna cum laude graduate of Michigan State University College of Law. Kelley and George are both attorneys and work as tax consultants for Ernst and Young in Chicago.

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From Molly: **Katie Paccione Icasuriaga** married Jorge Icasuriaga on Oct. 25, 2008, in Red Hook, N.Y. (her

hometown). The couple live and work in Danbury, Conn.

Victoria Butcko Darcy shared an exciting update, "I am currently living in Chicago and working as an O.D. at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. I feel very blessed to be surrounded by so many Belles in Chicago. My biggest news includes my recent nuptials! I married Jacob Darcy on Sept. 20, 2008, at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's. Bridesmaids included **Katie Claussen Bell**, **Page Warstler Steadman**, **Genevieve Yavello**, **Amy Dooms Taylor**, **Maarin Erbacher**, and **Mary Wisniewski Serrahn**. Also in attendance were **Tricia Knauss Sage**, **Megan Shea**, **Christina Scalo**, and **Lynne DeLong Stokke**. Classmates **Megan Jardina Anderson**, **Julie Glud**, and **Sharis Long Cooley '00** all served as greeters and lectors for the Mass. We lucked out with an absolutely beautiful fall day...I don't think it could have been more perfect! Jacob and I plan to settle in Chicago."

In other wedding Belle news, **Page Warstler** married David Steadman in August 2008 in Lake Geneva. Fellow Belles in attendance were **Kate Claussen Bell**, **Victoria Butcko**, **Genevieve Yavello**, **Sharis Long Cooley '00**, and **Kelly Dawson Archambeault**. Page also shared: "I finished grad school in October, passed boards in December, and will be starting my new career as an acute care pediatric nurse practitioner at Children's Memorial here in Chicago soon." Reporting from relocation in the South, **Kathleen Giel Alessi** writes: "Following our wedding (Aug. 2, 2008), Tom and I moved to Arkansas in the fall of 2008. I am working as a third-grade teacher at Reagan Elementary in the Rogers Public School District. Tom is working in the corporate strategy department at Walmart's Home Office. We are enjoying our new state and having great adventures discovering new hobbies!"

In baby Belle news, **Colleen Carey Passolt** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their first son, William John Passolt, on Nov. 15, 2008. They are doing well, and he's a beautiful baby boy!

Jennifer Spagnolo and her husband, Brian Anstiss, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Sarah Melina Anstiss on Jan. 13, 2009.

Katie Keller Schroeder is still living in McKinney, Texas. In May, Katie and her husband, Jeff, welcomed another baby girl, Makenna Keller. Katie stays home with Makenna and her big sister, Madelyn, 3. Congratulations!

Angie Agness Maloblocki and her husband, Patrick ND '01, continue to live in Fort Wayne with their son Andrew, 2, and their newest addition—Caitlin Jean, born Jan 9, 2009. Angie reports, "She's just perfect!"

Missy Bittner Sharpe recently expanded her family. She writes, "My husband, George, and I welcomed our third daughter this fall. Evelyn Rose was born on Sept. 2 and is very loved by her big sisters, Elle and Amelia."

Kate Middlemas Kessler just celebrated her first-year anniversary at Baxter Credit Union in Vernon Hills, Ill. Her boys are 5 and 2, with the older just discovering his first loose tooth! Kate is back in school fulfilling some credits to start a master's in teaching program this fall.

Jen Bradburn writes: "I'm in Chicago now, and I've been with Google for the past seven-odd years since graduation. I just moved over to work on YouTube. I manage our accounts with the large beer and sports drink companies." This past summer, Jen welcomed a Golden Retriever puppy named Belle. Jen invites anyone in Chicago to drop her a line!

From her many travels around the world, **Julie Norman** writes: "Not much news to report from my end ... still working for ESPN as an associate producer in event production. I moved to West Hartford, Conn., about six months ago, so when I'm not traveling all over the country (and world), I'm adjusting to live in the 'burbs after four years in New York City."

Some highlights of my work travels in the past year have been working the NBA Finals, Wimbledon, and the NBA China Games in October (in Guangzhou and Beijing) ... so even though I'm still spending more nights sleeping in hotel rooms than I am in my own bed, I'm enjoying the perks of it all. Hope this finds all of you doing well. If you make it to New England, let me know. I'm only two hours from Boston and two hours from New York City!"

Kara Kezios writes I'm graduating with a JD from Saint Louis University in December and specializing in health law. I am also spearheading the St. Louis Club with **Cindy Traub**.

Colleen Dolphin currently works at Mighty Media, a small graphic design firm in downtown Minneapolis. Mainly, she designs children's books and has written a few (which are available at amazon.com). In addition to work and surviving those Minnesota winters, Colleen also does freelance

design work with her own company: dolphinography."

Molly McVoy is really enjoying her first year of a pediatrics fellowship at Rainbow Babies and Children in Cleveland.

Katie Trnka '02 writes that she is currently living in Chicago and is the assistant director for admission for Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

Thanks to all who shared updates. Please continue to do so. I hope this finds you are well. God bless, Molly Kahn

From Alyson: Hello, 2001 Belles! As always, our class is busy with lots to report. To begin, many classmates have fun education news. Sarah Griffiee wrote, "I am taking prerequisites for nursing school and volunteering at Rush Hospital. I will apply to nursing schools in- and out-of-state this fall."

Beth Teagan added, "I am still teaching in St. Clair Shores, Mich. This year, I switched from teaching first grade to teaching third grade. I also graduated from Wayne State University with a master's in library and information science."

Julie Scheib Martin said, "In December 2008, I graduated from Duquesne University with a master's of science in education. I am now a certified school counselor in grades K-12. I plan to continue teaching high school social studies for now but do plan on eventually utilizing my master's degree by working for a school district as a school counselor."

Brigid Phelan also shared, "I received my master's in education with a concentration on reading and literacy in October 2008 from Marygrove College in Detroit, Mich." Congrats Belles!

Several classmates wrote with general updates. **Lindsay Maizel Castillo** said, "I'm living in Northern Virginia and continue to stay at home full-time with my daughter, Natalie, nearly 2."

Katie McGillis caught us up, "I'm still living and working in Ann Arbor, Mich. I will have been with 102.9 W4 Country Radio for five years this March. I'm still the morning show co-host, along with a host of assorted titles including (but not limited to) assistant program director, webmaster, music director, and dishwasher. I'm back in school at Eastern Michigan University on my way to a BSN with plans for a new career in labor and delivery nursing."

Amanda Burns added, "I recently moved to Irvine, Calif., and I'm still with Bandai America working on the toy lines for the upcoming Power Rangers

RPM and Kamen Rider: Dragon Knight live-action kid TV shows."

Many, many of our classmates are new mommies, so here is all the blessed news: **Emily Koelsch Rebori** wrote, "On Jan. 23, 2009, Todd ND '01 and I welcomed our first child, William Henry. Unfortunately, I do have to go back to work, but I will finish up my year as chief resident at the end of June and have accepted a position with a lovely private practice in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. I will start there in early July—working in the office, continuing to teach medical students, and attending rounds in the hospital where I did my residency training."

Alyson Leddy Clements added, "My husband, Greg, and I welcomed our third child, Tiernan Michael, on Nov. 16, 2008. He joins big sister Abygail, 4, and big brother Aidan, 2. We just recently had him baptized with **Mary Wisniewski Serrahn** and her husband, Sean, as godparents."

Angie Hayes Braucht said, "My husband, Kevin, and I welcomed Caroline Ann Braucht on Nov. 21, 2008. I am still working at State Farm Insurance as a systems business analyst in Bloomington, Ill."

Kate Bowling-Bushey shared, "On Dec. 18, 2008, I gave birth to our first child, Andrew Paden. In March, I will be returning part-time as an attorney for a small real estate firm. My husband, Andrew ND '02, is earning his MD/Oral Surgery degree at Case Western, and we recently purchased our first home in the western suburbs of Cleveland."

Molly Kleinhenz Wicklander checked in, "Ray and I welcomed a baby girl, Silvia Catherine, Sept. 10, 2008."

In more baby news, **Kristen Wolfe Theisen** wrote, "Nick and I welcomed our first baby, Brady Allen, to the world on Sept. 15, 2008. I was recently promoted to chief development officer at the non-profit organization I work for in Bradenton, Fla., and am juggling the career and motherhood pretty well so far, thanks to the fact my mom provides Brady's daycare!"

Liz Stark Pardue added, "On Dec. 17, 2008, my twin sons, Mason Kenneth and Cole William, were born. Even though they were a couple of weeks early, they are completely healthy and growing strong. My oldest son, Brady, has really enjoyed becoming a big brother."

Autumn Palacz Andronis checked in, "Pete and I welcomed our first baby, Ava Autumn, on Dec. 7, 2008. She is just precious and such a good baby. We are truly blessed!"

Machala Keenan Beam added, "We welcomed our second son, Jackson Anthony, on March 20, 2008. Both boys are full of energy, but it is great to see them play and grow together."

Megan Markovich-Kulik wrote, "My husband, Michael, and I had our first child on Feb. 3, 2009: Oliver Markovich Kulik."

Kerry Gallagher Davis and her husband, Willie, welcomed Eva Marie on June 6, 2008. Kerry has decided to take time off from teaching so she can be a stay-at-home mom. Eva was baptized on Aug. 10, 2008 by the same priest who witnessed Kerry and Willie's marriage the year before. Congrats to all the growing families!

More classmates provided exciting updates. **Megan McKeon** wrote, "I've moved into a new condo in downtown Chicago near the Hard Rock Cafe and Rainforest Cafe. I started my MBA and hope to finish in December 2010. Following my two-year tenure as treasurer, I was elected secretary to the Legal Marketing Association's Chicago Chapter Board. I'm also chairing the chapter's biannual Midwest Conference (for the second time) and co-founded and still chair their Young Members Group."

Crissie Renner Traugott added, "I am enjoying life as a work-at-home mom in Maryland; I started my own children's photography business in 2008 and have really enjoyed the balance it provides in my life."

Colleen Borkowski Fontaine checked in, "I'm still in the Boston area. I made it back to Chicago for a weekend in January and had a great time meeting **Colleen Carey Passolt's** little boy, Will, and catching up with **Cathy Schroeder Ward**, **Amanda Shock Johnson**, **Colleen Sullivan**, **Sherry Desautels Prisco**, **Shannon Ross Perrino** (and kiddos Jake and Allison), and **Lori Schulte Smithe** (and little guy Thomas)."

And **Kelly Walsh** shared, "I am still in Chicago. I've been with CNA since graduation and am now working as a workers compensation underwriter. I began the ND Chicago EMBA program in January."

And lastly, I'm doing well in the Pacific Northwest! Being a school counselor keeps me quite busy, but I still find time to enjoy all that the area has to offer. I've started training with my students for a half-marathon in June, and I'm looking forward to spring break in sunny California. Great to hear from you all! Until next time, my best.

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From Meganne: I hope this latest edition of the *Courier* finds everyone in good health and happy spirits. We have quite a few updates for this issue:

Ann Bill Helmers and her husband, Kurt, came to Rome for a few days in late December. Unfortunately, we missed each other, but Ann said that they had a great time! Ann also reports that Kari Larkin was married in October of 2008. 2003 Belles attending included **Gabrielle Campo**, **Nina Sanchez**, **Jaime Rubino**, **Melissa Eck**, and **Leanne Howder Sullivan**.

Rachael Benkert checked in from Chicago with some exciting news: she is officially a massage therapist! She passed her board exam in December and is hoping to secure a job with a chiropractor, as well as start her own business. If any Chicago Belles need a massage, you can contact Rachael.

Maria Conticelli is enjoying life in the Windy City as well. Maria just returned from a trip to Arizona and the Grand Canyon, and was recently accepted into the graduate studies program at Erikson Institute in Chicago, where she will pursue a master's degree in child development. In the meantime, she continues working for AthletiCo.

Erin Moran Crill will be starting her third and final year as a pediatric resident at the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, and she will be the hospital's first-ever chief resident! When she is done with residency, she hopes to join a practice in the Midwest as a general pediatrician.

Becca Stumpf began service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica in early March as part of a master's international program through the University of Montana. She will be working with at-risk youth to create programs in the hope of enriching

their lives. Her goal is to use her master's in photojournalism to create programs to help these youth express themselves. Prior to moving to Costa Rica, Becca lived in Missoula, Mont., for five years, working to create a community arts center, where she also taught summer photography workshops to youth.

Juli Harman writes to us from Hawaii, where she reports that she moved to "the big city" of Honolulu and is currently working on her master's in curriculum studies at the University of Hawaii. She also writes that our former classmate, **Beth Salata Clark '02**, had triplets named Noah, Isabella, and Sawyer!

Katy Best was married to Joe Genzel on Dec. 30, 2008, in Peoria, Ill. In attendance from SMC: **Casey Mahoney '04** and **Lauren Meyer '04** were bridesmaids, and **Erin Hurtle Brandes**, **Leslie Kleczek**, **Mackenzie McGee**, **Colleen Conaty Bowen**, **Sarah Stegmaier**, **Kara Beck**, **Jenne Radtke**, **Molly Kahn '01**, **Liz Davis '02**, and **Mary Lou Broussard '69** were in attendance. **Nellie Williams Gould** was the photographer. **Christina Vestevich** also made the trip to Peoria for the event. Katy writes, "When we honored Our Lady during the Mass, we asked all graduates of Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame to please stand, as our parents graduated from Notre Dame and both schools will always hold a special place in our hearts and for our families. There were plenty of people on their feet, and it was a moment we'll always remember." Katy also reminds us that she will be keeping her last name of "Best!"

Susan Kutz returned from Iraq in May of 2008 and quickly exited active duty. She is now enrolled in a master's program at Texas Tech University in Midland, Texas, studying to be a physician's assistant. Susan writes that she went back to ND for two football games this past fall—great fun, as she hadn't been back in five years! In her free time, Susan is learning to fly planes and enjoys riding her motorcycle in the open air of west Texas.

Corrine Negrelli Carlson was married on Oct. 4, 2008, at the Church of the Resurrection in Solon, Ohio, to Doug Carlson. Corrine writes, "SMC chicks in the wedding party were **Torie Cox** (maid of honor), **Meghan McKeon Doud** (bridesmaid) and **Bridget Myers** (bridesmaid). **Kelly Long Jackson**, **Amy Wall**, and **Johna Indriolo Graziani '00** were also there." Corrine is still working at Abercrombie and Fitch at their corporate offices.

Erin Schultz checks in from Chicago, writing that she has started her own theatre company with some co-workers from her previous job. She writes, "We are called Elephant and Worm Educational Theatre Company. What we do is take stories written by kids and turn them into plays and short movies that will become an on-line web series appearing on our website this summer." Check out Erin's new venture at www.elephantandworm.com

Lauren Hofer is graduating with her doctorate in pharmacy from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy in Alabama. Congratulations, Lauren, on becoming Dr. Hofer!

It truly is a small world after all. At a gamewatch in Winter Park, Fla., last fall, **Bethany Schmidt** and **Shaun Frailey Russell** discovered that they lived in the same town! As Bethany wrote, "You don't run into SMC girls every day in Winter Park!"

Teri Neer and I are still holding down the fort in Rome, Italy. I have completed my fourth year with the Saint Mary's College Rome Program—how quickly time flies!

Please continue to send us your updates in the coming months. Cheers!

From Amanda: I hope all is well! Please continue to send us your updates. I know the Class News section of the *Courier* is often the first section many of us read. The next deadline is Aug. 20, 2009, for the winter issue. You can e-mail any of our home emails. In my own news, my husband, Tim, and I have been preparing to become foster parents for my niece. She should be living with us by summer 2009. As I stay busy and prepare for my growing family, I have just a few updates from classmates this month.

Alisha Keller-Hoag and husband Bryon are the proud parents of a precious baby boy, Braydon David Hoag, born May 28, 2008. Alisha says that "he brings an indescribable amount of love and joy to us each and every day and is truly the light of our lives!" Alisha took a one-year leave of absence from her teaching position with the Bismarck Public Schools and hopes to extend that leave to stay home with her little boy. In other news, Alisha's sister, Kari Keller, will be attending Saint Mary's College as a member of the Class of 2013!

Anne Bernardin Wenderoth and husband, Brad, welcomed their second son, Ian Asher, on Dec. 1, 2008. Big brother, Gavin, 3, loves doting on the new addition. All are doing well.

Kristen Mowry Janiczek and her husband, Randall Janiczek ND '02, joyfully welcomed their first child, Samuel James, on Sept. 18, 2008.

Kristen and her family live in Grand Haven, Mich., but temporarily moved back to Frankfurt, Germany, from January through June to finish the second half of their international work project. Kristen works as a training and development specialist for BDO Seidman in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Leanne Howder Sullivan and her husband, Kevin ND '03, are the proud homeowners of a Chicago condo in Lakeview East. They moved there last September and are very excited!

From Amy: Hello, Class of '03! I hope this edition of *Courier* finds you well and that you are enjoying your time reconnecting with Saint Mary's and your peers as you read the enclosed articles and Class News. Thank you for doing such an amazing job keeping the Alumnae Relations Office and your Class News reporters, Meganne, Amanda and me, informed about your personal and professional news and milestones. For those who have not yet written to us or if we haven't heard from you in a while, please let us know where you are and how you are doing. We would love to hear from you. Now for this edition's updates:

Meghan McGinty Anderson has some good news to share about her oldest child, Luke. She writes, "Luke continues to go through chemotherapy treatment for his Wilms tumor, but his most recent scans show he is cancer free! We are thrilled and

are counting down the days until he is done with his treatment in April." Our prayers are with you, Meghan, Luke, and family!

Meghan's younger son, Drew, celebrates his first birthday on Feb. 28, and life continues to be crazy for Meghan and her husband, Ben ND '03, with two toddlers running around. The Andersons will be moving to the Washington, D.C. area in May because Ben is up for shore duty. He will be working for an admiral at the Navy Annex. Meghan is hoping to find a part-time nurse practitioner position once her family relocates.

Candi McElligott continues to work at Rose Paving Company in Illinois as regional marketing director. She is also keeping busy with her new Boston Terrier puppy, affectionately named Gipper, and planning a 2010 wedding.

In my own news, I was married to Stephen Christopher Smith, a Cincinnati native, in Youngstown, Ohio, on Oct. 25, 2008. It poured the morning of the wedding, but thankfully, the weather later cleared up, and we had a beautiful fall afternoon for the ceremony. We then ate, drank, and danced the evening away to L80s Nite, a well known '80s cover band from the Cleveland area. **Allison Greene '08** was one of my maids of honor, and **Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo** served as a bridesmaid. Other SMC alumnae in attendance included: **Stephanie Redwanski Belschner**, **Tami Kozlowski**, **Beth Didier Krieg**, **Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon**, **Candi**

McElligott, **Deanne Czajkowski McKenna**, **Katie McVoy**, **Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74**, **Molly McVoy '01**, **Karen Schaff**, **Stefanie Popovec Schiavone '02**, **Jayne Reardon Sinchak '82**, **Lauren Dasso Stalter**, **Merideth Pierce Sullivan**, and **Kendall Riedlinger Ymalay**. Stephen and I honeymooned in New England, traveling around Boston and Cape Cod, Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire. It was a wonderful trip, and we are already planning to travel back to some of the areas for our one-year anniversary.

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From Meghan and Kelly:

Greetings, Belles of 2005! Thank you to everyone who submitted information about yourself and others from our class. Here is the latest news from our classmates:

Margaret BonDurant has moved to Chicago and is working for Modern Luxury Media (www.modernluxury.com), which publishes the Chicago Social magazine.

Eva Polizzi is working as a librarian at an elementary school while she finishes her master's degree.

Amanda Wiehe Godwin and David Godwin of Fort Wayne, Ind., were married in September 2008 and honeymooned in Jamaica. David is in the Air Guard and bravely served in Iraq last year. He continues to work for his degree in education while coaching high school football. Amanda continues to be a neonatal intensive care nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Genevieve Tauer Meza has some baby news to share with her SMC friends. On Jan. 4, 2009, she gave birth to a girl named Arianna Elizabeth Meza. Both mom and baby are healthy.

Stephanie Hamer Brown married Adam Brown in South Bend on June 7, 2008. The couple honeymooned in Marco Island, Fla. **Katie Trnka '02** was their violinist for the ceremony, and she played beautifully! Stephanie's bridesmaids/attendants were **Mary Sisti**, **Maria Lucca**, **Kim Turnipseed**, and **Veronica Fritz**. They all made the trip down to Nashville, Tenn. from Chicago and South Bend.

Tabitha Rand has spent the last four months deployed to Qatar with the Air Force. There, she was responsible for getting the C-17 aircraft flying in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. She also pinned on Captain while she was there. Once she comes home, she plans on enjoying her last few months in Charleston, S.C., before heading to another Air Force base sometime in the fall.

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All donations will be deposited in the Saint Mary's College general scholarship endowment.



Mary Pauline Moran and Rory Murphy ND '04 were married on Nov. 15, 2008, in Naples, Fla. Mary Pauline works for Johnson & Johnson in Skillman, N.J., and Rory works for Lockheed Martin in King of Prussia, Pa. The couple lives in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Emily Sterritt Johnson reports that **Becky Bosack Kaufmann** married Adam Kaufmann ND '05 on Nov. 29, 2008, in downtown Chicago. Emily was one of her bridesmaids and other participants (readers) in the ceremony were **Carolyn Gass, Lauren Connolly, Annemarie Kennedy, Deirdre Mangan, Karen Godfrey,** and **Sarah Schwartz '07**. Others who were able to attend and help Becky celebrate included **Molly Welton Boyle** and **Julie Taylor Critser**.

Stefanie Simmerman is going on three years with Corinthian Colleges in Santa Ana, Calif., and now lives in Newport Beach. She loves the fact that she can call her Midwest SMC girls in the middle of winter and rub it in that she's at the beach! Stefanie has been helping out the admission office by attending the Orange County and L.A. college fairs to persuade west coast girls to head to South Bend! She has also been busy meeting up with classmates across the country! Stefanie spent a wild weekend in Chicago and South Bend for last fall's Stanford game with **Molly Halm, Stephanie Haskins, Nicole Bellino '06, Laura Lewinski, Jess Masterson '06,** and **Elizabeth Commers**. Stefanie then traveled to Ohio, where she was able to get together with **Nicole Bellino '06, Natalie Zettler Leisinger, Danielle Clements, Cathy Tindall Mott,** and **Hannah McDiffett '04** in early November for the wedding of **Chrissy Dunham**. Chrissy married Mike Openlander in her hometown of Columbus, Ohio. It was also a mini golf reunion with Coach Mark Hamilton making an appearance. Next up was Austin, where Stefanie met up with **Krista Smallbone '06, Becky Bosack Kaufmann, Annemarie Kennedy,** and **Shannon Burke Kazmerowski** in Austin for the bachelorette party for **Sarah Schwartz '07**.

Michelle Stanforth moved from Hawaii to Tampa, Fla., and now teaches at the Navy ROTC Unit at University of South Florida. Michelle is also working on her master's in math education at USF.

Patricia Mobolade got a job at Chevron Corporation in Houston, Texas, as a marketing partner in September 2008.

Stacey Walerko is currently finishing physical therapy school and will graduate in August with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Stacey reports, "This last part of my schooling is all clinical work. I am currently in Canberra, Australia, for three-and-a-half months working at a sports clinic with a range of professional athletes. It's February 6th, and the temperature is 97 degrees here! I literally will have a year without winter! My last clinic is in Virginia at a pediatric hospital. The two settings are very different, but I'm excited for both. After graduation, I guess it will be time to finally choose where to live for good and get a real job! Hope everyone is doing well!"

Kathleen Miller is working on a Ph.D. in English Studies at Illinois State University.

Barbara Zarnick moved to Chicago in August 2008 and started grad school at Loyola University Chicago for Comparative & International Education. Barbara has a few weddings to report. **Brigid Kelly Reynolds** was married in July 2008 in County Cavan, Ireland, to Barry Reynolds, whom she met while studying abroad during the Ireland program. **Julie Taylor Critser** and Barbara were bridesmaids. **Deirdre Mangan, Katie Nallon, Katie Boyce,** and **Betsy Brown** were all in attendance.

Cassie Gerstner Kaplan received a promotion and is now a business analyst for American Express.

Carolyn Gass is still living in Denver, Colo. and really getting a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather by taking advantage of all the outdoor activities: skiing, rafting, hiking, and camping! Carolyn is getting ready to be an aunt for the first time in June 2009 and is looking forward to having someone to spoil.

Carolyn Batz is still living in Pittsburgh, Pa. She graduated from Duquesne University School of Law with honors last spring and passed the Pennsylvania bar exam this fall. She is now working as a law clerk to a federal trial judge, the **Honorable Nora Barry Fischer '73**, who is also an SMC alumna. Carolyn's youngest sister, Catherine, is a first-year student at SMC and plans to attend the Rome program next year.

On leap day in February 2008, **Corrie Golando** and Benji Milanowski, a Purdue graduate and high school friend, were married in a very small ceremony in Lake Tahoe, Calif., on a cliff overlooking the lake. **Angela**

Saoud was a bridesmaid. **Kate Wallace Bramanti** was also a bridesmaid but was unable to attend since the wedding plans changed very suddenly from June to February. It was a beautiful day complete with snow on the ground but mid 50's temperatures.

CELEBRATING THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

legacy (leg' e-se) n., pl. -cies. Something that is handed down or remains from a previous generation or time.



Kearin Carey Hansen '82, Shannon Hansen '09, and Margaret Kearin Carey '57



Katheleen O'Keefe Weaver '81, Maureen Weaver '09, and David Weaver



Patricia Sheehan Pearl '83 and Lynda Pearl '09

Nancy Doersam Bichimer '55, Jessica Sobczyk '09, and Karen Bichimer Sobczyk '81



Deidre Hayden '09 and Annette Jenkins Hayden '78

Legacies frame the lifetime of experiences at the College. Through traditional events like Sophomore Parents' Weekend, Alumnae-Senior Brunch (where we welcome our graduating seniors into the Alumnae Association), and Reunion, all Saint Mary's alumnae share a common history—a history that is passed down from generation to generation.

But legacy has an additional meaning at Saint Mary's—the heritage of family connections at the College. Legacies have played an important role in the enrollment of the College through the years. Thirty-six percent of our most recent graduating class of 2009 are legacy students with family connections. Thirty-one of these graduates had a mother who attended Saint Mary's.

The Legacy Reception honoring Alumnae Mothers and Grandmothers, and their graduating daughters, is a traditional Commencement weekend event. This year, 18 graduates, along with their mothers and grandmothers and other relatives, mixed and mingled in Stapleton Lounge for a pre-commencement celebration of the Saint Mary's heritage. Moms attending hailed from the classes of 1974 to 1983, with grandmothers representing the classes of 1949, 1951, 1955, and 1957.

According to Kara O'Leary, Director of Alumnae Relations, legacy receptions held during the course of a student's tenure at Saint Mary's, recognize and thank our alumnae. "We welcome alumnae back during the many parents' weekends that occur during the student experience and then we celebrate with them at Commencement."

We extend a warm congratulations to all our 2009 Legacies.

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