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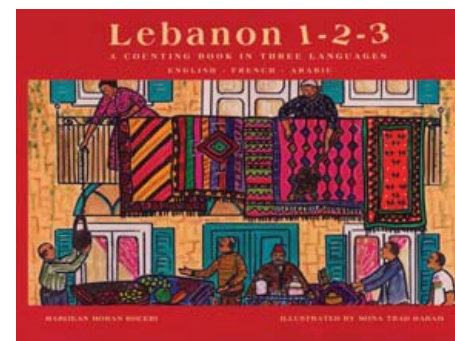
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## Some Musings After One Year at Saint Mary's...

By Vice President and Dean of Faculty Patricia Ann Fleming

*A version of this essay was delivered by the Vice President and Dean of Faculty at the beginning of her second year at Saint Mary's College at College Forum.*

My tenure at Saint Mary's has been one of substantial challenges. Substance, as a concept, fascinates philosophers. Plato dismisses substance as insignificant. Our substantial existence, he tells us, can get in the way of knowing truth. When discussing substance, Aristotle distinguishes between the accidental and the essential and challenges us to be able to identify the difference; John Locke argues that, while he cannot point to substance, substance nevertheless exists, for it is that within which qualities adhere. Jean Paul Sartre effectively challenges our views of substance, not so much as to say there is no substance as to help us to see that what is essential about substance comes into being through existence or living. Essence, so important to Aristotle and then Aquinas, he argues, does not precede existence. Post-modernism and the work of philosophers like Derrida suggest that substance, and the notion of essence or center that accompanies it, is far less significant than its marginal features. We should look to the margins to find realities, as any claimed substantial reality focusing on the center fools us.

I mention this little bit of philosophy about substance so that I might also share with you how one might, after encountering new substantial realities, view or appropriate them. If I were a Platonist, I would dismiss my experiences this last year at Saint Mary's as insignificant, believing instead that I could never really know who and what Saint Mary's is by more experiences or encounters with its faculty, staff, students, and administrators. I should, instead, stay in my office and reflect and meditate on the ideal form or state that Saint Mary's could have been or might have become. Were I to venture out of the office, all I encounter would fall from grace of the idealized view I had struggled to know in a Platonic recollection. If I were Aristotelian, leaving my office and experiencing the realities of Saint Mary's would be of primary importance as knowledge and truth about Saint Mary's comes from encounters and experience; but I would be challenged as well to distinguish the essence of Saint Mary's from its accidental features.

I might be in search of all and only those features, uncovered by my experiences that are unique to Saint Mary's College. I experience this Aristotelian approach often when someone asks me to identify what makes a Saint Mary's woman unique. That is actually an extraordinarily challenge...to define these qualities. John Locke would agree that these qualities exist. Regardless of any ability to see the underlying substance of a Saint Mary's student, or faculty, staff, or administrator, he would still say we can identify their primary qualities. (Locke was, of course, quite influenced by Aristotle.) If I were an existentialist, like Sartre, my approach might be a bit more humble, thinking that over time as I exist here at Saint Mary's I would encounter the real Saint Mary's and even then, (reminded of his famous phrase "We are what we are not and we are not what we are") I should always be careful not to assume I've captured once and for all Saint Mary's essence. And, finally, were I a post-modern, I would look in the



margins to find Saint Mary's. I would not assume that I could or should ever be able to truly know Saint Mary's by searching for its center or its heart; for the significant aspects of Saint Mary's would be found in the places where maybe nobody is looking.

Well, by now you know, if you didn't already, that you have a philosopher for a vice president and dean! So, you might be asking yourself—which of these views of substance does Patricia adopt? (Or, of course, you could be reading this thinking philosophy is pretty strange stuff!)

Let me tell you this. I tend to think that there is truth in all these ideas, although some are more incomplete or partial than others. My challenge is to hold them in a productive tension so that I might be able to understand and experience Saint Mary's both more totally and more innovatively at the same time. My husband, who is a potter, reminds me of the importance of substance since he works with clay. One of the first things he does before throwing a pot is to center the clay. He cannot proceed without this centering process. But as he throws the clay, he opens this center, pushing toward boundaries to form a work of art. That work might exceed what we normally think of as boundaries and move into an unfamiliar shape but the pot, whether it is classic or post-modern, retains integrity through the productive tensions kept intact by artist working with the clay.

This is the same for Saint Mary's. I have seen and experienced Saint Mary's this last year as a Platonist, when I have sat in my office working with ideals for what I hope for this college; I have tried as well to identify its essence and explain this to parents and persons considering Saint Mary's and relatives wanting to know what Saint Mary's is like, knowing full well that describing the beautiful campus is more like speaking of the accidental rather than its essential qualities...and yet the minute I do that, I am reminded that this beautiful campus may indeed be one of the essential reasons why Saint Mary's is what it is; and yet, once I begin talking about its fine faculty, its supportive staff, and its confident and articulate students, I am immediately drawn to the Sartrean moment of knowing that it exceeds all these definitions and may not be what I think it is and may, in fact, be what I think it is not...and so I go looking in the places no one is looking to find possibilities for its future.

Frankly, it's not so easy for me to give you a list of all the things I now know about Saint Mary's after being here for almost two years. That would be a rather flat and probably uninteresting exercise. What I've shared instead is how important I think it is to keep all the things I have learned in productive tension with each other. I am of the belief that, as we move toward the future, it is out of the tension between the past and present, the faculty and administration, the students and their teachers, learning outcomes and mandatory courses, Catholics and non-Catholics, its women and its men, its old buildings and its brand new ones, between its seasoned, senior faculty and its new, freshly-minted pre-tenure faculty, its professional programs and its traditional liberal arts degrees, that out of all these tensions, new possibilities for Saint Mary's College are emerging onto our horizon. (Even at this printing of the *Courier* we are responding productively to another tension, i.e., the financial stress put on our nation due to recent economic events.) I am very proud of the way in which our faculty, their department Chairs, and our academic administrators proactively and creatively meet the challenges presented to us by these productive tensions that we all face.

# THE MARKET VALUE OF A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION



By Scot Erin Briggs

Einstein said a liberal arts college education trains “the mind to think something that cannot be learned from textbooks.” This is a maxim Saint Mary’s alumnae take to heart and put into practice. *Courier* caught up with four alumnae recently—a wordsmith for number crunchers, a policy planner/philanthropist/artist, a world traveler, and a market guru—to ask them about their lives and their careers, to see where their liberal arts backgrounds had taken them.

## KATY KARR '06 WORDSMITH

Katy Karr graduated *summa cum laude* from Saint Mary’s with a double major in humanistic studies and English literature. After taking a literature/philosophy tandem course her first semester, and an introductory humanistic studies course her second semester, Karr was hooked.

“I was instantly addicted to the subject matter and the unique outline of each course of study,” says Karr. “I really wanted to study what I loved and, as I loved both, I could not bring myself to choose between the two.”

Karr now works for Bank of America as a communications assistant. Karr’s addiction to the world of abstract ideas resulted in a very practical skill set, one that made her confident about going toe-to-toe with applicants from left-brain fields. “Literature and humanistic studies helped me to develop a sound set of communications skills,” says Karr. “Writing, presentation, articulation, and critical thinking...I felt very confident that I could successfully portray and promote these skills in any interview and have an edge over candidates with business degrees.”

The diverse interests that motivated Karr’s double major are at play in her career as well. Project management, event planning, speech editing, letter writing, market data and metrics analysis, and research are all part of an average day. “What I like about my job is that I am sort of a jack of all trades. I get my hands on a variety of projects which allows me to discover what interests me and what doesn’t...so there is a lot of room for growth and development on a personal level, which is something that is very important to me.”

To Karr, the future looks bright. Long-term, she says, she wants to maintain a healthy work-life balance. She is confident her liberal arts education will help her navigate both priorities, her family and the always-changing, fluid market. “There are numerous employers out there like mine

seeking well-rounded candidates who can offer that same broad-based perspective,” says Karr.

## ANNE HESSLAU DONDANVILLE '82 POLICY PLANNER, PHILANTHROPIST, ARTIST

One of the hallmarks of a liberal arts education is the ease with which graduates can transition from one career path to another. “I graduated in 1982 when the economy was in a similar cycle that this year’s graduates may encounter,” says Anne Hessler Dondanville. “The summer after graduation I accepted an entry level job at a Japanese bank, worked as an international flight attendant based at O’Hare, and applied to graduate school all in the first year out of Saint Mary’s!”

After graduating with a degree in political science, Dondanville earned her Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield and went on to work as a policy planner for the Illinois Department on Aging. From there, she took a position as the executive director of the Springfield Alzheimer’s Association. For Dondanville, her liberal arts background prepared her to pursue her passions. “I was trained to write, to speak publicly and passionately, and to believe in my abilities and in God’s plan for my life,” says Dondanville.

Dondanville’s passions reached beyond her work week and, ultimately, brought her back to Saint Mary’s. She has been an integral donor and devotee to the College. “My motivation to give to Saint Mary’s was simply one of gratitude,” says Dondanville. “Soon after graduation my father and I were talking about his volunteer involvement with the high school seminary he attended. When he spoke of his gratitude for the dedication of the priests who made that type of education possible, I realized that I felt the same way about those who had preceded me at Saint Mary’s College.”

A six-year member of the Alumnae Board, Dondanville served another six years on the Madeleva Steering Committee, Saint Mary’s premier gift society, which takes a leadership role in fundraising for financial aid and scholarships for Saint Mary’s students. Dondanville also chaired her Reunion Gift Campaign and volunteered during the Sesquicentennial Campaign. These are just a few of the roles to which she’s lent her time, talent, and treasure.

“Twenty-one years ago I attended my first Alumnae Board meeting with an infant son in tow—he is now a sophomore at Notre Dame,” says Dondanville. “Women who shared that Board table with me remain friends and resources to me today. They were ten, twenty, and thirty years older than

me and shared their wisdom—regarding parenting, careers, and spiritual decisions. They were company presidents, attorneys, teachers, musicians, artists—but what we had in common was a desire to assure that Saint Mary’s College was positioned to cherish her heritage and at the same time, positioned to meet the financial challenges that could jeopardize her future.”

Dondanville says she’s seen first-hand the difference financial aid and scholarships have made to Saint Mary’s students. “I have read articles in the *Courier* about the accomplishments of women who were student government commissioners who would address us at Board meetings. My alumnae-endorsed applications have been submitted by young women who are now graduates. I have received notes and calls from students and I am more convinced than ever that a Saint Mary’s College education is an even greater gift in today’s world than it was in mine,” says Dondanville.

Dondanville’s passions and pursuits continue to reach far and wide. She currently runs her own business, creating artisan jewelry including the French Cross necklace, worn by many alumnae, and remains an active member of the Madeleva Society Steering Committee. Dondanville attributes her devotion to the College to the education it provides, an education she believes to be unique. “Students are exposed to the classics, to current political debates, to the arts and sciences in a beautiful, intimate environment where they are safe to explore their intellectual leanings with other young women from all over the world,” says Dondanville. “They are taught and mentored by talented faculty members who are committed to their academic growth and professional preparation. It is an environment of excellence where faculty, administration, staff, and alumnae are committed to their success.”

## LISA COURY '98 WORLD TRAVELER

Lisa Coury found her passion, one that would translate into a career, while studying abroad her sophomore year. Since then, she has co-founded and manages Grazie Italia, a travel agency that coordinates custom travel to Italy.

“The Saint Mary’s Rome Program is the reason I fell in love, not only with Italy, but with travel, in general,” says



Photos, top to bottom: Kathleen Kelly Hartman '94; Lisa Coury '98; Anne Dondanville '82 with her family, Patrick, Tim, Brian ND '12, Dan, Roger, and Adrian; Katy Karr '06

Coury. “It was unbelievable to me how art and history came alive in front of me in the Eternal City... It gave birth to my love for cultural exchange. Through contact with another culture, through the experience of being a foreigner, you learn about others and about yourself. Most importantly, you come to know that similarities far outweigh the differences between people, regardless of nationality or language. And when you understand this lesson, the differences between people become fun!”

Coury graduated *cum laude* with a B.A. in humanistic studies and a minor in Italian. In 2001, she traveled back to Italy to St. John’s University in Rome, where she got her MBA. Then, she returned to Phoenix, her hometown, where she earned a Master’s in International Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management.

According to Coury, humanistic studies prepared her for the world of business. The major, unique to Saint Mary’s, looks through the lenses of many disciplines to understand Western culture. “Humanistic Studies taught me how to study a culture...to understand its current political, social, religious, scientific, and artistic environment, and to understand how all of these elements combine to shape the way people think and act,” Coury explains. “This type of analysis is the identical thought process used in business school and in business in general. To analyze any market, you have to use this type of analysis to know if a product should be introduced, how to introduce it, and then how to market it.”

Now, Coury spends her days helping others see the best of the place she loves. “I prepare custom itineraries for travel throughout Italy. We’ve prepared all types of itineraries, from very simple to very extravagant. I enjoy what I do because it takes the ‘work’ out of my clients’ vacation, thus they are better able to enjoy the richness of the Italian experience.”

For Coury, sharing what she loves is often its own reward. “We love it when our clients come back and we can tell that they ‘get it,’ that they understand the meaning of *la dolce vita* in Italia (the sweet life in Italy). We even had a couple come back once and tell us that we ‘saved their marriage,’ but really it was just Italy. It’s a great gift to share with others!”

Coury credits the broad-based education she received at Saint Mary’s with preparing her for the career she invented for herself. “My liberal arts education, in general, made me a well-rounded person,” says Coury. “It is only my mom and I running Grazie Italia, so our job functions run the gamut! It is equally important for me to know how to do accounting, as it is for me to be able to write effectively and to create marketing campaigns. The key to small business is well-roundedness, I believe.”

## KATHLEEN KELLY HARTMAN ’94

MARKET GURU

“I think my liberal arts education gave me many career options,” says Kathleen Kelly Hartman, manager of investor relations at CME Group (formerly the Chicago Mercantile Exchange).

“To me, the essence of a liberal arts education, no matter what field one studies, is the ability to take in information and synthesize it meaningfully.” That ability to synthesize

information is one that Hartman uses daily. “Investor relations is a field that combines finance, marketing, and communications,” says Hartman. “My company is publicly traded, and in my role I work as part of a team to provide current and potential investors in our stock with information regarding the firm’s historical performance and potential going forward.”

After graduating from Saint Mary’s with a double major in English and philosophy, Hartman taught high school English to inner city girls, which she says she loved. She has also worked as an operations manager and a business analyst. The flexibility with which Hartman has been able to navigate the corporate world, she attributes to the nature of her education. “I think that I developed two key skills at Saint Mary’s that have made it possible for me to work in such a variety of different fields,” says Hartman. “Those skills are communications and analysis. Different jobs I’ve had have emphasized one skill or the other to a greater extent, but I can’t think of any field where those skills aren’t critical. In my current role, I use the two fairly equally.”

Hartman went on to earn an M.B.A. in Finance and Strategy from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in 2007. How does one find their way from English and philosophy to an MBA? “I credit my philosophy studies with developing the analytical side of my brain,” says Hartland. “Once you’ve dissected Kant and Heidegger with Ann [Clark, professor of philosophy], understanding a financial statement seems easy!”

Part of a liberal arts education is learning how to learn, how to educate yourself. This often develops into a love of learning for its own sake. For Hartman, this transferable skill pays dividends. “I like working with people, and it gives me a chance to work with people across a variety of roles throughout my company and with investors and analysts outside my company,” she says. “Also, I am really interested in capital markets and economics. My company is a derivatives exchange, so most of the economic news that you hear about impacts our business and our customers. It is a constant learning experience and I love to learn new things.”

Hartman says the writing that was required of her as an undergraduate has served her well in her numbers-based industry. “It’s more than just an emphasis on writing. It’s teaching an analytical thought process where you are constantly taking in information, distilling it down to the critical parts, and then communicating it in a clear, meaningful way,” says Hartman. “Whether I am putting together a PowerPoint presentation or writing an e-mail, I am constantly reminded of those freshman year W classes: what is your thesis, and why is it true? Once you’d gotten the core ideas together, the focus on polishing the mechanics and style of one’s writing was invaluable.”

Ultimately, a liberal arts education liberates, both within the sphere of work and without. “The ability to see the patterns and interconnections amongst information has been a great asset in all the fields I’ve worked,” says Hartman. “And it goes beyond my career...I love movies and music and books and theater, and being able to apply these skills to my leisure pursuits gives me a great deal of enjoyment in my personal life.”

By Natalie Davis Miller

Professor Frances Hwang placed a bag full of apples in the middle of the classroom in Spes Unica Hall. The assignment: Each of her fiction writing students was to pick out an apple and write about it. Descriptions were varied, flowing, poetic even. Exercises in writing description such as this were just a small part of an engaging fiction writing course.

Alice Chen



Professor Frances Hwang

Students in Frances Hwang’s fiction writing class spent the fall semester crafting characters, setting, dialogue, and scenes into literary fiction that would become the beginning of a novella. Conducted in a workshop setting similar to graduate-level programs, students received positive feedback and constructive criticism from each other as well as from Hwang. As the writing on the novellas progressed, students also read classic and contemporary literature, the only textbooks for the class. The classroom instruction included in-class writing assignments, and student-led class discussions.

Professor Hwang is no stranger to good writing. In addition to a number of awards, honors, and grants, she has had a number of short stories published in literary magazines such as *Tin House*, *Glimmer Train*, the *Madison Review*, and the *Best New American Voices*. She is also the author of a short story collection titled *Transparency* (Back Bay Books-Little, Brown and Company, 2007), and she is presently working on a novella herself. Hwang has been a professor at Saint Mary’s since 2007.

The semester ended with students submitting at least 40 pages of their novellas. Professor Hwang met with *Courier* to talk about how students benefit from trying their hand at fiction and how the experience complements a liberal arts degree.

### How does a liberal arts degree work in the real world? How does it help students prepare for a career?

“I always think of students with a liberal arts degree as being passionate about learning for the sake of learning. They are curious about many things—art, politics, literature, history, science, religion—and their breadth of knowledge allows them to make connections, to grasp and make sense of the world from a larger perspective. Employers, I hope, will always value individuals with this kind of sensibility.”

### What are the benefits of studying and writing fiction?

“Fiction allows us to step outside the confines of our own lives and to identify with the lives of others. We get to meet people from all walks of life with different social and cultural backgrounds, from different time periods and countries. What I love about fiction is how it allows us to take an imaginative leap into other worlds, embark on a journey that allows us to intimately know another person’s life. And then to reflect upon that life, to be moved by what happens to a character; no doubt the best fiction does this, makes us deeply consider the lives of others and develops our capacity for empathy. I’d like to think that reading and writing fiction enriches our imagination and makes us more open, tolerant human beings.”

### As a professor, what are you getting your students ready for?

“When I teach creative writing, what I want most from my students is that they become original, creative thinkers. For

# stepping out

fiction to have any literary merit, I think it has to surprise us and be unfamiliar in some way. That means that as writer you have to reject anything that is ready-made, resist formulas, stereotypes, and clichés. This is harder to do than it sounds. Art values innovative, unconventional thinking. I hope that my class encourages students to become independent thinkers who will not blindly accept what they’ve been told or given, but who will look closer in order to try to understand the truth and complexity of anything, whether it be an idea, a situation, or another human being.”

## michelle catenacci

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**why i write:** “I have found writing to be a great medium to express myself in creative ways. It allows me to get lost in different characters and worlds that I normally would not experience. It also permits me to experience new ways of being and understanding through the words I put on a page.”

### excerpt from *With These Hands*:

*Ignoring the pain, she planted her hands firmly on his chest and pushed him away before he had a chance to realize what she had said. Without ceremony and before he could get another word in, Lilly yanked off the glove on her right hand. With great care, she then removed her wedding ring from her left finger...*



## desiree j. fischer

**major:** English Literature and English Writing

**hometown:** Middlebury, Indiana

**aspirations:** High School English Teacher and Writer

**why i write:** “I write because it is my passion. It is a way for me to express myself to others who



### hopefully enjoy reading what I write.”

### excerpt from *Mud Pies and Glitter Glue*:

*Kurt arrived just in time to help me dig my old blue bike out of the shed. After wading through mountainous boxes of my parents’ things and climbing over various pieces of lawn care equipment, I spotted it. It was still beautiful, if not a little tired looking. It was the bike that my parents had bought me before I went to college. The bike had carried me to the majority of my classes, and when I lived in the city, it had also carried me to and from work.*

## miranda baxter



**major:** Theatre and Philosophy

**hometown:** Mishawaka, Indiana

**aspirations:** "I plan on becoming a professional stage manager; I've set the goal of joining the Actors' Equity Association within five years of graduating from Saint Mary's. I would also like to try writing plays when I've found some kind of security in the future."

**why i write:** "I write as an escape. When I was young, I would read as much as I could and as often as possible to escape from the mundane everyday life we all live. That's not to say that I didn't enjoy life, because I did (and still do), but I enjoy escaping to different worlds, either in the sense of other peoples' lives, or even to fantastical places."

**excerpt** from *Alone No More:*

As concerns for Dogberry consumed his mind, he briefly forgot most of the misfortunes of the evening. He forgot the way Beatrice had turned his heart's pace up about seven notches when she walked in the door. He forgot the way he had so quickly managed to gain and lose her interest in a single hour. He also forgot how the Ginkgo trees that lined the sidewalk suddenly seemed darker and more threatening as soon as she had departed...

## emily cook

**major:** Business Administration and Marketing

**hometown:** Fairfax, Virginia



**aspirations:** Publishing or Marketing

**why i write:** "Writing is more than a creative outlet for me; it's a way to express my words, thoughts, and emotions through a language that is full of literary devices and variable vocabulary. The writing classes I've taken at Saint Mary's have challenged me to try new ways of thinking when it comes to

characterization and encouraged me to embrace the beauty of the present."

**excerpt** from *Full Count:*

Crack.  
As the sound of leather making solid contact with metal broke the silence in Yale Field, Brandon unleashed a blood-curdling scream from the mound. The intended, hard, line-drive by the husky batter ricocheted off the side of Brandon's face. The ball was halted by the fleshy skin between Brandon's temple and ear. Both fell to the ground with a thud.

The audience gasped as the infield stood in position with shock written across their faces. All the players were immobile as if they were standing in hardened cement.

## laura kleinschmidt



**major:** Communications

**hometown:** St. Louis, Missouri

**aspirations:** Writer

**why i write:** "I chose to pursue a writing minor because I have always enjoyed reading and writing."

**excerpt** from *Pressure Point:*

Something was out of place. Something had been moved. Her chair. She didn't usually leave it sticking out like that, she always tucked it underneath her desk. Always. She tucked her chair in and looked around. Her closet? The door seemed to be standing ajar. She never left her door like that. Someone was behind her. "Hi Sam," a voice whispered into her ear. Sam whipped around and saw a face staring right back at her. Before she knew what was going on, her entire body went numb and everything went black.

## megan sotak



**major:** English Literature and Writing

**hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio

**aspirations:** Editor, Professor, or Novelist

**why i write:** "I write because I must; within me is a need to write that cannot be ignored. Writing allows for the preservation of memories, the sharing of ideas and opinions, the exploration of something different, and the birth of new characters and new worlds. That's the short answer."

**excerpt** from *A Masked Man:*

As I walked, I was captivated by the storefronts overflowing with masks of all shapes, sizes, colors, and materials. There were masks with long noses, short noses, and no noses. Masks with full faces in all colors of the spectrum. Masks with feathers and bells, with crystals and ribbons. Papier-mâché masks and others made of metal, though especially delicate-looking. There were even masks of animals—elephants, pigs, giraffes, lions, camels, frogs, hippos, rams, unicorns. I had never seen such enchanting stores, never even imagined them. Some stores sold glass made on Murano Island that came in bizarre shapes, mostly wavy cones with brilliant blues and oranges, branching out from a spherical base. Shelves in windows were decorated with figurines of animals, French cartoon characters Asterix and Obelix, holiday ornaments, and flowers all made of glass. The mask and glass stores made up Venice; one store with material to hide you and one with material to expose you.

## marilynn anater



**major:** English writing and English literature

**hometown:** Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**aspirations:** Ph.D. in English or a J.D.

**why i write:** "For me, writing is a personal experience. Mostly, writing gives me the opportunity to showcase a

single instant of the human experience that I find particularly engaging or deserving of attention, and to encapsulate it permanently in the powerful medium of the written word."

**excerpt** from *Testimony:*

I blindly let her help me down from the witness stand and guide me away from the judge's bench. I close my eyes as we approach the defendant's table, I don't want to feel his eyes on me any longer.

Passing through the gate that separates the court arena from the gallery, I can feel a huge weight lifted off me and notice that my breathing is coming more easily. As we walk down the aisle to leave the courtroom, I see my parents dart back to their seats to grab their coats and belongings before following behind us. Yet all I can think about is how I still just want to get out, want to leave. I want to get out of the stifling room of grand columns, mahogany woodwork, and grated windows, and leave those piercing eyes behind.

## rah sheppard



**major:** English Literature and English Writing

**hometown:** Grosse Pointe, Michigan

**aspirations:** Law or Publishing

**why i write:** "I write to express my thoughts, to free my stress and explore my imagination."

**excerpt** from *A Whirlwind of Snowflakes:*

On the way home from school, Katie gripped the steering wheel hard, letting her fingertips turn purple from the pressure. She watched the road intensely with her body leaning forward. She drove slowly, careful not to slide on the wet snow and lose control. Almost there, Katie repeated in her head, wondering why she decided to drive. The trip home was agonizing. It was her first day driving since his accident. She was in constant fear while in control of the wheel. Katie could hardly breathe until she pulled into the narrow driveway of her small, brick house. She waited before getting out of the car so she could recover from the drive. The light snow covering her house and the colorful Christmas lights her father hung last week were lit around the roof. Katie took three deep breaths, before going inside.

## kelsey knoedler



**major:** English Writing

**hometown:** Mosinee, Wisconsin

**aspirations:** "This week? To work for a wedding magazine. But ask me next week, and I may have a different answer for you."

**why i write:** "...I don't have to think about it...I just put a pen to paper, and words come out. I don't always like what comes out; it's not always very good. But when I summon words, they come."

**excerpt** from *First of May:*

The clown walked nearer to Scarlet; she hid behind the giant wheels of the wagon. He slammed down his bucket and took out a cigar and matchbox from the giant pocket of his denim pants. The clown sat down on the overturned bucket, lit the cigar, breathed it in, and sighed, looking up at the stars. Slowly and softly, between puffs of the vanilla-scented cigar, the clown began to hum a sad tune. Scarlet thought she recognized it from a broken music box she had gotten rid of a few summers ago. And slowly and softly, as Scarlet leaned against the enormous wheel beneath the circus wagon, she began to drift off into a dreamless sleep.

## jamie petersen



**major:** English Literature and English Writing

**hometown:** Austin, Texas

**aspirations:** Publishing, Editor

**why i write:** "I write because it feels natural. I write in hopes that one day, just one person, will be inspired to write."

**excerpt** from *Exploding Grapes:*

Now she had someone else's hot breath on her neck and it was making her think of him. She did not want to react wrong again. Making the first move however was not in her repertoire. She shifted uncomfortably and the hot breath left her neck. Charlotte began to relax muscle by muscle but the weight beside her on the couch did not budge. Connor was still sitting there. Charlotte kept her eyes closed hoping that Connor would think she had fallen asleep and would become uninterested.

"Charlotte, you awake? I just want to talk."

# with Alumnae Authors

By Shannon E. Brewer '03

As a liberal arts college focused on educating proficient writers, Saint Mary's has graduated generations of published authors. From Sister Madeleva Wolff, C.S.C., to Avenue aficionado Kymberly Dunlap '04, our alumnae have made great strides in the literary world. As alumna and author Therese J. Borchard '93 puts it, "In a sense, I think Saint Mary's has prepared every student to be a writer if she chooses to follow that path." Below we feature a small selection of notable alumnae authors, many of whom attribute their literary know-how to a Saint Mary's education.

## Adriana Trigiani '80

Wander through the rows of Cushwa-Leighton Library's fiction section and you'll find the shelves stocked with books by alumna author Adriana Trigiani. Of course, you'll also find her books at any bookstore worth its muster. The bestselling author of the *Big Stone Gap* series, Trigiani has published a novel per year since 2000. She recalls Saint Mary's fondly as the place she was encouraged to hone her craft. "I was lucky to go to Saint Mary's and have the world's best professors guide me as a young writer," says Trigiani. "Max Westler set me on a path of whimsy and joy; Sister Jean Klene—Shakespeare and storytelling; Reg Bain—theater—well, I could go on and on."

This spring Trigiani released her latest novel *Very Valentine* (Harper, 2009), a story about a family of shoemakers in Greenwich Village. "*Very Valentine* is a full expression of the fundamentals I learned and built upon: storytelling, dialogue, arc, and substance," says Trigiani. "All of these, I learned and cultivated at Saint Mary's."

## Sister Madeleva Wolff, C.S.C. 1909

One of our most revered alumnae, Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, C.S.C., was a prolific writer. She published a cadre of literary works throughout her life, including collections of her poetry and theological essays. Sister Madeleva transferred to Saint Mary's as a sophomore from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, finished her sophomore and junior years at Saint Mary's, and then joined the convent, completing her degree as a member of the Holy Cross

Congregation. Sister Madeleva served as president of the College from 1934 to 1961. A contemporary of C.S. Lewis and Thomas Merton, she corresponded regularly with both on theological matters. Sister Madeleva is considered one of the great theological minds—male or female—of her time.

*I passed a wood of beech trees yesterday  
And I am shaken with its beauty yet.  
Why should my breath catch and my eyes be wet  
Because a hundred trees some yards away  
Know simply how to dress in simple gray,  
Are poised beyond the need of epithet,  
And beautiful past power to forget?*  
—Excerpt from "Beech Trees"  
by Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC

## Marijean Boueri '82

Marijean Boueri studied English literature at Saint Mary's. She now writes for children. She has published two children's books, *Lebanon 1-2-3* (Publishing Works, Inc., 2005) and *Lebanon A-Z: A Middle Eastern Mosaic* (Publishing Works, Inc., 2006), co-written with Jill Boutros and Joanne Sayad. The books reflect her international lifestyle and interest in sharing Lebanon's rich cultural heritage with children across the globe. Boueri has lived in Beirut, Lebanon, with her husband and children since 1997.



*Lebanon 1-2-3* is subtitled "A Counting Book in Three Languages: English, French, Arabic." Boueri's words, framed in colorful detail on the right-hand pages, appear in poetic couplets, which are then translated in French and Arabic beneath. The book is beautifully illustrated by Mona Trad Dabaji whose paintings depict a family's cozy home life in Lebanon.

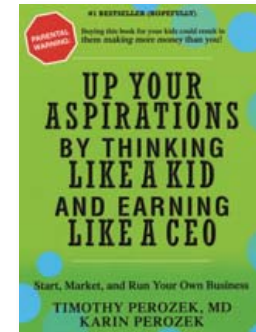
## Therese J. Borchard '93

Author and blogger Therese J. Borchard dealt with life's big questions as a religious studies major. "Saint Mary's prepared me about as well as any small liberal college could, because I learned to become an analytical thinker," she says. This became an important skill for Borchard as she began to write after graduation. She has published books that explore the history and theology of Catholicism, compilations including *The Imperfect Mom: Candid Confessions of Mothers Living in the Real World* (Broadway, 2006), and various articles and essays.

After giving birth to her daughter, Borchard experienced what she considers a nervous breakdown. While recovering, she wrestled, once again, with the important issues of faith and now mental health. The breakdown changed her life, including her creative life. "I wanted to combine my faith perspective with mental-health information that would help others who suffer from mood disorders," explains Borchard. She does this every day through her blog "Beyond Blue" on Beliefnet.com. Her memoir, *Beyond Blue: Surviving Depression and Anxiety and Making the Most of Bad Genes* (Center Street, 2009) will be released in May.

## Karin Gurtzweiler Perozek '94

Alumna author Karin Gurtzweiler Perozek recently published a book for teens with her husband Timothy Perozek (ND '93) called *Up Your Aspirations by Thinking Like a Kid and Earning Like a CEO* (iUniverse, 2007). It's a timely publication for those concerned with the current economic crisis. But the book addresses teens, not adults.



Perozek says the idea for the book, advice for teens looking to make and save money, formed from her and her husband's life experiences. As teenagers, the pair earned money for college by doing odd jobs, from mowing lawns to teaching private art lessons. Recently they compiled all of the ideas and wrote the book in what Perozek calls, "a very fun, tongue-in-cheek, somewhat irreverent, straight-forward manner for teens. It's a humorously written book that teaches kids how to make money and have fun while doing so."

Perozek, who graduated from Saint Mary's with a degree in fine art, says her experience at the College prepared her to write the book and pursue any other goal she wished. "Attending Saint Mary's gave me the courage to be open to whatever life brought my way,"

Perozek says. "My education gave me the confidence to continue to always grow, change, evolve, and explore the person I am meant to become."

## Kathryn Christenson Janiszewski '64

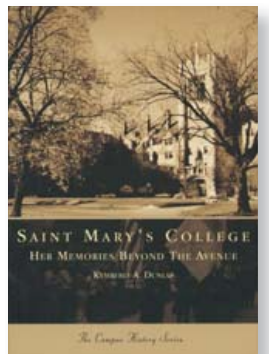
"Write about something you know well, are passionate about, and know that you will revise again and again." That sound writing advice comes from Kathryn Christenson Janiszewski. And she should know. This alumna author graduated from Saint Mary's with a degree in elementary education, then went on to obtain her master's degree in education with an emphasis on reading for adults from Loyola College in Baltimore. Her career has involved teaching writing to elementary school students, which, she says, helped build her own writing skills.

Recently Janiszewski published a book she has been working on sporadically for thirteen years. *Only One Returned* tells the story of her father's harrowing return from a flight-bombing mission over Germany during World War II. "I often told the story of my father's escape and by the time I would finish, those listening were often in tears," says Janiszewski. "They would say to me, 'You should write that story.'" Janiszewski heeded their advice. "I think I can offer an example for those who like to write, have the time, and want to preserve stories for their families."

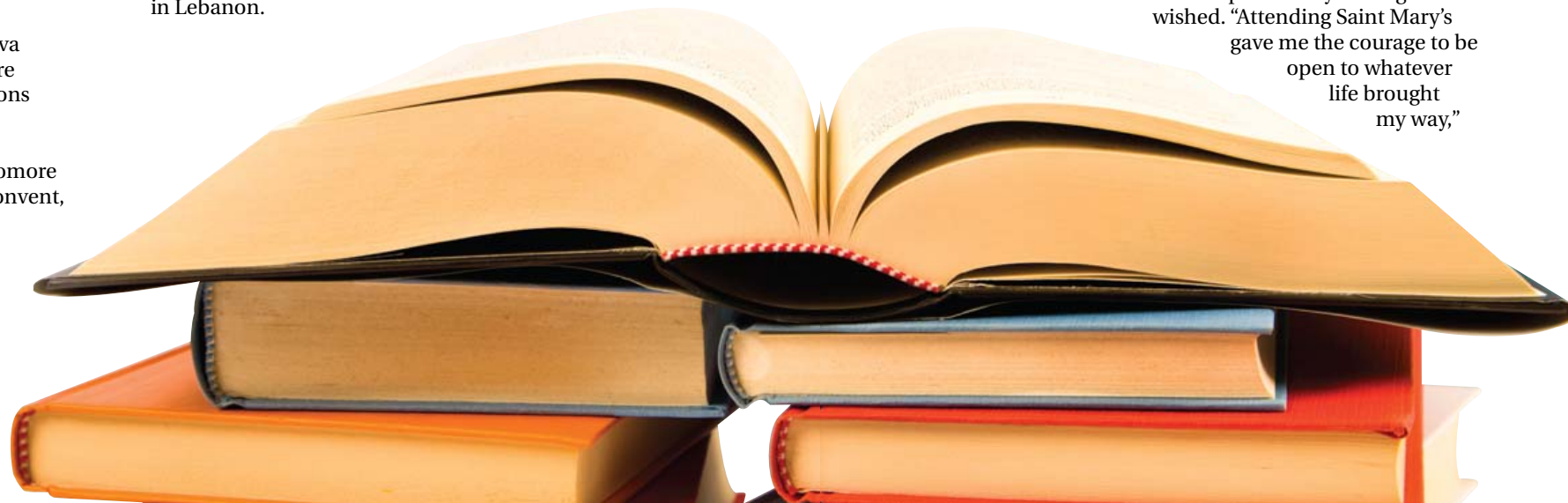
## Kymberly Dunlap '04

Kymberly Dunlap corresponded with hundreds of Saint Mary's alumnae while compiling her book *Saint Mary's College: Her Memories Beyond the Avenue*. The alumna graduated from the College with a B.B.A. in business administration. On a return visit to campus the October after her graduation, Dunlap spoke with fellow alumnae of other generations. She realized the importance of preserving their stories. "It occurred to me that these intriguing stories would be lost forever if they were not documented by the women who experienced them," she explains.

Dunlap set about gathering alumnae memories, largely via e-mail. "I quickly learned that our alumnae are so giving of themselves, whether it's making a new lifetime friend or achieving a childhood dream," she says. In writing the book, Dunlap fulfilled a dream of her own. "Writing a book has been a childhood dream of mine that was forgotten until that first weekend in October 2004, and my love of Saint Mary's rekindled that memory," Dunlap reflects. "The one thing that stands out the most for me is that the Saint Mary's community is a transformational leader that teaches each student that she can be anyone and achieve more than ever thought possible."



**Did we miss an author? While we could not feature every alumna author in this story, the library can. If you know of an alumna who has published a book, please contact the director of the Cushwa-Leighton Library, Janet Fore, at [jfore@saintmarys.edu](mailto:jfore@saintmarys.edu) or (574) 284-5281.**



## LISA MAXBAUER PRICE '99

# has something to

Anticipating their upcoming graduations, *Courier* interns Kristen Edelen '09 and Jessica Huang '09 caught up with alumna Lisa Maxbauer Price '99 to ask her about life after college. Lisa talked about her journey into the world of magazine publishing and offered advice to the interns on how to achieve career success doing what you love.

### Lisa Maxbauer Price '99

Major: Humanistic Studies  
Hometown: Traverse City, Mich.  
Current City: Boston, Mass.

Employment: Best-selling women's magazine, *First*, a national leader in newsstand sales with a readership of 4.5 million.

Position: Before becoming a freelance writer, Lisa was promoted four times in four years and reached the position of Deputy Features Editor.

### Kristen Edelen '09

Major: English writing and communication studies  
Hometown: Louisville, Ky.

### Jessica Huang '09

Major: English writing  
Hometown: Naples, Fla.

### Kristen: How did your Saint Mary's education prepare you for your career?

Lisa: I had these wonderful female professors and friends at Saint Mary's, which made for a smooth transition into a similar environment in women's publishing. The W [Advanced Writing Requirement] distinction each student earns really helps. It was very important that I was pushed to cultivate my writing through earning that "W," because those skills can't be overlooked once you get into the real world.

Saint Mary's is wonderful because it puts this big stress on the liberal arts and doing what you love. My career advice is to figure out what you love and find a way to make money doing it.

Also, I think working at *The Observer* was one of those turning points that set me up nicely for my career.

### Kristen: Were there professors at Saint Mary's that encouraged your interest in writing?

Lisa: Dr. Max Westler is a poetry professor, who was very encouraging of my talents and told me one day, "if you ever stop writing, it would be a real shame."

### Jessica: What's your best advice for seniors on the job hunt?

Lisa: My best advice is to utilize all the incredible resources of the alumnae. There are alumnae in every city in the country practically, and if they don't have the job you

want they might know someone who does.

Since the job market is going to be tough, those connections are really going to be valuable. As soon as I graduated from Saint Mary's, I had 18,000 living alumnae.

### Jessica: What would you say is your most memorable Saint Mary's moment?

Lisa: When world famous feminist artist Judy Chicago came to campus, I was so thrilled to hand her a copy of the article I had written about her in *The Observer*. I later heard from my art history professor that the last thing Chicago said when she left for the airport was that she thought the coverage Saint Mary's gave her in the paper was the best she'd ever seen during any campus she had ever visited.

### Kristen: How was the adjustment from college to your first job at *Physician's Weekly*?

Lisa: ...I moved to New York City the Saturday after graduation. I had \$1,600 and no job. It's kind of dramatic, but sometimes, you just have to move to the city, pound the pavement, and be there to go on interviews.

*Physician's Weekly* ended up being a dream job and a wonderful training ground. I was writing cover stories after my first three months. I made contacts and worked big press conferences. The job taught me how the publishing world worked in New York City.



# write home about



Left to right: Jessica Huang '09, Lisa Maxbauer Price '99, Kristen Edelen '09

It is hard paying your bills that first year on an entry-level. Manhattan is an expensive place, but it seemed doable and like it was this wonderful adventure. Every year you make more money, so it gets easier.

#### **Kristen: Why is magazine publishing so appealing to you?**

Lisa: I love that it's really tangible. I love that people buy magazines because they want to read them the second they get home. It feels real to me, that something I write exists for awhile in the world.

Depending on what life phase you're in, there's always a magazine that is kind of like your companion. Now that I'm a mother, the magazines I really want to read are parenting magazines.

#### **Jessica: How are you balancing motherhood and work?**

Lisa: When I told *First* that my family was relocating to Boston, they were so wonderful. They said essentially, "We'd like to keep you on—full-time, full-salary, you'll just work from home." I have a 2½-year-old son and I really wanted to be around more. This is the second time in my career that I've been a full-time freelancer. Being self-employed means I have a lot more flexibility.

#### **Jessica: What are some of the coolest things you've done as a magazine writer?**

Lisa: I did a 2008 cover story on actress Kristen Chenoweth from *Pushing Daisies* and *Wicked*. That was one of my first big celebrity interviews. Also, I interviewed Kelly Ripa at a press event and then, she was later featured with *First*. While at *First*, I had the opportunity to interview the cast of "Scrubs," "How I Met Your Mother," and "Entourage."

Last year I worked the pressroom for the Dove Awards. It was in Nashville's famous Grand Old Opry, and I interviewed some really great country music stars. It's cool because even if these interviews never become stories, you still have that experience.

#### **Kristen: What memory stands out for you from the time you spent in New York?**

Lisa: Hitting tennis with Billie Jean King at a press event during the U.S. Open. I had this moment of thinking, "Wow, being a journalist really opens doors. You get to do some amazing things." I was from a small town in Northern Michigan and I was working on these amazing stories in New York City, and the one road that connected those two destinations was Saint Mary's.

# Best of Both Worlds

By Natalie Davis Miller

A liberal arts degree may not seem like the first step on the path to becoming a scientist. For Dr. Mary Anne Luzar '72 however, her liberal arts foundation led to a successful career in the sciences and an opportunity to make a difference in the world.

Luzar returned to campus this past October to present a four-day, non-credit mini course, titled *Human Clinical Trial Research in the 21st Century: The Complex World of International Drug Development*. Luzar is the chief of the Regulatory Affairs Branch, Division of AIDS, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health. She currently works on AIDS research for the Department of Health and Human Services, and has traveled to over 20 countries for work-related projects. Her work has appeared in numerous journals, including her clinical findings from her dissertation, which were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. She is fluent in both French and Spanish, and defended her dissertation in French, becoming the first American to receive the Ph.D. *summa cum laude* in microbiology from the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. Prior to that she obtained a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee. Luzar was then recruited by Baxter Corporation to work in their European Research Center in Belgium, where they funded her Ph.D. studies. Needless to say, she has received a myriad of professional honors. And she got her start right here at Saint Mary's College.

Luzar double-majored in humanistic studies and French literature at Saint Mary's. As a first-year student, Luzar heard Dr. Bruno Schlesinger speak on the humanistic studies program. "He was mesmerizing," says Luzar. "He spoke eloquently about the role of history, religion, art, and philosophy in our western culture—but more importantly, he wove them together into a 'cultural basket' and made me understand that this program could give me the foundation on which to build anything I wanted in my life. And so I decided that night to major in humanistic studies..."

Luzar spent her sophomore year studying in Angers, France, living with a French family. "My French family with eleven children spent hours teaching me French—at dinner there was a French dictionary between the father and me at the table and there was no hesitation in using it," describes Luzar. "Learning about the French language, people, and culture sparked my interest in travel and work abroad." She traveled throughout Europe, visited her father's relatives in Slovenia, and in the summer, she worked with a French architect and other college students restoring a chateau in Southern France. "In hindsight, I see it was a significant



Mary Anne Luzar '72 works and lives in the Washington, D.C. area with her husband, the Honorable William J. Tattersall, and their 13-year-old daughter, Mary Isabelle.

experience that shaped my life. Angers was the leg of three segments of my life spent abroad and it helped me adjust to all of them."

In addition to her study-abroad experience, Luzar appreciates the relationships she's had with her Saint Mary's professors. "Having been a teaching assistant in graduate school myself, I realize how special it is to have faculty of such high caliber at Saint Mary's teaching undergraduate students," explains Luzar. "Because I learned to trust my intellect at Saint Mary's, I was ready to take on academic challenges in graduate school."

Today, Luzar is responsible for ensuring that the 400 human clinical trials in 45 countries sponsored by the U.S. government, here and internationally, meet pertinent U.S. laws and regulations. The four-day mini course gave Luzar the opportunity to share current information on clinical trials for testing new drugs and vaccines for the prevention and treatment of HIV.

"Because Saint Mary's has a student body interested in making a difference in their world, and because this world is increasingly international in scope, I believe this course... will be of interest to them and will provide an additional tool for them to help realize their goals."

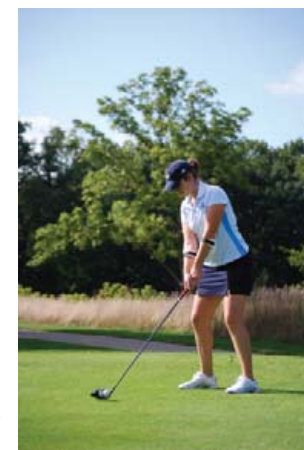
Luzar embodies how a liberal arts foundation works hand in hand with the discipline of science. "I always tell people that humanistic studies taught me to see the connections between complex issues that do not appear on the surface to be related. The Saint Mary's liberal arts education I received with humanistic studies has been invaluable to me as a scientist."

## Fall Sports Round-Up

The fall of 2008 saw four of the College's varsity athletic teams take their respective rings of competition.

Junior nursing major Megan McClowry had a break-out season for the cross country team as she finished first for the Belles at each race this fall. McClowry finished 13th at the MIAA Championships to earn All-MIAA Second Team honors for the first time in her career. She became just the fourth harrier for Saint Mary's to earn All-MIAA honors. As a team, Saint Mary's finished the MIAA season in fourth place for the second consecutive year. No other Belles' cross country team has finished higher in the MIAA.

Also posting a break-out season was sophomore golfer and business major Rosie O'Connor. O'Connor finished the fall season with 403 strokes in league competition to average 80.6, edging out her nearest competition by a single stroke, to become the fifth Belle in the past six years and the youngest Saint Mary's golfer to earn MIAA Season Medalist honors. By finishing second overall as a team in the fall season, Saint Mary's will host one of the three 18-hole rounds of MIAA play in the spring that will determine the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament.



Rosie O'Connor became the fifth Belle in the past six years to earn MIAA Season Medalist honors.

Under the guidance of first year head coach Ryan Crabbe, the Saint Mary's soccer team featured an all-conference athlete for the eighth consecutive season. Senior forward Lauren Hinton earned All-MIAA Second Team honors for the third time in her career after leading the Belles in goals and points last season.



Cathy Kurczak (left) and Lorna Slupczynski both earned All-MIAA honors at the end of the season.

Cathy Kurczak both earned All-MIAA Second Team honors at the conclusion of the season.

Through the fall athletic season, Saint Mary's was in third place in the MIAA's Women's All-Sport standings, which are based on each school's season finish in the conference. Saint Mary's had their highest ever finish in the standings last year in fourth place.

The 2008 volleyball team had one of the most successful seasons in recent history with 18 wins in the fall. Junior outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski recorded her 1,000th career dig and kill in the same match, which also happened to be the team's 18th win of the season. She and senior

### Basketball



Senior Erin Newsom broke the school record for career rebounds, scored her 1,000th career point, and was named First Team All-MIAA this season.

This year's Saint Mary's basketball team had the most successful season in program history. The Belles won a school record 17 wins and finished second in the MIAA, which was the highest finish ever by a Belles basketball team. The team hosted and won the first two rounds of the season-ending MIAA tournament and made their first trip to the conference tournament championship game. Senior forward Erin Newsom has been leading the way for the Belles much of this season. Newsom has broken the school record for career rebounds, surpassing the old mark of



The Belles celebrate the closing seconds of a historic 91-84 win over #1 Hope.

683 set by Julie McGill '98, while also becoming just the eighth player in school history to score more than 1,000 career points.

### Swimming and Diving

Some young talent has emerged this season for the swimming and diving team. Eva Cavadini and Barbara Beidler, first-year swimmers, have already found themselves among the All-Time Top Five finishers in their respective events, and Audrey Dalrymple, has broken six school records. Dalrymple has come out of the starting blocks to be one of the best breaststrokers in school history as she has set four separate school records this season. She also



Audrey Dalrymple became the second Belle to earn the right to compete at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.

became the second swimmer in College history to qualify for and participate in the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships. The Belles finished the season in fifth place at the season-ending MIAA Championships hosted by Saint Mary's from February 19-21 at Rolfs Aquatic Center at the University of Notre Dame.

# Invite More Creativity Into Your Life



## An Interview with Art Professor Krista Hoefle

By Shannon E. Brewer '03

As an art professor and one of the many creative minds on campus, Krista Hoefle knows a thing or two about the pursuit of creative passions. As a college student, she started out as a history major—"I love history," she says—but as she sculpted away her spare time in the art studio at her alma mater, Hoefle decided to make a major change. Strapped with her creativity and curiosity, Hoefle established herself as a furniture design student at Savannah College of Art and Design, went on to earn her M.F.A. from Pennsylvania State University, and eventually landed at Saint Mary's.

In addition to running the Moreau Art Galleries on campus, Hoefle teaches courses in sculpture, design, and special topics in new media, video, and theory/criticism. Her installations, animations, works on paper, and videos have appeared in national and international venues. Below, Hoefle shares her advice on how people can cultivate creativity in their own lives.

### What's your advice for people who say, "I'm not creative"?

Start with a technique or process you've always wanted to try and go with that. Just dive in and try to find as many resources and as much information on the topic as you can. If you've always wanted to try knitting, for example, buy a book, join a knitting group, watch "Knitty Gritty" on the DIY Network, or go to a yarn and fabric store. Find a podcast about what interests you. Just Google-ing "knitting" on the Web will give you a plethora of information and resources. The more you engage the more you'll get out of the experience.

### Where can we go for inspiration?

Getting back in the classroom is a terrific way to gain a new perspective on what you're doing. If you can't take a class, go to your local bookstore and check out their

do-it-yourself section for a wealth of books and magazines related to techniques and processes. I love learning about how others work or how they cultivate their ideas. It gives me great ideas in return!

### How do we connect with fellow creatives?

Artists lectures are a great way to gain new insight. Going to art openings is another way you can meet artists and tap into what, how, and why they do what they do. I love learning new techniques that way.

## 5 Ways to incorporate creativity into your daily routine

**Explore.** Take a different route to work, or a different mode of transportation. If you usually drive, try walking or taking the bus. New scenery often inspires new ideas.

**Shake up your routine.** Perform your daily tasks in a different order. This will retrain your brain to think in new ways.

**Get Close to Nature.** Take a walk in the woods or spend time in your garden. Poets and other writers and creatives often draw inspiration from the natural world.

**Pray or Meditate.** Just five minutes spent alone in a quiet space can reconnect you with your creative side.

**Take note.** Carry a small notebook and pen around with you. When you see or hear something out of the ordinary—a funny joke, an interesting magazine ad, a new song on the radio—write it down. Use the things going on around you as fodder for a creative act later.

## Saint Mary's Attacked by 50-Foot Woman

Saint Mary's got to peek into Professor Krista Hoefle's wacky laboratory of anatomical abstraction, which was part of the Department of Art Faculty Exhibition this semester. Hoefle's new installation entitled, "My Tomorrowland is an Empty Space," filled the Hammes Gallery with scientific imagery that took the forms of sculpture, printmaking, photography, video, and design.

"I would say I'm a sculptor," Hoefle says, but both the media she uses and what she depicts may not be what comes to mind when you think of sculpture. "I love working in video and building my own computer programming, prototyping circuits, neat electronics type of stuff."

Hoefle's electronics are arresting in sight and sound. A vintage polygraph machine sits, tentacles and knobs unmoving, up against a corner wall. "There is something so seductive about pulling levers and pushing buttons," Hoefle explains. The polygraph machine is coupled with three large-dialed television sets, each of them displaying Hoefle's digital and analog video designs. And the audiovisual they emit are out of this world, so to speak. Churning gears, images of a head replacement surgery, and flickering light beams are brought to life through Hoefle's sound artistry in ominous frequencies, pulsating throbs, and shimmering digital tones.

Hoefle explains in her artistic statement that, "in addition to traditional methods of art-making, I use digital tools that are adaptable through programming, and have the potential to create interactive experiences with the viewer."

Hoefle's interest in cyborg feminism and science fiction led her to utilize sounds and images that are reminiscent of old monster and mad scientist movies, which add to the theme of the cyborg experience. In particular, on one television set, Hoefle remixes the audio and visual of the 1958 film *Attack of the 50 Foot Woman*.

The body parts you find inside the space, which Hoefle thinks of almost like a body, belong to the 50-foot woman. Upon entering the installation, one of the first things you see

is a pair of working lungs, hanging from the ceiling, breathing eerily. They are three times the size of actual human lungs and are made of hot-ironed biohazard bags, which are inflated and deflated by a prototyped circuit. A paper-mâché heart, also three times the size of a human's, hangs from the ceiling as well, and a pair of elongated femur bones made of polyurethane are mounted on the opposite wall.

"Each component acts as a type of prosthesis; a series of artificial replacements that creates an eccentric landscape of the body," Hoefle says, "I work in a semi-abstract sort of way," and explains that in order to develop these casts she used medical lungs, heart, and bone models, but made them her own with various materials, prints, and dimensions.

"As a whole, this system is intended to establish a sense of discovery for the viewer; interactive surprises in small corners, unexpected treasures up-close, playful intrusions

overhead." With this installation, Hoefle's lively vision of scientific imaging and medical visualization is brought to life and made a memorable experience for gallery viewers.

Assistant Professor of Art Kelly Harrington said the faculty exhibit showcased "the diversity of not only media utilized and art forms created within the department, but also the various themes and research topics that each faculty member is currently engaged in." She noted the importance of students having the opportunity to see their professors' work. As students

become more familiar with their professors' various research areas, she says, it encourages them to explore and develop interests of their own.

The Department of Art Faculty Exhibition showcased work from six other professors. Bill Sandusky, Julie Tourillotte, Sandra Ginter, Sheilah Wilson, Kelly Harrington, and Marcia Rickard were all featured artists along with Hoefle.

—Kristen Edelen '09, *Courier intern*



Professor Krista Hoefle's artwork is on display in the Hammes Gallery, part of the faculty exhibition this spring.

## Witnesses to a New Era



Anna Frantz '11 with friends at President Barack Obama's Inauguration. Left to right: Anna Frantz, Johnathan Richardson (Indiana University), Renee Gonzalez '09, Tara Brennan (Quinnipiac College), Leila El-Kara (UCLA)

Cold weather didn't keep Saint Mary's students from venturing to Washington, D.C. on January 20th to witness the swearing in of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States. "Words cannot begin to describe what it was like to be able to stand in the National Mall as President Obama was being sworn into office," says junior Aimee Cunniff of Park City, Utah. Cunniff is a business major who says she knew she was going to attend the Inauguration since November 4, the night Obama won the election. "After seeing Obama win that night, I decided I wanted to be a part of the

history and excitement," says Cunniff.

Social work major Anna Frantz '11 was not only present at the Inauguration, but she also attended the "We Are One" concert the Sunday before, as well as a ball afterward held by the University Presidential Inaugural Conference, of which she was a guest. Frantz describes the atmosphere at the Inauguration as "one of its own," with people being friendly, happy, and excited to witness history. "I believe that no matter what race, religion, or party you are you can still agree that seeing the first African American president take the oath is a once in a lifetime experience."

Psychology major Brittany Dian '12 says of her experience that, "I will always remember the surreal feeling I had standing in the midst of millions of people, all witnessing an event that will be talked about for years to come." The Tinley Park, Ill., native also attended the Inauguration as part of the University Presidential Inaugural Conference.

Blaine Nolan '10 was already in Washington, D.C., spending the semester there attending American University three days a week and interning two days a week for South Bend congressman Joe Donnelly. She too attended events surrounding the Inauguration, but says of the top-billed event, "It was incredible. I have never felt such excitement."

Nolan was active throughout the campaign season, as the president of the College Democrats at Saint Mary's, and as a member of the political science club. Her career plans include attending graduate school for public policy and then moving to Washington, D.C., where she hopes to work on Capitol Hill.

## The Second Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative March

"As we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963

Nearly a half-century later, King's message of hope continues to inspire students, faculty, and staff of Saint Mary's College, who came together to pay homage to King on his birthday.

Following a panel discussion on non-violence and civil rights activism, the Sisters of Nefertiti, a student club that celebrates African American culture and history, and Campus Ministry sponsored a candlelit march in honor of King on January 19. The entire college and public community was invited to gather in the Student Center Atrium for an opening ceremony. LaQuay Boone '10, president of Sisters of Nefertiti, welcomed the attendees. Jacquitta Martin '12 prayed over the event. Lynn Coleman, the assistant to the mayor of South Bend, explained the historic significance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., march occurring one day before President Obama's inauguration. Adriana Rodriguez '10, president of the Student Diversity Board, spoke about why it was important to march. Concluding the opening ceremony, Kristle Hodges '10 led the group in singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." After leaving the warmth of the Student Center, each marcher shared a single flame, passed from one hand to the next.

At 5:30 p.m., the sun was setting and snow flurries were falling, but the marchers advanced onward and set the campus aglow with their beacons of light and song. Even a student who could not see the procession from their dorm room or library cubicle would have heard it. The marchers' voices rose from the icy sidewalks to the tops of buildings as the group sang in unison "We Shall Overcome" all the way to Haggar Parlor. There, participants listened to reflections from President Carol Ann Mooney and a choral reading of King's "Letter From Birmingham Jail," directed by Professor Katie Sullivan.



—Jessica Huang '09, Courier Intern

## Physiology and Dance: Bodies in Motion

This February Saint Mary's dance students performed in the College's annual Dance Arts program. One body in motion was aspiring marine biologist Tara Strong. The junior biology major is working toward minors in dance and chemistry. She says her three areas of study are more related than one might think.

"Right now I am in a human physiology class and learning all about the body," Strong explains. "This knowledge allows me to fully understand and appreciate the movement required for dancing in a technique class, all the way to the different bodily responses and signals when performing on stage."

This year's dance program, titled "Dancing Salmagundi," showcased several genres of dance including ballet, jazz, modern, pointe, and dance theatre. Strong performed in four numbers. One piece, entitled "Eupnea," is a modern dance created by Strong's fellow biology major Jen La Vigne '09. Strong explains, "She incorporated her biology knowledge and created a piece about cellular respiration. It is a modern dance, and many of the formations we make are based on the Krebs cycle."



While Strong plans to dance throughout her life and maybe own a studio someday, she has scientific career aspirations too. "I would like to go on to graduate school for marine biology and go wherever that takes me," says Strong. This summer, she will conduct research for her senior comprehensive project on Little Corn Island, Nicaragua.



## Alumnae Deaths

Grace Burke Boemer '31, mother of Elizabeth M. Boemer '70, Jane Boemer Foster '71, and Ellen Boemer Loring '73, sister of the late Margaret Burke Gude '33, aunt of Sister Mary Louise Gude CSC '63 and Sheila Burke Vollman '62, sister-in-law of the late Margaret Katholing Burke '35, January 9, 2008.

Dorothy Jane Pryor Arnel '38, mother of Nancy Arnel Maddock '63 and Susan Arnel Haley '66, twin sister of the late Betty Pryor Marzano '38, grandmother of Ann-Marie Haley Berg '91, aunt of Beth Marzano Fleming '77, July 16, 2008.

Kathryn Walsh Burns '38, October 17, 2008.

Lorraine O'Hara Purdy '39, April 21, 2008.

Agnes Lauck Darko '42, grandmother of Laura Darko Flight '93, September 15, 2008.

Regina Neville Hamilton '44, October 2, 2008.

Carolyn Murray Powley '44, mother of Carolyn Powley Head '67, and Jean Powley Murphy '79, sister of Jo Anne Murray Libert '51, aunt of Cathleen Libert Fourman '77, Mary Ann Murray Kimball '79, Eileen Murray Froehlke '81, and Stephanie Libert Mauger '90, great aunt of Meaghan Froehlke '06, November 10, 2008.

Marietta Hart Fitzgerald '46, grandmother of Emily Fitzgerald '09, December 13, 2008.

Sister M. Rosaleen Dunleavy CSC '47, aunt of Tamara Malopsy Smith '92, December 18, 2008.

Dorothy Edwards Waddington '47, October 5, 2008.

Jeanne Remlinger Clark '48, mother of Mary Clark Bidwell '79 and Julie Clark Herrmann '87, December 14, 2008.

Joanne Maloy Moore '48, mother of Patricia Moore SMC-ND '75, sister of Molly Maloy Griffin '55 and aunt of Kathleen M. Griffin '81, December 6, 2008.

Sister M. Wilfrida Peabody CSC '49, January 11, 2009.

Geraldine Posvic Norris '50, April 22, 2008.

Mary Barany Birder '51, sister of Anne Barany Monserez '48, November 25, 2008.

Sister Marie Helene Farrer CSC '55, December 8, 2008.

Alana Moynahan Rosshirt '55, aunt of Laura K. Moynahan '82, sister-in-law of Virginia Thomas Moynahan '58, January 16, 2009. Rosshirt was the editor of the *Courier* in 1956, and later served as president of the Alumnae Board.

Mary Suzanne "Suzi" Scanlon Rynn '58, October 2, 2008.

Mary Charlotte Carroll Daniel '65, December 3, 2008.

Virginia R. Manley '69, December 7, 2008.

Mary Ann Kerins '72, December 29, 2008.

Vivian N. Elortegui Zapfel '78, November 8, 2008.

Jennifer Herzog Clark '90, January 19, 2009.

## Faculty Deaths

Rita Cassidy, (Associate Professor, History Department, 1961–1980) January 3, 2009.

## Family Deaths

Harriet J. BonDurant, grandmother of Margaret Stoller BonDurant '05, December 6, 2008.

John J. "Buck" Borich, stepfather of Leslie Zielinski '99, November 15, 2008.

John L. Carey, father of Deborah M. Carey '81, January 16, 2009.

Adele Castle, mother of Elizabeth Castle Chapman '80, December 11, 2008.

Dr. Theodore M. Chrobak, father of Vickyann Chrobak Sadowski '72, October 2008.

Dorothy Linnig Crimmins, mother of Marilyn Crimmins Benkelman '75 and sister of Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke '55, January 26, 2009.

Daniel J. Culhane, husband of Mary Baker Culhane '57, father of Kathleen Culhane Battis '83, and brother-in-law of Marcia Baker Schug '58, October 26, 2008.

Lewis Cusano, father of JoAnn Cusano Szweczyk '77, October 31, 2008.

Julia F. Danford, mother of Cynthia A. Danford '79, January 10, 2009.

Maxine "Mickey" Davis, grandmother of Angela Comfort '07, October 18, 2008.

Joseph F. Dillon Sr., husband of Barbara Donahue Dillon '48, November 22, 2008.

Christopher Joseph Donovan, son of Jane O'Boyle Donovan '66, and nephew of Kathleen O'Boyle Kearney '62, March 19, 2008.

Joseph Garritano, father of Mary Garritano Halbritter '70 and grandfather of Katherine Halbritter '99, January 18, 2009.

Elige "EG" Hannah, III, husband of Allison Murphy Hannah '95, December 19, 2008.

Cyril P. Hughes, husband of Deanna Derwin Hughes '62, March 27, 2007.

Robert J. Ketchum, father of Kathleen Ketchum '06, October 14, 2008.

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

Martha Bourgon Kozmer, mother of Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek '64 and Marilyn Kozmer Sommers '66, January 6, 2009.

Leo B. Kunkel ND '48, father of Catherine Kunkel Forslund '83, May 5, 2008.

Col. John W. Lacey, (USAF retired), father of Joan Lacey Egan '62, Anne Lacey Hoffman '63 and Carol Lacey Foley '72, uncle of Sara Johnson Walz '65, and great uncle of Elizabeth Walz Carmody '91, September 14, 2008.

Luke P. LaValle III, ND '99, son of Nancy Wagner LaValle '65, December 31, 2008.

Ralph J. Liguori, father of Claudia M. Liguori '79, November 22, 2008.

William J. Maxbauer, grandfather of Kathleen Maxbauer McNulty '97, Lisa Maxbauer Price '99, Jill Maxbauer Niemi '03, and Audra Maxbauer '07, uncle and great-uncle to several other Belles, March 14, 2008.

John Joseph McCracken, young son of Annette Henry McCracken '88, November 7, 2008.

Daniel E. Martin, father of Jeanne M. Martin '81 and uncle of Maura Martin Smith '73 and Colleen Burns Cuscaden '87, January 20, 2009.

George J. McHugh III, father of Honey McHugh '78, May 12, 2008.

John J. McInerney, father of Mary McInerney Meade '82, July 4, 2008.

Jack B. Norris, father of Nikie Norris Hamilton '89, November 1, 2008.

Hope Lee Phernetton, October 24, 2008 and Chace Adam Phernetton, October 29, 2008, infant niece and nephew of Shannon Blair Olsen '92.

William S. Plough, grandfather of Kathleen Maxbauer McNulty '97, Lisa Maxbauer Price '99 and Jill Maxbauer Niemi '03, December 16, 2008.

Carolyn Prosser, mother of Margaret Prosser Brown '87 and sister of Marianne McCrudden Walters '57, October 6, 2008.

Timothy J. "Tim" Reddy, husband of Joan Gundlach Reddy '86, February 17, 2008.

George F. Restovich, husband of Helen J. Reichert Restovich '65, and father of Catherine Restovich Whitton '92, October 3, 2008.

Maria Ayala Rodarte, mother of Lucia Rodarte Madrid '72, November 22, 2008.

Pamela J. Rohrmann, sister of Melinda Rohrmann Lorenzen '66, November 9, 2008.

Herbert "Herb" Score, husband of Nancy McNamara Score '57, November 11, 2008.

John D. "Dan" Sherman, husband of Gretchen Hartman Sherman '55, December 15, 2008.

John J. Sweeney, Jr., husband of Mary Beth Allen Sweeney '64, September 19, 2008.

Donald R. Taylor, husband of Lorraine N. Taylor '72, October 30, 2008.

Otto E. Tempel, father of Linda M. Tempel '76, April 14, 2008.

Corinne H. Wales, former part-time instructor in Nursing from 1984–1985, mother of Kathrene Wales '76, November 29, 2008.

Jay A. West, father of Angela Maria West '02, January 1, 2009.

Curtis Wilson Sr., father of Almira Wilson Cann '69, December 1, 2008.

Marilyn Davenport Carder Woody, grandmother of Theresa Carder Martinez '02 and Dorothy Carder '03, June 14, 2008.

## Marriages

Mary Fran Gleason-O'Connor '66 and John O'Connor, August 3, 2008.

Christine Jack Blum '86 and Philip, October 12, 2008.

Sheila Feeley Dodds '89 and John, June 21, 2008.

Erin Kelly LaCoste '91 and Jody, March 1, 2008.

Elizabeth Urban Cody '96 and Ryan Matthew, October 18, 2008.

Angela Kelver Hall '97 and Bryan, June 7, 2008.

Kelley Hart Rendziperis '00 and George, November 15, 2008.

Jennifer Nall Weinacht '00 and Christopher, July 12, 2008.

Mandy Schomas Soderstrom '02 and Daniel, October 11, 2008.

Maureen Dempsey Alfermann '04 and Nick, April 12, 2008.

Kathleen "Katie" Dillon McLeod '04 and Christian, June 21, 2008.

Molly Welton Boyle '05 and Kevin Patrick ND '05, November 1, 2008.

Lisa Eileen Chester Briggs '05 and Aaron, August 26, 2007.

Alison Golubski Bauer '07 and Alex, July 5, 2008.

Kristy King Zadrzil '08 and Chad, July 12, 2008.

## Births & Adoptions

Elizabeth Sweeney Rykaczewski '89 and David: Mark David, October 7, 2008.

Erin McNally-Poche '90 and Robert Poche: Katharine Casey, June 7, 2008.

Jeanine Cook Lamb '91 and John: Alana Margarit, December 15, 2008.

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

Nicole Dugan May '92 and Phillip: Sara Elizabeth, September 17, 2007.

Celynn Krueger McClarrinon '92 and Scott: Mary Celine, November 11, 2008.

Erin Peter Wolf '94 and Jacob: Samuel Joseph, October 13, 2008.

Carolyn Withers Patterson '95 and Joe: Annabelle Grace, October 29, 2008.

Mary Horner Thomas '95 and Edward: Adrienne Elizabeth, June 6, 2008.

Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96 and Nicholas ND '96: Sarah Jolenne, January 16, 2009.

Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96 and J. B.: Harold Augustus, November 2, 2008.

Kelly Kilmer Mullagh '96 and Kelly: Abigail Louise, October 14, 2008.

Mia Pavlik Koch '97 and Douglas: Henry, August 28, 2008.

Courtney Reagan Crawford '98 and William ND '98: Millicent Elizabeth, December 5, 2008.

Elizabeth May Smith '98 and David: Mia Therese, August 26, 2008.

Holly Hosinski Busick '99 and Michael: Brady Jonathan, October 7, 2008.

Jill Fenstermaker Stowers '99 and Scott: John William, October 20, 2008.

Kathryn Goolsby Flavin '00 and Edward: Margaret "Maggie" Grace, March 13, 2007 and Lillian "Lily" Maeve, October 27, 2008.

Alison Wade Kennedy '00 and Terrence ND '96: Terrence Luke, October 9, 2008.

Shannon Swafford Levin '00 and Sean: Lucy Leigh, July 29, 2008.

Michelle Harbinak Shapiro '00 and Jared: Ayla Rae, November 15, 2008.

Amy Dooms Taylor '01 and John: Morgan Rebecca, November 22, 2008.

Karen Higley Szpak '03 and Jerry: Owen Anthony, October 2, 2008.

Anne Bernardin Wenderoth '03 and Brad: Ian Asher, December 1, 2008.

Margaret Garigliano Busam '04 and Luke ND '04: Joshua Gabriel, November 5, 2008.

Stevi Flowers Kovalik '04 and Eddie ND '04: Beatrice Rose, January 8, 2008.

## Rita M. Cassidy April 14, 1915–January 3, 2009

Associate Professor Rita Cassidy passed away on January 3, 2009. Cassidy came to Saint Mary's in 1961 to introduce a program in African Studies, and taught in the History Department until she retired in 1980. In her retirement, Cassidy spent one year abroad as a counselor for the Saint Mary's Rome Program, and afterward remained with the College for two more years, working as a consultant in the administration on a project-to-project basis from 1981 to 1983. Current department chair of history for the college, Associate Professor Kelly Hamilton, was a student of Cassidy's in the 1970s, and Hamilton remembers her as a "feisty, principled woman, who was way ahead of her times relative to civil rights, equal opportunity, and interest in issues of diversity."

Cassidy served the College for 22 years. Prior to Saint Mary's, Cassidy spent two years teaching at University College in Lesotho, South Africa. This experience coupled with her additional research opportunities to revisit Africa developed Cassidy's specialized interest in African studies. She was a pioneer in organizing and conducting programs in Afro-American history and culture for school systems in South Bend and Elkhart. Her programs were even further developed for the police departments of St. Joseph County as a method of in-service training. Cassidy was presented the Spes Unica



award on May 4, 1974, at the president's dinner. The award, which recognizes a faculty member's eminent service to the college in some particular aspect of its development, read, "Dr. Cassidy's constant concern for the attention to the needs and well-being of each of her students have won her their respect, admiration, and friendship. In many ways, she is a prototype of what the Christian educator should be."

—Kristen Edelen '09, *Courier intern*

**Buffalo and Western New York**

Members of the book club attended a lecture in the University of Buffalo's Distinguished Speakers Series on November 16, 2008. The guest speaker was Khalid Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner*. (The book club had previously read and discussed the book.) The group discussed the lecture over coffee and dessert later that evening.

A trip to the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada is being planned for May 2009. Please remember to send 2008-2009 dues! For more information, please contact Nancy Dobson at (716) 632-7392.

**Cleveland**

The Cleveland Club welcomed spring with its annual meeting and a book discussion on April 15. Katie McVoy '03 welcomed alumnae to her house for this event. Upcoming events were discussed including a service project and fundraising for the Club. After the meeting, The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards produced interesting discussion by attending alumnae. Many thanks to Katie for hosting and to all who attended. It was a great turnout.

Events to look forward to include a Founders' Day celebration in October and a Cookie Exchange in December. Watch your e-mail and the club Web site for information about these and other upcoming events. For more information, contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at clmiller8457@earthlink.net or (440) 526-8966.

**Colorado**

The first 2009 event for the Colorado Alumnae Club will be April 25; we will be having a "care package" party in Colorado Springs, at the home of Kelly O'Brien, '90.

We're planning to have events along the I-25 corridor, from Colorado Springs, in the south, where this first one will be held, to Golden, in the north, where our Founders' Day celebration will be held. We hope this will be convenient for as many alumnae as possible to participate in at least one event during the year.

For more information, please contact Sheila Flynn Boone, '65, at sfbmbf@comcast.net.

**Dallas/Fort Worth**

Dallas/Fort Worth alumnae and significant others gathered together to celebrate the coming of the holidays at their annual Christmas Mass & Dinner held on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Many thanks to Kevin and Ellen Neuhoff Elpers '80 for graciously hosting the event.

**Philadelphia**

Philadelphia area alumnae were treated to an evening with Adriana Trigiani '81 at a signing of her new book *Very Valentine*. The crowd was entertained by Adriana's anecdotes and accounts of writing this new book. She signed everyone's edition, as well as her page on the SMC yearbook!

The club is looking forward to an early spring event at the Philadelphia Museum of Art—a private guided tour of Cezanne and Beyond. Philadelphia is the only worldwide venue for this exhibit, so don't miss it!

For information or suggestions for club activities, please contact Katie Smith, krsmith1014@yahoo.com or (215) 280-1122.

**Pittsburgh**

The New Year got off to a rousing start for the Pittsburgh Club. Having completed three years of service, the members of the Club's Board of Directors have been reorganized. Leslie Kruger, who has diligently served the Club as Director of the Board, stepped down, and Colleen Miles, the current Club Communication Coordinator and member of the Board, took her place. Kathryn Harrison, Board member, is the new Club Communication Coordinator. The Board would like to wholeheartedly thank Leslie for her hard work in resurrecting the Pittsburgh Club and tirelessly working for the Club's success.

This spring, Pittsburgh alumnae can look forward to celebrating Mother's Day early. On Saturday, May 9, the Club will host its annual spring event. This year we will be having

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**Philadelphia area alumnae attended a book signing for Adriana Trigiani's new book.** From left to right: Susan Tate Fitzgerald '81, Bobbie Schnaus McCarthy '66, Katie Smith '93, Ann Kiefer Casey '83, Annabelle Logue Curran '74, with Adriana Trigiani '81

a Mothers & Daughters Tea at the Omni-William Penn Hotel. Mothers old and young, daughters old and young, grandmothers, and sisters are all invited. Be sure to look in your mailbox for important information regarding this fun celebration.

Since starting the Club back up in 2006, the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Club have been working to create a comprehensive directory of all Pittsburgh area alumnae. In the Club's most recent newsletter you will find a form to fill out which will help us in creating this document. Please take time to fill it out, or contact Colleen or Kathryn with your new information, so that we can successfully complete the directory.

If you have any questions about the Club, or wish to become more involved, please contact Kathryn Harrison at kharrison11@gmail.com or Colleen Miles at colleenbmiles@gmail.com for more information.

**St. Louis**

The St. Louis club is planning a happy hour in March but details have not been finalized. Please e-mail

klk9906@yahoo.com to join the club!

**San Francisco**

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of the San Francisco Bay Area is organizing an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th with KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now), a volunteer-led organization that provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with mental and physical disabilities. SMC Alumnae Jen Senecal '01 is the Executive Director of KEEN. The hunt will take place from 11 am-1 pm at Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Volunteers are needed to arrive at 10:30 am to help hide eggs and do other set-up. If you're interested in volunteering or getting involved with the Club in other ways, please contact Michelle Lagos at michellelago@gmail.com

**South Bend**

In February, members of the South Bend Alumnae Club gathered on campus for a tour of Spes Unica Hall, the new academic building on campus. Alumnae were quite

impressed by the modern classrooms, office spaces, and technological capabilities along with common areas where students and faculty can gather (including a café, a reflection room, and a second-floor patio). Following the tour, the Club hosted a Valentine's Day party for its local Saint Mary's students, with cookies, punch, and cocoa for everyone to enjoy.

Later that same month, the club arranged to cater the Mom's Support Group sponsored for former residents of Hannah's House. After dinner, while the mothers participated in a group discussion about topics related to women and children, alumnae helped with child care.

Speaking of moms, the club will be organizing a monthly Mom's play group for local alumnae. If you are interested in participating 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.

**Utah**

The Utah Club had a small and very good gathering in Park City hosted by Holy Cross Ministries on November 22. We met for lunch at the home of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and instead of gifts to exchange, members donated diapers for clients served by Holy Cross Ministries. Ten alumnae were able to attend. Sister Cathy Kamphaus CSC updated the club members on new buildings on the campus. Afterward, some members visited the St. Mary's Parish Park City Boutique where the Holy Cross Ministries Women's Microbusiness Project had a booth.

*Submitted by Sister Mary Ann Pajakowski CSC '69*

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**Dallas/Fort Worth.** Back row, left to right: Andrea Sondag Schweitzer '00, Mary Jane Neuhoff Brezette '85, Carolyn Neuhoff Shaw '83, Carole Dziminski Klautdt '83, Mary Beth Beauchamp Berry '87, Linda Kawecki '79, Tia Barrett Bisignano '70, Cynthia Rodriguez '05, Patty Dunlevy Watson '88, Erin Krombach Groves '05,

Lettie Albright Muckley '83, Maura Nugent Bardsley '77, Emilie DesJardins '05, Lydia Haggart Novakov '72, Nancy Rix Kraft '77, Ellen McQuillan Drake '92. Front row, left to right: Ellen Neuhoff Elpers '80, Hayley Dawson-Owens '02, Jeannette Friedewald Lynch '64, Mary Holland '05, Jennifer Kacarab Holloran '92









in Chicago in August, followed by (of course) lunch. It included **Mary Delaney Willer, Rosann Gorman Conroy, E.J. Caluwaert McFadden, myself, Pat Hoben Daniels, Colleen Leahy, and Sara Johnson Walz.** It was unanimously decided to get together again, and soon!

**Cille Bucolo** and I have a long, chatty get-together every couple of months or so in Chicago. Neither of us is ever at a loss for words. We both were on the SMC trip to Greece this past October, along with **Judy Piers Locher, Darlene Currier Unger, and Marcia Black McMahon.** With our children raised, we often have just a bit more time for these great get-togethers. But, joyously, grandchildren have entered the picture for many of us, and we make special time for them. I have joined the ranks of grandmotherhood, as my daughter, Kelly, and her husband presented us with a gorgeous, happy little boy in April. Now I know what everyone is talking about. Mary Harris Russell wrote with news of her new granddaughter. "My news is a new grandchild, Isabella Guadalupe Peterson Veeder, in New Mexico. Very pink and sweet and will grow into her lovely long name."

From **Sheila Flynn Boone** in Colorado, news as follows. "We skied four days a week, all winter—Michael says he has to make up for all the 'week day' skiing he missed when he was working. And, fortunately, the conditions were excellent, with tons of new snow every week. I'm trying to get the Colorado Saint Mary's Alumnae Club going again. It's tricky, what with people so spread out. We don't have a really big concentration in any one place; I hope to have our first official meeting for Founders Day in the Fall. We spent the month of April in Australia and loved every mile and minute of it. We had hoped to go ever since our Australian daughter came into our lives and has told us so much about her country. It is a lovely and interesting place—and Aussies are the nicest people you'll ever meet! As often as possible, we get to San Francisco and Omaha to see our five grandchildren. We are always exhausted at the end of our stay but have so much fun! In August, we'll head to Maine for a 'mini reunion' with Michael's ND '66 college roommate, Tony '66, his wife (**Katie Cooney Lisa '67**), and some other ND friends and their wives. On the way, we plan to stop in Boston and visit with my roommate, **Pat Devine McCarthy**, and her husband, Dick ND '65.

**Ann Pindar** writes, "I am having a relaxing summer, enjoying snowbird

friends returning north for the summer. I traveled to New Jersey/New York City for my sister's—Pat Pindar '65—and my first annual family reunion weekend. It included some Broadway plays and a jazz cruise around Manhattan. I have signed on as events co-chair for the Roch for Obama campaign, which should be fun. Am still doing 'crew,' and am rowing in a regatta or two this summer, God and joints willing! In August, I will spend some time with family at the New Jersey shore. Our godchild, Christina, goes off to college—Bowdoin, in Maine—this fall. I'm helping her shop, which brings back memories of shopping for SMC in the summer of 1961! At least we had uniforms that first year!"

**Rosann Gorman Conroy** and her husband, Martin, live in Flossmoor, Ill. Their five children are living nearby in the Chicago area. So far, they have one two-year-old granddaughter and two more grandchildren on the way. This year, they will spend six months in Naples, Fla. Martin has been fighting colon cancer for the past year, and he is now feeling good.

"I help with a community newspaper in Ft. Myers", writes **Pat Hoben Daniels**, "where we spend the winter. Our youngest and his wife just had their first baby, Campbell Hoben Daniels, and they are remarkably impressed with their exceptional product. Tim works for National City Bank and is happy to be back in Chicago with family and friends after two years in Cleveland. My sister, **Mary Ann Hoben Jensen '55**, has not been as well as she would like, and I know she would appreciate your prayers as well as those of her classmates. My love-hate relationship with golf and watercolors continues. I still like to read and am in charge of a book group in Florida. I'm always looking for recommendations for good books for discussion. We generally look forward to coming north in the summer to recover from all the winter activities, but this summer has been just as busy here as there. We did a cross-Atlantic cruise in April to Spain and Portugal and are now happy to have absolutely no plans to do anything for a while."

From sunny California, **Sue Casey D'Amico** writes: "Dick ND '64 and I met John and **Kathleen Walsh Harty** at Del Mar Race Track in July. It was a beautiful day at the track and Kathleen had great luck with the horses. After the track, the four of us met **Kathleen McAnaney Glaser** for dinner. We had a wonderful time visiting and remembering our years at Saint Mary's. On a sadder note, my mother, **Marion Vodicka Casey '39**, passed away on

June 16, 2008. She loved Saint Mary's, and one of her joys was receiving her Courier in the mail. We have lost a fine Saint Mary's woman." We send our sincere sympathies to Sue on the loss of her dear mother.

Happy and contented news from **Beverly Senda Defoe** in Georgia: "We have had a wonderful start to 2008. Cameron retired last year, and I called it quits from Sears in January '08 after 24 years. We have been traveling ever since—including a 60-day road trip in January/February to Vegas to see son Dean and Carolyn; three weeks in California to visit long-time friends; two weeks in Seattle and Whistler with son Patrick and Tara; and two weeks in Arizona with my sisters. We went to Saint Mary's/South Bend in June to see friends, on to Detroit and Mackinac Island, and Youngstown for a family wedding. A fun, low-key time with family and friends, and back roads in the convertible are so much fun. Mid-July to mid-August found us in Arizona celebrating my sister's 50th anniversary; in Vegas celebrating Dean's graduation from the Nevada police academy; and Portland, Ore., for a cruise on the Columbia/Snake Rivers. Family and friends—what memories we recalled and how many new ones we made. Life is good!" You deserve every minute, Bev.

Our sympathy and prayers to **Mary Harris Russell** upon the loss of her brother, Raymond Harris, after a valiant struggle. "At the time of his death, he was the oldest and longest serving volunteer in the Resurrection Healthcare Program for the Homebound Elderly in Chicago. Even when he could no longer drive, he took a bus and train to get to see his 'shut-ins,' as we used to call such folks." A man like Raymond deserves mention.

From **Lil Chard Beshel**: "Just off the phone with **Joan Marskey Slattery**. She and Bill are back from a trip to Lithuania, Latvia, and Prague. Back home in Minnesota they are enthusiastic golfers and grandparents to two young misses. Joan and **Darlene Unger Currier** and I managed a dinner date in New York City this summer. Bill and Larry were permitted on the outing. Darlene has retired from teaching in Michigan and is now a Southerner. She has a condo in South Carolina. Darlene was considering purchase of a condo in Austin, Tex., at the time of our meeting...does that make her a south-wester? It is such a treat to catch up with college friends." And also from Lil and Saint Mary's, news of the latest recipient of the Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship. **Caroline**

**Baumgartner '10** is from Naperville, Ill., and states that she "fell in love with Saint Mary's the first time I stepped on campus." Caroline is most thoughtful in her sincere thanks for our class scholarship. She hopes to find a career in public relations after graduation. As Lil mentions in her note, it is so good to have this scholarship in place for these deserving young women.

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Our class was known for firsts. In our years at Saint Mary's, our class leaders organized and instituted a major change in how the students governed themselves. In the early '60s, the governing body was a student council, mostly an advisory board. Our class took a dramatic step in asking the Sisters for sole power in dealing with fellow classmates. Under the leadership of **Pam Smith Malone**, a student governing body accepted the reins and governed the young ladies attending Saint Mary's College.

We have come a long way from those days, but we continue to make firsts. Our present president of the Alumnae Association, **Elizabeth Birmingham Lacy**, achieved many firsts in her career as a lawyer and judge. Recently, Liz received honors for her role as Supreme Court Justice of Virginia from the Virginia Women in History organization. Liz started her firsts after graduating from law school at the University of Texas. She was the first female Deputy General in the state. She continued to become the first female judge in the state. Liz marked a spot in Virginia history by being the first female Supreme Court justice. And in retirement, she is continues to be recognized for her detailed and professional opinions on the cases that appeared before her.

Although Liz is the current president of the Alumnae Association, **Pam Smith Malone** holds the first honor of this title for our class during the '80's. Pam now works for NALF, a foundation that promotes placement of lawyers. She recently scheduled several meetings with the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, and also visited several top law firms in the Windy City. To our great fortune, Pam saved time in her busy schedule to have lunch with **Mary Dunn Finneran, Sharon Priestler Lewert**, and me.

Mary and E.J. Finneran, ND '66 purchased a beautiful condo on

Division Street with views of Lake Michigan and the city to the west. Sharon helped with several wonderful decorating ideas. E.J. even agreed!

**Donna Christian Christensen**, a delegate for the U.S. Virgin Islands to Congress, was recently recognized for her efforts to fight drunk driving and underage drinking. Along with 37 members of the House of Representatives, Donna received honors from The Century Council, a national not-for-profit organization. Donna began her career with a first of becoming a doctor from George Washington School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. She was the first female physician in the Virgin Islands, where she worked in emergency medicine and family practice medicine. Concerns for the Virgin Islands made her the first female to represent an offshore territory in the U.S. government. She worked hard for an amendment on giving territories the right to vote. Now in her 7th term, Donna was the first female to be a delegate of the U.S. Virgin Islands. She is also a delegate to the Democratic Convention. Her website lists all these achievements, plus many more, but it also shares her photos from the Obama inauguration.

**Martha Crikelair Wohlford** created another "first" for this class by publishing her first book. Her latest project, *Chaos to Serenity*, is a collection of stories spanning her 40-year involvement with the Island. She has also established Serenity Press as a means to publish other works as well

as her own. Our personal author lives in Staniel Cay, Exumas, Bahamas. In her note, Marty said that **Sheila Beirne Conry** came to visit the Island retreat. Sheila lives in the Fort Lauderdale area.

**Dede Cotter Delaney** marked a first as mother of the groom when her son, Dan, married this summer at Michigan Beach in Indiana. Dede kindly shared the wonderful photos from the wedding. Dan's mother-in-law is a dear high school friend of Hillary Clinton, who attended the wedding. Now Dede can say she personally knows the Secretary of State.

**Jane McCoach McKee** also played her first role as mother of the bride when her daughter, Catherine, married June 14. Jane's grandson, Conor, was also in the wedding.

The young couple bought a home in Danbury, close to Jane and, her husband, Mike. Their son, Will, lives three hours away in South New Hampshire.

Jane and Mike visited Gettysburg, Pa., in February to witness the dedication of the Wills House Museum by the National Park Service. David Wills, Mike's great, great grandfather, organized the foundation of the Gettysburg Cemetery and invited Lincoln to speak at the dedication. Of course, Lincoln penned part of his famous Gettysburg Address while staying at the Wills' house.

Congratulations are in order for two classmates. **Mary Fran Petricca Gleason** married John O'Connor at her childhood parish in August. Mary

Fran and John live in River Forest, Ill. During the week, Mary Fran works with children from three inner-city schools. Along with John, Mary has made several trips to South America to help in poor villages.

Congratulations to **Marianne Voglewede Sylvester**, who married Jerry McLaughlin on a beach in Hawaii. Marianne lives in Florida...one smart lady.

Last fall, my husband, Larry, ND '64, visited our son, Dan, ND '94, in San Francisco. He preceded his wife, Heather and daughter, Coco, to the Bay Area for a new position with Safeway Foods. During our visit, we were guests of **Carolyn Hart Irvine** and Mike ND '67 in their lovely home outside San Mateo, Calif. They shared their plans for a cruise of the Aegean Sea with Notre Dame. On the trip, they met **Mary Donaghue Buregga '69**. Caroline said they renewed a 40-year-old friendship.

Caroline and Mike had dinner with **Mary Kay Roberts Nelson** and George in San Francisco in September. The Nelsons remained calm as a powerful hurricane hit the Houston area. Since the storm battered a good part of Houston, the Nelsons spent a few extra days in San Fran. Mary Kay's son, G.R., was godfather to Mike Irvine's new daughter, Lucy Laura. G.R. and Mike were friends at Notre Dame. Caroline's three children and grandchildren live in the area.

**Kathie Donovan Dur** sent a beautiful picture of her new grandson, William O'Rahilly Hardart. William is the second child for Kathie's daughter, Courtney, and her husband. The baby joins older sister Catherine. Kathie still lives in Washington, D.C., in the Georgetown area.

Many of our classmates prayed for **Ann Hagan** as she fought leukemia for eight years. Ann died after a gallant fight July 13, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Allen Durling, and many close families. Ann graduated from Suffolk Law School in 1975. She worked for the Girl Scouts in Detroit but returned to the city where her heart lived, Boston, to work with a consulting firm on civil rights and diversity issues. In 1985, she co-founded Cavanaugh, Hagan, & Pierson Consulting Company in Washington, D.C.

The Saint Mary's College Book Group of Washington, D.C. Maryland and Virginia helped Allen organize a festival in Ann's honor. According to **Anne Sheehan Garbarino**, the festival was held at Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran's '61 Alliance Dance Studio in Alexandria, Va. About 15 belles attended. Our classmates were

**Kate O'Hara Aubert, Kay Casellini Wasinger, Kathleen Macelwane Wernert** and Anne. **Arline Hagan Saturdayborn '63**, Ann's sister, attended as well. The group celebrated Ann's life, her love of Boston teams, and her passion for photography.

**From the Courier Office:** **Paulette Raczowski-Baz '96** writes: "The Saint Mary's Club of Toledo is proud to honor **Diane Pacella**, who was honored at the Toledo Race for the Cure on Sept. 28, 2008."

The newsletter *The Promise* contained the following: "Diane Pacella is an incredible asset to the Toledo community in her quest to help fight breast cancer. Over the past decade, she has volunteered countless hours with various organizations, including the Victory Center and Reach for Recovery. She has spent time calling, visiting and counseling newly diagnosed patients and has also volunteered on the oncology floor at Flower Hospital.

"Diane was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 1990 at the age of 46. She is now an 18-year cancer survivor."

Frank Nader, husband of **Nan Koob Nader**, writes: "Nan has been recovering slowly from spine fusion surgery done on Dec. 4. Our hope is that this will get at the cause of her condition of the past eight years. We are optimistic.

"Nan will be released from Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital (Wheaton, Ill.) on Dec. 30 and will finish recuperating at home. The various therapies offered there have done great things for her so far. I will be spending a couple of weeks home with her helping her get stronger, get more at-home therapy, and see a few of her doctors.

"Nan will have limited use of e-mail until she can manage stairs. She would appreciate a call from you at home any time: (708) 544-7141."

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**From the Courier Office:** If you are interested in serving as a reporter for the Class of 1970, please contact Jessica Stuitbergen '99 at (574) 284-5332 or jstuitbe@saintmarys.edu.

**Edith Hill Gibney** and most of her family took a ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, following the steps of Jesus and Mary and attending Mass every day in these sacred places. Last May, Edith's second grandchild was born



Savannah, Georgia, was this year's site for the girls' get away weekend, class of 1970. In attendance were Liz Casey, Mary Beth Tetlow DeNiro, Cathy Linnehan Cronin, Debbie Byrne Tynan, Margie Goodwin Harrison, Sue Gudgeon Reilly and Jessica Rinna Beling. The women spent the weekend at Sue Gudgeon Reilly's winter house in Savannah and did a lot of site seeing including the historic city, houses, churches and cemeteries. Of course the best part about the weekend was the opportunity to see each other, find out what everyone has been up to as well as how each one's families are doing. This event was the second get together of the women and plans are to repeat the good times in another city location yet to be determined.

two weeks early, so Edi didn't arrive in Colorado until after the birth. It was lucky that the birth was early, because that allowed Edi to see her youngest, Brendan, graduate from Notre Dame, which is the alma mater of all his sisters.

**Nancy Erdman Coffey** lives in Sterling, Va., and is a social worker with the Department of Family Services in Fairfax. Her husband was a Foreign Service Officer who retired in October. They have three kids scattered throughout the world in Japan, New York (that one is married), and Chapel Hill, N.C.

**Donna Farrell MacPherson** continues to live in Burlington, Va. She has retired and is loving it!

During the past year, most of the members of the Class of '70 observed their 60th birthdays, and they had a variety of ways to celebrate the milestone. Several classmates described their celebrations, so I'll report in this issue on those whose celebrations involved travel, then report on other celebrations in our next class notes.

**Becky O'Connor Chandler** and her husband, Jim ND '70 took a trip to Ireland as part of the commemoration of their shared 60th year. On Becky's actual birthday in May, they gathered in Boston with their immediate families at a restaurant in the South End of Boston called Sibling Rivalry. Her children and siblings "roasted" her as part of the fun of the evening. After dinner, they went to a sing-along piano bar with limousines transporting them to and from her sister's home in North Andover. The birthday weekend also included the graduation of Becky and Jim's son from Wesleyan University. Teddy Kennedy was the intended speaker (his step-daughter is in Michael's class), but he had to cancel because of his illness. At the last minute, Barack Obama (at the time, Becky's senator, neighbor, and friend) stepped in, and the students and their parents were nearly hysterical when the news was announced. The speech about the importance of public service was well received by all, in spite of the security, photographers, and long, long lines to the grounds for the event.

Becky shared another interesting experience toward the end of her 60th year.

"And, now, at the close of our 60th year, we got to join Michelle and Barack in our local elementary school to vote for his presidency. My son and I were locked into the voting place with the Obamas, about 10 neighbors, and 30 media personnel. It was an exhilarating close to our election efforts on his behalf. I hope

my classmates are as happy as we are in Chicago about this change in Washington."

**Joann Yandow Maneri** celebrated with a family gathering in Chicago. Her husband, Carl ND '70, retired on the same weekend, so there were lots of celebrations and surprises. Among the celebrants were daughter **Kristen Maneri White '94**, her husband, Pier White ND '94, and their five children. Joann also took a trip to Notre Dame that weekend, as Kristen and family live in South Bend. Joann is contemplating retirement from the University of Colorado Foundation this spring. As she says, "Too many places to go and people to see to be spending my day at a computer!"

**Martha Luken Best** is enjoying "doing the grandmother thing," based in Jackson Hole, Wyo. She and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 60th birthdays, their 35th wedding anniversary, and his retirement by taking their kids and families to Europe for a week. It was a memorable trip, and Martha says, "We're thankful those occasions only come once in a lifetime. It took us two months to recover! Next time, we'll go alone!"

**Beverly Kenton Temple** celebrated turning 60 by going to Disney World with husband Walt Tunnell. They enjoyed the rides, observing fireworks, and watching parades, just as they had done on their honeymoon! She describes it as "Great fun being a kid again in what is really a different world!"

**Sara Bateman Koehler** celebrated turning 60 by getting together with five high school friends for four days in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. "We hadn't spent a decent amount of time together for all these years and decided it was time. We had more fun than we ever imagined and have already decided on a week-long event next June. All we did for four days was eat, drink wine, and share the stories of our lives for the past 41 years. I think we all need more time with wonderful friends from long ago."

New York City was a popular destination for celebration. **Pam Carey Batz** and her husband went there for a wonderful weekend. "We had so much fun that we are repeating the trip in two weeks. I recommend it!"

**Mary Lee Carr Charles** and **Kathleen Ryan Hughes** celebrated the "big 60th" in New York City with two other high school classmates last April. (Mary Lee and Kathy attended high school together in the Washington, D.C. suburbs.) They reported, "The high point of the trip was going to see the wonderful revival of South Pacific. From the orchestra's



Alumnae gathered in Nashville in July 2008, left to right: Tilly Fiehrer Pfeiffer '72, Rene Mirro Zimmer '72, Carole McRedmond Nadler '72, Evelyn McRedmond Rodgers '68, and Maureen McRedmond Foy '73

first note, we were entranced! It was the weekend of Pope Benedict's visit to New York, and we saw him make his trip in the Pope-mobile up Fifth Avenue. We enjoyed being tourists—from Greenwich Village to museums to St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was a great birthday celebration."

**Nancy Delaney Nesbit** also had great fun celebrating her 60th in New York City with friends. Then Nancy's husband, Bob ND '69, and children Caroline (along with her husband, Jim), Peter, and Tracy arranged a surprise birthday party. The kids put together a beautiful scrapbook, which included greetings from **Sue Chase Hildebrand**, **Margie Goodwin Harrison**, **Sue Gudgeon Reilly**, and **Bernadine Connolly Travers** as well as lots of great memories! Nancy recently enjoyed a dinner with Sue Reilly and **Marilyn Riedy Claise** and keeps up with SMC news with the Boston area SMC Book Club. She is still working as a paralegal in Wellesley, Mass., and says, "Life is good! Happy 60th to all!"

**Donna Feliciello Holtz** and her husband, Bill celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary in New York last February. Both are retired, so they travel a lot from their home base in Long Beach, Calif. In the fall, they went to New Orleans, with a stop at Lake Powell in Arizona. "What a treat it was to motor around in a houseboat and spend the warm days kayaking into the narrow arms of the lake. It's an absolutely gorgeous place to visit." Although she is retired, Donna makes "artsy" plants to sell at a local garden/gift shop.

**Mary Lou Wylie** celebrated with her husband, Lennis Echterling, along with their son and daughter-in-law,

by spending the weekend with Mary Lou's brother and sister-in-law in Philadelphia. Food seemed to be the theme of the weekend, as they ate and shopped at the Reading Terminal and the Italian Market before having dinner at a wonderful Italian restaurant that specializes in food from the Abruzzi region. She and her husband also had an earlier celebration with three other couples from high school by spending a weekend together at the home of the couples in the Ozark Mountains in southern Missouri.

60th birthday celebrations to be continued in our next class notes!

**From the Courier Office:** **Jessica J. Rinna Beling** writes: This year's site for the girls' get-away weekend, Class of 1970, was Savannah, Ga. In attendance were **Liz Casey**, **Mary Beth Tetlow DeNiro**, **Cathy Linnehan Cronin**, **Debbie Byrne Tynan**, **Margie Goodwin Harrison**, **Sue Gudgeon Reilly**, and **Jessica Rinna Beling**. We spent the weekend at Sue Gudgeon Reilly's winter house in Savannah and did a lot of sightseeing—including the historic city, houses, churches, and cemeteries. Of course, the best part of the weekend was the opportunity to see each other and to find out what everyone has been up to as well as how each one's families are doing. This event was our second get-together and plans are to repeat the good times in another city.

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Greetings! This class news column comes from a wedding, as well as

# Croatia

## Jewel of the Adriatic

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— George Bernard Shaw



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several e-mails and Christmas cards!

The wedding took place Aug. 9, 2008, in New York City. Bill and **Heather Tripucka Carr's** daughter, Ashley, married Terence Huvane at Fordham University Church with a reception at Tavern on the Green. It was a mini-reunion for several of us, including Tom and **Janet Teichen McHugh, Kate Berney Werring, Frances Spinks Caver, Maura Carroll,** and Bill and **Claire Mignelli Hughes.** It was a beautiful wedding and a lovely summer evening. We met for brunch the next day, and most of the group went to Claire Hughes' home in Wall, N.J. By the way, Heather is now Dr. Carr, having earned her Ph.D. last year. Several weeks later, Heather attended a J.V. soccer game coached by her new son-in-law at Pelham (New York) High School. On the sidelines, she thought she saw a familiar face—it was Ed Davey ND '71, whose son is on the team.

The first e-mail I received was from **Terri McLaughlin Patterson** (tkpatterson@comcast.net), who must have more stamps on her passport than most of us put together! Terri and her husband, Kevin, had been in Kazakhstan until a sudden job change. They are now in Duri, Indonesia, about midway up the island of Sumatra. Kevin is with Chevron, now Chevron Pacific Indonesia. They are living in a company camp again and Terry says that procuring necessities is a challenge since they are not in a metropolitan area. They have many opportunities to travel and have been to Bali, Thailand, Singapore, and had a big trip to Australia planned for the holidays. Terry also mentioned that it is hot as the blazes! She is not teaching but continues her stained-glass hobby, golf, and mah jongh and is learning some Asian cooking.

After receiving her Christmas card with a new e-mail, I asked **Ann Marie Tracey** for an update. She promises to do something outrageous for my next report! Ann Marie chairs the Ohio Ethics Commission and is in her sixth year teaching business law and ethics at Xavier University. Her family life is most important. She and her husband, Dan Buckley, have a blended family of five daughters with one grandchild and two on the way! (traceya@xavier.edu).

Another e-mail came from **Beazy Pohl Zielony** who lives in Oregon. Her youngest daughter, Kathryn, teaches first grade in Oahu for Teach for America. Kathryn attended the Hawaii Bowl and had her picture on the front page of the *Observer* holding signs supporting Notre Dame. Beazy's nephew is on the football team,

although he did not play in the bowl game.

A Christmas card with a picture of her three grandchildren and two dogs arrived from Mac and **Kathleen Cotter Cauley.** Kathleen and **Mary Lou Gorno** see each other often—this year at a wedding, the Notre Dame-Pitt game, and an annual trip that took them to North Carolina. Mary Lou is on the executive committee at the University of Chicago. Mac and Kathleen live in Washington, where she has a practice and teaches, and she still travels to her practice in Tampa several times a year. They are also still training and fostering guide dogs.

Where have the years gone?? My column used to be filled with our own weddings and careers; then news of our children. Now we have moved into an amazingly wonderful new realm—that of grandchildren!! Those of you who have none will tolerate those of us who do—but just wait . . . they will change your life! I spent the Christmas holidays in New York City. On Dec. 14, my daughter, Jessica, gave us a wonderful Christmas gift: Sadie Harper McEntee! She joins a big brother, Finlay, 2. I melt when Finn says my name ("Mimi") and promise him anything he wants! After all, isn't that what we are supposed to do? Over the holidays, I was also able to see **Maura Carroll** in the Hamptons and **Claire Hughes** and **Heather Carr,** who helped me celebrate another birthday with a long lunch at Saks in the City. I am back in Florida, enjoying the weather—until I need another grandchild fix!

I hope by the time you read this news that we are well into a healthy, happy, and prosperous (if possible!) 2009.

As always, I send my love to all of you!

**R EUNION June 4-7, 2009**

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(203) Summer '08 was the scene of a great get-together in New Buffalo, Mich., for a group of my dear college friends. Kudos to **Mary Ellen Raphael,** who organized it on rather short notice and managed to pull most of us together. She and her husband, Rob, spent much of the spring and summer on driving trips around the U.S., where she learned how to fly fish! Between those trips, she managed to pull together **Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert, Judie Moore Green, Dede Simon**

**Lohle, Bobbie Kuhn Riconosciuto, Jeannelle Naquin Brady, Julie Griffin Murphy, Carol Longo Kaupp, Jan Gabler Cranfield, Natalie Dwyer-Haller** and me. Judie brought stories of her recent trip to Rome with daughter Emily and husband Rich as well as her hopes for Chicago winning the Olympics 2016 bid, as the week we met was "Olympics week" in Beijing. Natalie was preparing to imagine life with the twins starting college in two years, while Kate would still be in Marquette. Jeannelle, grandmother of lovely Ellie and Ben, baked the most marvelous fresh blueberry pie ever. Bobbie was preparing for the wedding of daughter **Nina Riconosciuto '01** later in the summer. Meanwhile, Jan had started preparing for the wedding of her oldest daughter, Bree, in December. It was hard to keep track of all of Julie's grown kids out on their own, but we all noted that it must have been tremendously fun for both Murph and her husband, Bob ND '74, to enjoy the time son Kevin was on the ND basketball team recently. Now he's all grown up and out there in the working world in Dallas. As for Dede, in the same year, son Patrick graduated from medical school and daughter Michelle received her MBA from Harvard and joined a major investment firm . . . a great deal to be proud of, and some lovely photos were shared from the graduations. Carol

arrived earlier from California to visit with Dede in Chicago, and when our little getaway was finished, she was going on another vacation in Yosemite with her family. Jackie still has the youngest child in our group—we all can't believe that Richard is still in middle school! I hope he can do an "egg beater" impersonation for his classmates too.

**Ann O'Boyle Nash** dropped in to our "large cottage" because she had heard from Judie that we would be gathering—her family has a shared home nearby. It was lovely to see her, even if it was only briefly as husband Tom ND '74 went off to play golf. She mentioned that **Joan Dautremont Gluck** had organized a get together for several of their mutual college friends at the Jersey shore for later in the autumn. I hope it was super! Ann noted that Joan is a great host—knocks herself out to do it right.

I traveled to the ND-Purdue football game, which was a good one, with my son Willie, 16. He was amazed at the environment—had never seen anything like it. I told him that the ND guys, back in my day, had rolled beer kegs to Lafayette for the away games. He couldn't believe it, but I do remember team Barry/Bob ND '74/Milt/Jeff huffing and puffing away! Although our visit at ND/SMC was short, we did manage to meet **Jeannelle Naquin Brady** and

husband Brian ND '74 at their crowded and delicious tailgate. We tried to find **Judie Moore Green** and her family, as she was joining a tailgate with **Anne Cisle Murray** and **Deb Schwarz Pierre,** but our cell phones couldn't reach each other!

Some news I received from **Ginny Gilbert Pfeffer:** Following graduation from Saint Mary's, she married Dr. Robert Pfeffer, a neurologist in New York. Their lovely daughter, **Katharine Gilbert McAneny,** has just graduated from the SMC Accelerated Nursing Program. Ginny herself is a nurse case manager in New York City. Ginny, do you remember the lost ring in the shower of Le Mans? THAT was a memorable day.

Please write, dear old friends, with your news, and even if you don't remember me, please write because your friends would love to hear your news and how you are doing.

**From the Courier Office:** **Maureen Mustico Kimble** writes: **Suzanne Curtin Haley, Maureen Mustico Kimble,** and **Phyllis Quinn** met in Bethesda, Md., this past November. Maureen has been friends with both since attending Saint Mary's. This was the first time that Suzanne and Phyllis had seen each other in 32 years. Suzanne and her husband Martin have three grown children and live in Easton, Md. Phyllis is a reading specialist with Montgomery County School System and lives in Bethesda, Md.

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**Mary Reynolds O'Connor** has been traveling a lot lately: following her daughter Siobhan's basketball career at Villanova. Siobhan was red-shirted her first year, so this, her fifth year at Villanova, is her last year of playing guard for the team. Mary teaches high school, and took a leave of absence this year. Mary took graduate courses and traveled to Africa to share her skills with students there.

**Pam Gavelda Hummer** has just completed her 33rd year of teaching in the Cleveland school district and also works at the teachers' union. Pam's son John is a freshman at the University of Cincinnati, and as his mom did in 1972, he headed down to the Orange Bowl

for the game on New Year's Day.

**Ellen Wuellner Moran** shuttles to South Bend regularly to visit her daughter and her family, with grandchild number one. Ellen's second grandchild was born this year, and he lives a short drive from the Morans in Anchorage. Ellen works in the Alaska court system. "Sarah Palin" was not a new name to these Alaska voters!

**Teresa LaCava Gaydosz** is one of the few SMC grads who still live in the town in which she grew up. Theresa and Steve have raised their four kids in Ellwood City, Pa., and now boast that all of their kids are married and out of the house!

**Patti Gorman Mazzacavallo** and her husband Bob ND '76 celebrated their 25th anniversary this year and flew from their home state of Oregon to South Bend for the Stanford game. Their son Tom is now a senior at ND and will graduate this year with a degree in chemical engineering. Patti chairs the parish food drive, which provides needy families with Christmas dinner and a week's supply of food.

**Leslie Wilson** is winding up her years of service as country director for Save the Children in Afghanistan. Living in Kabul, Leslie has endured many physical and cultural challenges with grace and wit. She will leave Afghanistan knowing that the programs she administered changed the lives of Afghan women and children now and in the future.

**Marianne McCabe Brehl** works for Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, in New York's Hudson Valley. Folks say "Got cookies?" when she tells people where she works. The joke is: her job is to help the council sell cookies! Marianne's oldest daughter will graduate from the University of Chicago in June, and her second daughter, Genevieve, is an engineering major at Notre Dame.

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**From Diane:** Hope all is well with all of you! Thanks to everyone who responded to my e-mail request for our class news. This June is our 25th class reunion! Hard to believe! I know that some of you now have daughters at Saint Mary's.

I hope we have a great turnout

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This class of '80 grads celebrated their 50th birthdays together in Santa Fe, NM. (It comes sooner than you think recent grads!) A spa visit, The Wine and Chili Festival, and power shopping x8 created a memorable milestone. Friendships renewed were the true highlight of the weekend. The gift of attending SMC continues to be unwrapped after all these years.

Pictured in back left to right: Rosemary Borris Hughes, Pam Zinger Pedler, Jocelyn Harvey Bosick, Barbara Pratt Kinel, and Lisa Mistretta. Front: Mindy Murphy, Laurie Kielbasa Casazza, and Mary Jo McCormack Meyer.

in June. The dates are June 4-7, 2009. **Kathleen Murphy** and **Elaine Hocter Moore** have been working on the reunion this past winter. Murph has a request for any contact info on the following classmates: **Judy Trippe Geaslen, Diane Cardis Tripp,** and **Brigid Donaher MacDonald.** She is tracking down Judy for a senior bar reunion; reaching out to Diane because she was a good friend of **Julia Kraft Matisko,** who passed away from breast cancer on Sept. 16, 2005, and trying to contact Brigid because she was a close friend of **Carol Schirmer Hunt,** who passed away on Feb. 12, 1994. We would like to include a prayer at our reunion Mass for the deceased members of the class. If anyone has an address or e-mail for Judy, Diane, or Bridget, please forward it to Murph at kmurphy224@aol.com.

Also, our condolences to Murph and her family on the loss of her father this past summer.

**Clare Condon Engling** wrote me a short note while on vacation in Florida over the holidays. She is enjoying her vacation with her four children (ages 2, 5, 7, and 9) and husband, Tim. She looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion.

**Kelly Cambron Fretwell** writes that she is looking forward to attending the reunion with **Maria Lopez Honan** and, she hopes, **Janet**

**Del Giudice.** Kelly has been married for four years to Bruce Fretwell. They have a darling three-year-old girl named Annie. Kelly says that she's having so much fun but knows now why women have babies when they are younger! She practices workers' compensation and social security disability law in Port St. Lucie, Fla., which is just next to her own community of Vero Beach.

**Lynne Masini Eckardt** sent an e-mail. She has been married for almost 22 years to Don. They have two children: Hank, 16 and Alexandra, 20 and a junior at Saint Mary's majoring in biology. Alexandra spent spring '08 in the Rome program, and Lynne and Don enjoyed two weeks traveling with her. They live in Canton, Mich., just outside of Ann Arbor. Lynne runs her own distributorship of professional day spa products, and she and her reps cover the state of Michigan. She gets together with some of our classmates about once a year: **Kim Mayer Stofft** (Del Ray Beach, Fla.); **Geri Burge Greger** (Cornelius, N.C.); **Anne Posega '85** (St. Louis, Mo.); and **Alice Kaufmann** (who attended SMC from 1980-82.) She also writes that on April 27, 2005, we lost our very dear friend **Mary Pat Golden.** "She was such an inspiration during her struggle with cancer and is missed so much." **Sheila Russ Robbins** writes a

note from Columbus, Ohio. She was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in December of 1983 through the Navy ROTC unit at Notre Dame. She has been stationed in numerous locations over the years: Gulfport, Miss. (son Tyler born at Kessler AFB in Nov. 1984), Agana, Guam (daughter Morgan was born there Sept. 1987), Washington, D.C.; aboard the USS Hunley, Norfolk, Va.; and Sasebo, Japan. Sheila earned her MBA at Old Dominion University in May of 1995. She was commissioned on the USS Bonhomme Richard in Pascagoula, Miss., and San Diego, Calif. She retired in December of 2003 from the Defense Supply Center (DSCC) in Columbus, Ohio, and is currently a contract administrator for DSCC. She has been married to Emberson L. Robbins for 25 years and spent their anniversary this year by vacationing in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Their son, Tyler, is working on his master's in mechanical engineering at Purdue University; Morgan is working on her bachelor's in computer graphics at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio.

I also received a note from **Katie Keenan Chelsky**: "Mark and I are looking forward to our 25th in June. Our oldest daughter Christie is a freshman at Notre Dame, living in Walsh Hall and loving every minute of her college experience. Our son Connor is a sophomore at Xavier High School, running cross country and track and just starting to look at colleges. It's nice to know we won't be too lonely, since we have two more boys at home: Riley, 7th grade, and Jack, 5th grade—both basketball players. Our lives these days revolve around tournaments and just trying to keep up with the boys. Looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion." Thanks for the note, Katie!

**Anne Archibald Deutsch** accomplished a great feat! She ran and finished the Chicago Marathon in October of 2008 along with 33,000+ runners! Anne did the Chicago Marathon in 1979 at the age of 17 and always wanted to try it again! She writes: "Juggling six kids' schedules and finding time to train was a feat in itself." Great job, Annie!

And from **Betsy Quinn**: "Greetings from the Windy City! I am currently the president of the American Alliance for Theatre and Education. In addition, I am the drama teacher and arts department chair at Haven Middle School in Evanston, Ill. I am also the drama department chair of the Evanston public schools and teach in the theatre department at Northwestern University. Looking

forward to seeing everyone at reunion!"

Thanks to everyone for responding! My husband, Joe, and I spent two weeks in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, last spring and loved every minute of it! We also spent some time in northern Michigan last summer. We are enjoying our new home in Grosse Pointe, Mich., and have some projects planned for this spring. Joe just celebrated his 20 years on the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department. Take care everyone, and hope to see you all at reunion this June!

**From Sharon**: Mark your calendars for our 25th Reunion, June 4-7, 2009. Please plan to attend and reconnect with classmates. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend because of a family commitment. If you, too, are not able to attend Reunion 2009 but would like to share your latest news with classmates via the Courier, please e-mail your information to me at [strockman@comcast.net](mailto:strockman@comcast.net). If you plan to attend Reunion 2009 and have news you would like to share, please feel free to forward it to me.

My own news: I have lived in Wheaton, Ill., for the past 14 years. My daughter, Laura, is a freshman at Indiana University and currently rushing for a sorority. The sorority concept is completely foreign to me, as I know it is to all my classmates. I am so glad we did not have a Greek system on campus. Son Aaron is a junior in high school and recently received his Eagle Scout award. Youngest son Ryan is trying to see how many different sports he can play in one season. His newest passion is lacrosse, for which I am trying to learn the rules.

**From the Courier Office: Mary Catherine Georgas-Flath** writes: "In July 2008, my family (husband Al ND '83 and son Allen, 14) visited with my Saint Mary's best friend and roommate, **Mary Beth Delaney Weber**, at her home in Indianapolis. Mary Beth's husband, Jim (IU), and their four children, Madeline, 14, Delaney, 12, Mary Grace, 9, and Johnny, 8, entertained us in spectacular fashion, and we plan to make this "mini-reunion" an annual July event from now on. Mary Beth and I are looking forward to our upcoming reunion at Saint Mary's. We can't wait to see our other roommates and friends.

"Mary Beth is the IT director for a group of Catholic hospitals in the Midwest region. I am a professor of anatomy and physiology at Ashland Community and Technical College in Ashland, Ky. In May of 2008, I won the

prestigious 'first ever' Gussler Fellow Endowed Chair Award at ACTC. The newly established award is given to a professor of math or science who has 'changed the lives' of their students in a positive fashion. I love teaching community college students and learn from them everyday."

**Rosie Crowe Rowland** writes: "I've been busy trying to perfect the multi-tasking ability thing that so many of us find ourselves doing at this age! I am working as a critical care float nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend, as I have since graduation. I've really enjoyed my work and profession...I guess I made a good choice in a major all those years ago as an undergrad. In addition to work, I'm busy with my husband, Chris, raising, supporting, encouraging, driving, feeding, nurturing, etc., our five kids. This past May, our oldest, Ben, graduated from ND. Our second child, Meredith, is graduating this May from ND as well. It's been a lot of fun to see them grow in friendship with their college roommates and friends over the years via the dances, football games, and tailgates! We still have three to go, so I hope to have a daughter attend SMC, too! Looking forward to our 25th anniversary celebration!"

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Hello, classmates! **Lori Janko Wilke** e-mailed that she is doing well in Peru, Ill. Lori says, "In August, I will be celebrating my 19th year as a State Farm agent in Peru. Business is great, and I love my work. My children are Mason, 13, and Emma, 10, and in June, Bill and I will be married for 18 years." Lori says, "Emma is already set to go to Saint Mary's. She visited a local girl last year overnight during Little Sibs weekend and had a blast." Good job recruiting!

Lori notes that she keeps up with **Liz Meehan** and **Theresa Hardy Gaffney** and that both are well. During freshman year, Liz, Theresa, Lori, and I lived down the hall from each other on fourth floor McCandless. Lori and Theresa were both at Liz's wedding three years ago. Liz and her husband live in Wilmington, Del. Theresa and Ted live in Wakefield, Mass., with their five children. Lori and I both say, "Hi, we miss you!" to **Rosemarie Drake**, Lori's roommate. Thanks for your update, Lori!

**Susan Roab Kloberdanz** and I ran into each other this summer as we dropped our daughters off at Doug Bruno basketball camp in Lisle, Ill! Susan is doing great! Her thirteen-year-old daughter Abby is a good basketball player, like her mom. As a teen, Susan also attended the same Doug Bruno camp that Abby attends. Pretty cool! Susan and her husband Brian also have twins who are first graders, Claire and Drew. Susan e-mailed, "I have to bounce back and forth from the teenage world and the young elementary school age!" Susan writes, "Brian is an oral surgeon, and I am busy with the universal mom stuff...driving kids everywhere, scout leader, volunteering, vacation Bible school, watching kids' sports and music events. We live in St. Charles. Now that they're older I want to go back to work/school." Susan earned her MBA and MPH over a decade ago.

Susan says that she meets up with **Carol Branka**, **Carolyn Reppa**, and **Kathy McNeely** for dinner from time to time, and that those ladies are doing well. Thanks for the news, Susan!

**Jeanne Grammens Hidalgo** is doing well in Indy. Jeanne says, "I continue to be blessed with my work/ministry at Marian College. I am often amazed by the students." Jeanne says her position in campus ministry, with an "emphasis on service and social justice is heaven sent" and calls the job a "perfect fit" for her. All of us who know Jeanne realize the many gifts that she brings to those lucky Marian students! Jeanne is busy helping her oldest, Nicholas, choose the right college, as well as keeping up with Gabrielle, 16, Madeleine, 14, and Tomas, 10. Jeanne says, "I enjoy going up north in the summer with the children to Alpena, Mich. We go to my grandma's cottage, where we pick strawberries and make jam. We also enjoy bike riding in the area."

**Laura Ingallinera Cody** writes that she and Bill are doing well in Wilton, Conn. Laura says, "Billy is now a sophomore at Boston College... He loves all things BC... Tommy is a senior at Wilton High School and is waiting to hear from colleges. This spring he rowed in the Youth National Championships in Cincinnati. Lauren is a sophomore at Wilton and continues to bless us with her beautiful Christmas card each year. She can't wait to start driver's ed in February... when did that sneak up on us? Bill and I are well, happy, and grateful for a life blessed with faith, family, and friends." Laura's brother is ill, and she asked for prayers for him, his wife, and sons. Our

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In December 2008 Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B. '80 pronounced perpetual vows as a Benedictine Sister. Her current ministry is at Grace House, a program of St. Leonard's Ministries, where she holds the position of After-Care Director. The women who are residents there are transitioning from life in prison to independent living.

prayers are with you all.

**Susan Avitabile Huschke** and Mark continue their busy outdoorsy lifestyle in Eden Prairie, Minn. Suzie says, "I'm teaching at the same Catholic school for the third year now, five different math classes for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. That and following the kids around keep me out of trouble." Elizabeth, 16, plays cello (like her mom!) and soccer and enjoys French camp. Adrienne, 14, is on the Nordic ski team and soccer team, and plays saxophone and piano. Daniel, 11, plays many sports, trumpet, piano, and likes fishing. Add in a little family hiking and canoeing and I'm exhausted!"

**Betsy Van Devere Grosser**, husband Jurgen, and four children visited us in Downers Grove this summer. The family lives in Germany, and it was a treat to have them here for a few days, as they spend most of the summer with Betsy's family in Akron, Ohio. Their daughter, Katie, is deciding on colleges, having options both in Germany and the States. John and Annie are in grade school, and little Mary is a preschooler.

We had some of our Ireland group over to visit with Betsy and Jurgen while they were in town. **Cece Gallagher Kilpatrick** and Dan joined us. Cece is working as an attorney part-time and is busy with their three girls in Chicago. **Julie Lackner Ryan** and Paul ND '86 also made it. Julie is busy with their four children in Willowbrook,

Ill. They somehow manage to attend a wonderful trip every year with Paul's family. Dan Earner ND '86, Dennis Murphy ND '86 and his wife also joined us. Fun to catch up with the Ireland group!

We missed Chicagoans, **Sheila Beary Quinn** and Shaun, at the Ireland gathering. Sheila is an attorney in Chicago and busy with their little ones, Katie, Colleen, and Connor.

**Teresa Keefe Konrad**, another from our Ireland program, and her husband, Scott, are doing well in Brooklyn, N.Y. Their oldest son, Kevin, is in high school, and Caleb and Ian are both in grade school. Teresa is a free-lance writer.

**Marci Woods Kilpatrick** and Kevin ND '86, who were both in our Ireland Program, are still living in Kazakhstan. I got to visit with Marci briefly this summer in South Bend, where her parents live, while the family was spending some time there. Marci, Kevin, and their five kids do an amazing job of adapting to all the interesting locales in which they have lived. Their oldest, Connor, is now a freshman at West Point; Quinn and Eileen are in high school; and Liam and Aidan are in grade school. We'll see where they land next!

As for us, we are happy and healthy. Mike ND '85, the kids, and I were blessed with a wonderful family trip to Italy with Mike's family to celebrate his parent's 50th wedding

anniversary! We stayed in a villa in Tuscany for a week, and toured Rome, Assisi, Venice, for another week. The sites, the food, the wine—amazing!

Our daughters, Catherine, 13, and Megan, 11, will be attending Fine Arts Camp at Saint Mary's again this summer. In fact, it will be Catherine's fourth year to attend. They both love it! Cece Gallagher Kilpatrick's daughter Nora was also at Fine Arts Camp on the same week last summer. It was fun to run into them. Our oldest, Brendan, is a sophomore at Montini Catholic High School, and is on the golf team.

Please share your news with us! Send me an e-mail soon! God bless.

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**Mary Kay Scheid** writes: 2009 marks the tenth anniversary of my second move to California. Fellow Los Angeles SMC Alumnae Club member **Anne Borgman** and I have had multiple conversations about moving elsewhere (neither of us are native Californians), but California continues to treat us well. My son Michael started high school this year and I have been slowly processing the idea that he will be off to college in about three years. I teach middle school students by day and graduate students by night; it's hard to say which is the tougher audience to please. I enjoy frequent trips back to Chicago, where it is always a pleasure to visit with **Jamie Smith Taradash**.

Jamie Smith Taradash shares: As I write, it's New Year's Eve. Looking back, 2008 was a challenging year, but the reunion was certainly a highlight. Reconnecting with so many classmates has been great fun! On a sultry night in July, I had a lovely dinner in Evanston with Mary Kay

Scheid, who was back in the Chicago area for a family visit. Later in the summer, **Clare Van Hecke Korte** and I jetted off to Honolulu for ten days of sunning on the beach and hanging out at my grandparents' home (no spouses, no children, plenty of fruity cocktails!). I've been zipping e-mails back and forth with **Regina Rudser Hoyt** of Newton, Mass., **Andrea Thomas Barnes** of Atlanta, Ga., and **Karen Chandler Axelrod** of Fairfax, Va. Reg and I plan to meet An in Atlanta for a girls' weekend in January. Hello to **Mary Leonard**, **Elizabeth Arthur Meyers**, and Anne Borgman. I've thought of you often and hope that you're doing well. Cheers to 2009!

**Colleen Harty Taricani** writes: My oldest Joey just turned 5, and my daughter Kate is 3. They keep me super busy! I volunteer at their preschool, and they both are into soccer. I'm training for a half marathon in California in January. I recently joined Facebook and have loved getting back in touch with so many Saint Mary's friends.

**Meghan Farley Astrachan**, director of drama and performing arts chair at LREI in New York's Greenwich Village relates: "I will be taking another production to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland." In 2006, Meghan took her production of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" to Edinburgh and won a Sell-Out-Show Award! Meghan lives in downtown NYC with her husband, French-American architect Isaac-Daniel Astrachan and her young son Aidhan.

Please keep me informed throughout the rest of this year! I check e-mail regularly and am learning how to use Facebook.

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to Grace. Gretchen and her sisters, **Jeanine Weigel Pickering '99**, **Colleen Weigel '02**, and **Kristen Weigel Schauger**, are all wonderful and very helpful babysitters when Ann and Joel need an extra set of hands—as three kids under the age of two keeps them on their toes!

On the workfront, **Paulette Raczkowski-Baz** has been promoted to role of superintendent at Swanton Local Schools after serving as the high school principal and director of special education. **Lisa Siefert** is now the HR director for TD Securities in addition to continuing as the fitness director at Cheetah Gym in Chicago. Needless to say, she's super busy but loves it. Lisa also mentioned meeting up in NYC last spring for a small visit with **Jen Mahoney** and **Megan Maloney O'Sullivan**. She also passes on good news in that **Karen Gerlach** and husband welcomed a baby girl, Ginger, to their family. Megan still lives in NYC with her husband, John, and three boys: Nyhan, 5, Ian, 3, and James, 19 months.

**Michelle Kluth Shufelt** married Gregory Shufelt on June 10, 2006. The couple had a beautiful reception at Germania Place in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood. SMC attendees included **Amy Hiniker Robert**, **Megan Reilly**, **Robin Walsh Bourjaily**, **Gina Farrell O'Connor**, **Kimberly Dehner Davis**, **Joanna Finegan McDonough**, **Paulette Raczkowski Baz**, **Kari Fantasia VanVuren**, and **Julie Polek Hill**. The couple honeymooned in Greece and currently resides in Chicago. Michelle is a physical therapist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. **Amy Hiniker Robert** and husband Justin Robert ND '96 welcomed babies Carolyn Helene and Dylan William to their family on Dec. 10, 2007. The couple is elated to be parents of twins! **Megan Reilly** is Dylan's godmother. Amy is working part time as a finance manager at General Growth Properties in Chicago. Megan is a director at CNA in Chicago.

**Kelley Prosser** was married in Ireland in 2003 to Thomas McNamara from County Mayo. **Beth VanTiem Nesbitt** and **Sara Stronczek**

**Sampson** attended the wedding, and Kelly's sister, **Jennifer Prosser '00**, was maid of honor. Kelley resigned after seven years as director of distance learning for the School of Computer Science at DePaul University and now has two children: Eoin, 2, and Maeve, 5 months. Kelley was also kind enough to let me stay in the family's Ireland home for part of my journey. I had a great time meeting Thomas' family (thanks again, Kelley!).

**Megan Bruchas Brunson** was married in February 2000 in Dallas, Texas, to Keith Brunson. Shortly thereafter they moved to Atlanta to follow his job, and Megan worked as an RN at St. Joseph Hospital of Atlanta in the open heart CVICU. She advanced to charge nurse of the 24-bed unit. Although Megan loved the job, the couple recently moved back to Dallas (Frisco, Texas) to follow her husband's job. She currently works at Medical City of Dallas as the night shift supervisor of the CVICU. Megan and Keith have two children: Maddy, 5, and son Sam, 8 months old.

**Mitzi McAndrews Neighbor** and husband Matthew welcomed their fourth child, Deaglan John, on June 5. His siblings Dominic, Emeline, and Daschel love him to pieces. Mitzi is still working as a labor and delivery nurse in Columbus, Ohio, and really enjoys watching the miracle of life unfold everyday! She also had a chance to see **Laura Boekman Cauley** a couple times while Laura and her triplets were visiting Laura's parents in the area. Mitzi raved about how wonderful it was to relax with their children and catch up.

**Jennifer Peterson '97** sent the following update: **Molly Kelsey** married Brian Clayton of Grosse Ile, Mich., on May 10, 2008, at St. Anne Chapel on Grosse Ile. Molly was attended by seven bridesmaids, among them **Jennifer Peterson '97** and **Tiffany Bowman-Allred '98**. Her maid of honor was **Erin O'Donnell**, and her matron of honor was **Cheryl Rockwell**. **Corinne Hanrahan '97** also attended. The reception was held at the Grosse Ile Yacht Club, where delectable chocolate cupcakes,

dancing, and celebrations were enjoyed by all. The beautiful couple honeymooned in Paris and currently lives in Wyandotte with their daughter, Victoria.

Whew! That's a lot of great news! Best wishes to everyone—have an enjoyable summer!

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**Kate Votruba** married Charlie Frey on Sept. 27, 2008, at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. **Becky Jacobs Dempsey** was the matron of honor, and **Katie Drew** was a bridesmaid. Belles in attendance included: **Mary Jones Dazell**, **Maureen Monahan DeHond '97**, **Stephanie Pasa-Farmer**, **Julie Fetch**, **Kathleen Finke**, **Beth Renken Hancock '95**, **Tricia Tellmann Van De Ryt ND '98** and **Lisa Coury**.

**Lori Allen Remington** and husband Alex Remington ND '97 are proud to announce the arrival of their son, William Richard. Little William was born on Aug. 1, 2008.

**Arwen Dickey Moore** married Matthew Moore on May 3, 2008, in Kansas City, Mo. Maid of honor was **Lara Dickey Lewis ND '94**. Bridesmaids included **Megan McMahon** and **Lori Mrowka Cornell ND '98**. Other 1998 SMC alums in attendance were **Kate Brower**, **Nora Meany**, **Laura Meyers Malec**, and **Rachel Torres Bell**. Also in attendance was **Nicole Borda ND '99**. On Oct. 30, 2007, **Shannon Crunk Hipp** and husband, Tim ND '95, '96, welcomed Flannery Jane. Now 13 months old and walking everywhere, she loves to look at books and magazines, especially the *Courier*!

**Jessi Lentych Loyd** is working as the curator of education at the South Bend Regional Museum of Art.

**Audrey Linden Miller Price** and husband, Brian Price ND '95, welcomed their fourth child and third son, Teague Eoin, on Sept. 3, 2008. He joins his brothers, Cael and Sorin, and sister Esmé. They are still living in Pittsfield, Mass., and Audrey is loving being home with her little brood!

**Sara Nienaber VanSlambrook** loves working at a nonprofit community development organization in Indianapolis. She and Greg ND '98 welcomed their son, Elijah David, in May 2007.

**Eleanor Casella Loebel** and husband Don Loebel, Jr., ND '98, and their son, Donny, welcomed Carol Elizabeth Loebel into their family in April 2008.

**Meghan McNally Allison** married Scott Allison in Sept., 2008 at Saint Michael's Church in Chicago's Old Town. They had many Saint Mary's ladies in attendance to support them: **Anne Parente Taylor**, **Emily Broussard Nash**, **Katie Diestelkamp Huffman**, **Anne Geisler Nelson**, **Laura Schachtrup Gonder**, **Jamie McDonald Thomson**, **Chiara Marcheschi Wroczynski**, **Carolyn Lukas Rocchio**, **Cathy Lukas Brookfield**, **Amy Junius '90**, **Emily Junius Harrison '00**, **Kelly Meyer Girsch**, and **Allison Holloway Altherr**. Right after their honeymoon, the Allisons left Chicago and moved to Atlanta for a new job opportunity for Scott. Meghan was asked to launch an office for her design firm in Atlanta. They are looking forward to exploring their new city as newlyweds.

**Sarah Mullen Schwab** and husband, Carl ND '99, welcomed a baby girl, Katelyn, on Nov. 29, 2008. She has been enjoying her time at home with Katelyn and her older sister, Anna, 2. They are still living in Minneapolis.

**Keri Ruscito Clavin** and husband Nick welcomed their baby boy, Hudson Parker Clavin, on July 25, 2007. Now that Hudson is a year old, Keri is getting back to events and starting up her own company, Clavin Kelly Events ([www.clavinkellyevents.com](http://www.clavinkellyevents.com)), focusing on wedding and social events.

**Lisa Budzynski Ezell** married Stephen Ezell in summer 2008. They were married at Dahlgren Chapel at Georgetown University. **Donna Mirandola** was matron of honor, and **Angela Bill Bolton** and **Michelle Ziembra** were in attendance, along with their husbands. Lisa is still living in Washington, D.C., and working at the Federalist Society. She finished her master's in public policy at George Mason in 2006. In Fall 2008, Lisa had dinner with **Katie Brown Netto**, her husband, Anthony, and their little boy, Charlie, in Baltimore when they were in town for the Notre Dame game.

**Rachael Sederberg Ferrell** and husband Dustin welcomed their second child, Colin Joseph, on July 12, 2007. He joins his big sister, Emma Catherine. They are living in Chicago. Rachel is a stay-at-home mom and loving it.

**Lisa Gutilla** has moved back to Chicago.

**Anna Antes Patterson** and husband Tommy welcomed their beautiful son, Luke Thomas, in April 2008. Big sister, Siena, 2, loves having a real, live baby to "play" with! Tommy and Anna are doing well and having fun chasing after their babies.

**Genevieve Morrill** was chosen the Outstanding Young Alumna at SMC Reunion over the summer, which she considers a great honor considering all her fabulous classmates! Genevieve ran the Las Vegas half-marathon for the second time and shaved five minutes off her time from last year. She'll be doing a fourth half-marathon in May 2009 at the 500 Festival in Indianapolis.

**Kimberly Jeselnick Gray** and husband Timothy had a baby girl, Ainsley Elizabeth Gray, on Nov. 13, 2008. After 10 years living in Chicago, **Bridget Thomas Muckle** and family are moving to Chelsea, Mich., a small town outside of Ann Arbor. Bridget's husband, Tim ND '99, took a new job as the director of testing services for the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and he will be working remotely. Bridget is job hunting for another nurse practitioner position but plans to stay home for a little while to help get their twin boys settled in to preschool and small town life!

**Sara Pluta Gibson** has returned to Washington, D.C., after spending a year in Paris with her husband, Josh. She is now working as the director of development at a local homeless service nonprofit called Miriam's Kitchen.

**Tabitha Sobel Eden** was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy, on Oct. 1, 2008.

**Mia Rinehold Datena** organized a tree dedication at SMC in honor of **Tara Mooney's** daughter, Katie, who passed away in March 2008. The tree dedication took place on Nov. 8, 2008, and it was really lovely. The tree dedication was attended by Prof. Pat Pierce (POSC), **Addie Cashore '70**, **Brigid Coleman** and her husband, Eric Robben ND '99, and their two children, **Megan McHugh '97**, **Mia Rinehold Datena**, **Carrie Minogue Bloom**, her husband Gordon Bloom, and their three children, **Martha Moylan Kirby**, **Amber Jones Liu** and her husband, George Liu. They dedicated a beautiful sweet gum tree on the Alumnae Green, located just off the walkway in between Regina and Le Mans. Donations for the tree were sent in from family, friends, and alumnae from our class. Tara and her husband, Joseph Thelin, were very touched by the outpouring of love they received. Tara had wanted Katie to go to SMC some day—now she feels as if part of her is there.

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**From the Courier Office:**

**Merideth Drudge** writes: "On May 10, 2008, I married Troy Drudge at Little Flower Catholic Church here in South Bend. My attendants included my sister, Sheila Lax, and my former roommates **Laura Carroll DeBolt** and **Katie Burns**. Also at the wedding were **Mary DeKever**, **Jessica Alwood**, and **Emily Parker Taylor '01**. It was a beautiful day, and everyone had a good time. Troy and I are now living in South Bend, and believe it or not, I've been working in the Saint

Mary's Department of Information Technology since graduation. It's a very busy office, but I'm happy to be here!"

**Robyn Chmielewski Albert** writes: "I married Mike Albert on Aug. 2, 2008. Bridesmaids and friends in attendance were: **Janet Horvath**, **Andrea Bueno '99**, **Megan Flaherty Kogut**, **Sarah Shannon**, **Sara Cwidak Kurzhal**, and **Ellie Wassenhove '98**. The wedding was on Tiscornia Beach in Saint Joseph, Mich. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day!"

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**From Lori:** Greetings, fellow '02-ers! After five successful years of class reporting, **Katie Rzepka** has passed the torch to me, **Lori Sichterermann**, to continue her legacy of documenting quality class news for our class. Well, lucky for me, our class has nothing but quality news to report! For example,

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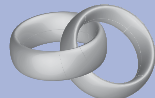
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## Getting Married? Expecting?

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







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Starting with the back left in the blue dress we have: Sarah Robinson, Marcia McDonnell, Allie Greene, Kate Fenlon, Caitlyn Flanagan, and Jackie Sias. In the front row beginning with the blonde in the blue sweater from left to right are: Katie Thompson, Emily Matus, Meg Schmitt, and Anna Fricano. We graduated from Saint Mary's in 2008 and gathered for our first reunion in Chicago for New Year's!

**Kathleen Fisher Leppert, Jennifer Johnson Barth '74, Mary Kay Conaty Leicht '74, Sharon Brown Sobolewski '74, Susan Murphy Janko '74, Anne Faherty '73, Joanne Alban Amenta, Joann Frailey Heap '75, Rooney Frailey Russell '73, and Margaret Kirby Frailey '46.**

**Becca Doll** recently moved to Chicago and is living in Lincoln Park. She is the coordinator at Tiffany and Co. on Michigan Ave. (I think we should take a class field trip to see her!) She wrote that **Carrie Freeman** is learning the family business, and **Kristin Hansen** recently took a job at translations.com. **Stella Barruitta Coomes** sent me several updates. "My husband, Mark Coomes ND '03, and I have been living in Providence, R.I., for five years. I have been working as a school social worker at an international school, and Mark has been finishing up his medical school program at Brown University. Now, after it is starting to feel like home, we will be moving in June to another location for Mark's medical residency program. We will be finding out later this month on the exact location. Regardless of where we end up, we have made some wonderful memories here in the east coast, including having both of our daughters born in Rhode Island. Elena, our oldest, will be 2 in April and our newest addition, Cecilia, was just born Dec. 19."

**Danielle Kraft Meyer** and her husband, Andy, recently bought a house in Kettering, Ohio. They have two boys, Brady, nearly 3, and Austin, nearly 1. **Annmarie Marquez Villegas** recently had a new addition to her family, as well. She and husband Zeke welcomed Jonah in December. Other children are Ezekial, 3, Annalise, 1. Annmarie also works doing commercials for Lithia Corp. throughout the western states.

**Hannah McDiffett Finch** married Jonathan Finch ND MBA '07 on Aug. 8, 2008, in Hannah's hometown of Anchorage. In September, they moved from Chicago to Seattle, where Jonathan is a strategy consultant, and Hannah has started her own graphic design business called Colorbuton.

**Abby Van Vlerah** sent me a few updates, as well. She is now living on the lake in Angola, Ind., working at Trine University. She writes that she and **Joan Muecke** traveled to Ireland together in July. They had a blast and had the chance to meet up with friends they met while living in Rome. Joan recently began volunteering with Mission Honduras. She will be moving there in January for three to six months. Abby attended Melissa Knauss' wedding to Andy Wood this

past summer. Melissa and Andy are living in Rochester Hills, Mich. **Manda Wishin** also finished law school and is practicing in St. Joseph, Mich.

**Vanessa Hetrick Friedman** wrote: "My husband, Matt ND '04, and I just moved to Chicago in June. He is a first-year resident at Northwestern/Children's Memorial Hospital. We're enjoying the city and are very excited to be living closer to friends and family...our dog Bella (yes, after SMC) loves it here, too. Now that we're in the city, we get together with **Molly Mulvihill Sundby** and her husband, Ryan ND '04, all the time."

**Jeanne Berger** is working and living in New York City. She is a financial adviser for JP Morgan Chase. My SMC-Pittsburgh friend, **Emily Welsh**, has left me for New York City as well! She is in Cohort 16 of the New York City Teaching Fellows Program. She is living in Brooklyn and teaches sixth grade special education. She writes that **Mary Watrobka** was married in June 2008 to Mark Albrecht. Mary lives in northern Indiana and is teaching at an all-boys' high school in Chicago. **Carrie Freeman** is living in Chicago and working for her family's financial firm. **Jaclyn Thompson** moved to New York City to dance professionally with a modern dance company after spending last year as the interim dance department head at Saint Mary's.

**Frances Bruder** moved back to Colorado and is doing marketing for a chemical distribution company. She writes that she was back in South Bend for **Michelle Winter's** wedding. Michelle married Kevin McCall ND '04 on Nov. 8, 2008. Sara Mahoney wrote: "I am currently working at Georgetown University as the learning skills specialist in the Academic Resource Center. I work with students with disabilities and all students who need academic assistance related to study skills, etc. I just started this job back in July. I am still living in Fairfax, Va."

**From Kim:** As I write our class update right now, it's a week into the 2009 New Year. I'm now beginning to realize what "older" people mean when they say that time flies by. Our five-year reunion is just months away, and I sincerely hope each of you will attend it. In the meantime, here is just a glimpse of a few changes that have occurred in the past year.

On a misty Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008, **Elizabeth Ruth Jablonski-Diehl** married Captain Jeffrey Michael Newcamp ND '04 at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta, Ga. **Maureen Russell** played trumpet during the evening ceremony. The reception was held at the Georgian Ballroom at the Biltmore. Elizabeth

wore her maternal grandmother's wedding gown, a dress also worn by her mother, Mary Grace Diehl, at her 1977 wedding to Michael Jablonski. Bridesmaids and former Saint Mary's classmates included myself, **Kathryn Harrison**, and **Nicole Haerberle Laubacher**. Also attending the wedding were **Amanda Garno** and **Sarah Catherine White '05**. Elizabeth and Jeff now reside at Edwards Air Force Base in Edwards, Calif. Jeff attends the United States Air Force Test Pilot School. Elizabeth graduated from Emory Law School in May '08 and is currently working as a public relations specialist at NASA Dryden.

**Jennifer Gilbride Wernig** and her husband reside in Annapolis, Md, while he finishes his current assignment with the Navy: teaching at the Naval Academy. They recently welcomed their first baby, Madeline Paige Wernig, on their one-year wedding anniversary, Oct. 20, 2008!

**Maggie Garigliano Busam** and Luke Busam, ND '04 welcomed their first child, Joshua Gabriel Busam on Nov. 5, 2008. Maggie enjoys staying home with Josh. The family currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

As for myself, I had the wonderful opportunity to dust off my passport during the past year. Plante Moran exported me to France, Belgium, Spain, Germany, and Austria throughout the year, and I now consider Europe my home away from home. In between travel adventures, my incredible boyfriend, Darin, and I kayaked, snowmobiled, and skied in northern Michigan.

Please remember to keep in touch, live well, laugh often, and love much. Life is too short not to!

**From the Courier Office:** **Jessica Millanes** writes, "I am currently back in Iraq on my second tour. I am the officer in charge of the Lioness program for the Marine Corps. I train female Marines to be members of female search teams, which give the Marine Corps the capability to search female Iraqis at entry control points and interact with the female Iraqi population. I enjoy my job very much, and it has been a very rewarding opportunity. I have worked with our Iraqi counterparts and have met many of the women and children of Iraq. I have been impressed at their progress since my last tour, and I am hopeful for their future. Some Iraqi women have said our equal role alongside our brother Marines has given them something to look up to."

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**From Cate Leone Cetta:** I hope all of you are happy and healthy, and totally shocked that it has been almost a year since we graduated! Natalie and I have since moved to the D.C. area and are loving life. I attend American University, getting an M.A. in broadcast journalism and interning for NBC's Today Show at the Washington Bureau. The ability to cover the election and inauguration with NBC has been a great experience, plus rubbing elbows with Matt Lauer and Luke Russert hasn't been too shabby either. Please, please send us updates on all your happenings. Thanks!

In November, **Connie Walsh**, who also lives in D.C., and I drove up to Baltimore for the ND/Navy game and spent the weekend with **Jenn McLean, Corey Duff, and Megan Staley**. It was great to be back together and tailgating!

Jenn lives in Philadelphia, where she is receiving her master's in social work at the University of Pennsylvania. Corey lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she works as the executive marketing assistant for WorldDealer, Inc.

Megan, who lives in Kettering, Ohio, reports that she enjoys attending graduate school at the University of Dayton; however, it is impossible to replace Saint Mary's. She is also a full-time nanny for **Jennifer Mathile Prikkel's '95** three lovely children.

To ring in the New Year, **Mary Bridget Fearon** hosted **Nora Casey, Megan Staley, Sarah Griffin, Allison Fleece, Audrey Ballinger, Renee DiNovo '06, Jenny Wolff, '06** and me at her apartment in Chicago.

Mary attends Loyola University Chicago, where she is working toward two masters' in the school of psychology. Nora lives in New York City and works for FOX Broadcasting Company as a sales assistant in the national promotions department. Sarah lives in the Chicago area and works in the assurance and advisory business services division of Ernst and Young. She reports that currently her favorite song is "Tom's Diner" by Suzanne Vega—it's catchy, you'll love it! Allison lives in Germany, where she works for Adidas in the global footwear marketing department. She enjoyed a great trip to the States for the holidays,

catching up with family and friends. Audrey recently moved to Colorado Springs, Col. where she interns for the U.S. Olympics Committee. She reports making a smooth transition back to "dorm life," but has to adjust to the city's 7,000 feet above sea level elevation.

During the week we also met up with Mary Esler. She lives in Southfield, Mich., and works on media relations for Microsoft at Airfoil Public Relations. Some members of our New Year's group also saw **Abby Hinchy** and report that she is doing well.

**From Natalie Elizabeth Grasso:** Most of the news in this first edition has been made in Chicago. I flew in from D.C. on Halloween to attend **Kate Holloway** and **Brooke Trudeau's** housewarming/Hallows Eve soiree—"Eat, Drink, and Be Scary." Kate and **Brooke** live together in Lincoln Park. **Erin Hogan** and **Caitlin McGee** stopped by and agreed it ought to become an annual event.

Brooke reports that she is loving every minute of teaching second grade at Seward Academy, a Chicago public school on the South Side. She busies herself after school bartending at Mad River. Kate works as a nurse in the intensive care unit at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital. **Elizabeth Bush, Erin Hogan, Colleen Kielty, and Shawn Redington** also live in Chicago. Colleen began working for Deloitte Tax LLP in July and so far, she reports, so good. She spends a lot of time at the office, but six months in, she's beginning to understand the world of public accounting a little better. Over Thanksgiving she traveled abroad with two of her sisters to visit her third sister, who was studying in Segovia, Spain. She commented that it made her miss her college days, especially her own time abroad. Shawn works as a site director at the Bolingbrook Y.M.C.A.; Elizabeth is a first-year student at Illinois College of Optometry; and Erin works as a nurse in the pediatric surgical heart unit at Hope Children's Hospital. She loves the life made possible by three to four day work weeks, and is currently "looking to pick up some extracurriculars."

**Meagan Walerko** spent a weekend in Washington this past summer, helping ease my transition to the new apartment. She's currently in South Carolina, where she'll graduate from Adjutant General school in February. Next is Airborne school in Georgia for about a month. There, she reports, she'll "learn how to jump out of airplanes." Then she's off to Seoul, Korea, at the end of March for one to two years.

**Alexandra MacPherson** and I work only a few blocks from one another, she at the Corcoran Gallery of Art and I at a law firm on K Street. This makes spontaneous Saint Mary's happy hours especially convenient. At the time of publication, she was wondering if she'll survive the three inaugural balls being hosted at the Corcoran. She works as a special events coordinator at the gallery and lives on Capitol Hill.

I'm learning a lot at Wiley Rein, where I work as a project assistant with attorneys in the firm's communications litigation practice group. Along with work, I mentor at Thurgood Marshall Academy, a law-themed public charter high school in D.C.'s Anacostia neighborhood. The post-collegiate life has been an adjustment, but Cate and I have both taken well to Washington.

Here's to a bright and cheerful spring. We look forward to hearing from you, and hope you'll be in touch should you find yourself in the Capital City. All the best!

were able to attend the wedding: **Amy Modic, Connie Williams O'Connell, Kelly Armbricht Perry, Amy Lazzorotto Nelson, Meghan Meyer, and Kelly Leonard**, who was my maid of honor. We met while studying at DePaul University—my program was a master's in writing and Daniel's was law. We live in Chicago's Lincoln Park.

the great alumnae club we have here in Pittsburgh. It gives us the chance to work with and socialize with many wonderful Saint Mary's women from many class years.

**Emily Spore** married Jim Lowder ND '04 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Saint Mary's women in attendance at Emily and Jim's wedding were her sister and maid of honor, **Bridget Spore '08**, her mother, **Mary Beth Roitz Spore '79, Heather Hammond, Rachel Waldron '03, Kate Hartman Rozenszweig, and Maura Murphy**. Emily and Jim live in Chicago. She works as a manager in the pediatric intensive care unit at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago and is finishing her PhD in nursing research at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Maura Frailey Barth** wrote that she married Christopher Barth on Aug. 16, 2008, at the Church of Loretto at SMC. There were 28 SMC alumnae in attendance, ranging from the Class of 1946 to the Class of 2006! Participating in the wedding were: **Amanda Beldin Douglas, Terri Niemeier Dwyer, Maggie Wurst, Katie Weiss Sebasta, and Shaun Russell '03**. Erin was in attendance from the Class of '04 were: **Abby Van Vlerah, Courtney King, Erin Quinn, Becky Dalsin, Mary Braun, Becky Gindelberger, Colleen Campbell, Amanda Wishin, and Jennifer Bachtel**. From other classes were: **Mary Buehl '06, Sarah Borkowski '06, Angie Battista Penn '01, Colleen Borkowski Fontaine '01,**

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**From Kathryn:** Reunion for the Class of 2004 is quickly approaching. I cannot wait to see everyone this summer! Thank you for continuing to send me your updates. Congratulations on all of the wonderful news that keeps coming!

I am currently living in Pittsburgh. I graduated from Duquesne Law in May and recently passed the Pennsylvania bar. I clerk in the Federal District Court in Pittsburgh, alongside my friend from both SMC and Duquesne Law, **Carolyn Batz '05**. **Ellen Burns** also graduated from Duquesne Law with Carey and me and passed the Pennsylvania bar. We are all three lucky to be involved in

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