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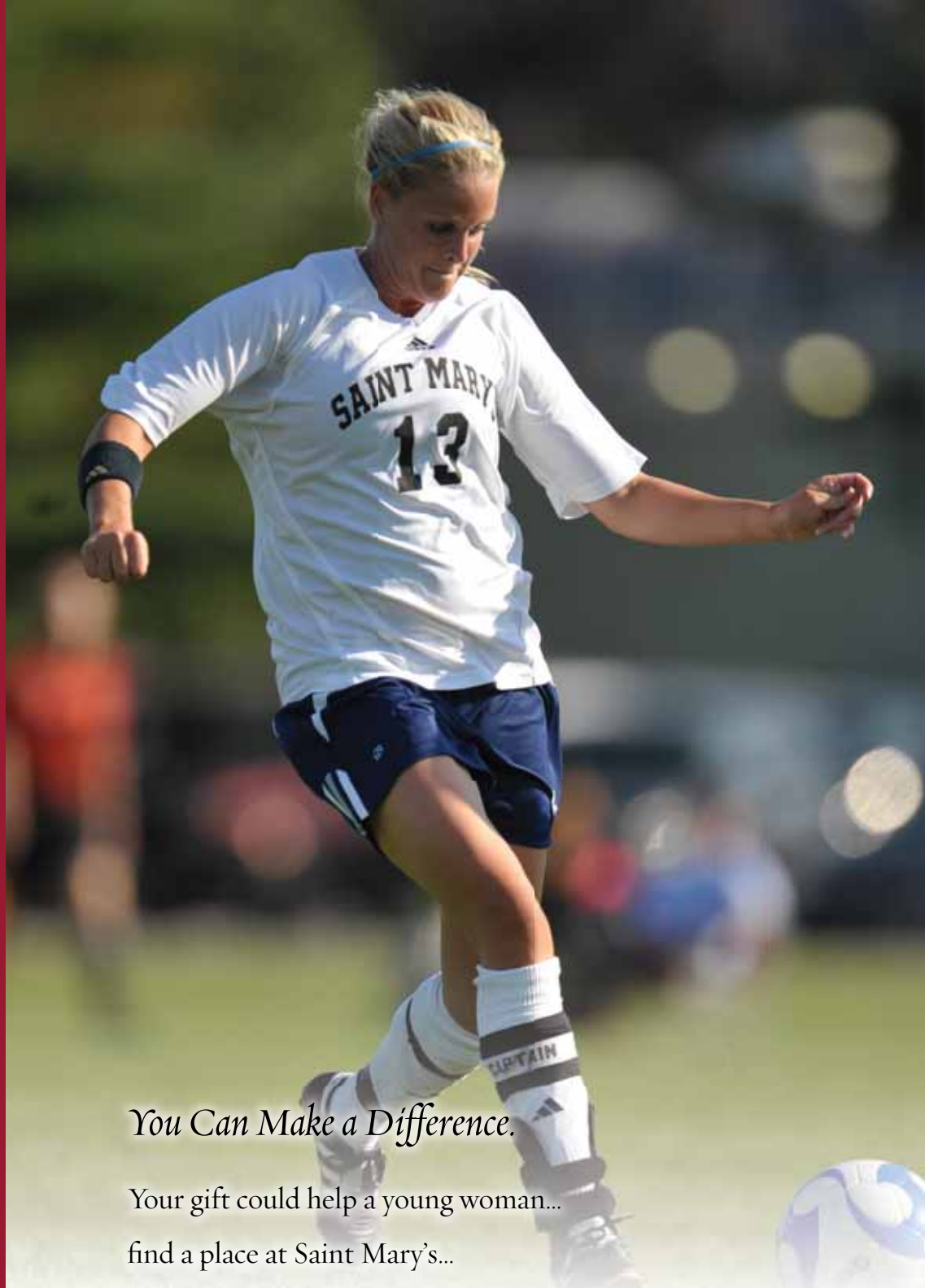


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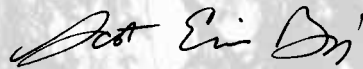
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This issue of Courier looks through the classroom window to the many other places where we learn. Beyond campus, students are engaging with the world in remarkable ways. This summer, some Saint Mary's students took their studies on the road. They traveled to Honduras with a service-learning program to learn firsthand about the country and the challenges it faces. Others made a difference in their community by volunteering locally. Many traveled with study abroad programs to countries as far away as China to engage with other cultures. Still others rolled up their sleeves and got political working as interns for state officials.

Students and alumnae both live lives of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility on and off campus. We checked in with professors to find out what first-year students are reading this year. We tell the story of one alumna who adopted the mission of the College as her own. As lifelong friendships are a hallmark of the Saint Mary's experience, Courier sat down with one professor to ask her for advice on life beyond the classroom and how to maintain those relationships that continue to teach us about ourselves.

This issue explores how the places where we learn, be they physical or metaphorical, impact the lesson. While we were exploring the spaces where we learn, Courier posed the question to you, the greater Saint Mary's community: what are the places and spaces at Saint Mary's that have been important to you? Places you have gone to think, pray, or reflect?

The following pages, entitled "Spaces that Shape Us," include some of what you said.



Scot Erin Briggs is editor of Courier.



SPACES


THAT SHAPE US

My favorite place is around the lake [Marian]. I love reflecting and watching the water. There is something spiritual and remarkable about being outside by our lake. It is almost unexplainable, but something about that location rejuvenates my soul. There are many special places around the lake, and students and alumnae can find privacy among the benches.

—Michelle M. Gruscinski '09 , Student Body President

My sacred place on campus is Sister Madeleva's grave. I like to go sit by her grave and pray to her in thanks for all the wonderful things that she did to provide me, and the women around me, with the phenomenal opportunities that we have been able to pursue here at Saint Mary's. I see Sister Madeleva as an inspiration and while we have all worked hard to succeed, this institution would not exist if it were not for Sister Madeleva and her strong commitment to empowering young women. While we have an academic building named after her and paintings of her are visible on campus—I feel like taking the time to go pray to Sister Madeleva in her resting place gives me even more of a connection to her. When I pray to her, I remember what she said: 'the essence of our college is not its buildings, its endowment fund, its enrollment, or even its faculty; the essence is the teaching of truth.' Praying to Sister Madeleva gives me strength and helps me reflect on the value of an education in the tradition of the Holy Cross. Visiting Sister Madeleva encourages me to be a leader on campus so that we can continue to be pioneers reaching out into this world and teaching truth to others in an effort to change it for the better, just like Madeleva did.

—Mallory A. Price '10 , Social Work Club Vice President



My favorite place on campus, both as a student and as an alumna working at the College, was a comfy red chair on the second floor of the library, overlooking the green space behind Le Mans. I discovered this chair as I studied for my first biology exam the third week of class, and claimed it as my own as I read book upon book for my humanistic studies major. I watched my first South Bend snowfall from this chair, and enjoyed the slow transition into spring as I brushed the fog from the window, taking in the greenery and much-anticipated sunshine.

In the days before texting and cell phones, my friends knew exactly where to find me, oftentimes stopping by to chat (quietly, of course) and picking me up on their way to the dining hall. When I studied in Spain my sophomore year, I missed that chair, and was happy to settle back into its familiar embrace. As an employee of the College several years later, I spent many a lunch break reading on my chair, and know that whenever I return to campus that little red chair will be one of the first stops on my list.

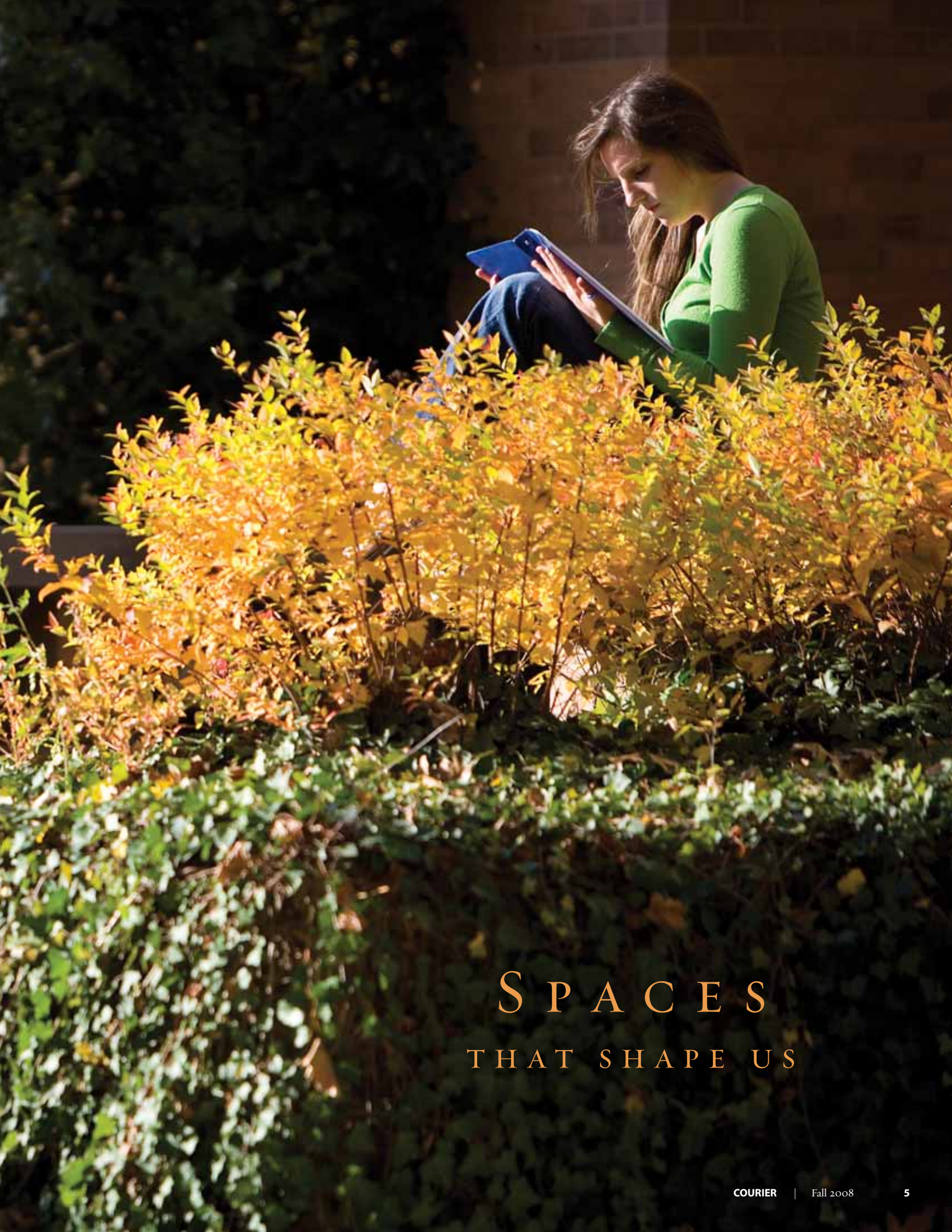
—Cara Ford Cernak '00
Oakland, California

I love the 'tabernacle alcove' in the chapel in Holy Cross. I feel so very close to the Lord there...sitting on the floor with my shoes off, padded by plumpy pillows, I can just waste time with God.

—Professor Susan Brabant Baxter
Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre

As an alumna who received her degree in French, I remember vividly my first day of class. At 12:50, I entered the classroom for my one o'clock class and found a reminder of my great-grandmother who had recently passed away: a vase of Silver Dollar plants. I recounted the story a few days later to Professor Kingcaid (my French professor at the time) and she explained that Maria, one of the housekeepers, had placed them in the rooms. The next day, Maria and I took a walk to the place where she had found them, and, although I found the Silver Dollars, I also found a small house at the end of a winding path: the Reidinger House. During my senior year, there was also a birdbath and tree placed near the path in honor of Sister Rosaleen Dunleavy, a professor emeritus in Biology and nun I had been paired with through the Friends with Sisters program. This path and the Reidinger house came to mean so much to me over the four years. Whether it was gathering Silver Dollars in the fall, studying on the lawn in the spring, or seeing the dedication of the garden to Sister Rosaleen, it is certainly one of the places that sticks out in my memory.

—Brooke Sheldon '07
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SPACES
THAT SHAPE US

Redefining Summer Vacation: *The*

By Shannon E. Brewer '03

Offering Saint Mary's students opportunities to learn outside of the classroom is part of the College's mission to "prepare students to make a difference in the world." From summer study abroad and volunteer programs to internships, this summer students took learning outside the classroom and the academic year. An abundance of Saint Mary's programs encourage students to explore and experience their passions during this seasonal downtime. Some choose an experience on campus, and some go as far as China.

According to art professor Marcia Rickard, who led the China Summer Study Program this year, experiences outside the classroom serve to enhance classroom learning. "Experiencing the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of a place makes the abstraction of learning from books or images projected in the classroom come alive."

Far and Wide

Saint Mary's summer study abroad programs allow students to experience another culture firsthand. Combining for-credit courses with travel, the summer programs offer the students the best of academics and hands-on learning. The China Summer Study Program lies at the intersection of East and West. Four students—Caitlin Cunningham '10, Taylor Flaherty '10, Nicole Krou '11, and Alexandra Meckes '09—accompanied by Rickard, embarked on a journey that took them from the Yellow Mountain trails to the Great Wall of China. The group traveled to China during what media headlines have called one of the most significant times in the country's history.

The China program is a partnership between Saint Mary's, Creighton University, and the Soong Ching Ling Foundation of China. The Soong Ching Ling Foundation hosted students and faculty from both institutions throughout their experiences this summer. One goal between the two was to bring medical supplies to a village outside of Datong,

where trained caregivers tended to orphaned children with special needs.

"The optimism of the people," is what struck Rickard as she led her small group of students through China right after a major earthquake and right before the Olympics. "[Another feature that] distinguishes this trip from the usual tourist trip," explains Rickard, "is that we met with college students there." Rickard's four students, who signed up for the trip and one of the corresponding courses, "Introduction to Chinese Art," or "Introduction to Chinese Philosophy," exchanged e-mails with Chinese students at various colleges. The trip was a chance to meet their peers and to see how they live.

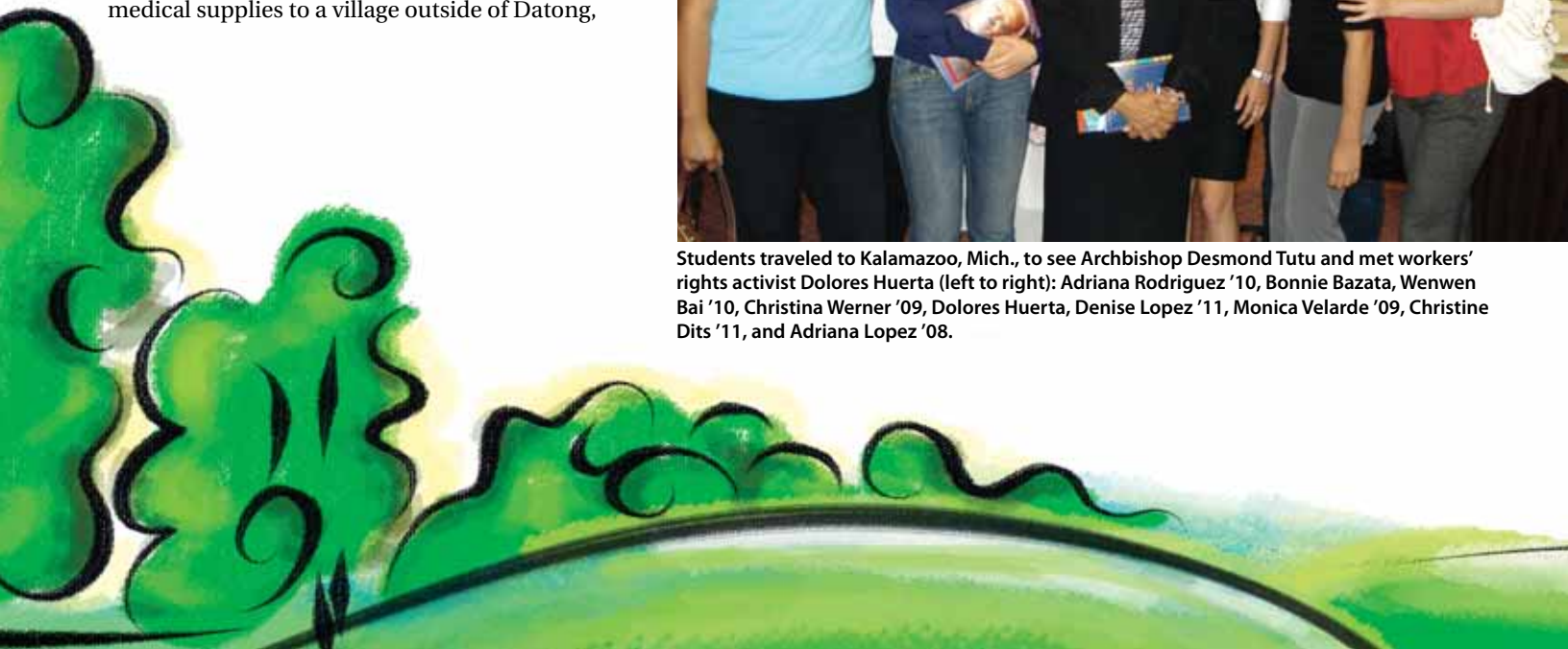
These interactions, along with the sites and sounds of China, gave students a comprehensive introduction to Chinese culture. "[The trip] allowed me to actually experience what we were learning," says Flaherty. "My two favorite parts of the trip were the Great Wall and The Forbidden City. At both of these sites you were able to feel the history. It was so much more enriching than just visiting a museum."

Close to Home

A group of ten Saint Mary's students participated in a volunteer program that makes a difference in the lives of many South Bend residents. From teaching kids about



Students traveled to Kalamazoo, Mich., to see Archbishop Desmond Tutu and met workers' rights activist Dolores Huerta (left to right): Adriana Rodriguez '10, Bonnie Bazata, Wenwen Bai '10, Christina Werner '09, Dolores Huerta, Denise Lopez '11, Monica Velarde '09, Christine Dits '11, and Adriana Lopez '08.



Global Classroom

peaceful conflict resolution to counseling women facing unexpected pregnancies, these students had big jobs on their hands. The Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) sponsors the Summer Service Project each year. The project places Saint Mary's students at organizations within the community where they help plan programming and assist clients. Participating students lived in community in Regina Hall, then went their separate ways each morning, to help out at a variety of local organizations.

OCSE's director Carrie Call hopes they will use their experiences to connect classroom learning with real-life situations. "We hope students gain a deeper awareness of the social issues facing this community and begin to see the human face of the various problems with which we struggle—homelessness, poverty, domestic violence, etc.," says Call.

Also on campus this summer were five students who worked as Leadership Interns. They conducted research, planned community programs, and honed their leadership skills through the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). Sophomore Christine Dits worked with her fellow interns to organize the summer Leadership Lunches, among other projects. The goal for the Lunches is to bring in women leaders, including Saint Mary's alumnae, who talk with students about how they rose to the top in their chosen fields. The list includes entrepreneurs, international scholars, and women with a variety of professional backgrounds. "In addition to the new insights and understanding of leadership, these conversations also open the door to internships and volunteer opportunities for students in the community," says Dits.

The social work major also coordinated a short road trip to hear Archbishop Desmond Tutu speak about "the power of compassion in our world" at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich. At the event, the five students who went had a surprise meeting with another of their heroes: worker rights advocate Dolores Huerta. "So we got to spend time with two international social justice luminaries," says Bonnie Bazata, associate director for CWIL.

On the Ground

"Government affects every single person on a daily basis, and I find that fascinating." Senior Molly Lamping learned about government firsthand this summer. She was an intern with the Public Information Office for the Mayor and the City of Fort Wayne, where some of her tasks included writing press releases and representing the mayor's office at public events.



OSCE Summer Service Project participants (bottom row, left to right): Grace Fey '09, Sarah Gunn '10; (middle row) Christina Werner '09, Nina Philippsen '09, Arlene Forney '09; (top row) Blaine Nolan '10, Anastasia Wilson '10, Katie Putz '09, and Deanna Molosky '09. Not pictured: Jessica Sobczyk '09.

Lamping's internship was one of many offered through the Saint Mary's INC@SMC program each summer, headed by the Career Crossings Office (CCO).

The INC@SMC program is funded by Summer Experiential Learning (SEL) Grants, which make it possible for Saint Mary's students to take an unpaid internship in Indiana. "The impact that these grants have had on the professional development of our students has been phenomenal in terms of providing them with hands-on experience that allows them to be marketable to employers upon graduation," says Stacie Jeffirs, director of the CCO. "Simply put, without these grants these internship experiences would not have been possible!"

For a political science major like Lamping, that real world experience will eventually help her launch her post-college career. "Saint Mary's has challenged me and helped me grow in and out of the classroom," she says. "I plan on attending law school after I graduate, and pursuing a career as an attorney."

Caring Beyond the Classroom



Marianna Teller holds her son Andrew's hand, while he sits on the lap of nursing alumna Natalie Hunckler '07. Hunckler is now a registered nurse working in oncology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

By Natalie Davis Miller

Marianna and Joseph Teller are the parents of two little boys: three-year-old Andrew and 16-month-old Michael. Andrew was born with cerebral palsy, and is unable to do anything independently. Speaking is limited to simple words such as “no.” He is unable to walk or sit, and he has to be fed through a gastrostomy tube (G-tube). In spite of this, he is the picture of vibrancy and hope.

Little brother Michael was born fully functioning, but like other children his age, needs constant supervision and

attention. Sometimes the Tellers, and parents who provide constant care for children with special needs, just need a little break.

For the Tellers, help came in the form of Natalie Hunckler '07, a nursing student who began working with the family through the Time Out Pediatric Respite Care program. The program complements Saint Mary's nationally accredited nursing major, providing all nursing students with experience outside the classroom as part of their clinical experience. Hunckler worked with the family from the

summer of 2005 through the spring of 2007, and remains in touch with them today. “They became my family away from home,” says Hunckler. “To me, Andrew was like a little brother. Just watching him grow—just the progress that he has made is unreal. He always recognizes me.”

It was a powerful experience according to Hunckler, one that gave her an opportunity to see firsthand the strides people can make. Hunckler credits experiences like her work with Andrew, experiences that are part of the nursing program, with making her a better nurse. “I am very proud to be a nursing graduate from Saint Mary’s. I think that I got a great education there.” Hunckler is now a registered nurse working in oncology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

History

The Time Out Pediatric Respite Care program is part of the N326 Child Health Nursing course. The program was an off-shoot of a joint venture between Saint Mary’s College and Sacred Heart Parish in Notre Dame, Ind. In 1995 the partnership provided geriatric respite care but moved to a pediatric respite care pilot program in 1998, after Sacred Heart nurses received requests from the community for the service. In 2001, the program was taken over fully by Saint Mary’s College. Now in its tenth year, the program has assisted over 80 families, with students logging in over 4000 hours of service. Additionally, through a grant, students can also work for the program either after completing the required service learning hours or during the summer, increasing total number of hours provided to 8,882.

How it Works

Students are matched with families with children who have disabilities ranging from subtle to severe. Nursing students provide 16 hours of care, with visits being a minimum of two hours. The average visit is 3–4 hours, and if the student is like Hunckler, they far exceed their time requirement. “I tried to do as many hours as I could because I loved being there,” says Hunckler.

In addition to the pediatric respite care focus sheet, students keep a respite journal that includes their experiences from their visits, and a journey paper that reflects on the meaning and benefit of their entire experience.

Why it Works

When Hunckler began working with Andrew, it allowed his mother, Marianna, to go out by herself. She took the opportunity to go to the grocery store. “It felt amazing to be gone alone, without Andrew on my body,” she explains of having to carry Andrew with her everywhere when he was 15 months old. “When I came home and saw that he was happy I felt hope, that it was going to be possible to have quality of life slowly and surely. Up to that point I had doubted that anyone would, or wanted to take care of him because he was an extremely difficult and unhappy child. At that point it was just a lot of work, and just no emotional reward at all.”

Hunckler remembers the early days as well, when Andrew was always crying. Hunckler came to work with the Tellers after Andrew had surgery to address his chronic vomiting.

Hunckler says Teller seemed very cautious initially. “Once she felt comfortable she left for about two hours, then came back and did things in the house.”

Saint Mary’s nursing students are well equipped to care for special needs children. They are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), basic nursing skills, family theory, and childhood development. Working with and learning from the family, students, according to guidelines, are also able to administer medicine as well as conduct tube feedings. Their expertise greatly adds to the comfort level of families.

Life Lessons

Hunckler knew from the age of five that she wanted to be a nurse. She recounts a story of her grandfather making nursing caps out of construction paper for her and her sister as they took care of him when he had cancer. “I knew I wanted to take care of him, and I handled death differently,” she says. Originally enrolled at another college, Hunckler transferred to Saint Mary’s. “It was the best decision I ever made in my life, without a doubt,” says Hunckler. “It was the greatest experience of my life. And nursing school was hard.”

During her time with the Tellers, she became very involved with the family. When they moved from an apartment to a house, Hunckler was there to assist with Andrew. When Andrew received therapy, Hunckler was often there, learning from the occupational therapist as well. “It was interesting to see what Andrew could do when you challenged him,” says Hunckler. “The milestones he has reached and surpassed since I’ve been working with him are just amazing. Every time I go back to see him, he’s made more improvement. He’s such an amazing child.”

Hunckler’s participation in the Teller family went beyond taking care of Andrew, exemplifying the “family-centered care” aspect of the program. “While you’re sitting taking care of the child with the condition, you are also like a big sister to the sibling who doesn’t get as much attention,” explains Hunckler.

Hunckler’s observations of the family include not just the children, but also the parents as well. “Marianna is so different than when I met her; she’s so much more calm. I think because Andrew is so much happier, she’s able to be happy.”

Teller, who has a hard time talking about how strongly she feels about the program without crying, echoes Hunckler’s sentiments. She notices the difference in her son, how he seems to feel good about having other people around him, and that they are happy to see him. All of this has a direct impact on them as parents. “The fact that Mommy and Daddy were getting a break made us better parents and happier people, and we had more to give.”

Hunckler plans to attain a master’s degree in nursing, and eventually become a nurse practitioner. Her goal is to continue working with children, a goal that was undoubtedly influenced by her participation in the Time Out program. “It’s been one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had, working with the Tellers.”

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By Shannon E. Brewer '03

“Currently one of the poorest Latin-American countries, Honduras is plagued by a corrupt and ineffective government, a rising inequality between the very rich and the very poor social classes, and massive waves of two types of emigration—from the rural areas to the cities and from Honduras to various other nations...” This is how senior Kasey Murray summarizes the problems in a country she has recently gotten to know.

Students Live and Learn HONDURAS

Murray's confidence in the subject stems from first-hand experience with the Honduran people and their country. A political science and philosophy major, Murray traveled to Honduras this summer with nine other students, Associate Professor Marc Belanger, and alumna Catherine (Griebel) Bowman '99. The Honduras Summer Service Learning Program is a partnership between Saint Mary's and Heifer Project International.

Through their engagement in local projects and conversations with the Honduran people during the three-week, three-credit program, the group studied issues of poverty, development, gender, trade, and sustainable development. They traveled through the capital, Tegucigalpa, to several towns and villages, explored Mayan ruins in Copán, and spent time in a contemporary Mayan community.

This is the third time political science professor Belanger has coordinated the travel program. Aside from mastering

the art of sleeping in a hammock—which the group did while working on the construction of a “queseria,” or cheese making house, in Las Olivas—Belanger had high hopes for his students from the outset. “I hoped they would come to feel a sense of human connection with the people we met—not people who need our charity, but our solidarity in the process of living meaningful human lives. I want them to see people, not just ‘the poor.’” If the students' photos are any indication, the bonds they formed with the people of Tegucigalpa and other Honduran cities they visited, proved powerful.

The Saint Mary's group spent several days at El Hogar Diamante and in the community of Las Olivas. In each location they participated in service projects that exposed students to the obstacles faced by the Honduran people, and their resilience in overcoming them.

“Both of these trips exposed us to two different types of poverty that exist in Honduras—urban and rural,” explains Murray. “Seeing how these people live day to day and working beside them was one of the most eye-opening experiences I've ever had.” In El Hogar, the group helped out at Hogar Diamante, a home for boys from broken families. The major project there was to sand and repaint the walls of the schoolhouse. But the relationships, not the hard work, were the focus of the students' time at the boys' home. “It wasn't just a feel-good experience for them,” says Belanger. “It's not a simple process. It's an intercultural process that brings with it all the problems—race, culture, economics. But that doesn't mean you can't have genuine relationships.”

For Bowman, now a program associate at Work Rewards, an anti-poverty pilot in New York City, the experience built on her passion for Latin-American issues. Bowman has a background in international development, and says she



Audrey Anweiler '09 dances with the boys at El Hogar Diamante.

Photos provided by Marc Belanger and Heather Hanks '10



Students help build and renovate at El Hogar Diamante.

enjoys being able to “show up and lend my love of Latin America and the Spanish language.” She explains that “while Professor Belanger leads the academic discourse on what we’re seeing on the ground in Honduras from the political science perspective, I’m able to offer my experience of working with Latin American immigrants in the United States, as well as the lessons I learned while researching issues of poverty and gender discrimination in Chile.”

As a senior at Saint Mary’s, Bowman participated in a trip, with Professor Belanger, to El Salvador. She says that trip changed the way she viewed the world and helped her find her place in it. That’s the kind of experience she hoped to shape for students on the Honduras trip. “In Honduras students are exposed to many difficult scenarios, but they also witness the incredible resilience of the human spirit and the good that can come from development work.”



Casandra Williams '11 and boys at El Hogar Diamante.



Audrey Anweiler '09 and Hannah Brown '10 make friends in Ciudad de España.

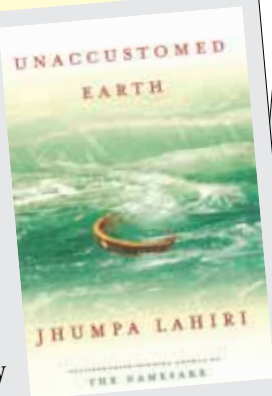
What First-Year Students are Reading this Fall

By Shannon E. Brewer '03

You probably remember the books that touched your heart or inspired your best ideas when you were at Saint Mary's. But do you remember the volumes you conquered in just your first year? Were they classics by Hemmingway, Austen, or Tolstoy? First-year students at Saint Mary's are reading these literature greats and more as professors seek to broaden their perspectives and communicate a variety of subjects through literature. Here, Saint Mary's professors from several disciplines share the texts their students are reading and why.

THE BOOK *Unaccustomed Earth* **BY JHUMPA LAHIRI** KNOPE 2008

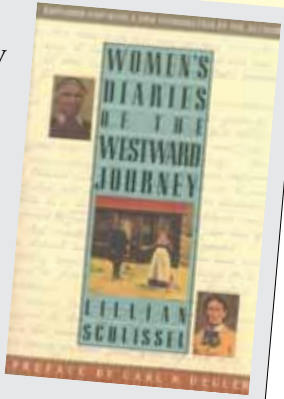
THE COURSE
ENLT 109W: Words of Love
This course is a study of literature as the shaping of language into forms (fiction, non-fiction, drama, and poetry) that "contain" encounters (erotic, cerebral, divine): unions and breakings, mappings and explorations, loss and discord, terror and hate, anger and pity, the uses and disuses of memory and imagination.



THE PROFESSOR
"The first standard I have for choosing texts for this class is that the text must be what I call a 'complex text.' It must require the student to read at her highest level...In addition to being able to say something about her acts of reading, her acts of memory of narrative and lyric action, the student must be able to read metaphor and analogy deeply... Each text offers words and metaphors (words of love) even as it asks some of the biggest questions with which the person who would be good must struggle."
—Sister Eva Mary Hooker, CSC, professor of English

THE BOOK *Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey* **BY LILLIAN SCHLISSEL** SCHOCKEN 2004

THE COURSE
HIST 201: United States History to 1865
This history course explores the political, social, and economic history of the United States from the colonial period through the Civil War.



THE PROFESSOR
"I always try to include a book of primary sources. I try to structure an assignment around primary sources so students get to experience the process that historians go through in trying to interpret history."
—Bill Svelmoe, associate professor of history

THE BOOK *Anna Karenina* **BY LEO TOLSTOY**

THE COURSE
ENLT 106W: Meaning and Mayhem
Designed to develop skills in reading, this 106W course is taught in tandem with Introduction to Philosophy. The literature course is comprised of Russian stories, novels, and plays.

THE PROFESSOR
"As a matter of course I use challenging texts in my first-year classes...Students more or less automatically raise the bar for themselves...The in-class essay that culminates our engagement with Anna is often the students' strongest, most assured paper. For that we can thank Tolstoy."
—Linn Vacca, literature professor at the Saint Mary's home campus and in Rome since 1969

The Book of Salt

BY MONIQUE TRUONG HOUGHTON MIFFLIN BOSC

THE COURSE

ENLT 106W: Exploring Cultural Identities

Taught in tandem with Introduction to Sociology, this course explores questions of identity through the lenses of sociology and literature as students connect with other lives real and imagined. Through this interdisciplinary approach, students will be exposed to diverse perspectives and have the opportunity to reflect and write about identities similar and different from their own.



THE PROFESSOR

"All the books that I chose for my class, from Junot Díaz's *Drown* to Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis*, offer diverse perspectives that go beyond cultural stereotypes. Monique Truong's *The Book of Salt* focuses on the private life of Binh, a Vietnamese cook employed by Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas in 1930s Paris. It's a potent, gorgeously written novel that allows readers to recognize and understand the complexity of another person's identity."

—Frances Hwang, assistant professor of English

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

BY HARRIET JACOBS

THE COURSE

HIST 201: United States History to 1865
This history course explores the political, social, and economic history of the United States from the colonial period through the Civil War.

THE PROFESSOR

"[Jacobs] hid in her (free) grandmother's attic crawlspace for seven years, with nearly no light and no room even to sit up, watching her children come and go, so that her master would give up on finding her so she could finally escape with her children. Frederick Douglass' narrative is more commonly assigned than Jacobs', but Jacobs' text is in many ways easier for our female students to connect with than Douglass'. Though it can be a draining read, the students find it deeply engaging."

—Amanda Littauer, assistant professor of history

Bound Feet and Western Dress

BY PANG-MEI NATASHA CHANG ANCHOR 1997

THE COURSE

HUST 103W: Lives and Times: Book Club

This introductory course explores the interaction of individuals living today or in the past with their cultural milieu through a study of works that have cultural or historical importance.

THE PROFESSOR

"This memoir is a complex interweaving of the personal stories of two women, the author herself and her great aunt, Yu-i, who was both blessed and cursed by being born into times of great change in 20th-century China. With her great aunt's story as a counterpoint to her own, the author writes of her struggle as a child of immigrants to feel at home in American society. I love teaching the books in *Lives and Times* because they offer our first- and second-year students a window into other lives, times, and cultures, from a first-person, often female perspective. Through our discussions, they often have a clearer view of their own lives and times."

—Gail Mandell, professor of humanistic studies



Acting One

BY ROBERT COHEN 5TH ED., MAYFIELD PUBLISHING

THE COURSE

THTR 205: Introduction to Acting

Introduction to Acting is an exploration of the elements of a realistic acting technique using games, improvisations and exercises, culminating in two-character scenes later in the semester.



THE PROFESSOR

"[Acting One] is by an American professor most regarded as the premier author for beginning actors, but my course is primarily practical and experiential. Even so, I still need my students to know a common vocabulary and to learn some basic acting principles and methodology."

—Katie Sullivan, associate professor of dance and theatre

ANN MEAGHER VANDER VENNET

PREPARING THE WAY



By Scot Erin Briggs

Ann Meagher Vander Vennet '59 studied sociology at Saint Mary's. Sociologically speaking, 1959 was an interesting year: the world stage saw the first of Barbie, Fidel Castro, and the Daytona 500. Vander Vennet, however, left Saint Mary's with more than a deepened understanding of people, culture, and the ways of societies. She left with ideas about the way society could be. "Catholic education at Saint Mary's is not just required religious studies or philosophy classes," she says. "It's a way of life. I think in today's world, it is important to be exposed to Catholic social teaching and have the opportunity to participate in social justice activities." For Vander Vennet and her husband, George (ND '59, JD '62), the emphasis on social justice at their alma maters was influential, guiding them to help and encourage others with their generosity.

Her conviction that Saint Mary's offers women a unique educational experience led Vander Vennet to become active in the Chicago Alumnae Club in 1963. She served as club president from 1984 to 1986. Classmate Barbara O'Toole, who shared the Alumnae Association's Distinguished Alumna Award with Vander Vennet in 1999, has seen firsthand Vander Vennet's ability to motivate her classmates and fellow alumnae. "Ann has continually reached out and persuaded others to get involved," says O'Toole. "My own formal involvement with Saint Mary's activities began in the 1980s when Ann invited me to join the Chicago Alumnae Club Board. Although I had zero aptitude for planning social activities or raising funds, she was very persuasive, and I accepted her invitation. Under Ann's leadership at that time, the Chicago Club began to move from modest annual scholarship support to what is now a substantial endowed scholarship."

Vander Vennet's initial engagement with the College at the club level sparked a passion that only burned brighter over time. In 1988, she was nominated to the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, on which she served as president from 1992 to 1994. It was during this time that Vander Vennet spearheaded the establishment of the Alumnae Memorial Scholarship Fund. "Family, friends, and alumnae may donate to that fund to increase that endowed scholarship," says Vander Vennet. "I am proud that I was involved in the establishment of that fund." Since the Alumnae Memorial Scholarship was first awarded in the 1996-97 academic year, a total of \$128,000 has been awarded to 38 students, a fact that makes Vander Vennet beam. Also during this time, Vander Vennet's estimation that a great library required great resources inspired her to establish an endowed library fund in 1993.

In 2005, the vision of a new Student Center with spaces where students can live and grow outside the classroom inspired Vander Vennet to give Saint Mary's the money needed to build the Vander Vennet Theatre. In 2007, she established the Ann Meagher Vander Vennet Endowed Scholarship. Vander Vennet's passion for sharing her Saint Mary's experience with other young women continued to grow and take new forms, including hosting and presenting

at numerous student and prospective student events.

Vander Vennet and O'Toole would continue to collaborate during their Reunion Gift campaigns. "Over the years, we have had enjoyable, sometimes hilarious, planning meetings. I believe that our class has grown in our understanding of the importance of education for women. If we value the education we have received and want that for the next generations, we have to step up to the plate. Working with Ann and a core of equally dedicated classmates toward this goal has been invigorating and rewarding."

Now planning their 50th Reunion, Vander Vennet and O'Toole have a lot of classmates at their side including 45 alumnae who sit on two organizing committees. Vander Vennet has been instrumental in helping the class establish the Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship in honor of their 50th reunion. "I am very proud that we have



Ann and George Vander Vennet

already established an endowed scholarship and dollars have been awarded this year to a freshman student," says Vander Vennet. The class also has established the Class of 1959 50th Reunion Gift Fund. "My wish is that we can garner additional funds to establish another scholarship or two and then direct any additional funds to areas and priorities stated in President Mooney's strategic plan for the College in The Path to Leadership," says Vander Vennet.

The Class of '59 has a goal to raise \$300,000 in total gifts and pledges with 60% participation. Vander Vennet emphasizes the importance of participation. "All gifts make a difference," she says. "Small gifts combined with other small gifts become large gifts. An important statistic in fundraising for higher education is the percentage of alumnae donors. Increased participation means greater eligibility for Saint Mary's to receive dollars from corporations and foundations."

For Vander Vennet, staying engaged with her alma mater has been its own reward. "I have had the privilege of being on campus to work with administration, faculty, staff, and students in projects that benefit the College community," says Vander Vennet. "I have met some very outstanding fellow alumnae, students, and staff as well as Sisters of the Holy Cross. I have learned a lot about higher education in general and higher education at Saint Mary's in particular."

Classmates Ann Vander Vennet (third from left), Jackie Berg (far left), and Barbara O'Toole (far right) with Class of 1959 Scholarship recipient, Anastasia Kaloydis '09 (second from left).

Reunion '08



April Ehret Sullivan '93, Martha Conlin Walsh '93, Rebecca Votto '93

"The reunion experience was in fifty years! And hope to

"A wonderful reunion, campus looks beautiful and I am delighted with the direction Saint Mary's is taking under the direction of Carol Ann Mooney."

— Patricia Gersuk Cavanaugh '68



Sister Miriam Patrick Cooney, CSC '51; Patricia Lacour Pinado '58

On Thursday, May 29, alumnae began to arrive. By Friday, the celebration was in full swing. Alumnae toured the new academic building, took a cooking class, received tax tips, and pondered the nature of the soul. Really! And that was only Friday!

Reunion 2008 proved to be one of the finest ever as alumnae returned to campus to renew their friendships and themselves.



*wonderful. I never missed one
keep coming back for more."*

— Ellen Ganny Warner '58



President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and Checka Trigiani Noone '88

*"It was wonderful to be here—I appreciate
everything more!"*

— Jennifer Bouska Corazza '93



*"Thanks for a great weekend! Saint Mary's
is always a second home and I recognize my own
strength and self-empowerment."*

— Courtney Merriss '98

Reunion '08



The **Outstanding Young Alumna Award** was presented to **Geneviève Morrill '98** in recognition of her accomplishments, professional and volunteer, which exemplify the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's College and the Alumnae Association.

Geneviève began by being an outstanding student, studying history and French, serving on the Student Academic Council and the Board of Governance, and being awarded the St. Catherine Medal.

As an alumna, Geneviève worked to revitalize the Chicago Club, now the Chicago East Club. As communications chair in 2002, Geneviève created the Chicago alumnae electronic mailing list, which transformed the way the club communicated. The list now connects over 1,200 area alumnae. Beyond club communications, Geneviève has taken a leadership role in Founders' Day events, scholarship fundraising, and such Chicago Club flagship events as the 2003 Monet and the Sea lecture at the Art Institute of Chicago and the 2005 Welcome to the City reception for new graduates. She has staffed college fairs, attended prospective student events, and called accepted students to talk to them about her Saint Mary's experience. For her efforts on behalf of the club and the College, the Chicago East Club honored her with its Founders' Day Award in 2005. Geneviève is a staff attorney with the Illinois Appellate Court and an adjunct professor at DePaul University College of Law.



The 2008 **Humanitas Award** was presented to **Mamiella Chavis Brown '79**. Mamiella lives the Saint Mary's directive to its graduates to "make a difference in the world" in every aspect of her life. Mamiella is an educator and community volunteer without parallel. Mamiella began teaching after graduation for the South Bend Community School Corporation. She went on to earn graduate degrees in education, counseling, and social work, and served as a counselor in summer youth programs, Notre Dame's Upward Bound program, and the St. Joseph County Juvenile Facility.

Mamiella is also a long-time member of the League of Women Voters, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Urban League. She has won numerous awards from these organizations and others for her extraordinary record of service. Most recently, she was honored with the Rosa Parks Award at this year's City of South Bend community celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The foundation of this work of service is Mamiella's strong Catholic faith. She has been active in several area parishes, particularly St. Augustine's, where she is a Eucharistic minister, a music minister, and director of the after-school African American Tutor Program. In addition to her parish work, this mother of four living children and grandmother now of 20 has been a delegate to every national Black Catholic Congress since 1987.



“The speakers at the banquet were spectacular—utterly conveyed the sense of Saint Mary’s soul and connectedness.”

— Claudia Trardt '73



The **Alumna Achievement Award** was presented posthumously to **R. Gaynor McCown '83** in recognition of her outstanding personal and professional accomplishment. Throughout her life, Gaynor fused her love of learning with her compassion for children and her belief that all children have a right to excellence in education.

Gaynor earned her master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and then signed on to teach science and health at one of the poorest public high schools in the Bronx. Gaynor's experience there would be the catalyst for her groundbreaking and influential work as an education policy maker and advocate.

In 1993, Gaynor became a White House Fellow in Washington, D.C., and shaped a number of policies involving charter schools and the standards movement. She returned to New York to assume the position of senior vice president for education and workforce development for the New York City Partnership and Chamber of Commerce. There, she focused on increasing the private sector's role in public education and led Breakthrough for Learning, the first pay-for-performance system in the New York City Public Schools.

After receiving her M.B.A. from Columbia University and a stint as vice president for business development at Edison Schools, Gaynor was recruited to be executive director of the Teaching Commission, a bipartisan advocacy group of leaders in business, government, philanthropy, and education, headed by Louis Gerstner, the former CEO of IBM. There, she focused on crafting and implementing reform agendas as a way to revitalize the teaching profession in the United States. She lobbied for higher teacher compensation, change in teacher preparation and training, and other reforms, firmly believing that “schools are only as good as their teachers.” In 2004, Gaynor was lead author of the Commission's bipartisan report *Teaching at Risk: A Call to Action*. Also that year, she was named a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



The **Distinguished Alumna Award** was presented to **Margaret FitzGibbons Higgins '73**, known to all as “Peg,” who has served her profession, her alma mater, and her community generously and enthusiastically.

Throughout the course of her career—one that took her from Chicago to Singapore and from a personal banker to a national human resources director—Peg still found time to be her class' reporter for the *Courier* and serve on her class' first Reunion committee. She was an active member of the Chicago Club, a mentor to many, and the co-chair of an extremely successful Chicago campaign effort during the College's 1996 Sesquicentennial Campaign. And for the College as a whole, Peg served on the President's Alumnae Advisory Council for six years and the Chicago Advisory Council for six years until moving to South Carolina in 2005. Peg is also a long-time member of the Madeleva Society.

Peg has also volunteered as a member of the Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago and served as president of the board for two years. She spent several years on the Board of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence. She was one of the original members of the Leadership Council for Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. And, just a few years ago, as a member of Chicago's St. Theresa of Avila Church, she helped to organize and establish the parish food pantry. After moving to Charleston, South Carolina, in 2005, Peg became involved with the ALS Association, working as an advocate. Peg is also a member of the Junior League of Charleston.



Friendly Advice

An Interview with Psychology Professor

By Natalie Davis Miller

Many students and alumnae say that one of the best things about Saint Mary's is the friends they've made for life. So how does one keep a friend for life?

A The reality is that while some people maintain friendships over long periods, many of us lose touch with the people that we once thought would always be involved in our life. Friendships that can change and develop over the years last through adulthood, so it is important to keep friends updated with your life after college and to stay in touch on a regular basis. If you live in the same city or region as your college friends it is important that you incorporate them into your current life and really try to blend your older friendships with the newer friendships you will make as you get older.

Q What's the best advice for maintaining friendships, particularly with friends who are long distance? When new careers, graduate school, marriage, etc., may be taking center stage?

A It is important to keep your friendships rooted in your modern life. In other words, do not rely just on memories or past experiences to fuel the friendship. You should trust that your friendships are strong enough to evolve as both parties grow and progress through life. Friendships that are wholly based on the past will not easily handle the transition into adulthood, so it does take some work to advance the friendship and to let it mature. It is also important to make time for friends. While life will probably get busier after college you should always set aside time—even just ten minutes a week—to phone, write, or e-mail your friends (and family).

Q What should a person do when they sense that their friendship is changing?

A You should evaluate the friendship to try to figure out why the relationship is changing. Is it just due to a busy schedule or is it because the people involved are headed down different paths with different goals? If you assess the situation and realize that the relationship is changing due to external forces, such as hectic schedules, then make a firm plan to set aside time for one another. If your friends live in different regions you can plan a vacation once or twice a year to visit (especially if they live someplace warm and sunny) to help maintain your bond. If the friendship is changing due to internal forces, such as different goals, aspirations, or personalities that no longer click, then you have to figure out if you want to try to reignite the friendship, or if you are willing to let the friendship expire. If the friendship does not seem to be salvageable you can make the decision to drift apart and keep in contact on a less frequent basis. Just because someone does not remain a close friend does not

mean that they cannot be in your life in some form; even if it is limited to Facebook or the occasional forwarded e-mail (of a cat joke).

Q Do you have advice for making new friends?

A Making new friends can be intimidating at any age. It almost feels like dating in the sense that you are trying to figure out if someone likes you and if you should spend more time together. Just like dating, you can start off more casually. You can join local groups or attend events where you might meet people who have similar interests. If you join a group that meets regularly you will start to get to know people pretty well and you might feel more comfortable asking them if they want to go out for a cup of coffee or a movie (see... just like dating!). It is important to be open to new people and experiences. Try new activities or take up a hobby that you have always been curious about. Once you start to connect with other people, they will probably introduce you to some of their other friends and soon you may have a whole new network of friends. It is important to be bold, take some risks, and to try new things if you want to make new friends.



Professor Bettina Spencer

Q With all of the technology we have at our fingertips, do you think it can help us stay connected, even when we don't have face-to-face contact? Or will friendships change regardless of this?

A I do think that technology can help us stay connected to a certain degree. It is easy to join a Facebook group for Saint Mary's alumnae or to use social networking sites to search for long lost friends, so in that sense, you can stay connected to a large group with just a few simple clicks on the computer. On the other hand, it can sometimes be too easy to stay connected through Web-based groups and clubs, and you may not put a lot of work into actually communicating with friends. You may feel that just being on someone's "friend list" is good enough, and as a result, not put much effort into calling, writing, or visiting your friends. However, if the technology is used as a supplement rather than a crutch, it can be a great way to send quick notes, photos, and updates despite long distances.

Spes Unica Hall Opens



Spes Unica recently opened its doors to students, faculty and staff. Here are some fast facts on the newest building on campus:

The basics

- The construction was completely funded by donor contributions.
- The three-story building is steel-framed with a brick and limestone veneer.
- All areas are internet accessible.
- The first concrete was poured on December 15, 2006.
- The Reflection Room located on the second floor, with its elaborate stained glass windows, provides a quiet refuge for students to meditate.

The numbers

- Square footage: 68,484; three stories tall
- Over 1,600,000 pounds of structural steel
- Over 1,500,000 pounds of concrete
- Over 50 miles of data cable and fiber
- 18 state of the art classrooms
- 1 oval, tiered room that seats 60
- 4 large classrooms seating 40
- 9 medium classrooms seating 32
- 4 small classrooms seating 20
- 8 small group study rooms
- 18 departments occupy six suites
- 85 individual offices for faculty and staff occupy the six suites

The future

A green roof system including grasses and sedum will be installed over the Common Area. The insulating quality of the plant boxes, soil, and plants will help keep heat gain down, allowing for preservation of the environment and energy efficiency.

The meaning

Ave Crux Spes Unica means “Hail the Cross, our only hope.” It is the motto of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The name Spes Unica was chosen because it embodies the hopes and dreams for what will happen in the new building. For all alumnae and for those who will use Spes Unica Hall there is a connection with the Sisters of the Holy Cross and a call from Saint Mary’s College to be people of hope.

Belles Soccer: Coach Ryan Crabbe takes the helm

Dust off your cleats and shin guards (or for fans, your foam finger)—soccer season is underway. The varsity team is looking to establish themselves as contenders in the MIAA conference, with first-year coach Ryan Crabbe at the helm. He is an experienced coach whose enthusiasm for the game has had him playing and coaching for more than 14 years.

This season Coach Crabbe is bringing that know-how to Saint Mary’s, along with his dedication to success. “When you’re on a sports team, it’s really a yearlong commitment,” says Crabbe. For this coach, the commitment required of his



players doesn’t end with the season. His coaching philosophy includes encouraging his team to, “buy into a system, and be a part of something.” That “something” includes teamwork and academics.

Crabbe’s team is looking forward to a fresh start after several injuries befell the team in 2007. After a summer adventure abroad, training with Union of European Football Associations

(UEFA) coaches in England and Scotland, the Belles began a challenging, but winning, season. In the end, the team was ranked among the national leaders in shutouts as they held their opponents without a goal in six contests.

Returning defender Jessica Slean is a junior business administration major who has played for the Belles since her first year. “We have already heard Coach Crabbe say multiple times that he expects to win the conference this year,” she says. “I believe this is a realistic goal, and the most exciting part of the season will be working towards the conference title.”

Move-In Day



Gina Thompson '12 and mother, Donna Thompson, traveled from Nashville for Move-In Day.



Bags, boxes, and bundles await their owners.

"When I pulled onto the Avenue and everyone was waving, I just started crying. Everyone was there to help. From parking my car, to registering at Holy Cross Hall, everyone said 'Hello.' It was first class."

These are the words of Sue Brandenstein, mother of incoming first-year student Tiffany Brandenstein, describing bringing her daughter to Saint Mary's. As she spoke, she fought back tears as she unloaded her daughter's belongings on the lawn of Holy Cross Hall. On August 21, Move-In Day for first-year students, the weather couldn't have been better. The skies were clear, the morning air was crisp and in the 60s, and the atmosphere was filled with anticipation for both parents and students.

Tiffany says she chose Saint Mary's because of its size. From a small Catholic high school in Youngstown, Ohio, she valued knowing her teachers well enough to ask questions about anything. "When I came here I liked it because it's a small school and everyone said, 'You know your professors and they know you,'" says Brandenstein of Saint Mary's. "I learn better that way. I can relate better to them and I feel comfortable asking for help. I can make a connection with them."

Business major Melissa Jackson says she liked the atmosphere of Saint Mary's compared to other colleges she visited. "Other schools weren't as personable as Saint Mary's was. People offered to help." Her mother, Karen Jackson, who was on hand to help with the move-in, says she is happy to see her daughter in a Catholic environment, noting that Tiffany had attended Catholic schools since preschool. "Also, I like how Saint Mary's is very family oriented. She's not a number at this college. She's somebody—somebody that counts. And when she's this far from home, it makes it easier for the parents knowing that she's cared about."

Tiffany Brandenstein '12 hugs her mother, Sue Brandenstein.



Melissa Jackson '12 stands with her mother, Karen Jackson, outside Holy Cross Hall.

Nashville, Tennessee, native Gina Thompson was setting up her room in McCandless Hall with the help of her mother, Donna Thompson. Coming from Nashville, Gina found the northern Indiana winter weather remarkable. "I was amazed by the snow when I came in February for a visit." Gina wasn't deterred by the white stuff and Saint Mary's moved up on a long list of college choices.

Financial assistance that recognized her academic success, and the ease of applying were big factors in Gina's choosing Saint Mary's. Her mother Donna gave another reason for the selection. "She's always been the adventurous one, I knew she would move away from home. She loves to travel."

Boulder, Colorado, native Elizabeth Carian chose Saint Mary's after a visit. With tubs of fabric around her, the Regina Hall resident busied herself assembling a dressmaker's mannequin. "I came to Meet Me at the Avenue and absolutely adored it. I have a certain view of what a college should be and Saint Mary's absolutely surpassed it," says Carian. She plans to major in theatre, and hopes to get a teaching certificate.

Her mother, Lauren Sawyer, elaborated on her daughter's background and interests. "Elizabeth has been around theatre and teaching her whole life," said Sawyer. "Saint Mary's has one of the best degrees for education."

This year Saint Mary's welcomes a group of already successful women who took a first step toward a successful future, when they chose Saint Mary's College.

Dance for a Chance

Saint Mary's Dance Marathon program wins highest national award

This summer the Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon program honored Saint Mary's with its highest national award, the Incentive Award. The award recognizes the students who organized the College's Dance Marathon, which benefits Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Saint Mary's students brought the annual Dance Marathon to the College three years ago.

The most recent 12-hour event, held on April 4–5, raised \$85,000 for Riley. That's more than the \$68,000 raised in the first two years combined. Saint Mary's is among the approximately 100 colleges and universities that hold Dance Marathons to benefit Children's Miracle Network hospitals.

For the founding members of Saint Mary's Dance Marathon, the award recognizes three years of passionate service and hard work. "Our heartfelt purpose is to raise money for sick children who need the most optimal care, and our success is due to our wonderful, tight-knit community and dedicated committee members," says senior Pauline Kistka. "It is all truly amazing and I just feel blessed to be a part of it," she adds. Kistka and her friend and co-founder Francesca Johnson have served as the College's Dance Marathon co-presidents since 2006.

More than 300 students from Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College, and the University of Notre Dame danced at last semester's Dance Marathon at Angela Athletic Center. There was plenty of music, dance, games, and entertainment to keep them going, and three local families whose children were treated at Riley shared their stories during the marathon to motivate the participants.



Pauline Kistka '09 and Francesca Johnson '09, co-founders of Saint Mary's Dance Marathon

Shaping the Future at Encuentro



This summer 25 female high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors participated in the Saint Mary's Encuentro program. The weeklong camp introduces future first-generation college students to campus life, even sending them to classes led by Saint Mary's professors.

Encuentro's theme this year was "Developing the Leader Within," and there were many opportunities for the young women and their counselors—four Saint Mary's students—to develop their leadership skills. The counselors guided Encuentro participants through the week's activities. "The counselors are the primary supervisory source for these girls," says Stephanie Bridges, Encuentro coordinator and associate director of Multicultural Services and Student Programs. "That will help them develop skills they'll need later on."

At Encuentro, the counselors act as role models for the high school women. "It's an opportunity for them to give back," says

Bridges. Rising junior LaQuay Boone was a first-time counselor this year. "I hope participants learned something about themselves, and that [Encuentro] gave them an idea as to what they may want to do with regard to their next step in life, college or other higher education opportunities," she says.

Encuentro activities included doing research on historical women leaders and a ropes obstacle course to encourage team-building and self-confidence. "Encuentro is designed to encourage participants' growth academically, emotionally, physically, and spiritually," says Bridges. "And they have a lot of fun in the process."

Alumnae Deaths

Jane Karpen Stein '30, April 7, 2007.

Grace Burke Boemer '31, mother of Elizabeth M. Boemer '70, Jane Boemer Foster '71 and Ellen Boemer Loring '73, aunt of Sister Mary Louise Gude, CSC '63, and Sheila Burke Vollman '62, January 9, 2008.

Patricia Mangan Egan '34, December 20, 2004.

Marion Vodicka Casey '39, mother of Susan Casey D'Amico '65, and Elizabeth J. Casey '70, sister of Irene Vodicka Monaghan '46, aunt of Vivian Vodicka Koralik '67, Veronica Vodicka Simon '68, Patricia Hancock Casey '69, Irene M. Monaghan '73, and Laura Vodicka Sroka '81, June 16, 2008.

Elizabeth Hudson Hanson '39, June 21, 2008.

Joan Layden Jones '45, mother of Patricia Jones Mullin '77, May 8, 2008.

Dolores "Dodo" Zitton David '47, June 17, 2008.

Rosemary McGinnis Huebsch '47, June 15, 2008.

Patricia Gregoire Cary '50, mother of Penelope Cary Sherlock '79, Beth A. Cary '81, and Bridget Cary-Baugh '82, May 9, 2008.

Marilee Gibbons Merrion '50, sister of Julia Gibbons Revane '56, grandmother of Karla McGough '07, and aunt of Kathryn Revane McGilsky '90, July 3, 2008.

Genevieve "Joan" Doyle Ryan '51, May 31, 2008.

Gertrude Shizue Fujita '52, September 25, 2007.

Sheila O'Sullivan Keelan '53, May 25, 2008.

Kathleen "Kitty" Lannan Galligan '56, mother of Kathleen M. Galligan '82 and Maureen E. Galligan '85, aunt of Kristin Mary Kleiderer '92, June 13, 2008.

Sister M. Rose Agatha Lundergan, CSC '57, June 6, 2008.

Judith Weidner Risacher '57, June 14, 2008.

Lenore Hennebry Madden '61, mother of Lenore Madden McCarter '88, sister of Marilyn Hennebry Hessert '49 and Winona Hennebry '53, aunt of Kathleen Hessert Gunderman '74, June 26, 2008.

Madonna Sheridan Reistetter '61, May 15, 2008.

Ann Elizabeth Hagan '66, sister of Arline Hagan Saturdayborn '63, July 13, 2008.

Marguerite Findra Breen '70, May 2, 2008.

Christine Wedryk '71, sister of Susan Wedryk '79, July 13, 2008.

Denise Hogan Garvey '78, June 8, 2008.

Nancy "Nini" Stoll Lyman '82, sister of Mary Stoll Oelerich '81, May 13, 2008.

Family Deaths

Jonna Rose Meyer Adams, mother of Penelope Adams Moon '91, June 14, 2008.

Stephen Amer, son of Fran Carroll Amer '70 and nephew of Patricia Carroll Marrone '60, June 18, 2008.

Sharon Ann Balint, mother of Ann Balint Davidson '92, April 19, 2008.

Dr. Felino V. Barnes, December 30, 2007 and Bella Garcia C. Barnes M.D., June 22, 2008, parents of Katrina Barnes Johnson '87.

Joseph J. Barr ND '42, husband of Mary Dahm Barr '43, November 10, 2007.

William John Bauer, son of Joanne Dailey Bauer '58, October 2, 2006.

Peggy Behrens, mother of Mary Behrens McCarthy '68 and Margaret Behrens Brown '75, May 26, 2008.

Adolph A. Bona Jr., M.D., father of Suzanne Bona '77, May 2008.

Toufik Bouadjemi, husband of Doris Woldemar Bouadjemi '54, March 27, 2008.

James S. Broughton ND '55, brother of Margaret Broughton McGrath '59 and uncle of Katherine McGrath Wollenberg '86, June 22, 2008.

Mary Jane Buddig, mother-in-law of Mary Ryan Buddig '81, May 6, 2008.

Robert P. Butler, father of Mary Pat Butler Donohue '79 and Lisa Butler McCormick '87, May 14, 2008.

Josephine Caserio, mother of Patricia Caserio Clark '78, February 26, 2008.

Nancy M. Chato, mother of Amy Trant Chato '96, June 2008.

Marguerite Moynihan Conlon, March 29, 2008 and William J. Conlon, April 29, 2008, parents of Mary Beth Conlon Winter '77.

Richard "Dick" Cullen ND '52, husband of Muriel Flanagan Cullen '53, father of Kathleen Cullen Holm '79, and Colleen Cullen Akers '81, grandfather of Therese Cullen '05, brother-in-law of Kathleen Flanagan Baldwin '54, uncle of Diane Baldwin Troup '81, and Carol Cullen Lydiatt '73, July 8, 2008.

William H. Dyer, husband of Dorothy Szweda Dyer '79, May 3, 2008.

Richard Waldon Gregory, grandfather of Jill Gregory Wilson '01, May 15, 2008.

Brigid Griffin, mother of Helen Griffin Olson '67, April 29, 2008.

Jeanne Halpin, sister of Mary E. Halpin '68 and Anne Halpin '70, February 25, 2008.

Louise Higgins, mother of Mary Beth Higgins Williams '79, March 23, 2008.

David W. Inwood, father of Mary Inwood Krusniak '80, May 13, 2008.

Michael J. Kiley ND '56, father of Ann Kiley Schneider '81, May 20, 2008.

Keith D. Kirkdorfer, father of Michelle Kirkdorfer Jensen '90, May 9, 2008.

Bertha Kluszynski, mother-in-law of Margaret Huemmer Kluszynski '62 and grandmother of Jeannine Kluszynski '98, July 4, 2008.

Edward J. Lyons, husband of Geneva Pedersen Lyons '62, June 8, 2008.

Robert Madden Jr., brother of Mary Madden Carey '66, April 23, 2008.

Sherri Berger Marzano, mother of Janece Paula Marzano '99, June 16, 2008.

Dr. James A. McGlew ND '45, husband of Mary Rita Murphy McGlew '41, father of Mary McGlew Frericks '74, and Mary Jo McGlew '76, December 19, 2007.

Katherine H. McNeill, grandmother of Anne McNeill-Gattman '86, Molly McNeill Healy '90, and Catherine McNeill Harshman '00, April 23, 2008.

Mary Margaret Meagher, mother-in-law of Tanya Wilson Meagher '95, May 19, 2008.

Vincent Jermano Miller, stillborn infant son of Jennifer Jermano Miller '93, June 4, 2008.

Robert Moulis, father of Rosemarie Moulis Outly '76, May 11, 2008.

Richard A. Muessel Jr., father of Kristina Muessel Hayden '77, May 6, 2008.

Roger Mulcahy, father-in-law of Melinda A. Bright '77, May 31, 2008.

Leo Niespodziany, grandfather of Elizabeth Rectenwal '08, May 16, 2008.

Miriam O'Leary, mother of Patricia O'Leary Ring '56, Louise O'Leary Wilson '67, and Anne O'Leary '69, aunt of Carolyn O'Leary Mosier '93, February 20, 2008.

Gerald W. Parker, father of Kathleen M. Parker '87, May 2008.

Sister M. Stephen Purcell, CSC, aunt of Ann Purcell Perini '63, June 16, 2008.

Evelyn Reed, mother of Kathleen Reed Cocks '66, April 5, 2008.

Elizabeth Ann Reynolds, mother of Heather Reynolds '07, April 19, 2008.

Michael K. Sandoe, husband of Carola Phelan Sandoe '67, January 13, 2008.

Patrick Sawyer, husband of Nancy Fink Sawyer '89, brother-in-law of Mary Fink Meck '84, Sarah Bradley Fink '86, and Jean Fink-Stahl '88, July 21, 2008.

James F. Sears, husband of Patricia Theiss Sears '50, February 5, 2008.

Captain James E. Sheehan, father of Patricia Sheehan Pearl '83, April 20, 2008.

Thomas J. Smith ND '59, husband of Mary Moran Smith '59 and father of Susan Smith Turner '89, May 15, 2008.

Richard Sweet, husband of Mary Rose Sweet '63, November 2007.

Charles J. Szostak, father of Dr. Rosemarie Szostak '74, March 7, 2007.

Katherine Rose "Katie" Thelin, stillborn infant daughter of Tara Mooney '98, March 18, 2008.

Monie Werthmann, mother of Betsy Werthmann '82, August 14, 2006.

James F. Winter, father of Joan Winter Rogge '80 and Kathy Winter Wolfe '69, June 13, 2008.

Marriages

Kathleen Owens Sherlock '84 and William, December 1, 2007.

Tina Rigby Welsh '90 and Sean, November 3, 2007.

Kristin Bazany Larsen '91 and Greg, August 18, 2007.

Kelly Ivcevic Noga '92 and Andrew, College of the Holy Cross '90, and Harvard '98, September 3, 2006.

Suzanne Sanders Burzynski '93 and Brent, July 7, 2007.

Shannon Castellano Couffer '94 and Gordon, December 29, 2007.

Tricia Wallace Moore '94 and John, December 28, 2007.

Rachel Kelly Lynn '95 and Rich, March 17, 2007.

Rose Maciejewski Farley '97 and Gregory, July 28, 2007.

Nancy Sorota Poznick '97 and Tom, October 27, 2007.

Carah Smith Tabar '99 and Matthew, U.S. Navy, October 15, 2005.

Merideth Williamson Drudge '00 and Troy, May 10, 2008.

Bridget Heffernan Labutta '00 and Bryan, September 29, 2007.

Gretchen Schumer Brunette '01 and Zachary, March 6, 2007.

Colleen Borkowski Fontaine '01 and Eric, May 3, 2008.

Angela Battista Penn '01 and Brian, March 10, 2007.

Patricia Moore Hands '02 and Phil, December 9, 2006.

Ellen Bishop Healy '02 and Michael, June 17, 2007.

Kaitlin Duda King '02 and William "Bill," May 31, 2008.

Caroline Eckert Marks '02 and Charles ND '02, June 7, 2008.

Tiffany Mayerhofer McGettigan '02 and John, August 18, 2007.

Elizabeth Spieth Rich '02 and Michael, July 7, 2007.

Kelly Riley-Swallows '02 and Matt, September 15, 2007.

Amy Gresens Schwind '02 and Chris, November 24, 2007.

Alissa Brasseur Cohoat '03 and John, August 4, 2007.

Erin Moran Crill '03 and Benjamin, June 21, 2008.

Anne Cashore '04 and Henry Borjas, July 26, 2008.

Shannon Maloney Giovingo '04 and Vito, May 26, 2007.

Jeannie Knish Hobbins '04 and Patrick ND '03, August 18, 2007.

Leah Holden-Corbett '04 and Walter Scott, May 27, 2006.

Cecilia Oleck Street '04 and Curt, September 14, 2007.

Nicole Smego Linton '05 and Joseph, June 17, 2006.

Maureen MacDonald Rousseve '05 and Dan, July 28, 2007.

Molly Cain Seitz '05 and Jim, June 30, 2007.

Camille Kelly Esmacher '06 and Thomas, January 5, 2008.

Lauren Rosenbach Host '06 and Josh, July 26, 2008.

Stephanie Roth Kleinbub '06 and Michael, October 27, 2007.

Nicole Gifford Lowe '06 and Daniel, July 21, 2007.

Nicole Thaner Nichol '06 and Christopher HCC '06, December 28, 2007.

Anna Gilsinger Marshall '06 and Michael, December 22, 2007.

Lindsey Stillson Roth '06 and Brian, August 4, 2007.

Bridget Boyce Schreiber '06 and Luke, August 16, 2008.

Nicole Tucker Teshka '06 and Trent, June 16, 2007.

Shannon Culbertson Thompson '06 and Justin, June 14, 2008.

Heather Bare Glenn '07 and Anthony, July 5, 2008.

Katie Turner Nix '07 and Mathew, July 27, 2007.

Bridget Gorman Owens '07 and Christian, August 11, 2007.

Breeana Gregory Wallick '07 and Ryan, June 23, 2007.

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

Births & Adoptions

Frannie Thompson Kunkel '88 and Donald: Margaret "Meggie" Joan, February 14, 2008.

Katherine McDevitt Meyer '88 and Daniel: Margaret Ann Kelly, November 16, 2006.

Michelle Morfin Wilson '88 and Edward: Natalie Michelle, December 19, 2006.

Megan FitzGerald Burke '89 and Patrick: Kyleigh Elizabeth, May 20, 2008.

Patricia Haddad Markho '90 and Bassam: Michael, July 1, 2007.

Kelly Brantman Roles '92 and Brad: Tabitha Marie, September 21, 2007.

Colleen Boyle Smith '92 and Edward: Francis "Frank", September 1, 2000, Lucy, May 14, 2003, and Liam, May 4, 2007.

M. Christine Delaney Kennedy '93 and Michael ND '93: Thomas Patrick, January 8, 2008.

Julie Snyder Lizak '93 and Christopher: Michael Chester, April 23, 2008.

Kristi Monaghan Byrd '94 and Mike: Madelyn, June 6, 2006.

Michelle Kovalcik Guibord '94 and John: Beatrice, April 26, 2007.

Mary Soice Nixdorf '94 and Robert: Thomas Robert, November 14, 2007.

Helen Murphy Tine '94 and Steven: Stephen Peter, July 9, 2008.

Kari Gerou Alford '95 and Richard: Eve, September 6, 2007.

Karen Tierney Domzal '95 and Jason ND '95: Twins, Bridget Grace and Patrick Andrew, May 15, 2007.

Lisa Baumann Musielewicz '95 and Ted ND '96: Lydia Ilene, May 19, 2008.

Karen Flach Pescatore '95 and James: Jake, October 26, 2006.

Lisa Dominello Winde '95 and Mark: John Luke, June 21, 2008.

Cherie Voirol Balsamo '96 and Thomas: Tyler Phillip, November 6, 2006.

Jill Woenker Buhr '96 and Chad: Jonathan Michael, August 3, 2006.

Sonya Wilson Dumont '96 and Timothy: Alex, July 25, 2007.

Karien Cook Goodwin '96 and Kevin: Allison, June 2, 2006.

Kathleen Artz Jackowski '96 and Kris: Kyle, October 18, 2007.

Krista Masnica Scates '96 and Andrew: Joseph, February 23, 2007.

Holly Urbanski Szymczak '96 and Matthew: Caila, January 8, 2008.

Charity Bocan Corbett '97 and Jim: Cameron Marie, April 6, 2007.

Anne Poore Keith '97 and Corey: Samuel, August 1, 2006.

Megan Dowd Sgroi '97 and Peter: Monica, June 1, 2006.

Desiree Leak Sinclair '97 and Matthew: Ryne Donnelly, March 29, 2006.

Rebecca Rodarte Vock '97 and Matt: Katherine Rose, May 12, 2007.

Amy Cooper Whipple '97 and Eric: Claire Noelle, December 11, 2007.

Katie Brown Bryk '98 and Jeffrey: Will, November 9, 2006.

Brigid Coleman '98 and Eric Robben ND '99: Brendan Coleman Robben, June 22, 2006.

Mary Jones Dalzell '98 and John: Margaret "Maggy" Mary, September 5, 2007.

Rebecca Jacobs Dempsey '98 and Brad: Margaret "Maggie" Grace, June 23, 2007.

Heather Nash Dountas '98 and James: Alexandra Maureen, April 12, 2008.

Margaret Kelly Fuentes '98 and Will: Lyla Mae, June 13, 2007.

Eileen Nieli Gathman '98 and Andrew: Angelina Grace, June 14, 2007.

Kristen "Kelly" Meyer Girsch '98 and Michael: Thomas Meyer, November 25, 2007.

Abigail Lafkas Isbell '98 and Chris ND '98: Madeleine, January 4, 2007.

Sandra Gass Kessen '98 and Jason: Edward David, January 9, 2008.

Meg Winkler Kniskern '98 and Matthew: Chloe Elizabeth, November 27, 2006.

Meredith Johnson McGuffage '98 and Terry: Matthew Sean, October 30, 2007.

Tricia O'Connor-Wiltshire '98 and Anthony: Claire Elizabeth, April 9, 2008.

Camille Valent Parker '98 and Craig: Charlotte Holly, December 12, 2007.

Anna Antes Patterson '98 and Thomas: Siena Catherine, September 27, 2006.

Michele Jarosick Smith '98 and Jeffrey: Jason Joseph, May 10, 2007.

Jill Switzer '98 and Juan "Ed" Wolf ND '93: Cecilia Inez Wolf, December 18, 2006.

Anne Parente Taylor '98 and Brian: Jeanne Anne, December 7, 2006.

Staci Perez Veldt '98 and Andrew: Maya Ann, March 14, 2006.

Latisha Merriman Whitman '98 and Ryan: Christopher, May 30, 2007.

Erin O'Toole Desplinter '99 and John: Silvia Page, February 14, 2007.

Krista Eastburn Heroman '99 and Wes: Sam Nicolas, December 8, 2006.

Krista Morrissey Gipson '00 and Matthew ND '99: Darcy Adeline, June 1, 2008.

Cecilia "CeCe" Schirripa Gobdel '00 and Evan: Alexander James, August 10, 2007.

Janelle Dombrow Schenher '00 and Joseph: Matthew Michael, November 26, 2007.

Karen Furrow Williams '00 and Joseph: Elise Makenna, October 21, 2007.

Kathleen Phelan Giganti '03 and Brian: Dylan Francis, April 16, 2008.

Katie DeMent Pohlmeier '03 and John ND '98, '03: Claire Ann, November 24, 2007.

Elaine Porter Perez '03 and Thomas: Claire Dorothy, December 29, 2006.

Nicole Prezioso '03 and Jim Lee: Genevieve Denise Nifei Prezioso Lee, March 10, 2008.

Libby Witkowski Springer '03 and Jason: Carson, October 25, 2007.

Chicago East and Chicago Northwest

On Saturday, August 9, the Chicago East and Chicago Northwest Clubs joined forces to send off our new students in style. We gathered at the home of Kearin Hansen '82 and Gregg Hansen ND '81 in Arlington Heights, Ill. We were joined by alums, current SMC students, and current Saint Mary's College parents to share their insight. We welcomed our new students and parents into the Saint Mary's College family over dinner and dessert. We are excited for them to start their Saint Mary's journey and make their own memories. Best of luck to the class of 2012!

Cleveland/Akron

On August 6, the Cleveland/Akron Alumnae Club hosted a gathering to welcome the Class of 2012. The event was chaired by Deborah Stancik Krawczyk '78 and held at the home of the Club's President, Cheri Petride Miller '79, in Brecksville. Nine incoming freshmen attended along with current students, parents, and alumnae. The current students answered questions and provided much insight into student life for the incoming freshmen. The Club wishes these new students all the best.

Annual dues of \$25 are now due and can be forwarded to the Treasurer, Kristen Ciofani. Kristen's address is 2179 Murray Hill #4, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

We are asking all alumnae who have not already done so to forward their e-mail address to the College or to the Club. Send your e-mail address to alumnae@saintmarys.edu or to clmiller8457@earthlink.net. We are making every attempt to keep alumnae informed while reducing our mailing costs.

The Club will be holding their annual meeting along with an event in April 2009. If you have any suggestions for an event please contact Cheri Petride Miller at 440-526-8966 or at clmiller8457@earthlink.net.

Dallas

Fall in Dallas has been busy. In August we sent our local students back to Saint Mary's in style at the annual Student send-off, graciously hosted by Barbara Geelan Wareham '94. In October we enjoyed visiting with Professor Claude Renshaw at a reception hosted by Jennifer Danahy Stewart '93. Many thanks to both Barbara and Jennifer for opening

up their homes to us! The annual Christmas Mass and Dinner is just around the corner, so mark your calendars to celebrate the holidays with us on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Invitations with more details will be sent out in November.

Des Moines

The Des Moines Club's theme for the year centers on homecoming; that is, coming "home" to Saint Mary's without leaving Des Moines. The Club is placing special emphasis on gathering alumnae who have not attended events recently. The first event of the 2008-2009 year, held in August at the home of alumnae parents Grace and Bob Jones, was attended by alumnae from the classes of 1944 through 2005, as well as alumnae parents and three incoming students and their parents. The Club's gathering on November 8 will feature Kara O'Leary, director of alumnae relations. The third event of the year will be a service project directed by Catholic Charities, in which alumnae and their families are invited to participate. This project will take place in February. For more information, contact Club president Aimee Beckmann-Collier at 515-222-1516 or aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu.

Idaho

We just had the annual ND/SMC Club of Idaho picnic on July 12. It was held at the Harris Ranch Clubhouse in Boise, Idaho. We have one student from Idaho who will be starting as a first year. She will join her sister who is a current student. In the fall, we will have game watches at various local venues. Many members of the club will be attending the ND/Washington game in Seattle on October 25. Once again, the club will participate in Rake Up Boise in mid-November. If anyone has any questions, they can e-mail me at jfhalge@msn.com or call me at 208-386-9613.

London

On Monday, June 2, Cynthia McKiel Hunt '80 and her husband, Alex, hosted the European Summer Study Program faculty for dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London's Pall Mall. David Stefancic of the History Department, Karen Van Meter of Education, and Pablo Hernandez, now Associate Professor of Economics at Hollins University, attended. The three-course dinner,

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Members of the Chicago East and Northwest Clubs at this year's joint Freshmen Send-Off: Ann Murray '82, Kate Treder '07, Mary Pearl, Kelly Walsh '01, Kearin Hansen '82, Jill Clouse '99, Barbara Cockrell '78, Kathy Villano '79, Lynn Sikora '06, Julie Deischer '93, and Brittany Degres '07

which started with champagne, showcased fresh British ingredients in contemporary classic dishes. Pablo and Cynthia particularly enjoyed the distinctive and delicious selection of cheeses from Europe.

The faculty toured four European cities with 33 students over three weeks: Paris, London, Edinburgh, and Dublin. Courses in History, Education, Business Education and Theatre. The Program gives students an excellent introduction to European culture through rare tours of financial institutions, schools, and theatres. This year's business students enjoyed a visit to the Paris Fashion Show. Students also visited the better known places of interest. For more information about the European Summer Study Program, visit <http://www3.saintmarys.edu/history-european-summer> or contact Professor David Stefancic, dstefanc@saintmarys.edu. For more information on the London Club, please email Cynthia McKiel Hunt '80 at cynthiamhunt@ukgateway.net.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles SMC Send-Off was held on July 26, was hosted by Pat Greeley Lechman '63 and Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97. New and current students and their parents, and alumnae met at Pat Lechman's house for a delicious cheesecake buffet. Kendall Davis, Valerie Patterson,

Samantha Bello, Ashely-Rose Cameron, and Olivia Hamilton gave tips to new students Fatima Farfan, Katie Greespon and Christie Coughlin on how to survive at Saint Mary's and particularly how a So. Cal girl can survive the cold!!! Meanwhile, Alexis Scott's mom and alumnae Monica Mendoza and Anne Borgman helped to ease parents' nerves. Altogether it was a fun, sunny afternoon to reunite and send-off the students for another successful year at Saint Mary's College!

Milwaukee

Alumnae and students made great connections at the student send-off in Milwaukee this August. Eleven first year students from the Milwaukee area were introduced to Caleagh Larson and Rosie O'Connor, both sophomores, who were on hand to share stories with the incoming students and give them tips on adjusting to college life, residence hall living, and the professors on campus.

The club is gearing up for a visit from President Carol Mooney to help celebrate our 85th year as an Alumnae Club. Dr. Mooney will be visiting the Milwaukee Club on Tuesday, September 16th at the Wisconsin Club downtown.

All Milwaukee area alumnae can watch their e-mail for Milwaukee Club events coming up in the next few months. If you do not currently receive

e-mails from the Milwaukee Club and would like to, send us a message at SMCMKECLUB@gmail.com and we will add you to the list.

NYC & NJ

On Thursday, June 5 the NYC & NJ Saint Mary's Alumnae Clubs along with the Notre Dame Alumnae Club of NYC, hosted the third annual dockside cocktail reception aboard the Tall Ship, Unicorn at the 79th Street Boat Basin. Over forty alumnae attended and enjoyed appetizers, cocktails and great conversation along the Hudson River. Special thanks to Dawn Santamaria '81 who graciously hosted the clubs. If you would like to become involved in helping to plan events for the SMC Alumnae Club in New York, and are new to the city and would like to be added to our email list, please contact Carey O'Neill at (203) 829-9007 or careyponeill@hotmail.com.

Philadelphia

An hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception was held at Katie Smith's '93 house in August. It was an occasion for alumnae to catch up, and to welcome and send off new and current students. There are three new students from the Philly area and nine current students.

The club always welcomes new members and appreciates any suggestions for activities. Please contact Katie Smith, krsmith1014@yahoo.com

Stay tuned for a Founders' Day event in the fall.

Quad Cities

The Quad Cities Iowa/Illinois Alumnae Club hosted their annual student send-off luncheon on Saturday, August 9, at The Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club.

The club welcomed new student, Kat Nelson of Rock Island, Ill., to Saint Mary's. Kat's mother, Jacky, was also a guest of the Club for the luncheon. Alumnae attending included Sarah Chaudoir Alden '02, Mary Agnes Garside Liebscher '50, Nancy Ruhl Carroll '51, Amy Marget Nimmer '76, Cathy Lemon Treacy '72, Martha Mihm '94, and Debbie Johnson Schwiebert '74.

Kat was presented a Saint Mary's planner and ID card holder as a gift from the Club. Throughout the lunch Saint Mary's stories were shared and the benefits of a Saint Mary's education identified and reinforced. A fun time was had by all!

For information about the Quad Cities Iowa/Illinois Club please contact Debbie Johnson Schwiebert at 309-786-2958.

San Francisco and San Jose

The San Francisco and San Jose Clubs are co-hosting a Founders' Day Celebration. Tentatively set for Sunday, October 12, the event will be held somewhere in the Peninsula. Watch your mailboxes for more details in early September.

South Bend

Activities of the South Bend Alumnae Club for this year are already underway. On August 10th alumnae of all ages and 14 members of the Class of 2012 and their families picnicked at Dalloway's at the Freshman Send-Off. After lunch, the students had the opportunity to ask questions of the alumnae club's scholarship students, Lesley Chan '10 and Emily Stillson '09, who were in attendance. The club presented each of the freshmen with a Saint Mary's mug from the bookstore. The South Bend Club is looking to officially kick-off its year with the SMC's the City that will be held on Thursday, September 25th, at the new Bar Louie in town. Of course, it wouldn't be fall in South Bend without a little Notre Dame Football. A game watch is planned for Saturday, October 11th, at Between the Buns, where the Club will watch the Fighting Irish play the University of North Carolina. And, in celebration of Saint Mary's history, the annual Founder's Day dinner will be held on-campus in Haggard Parlor on Thursday, October 16. If local alumnae are interested in attending any upcoming events and need more information, please contact Club President, Janet Horvath, at jghorvath@netzero.com or (574) 289-1770.

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club kicked off the 2008-2009 Club year with a Wine Tasting & Speed Networking Round on Thursday, June 26, at the Bridewater Lofts in Minneapolis. Twenty-five alumnae were in attendance, including a 2008 Saint Mary's graduate! The Club would like to thank Sharon Scheckel Madigan '80, Margo McMahon '89, and Elizabeth Petrovic Mool '94 for organizing a fun and successful event.

On Saturday, July 26 the Club hosted its annual Student Send-Off at the home of Elizabeth McGie Robertson (1992). Students and parents attended the event where they were able to socialize with one

another as well as field questions to the alumnae. The Club was also happy to have "Welcome Gifts" waiting for the ten incoming first years at their rooms when they moved in on Thursday, August 21. We wish them a successful first year at Saint Mary's College!

This year the Club will celebrate Founders' Day with a Mid-Morning Tea on Saturday, October 25 from 11am - 1pm at the Lady Elegant's Tea Room in the St. Anthony neighborhood of St. Paul. Alumnae are invited to celebrate the College's history with a pot of tea with a four-course lunch in the company of local alumnae.

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

Finally, SMC TC Alumnae Club will continue to plan and host monthly Young Alumnae Social Hours, Book Club Discussion, and Mommies & Tots playgroups. For more information, please check out the Club's Google Group at: <http://groups.google.com/>

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Students from the Milwaukee area (left to right): Rosie O'Connor '11, Caleagh Larson '11, Suong Do '12, Caitlin Guffy '12, Keely Noonan '12, Elizabeth Mueller '12, and Katie Bennett '12 visit at this year's Student Send-Off.

SISTER M. GERALD, CSC

Sister M. Gerald, CSC, died at age 98 on September 10 at Saint Mary's Convent. Sister Gerald was a pioneer in the development of healthcare financial management systems in the United States. She employed her financial acuity and keen stewardship as a participant in developing the principles of Medicare's early legislation and was a sought-after financial management consultant to U.S. healthcare institutions, as well as religious congregations, and Roman Catholic bishops and dioceses in the U.S. and Africa. She served on the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees/ Regents from 1970–1973 and received an Honorary Degree from the College in 1990.

Born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1910, Sister Gerald's lifelong finance ministry began in 1932 as an accountant at Holy Cross Sanatorium in Deming, N.M. Her nearly 70 years of leadership included serving as an organizing member of the present-day Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA); a national consultant and lecturer for both the Catholic Hospital Association (now the Catholic Health Association) and Stewardship Services, Inc., an organization in Washington, D.C., that had provided financial consulting for religious communities and institutions; and as director of finance and coordinator of pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

In national circles, Sister Gerald was well known for her pioneering efforts in securing Social Security benefits for religious. Sister Gerald received many honors, including induction in Modern Healthcare's Health Care Hall of Fame in 2002 for her lifelong contributions to healthcare, and in 1984 she received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, the highest honor given to non-ordained persons by the Catholic Church.

Over a span of 40 years, Sister Gerald contributed her financial expertise to healthcare organizations and through her leadership roles with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, including serving 18 years as general treasurer of the congregation. In Holy Cross-sponsored hospitals, she served as chief financial officer at Saint Agnes Hospital in Fresno, Calif., Holy Cross Hospital in San Fernando, Calif., and Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City, where she later served as chief executive officer.

Sister Gerald was remembered by her fellow Sisters of the Holy Cross as visionary, compassionate, fearless, and tireless.



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According to Saint Mary's official records, we still have 39 rocking an' rolling members. This is amazing; since most of us are ready to hit 90 years or more.

My last two columns gave honor to three Holy Cross sisters who have given their lives to God for more than 60 years. This column centers on one of the most extraordinary women I have met: **Betty Rothmeyer O'Donnell**. Betty came to school with a smile, a cane, and stiff iron braces on one leg. We loved her instantly as we observed her spirit and determination to move forward. She spent her freshman and sophomore years with us. In June 2004, The Detroit Free Press carried two obituary columns under the heading: "Betty O'Donnell, Mother, Wife and Nun Had a Zest for Living."

Yes, Betty had great zeal and a lot of guts. As a girl, she won trophies for her horseback riding. As a young woman, she joined the Marine Corps during World War II. She beat back the polio that had paralyzed her leg. Polio did not define and/or limit her life. She transcended this challenge and expanded her positive opportunities. Betty attended our class reunions armed with a brace and cane. Her zest to be her best was inspiring.

Betty married James O'Donnell in 1948. He taught her how to fly an airplane, and they spent their vacations hunting, canoeing, and camping. Together, they raised three boys and two girls. Betty was active in community affairs in Detroit, taught inner-city children, and championed civil rights. She was also an advocate for seniors.

Betty's husband, who taught elementary school for 18 years, died in 1972. Betty worked until 1979. The following year, she joined the Sisters of Mercy. She was the first mother and grandmother to join the Detroit community. She was an outreach speech specialist assigned to Rose Center, Detroit. She worked with Meals on Wheels, wrote grants, organized fund raising events, and advocated for senior health. In 1994, she was recognized by Michigan Governor John Engler as Senior Citizen of the Year. Son Joe recalls his mother having "a gentle, engaging charisma that brought people to be the best they could be. She also had a hard core of

determination, never doubting that she could accomplish what she set out to do." We, as classmates, are proud of the happy hours we spent with Betty.

Jody Morris O'Brien '50 deserves a bouquet of SMC hugs for the tidbits of information she has sent concerning members of our class. She is a Courier reporter for the Class of 1950. Her Brother, George Morris, married our classmate, **Patty Fieweger**, many decades ago. Jody attended the graduation of her granddaughter, **Honore O'Brien '08**, from Saint Mary's this past spring. Honore spent a year in Ireland before graduation.

Love and loyalty for Saint Mary's continue to infuse one generation after another in common bond. Hand in hand we go forward. As some of us move closer to the Eternal Light, let us pray for all and be cheered by those busy working beside us and behind us to make the planet a better place.

'42

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I called **Pat Nolan McLaughlin**, who lives in Des Moines, Iowa. She is blessed in that three of her four children live close by. Her son, Kevin, and his wife, BJ, have two sons, 2 and 1, who live in Des Moines. Pat's daughter, Kate, and her 12-year old twin daughters, Ellen Kate and Carolyn, have moved to Denver. Daughter Bridget and her family, as well as son Jeff, all live in Iowa. Pat still plays bridge frequently, and though much of the area around them is under water, she has had no problems.

Ann Sheets Butler visited **Marg Kotte O'Hara** in Granger, Ind., in June. They had hoped to attend Reunion and meet **Gert Daley Moran** and **Larry Cahill Greenock '43** there, but the plans fell through. Marg still plays bridge a few times a week. Her daughter, Pat Wroblewski, and her husband are furnishing an apartment in Chicago for weekend visits, etc. Daughter Peggy lives in Granger, also.

I telephoned Gert Moran this morning, and she reports that both she and her husband are on walkers, but they have good help. They live in the same complex as **Pat Rogers Tyrrell**. Gert sees Pat infrequently, but they talk regularly on the phone. Gert told me that Larry Greenock fell and broke a bone in her shoulder. Gert's husband, Rock, has been in and out of the nursing home, but is currently

back home.

I received the following report via e-mail from **Miriam Marshall Hemphill**: "As usual, I went to Apalachicola in the spring for three weeks. During that time my brother, Travis (who lost his wife last November, lives in Bethesda, Md., and has a summer home in Michigan), and I drove over to Mayo's in Jacksonville to get a little problem of his attended to. After a couple of nights there we drove on down to Daytona Beach to see **Pinkie Wolff Stevenson**. We stayed overnight in her home and enjoyed good visits with her. She looked well, and I never would have imagined that she would become ill very soon. Travis and I went on to Winter Park and spent another night with a friend there before returning to Apalachicola. Shortly after we left her, however, Pinkie had a mild stroke and was taken to the hospital, where she remained for some time, then was transferred to a convalescent facility, which she said was very nice. We talked nearly every day during that time. Her children have been very good to her, and she is currently in Colorado, where three of them have homes. She expects to be there about a month I believe.

"I went out to Oregon to see my first great-grandson, who is just gorgeous. I was there only three days but am totally in love with him. Another great-grandson will be born in October, also in Oregon. So I will go back out there in late fall to see him. How nice to have little first cousins! My son, Del, seems to be creating a dynasty out there. His daughter, the youngest in the family, is in medical school and not ready to marry yet.

"I plan to go to Travis's Michigan place in July but won't stay long. I am still involved in my usual activities here."

If more of you would send information unsolicited, as Miriam did, I would really appreciate it.

As for my own news: I still go to Mass every morning, four days a week at Holy Spirit at 8:15, and three days a week at the Ursuline Motherhouse at 7:25. I like getting started early, in order to get into my garden. I also play bridge very frequently.

On April 12, my bridge foursome and two other friends flew to San Diego, where we boarded the fabulous Oosterdam ship of the Holland America line for a Mexican Riviera Cruise. We made three stops—Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta. Each port was fascinating. In between sightseeing, we managed

to play 200 hands of bridge. I took many pictures with my camcorder and will have several dinner parties to expose my friends to an account of our wonderful cruise. Since I was on the high seas for my 86th birthday, I bought myself a beautiful opal pendant while in Puerto Vallarta. My comrades sent me champagne, and we had a very enjoyable celebration.

When I came home, it was time to plant my 1500 begonias, 500 geraniums, and 2000 impatiens. Since my daughter, Madonna Gordon, is not working, she and her son Shane came to help me frequently during the planting season. The yard has never been so beautifully manicured. I am so grateful for their very special help.

On June 5, all the Barker clan headed for Douglasville, Ga., to celebrate the wedding of Kenneth Barker IV and Cori Allen on June 7, 2008. We came from all corners of the U.S.

After the rehearsal on Friday evening, we all enjoyed dinner together. Saturday was a gorgeous day and the bride, Cori Allen, was radiant as she walked down the aisle of St. John Vianney Church to become Mrs. Kenneth Barker IV. The groom's mother and I lit the candle, which the bride and groom used to light the larger one. (I was pleased to be included in this ceremony.) The priest, Fr. Carl, a Franciscan, conducted the ceremony very well and delivered a very nice homily. A friend used my camcorder to record the entire wedding—happily, it turned out very well. The reception was lovely; the music was great. Everyone enjoyed the dancing, even 2-year-old Samantha. I give credit to Kenneth and Cori for masterminding a marvelous weekend for all of us.

Tomorrow, I am leaving for a three-day trip to St. Louis with a group from United Crescent Hill Ministries. My good neighbor, Colette Dumstorf, will be my roommate. When we visit the botanical gardens, my granddaughter, **Ashley Clark Bass '98**, and her two sons are coming to meet us.

'50

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The Saint Mary's College campus was so beautiful on May 17, when almost 400 seniors in cap and gown received their diplomas and became graduates on the lawn in front of Le Mans Hall. This year the weather was perfect as my husband and I and most of our family watched our

granddaughter, **Honore O'Brien '08**, become a graduate of Saint Mary's.

Honore's home is in Los Angeles, so it has been a special treat for us to have her so much closer during her college years.

Bud and **Rosie Foley Bigelow** and their entire family gathered in Stamford, Conn., last fall for the wedding of their daughter, **Patricia Bigelow '90**, to John O'Sullivan, who grew up in County Kerry, Ireland. Patti works in Stamford as an accountant.

This past year has been a hard one for **Pat Theiss Sears**. Just before Thanksgiving last year, Pat tripped over a parking barrier coming out of a drug store and shattered her elbow. After four hours of surgery, she was in a heavy cast and could not drive. Just three weeks later her husband, Jim, needed emergency surgery. During the next few months there were many complications, and he never recovered. Jim died last February.

Pat says, "The blessings for Jim and I are our wonderful four daughters, four granddaughters, and one grandson."

Pat's daughters have been very caring and attentive. They plan for her to visit South Carolina and Chicago and so avoid her home in Florida until after the hurricane season.

I remember that at our last reunion, all Pat's girls worked to make sure that she could attend the event. One daughter came with Pat and another daughter went to stay with Jim. We had a great visit with Pat after so many years.

Mary Ruth McGee Dorsher visited **Peggy Gardner Haaser**, who recently purchased a brand new home in the town of Simsbury, Conn. Peggy's husband, Walt, is nearby in a nursing home. Mary Ruth had knee surgery since returning home and should be dancing jigs by now.

I wish that more members of our class would send me an update like that sent by **Sheila Mulvihill**. Sheila has recently retired and purchased a cottage near Grand Rapids, Mich., where she will spend some time this summer—much cooler than Washington, D.C. and near her relatives. Sheila wrote: "Hello from cool, wet D.C. Shortly after we talked, I wrote a long (too long) dissertation on my experiences after leaving Saint Mary's. I will now try to do better. I had been working at the Harvard Law School when, in 1967, one of the professors invited me to be on the staff of the National Crime Commission. That led to other federal government jobs, among them the Council on

Environmental Quality in the Executive Office of the President. When most of the staff was rified soon after President Reagan took office, I began freelance editing, but after a number of years that dried up as money got shorter and agencies were doing their work in-house. I was sorry because making someone's writing sound really good could be quite challenging, but it was always fun.

"Meanwhile, I have been challenged medically: I was in a study and cured of lymphosarcoma at the National Cancer Institute through radiation and chemotherapy, and I am now being followed for an infection of the lungs in another institute. During that time I had two malignant eye tumors removed. In the fall of 2006, complications of a knee replacement kept me in Grand Rapids for more than a year, and I am now facing a skin problem near one of my eyes.

"Here I thought I was going to be short. Hmm. And I haven't even mentioned my wonderful apartment overlooking the Channel and with a fantastic view. I love living here.

"Goodbye for now, and thanks for the good job you do in The Courier."

'52

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I hope that all classmates are well and will drop me a line to reassure us. Thanks to these classmates who have written.

Mary Caryl Cash Straub wrote: "Immediately after the class reunion (2007), Joe and I flew from Chicago to Ireland. The highlight of our trip was seeing my relatives once again in Kilkenny. Last fall, we returned to Notre Dame for two football games and to visit our granddaughter, **Caitlin Lavelle '10**, who will be a junior at Saint Mary's next year. This spring has seen the normal plethora of school concerts, sports events, First Communions, and similar grandchildren activities."

Toni DiSalle Watkins wrote at New Years. Toni spent Christmas in California with her daughter, Diane, and family, and said that all family members were doing well except her son Michael, for whom she asked prayers. While in California, she attended a luncheon with **Mary Jo Struett Bowman**, **Peg Culhane Stewart '51** (who was at Saint Mary's for a year and loved it), and **Judy**

Jones Sullivan '54, and hoped to continue seeing them on her visits there. Meanwhile, back home in Arizona, **Maureen Carroll Muller** and **Nancy Ahlforth Steele** were visiting during the winter, and Toni was looking forward to seeing them. Nancy is recovering nicely from her recent surgery.

Margaret Kropf Voyt wrote from Alabama that her husband had surgery for jaw cancer in 2005, at which point they decided to move to the Birmingham area, "just twenty minutes from EWTN." Her husband has been free of cancer since the operation, for which she thanks God. She was unable to attend our 55th reunion in 2007 because she was awaiting a knee replacement; her knee recovered so well that they went on a month trip to New Zealand in October-November 2007. "All of our children except for Father Steve were here for Christmas. We missed Steve, of course, but we had three weeks with him last Easter in Hawaii. He's on a four-month rotation in Iraq, but will return to Hawaii in a week . . . We will be leaving for Nice for three weeks . . . Our eldest son, Michael, will join us there."

Gloria Gazzara Eppler wrote: "Walt had a knee replacement in April and starting going back to work this week. He is still working and was lost just sitting home and vegetating. We took a week's cruise in March to Mexico with my son and daughter-in-law. It was very restful and nice."

Since the death of her husband, Norman, last year, **Nancy Hutchison Newton** has looked forward to guests. She wrote, "**Betty Foley McGlynn** spent several days with me here in Houston this spring. She was happy to be out of the bad weather in Wisconsin. She was also able to visit a cousin of Bob's, who treated us to a bay-side lunch on a beautiful day. I plan to go to Tucson soon to see my sister, and Toni Watkins may drive down from Phoenix for a visit. It's wonderful to keep in touch with these former classmates. I have room for guests—if any classmate has thoughts of coming here, I would be happy to have them visit."

Another classmate inviting us to visit is **Joanne Hickey Frazel**: "Jerry and I spent the month of May traveling this year—visiting some of our children in Portland, Ore., Denver, and Minneapolis. We will be in the Chicago area for the summer and will commute between the Oak Brook condo and our beach home in Michigan City. If anyone is in Long Beach or Michigan City, please phone me so that we can

see each other: (219) 872-2465. Our address at the beach is 1616 Lake Shore Dr. We are usually there Thursday through Monday."

While Betty McGlynn was visiting her sister, Mary, in Los Angeles in June, **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** drove up and joined them. Betty will host the annual "Three Sisters Reunion" this year for sisters Mary and Martha.

From Southern California, **Mary Dvilaitis Blanford** wrote that she was traveling to Chicago for the June wedding of her only grandson, Billy, 27. She mentions going on a 10-day Mexican cruise in November. San Diego is a departure point for the Mexican Riviera, so anyone who cruises those parts should get in touch with the San Diegans—Lynn Ambrose, **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**, Mary Blanford, and **Mary Musante Kraemer**, who are always ready to lunch. In June, they met at Mary Jean's, who filled me in with this report: "Our Southern California group: Lynn Ambrose, Mary Blanford, Mary Kraemer, **Janet Rowe**, and I met at my home for lunch on June 2. As usual, we discussed many things, including the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, recommended authors (Elizabeth George, James Carroll), and the marvelous gift of our sharing of memories over the past 60 years, since we enrolled at Saint Mary's as really fresh freshmen! Mary Blanford's granddaughter, Natalie, will be a sophomore at the College this fall. Where does the time go?"

Classmates get together even accidentally, as **Sally Disser Weigand** writes: "Bob and I were at Churchill Downs two weeks after the Derby. (My first time ever there.) As I was walking up to bet (and I know nothing about betting!), I saw **Sheryl Palmer Rompf**. We were both pleasantly surprised and had a nice little chat together. Can you imagine that I would see a Saint Mary's classmate amongst all those people? I saw **Jean Murphy Westland '49** and **Barbara Berry Saggau '51** when I visited with my sister, **Jo Disser Barger '62**, at Holy Cross Village on the campus of Holy Cross College, where all three have taken up residence. It's a great place for retirement."

Holy Cross Village is **Eleanor Fails'** destination, too. When she lost her beloved dog, Josh, in the spring, she wrote: "The last six months have been the very worst of my 77 years. You know I have led a charmed and blessed life. . . Please remember us in your prayers." Not only had Josh died, but **Mary Stoeckinger '57** had broken her elbow and needed

surgery, Eleanor herself had a number of health problems and, to top it off, their house had not sold. I talked to her several months later, by which time she sounded better. Their house had still not sold; nevertheless, she and Mary had decided to begin moving whatever they needed to their new home in Holy Cross Village by the end of June. Eleanor's new hip is doing well and she enjoys her convertible,

although it makes it easier to "back into Mary's new Toyota Highlander." ("If you know anyone who is moving to South Bend, ask to see Eleanor for a beautiful house.") She wants us to know that in spite of it all, she has not lost her sense of humor.

Mary Berners Kishler called to fill me in on a large SMC luncheon get together in the Detroit area. **Julie Skelly Fries, Barb Callahan Johnson,**

Kay O'Connor Murphy, and Mary were there from our class and **Mary Cucchi Depman '50** and **Jody Morris O'Brien '50** from our big sister class. Altogether, maybe 25-30 alumnae attended. Barb Johnson spends much time in California, where most of her 10 children live. She asks prayers for her grandson, Thomas Johnson, who is undergoing a second round of cancer treatment. Mary Kishler went to London in April to visit her son, Mark, who is managing director of investments for Northwestern Mutual Life and is abroad for three years. Two of Mark's children are attending British schools—wearing ties and blazers. Julie Fries also just visited London, where her daughter, Annette, and son-in-law are working. She took her 23-year-old granddaughter, Kalyn, to visit her mom and dad.

We've all been praying for Mary Jo Bowman and are happy to hear that her medical reports are good. She went to Oregon with Dee to visit a friend and toured Astoria and the Columbia River. She is looking forward to a visit from her sister, **Sarah Struett O'Keefe '55.**

Dor Murnane McMahon filled us in on her life year-round in Naples, Fla. "In June, most of the tourists have left, so we have the streets, restaurants, etc. almost empty, and it is delightful. I give private lessons now in Spanish, French, and English to foreigners. Of course, there is more to life than my little jobs. My three brothers and one sister came down in the winter, and we had a wonderful reunion. I also keep in touch with my nieces and nephews in Chicago and here. I still play bridge with friends, go to movies and dinner a lot, and play Scrabble on the computer against a cousin and a sister-in-law in Chicago. It is still difficult to go on without my husband, but we had thirty years together, and for that I am always grateful." Dor was in Chicago this spring to attend the Edward Hopper show at the Art Institute, and we had dinner together afterward.

As for my own news: I continue to travel as much as I can—to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to visit my sisters in February, and to Sedona, Ariz., later that month to visit some friends. I'm planning on an Alaskan cruise in June and a river cruise from Vienna to Amsterdam in September. You can see some of my travels at this website: <http://picasaweb.google.com/maryroshashaughessy>. I'm also painting and doing ceramics, and will be in the annual Art Fair in June.

Finally, we remember **Elise Curry O'Connell** with some excerpts from

the eulogy delivered by her son, Edward, at her funeral Jan. 12, 2008: "Although the last few years of my mother's life were very challenging and often disheartening for her family and her dearest friends, we are here to celebrate what was, in fact, a splendid and exemplary life . . . as lived by a woman who never gave up hope, who never indulged in self pity, who stayed mentally alert to her last breath, and who persevered by being true to her lifelong faith and through devotion to her friends and family against daunting circumstances. My mother was fiercely proud of her tightly-knit family and of her Irish Catholic heritage. Both her mother's and father's families had strong ties to Notre Dame, and my mother was an active alumna of Saint Mary's College—ruling that she was unable to make this year's 55th reunion."

From the Courier office: LaVerne Slagel Lewis writes from Minnesota asking for prayers from classmates as she undergoes a series of long and painful treatments for a tumor. ". . . just like last year, but this one is a little bigger. I'm very frightened about all of this, for I'm not as strong as I was for the first surgery four years ago (and all of the successive ones), and my OLD body is now very weakened. I find it very hard to walk and also to stand for even a couple of minutes. I do appreciate your prayers. I want to live to see a grandson deliver the commencement address next year at his school. His mother is holding that possibility out as a carrot for me. . . I do care about all my classmates and would love to hear all that is going on with each of you. I owe many of you pictures. I haven't forgotten. They're coming!"

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Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of **Aggie Majewski Kinnucan** on the loss of their dear mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and mother-in-law. Condolences and prayers also are with **Erin White Schaefer** and **Doris Woldemar Bouadjemi** on the loss of their husbands early this year.

Attending Aggie's February funeral at St. Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange, Ill., were classmates **Jane Flynn Carroll, Terese Fabbri, Rose**

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Jeanne Reynolds '83 was inducted as the 2008–09 President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois at its annual installation dinner on June 5, 2008. Jeanne was a partner in her own firm Reynolds and Reynolds, Ltd. with her father, an ND grad, Frank Reynolds. She currently serves as a judge in the Domestic Relations division of the Cook County Circuit Courts.

Darcey Palmer-Shultz '03 of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana is now better prepared for nonprofit service after completing United Way of Central Indiana's Leadership United program.

Kathleen (Barlow) Soldati '72 published a book entitled *Business Comes to the Expert, A Proactive Marketing Plan for Professional Practice Firms*.

Adriana Garces Petty '01 has been named international student and scholar coordinator for the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership at Saint Mary's. Petty advises the College's international students and provides them with programming and immigration services. She also supports and assists visiting scholars from other nations, and facilitates the planning and implementing of student-led programs.

Congresswoman Donna Christian-Christensen '66 received an award from the Century Council for her efforts to fight drunk driving and underage drinking. She was one of 37 members of the House of Representatives who were honored on July 23, 2008.

Marion Ashen Lusardi '73 was awarded the Distinguished Service to the Profession Award from Wayne State's School of Library and Information Science in the fall of 2007.

Dr. Angela Maynard Sewall '68, dean of University of Arkansas at Little Rock's College of Education, has been selected to serve on the board of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Susan Johnson Karlix '80 was appointed Manager, Investor Communications, at Deere & Company World Headquarters.

Jennifer A. Pupilava '95 was selected by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Western Region, for its Outstanding Member Award. Jennifer was selected for this award based on her extensive involvement with Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan and multiple other community organizations, and for her dedication and concern for the community.

Marie Murphy Foley, Cathy Wilson Opper, Joan Rossi, Rena Bianucci Sereno, Jean Zimmerer Thomas, Mary Beth Adler Wilhelmi, and Rita Giometti Zalesky—all of whom read the Prayers of the Faithful. **Liz Kiley Wilson** was scheduled as a Eucharistic minister and her husband, Jim, as an honorary pallbearer; however, Liz was in the hospital and they couldn't attend. Other alumnae attending were: **Lorraine Cahill Greenock '43, Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan '49, Jackie Casey Morsch '53, Mary Jo Cleary Maddux '57, and Virginia Thomas Moynahan '58.** And (very fitting for our beloved Sister Madeleva impersonator extraordinaire), the holy card picturing Aggie on the front had on its reverse side a Madeleva poem, which follows.

Travel Song

*Know you the journey that I take?
Know you the voyage that I make?
The joy of it one's heart could break.*

*No jot of time have I to spare,
Nor will to loiter anywhere,
So eager am I to be there.*

*For that the way is hard and long,
For that gray fears upon it throng,
I set my journey to a song.
And it goes wondrous happy so.
Singing I hurry on for oh! It is to God,
to God I go.*

Erin Schaefer phoned me while here in northern California with her daughter, son, and families. Jerry died in San Diego on March 3, only two months after cancer was diagnosed. She sent me the lovely program from his funeral Mass, attended by **Mary Lou Leim O'Beirne** and husband Pat (a pallbearer). In April I talked with **Betty Galloway**, who told me that Doris's husband had died in southern California.

A mid-March postcard from **Sue Whalen Heyer** reported that she had recently traveled to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for a son's 50th birthday celebration. "Kids are now 51, 50, 49, and 46 ... that makes me pretty old." She still enjoys working part-time at Maggie Valley, N.C., Creekside Valley Lodge, "being around the tourists again. Health is great, and keeping busy."

In April, **Marilyn Beck** sent a postcard announcing the upcoming production of *Carousel* by The Heights Players (Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.), in which Marilyn played the role of The Starkeeper. (I wish we could be in New York sometime when our thespian classmate is appearing.) Good job, Marilyn! You may recall that a few years

ago she had a small part in *A Beautiful Mind*, the Oscar-winning film starring Russell Crowe.

Barbara DiSalle Lindskold's author daughter, Jane Lindskold, has been working on a new series, with the first book due out Nov. 8. "As usual, I can't give you any plot lines," Barbara wrote, "but the title is *Thirteen Orphans*, the name of a Maj Jong convention."

Our travel-agent classmate **Mary Schmitz Bartley** has a new agency affiliation, Olmsted Travel, in Pinehurst, N.C. Knowing that several classmates have had travel help from Mary, here are her business phone and e-dress: (910) 295-1977 and mcbartley@earthlink.net.

A June conversation with Joan Rossi provided news of several classmates. Rose Marie Murphy Foley and Ben had returned recently from the Philadelphia area, where they had attended the baptism of their newest grandchild. **Liz Kiley Wilson** and Jim were hoping to be able to get up their summer home in the North Woods (I think for the first time since Liz's injury in 2005). And Joan and **Midge Myler Russo** plan to join the Saint Mary's tour to Greece in October.

As for us: In April-May, we enjoyed our first riverboat trip, from the Black Sea up to Linz, Austria, then a train to Prague, and home from there. Very interesting, new countries for us were Romania and Bulgaria; very sobering: what we learned about the Iron Curtain countries under several dictators. In May-June, Dick and four friends did a walking trip, 170 miles in 17 days along Offa's Dyke, the border between England and Wales. Remember the '42 movie set in Wales, *How Green was my Valley?* Beautiful green valleys and wildflowers, Dick said. They each put a foot in the Bristol Channel at the south/beginning of the trail, and then in the North Sea at the end of it. (Last year in June-July, Dick and two of the same group did a similar walk across England—190 miles from St. Bees on the Irish Sea to Robin Hood's Bay on the North Sea.)

Wow—more than you wanted to know about Sullivans' Travels, right?! I'll really be quick about the grandchildren: Anthony, 15, is still active in teen theatre and is on the Marin Theatre Company's teen board. Our adorable Chinese granddaughter, Chloe, is almost four and really terrific.

Our column deadlines are June 1 and Jan. 1. Both Marilyn and Sue (above) followed my suggestion about a postcard being a great/quick way to report. But, whatever way, do write! In the spring issue, I

liked and will "borrow" **Mary Rose Shaughnessy's '52** closing to our Big Sisters' column: "Hope you're all well, traveling, and seeing your children and grandchildren grow and prosper." Love you all, JJS.

'58

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Our 50th reunion. Where to begin? Events and people appear like flashes of colors in a kaleidoscope. The weather was great (mostly); the Class Mass Friday night in Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans was beautiful and poignant as we remembered our deceased classmates.

The Celebrant Father Paul Doyle added both to the solemnity and to the personal of the occasion through his relationship with **Pat Kinney Doyle** and his friendship with many members of our class. Thanks to **Jody Vetter Olson** for arranging the liturgy.

For those members who came early, dinner at Sunny Italy on Thursday night was a great way to begin our reconnections. Thanks to **Hannah Grasberger Storen Kreps** for her help in coordinating it.

Like Topsy, the dinner grew and grew. Originally we had: **Rosemary Harte Schierl, Mary Ann Saxe Hickey, Hannah Kreps, Joan Drymalski Heuel, Judy Quinn Barnett** and husband Neil, **Maureen Sterett Raymo, Mary Alice Hixson Malesardi, Pat Costello; Mary Suzanne Scanlon Ryan; Teddi Reid Murray; Jane Eyerly Kozuszek; Paula Lawton Bevington, Jody Olson, Ingeborg Ludwig von Scheffer,** and me.

Then **Kay Duffy O'Leary, Ro Corcoran Donnelly, Barb Shimanski Leahy, Kay O'Meara Walper, Joan Renehan Thompson, Sue Corcoran Griffin** and others joined us. Forgive me if I have left out anyone.

Since I was not yet on campus Friday morning, I can't comment on who did what, but Friday afternoon everyone who attended Sr. Kathleen Dolphin's lecture on science and religion found it fascinating.

Mary Husted Bottum, Pat Hurley McMahon, and I had lunch Wednesday before they went off to make a retreat at Notre Dame. We had so much to catch up on and set the tone for everything that followed.

Friday night **Peggy McCarthy MacIntyre** hosted the Ireland

Program Reunion celebrating its 30th anniversary. Some students came just for that reunion and had to leave, but it was rewarding for both Peggy and her students as they reminisced and shared memories.

Saturday's presidential address by President **Carol Ann Mooney '72** was jammed, and so was the Saturday picnic. I saw **Mary Mulflur Blake**, who came just for the day, I think.

Several mothers and daughters met up at the picnic, and we had a chance to visit with **Mary McEnery Harding '84** and her mother, **Sistie Doherty McEnery, Sue Lipetska Cierzniak** and her daughter, **Ellen Cierzniak Foster '93,** and Hannah Kreps and her daughter, Hannah Storen Hicks ND '83. **Barb Butler Henry '85** stopped by to say hello and chat with old friends.

Sue Cierzniak's children presented a copy of *Botanica North America* by Marjorie Harris to the Cushwa-Leighton Library in honor of Sue's 50th and her birthday. She and daughter Ellen were able to see the book over the weekend.

Sue also had a good visit with **Marilyn Volz Boyd** and Teddi Murray, back from Arizona.

In a departure from most past reunions, some lucky husbands accompanied their wives: **Kay Bowling Merkel** and Dick; Judy Barnett and Neil; **Babs Hilger Hanahan** and Mike; **Meg Droege Haney** and Don; **Martie Slavin Fogarty** and Mike; Pat McMahon and John; **Mitzi Furtula Watts** and Clea; **Nancy Schwind Gallagher** and Don come to mind.

Despite some health issues, Mitzi came to reunion. She is still full of enthusiasm, energy, and passion for the arts.

Pat McMahon's book list compiled from classmates' suggestions will be a resource for future reading.

Ellen Canny Werner, looking quite svelte, and **Karin Moore Beckert** drove together from upstate New York. Karin drove and Ellen entertained.

We are all invited, I understand, to spend the winter with our classmates in Florida.

Mary Bottum spent a week in Naples last winter with Ellen, and they had a mini reunion with **Sally Hultkrans Callahan, Pat Kennedy Flock, Ellen Canny Werner, Mary Ann Coryn McGee, Marilyn Miller Lyon, Eleanor Hanks Connors,** and **Lynda Leigh Scott.**

Pat Doyle's daughter roomed with her mother at the Inn at Saint Mary's, so Pat's classmates had the



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opportunity to visit with Katie.

Patti Rogan Beckman and I roomed across the hall from Mary Alice Malesardi and Mary Ann Hickey, who hosted our cocktail parties. Thank you.

Bruno Schlesinger and his wife, Alice, hosted Christian Culture graduates at their home for a wonderful reception. Paula Bevington, Peggy MacIntyre, Jody Olson, Jane Kozuszek, Sally Callahan, and I represented the first class of graduates.

Rosemary Andrew wrote to say that she was recovering from a hospitalization and was not up to the trip. Bruno took the occasion to recount his early years in the United States and the failed attempts as a baker, a Fuller Brush salesman, and other trials before he was admitted to the University of Notre Dame.

Mary Hughes Enright's '59 husband took pictures of Bruno surrounded by his former students. It was wonderful.

At the picnic, I collected information from those I could catch. **Jean Heidt Quinn** is still in the event-planning business but finds time for lots of volunteering with the Garden Club of America, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, and other serious gardening activities.

Kay O'Leary has retired and is volunteering for Hospice and Rainbows—working with children from broken homes. She and George have six grandchildren.

Mary Ann Hickey writes that she is a former teacher and is "now having a great life."

Judy Barnett paints "almost every day—in oils—portraits" and lives in a beautiful place on Bainbridge Island, off the coast of Seattle.

Dee Reynolds Tucker practices dermatology; she and her husband love to travel. "I'm making up for lost time in not being a Christian Culture major."

The closing mass at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto was simply glorious with celestial music. Before mass, I had a chance to visit with **Sally Teppert**, who lives in her family home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and is doing some substitute teaching, and **Kathryn Kramer Massey**, who is a microbiologist in South Bend. **Carolyn Sidley Martin** is grateful for her seven grandchildren and loves seeing the four who live nearby every day.

Sue Griffin is working full time. Her darling mother is 98 years young and living in Michigan. **Maggie Casey Phillips** is working part time as a case manager for a Chicago firm.

Hannah Kreps has been in real estate since 1989 and loves to see her

Saint Mary's College friends. "Loves Texas. But not a native."

I saw **Honey Hurley Gfroerer** talking with Paula Bevington but didn't get a chance for a visit. Paula and husband Milton have formed Bevington Advisors, LLC *Facilitating Entrepreneurial Philanthropy*.

Lucky for me, not all of you departed at once. Peggy MacIntyre stayed until Tuesday afternoon, and we spent most of Monday and Tuesday morning visiting. She was returning to Ireland from the home of her son, Desmond, and his wife, Linda, in Hingham, Mass., taking their 11 year-old daughter Aoife back with her for a month.

I just had an e-mail from **Ann Harris Mohun**. She hated missing the Christian Culture reunion but said that she will try to stop in South Bend for a few days in September, when she will be in the States for the marriage of her son, Charlie, in Ohio. I am looking forward to her visit.

Many of us at the 50th hope that we can get together sooner than five years from now—either at Saint Mary's or at another location. Time is fleeting.

'60

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From Maureen: In January, **Karen Wilke Galvin** and two friends traveled to Tanzania with a program called Cross Cultural Solutions. They volunteered from Monday to Friday for three weeks and traveled on the weekends. Karen worked in the orphanage school with children three to six years old, several of whom knew some English. They are very interested in learning English, as many of the middle schools teach all subjects in English. Karen was able to introduce some teaching methods to the teachers, who were so grateful for the help. They have no crayons, pencils, paper, books—no resources. While she was there, one of the young volunteers in the program required an emergency appendectomy, and Karen stayed with her at the local hospital, which was right out of the film *The English Patient*; however, the surgery was successful. During the fourth week, Karen and her friends

went on a safari in the Serengeti. What a time they had! The best part is yet to come: An organization in Muncie, Ind., called Children of Abraham (whose mission is to supply underdeveloped countries with used hospital equipment gathered from hospitals in Indiana and Illinois) and who have several members living in Karen's condo building who heard her story, is sending over a million dollars of used hospital equipment and supplies to the hospital in Tanzania as well as supplies to the orphanage and the orphanage school. What an amazing result from a vacation!

Arlene Lagona Feldmeier eased right into Palos Heights when she met her neighbor **Lorene Janoski Rathnau '62** at the Woman's Club. Arlene and her husband, Mike, are also active with Catholic Charities Southwest Services. Arlene had a great chat with **Kathleen McKeever Catanzaro** and her daughter in one of those lines at a Notre Dame football game. Knowing those lines, we all know that was no short chat.

Ann Lord Barton and, of course, Drew are splitting their time between Cincinnati and Vero Beach, Fla.; however, it sounds like it is not an even split. The Notre Dame night in Vero Beach brings together Kathleen Catanzaro and Mike ND '60, **Marilynn Morrissey** and Julius Sparacino ND '59, and Patrick McFadden ND '60.

Maureen Hogan Lang had a three-day visit with **Pat Hilger Zeigler '66** when they met at a wedding in North Carolina. They golfed, prayed, and partied—oops, that should probably be in a different order. On a more somber note, they also remembered Pat's sister, **Maryann Hilger Haerle '56**, who passed away recently.

The spring luncheon in Oakbrook was talkatively enjoyed by **Peggy Hock Cahill**, **Maureen Madigan**, **Nancy Prawdzik Kidder**, **Diane Zarantonello Sullivan**, **Nancy O'Toole Doppke**, Arlene Feldmeier, **Barbara Graham Stotzer**, Karen Wilke Galvin, **Jane Simpson Kiep**, and Maureen Lang. We were glad to see Nancy Doppke looking so well after her bout with breast cancer. Let's remember one another in our prayers. We have so much to be thankful for...and so much to talk to God about.

As this article goes to press, it is exactly two years to reunion. Get your bags backed early!!

From the Courier Office: **Dolores Cernota Dvorak** wrote: "Our family had a year of intense prayer with two military children deployed. Air

Force Col. Mary Dvorak, M.D., worked in the intensive care unit in the Baghdad, Iraq, hospital. West Point Graduate Capt. John Dvorak was in Afghanistan after a previous tour in Iraq. John received an appointment to teach at West Point. Pray for all our military who serve so valiantly."

'62

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More news from Reunion 2006 surveys: **Lyn Cosgriff Isbell** reports that her four adult children are doing well, with three grandchildren eight, six, and four years of age. Lyn is involved in her parish as a lector, (former) parish council member, and occasional speaker/teacher/moderator at the Spiritual Life Center. She also volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul help desk and at a program for English language classes for Spanish-speaking adults and serves on the board of North Bay Regional Center, which serves developmentally disabled people in three counties. She keeps in touch with **Pat Gallagher**, **Jean Trainor McGlynn**, and **Maureen McCafferty**.

Marie Polcari Joyce is a substitute teacher in the Hernando County Schools in Spring Hill, Fla.

Anne Kearney is a college professor at Kentucky Technical and Community College in Louisville, Ky. She is also a lector and in choir at her parish in Bremen, Ind., and volunteers for Hearts & Hands in Bremen. She sees **Marie Hank McKellar**, **Ann Marie Fees Ranck**, and **Margaret Huemmer Kluszynski**.

Maura Kiley is a teacher (K-8) at St. Giles School in Oak Park, Ill.

Margaret Kluszynski and husband Joe, who is retired from the Bayer Corp. after 45 years, have five grown children and five grandchildren and live in Mishawaka, Ind. Their sons are a computer engineer, a customer service agent for Southwest Airlines, and an E.N.T. surgeon near Indianapolis; one daughter is a consultant in Chicago and another lives in Mishawaka. Margaret is very involved with her church and grade school, the St. Joseph County Homemakers Extension Organization, and as a volunteer at the Football Hall of Fame. She misses her dear friend and classmate, **Bunny Jachim Keough**, who died of cancer last July. Margaret has fond memories of being the mail delivery girl, pulling a little red wagon

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Friends for more than 40 years, classmates from the class of '70 gathered in March 2008 for a joint 60th birthday party. (Top) Sally Kunsch, Alice Tsui Cheung, (bottom) Pat Lyons Gottlieb, and Marguerite "Mike" Findra Breen celebrated at Mike's home in Pennington, New Jersey. Mike passed away in May after a five-year battle with breast cancer.

to offices in Le Mans, where she would meet and greet the dear sisters who worked in those offices. She was a day student but made many friends during her brief time there.

Judith Baumgartner Love and her husband, Tom, live in Foristell, Md. Married 39 years, they have three sons, one is a captain in the U.S. Army and has served two tours of duty in Iraq. Judith and husband are active in parish ministries and as volunteers at the local thrift shop. She lists "quilter" as her occupation.

Eileen McDermott says she is not "lost." She has not moved in 30 years. So sorry, Eileen—you were listed on our "lost" classmate list. We are glad to hear from you! Eileen is a tax season tax consultant in Portland, Ore. She has three children: Maura, CEO of the Police Activities League (PAL) of Greater Portland, has two children; Meghan, married to Angelo, a local tavern owner, has three sons; and son Michael White. Eileen is active as "Nona" of five, a PAL volunteer, a Planned Parenthood volunteer and supporter, and a well-honed traveler in Europe and Mexico. She sent news of other classmates: **Mary Ann Balles Bland**, a retired teacher, had a recent hip replacement, and is an active teacher associate; **Patty Emmert Melaku**: still working at EDS, is raising two darling granddaughters, Sophia

and Raquel; **Marg Burns DeMartini** is a retired teacher and an active Hospice volunteer. Eileen also writes that she will never forget Christmas celebrations in Le Mans and closing the library every night for years. She hopes to inspire others to return to our 50-year reunion in 2012.

Marie McKellar and Arch are retired. Marie was a college/university professor of mathematics for 30 years, three years as president of the Westchester, N.Y., branch of the AAUW, where membership grew 20 per cent during her tenure. She remembers math majors gathering in dormitory rooms to do homework and mentioned the death of her roommate, Bunny Keogh, also.

Jan Zisherle McNellis is a semi-retired drama teacher in Ft. Wayne, Ind. She is active in Easter Seals ARC of Allen County (Association for Retarded Citizens) and the Ex Libris book club (since 1965), volunteers at Head Start, serves as the contractual theater director for Creative Dramatics, is an Elderhostel leader and a university professor.

Pat Nancrede Mehaffery and Tom (both retired) send news from Elberfield, Ind. They have six grandchildren: four boys and two girls with ages ranging from 6 to 22. Their three daughters are all college graduates—one has a master's and

one a Ph.D. Pat lists her greatest accomplishment as her three beautiful daughters and their families, who are a joy. She remembers the whole experience at Saint Mary's College as great fun, hard work, and a fabulous education.

Carol Jenney Ostrom retired as a pediatric RN on April 1, 2007, in California. She and husband Alec were expecting grandchild number two in April of 2007. Number one grandson lives in Minneapolis, Minn. "We fly a lot!" she says. Carol is involved with her church choir and the assistance league in Auburn, Cal., and retired after almost 45 years of nursing—most of it spent doing pediatric nursing in the hospital. She also taught nursing and spent the last 15 years as a clinic nurse for a pediatric group at Mercy Medical Group, Carmichael, Cal. Her memory of Saint Mary's College: "A wonderful four years!"

Betsy Patterson Sentowski writes from Glen Ellyn, Ill.: "My three sons are each married and have three children each. Richard is a tenured professor at Marquette University, Peter is a chartered financial consultant, and Michael is a technical specialist with Nissan." She is so delighted that **Mary Ellen Norris Durbin** was honored for her gifted work with the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, Ill.

Maureen Sullivan Sheehy retired from social services in Glenview, Ill. Husband Tom sold his business and is retired as well. Her three children are married and giving her grandchildren. Maureen is focused on literacy and political issues as well as education issues. She does English conversation groups and serves on a literacy board in Chicago. She mentioned that Jan McNellis is a grandmother, as well as **Mary Schubert Maury**. "All my Saint Mary's College friends are very important to me," she says.

Mary Marg Boesen and I met for our annual "lunch" when I was in Niles, Ill., at Notre Dame High School to award the scholarship we established in memory of my brother, Bill Casey ND '59. (He was a teacher/coach at the school for 35+ years.) She gave me news of **Genie Pedersen Lyons'** husband, Ed, who has been diagnosed with liver and Stage Four pancreatic cancers. She had received this news from Margaret DeMartini in Pullman, Wash., who was suffering from dizzy spells/irregular heart beat. After much testing and insertion of a pacemaker, Marg is feeling fine! Keep these and all our ill/ailing classmates in our prayers.

Did you see **Joan Lewis** when she gave brief reports of Pope Benedict

XVI's visit to the United States? She was reporting for EWTN-TV as Rome Bureau Chief. Nice job, Joan!

I saw **Sheila Burke Vollman** at a Milwaukee Symphony concert this week. Shiela works in the gift shop at the Milwaukee Art Museum and loves to travel. She spent some time in Florida in February (avoiding our LONG, SNOWY Wisconsin winter) with **Maggy Smith Welch** and **Mary Zeller Waldman**.

Life is good here in Brookfield, Wis. The Beaudoin clan surprised my husband, Jean ND '60, '65, on his 70th birthday, May 24, 2009. All four children and seven grandchildren were here! Daughter Lise and husband John Wiseman, both ND '93, are at Notre Dame Reunion 2008, as I write!

'70

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I have been retired since 2004 and still love it. A recent high point was the wedding of my son, Caleb Echterling, in April. I have been able to travel with my husband, Lennis Echterling, when he conducts workshops on crisis intervention and psychological response to disaster and trauma. Not all of the workshop locations are equally exciting, but the more interesting spots, such as Krakow, Poland, and Galway, Ireland, balance out the more familiar spots, such as Columbus, Ohio. An extra benefit is that I am often able to connect with Saint Mary's College friends along the way. I have visited recently with **Pat O'Hara Gable**, **Ann Toffanetti Schumacher**, and **Edi Hill Gibney**, and I have plans to see **Gwen Gill Caranchini** and **Karen Preston McCarty**.

Ann Schumacher reports that she and Gil are eagerly awaiting their son's wedding in September. "His fiancée is wonderful, and we're so glad she'll be joining our family. The wedding will be in New Jersey, and we plan to combine it with a New Jersey shore vacation and a visit to a favorite aunt in New London, Conn. Other than that, I'm happily enjoying my retirement—doing some work, some play, and taking well-earned time for myself."

After the death of her husband, Dennis ND '69, Gwen Caranchini reports that, in addition to spending some time on her law practice, she is doing real estate these days, a bit of

retail, and enjoying her granddaughter, who lives in Chicago with her daughter and son-in-law. She travels some to see her sister in Tucson and New Hope and for business to Florida. Gwen comments, "60? I can't believe it!"

Pat Gable has been at the St. Joseph County Public Library for 17 years. Her current position is manager of literacy and outreach services. Tutoring is one of the services coordinated by her department. Saint Mary's College students volunteer as homework tutors for local elementary students four afternoons a week during the school year. Pat and husband Steve ND '70 went to New York City for an early birthday celebration for Steve's 60th in January and met up with their three kids and their spouses/girlfriend.

In the spring, Pat went to Naples, Fla., for a long weekend with her South Bend bridge group. **Mary Osmanski Ferlic** started the group 30 years ago. **Pat Gersuk Cavanaugh '68** is also an original member of the group and went on the trip. It was the group's first bridge trip, although they had attempted to go last year before a blizzard cancelled their plans. Some of the members have places in Florida—including Mary, who has a condo on Marco Island. They stayed with two bridge members who have places near Naples, and they even had a bridge lesson and played bridge one day to make the trip legitimate.

Pat occasionally sees **Susan Vanek**, who is associate dean for advising at Saint Mary's College. Sue and Pat usually meet for lunch once or twice a year.

Edi Gibney and Richard ND '68 visit Pat and Steve in South Bend a few times a year. Their son, Brendan, just graduated from Notre Dame. Brendan's three older sisters all graduated from Notre Dame as well. Steve ND '70 and Pat had dinner with Edi, Richard, Richard's father, and Brendan and some of his Notre Dame friends last fall after a Notre Dame football game. Mary Lou Wylie and her husband stopped by Edi's house in Waco, Tex., for a quick visit in March to see Edi and Brendan, who was spending his spring break recovering from knee surgery.

Pat and Steve's daughter, **Margaret Gable '00**, married Ryan Wroblewski on the Saint Mary's campus on June 16, 2007. The reception was at the Morris Inn Irish Courtyard at Notre Dame. About 30 Saint Mary's College alumnae were at the wedding, and many gathered for a photo at the wedding reception. Margaret now lives

in Houston, Tex., where she teaches third grade in the Clear Creek School District. Ryan works for Haley-Greer Inc., a commercial glass contractor.

For Karen McCarty, 2007 was one of those seminal years in a person's lifetime. She lost her very dear friend, Dennis Hunt ND '68, very suddenly and totally unexpectedly in April. Karen writes, "Fortunately, we had a wonderful four-day visit the previous month, so I have those very special memories as well as my very close and valued friendship with his mother, who is such an incredible person."

In August, Karen and her brothers were faced with the difficult decision of moving her mother from assisted living into an Alzheimer's unit. Both brothers came out to California for that move, which helped immensely. Fortunately, Karen's mother has settled in very nicely and continues to enjoy the companionship of the gentleman friend she met when she first moved into Aegis. Karen reports, "I take them to Mass every Sunday and frequently to lunch after—I can only take pleasure in seeing them enjoy themselves and share their own special form of communication."

Karen writes, "In November, Chiquita Brands International announced a force reduction and, as a consequence, all but three of the IT staff based at Fresh Express' Salinas headquarters were let go—myself included. I celebrated Thanksgiving dinner in Carmel with a good friend, Ben, **Gail Donovan '63**, and her son, Jesse. Jesse is a Georgetown grad and in the U.S. diplomatic corps. He is such a special young man and it is always wonderful to hear about his experiences.

"Finally, in December, I let myself follow my heart's desire and took an eight-day river cruise on the Rhine the week before Christmas. It was incredible! We started in Nuremburg with stops in Regensburg, Passau, Linz, Melk, a side visit to Salzburg, and Vienna. It was so special and really captured the spirit of Christmas with the walking tours, church recitals, gingerbread and wreath making demonstrations, and Christmas markets with their sausages, hot roasted potatoes, and mulled wines.

"In March of this year, I celebrated my 60th with several parties with my close 'neighborhood' girl friends and then a lovely dinner with my daughter, Megan, and good friend, Ben, at LePapillon in Saratoga, our special-event restaurant!

"I am now embarking on a new position negotiating IT contracts

and managing vendor relationships with Granite Construction. I am very much looking forward to this opportunity, as this has very much become my niche and retirement for me is still very far off!"

'72

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Shame on me! Is it age? Busy schedule? Or what? I missed the January deadline for class news—I think for the first time since I have been writing this column! My apologies. Here is the rest of the news from our reunion. It is a year old, so I will try to update some of it as I write. Once I am finished with this, I need e-mails for all of your news.

Maura Carroll lives in Southampton, N.Y., and takes advantage of the cultural activities, the beach, and trips to New York City. She is involved with the Media and Entertainment Industry Alliance Group and attends their functions in the city. She stays in contact, and sees whenever possible, **Chris Newland Ketterhagen** and husband Mike ND '72, **Martha Coyne**, and **Terry Duggan McGinnis**.

Cathy Lemon Treacy says that "life is good!" She relocated to her hometown area in Illinois after 33 years in New Jersey. She enjoys spending time with her family there. She has a son and daughter-in-law, both attorneys, in Lexington, Ky., and a daughter working in publishing in New York.

Kathy Lamb Mears is a realtor with Coldwell Banker and is "selling the lifestyle I love" in Park City, Utah. She has been married for 25 years and is proud of 22-year-old son Ryan, "a wonderful young man." Kathy writes that she is "living in daily gratitude for all of her blessings, one of which is the gift of our years at Saint Mary's College."

Dianne Derfler Kadish writes that "life has been interesting." She spent 11 years as an NFL wife in Buffalo; 18 years growing a successful design business in St. Thomas, USVI and having three sons; and it was then back to the States, where they settled in Grand Rapids, Mich., their home for the past eight years. They are close to Saint Mary's and Notre Dame for reunions and football games and close to the water with a cottage in Northern Michigan. Dianne is currently

working as a sales rep for architectural products. Her passions? Husband Mike ND '72 and sons Zack, Zane, and Zeke ... and great shoes!

It was career change time for **Peggy Perkinson!** She joined Saint Louis University as a special professor in the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She co-presented with Peg Thompson a seminar on aging successfully.

Peggy Thompson is currently living in Vail, Colo., and invites us to come ski with her! She works with a family business that owns assisted living residences in Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas. She has two children and a grandson.

Sandra Nave Grenda writes that her most recent "breakthrough" accomplishment was co-hosting a *Dancing with the Stars* private party, where she performed a choreographed dance to Donna Summers' "She Works Hard for the Money." The dancing started with a mid-life desire to "reclaim herself." You can get more details by contacting her at sgrenda@earthlink.net.

Kate Berney Werring is the operations director at a three-county community mental health center in Kansas. She has three children: **Anne Werring '98** is the corporate compliance director for Kansas Health Solutions; Anne's twin sister, Molly, is in advertising in Overland Park, Kan.; and son Andrew is an assistant county attorney in Atchison, Kan.

My news is that I am traveling more and more to New York to see my 18-month-old grandson, Finn, and my children. I am fortunate to see **Heather Tripucka Carr**, Maura Carroll, and **Claire Mignelli Hughes** there often. I am going on a walking trip through southern Ireland with good friends this June. And I am still selling real estate in a "down" market in Southern Florida. My love and best wishes to all of you—and send me some news!!

'78

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Happy 30th Anniversary, Class of '78!

I'm so sorry I couldn't attend the reunion festivities—I've been promoted to executive director at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, where I've worked as general manager for five years, and had to

attend a booking conference. But I have so much news from so many of you—here goes! I'm going to include e-mail addresses whenever I have one—those are the best e-mails to receive!

Francine Gidel Sellinger

(sellfran@aol.com) is a homemaker in Lutherville, Md. She and husband James have a completely Irish family! Daughter Laura ND '03 is a dentist, married to Kraig ND '03. Second daughter, Stephanie ND '05 married Brian ND '05, and they live in Boston. Fran's baby, Jim, Jr., is a sophomore at Notre Dame. They spend a lot of time at Notre Dame football games, but that will change when their first grandchild, with help from Stephanie, is born in July.

Christine Simony (cms14@

bellsouth.net) earned her master's in landscape architecture from Cornell after we left Saint Mary's. She is now a freelance editor in Pittsburgh who skis, rides, rock-climbs, and does volunteer work!

Joanne Meyer Lester

(jamesstitchingsisters@yahoo.com) works at The Ohio State University as a nurse practitioner/researcher. She will receive her PhD in nursing two weeks after our reunion. Joanne and husband Gary have two grown sons, David, 27, and Joseph, 25. Joanne says "I treasure my Saint Mary's College memories and those annual Christmas cards with pictures and updates." I agree—and congratulations, Joanne!

Suzanne Allemon Clarke

(sclarke@indy.rr.com) and husband Steve ND '78, also have a Notre Dame family. Sons Michael and Tommy are both on campus now—Michael is a senior and Tommy a sophomore, plus they have three cousins also at Notre Dame!

Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuensch

(mary.kuhnmuensch@wicourts.gov) has just completed her 10th year on the Wisconsin bench, having served as a Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge since 1998. She was recently appointed the chief judge of the family division in Milwaukee. Mary also serves on the executive committee for the First Judicial District, helping to shape the administrative policies and procedures for the judiciary serving Milwaukee County. Her judicial colleagues in Milwaukee just elected her president of the Milwaukee Trial Judge Association, and she continues to serve as the secretary of the Wisconsin Trial Judge Association. She was also recently honored with the Mentor of the Year Award by the Association of Women Lawyers for her work in supporting and mentoring

young law students at both Marquette and the University of Wisconsin. Mary is also happy to report that she and her husband, John, enjoy spending time with their five children and two adorable grandchildren, Max and Bodhi!

Cathy Harahan McConnell

(cathymcconnell@cox.net) and her husband, Stephen, have a fabulous excuse for missing the reunion—they were in Paris. They live in Phoenix and have two children, Chris, a junior at Lafayette College, and Courtney, a sophomore at Santa Clara.

Ellen Flach Prendergast

(ellen_prendergast@yahoo.com) received her MA in communication arts from William Paterson University in New Jersey. She is a freelance writer and married to Bill, with two children: Caitlin, 24, lives in Boston, and Justin, 22, is a student at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Sean Reilly Kelleher (killer2@

charter.net) is a pharmacy manager in Ellensburg, Wash. She and husband Daniel have four children: Reilly, 22, graduates this year from college; Meaghe, 21, is also graduating from the University of Portland; Casey, 17, is a junior in high school and plays volleyball and basketball; and Kilauren, 10, is in 5th grade, also playing basketball and softball, as well as swimming.

Betsy Bloechl works as a director

of operations and training for the McHolborn Limited Partnership Corp. in Levelland, Texas, and plays bridge for fun!

Judy Byrnes Leduc

(goodbooksreading@yahoo.com) and her husband, Dennis, just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Judy has been in a book group for 10 years (check out the e-mail address!) and conducts weekly Bible study and Marriage Encounter events. She has four children: Scott, 22, graduated from Michigan State; Kevin, 20, is a sophomore at Oakland University; Michelle, 18, will attend Michigan State this fall as a first-year student; and David, 15, is a sophomore in high school.

Maria Elena Raaf Medlock

(memedlock@gmail.com) sends greetings from Anchorage, Alaska, where she lives with her husband, the Reverend Scott Medlock, who serves a parish of 1000 families. They've been in Alaska for 16 years and love it. They have three children: Aaron ND '05, works in Denver; Matthew ND '07 lives in Anchorage; and daughter Angela, who is finishing her sophomore year at Notre Dame.

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Left to right: Pablo Hernandez (Assistant Professor of Economics, Hollins University), Karen Van Meter (Director of Student Teaching, Saint Mary's), David Stefancic (Professor of History, Saint Mary's) and Cynthia McKiel Hunt '80 (President, Alumnae Club of London) at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall, London.

gmail.com) writes from Shrewsbury, Mass., "We have three sons. Daniel, the oldest, graduated from Boston College; Robert is a junior at Harvard University; and Kevin, a freshman at Harvard. I'm presently a lead technologist in the infectious disease department at Worcester Medical Center. My husband, Daniel, is an electrical engineer, managing warehousing for National Grid in New England."

Anne Richards Tszanz (africha@aol.com) is married to Thomas and living in Lake Forest, Ill.

Marmi Lawlor (marylawlor@hotmail.com) is a realtor in St. Louis, Mo. Marmi's son, Tom, graduated from Notre Dame and lives in Evanston, and her daughter, Liz, is newly married and living in St. Louis. Guess what Marmi does for fun? Sells houses! Go, girl!

Carol Ann Weiss is a speech/language pathologist in Blue Island, Ill.

Mary Kathryn Hipp (ezeziel@mnrter.net) graduated with an MA from Hamline University and is now a cost accountant at Goodrich Corp. She keeps busy reading, cooking, and traveling.

Diane Koch Ganka and husband Phil have an 8 year-old son, Riley. Diane writes, "I always use every opportunity to network on medical breakthroughs and how they might help kids with cerebral palsy. If you have anything to share, please send an e-mail to dianegarka@ameritech.net.

Lots of love to the Class of '78!"

Renee Bertone Nicholas (reneenicholas1@gmail.com) earned her MA in marketing from George Washington University. Married to David, they have two daughters, Lindsay, 22, and Kirsten, 20.

Camille St. Hilaire Smith (camillesmith@yahoo.com) is a principal at Little Friends, Inc., in Naperville, Ill. Camille and husband Barry have three children: Barry, Jr. is a first-year special education teacher in Naperville; Christopher is a sophomore at Marquette University; and Marie Therese is a freshman at Marquette.

Peggy Rodgers Taylor (kjtaylor5@comcast.net) is a human resources supervisor in Warsaw, Ind. She and husband Karl have three children: Tim, 18, at the University of Kansas, and Brian, 16, and Erin, 14, still at home.

Ann Vondriska Wilson (annwgb@juno.com) and husband Steve recently moved to Cincinnati after 20 years in Green Bay, Wis. They have two daughters: Elizabeth, 24, completing a second bachelor's degree in nursing and working as a bilingual Spanish interpreter at the hospital; and Abby, 13, in 7th grade. Ann writes, "After many years in business, I went back to school to study interior design, a long-time personal interest, and worked for Ethan Allen as a designer. Very rewarding! In 2007, I moved my parents out of their home of 45 years

into assisted living. It was, and is, extremely difficult and I pray for my fellow classmates who are walking this road. P.S. It's a lot of fun having a young, bright child still in my life and a great joy to see my older daughter's adult life materialize."

Maura Murrhy O'Flaherty

(mauramurrhyoflaherty@msn.com) and husband Paul are busy with three children: Brendan, 17, Conor, 14, and Sean, 12. Maura writes, "I am a new principal in the U.S. Equity Group of Ennis Knupp and Associates, the largest independent investment consulting firm in the United States. I am proud to serve on two non-profit boards—for Pillars, a social service agency addressing the needs of families in the south and west suburbs of Chicago, and Night Blue Theater, a professional theatre troupe of which I am a member." That sounds like a busy house!

Karen Renz Klug (jklugnd1@swbell.net) says "hello" to the Class of '78 from San Antonio, Tex., where she lives with husband, Jonathan ND '78, and children Jonathan, Jr. ND '07; Kara, a sophomore at Notre Dame; and Kristen, a junior in high school.

Mary Beth Montroy McIntosh (montroymcintosh@yahoo.com) works in banking in River Forest, Ill., where she lives with her husband, Scott, and their three children: Scott, who graduated from Illinois Bloomington and is going to Spain to teach; Michael, who is graduating from high school; and Erin, who is in 7th grade.

Karla Kalamasz Abbott Detwiler (karla.detwiler@hotmail.com) works here in southern California as a medical information specialist at Allergan. She has three children: Kimberly, 27, in Virginia Beach, Va., Sean, 24, in the Air Force in Great Falls, Minn.; and Daniel, 22, living at home and attending school part-time.

Pamela Waldner Johnson (J.P.Johnson@sbcglobal.net) and husband John are living in Chesterfield, Mo. Pamela writes, "Being a mom of two teenagers is fun and challenging. Trying to keep up with their activities keeps everyone hopping. I enjoy walking and have done several half-marathons plus a full marathon. I am currently taking classes with the thought of returning to school to earn my teaching certification. When getting (son) Robert settled at Creighton University, we were lucky enough to visit with **Stevie Wernig '68** for a short time."

Colleen Clucas Wilcox (wcwilcox@comcast.net) writes, "After graduate school, I worked in the Illinois Governor's Office in

developmental disabilities. With a co-worker, I drafted Illinois' legislation on early intervention for children from birth to 3 with disabilities and also worked on federal legislation to support families with children with disabilities. Between 1993-2003, I was assistant director and fundraiser for a non-profit art and recreation center for people with disabilities. The Klanson Center received an international award for including persons with disabilities in the life of the community. Since 2004, I have been a broker with Coldwell Banker in Hinsdale. My thrill is to help people open the door to the house of their dreams." Colleen and husband William have a daughter, Whitney, a junior in high school.

Valerie Homola Woller (vlwol@aol.com) writes, "I have three children, and a niece who lives with us. My oldest daughter is married and lives just a few blocks from us. The others are all in college: my son, Alex, is at Notre Dame, and his twin sister, Emily, is at Saint Mary's. The past three years have gone by so quickly—it seems as though we were just at orientation, running back and forth between Notre Dame to get Alex settled, and Saint Mary's to get Emily moved in. The twins are juniors now, and we have been to Notre Dame football games, sophomore parents weekend at Saint Mary's College, junior parents weekend at Notre Dame, performances with Opera Notre Dame (they're both singers), and the nursing dedication for our daughter—no wonder I have Silver Elite status with the airline! This past fall, my husband, Basil ND '77, and I became members of the Saint Mary's College Parents Council, and we have thoroughly enjoyed this aspect of Saint Mary's College. It has been amazing to be able to share our college memories with our children, as they make their own memories."

Barbara Abell Epps (baseart@earthlink.net) writes: "My husband, Ron, and I currently live on a 200-acre ranch outside Waco, Tex., owned by McLennan Community College, where Ron works in the administration as a division director. I am busy getting my new business, Country Dog Bakery, off the ground. I make all-natural dog treats for dogs with dietary restrictions, allergies, diabetes, or obesity. I also raise Boer goats for show and breeding and own two horses for pleasure-riding and trail."

Nancy Allred (willnancy@comcast.net) is a senior care manager at the Pascal Senior Center. She and her husband, Will Davis, live in Pasadena, Md.

Chrissy Fridrich Higgins is joyfully

about to retire as a preschool teacher in Ohio. She and husband Ralph ND '77, J.D. '80 have two children: Katie ND '03 and Patrick ND '05. They are active Notre Dame fans and for fun, Chrissy reports that she travels, reads, does needlework, and cooks!

Ginny Goodridge Nicholson (ginny.nicholson@sbcglobal.net) is a project manager at the University of Chicago. She and husband Pat ND '76 have a daughter at Georgetown University and a son graduating from St. Ignatius College Prep. Ginny's answer to the question, "What do you do for fun?" was "good question!" We know how you feel!

Maureen Morris Bowman (mmbandjbe@aol.com) is an RN and administrative hospital director at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. She and her husband, James, have two children.

Elizabeth Hassert (EAHHA@ gmail.com) is a key client manager at Maersk Line, Inc. in Oak Brook, Ill., and she travels, cooks, gardens, and does needlepoint for fun!

Martha Praught (mpmd@verizon.net) is a physician in Dedham, Mass., who swims, does yoga, and is "grateful to be alive celebrating my 30-year reunion with my good friends."

Deborah Basara Price (dip0704@comcast.net) is an RN at Hospital University of Pennsylvania. She is married to James and they have two children: son Aaron, who is a college freshman, and a daughter, Megan.

Sally Johnson Tiessen (sjjt1@comcast.net) married Kenneth, and they have a son, Jonathan, in 6th grade. Sally writes that she is a full-time mom and volunteer and a part-time consultant with Johnson Represents.

Suzanne Grady Walsh (smcgirl78@aol.com) reports that "Last February, my former roommates, Martha Praught, M.D., **Mary Kay Hipp**, and **Loretta Kerger Cox**, and I met in Las Vegas for a mini-reunion. We had a fabulous time and even won some money!" Suzanne and husband John have three children: John III, Kathryn, and Jacqueline.

Teresa Marie Schmitt (tschmitt1@pghboe.net) is an instructional teacher leader for the Pittsburgh Public Board of Education.

Susan Margiotta Salem (susan.salem13@gmail.com) writes that her daughter, Leslie, 24, is a graduate of University of Richmond. Susan and husband Dr. George love to travel, cook, and bike!

Mary Broderick Donnelly (VMDONNELLY@aol.com) received her masters in nursing at the University of Illinois, then a law degree at Loyola

School of Law. She's now working as the staff attorney for Loyola University Chicago's Stritch Medical School. She and husband Vincent have two daughters, Mary Meg, 15, and Monica, 12.

Mary Catherine Garrett (garbou4@verizon.net) and her partner have two children, Garrett Bournique, 16, and Austin Bournique, 12. Mary works as an occupational therapist for the Granite Falls School District in Washington.

Maureen Sajbel Wallenfang (mwallenfang@TDS.net) is a writer for the *Post-Crescent* in Appleton, Wis., and is married to Mark, raising two stepsons in Minneapolis.

Kathleen Klein Neville (kmknev@aol.com) is a second-grade teacher in Libertyville, Ill. With husband Paul, she has two children: Keely, 18, will attend UW-Madison in the fall and Shelby, 16, is a senior in high school. Kathleen says, "I would love to hear from old friends. I think of them often."

Finally, on a sad note, **Theresa Marie Rebata** passed away in Mission Viejo, Cal., on March 4, 2008. She left behind a 13-year-old son, Bryson, her mother, two brothers, and a sister. Our heartfelt condolences to her family.

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From the Courier Office: Mary Crnich Lake writes: "Life seems to be moving faster each year. My oldest, Sean, turned 22 a few months ago. He is currently living and attending college in Colorado. After attending various summer camps at Saint Mary's during her grammar school years, my oldest daughter, Colleen, is a first year student at Saint Mary's. She is truly enjoying life on campus and making new friends, although it is hard to believe that it has been 30 years since I was there! My youngest, 15-year-old Caitlin, is a freshman in high school and is growing up before my very eyes. Hello to all classmates; hope life is treating you well!"

'86

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Hello, classmates!
Barb Goldcamp Henry e-mailed an update on her busy life. Barb writes, "I've been working for the same small

consulting firm in Potomac, Md., for the last 14 years as business manager and comptroller. Since I had my two youngest, I'm working from home pretty much full time with meetings in Washington once or twice a week. Our oldest, Rachel, 14, will start high school in the fall. Matt, 12, plays select baseball so, from March to October we're in full baseball mode! Danny, 5, starts kindergarten in the fall, and Sam, 4, will start pre-K at the same grade school—so, for a few years at least, we'll have three children at one school! I manage to get away a few weekends a year for scrapbooking."

Barb also writes that she sees **Kathy McCarthy Miller** on a regular basis, as Kathy is the principal of her children's school, St. Bartholomew's. Barb says that Kathy and her husband, Frank, have two children, Jake and Samantha, both in grade school. Thanks for the update, Barb!

Kathy Schonhoff Shearon and Will made a move from Ohio back to Colorado Springs last summer. Kathy e-mailed: "It's beautiful here, but it's tough moving with four teenagers!" Kathy writes that she and Will now have seven kids! How wonderful! Mark is at the University of Dayton; Henry is planning to attend Franciscan University in the fall; Marie is 14; Eileen is 13; Peter, 9; David, 6; and John 4. Kathy says, "It's great! It's so busy, but we have been so blessed."

Kathy writes that she enjoys reading about our classmates and notes that she would like to live in Rome with **Laura La Sata O'Neill**. Ah, the SMC Rome Program certainly holds fond memories for these alumni! Kathy says she finally got back to Rome in March 2007 with her two daughters. She writes, "Nothing had changed, and everything had changed. I did see some SMC girls, but I think I scared them when they thought that they could be me in 23 years!" She closed the e-mail with her new saying, "Gray is the way!" God bless you and your family.

I ran into **Beth Kallmyer** at a Trinity Irish Dance Performance in April. My daughters, Catherine and Megan, dance with Trinity and were there to perform. Beth was there to cheer on Michaela, daughter of Connie Martin Brennan ND'86 and Dan ND'86. Beth, Connie, Dan, and I were all in the Ireland Program, and it's not too surprising to see them at an Irish Dancing event! Beth is doing wonderfully well and lives and works in Chicago. She is still doing good work for the Alzheimer's Association. Connie and Dan have three boys

besides Michaela and live and work in Chicago. It was a treat to catch up with them.

Judy Gibbons Riordan e-mailed news from Japan, where she lives with her husband and children. She writes, "On June 4, we welcomed our sixth child, Margaret Maire-Therese ("Meghan") to our family. She is only our second girl, so Katie, who is 11, is thrilled to finally have a sister. At the same time, we are preparing to send our oldest, Tommy, off to the University of Dallas in the fall. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has gone. Tommy graduated from Kolbe Academy Home School in June 2007, and deferred his entrance to UD to spend the year working in Catholic ministry. The first semester, he traveled to the Pacific Northwest and Northern California, giving retreats to middle and high school students with the REACH Youth Ministry. This semester, he has worked as the parish coordinator at the Catholic chapel on Misawa Air Base, here in Japan with us." Judy writes that it was wonderful to have Tommy home to welcome his new sister.

Judy notes that they have one more year left of their stay in Japan, and they have lots of traveling left to do. Judy says, "One of our favorite trips in Japan so far was a small pilgrimage to Akita to visit the sisters (Handmaids of the Holy Eucharist) and the shrine where Our Lady of Akita appeared in 1973. It is a very simple place, but very beautiful." Thanks for sharing your news, Judy! What an inspiring update on your family!

We are thankful for a winding down of the school year. My girls are excited to attend Fine Arts Camp again this July. (Someone e-mailed me a question about the camp. Who was that?? Can't find your e-mail!) We thank God for a healthy year.

Please e-mail an update so that we can stay in touch. I feel so blessed whenever I have the opportunity to spend time with my Saint Mary's friends and classmates. Take care and God bless.

'88

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It is mid-June. My June 1 deadline has long past, and I am feeling a little like a senior slacking off as summer approaches. Reunion 2008 was fantastic! I was too busy having fun

to sit down and write. Now that I have had some time to process the experience, it is time to reflect on paper.

Reunion 2008 was my first Saint Mary's reunion. I regret that I waited so many years to attend. I worried about taking time off, not remembering names (thank goodness for those nametags), and feeling like a stranger. The campus was so welcoming, however, that it reenergized me, and our common connection to Saint Mary's helped even the most reluctant conversationalists to make connections with old friends as well as to make new friends.

I was lucky. I conspired with **Anne Borgman** to attend together. We had tried to get the entire Theatre Department there, but we had to settle for just half of us! Anne introduced me to her good friend and roommate, **Elizabeth Arthur Meyers** (doesn't this sound like freshman year all over again?). We couldn't recall spending much time together in college, but our shared experience in Women's Choir made it easy to interact. She shared remarkable and inspirational stories about her daughters. I hope to meet them in 2013.

Meghan Farley Astrachan traveled from New York with her whole family. As a drama teacher, Meghan has instilled a love of theatre in the heat of her five-year-old son. I thoroughly enjoyed speaking with both Meghan's son and husband.

Regina Rudser Hoyt and I spent some time chatting at Dalloway's. Regina stays home with her four children. She brought her six-month-old baby and her husband along.

Having traveled from California, I was thrilled to bump into **Katy Kronenberg Penna** and **Heidi Traxler**. We live only about 55 miles apart but had to travel almost across the country to connect. Katy's oldest daughter is starting high school in the fall, like my son, so we had some great teenager stories to exchange. Heidi, bless her, has three children under four!

Kathleen Moran also had great stories to share. She is both a special-needs teacher and a new mother. She even brought her new-born daughter, 5 weeks (with her husband to help), to our reunion.

Thanks to all of you who completed the reunion updates.

Mary Huffman McCormick wrote: "My husband and I live in the same neighborhood as **Mary Ann White Goode** and **Ann Wilson** . . . and have

the joy of raising our children with the help of these good friends."

Rachel Bir Stroop shared that she has set a local coaching record: Her JV girls basketball team won 63 games in a row.

Jennifer Philips was not able to attend our reunion because of some health issues, but I received word—through her sister—that she would love to hear from us.

At the end of reunion weekend, a number of us were discussing our 25th reunion. We agreed that each of us would make sure to bring two friends along with us. So, our next reunion is bound to be even better!

'90

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Notice the new address—yes, my family and I have moved yet again! After being apart for seven months, James, the boys, and I are finally all under the same roof. The boys and I stayed in Memphis to finish the school year while James took over as captain of the U.S.S. Oscar Austin (DDG 79) during its deployment. It was crazy moving across country with the kids and the dog, but the boys are big helpers now. Jimmy is 14, Steven is almost 12, and Joey is 4. We are all settled and welcome visitors!

I received an e-mail from **K.C. Soule Gies**. "I married Eric Gies in December of 1990. We have four children: Sarah, 11, Katie, 8, Stephen, 6, and Tommy, 3. We are living in Rye, N.Y., just north of New York City, where Eric runs the private asset management and sales division of Neuberger Berman. We moved here in July, having been in Tampa for three years. Prior to that, we lived in Washington, D.C., for a year; before that, Seattle for three years; before that San Francisco for three years; before that Jacksonville, Fla., for three years; and before that San Diego for almost four years. Let's just say we're becoming entirely too adept at moving! I'm hoping we're here for a while. Before we left Tampa, we met **Liz Beckley Pederson**, Todd, and their boys, Sam and Max, at Disney for a really fun day. Our kids hit it off so well, and Liz and I got to catch up on our friendship. She is doing well, and hasn't changed a bit since school! I'm sure there is a Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College club nearby that I can check into, but if you know of someone living in this area, I'd love to touch base and say Hi! Thanks and Go Irish!" Her e-mail

is KCGies@verizon.net.

I received a lot of great news from **Sue O'Connor**. She writes: "Last fall, I decided to take a road trip to try to see as many friends from Saint Mary's as I could within a two week timeframe. I wish I could have spent more time "on the road," but I had a great time visiting some old friends. My first stop was just outside of McMinnville, Tenn., where I was able to have lunch and catch up with **Jennifer Herzog Clark**. Jennifer is director of sales at Accu-Router, her family's business. She and her husband, Matt, have been married seven years. Jen continues her health battles and recently entered a clinical trial at University of Alabama/ Birmingham to undergo treatment using a combination of radiation and synthetic spider venom. Initial results seem very positive and there is plenty of reason for hope, but I know that Jen and her family would appreciate the prayers of her Saint Mary's friends. Despite her health battle, Jen remains passionate about politics (and we engaged in a healthy political debate over lunch), the Tennessee Titans, and *The Office*. After the stop in Tennessee, I headed to the Atlanta home of **Katie Ortman Hirsch**. Katie recently took an HR position at Micromeritics, a technology firm specializing in particle technology. So far, she is enjoying the position and grateful that the job affords her time to spend with her 5 year-old son, Taylor (who is an avid Atlanta Thrasher fan and got to skate on center ice at a Thrasher's game). Katie and I had a great few days catching up before I was off to my next stop and she and her husband, Howard, went on vacation to Mexico.

"After a brief stop in Charleston, I made my way north and visited **Maria Telesca** just outside of Washington, D.C. Maria continues to work for the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and bought a great condo a few years ago. I also had a chance to visit **Colleen Mooney McGee** in Allentown, Pa., next. Colleen has two kids, Seamus and Cathleen, with her kilted husband, Paul. She is working for Capital Blue Cross Blue Shield in Allentown. Aside from their vocal concerns about the "Morning Call" newspaper in Allentown (my company is the parent company), it was great to see both of them. Colleen also does Taste of Home Entertaining parties in her spare time. Leaving Allentown, I stopped at the Lancaster, Pa., home of **Linda Enright Riva** and had lunch with her in a restaurant in Lancaster. Linda, married to Rich ND '91, has a full-time job keeping up with

her three children, Richard, William, and Sheridan. It had probably been over 10 years since I'd seen Linda, but she really hasn't changed a bit, and, as it was with all of the rest of the Saint Mary's College girls I saw on this trip, it was as if just five minutes had passed since we'd all been together.

"Heading back west towards home, my last stop was at the home of **Theresa Hart Dearie** in Lebanon, Ohio. She and husband Jim ND '90 have six kids: Jimmy, Ben, Mary Kate, Clare, Sam, and Paul, ranging in age from 2 to 13. I don't know how Theresa does it, but in addition to home schooling all six, she manages to find time to be very active in her parish, and lends her vocal talents to the choir and cantoring at masses. Jim has a private law practice in Lebanon. The kids are all terribly talented like their mom—even putting on a family room performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* for me while I was there.

"The road trip was great fun—being out on the open road, but most importantly, re-connecting with so many friends from Saint Mary's. As I said to Theresa in an e-mail shortly after the trip, "I can't think of too many places in the world that would introduce me to a group of people that I'd still call my good friends over 20 years later," so I'll forever be grateful to the College for that. As for me, I am still in Chicago and working for the *Tribune*, where I've been employed for almost 14 years. I was recently named director of compensation and benefits there. I'm grateful for the opportunity I have in my work to travel a lot (in addition to the aforementioned road trip, I recently returned from two weeks in France and Italy and am working on planning a trip with the Saint Mary's College girls for celebration of our respective 40th birthdays and a trip to London later this year for my own 40th birthday). I get together fairly regularly with **Laura Jacob**, who runs her own private art therapy practice here in Chicago, PATHOS, Inc. She shares a Wrigleyville condo with her sister and their little Yorkie/Bichon mix, Dolce, and is doing very well. **Chrissy Fleming Giesinger** also lives here in Chicago, where she is a freelance technical writer for pharmaceutical companies (working on FDA proposals, etc). She and her husband Dave had a son, Nicholas, in September 2006."

Deirdre Milon Ralph welcomed Molly Grace last July—her fifth girl. Brennan, her son, remains the king! She continues to live at the

Naval Academy in Annapolis. Her husband, John Ralph, ND '87 is a Navy psychologist currently deployed to Kuwait.

Irene Quinn Winston continues to teach preschool. She and husband Marvin are busy with son Tilden, 10, and daughter Madeleine, 7.

I hope that this report ends the dry spell of news for the Class of 1990! For our next report, write and let me know how you celebrated the big 4-0! Possibly with a classmate? Happy 40th birthday everyone!!

From the Courier Office: Erin McNally-Poche married Robert Poche on July 14, 2007. The Tiffany and Co.-themed wedding was held at Saint Augustin Church in Des Moines, Iowa, with a reception, dinner and dance following at the Temple for Performing Arts in downtown Des Moines. **Lisa Amore** was a bridesmaid in the wedding party, and **Meg Lakatos Basker, Anne Broderick Farnum, Jennifer Falaschetti Gluth, Tracey Bosten Goldthwaite, Amy Blong Hives, and Pattie Bigelow O'Sullivan** attended. After a honeymoon cruise around the Hawaiian Islands, the couple returned to their residence in Lincoln, Neb. Erin is an analyst at The Principal Financial Group.

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From the Courier Office: Kelley Rienks Schrock is living in Granger, Ind., with her husband, Eric, daughters Amanda, 6, and Sarah, 4, and gave birth to Andrew in July 2007. She is a coordinator for the St. Pius X Parish Homeless Center casserole program and enjoys being able to teach her children the importance of being involved in the community. She's currently searching for a new job and looking forward to getting back into a career after some time off.

'00

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Hello, Class of 2000 and the rest of the SMC world! I hope this finds you well and enjoying everything that is going on around you! I am so sorry about not having a column in the last

issue, but here I am with an amazing one! Thank you so much to those of you who submitted information about yourselves and others in the class. I can't tell you how much I love to hear from you and to get all of the WONDERFUL information that you have to pass along! PLEASE continue to send me your news—my next deadline is January 1.

First, I would love to congratulate those of you who have gotten married, had children, received a graduate degree, and accomplished all of the wonderful things you have accomplished! I would also like to wish everyone from our class HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY! We are graduating from our 20s and entering our 30s—can you believe it?

Here is some news from **Kathy Heron** about friends and herself...

Vanessa Quatman Damschroder is still living in Lima, Ohio, with her husband, Dr. Richard Damschroder, Jr. In November 2007, Vanessa accepted a job with ArtSpace, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing visual arts to the West Central Ohio region, Vanessa's contributions to the Center recently made the news, with her efforts praised in a local article. Great job, Vanessa!

On July 28, 2007, **Mary Rodovich Falvey** and her husband, Scott, welcomed Adia Joy into their family. Kathryn Goolsby Flavin, Kathy Heron, and Kathy's dad (SMC's biggest fan!) were able to get together with Mary and Scott and to meet Adia before the Notre Dame-Air Force game in South Bend on Nov. 11, 2007. Despite the loss on the field, it was a fantastic fall afternoon for a reunion.

In July 2006, **Kathryn Goolsby Flavin**, her husband, Eddie, and their daughter, Haley, settled into their new house. In the fall of 2007, Katie began her third year as an adjunct professor at the University of St. Francis. She continues to teach a college course and a lab in biology. On March 13, 2007, the Flavins welcomed Margaret Grace into their family.

Marcy Wojan Laciak and her sister, **Jenny Wojan '04**, continue to reside in Chicago. In June, Marcy received her master's degree in reading and learning disabilities from DePaul University. On Aug. 4, 2007, Marcy married Brian Laciak ND '00. Her sister, Jenny, and friends Katie, Kathy, and **Katie Vales** served as four of her attendants. In August, Marcy began her eighth year of teaching fifth grade in Oak Park, Ill.

Kathy still resides in Dublin, Ohio. In summer 2007, Kathy accepted a

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.



job with Worthington City Schools. She is a preschool special education teacher serving young children with communication delays and autism. This is Kathy's eighth year teaching and last year coaching cheerleading at her high school alma mater. Katie, Marcy, and Marcy's husband, Brian, flew to Columbus in December 2007 to surprise Kathy and to celebrate their 30th birthdays (Marcy 12/11 and Katie and Kathy 12/14).

Thank you, Kathy, for this great news.

Now onto Colorado, where **Patti Meagher Mangus** sent me news about herself and others...

Patti lives in Steamboat Springs, Col., with her husband, Shae Mangus. Patti works for her family business, Woodstone Consulting, along with her sister, **Allison Meagher Paoli '97**. Patti's son, Connor, was born in May 2006. She and Shae are now in the process of adopting a baby girl from China.

JoEllen Jeselnick Fountain lives in Denver, Col., with her husband, Chris. They were married in April of 2006. Jo Ellen has a master's degree in social work from Colorado State University and is working for the Denver Public Schools.

Erin Ford D'Antonio lives in Denver, Col., as well, with her husband, Travis. Erin gave birth to twins Brady and Donovan in June 2007.

Beth Beatty lives in Chicago, Ill. She purchased a condo in 2007 and is working for the City of Chicago. Beth goes to visit Erin, JoEllen, and Patti in Colorado at least once a year.

Angela Calcagno Sebastian lives in Elmhurst, Ill., with her husband, Jay, and their son Jack, born in September 2006. Angela is taking a break from full-time teaching but does some tutoring.

Thank you, Patti, for the information on you and everyone else!

Shannon Ryan sent me this news... "After seven years as a journalist at *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, I recently accepted a job at *The Chicago Tribune*. I am a sports reporter, mainly

covering college basketball. I am adjusting to the Chicago winter but so far love the city!" Any SMC grads in the Chicago area who want to reconnect with Shannon can reach her at maryshan00@yahoo.com.

More news that has "blown in" from Chicago... **Kelley Olivetto Williams** has been living in Chicago since graduation. She married Daniel Williams in November 2004, and they welcomed a baby girl, Molly Katherine Williams, on Aug. 30, 2007. She is taking a break from elementary school teaching to be a stay-at-home mom.

Another classmate who has taken a break from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom is **Moira Flynn Plaisance**. Moira married Benjamin Plaisance on Dec. 3, 2005, in Birmingham, Ala. Saint Mary's College graduates (and classmates) who were bridesmaids in the wedding were **Britta Totte Ewald, Rebecca Doublestein Ladyman, Gina Froehlich**, and Moira's sister **Jessica Flynn Riehle '97, Teri MacNamara Dean, Amanda Sheridan Flanagan, Laura Tokarz Reif, Keara Laird Burke, and Barbie Clute** were also in attendance. Moira continues: "Ben and I are now living in Ann Arbor, Mich., while he is doing his residency at the University of Michigan. We welcomed a son, Jean-Paul Francis, on Nov. 28, 2007. We've even had playdates with other SMC grads and their kids! We got together recently with **Becky Miller Smith, Julie Duba Fischer**, and Rebecca Doublestein Ladyman, who also live in Michigan." Congratulations, Moira, and we hope you all have fun on your playdates!

From one direction in the United States to the other, **Bridget C. Heffernan** writes me an update from Orlando, Fla.: "I married Bryan Labutta ND '00 on Sept. 29, 2007, in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Erin Hall Chesar** was maid of honor, and **Brooke Davis** was a bridesmaid. **Keri Lanchsweard Sackowski '99** was also in attendance. Bryan and I have lived in Orlando for two years. I work here as an intellectual property attorney. We previously

resided in Orange County, Cal., but I think that we've finally settled down in Orlando!"

From the United States on over the ocean to **Sarah Clinger Mettler**... "I am happy to announce the birth of my son, Jonas Owen Mettler, on Feb. 9, 2008, in Meyrin, Switzerland. He was welcomed by his big sister, Nila Joanne, who turned 2 on Feb. 19. My husband, Jason, and I have been living in France, just outside Geneva, Switzerland, for the past four and a half years. For the past three and a half years, I have worked at Pope John XXIII Parish, the English-speaking Catholic Church of Geneva. I was first in the parish office, but now I help to coordinate the catechism program part time."

Also welcoming a newborn was **Krista Morrissey Gipson**. Darcy Adeline Gipson was born on June 1, 2008. Krista and her husband, Matt, are thrilled to welcome another girl into their family, and Darcy's sisters Cecilia, 5, and Alaina, 2, are overjoyed to have a new baby sister. Congratulations!

One more birth announcement before I go... **Stacy Canter Ryan** and her husband, Steve, welcomed Matthew Christopher Ryan into the world on April 30, 2008. He joins big brother Charlie, 2, and the rest of the Ryan clan in Pennsylvania. Stacy continues to work for Pennridge Surgical Associates and enjoys the ER. Steve works in the Emergency Department at Pottstown Hospital.

A little south of Pennsylvania, **Meghan Matthews** resides in Boston, Mass. She is currently teaching and coaching tennis in the area. **Molly A. McHugh** visited Meghan in December 2007 for Meghan's 30th birthday, and they had a blast! Molly, living in River Forest, Ill., works for Deloitte in Chicago.

Also back to teaching is **Jennifer Hanichak Farrell**. She resides in South Bend, Ind., with her husband, Brian, and two-year-old son, Braden. Jennifer went back to teaching first grade at St. Bavo's in South Bend in the fall of 2007 after taking a year off to be home with Braden. Brian is also a teacher. I know that they are both enjoyed being off for the summer!

That is all of the news I have for this edition of the *Courier*. PLEASE keep in touch with me! Again, if you are ever in the area, I would love to get together, even if it's just for a couple of hours or whatever! Keep up the great work you are doing, and good luck with everything!

From the Courier Office: Sarah Ruzicka Holmes wrote with this

update: "In 2000, I graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with a major in finance. I now work at the corporate level of Sun Trust Bank in Atlanta, Ga. I married Gregory Bryan Holmes in 2005 in Atlanta. And, on May 9, 2007, I was blessed with a beautiful baby boy named Wesley Eugene Holmes." Sarah is currently living in Sugar Hill, Ga.

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From the Courier Office: Mary Claire Hathaway writes: "Since graduating from Saint Mary's, I have had some very unique career opportunities. I am currently a senior account executive and media relations specialist for Lovio George Inc., a thriving public relations and marketing agency in Detroit, Mich. Some of my clients include The MotorCity Casino Hotel, The 2008 PGA Championship, and The Parade Company, which puts on America's Thanksgiving Day Parade. I currently coordinate events, grand openings, ribbon cuttings, and press conferences. I am in charge of generating media coverage for our clients. Previously, I worked with Caponigro Public Relations in Southfield, Mich., where I had a variety of clients, including Marco Andretti, Sprint-Nextel, and Genetech, a very large pharmaceutical company. I also had the opportunity to work at WSJV, the FOX television affiliate in South Bend, as a general assignment reporter. I even traveled with the auto show circuit for three seasons as a product specialist and spokesmodel for Porsche Cars North America and Lincoln Mercury."

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From the Courier Office: Jennifer Trachy Hakes writes: "I am currently employed as an executive with the Target Corp. I enjoy the beautiful weather in Tempe, Ariz., as well as getting together now and then with **Francesca Albright Morgan** and her two children, Stella and John. Francesca designs, creates, and sells

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