

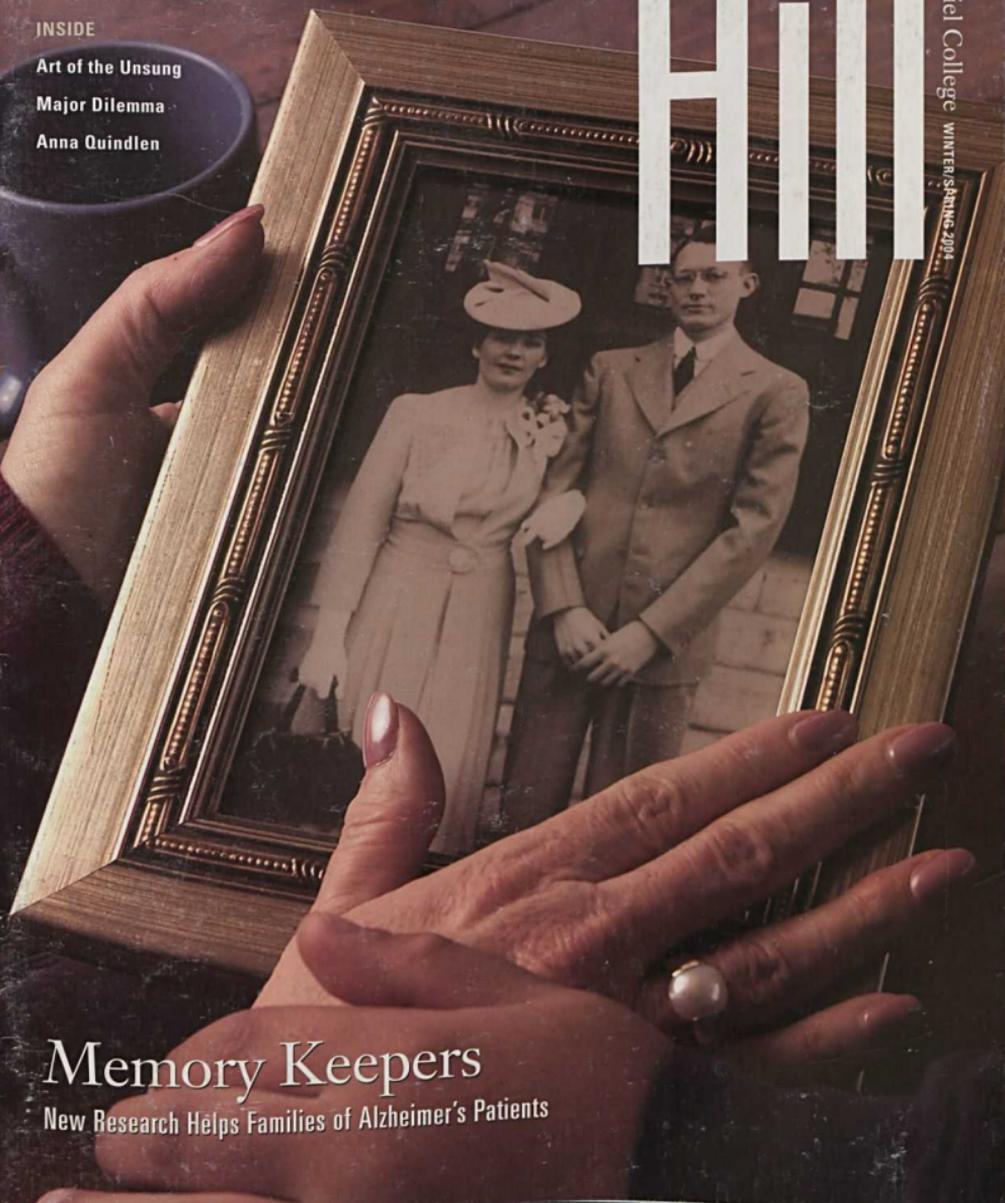
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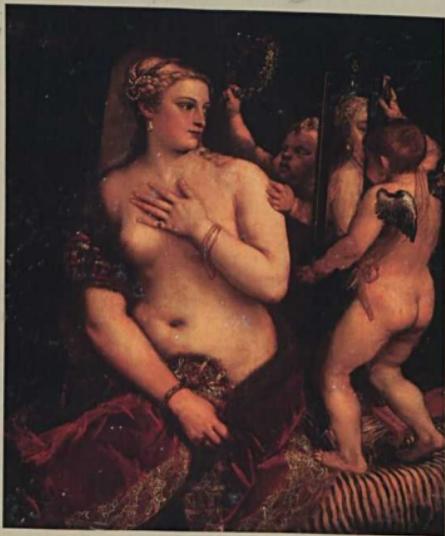
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Venus with a Mirror, c. 1555, by Titian

## At Home With a Masterpiece

"This painting embodies everything a brilliant work of art should be. But for me this work, along with the rest of this remarkable collection, is also emblematic of my life's journey. In the early 1980s, when I still lived in the atmosphere of double morals, fear and hopelessness in Soviet Ukraine, my family received a gift from someone—a heavy National Gallery of Art catalog. Needless to say, soon I knew the content of it by heart. And I knew the story behind Titian's Venus as well.

This painting belonged to the Tsar's family in the Hermitage (Winter Palace) collection in St. Petersburg. After the Bolshevik's

revolution, Lenin started to sell artworks abroad for hard currency. The Venus went to the States sometime in the twentieth century, making for me the chance to see this work as remote as if it were on the other planet.

When history and fate brought me to this part of the world, it's hard to describe my feelings when I finally climbed the steps leading to the museum and entered with the oh-so-familiar Venus in the middle. From that time on, I have been relishing every occasion to go there.

Katya Mychajishyn, visiting assistant professor of art

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# NEWS

from the Hill

Below: McDaniel's new Provost Thomas Falkner was a champion of instructional technology and study abroad programs at The College of Wooster.

## New Provost is Classics Scholar, Progressive Leader

**T**homas Falkner, a professor of classical studies with a decade of experience in administration, was chosen from a field of 86 applicants in a national search to become the College's new Provost and Dean of the Faculty. Professors who packed McDaniel Lounge for the announcement greeted the news with a unified, rousing round of applause.

"Tom's profile is one of not only energy and enthusiasm, but of a willingness to listen, to engage, to support, and to ask the hard questions—of all of us," said Education Professor Francis "Skip" Fennell, who served on the search committee. "He has a sense of what and who we are and what we might also become. He is a particularly good fit for McDaniel at this time."

At The College of Wooster in Ohio, where he served as Dean of the Faculty and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, Falkner was instrumental in creating the new general education curriculum, establishing a Faculty Instructional Technology Center and developing study abroad programs in Greece, Kenya and Thailand.

An expert in Greek tragedy, Greek and Latin literature, and comparative literature and the Classical tradition, Falkner has taught Classics for 31 years, 27 of them at The College of Wooster. Five times recognized by the National Endowment for the

Humanities, he has written and edited four books and many articles on Greek and Latin literature, blending his passions for teaching and scholarship.

"There is a real synergy between teaching and scholarship. We want our students to be good scholars and it is important that faculty members continue their own scholarly development," he said. "We should develop a restless appetite for knowledge in our students."

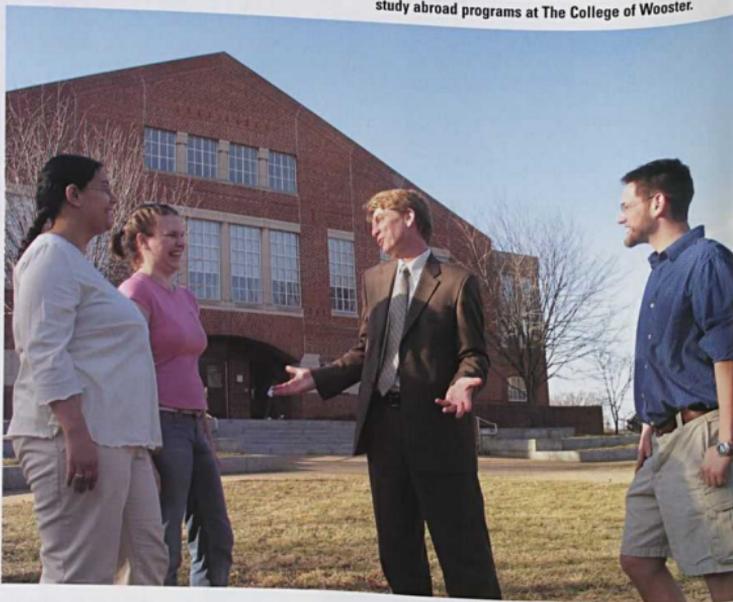
McDaniel College and The College of Wooster have been recognized by author Loren Pope as two of the 40 "Colleges

That Change Lives."

Falkner, 56, graduated magna cum laude in 1969 from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., and studied at the American Academy in Rome before earning his master's and doctorate degrees in Classics at the State University of New York in Buffalo.

His wife Rose Falkner is Director of International and Off-Campus Study at The College of Wooster. They have three daughters: Renate, 28, a graduate student in neuroscience, and Karelisa, 20, a sophomore English major at Oberlin College.

He will report to work July 1. Provost Sam Case is retiring from the position he has held since 2001. Case's leadership of academic planning and direction of the recent Middle States reaccreditation evaluation resulted in a final report that reaffirmed, in positively glowing terms, the College's mission and strategic planning. •



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## Lehrers Lend Voice to Commencement

Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS, and his novelist wife Kate Lehrer will speak to graduates when they receive honorary degrees from the College May 22 at Commencement.

Jim Lehrer was born in Wichita, Kan., in 1934. He is a graduate of Victoria College in Texas and the University of Missouri. After three years as an infantry officer in the Marine Corps, he launched his journalism career, first as a newspaperman and then as the host of a local experimental news program on public television.



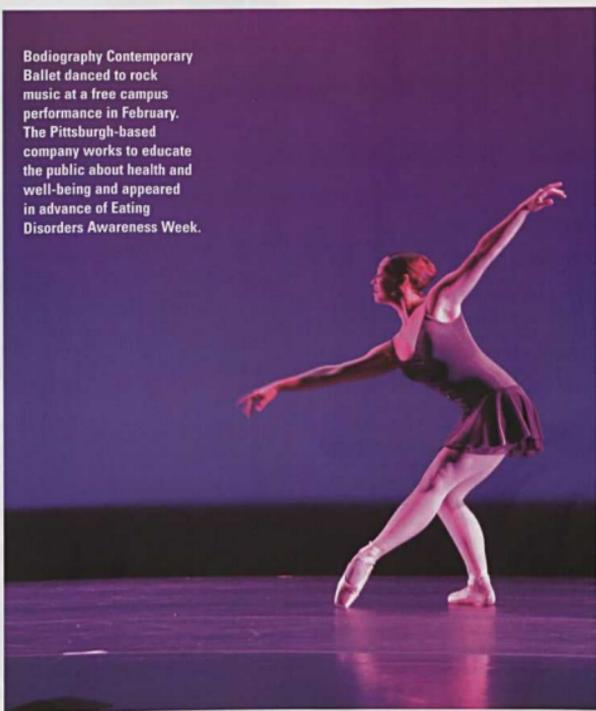
He came to Washington with PBS in 1972, teaming with Robert MacNeil in 1973 to cover the Senate Watergate hearings. They began in 1975 what became "The MacNeil/Lehrer Report," and, in 1983, "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour," the first 60-minute evening news program on television. When MacNeil retired in 1995, the program was renamed "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer."

Lehrer has been honored with numerous awards for journalism, including a presidential National Humanities Medal in 1999. In the last four presidential elections, he moderated nine of the nationally televised candidate debates.

No *Certain Rest* is Lehrer's 13th novel; his 14th, *Flying Crosses*, will be published in June 2004. He has also written two memoirs and three plays.

Kate Lehrer is Texas Christian University graduate and has written two best-selling novels: *Best Intentions* and *When They Took Away the Man in the Moon*. Her latest is *Confessions of a Bigamist: A Novel*. She is a founding member of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation Board and has served on other boards, including Homeless in America. In 1996, her book *Out of Eden*, received the Western Award for Outstanding Novel.

Bodiography Contemporary Ballet danced to rock music at a free campus performance in February. The Pittsburgh-based company works to educate the public about health and well-being and appeared in advance of Eating Disorders Awareness Week.



## AFTER THE FACT

Number of ballet performances set to Pearl Jam and Red Hot Chili Peppers: **I** (see above)

Rank of *Pride and Prejudice* in a list of 10 books writer Anna Quindlen would save in a fire: **I**

Novels written by broadcast journalist Jim Lehrer: **14**

Years new Provost Thomas Falkner taught Classics at the College of Wooster in Ohio: **27**

Members of the Class of 2005 who have changed their major at least once, as a percentage: **61**

Percentage of men and women 65 and older who still work, respectively: **18, 9.8**

Percentage of the population with Alzheimer's disease at age 65: **10**

Chances that a person 85 or older will have Alzheimer's: **I in 2**

Age of French painter Henri Matisse when he died: **85**

Miles between campus and the Baltimore Museum of Art, which features a collection of 500 works by Matisse: **35**

## Prestigious Professorship Goes to Spanish Cinema Scholar

Professor of Foreign Languages Tom Deveny is a passionate teacher of Spanish, an encouraging adviser to students studying abroad, and an insightful Spanish cinema scholar. As the new recipient of the Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities, Deveny plans to continue doing what he loves—with more intensity.

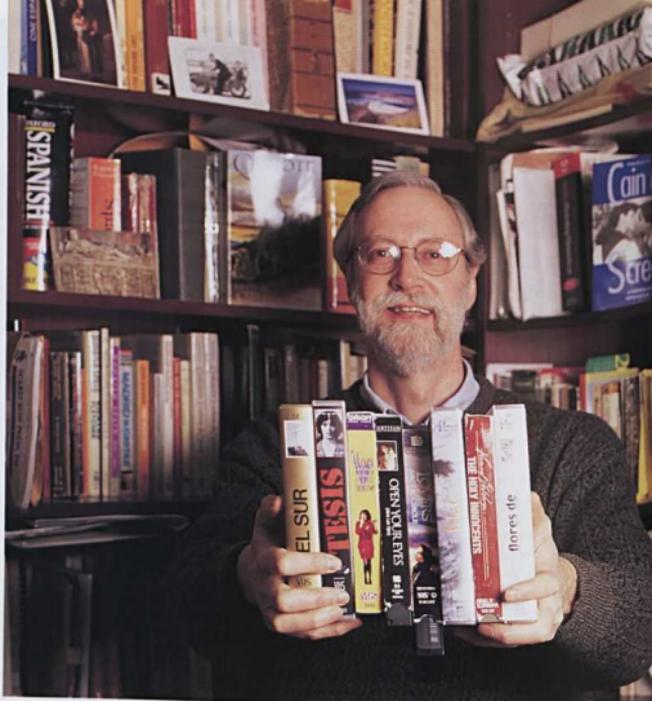
The five-year award provides funds for one course release per year, freeing up time for Deveny to pursue his research and writing. He's currently analyzing "the construction of the imaginary" in films by Spanish director Julio Mendez, whose poetic and non-linear story lines prompted Deveny to analyze the importance of narrative voices in his films.

Travel is also supported by the Professorship, and Deveny looks forward to attending more academic conferences. Over spring break, he presented a paper at the "War, Literature and Cinema" conference at the University of Binghamton.

Deveny, winner of the Ira G. Zapp Distinguished Teaching Award in 2000, will continue to work with students, of course. His 25-year quest to prepare them to become "better global citizens" has taken on a greater urgency in recent years.

"The world is shrinking," he says. "It's imperative for our students to learn the language, culture and lifestyle of the people beyond our borders. This is certainly true if they want to compete in the marketplace, but it is imperative following 9/11 that they cease to think of everyone who is not American as the 'other.'"

Deveny now teaches courses in translation and film in the brand-new language lab, which opened in the fall. It boasts 24 computer-equipped work stations with high-speed Internet access and an LCD screen for viewing videos and DVDs. Language textbooks come with CDs, complete with images and voices, so that students can hear authentic accents and see the places they read about. Deveny also uses the lab when he requires students to make presentations in PowerPoint, because



Professor of Foreign Languages Tom Deveny is grateful for more time to research and write about Spanish cinema.

"they are going to need to know all of this technology when they graduate."

Still, Deveny says high-tech doesn't always mean high value. During one recent class, Deveny instructed his students to access and assess the various websites offering free translation services.

"They were all terrible," he says. "I wanted students to see that you can get dazzled but that you have to be careful."

Deveny will succeed English Professor Kathy Mangan, who was the first recipient of the Professorship, established in honor of the College's sixth president and his wife. "To tell you the truth, I feel very honored because there are so many faculty who are worthy of the reward," he says. •

## Panek Takes on Cop Novels

L eRoy Panek has tracked hard-boiled detectives through more than a century of fiction. He's focused his discerning eye on espionage in 100 years of British spy novels. Now, the McDaniel College English professor has taken on cops.

His just published book, *The American Police Novel, A History*, charts the evolution of police officers as heroes in the novels that center on their work. As Panek explores the works of dozens of writers, he connects fiction with the historical realities and ever-changing public perception of cops.

"It took more than a hundred years for popular literature to begin looking at the cop as a potential hero," Panek writes. In the late 1800s, corruption among police departments was rampant, and most law-abiding citizens would have nothing to do with cops. Writers looked to private detectives as their fictional heroes.

Police officers nudged their way into popular fiction in the detective novels of the 1930s, but it wasn't until 1950 that MacKinlay Kantor's *Signal Thirty-Two* first portrayed them as heroes. Panek follows the police novel through the 1960s and 1970s, when books such as Joseph Wambaugh's *The Choirboys* were written by police officers, and on into the 1980s and 1990s when forensic science became integral and cops in fiction reflected ethnic and racial diversity. •



Bev Herndon, left, and Elaine Simpson have devoted 35 years to the College.

## Now That's Dedication

The "real world" was a scary place in 1968 when Bev Herndon and Elaine Simpson began their careers in the College's administration and finance division. The assassinations of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy shook the nation, the Vietnam war raged and peace protests turned violent.

Their boss at the time, Eugene "Stoney" Willis, assured the women that their new work environment was a gentler, kinder place to be. "He always said it's like a family here and I agree, we are like family," says Herndon.

As they celebrate their 35th anniversaries, Herndon and Simpson say they have remained at the College so long because their campus work environment is much friendlier than the rest of the work world—even though their jobs have become more demanding.

Herndon logs long hours in the copy center producing printed materials of all kinds—including top-secret final exams. Simpson is the go-to person in the physical plant, and daily addresses emergencies small and large that flare up on campus. Faculty, staff—even students—call her to complain when they're too hot or too cold, or if there's a plumbing problem.

"At times you have pressure, but it's not dog-eat-dog like in the real world," says Herndon, 56, adding that she's glad to have high-speed photocopiers instead of the clunky mimeograph machines she started out with. "I like my work and I love the people. The students keep you young."

## Lost in Translation

Deborah Johnson-Ross wears her cowry shell bracelet and ring because they're cool, but also because they have a deeper meaning.

"In African cultures, cowry shells are a connection to the spirit, a connection to the creator," says the assistant professor of political science and international studies.

Many African shoppers who see cowry shells on picture frames and necklaces may buy them because they're trendy without realizing that the shells historically have

been valued, even serving as currency in African countries, she says.

In her research into African-American popular culture, Johnson-Ross explores the similarities between what African-Americans consider cool and what is seen as cool in African cultures, looking at similarities in music, dance, hairstyles, clothing, and other traditions.

In Africa, however, the outward symbols of cool are supposed to reflect an inner expression of the spirit, with signs of confidence and power showing spirituality, character, generosity and grace, Johnson-Ross says.

"But in the American context we've lost the connection between cool and being composed in your character, in being diplomatic, in the connection with the spirit," she says.

In December, Johnson-Ross gave the keynote address at an African-American celebration at Youngstown State. She also delivered a presentation at the "Globalizations and the African World" conference at Gettysburg College Feb. 28.

Borrowing the phrase "the aesthetics of cool" from cultural historian Robert Farris Thompson, Johnson-Ross is exploring the connection between African and African-American culture and trying to define how the African meaning of cool has been transformed in American culture.

"I don't think we've totally lost that spiritual component. I just think we've lost the idea that cool originally came from the spirit," she says. "In this setting, cool is very individualistic. You don't really think of cool as a communal or a spiritual concept." •



Deborah Johnson-Ross looks at symbols and meanings of 'cool.'

## President Among Top 100

McDaniel College President Joan Develin Coley was selected as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women 2004 by *The Daily Record's* annual awards program, which recognizes leading women who are making a positive impact in the state.

Chosen for the award in 2000 and 2002, Coley now enters the Circle of Excellence—a prestigious group of women who have been named to the list three times.

In January, The Fullwood Foundation also honored Coley along with 45 other local leaders, including The Hon. Gov. Robert Ehrlich, The Hon. Joan Carter Conway, and The Hon. Joan M. Pratt.

The Fullwood Foundation raises funds to support educational and community-wide initiatives designed to provide youth with higher education scholarships and to sponsor recognition and award events that promote excellence. Harlow Fullwood, the foundation's founder and president, has an honorary degree from McDaniel College. •

## Don't Knock Defense

STRATEGY MAY TAKE MEN'S LAX TO CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY STEVE PEED '01

**O**ffense wins games. Defense wins championships.

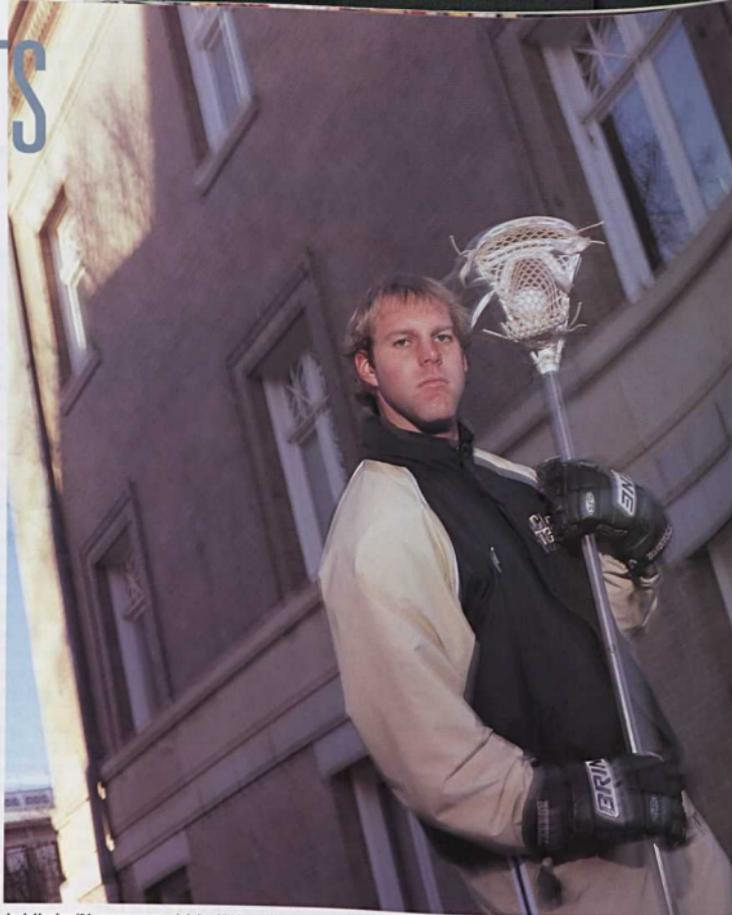
It's a well-known adage in sports circles. Call it old school. Call it a blue-collar mentality. Call it whatever you like, but do so with the understanding that it is the McDaniel College approach to men's lacrosse in the Jim Townsend era.

For several years, the Green Terror has existed in some sort of lacrosse limbo. Better than many teams that make it to the NCAA's big dance, but obscured by Centennial Conference rivals from Gettysburg and Washington, McDaniel must make the leap from one of the nation's top honorable mentions to one of the nation's elite.

Townsend has a plan—and a player—he hopes will get them there in 2004.

The coach made it clear from his first season in 2003 that his team philosophy could be articulated in three words: defense, defense, and more defense. That approach resulted in immediate tangible gains in scoring defense with the Terror holding its opponents to 6.85 goals per game. At last season's end, McDaniel was the ninth-toughest team in the nation to score upon. The team had shaved nearly 3.5 goals-against-per-game off of its 2002 average.

For a team that had approached the game with a wide-open offensive mentality the year before, discipline seemed an unlikely bedfellow. But for a player like



Josh Hanlon '04, a preseason pick for All-American, may help his team reach the championships.

Josh Hanlon '04, the defensive drubbing was precisely what the doctor had ordered.

Deemed a Faceoff/Yearbook Preseason All-American entering last season, Hanlon immediately took to Townsend's style of play.

"I thought he was the kind of player who would benefit from a structured system," says Townsend. "With the young players we had on the back end, I honestly needed him to buy into what I was trying to get done."

Hanlon did buy in. With an untested starting goalie behind him, a freshman on

one side and a junior who had missed his sophomore season due to injury on the other, Hanlon's defense prevented opponents from scoring in the double digits on all but two occasions. Hanlon, the seasoned veteran of the group, lived up to his preseason billing by attaining All-America status.

A year later, that group returns fully intact. Hanlon, and now-proven keeper Mike Korba '04, are the team's co-captains. Now a sophomore, Curtis Schaeffer is poised to be one of the league's top

**All-New Sports Pages** Fans are cheering the new look and improved coverage of McDaniel's new Athletics pages on the Web. The electronic Home of the Green Terror features photos, articles, stats, and information from all 24 teams. Go to [www.mcdaniel.edu/athletics](http://www.mcdaniel.edu/athletics) or click on the Athletics link on the McDaniel College Home Page.



# Wasn't It Sweet

## Women's B-Ball Team Nets Historic Season

BY STEVE PEED '01

defenders in 2004, as is Chris Currence '04, who remained healthy throughout his junior season, and is already one of the league's top physical defenders.

Hanlon, an All-American a year ago, is once again a preseason pick. He sees no mystery in McDaniel's success.

"We may not have the sheer talent of the Gettysburgs and Washingtons," Hanlon concedes. "But we make up for that with discipline and hard work.

"As a defense, we want to work harder in practice, so that we are never outworked on the field, and we take pride in that," he says.

And that is the mentality Townsend has sought to instill in his players since his arrival at McDaniel.

"I approach the game—and I think Josh does too—with the notion that hard work, discipline, and pride are all one side of the same coin," says Townsend. "Those characteristics go hand-in-hand with one another in forming a championship mentality."

That mentality will be key for McDaniel in 2004. The Green Terror has willfully bitten off more than most teams would even dare attempt to chew with its 2004 slate. That schedule includes Old Dominion Athletic Conference power, Roanoke, and a road trip to "the cage," the home venue of perennial Empire 8 contender, Hartwick. While the addition of those teams to an already tough conference schedule would be enough for many teams, Townsend has taken it a step further by scheduling his alma mater and defending National Champions, Salisbury University.

"Our record has been criticized in the past because of a soft non-conference schedule," says Hanlon. "I think this is a great opportunity for us to come out and earn some of the respect we haven't been getting."

Always the bridesmaid, and never the bride.

It's another tired sports cliché. Let the Division III lacrosse pundits apply it to the Green Terror, but they had better do so with the understanding that McDaniel is prepared to say "I do" to the championships. •

When the ultimate healer that is time mutes the almost crippling agony of defeat, the 2003-04 Green Terror will still be able to hear the cheering and chanting associated with the finest season of women's basketball played on the Hill.

While the season is over, the tradition has just begun. For the first time in history, the team advanced past the Centennial Conference Championships to the Sweet 16. And man was it sweet—still is, in retrospect, even after Marymount brought McDaniel's sections swoon to an abrupt halt at the Verizon Sports Arena in Arlington, Va., on March 12.

This season we saw Toby McIntire '04 establish her new school career records in steals and assists. We watched her raise the bar for leadership with her impassioned and inspirational time-out tirades, and through her actions. We watched a 5-foot, 7-inch guard scrap for rebounds with 6-foot plus centers, and come away with the ball.

We watched as she brushed aside the recognition that comes with the territory of being a record-setter. She knew the team was more important. We breathed a sigh of relief when her name finally appeared on the All-Conference team. Then we grinned a collective, vindicated smile.

We rode her back into the playoffs, knowing that each game carried with it the possibility that we would not see her play again. We hung our hopes out plainly to see, and believed there was enough magic for one more chance to watch her play. We did not think about the inevitability that time would eventually run out, that the ROTC cadet would receive her commission and graduate May 22, then head off to the Army.

With Toby McIntire, it was never about Toby McIntire. But Toby McIntire is what this

team was about. The selfless leadership, the unquenchable desire to win, and the milestones and awards along the way. Her presence permeated every aspect of the season.

Of course, it was not just her milestones that made this season special. It was the synergy of all of the milestones, and a College that eagerly shared in the glory that defined this particular campaign. This particular campaign will define a program.

The season was Becky Martin's 300th win at Gettysburg, and the program's 500th win coming into the playoffs. It was a 13-game winning streak, and the continuation of the 13-game home winning streak. It was the knowledge that 50 of the last 54 games on this campus have gone McDaniel's way. It was the knowledge that an excited crowd anticipated every tip-off, and provided the best sixth-man this side of Duke.

It was also a record crowd in that huge home win over Johns Hopkins. It was the first playoff win in Gill. It was Kelly Cramp '05 scoring her 1,000th point, then setting up on defense like someone who had not only hit 409 field goals in her career, but plans on hitting 409 more. It was comeback after comeback, and the coming of age of an extraordinary freshman class. It was a college coming together.

It was, just as Becky Martin promised, entertaining and exciting. It was Toby's team. Her victories were their victories. Their victories were ours as well, and there are a lot more down the road. Toby will not be on the roster for them, but her soul, which she bared all over the court, will be a part of every one. •



Women's basketball had its most successful year in College history.

SHE WAS GOING TO BE A VET UNTIL POETRY STOLE HER HEART

# MAJOR DILEMMA

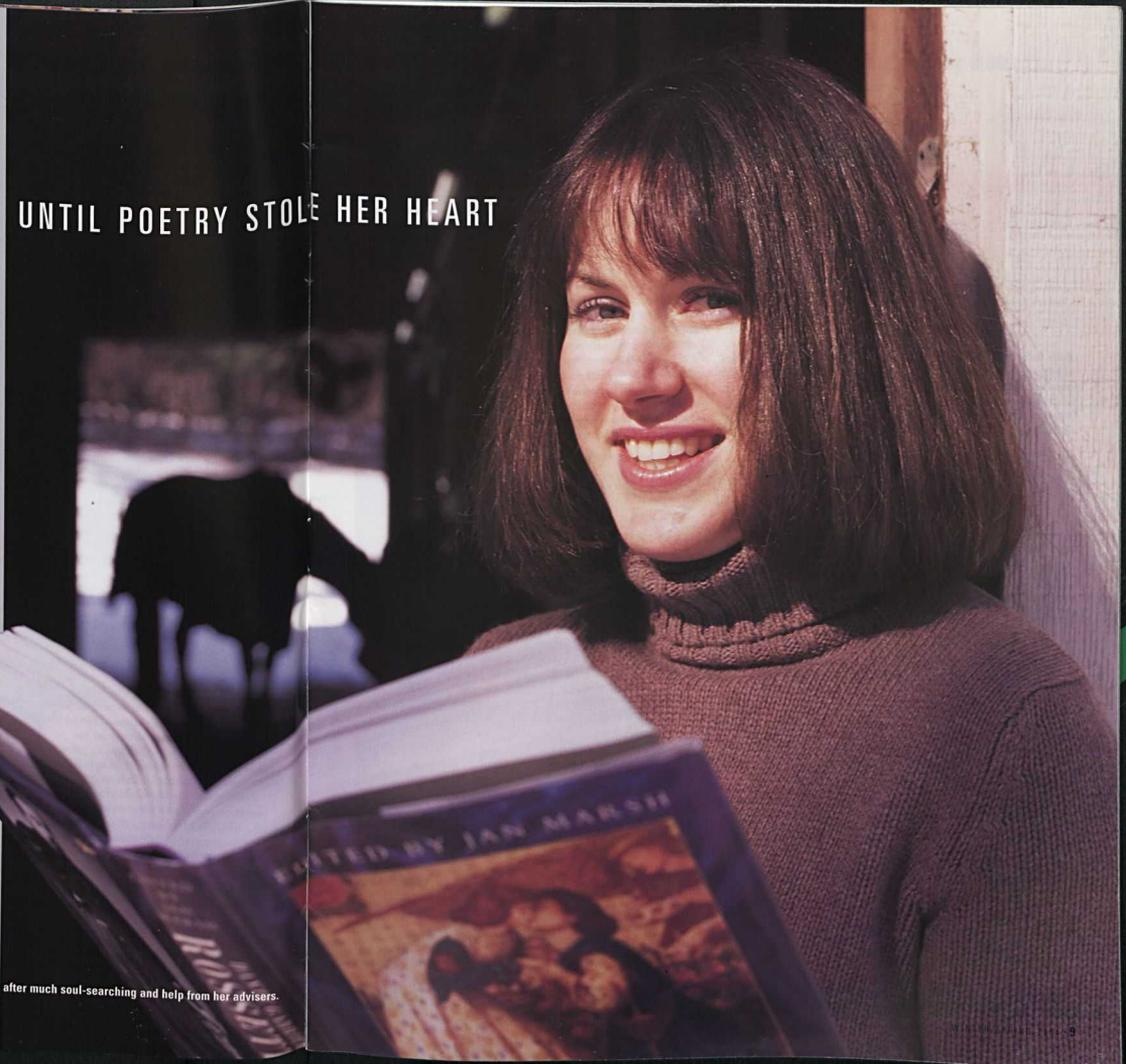
BY KIM ASCH

**S**ome animal-loving children dream of growing up to become a veterinarian, only to discover that they are too squeamish for the job. Many can't cut the prerequisite biochemistry, physics and genetics courses. Still others are turned off by the thought of devoting four years to grueling post-graduate study.

None of these was a problem for Chava Roth '05.

Raised on a small farm in Sykesville, Md., she rode horses in national competitions and showed her prize-winning sheep, tending to their grooming and care without flinching. Because she was homeschooled and a quick study in biology and chemistry, she was able to complete a full year of each subject at McDaniel while technically still a high school student. Once enrolled here full time, she quickly became a standout in the sciences, and snagged a selective campus grant that funds summer research.

Chava Roth '05 was the star of the biology department, but changed her major to English after much soul-searching and help from her advisers.



"Veterinary school is the hardest professional school to get into, harder than medical school," says Biology Professor Louise Paquin. "But it was clear from the beginning that Chava could do this. We had very high hopes."

Roth's future as a vet seemed so certain it became part of her identity, and that identity was ingrained in her family's culture. Her parents liked to joke that she would one day be able to write prescriptions for their animals and save them lots of money.

But late last summer, Roth came to terms with some things she had discovered about herself during her first two years of college. She didn't want to be a vet, or go to medical school, or become a research scientist. In fact, she didn't want to be a biology major anymore. She had the soul of a

poet, the heart of a writer, the voice of a country music singer. And these were the parts of herself she wanted to explore in her future.

What Roth wanted more than anything was to be an English major. "It was more of a gradual process as opposed to a sudden epiphany moment," she says. "Something wasn't right, something didn't fit, like trying to put a square peg into a round hole."

Roth was not alone in her desire for a new direction. Among her 371 peers in the Class of 2005, 61 percent have changed their major at least one time. Sixty-four students changed their major twice, seven changed their major three times and one changed four times.

Changing majors is common, even expected, say professors. And McDaniel, with its emphasis on advising and collegiality across disciplines, is uniquely suited to help students find their niche.

"By definition, we're not territorial. And also, which is more important for people like Chava, she had faculty members who know her well and could help her figure out what she wanted to do," says Paquin, Roth's then-adviser. "I think that's the difference between a close-knit liberal arts college like ours and a large university."

At the time—mid-August 2003—switching to English seemed to Roth to be an impossible dream. The logistics were one thing: she'd already registered for her fall semester courses and classes were to begin soon. Worse, everyone was counting on her to succeed in the sciences. How could she disappoint them, especially

**Betty Roth, right, says she is happy that the College gave her daughter the opportunity to explore her interests and to change her mind about her major.**



"It was more of a gradual process as opposed to a sudden epiphany moment.

Something wasn't right, something didn't fit,

like trying to put a square peg into a round hole." —CHAVA ROTH '05

her faculty mentors, who had given her so many opportunities?

And then there was the guilt over turning her back on something she was so skilled at doing.

"I loved the sciences—I still do—and I was very blessed to be good at it," she says. "I was so successful with my biology major I thought maybe I'm duty-bound to stay."

Roth was an incredibly gifted 16-year-old when she first met Paquin in an intro-level biology course. "She was doing just as well as the college freshman in the class," Paquin recalls. She noticed on the roster that no adviser was listed next to the name of the articulate young woman and suggested herself, telling Roth that even though she wasn't a full-time student yet, she should have an adviser anyway.

Over the years, after Roth enrolled full time as a member of the Honors Program, they grew close. "Dr. Paquin definitely felt like family. I would drop by her office to say hi and she would say, 'Oh, you look tired, make sure you're getting enough sleep,'" Roth says. "She can work miracles. No matter what conundrum I'd bring to her, she would take five minutes and my life would be organized."

An avid reader from an early age, Roth began to devour the literature in scientific journals. She would get all "hyped up" about a genetic research article, and practically bubble over in her excitement to share what she'd learned. "My non-science friends were used to having to endure long dissertations on heat-shock proteins," she says, her enthusiasm for the subject still apparent. "Oh, heat-shock proteins are fascinating. They're fabulous."

In January 2003, Roth signed up for the internship program for pre-med students, which offers aspiring doctors a glimpse into life on the job. She was assigned to the operating room and Shock Trauma at University of Maryland Hospital. In addition to transporting patients and blood supplies from place to place, and making lots of beds, she was given rare access to observe surgeries.

She was able to observe a kidney transplant, "the kidney was a lot bigger than I would have expected, actually," and a craniotomy, "where they're actually trying to remove a brain tumor," among others.

"Fortunately," she says, "It's pretty impossible to gross me out."

In fact, for Roth, the experience was spiritually moving. "Obviously the OR is a scientific atmosphere, yet most of my memories were more on the human side," she says. "You would stand there and look at a kidney or a heart or somebody's lung or a brain, and it was a time-stilling, out-of-body experience where you would have this incredible appreciation and amazement for human life, sort of transcending scientific experience."

"For me, it was just a reinforcement of the fact that we know so much and we know so little," she adds. "It's so exciting to see the amazing things we can do with the human heart or reconstructing someone's face after an auto accident, and then—say, in the Shock Trauma experience—the doctor comes over and tells the family members, at this point we just have to pray. That kind of combination of power and helplessness was enlightening."

Her summer assisting Associate Professor of Biology Randy

Morrison with his research with chameleons was no less thrilling, Roth says. "It was very exciting to be part of an actual laboratory research experience with a long-term goal and it was also very exciting to be able to apply the knowledge I'd gained from my classes to a real-world setting."

But during all of this, there was another side of Roth that was begging for attention. In her spare time, she was writing poetry like crazy and even found herself jotting down song lyrics on scraps of paper while in the lab. She sang in the College Choir and Gospel Choir—being Jewish, "that is definitely a cultural experience," she says. "But I adore it." She also found great satisfaction working in the Writing Center as a tutor.

"I really longed for more creative expression, not that science isn't creative because it's extremely creative," she says. "But toward the end of last summer, when I finally envisioned myself in a lab or in the sciences I wanted to put a gun to my head—obviously, that's metaphorical, not literal."

First, Roth told her parents. They weren't completely surprised.

"It only surprised me, because we are so close, that she was in agony and she didn't tell me," says Betty Roth, who home-schooled Chava. "I saw she was struggling with something, that the spark was gone from her eyes, but I just assumed it was stress."

Together, mother and daughter sat down with the course catalog to look over the choices of English courses. "That was the definitive moment. I felt like a kid in the candy store," Roth says.

Next, it was time to talk to Paquin. "She came to me at the end of last summer, looking almost afraid," Paquin recalls. "She certainly had never been afraid of me before. She

didn't want to tell us she'd changed her mind."

Roth remembers: "It was very painful, very difficult. I don't think she was terribly pleased with the news, but she picked up on the fact that I was feeling very guilty, and she assured me that this is what a liberal arts college is all about. That eased the pain."

Her adviser assured her that "there was no need to feel ashamed," that the College exists to help her become the best that she can be, and to help her find her path to a fruitful and fulfilling career. All of the biology faculty echoed Paquin's sentiments, Roth says. Morrison helped her with the logistics and made sure she had a new adviser in English. Assistant Professor of Chemistry Melanie Nilsson talked with Roth about integrating her love of science with her passion for writing, perhaps by pursuing science journalism.

"Did we mind losing her? Sure we did," Paquin says. "But we didn't fight to keep her."

Roth called her friend Lisa Breslin, who supervises the Writing Center and who taught her freshman English course. They met for tea at the Pour House, a new hangout on the east end of Main Street.

"She was so supportive. She asked me what my dream schedule would be like and said the English department would see what they could do in terms of fitting me into classes," says Roth. Breslin suggested Associate Professor of English Mary Bendel-Simso for her adviser. "Dr. Mary immediately called me at home and left me her home number. She said it doesn't matter if it's the middle of the night, if you wake up in a panic and need to call, go right ahead."

Bendel-Simso could empathize with what Roth was going through. As an undergraduate, she had been a

double-major in mathematics and English with the intention of becoming a high school math teacher. Her mother encouraged her to concentrate on the math side of the equation, lecturing that "math will feed you."

But her decision to pursue her passion for literature worked out well in the end for Bendel-Simso, and she didn't see any reason why Roth couldn't have the same success—especially when she met the earnest student and took a look at her excellent transcript.

Roth needed 10 English courses, a Spanish language course and a couple of gym credits. She was able to get "really close" to her dream schedule for the fall semester. Two of the English classes were still open and one she was able to add into with Bendel-Simso's help. She took Literature of the Renaissance, American Figures: Mark Twain, and British Figures: Keats and the Rossetts. "That was such an amazing course. My poor roommate was sick of hearing about Keats and the Rossetts," she says.

Interestingly, Roth's current roommate Emily Vance '05 did a major switch of her own, from English to biochemistry, in her sophomore year. "My choosing science was partly due to practical purposes, it seems that in the sciences there is a huge field of career opportunities," she says. She also realized that she'd rather be in the lab than writing papers.

For Roth, though, the constant, endless, round-the-clock reading and writing is heaven. "It's everything I'd imagined and more," she says. "I had culture shock, definitely, but that was to be expected."

Her courses are "different, but definitely not easier. I don't study any less," she says. "The class structure is more informal or arty. In the sciences, it's much more predictable in the sense that there's this vast amount of challenging material that gets thrown at you and you have to crank it out on a test. This is less absolute."

Roth has been equally successful in her new major. She wrapped up the fall semester with two A-pluses and two As and her GPA actually increased slightly, "Thank God."

Bendel-Simso, who taught Roth in the American Figures course, was impressed. "She was the star," she says.



**In the Class of 2005, 61 percent of students have changed their major at least one time. Sixty-four students changed their major twice, seven changed their major three times and one changed four times.**



**T**he future has yet to be written, but Roth has already experienced a happy ending.

"I'm definitely grateful that I was in a liberal arts setting that made these transitions and opportunities possible," she says.

Yes, questions remain unanswered, and a few doubts linger. "It's a struggle in the sense that you want to be totally supportive and encourage your daughter to make her own choices, but you don't know if, in a career sense, going from the sciences to the humanities takes you to a much more ambiguous position," says Roth's father Bruce, who is an electrical engineer.

"This is not unlike conversations I had with my parents," he continues. "In the end, you tell your children they are responsible for their own life and happiness—we are just here to help."

Says her mother Betty, "You see the banners all over campus 'We Change Lives,' and it's true. A lot of people don't discover until they're 45 years old that they made the wrong career decision. I'm happy because Chava's happy."

Both Betty and Bruce Roth find much that is familiar about their daughter the English major. They see the child who would rather read than eat, the little girl who was always singing and who one day revealed to her mother the "stacks and stacks of poetry" she had been writing in her bedroom.

At the same time, they know that "there is a scientific side to Chava that won't leave her," Betty Roth says.

Sure enough, when the new campus chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, a national honorary chemistry society, was founded this fall, she called the president James Lipchock '04. "I know I'm an English major, but can I still join?" she asked him.

She laughs, "I bet I'm the only person with organic chemistry, biochemistry and calculus listed as electives on my transcript."

Roth is heeding the advice of Paquin, Bendel-Simso and other faculty mentors. She plans to attend graduate school and is considering a science writing program or perhaps a Ph.D. in English literature. She may pursue a career as a college professor. Another tempting idea is to be a country music songwriter.

Certainly, the once-future vet is not worried. "I'm a very stubborn person. I know that I will not allow myself to starve on the streets. If I set my mind to something, I will find a way to make my life work," Roth says.

Over spring break, Roth and Emily Vance took a road trip to Nashville. It's never too late to pursue a new dream.

*This is another in an occasional series about members of the Class of 2005 and their experiences as they live and learn on the Hill.*

**Chava Roth '05 still loves animals and joined the new chapter of the chemistry honor society in the fall. But in her new major, she is pursuing her biggest passions—poetry and literature.**

# On Writer's Block, Motherhood and Bocce Ball Heaven

## ANNA QUINDLEN

**P**ulitzer Prize-winning journalist and best-selling novelist Anna Quindlen will take the stage April 21 at Baltimore's Meyerhoff Symphony Hall as a featured speaker in the "Smart Talk" lecture series co-sponsored by McDaniel College.

The evening will begin with remarks by President Joan Develin Coley, who shares with Quindlen a passion for reading and a strong belief in the transforming power of a liberal arts education.

Quindlen, 51, graduated from Barnard College in 1974. Over the past 30 years, her work has graced the pages of the nation's most influential newspapers and most widely read magazines and has appeared on both fiction and nonfiction bestseller lists. Her national bestseller, *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*, has sold over one million copies.

While a columnist for *The New York Times*, Quindlen became only the third woman in the paper's history to write a regular column for its influential Op-Ed page. A collection of her "Public and Private" columns, *Thinking Out Loud*, was a national bestseller. In 1992 Quindlen was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for commentary.

Her first novel, the critically acclaimed *Object Lessons*, was followed by *One True Thing* (which was made into a major motion picture starring Meryl Streep and Rene Zellweger). *Black and Blue*, her third novel, was also a bestseller and a selection of the Oprah Winfrey Book Club. Both *Black and Blue* and her latest bestseller, *Blessings*, were made into television movies starring Mary Stuart Masterson and Mary Tyler Moore.

She is also the author of a collection of essays, *Living Out Loud*, and two children's books, *The Tree That Came to Stay* and *Happily Ever After*.

Quindlen currently writes *Newsweek's* popular column "The Last Word," a duty she alternates with George F. Will. She has been married 26 years and has three children, ages 20, 18 and 15. She is chair of the Barnard College board of trustees.



**You left *The New York Times* the first time to be a full-time mom. How do the jobs compare?**

Necessary correction: I never left the *Times* to be a full-time mom. That's a touchy-feely myth. I left both times to write novels. It's just more socially acceptable to play the mommy card. I didn't, by the way. Everyone else did. Of course you know the answer to your own question. It's infinitely more difficult to be a good mother than to be a good writer. No delete key, and no bestseller list. And at the end, if you've done the mom job correctly, you get pink-slipped.

**What, if anything, do you miss about working at *The New York Times*?**

Newsroom camaraderie. There's nothing better. And the thrill of turning something out on a really tight deadline. Finishing a story, packing up, getting down to the lobby and seeing the paper already there, warm from the presses, with your story on page one. Man!

**What is the difference between truth and journalism?**

The interlocutory reporter. Truth exists in some state of perfection. Journalism gets filtered through a human being. Hence, human error.

**How do writers find their voice? How would you describe yours?**

They call it voice because it's the way you talk. When I give a speech people say, goodness, you speak as you write. I hate to be flippant, but duh.

**Do you believe in writer's block? How do you cure it?**

I don't believe in writer's block. When people say they have it, what they mean is not that they can't write, but that they despair of writing well. That's the nature of the beast. You have to write a lot of chaff to get a little wheat. If you wait for inspiration, you'll grow old at the computer.

**In *How Reading Changed My Life*, you describe yourself as a child who liked reading better than doing anything else. In this age of video games and the Internet, how do you encourage your children's love of reading?**

You have to individuate. It's interesting how we all accept that one child is different from another, then basically offer all of them the same reading choices. If you have a kid who is a sports nut, force feeding *Treasure Island* will probably be a waste of time. Find some great baseball bios, or some novels that have sports as the leitmotif. For a kid with ADD, a collection of short stories may be much more successful than a novel.

**What role does TV play in a happy life? Movies?**

I love TV. I watch it all the time. But I can't do nothing while I watch; it doesn't feel like enough. So I watch TV and needlepoint. "CSI," "Cold Case," and, of course, "Law and Order." I have a very large collection of decorative pillows. Obviously I watch oodles of TV news. I love movies, but somehow I don't see them as much as most of my friends and my kids, who are all real movie junkies. I think maybe it's because I can't needlepoint in a dark theater.

**How do you define a happy life?**

My husband, my kids and I playing bocce at sunset in summer at our house in Pennsylvania. We beat the kids.

**What is your favorite first line of a novel?**

From Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*: "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife."

**What is your favorite line in one of your books, articles or columns?**

Jeez. That seems like an unfair question. I tend to write prose that all hooks up together, so that the effect is cumulative rather than episodic. Maybe I'd choose the scene in *One True Thing* in which Kate Gulden talks to her daughter about the nature of marriage.

**How did your liberal arts education enrich your life?**

That's an unfair question, too, because the effect was so enormous. It was not so much that I read and learned so much about everything from anthropology to political science, but that I learned how to think critically. My plan after my daughter leaves for college is to audit one course a semester at Barnard—I hope I don't freak out the faculty!—because I feel that I left so much untouched.

**Since serving on Barnard's board, and now as chair, what insights have you gained about the work involved in running a college?**

It's enormous, it's daunting and it's hugely satisfying. When the going gets tough, you just walk around campus and look at the students, and it's all worth it.

**What would you do if you won \$100 million?**

I'd buy a small island in the Caribbean, restore the barn at our house in Pennsylvania, and give the rest to Barnard for the endowment.

# Memory Keepers

New Research Helps Families of Alzheimer's Patients



BY KIM ASCH

Memories of her parents during happy times surround Marjie Kimble, framed in fading photographs that tell the good story of their lives. Her father, so tall and handsome with a sharp mind and gentle humor, taught high school social studies for 39 years, was a devoted gardener and voracious reader. Her mother, also a teacher, was a talented pianist and accompanist who loved to play bridge and socialize, and whose petite round frame inspired her husband's term of endearment, "the robin."

They raised Kimble and her two sisters in a close-knit Pennsylvania college town, much like Westminster, where they were active in the community and held in high regard by everyone. "I idolized my parents, my world revolved around them—even when I was a married woman with children of my own," she says.

These images of her mother and father comfort and sustain Kimble ME'd'86, a retired media specialist. But the unforgettable, heartbreaking details of their final years are what move her to action now.

Her father died, after a painfully slow and bewildering decline, from Alzheimer's disease in 1995. Her mother developed dementia after suffering several mini-strokes and died in 2000. It seemed a cruel irony that two educators, people who valued their minds above all else, should be robbed of their ability to read, to reason and to remember. "Alzheimer's is truly a hideous disease, maybe the worst," she says.

So much of what Kimble recalls about those years is colored by her own feelings of frightened helplessness. The mood swings, the wanderings in the car and on foot, the bed-wettings and bizarre behaviors required 24-hour management. Family members rallied, tried to provide the care that was needed. At one point, a sister moved back home. Another relocated from California to be closer. Kimble took a weekend shift each month, making the four-hour drive from Westminster. When the daughters couldn't keep up, they put their father, and later their mother, in the best nursing homes they could find. But the staffs were not trained to work with dementia patients and they had to accept that their parents were in the hands of kind but unqualified strangers.

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Both her mother and father were gone by the time Kimble learned about the haven of care, research and education for people with dementia and their families at the Copper Ridge complex, located on a bucolic campus not far from Westminster in Sykesville, Md.

Owned by Episcopal Ministries to the Aging, Copper Ridge is a residential and outpatient facility dedicated solely to the care of people with Alzheimer's and other memory-impairing disorders. Housed in the same handsome building is The Copper Ridge Institute, a research and education center that pairs world-class researchers from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine with the professional healthcare team at the residential facility. Rather than seek a cure for Alzheimer's, the team focuses its efforts on improving quality of life for patients and for their families by developing evidence-based, relevant and replicable models of care.

The unique partnership has created one of only two "teaching long-term care facilities" in the world. Since opening its doors in 1994, Copper Ridge has trained more than 6,000 professionals, such as physicians, psychologists, social workers, dieticians and therapeutic recreation specialists—some from as far away as Brazil, Hong Kong and Greece. Family caregivers find support here, too. The Dementia Care Skills Training program provides instruction on behavior management, activity planning, bathing, feeding and more.

Kimble was impressed and inspired. "There's so much concentration on finding a cure for Alzheimer's. In the meantime, millions of people need help right now," she says. "The work that Copper Ridge does improves quality of life in such amazing ways, and I wish my parents—and the rest of my family—had had that."

As a member of its Board of Directors, Kimble has become an outspoken advocate of the Copper Ridge mission. In direct service to that mission are several more McDaniel College alumni, including Dr. Alva "Buzz" Baker, administrative director for The Copper Ridge Institute and medical director for all Episcopal Ministries to the Aging (EMA) residential communities. William Dulany '50 chairs EMA's board of trustees. Steve Vozzella '91 is director of activities and volunteers at Copper Ridge, where he works alongside alumna Sara Crigger MS'02.

College Board Chair James Melhorn is the President and CEO of EMA. "I am pleased that EMA and its organizations have from its beginning had a wonderful relationship with McDaniel College," he says. "And I am pleased with the number of graduates that have a part in fulfilling the mission of EMA."

They are pioneers in a growing field that becomes increasingly relevant each year, as baby boomers look down the road to retirement, old age and a one-in-three chance of developing Alzheimer's by the time they celebrate their 80th birthdays.

**B**uzz Baker is the kind of doctor who inspires confidence and calm. Soft-spoken, with salt-and-pepper hair and warm eyes, he delivers the bad news in a tone that assures, "It's OK, we will take care of you."

Here is the worst of it: more than 4 million Americans currently suffer from Alzheimer's, the most prevalent cause of dementia with no known cause or cure. That number is expected to double by 2025, when a greater portion of the population becomes elderly. If you graduated in the mid-'60s like Baker did, you have a one-in-three chance of having Alzheimer's by then. Your spouse does, too. Of course, depending on your age, your parents or grandparents might already be in the danger zone. Symptoms can appear in folks as young as 60—45 in rare cases—and are more likely to strike the longer a person lives.

People with Alzheimer's rely on one or more caregivers, typically family members, to get them through the day. You also have a one-in-three chance of becoming that caregiver.

"The public perception of Alzheimer's disease is the sweet little old lady who is a bit confused, who needs some supervision but still can bake cookies if somebody's watching her. That is Alzheimer's disease early," Baker says. "But Alzheimer's disease is an inexorably progressive dementia. And so that sweet little old lady will have a constant decline."

Victims, who survive an average of 10 years after diagnosis, forget who they once were. They often don't recognize the people they once loved. Speech and simple tasks, like dressing and bathing, become difficult then impossible. Their bodies forget how to chew and to swallow. Eventually, the brain deteriorates to the point that it can't support the bodily functions necessary to keep a person alive.

"Part of the challenge is to help family members continue to see the humanity of the person who is in that state," says Baker, a certified geriatrician. He became EMA's medical

director in 1980 when it opened Fairhaven, a continuing care retirement community on the same 362-acre parcel as Copper Ridge. Baker is certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and he is an associate medical director for Carroll Hospice.

"When the time comes that a person with Alzheimer's doesn't know their family anymore and can't take care of themselves, a lot of people say that person's dead. That person doesn't exist anymore. And in one sense of the word, they don't see any 'sense' in maintaining life. Ethically, of course, that's not the approach to have," Baker continues. "Our philosophy is that of an active treatment model in which we honor what's left instead of what's lost."

The Copper Ridge Institute leads and participates in nationwide studies of a wide range of medication and other kinds of treatments to prevent, delay or alleviate the symptoms of dementia. Treatments for memory loss, depression, sleep disorders, delusions, hallucinations, and aggression are in various stages of development, many in collaboration with large pharmaceutical companies. Treatment studies to improve activity participation, to prevent falls or to reduce pain are ongoing. Innovative and alternative treatments, such as aromatherapy, are also studied.

And here's the good news: Everything that is discovered at Copper Ridge can be—and is—taught to professional caregivers at other facilities, as well as to family members with dementia patients at home. This happens through on-site training and a portable certification course on CD-ROM.

Jane Scott of Columbia, Md., serves with Marjie Kimble on the education and cultivation task force of The Copper Ridge Institute. Like

Kimble, she lost her mother to a memory-impairing illness, but their experiences during the final years couldn't have been more different—Scott's mom lived at Copper Ridge.

At first, Aggie Scott was able to join about 60 residents in the assisted living area, where she settled in to one of three comfortably appointed "houses" that boast their own kitchens, sitting areas, activity rooms, private resident rooms and wandering gardens, with circular paths that help confused people get back to where they started.

Scott remains impressed with the small details: the photos of residents posted beside their doors so they can easily identify their room; 24-hour visitor access; lots of soothing natural light, and a lack of an overhead paging system, which eliminates the constant, startling noises that can be so disruptive in hospitals and some nursing homes.

But it is the Daily Life Plan—a key feature of the model of care developed by the Institute—that makes the big difference. It's designed to provide a meaningful daily schedule, to emphasize the dignity and uniqueness of each person, helping residents function at their highest potential. As that potential changes, so does the Daily Life Plan.

"It's a lot faster for the caregiver to dress somebody than it is to lay out their clothes and work with them, telling them 'It's time to put on your shirt' and guiding them in doing it,"



**Dr. Alva "Buzz" Baker '66, administrative director for The Copper Ridge Institute, is a pioneer in research-based clinical care of Alzheimer's patients.**

## Gerontology Program to Address Future Needs

A graduate certificate program in gerontology will be offered by the College to individuals with a bachelor's degree who want to pursue a core of work in the field of aging.

McDaniel, which recently secured Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) approval to offer the certificate program, has already made an initial commitment to the study of aging by establishing an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in gerontology. Students in a variety of majors can add this minor to their program of study in order to better prepare them to work with older adults. Ultimately, the College plans to offer a master's degree in this field as well.

"McDaniel College has an opportunity to build on its reputation as a leader in community service," says Psychology Professor Sherri Lind Hughes, who chairs the committee that recommended the gerontology program. "Our programs with Target Community and Education Services, Inc., local social service agencies and the public schools have demonstrated our commitment to a strong and vibrant community and model our capability to offer our faculty, students and facilities in service to the community."

The demographics of both the mid-Atlantic region and the nation as a whole reflect rapid growth in the number of older adults: by 2050, one in five U.S. citizens is expected to be over 65. Maryland ranks 15th in the nation in that demographic shift with local counties expecting average growth of 150 percent in the near future, Hughes says.

"The demographic shift is likely to have substantial social and cultural impact and will demand a more thorough understanding of the social, biological, and psychological dimensions of aging throughout the workforce and in our communities," she says. "This cohort of older adults is likely to

stretch resources that are already under significant strain from falling market values and reduced federal, state, and local budgets."

Because the committee found that most centers and academic programs on aging have a strong research focus while few emphasize service and intergenerational programming, McDaniel's program will balance research, theory and practice and will integrate service learning throughout. Students will have the opportunity to connect their classroom learning with real-world experience, reinforcing their own learning and serving the community at the same time.

Eventually, the College envisions a Center on Aging that would bring students, professionals, faculty, and the elderly together in meaningful ways through the study of gerontology at the graduate and undergraduate levels, intergenerational programs and activities, and service learning opportunities that meet the needs of the regional professional community.

"The campus spirit of collaboration and service, as well as our close ties with Episcopal Ministries to the Aging, Carroll Lutheran Village, and the Carroll County Bureau of Aging, fostered the dreams for the McDaniel College Center on Aging," says Hughes, adding that the plans were developed by a committee of community leaders, established professionals and interested faculty.

The committee surveyed students and employers to identify the program features that would meet unique needs within the community. Research indicated that most employees would need both a particular area of expertise and familiarity with issues associated with aging. Professionals working in business, nursing, social work or human resources will benefit from supplementing their current expertise with courses and programs on aging.

ask her to assist," says Vozzella, a social work major whose interest in gerontology was sparked by an internship at a home for the aging in Westminster.

Residents play on nearby Fair Haven's three-hole golf course, take organized day trips and have their hair done at the in-house salon. They plant flowers in table-top gardens and attend the worship services offered for every faith. In the comprehensive care unit, where 60 more seriously impaired people live, Vozzella connects with them using hand massage or "reminisces" with them using familiar scents, such as coffee grounds and cinnamon.

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Baker explains. "But a caregiver has to understand that they need to take the time to let that happen if they're going to honor what's left."

Learnings gleaned from the Institute's research guide the staff's approach with residents to minimize the kind of "catastrophic" reactions described by Dr. Peter Rabins, a professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins and key faculty member at the Institute, in his seminal book about caring for people with dementia, *The 36-Hour Day*.

Patients lash out—sometimes striking or cursing their caregiver—because their environment is too noisy or because they don't understand what's happening to them and that causes them to be confused and scared. If a resident doesn't comprehend that he's about to have a bath, he might think he's being attacked when somebody takes a washcloth and wipes him with it.

All tasks must be broken into small steps and explained in simple language.

"Don't say 'Go sit in that chair.' Always approach patients from the front, make eye contact, touch them to reassure them and guide them," Baker says. "An untrained person may see a patient as being uncooperative. 'I told him to sit in the chair and he wouldn't do it.' But of course he wouldn't, if he doesn't understand what's being asked of him."

There are many ways to modify activities to allow patients to continue doing things for themselves. "If patients can't use forks, they get finger foods. If they can't chew, they have pudding. If they only have an appetite for sweets, then let them eat cake," Baker says. "Working with people in that way is the hallmark of what we do here."

Every member of the staff—from clinicians to housekeepers—participates in carrying out the goals of the therapeutic Daily Life Plan. Director of Activities Steve Vozzella '91 focuses on finding ways to engage residents in their lives each day.

"One thing I've learned about Alzheimer's Disease is that the word 'moments' is key. That's what we're shooting for, to find those moments when we can have a good time," he says.

Good times can mean different things. "We have a resident who likes to vacuum, so when the housekeeping staff is cleaning they sparked by an internship at a home for the aging in Westminster.

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ask for literature about the small town where she lived so he could reminisce with her."

Scott relishes the memories of her mom singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with a group of other residents who lived in the "Delmarva" house of the assisted living wing. They called themselves the "Delmarva Devils." And she is grateful for her memory of the time she arrived for a visit to find that Aggie's crocheted creations had been placed on temporary exhibit. "Mom was just aglow," she recalls.

The 55-year-old still marvels at the mysterious ways of the disease, how it destroys so much of a person but allows occasional glimpses to peek through. There was a woman in her mother's house who played the piano beautifully, but 10 minutes later had no recollection of having played. And a man who said little but could deliver a stirring grace upon request at family-style meals.

"It's fascinating to watch these folks at a church service," says Baker. "We have people who don't speak or interact, who when they go to church will sing the hymns, say the prayers, take communion, but never say another word outside of that."

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Starting at age 50, everyone begins to have an occasional "senior moment." You can't remember so-and-so's name when you meet her on the street. Then, after you say goodbye, you suddenly realize, "Oh, yes, that was Jane." Or there's a word on the edge of your memory that you just can't find.

"Those kinds of experiences are normal," Baker says. "Not remembering somebody's name is embarrassing, but it's not functionally impairing. But if you can't remember how to get home from the store, even though you've gone home from the store hundreds of times before, that's a problem. Not being able to remember that you can't keep three-week-old milk in the fridge or a phone number of someone you call all the time—those are problems."

Actually, he points out, people who are in the early stages of Alzheimer's commonly are "not aware of their own memory deficits."

Worried spouses or other family members are usually the ones who initiate the first visit to Copper Ridge's outpatient Assessment Clinic, where the team performs a thorough diagnostic work-up and then provides detailed information about the patient's diagnosis, prognosis and recommendations for current treatment and follow-up care. There's also a two-week Short Stay Evaluation program that provides a comprehensive evaluation of the resident's physical, mental and emotional condition.

Kimble wonders if she has done herself a disservice by exercising and eating right all these years. The longer she lives, the more likely she is to develop Alzheimer's, and her risk is already increased because her father had it.

"We joke about it a lot in my family—you have to," says Kimble. "I told my son one day, 'I don't want you in the bathroom with me. I want to be in a facility where I can get my nails done and my hair done and you can come see me.'"

"He said, 'What makes you think you're going to an expensive place like Copper Ridge?'"

The costs associated with optimum care are indeed high. Residents in the assisted living wing pay, out of pocket or with long-term insurance, between \$162-246 per day. In the comprehensive care wing, where much more hands-on care is needed, the daily rate is \$277.

And, while only a small number of comprehensive care residents receive any funding from Medicare, about half of the residents in the comprehensive care area have their care paid for by Medicaid. The Institute's research is funded by grants and private gifts.

Joking aside, Kimble says the most valuable lesson she learned from dealing with her parents' dementia is that she wants to do things differently if she should fall victim to Alzheimer's.

"I want it to be out in the open. I want it to be totally acknowledged that I have this disease," she says. "And then I want them to find me a room at a great place like Copper Ridge." •



# Quick Study

INTERVIEW BY KIM ASCH

## James Lipchock '04

*Chemistry and Physics double-major; president and founder of the College's new chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, a national honorary chemical society; brother in the social fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi; senior representative for the Honors Program; Sexual Assault Information Team member; fiancé to chemistry major Sarah Vannoy '04*

■ **Between 10 to 16 hours of my day are devoted to chemistry and physics.** I'm finally realizing this is really, definitely what I want to do.

■ **Every summer and Jan Term, I've been in the lab.** I was just at the National Cancer Institute at Fort Detrick in Frederick working with a drug for gastrointestinal cancer. They're in the process of trying to patent this drug because preliminary studies show it could be one of the most potent gastrointestinal cancer drugs that is out there.

■ **Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) is the foundation of my project.** The compound I worked with has two large aromatic pi-conjugated ring systems connected by a flexible linker. I used a two-dimensional NMR technique to try and distinguish the binding of these two ring systems to a segment of DNA.

■ **Chemistry is a whole new language.** When you're immersed in this world, spouting out all these terms, you don't even realize that most people don't talk that way. Trying to explain the lingo is almost an infinite regression because you say one thing and then you think, Oh wait, they don't know what that means, so you try to explain that term, and it just goes on and on.

■ **I've been accepted to graduate programs at Columbia University, Yale University, Johns Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania and University of Delaware.** I also applied to Harvard and MIT, but haven't heard from them yet.

■ **Sarah Vannoy '04 and I are actually getting married** here July 31 in Little Baker. She's also a chemistry major and she was accepted to Yale, University of Pennsylvania, University of Delaware and Johns Hopkins, so far.

■ **The first letter was from Yale—** luckily we both heard the same day.

■ **Fortunately, with chemistry, the programs actually do tuition reimbursement,** so we won't have to pay any tuition. And we get about \$20,000 to \$25,000 stipends at all the places. It's really exciting. Between the two of us, it comes up to about \$50,000 a year we'll be paid to go to school. It's amazing.

■ **My mom is like, I can't believe I know someone** who's gotten into Yale and it's my son.

■ **My research director at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Dr. Christopher Michejda,** really wants me to go to Harvard. When I told him I'd gotten into Yale, he said, you shouldn't go there, you're too good for Yale.

■ **I don't know why people have such faith in me** sometimes. To have someone say those kinds of things to you, it's just like, what are you talking about? What do you mean I'm too good for Yale?

■ **Philosophy is a field that really appeals to me.** I guess because there really isn't one right answer. I'm taking my third philosophy course now, which is contemporary philosophy. There are a lot of parallels between the way you think in science and the way you think in philosophy. You can keep learning more and more, but you're never going to really know everything.

■ **We keep asking, why? Why?** Why are positive charges attracted to negatives, and vice versa? Dr. Richard Smith in organic chemistry finally says, because God made it that way.

■ **Sarah and I cook and eat dinner together every night.** She lives in a Garden Apartment that's right across from mine. We're so busy during the day, we try to spend as much time together as possible like that.

■ **I have one book, *What Einstein Told His Cook: Kitchen Science Explained.*** It tells all sorts of little pieces of information, such as why pesto sauce turns from green to brown so quickly. It all relates back to simple biochemistry, with enzymes that the author calls "browning enzymes." You can actually create inhibitors to try and prevent your pesto sauce from browning.

■ **I would like to come back here to teach.** I have so much of a connection here, it feels almost disloyal to put my heart into another institution. I want to do whatever I can for this school. One of my goals is to be on the board of trustees.

■ **To be called Dr. Lipchock will be an adjustment.** But it has a nice ring to it.

Senior James Lipchock plays the mad scientist in the chemistry lab, where he fell crazy in love with classmate Sarah Vannoy. The couple will marry this summer, then begin graduate work at one of several prestigious graduate schools that have accepted them both.





# Art of the Unsung

Textiles Curator Anita Jones  
Uncovers a Richly Textured Past

BY SAM FOSDICK

**A**nita E. Jones '73 really would have no other job.

Where else would this self-described "pathologically shy" woman become an animated public speaker on the subject of quilts but at The Baltimore Museum of Art, where she is Associate Curator of Decorative Arts for Textiles.

Listen to the timbre of her voice, resolute with the passion she brings to the subject.

"This is the art of the unsung," says Jones. "We know who some of the fine artists are, such as van Gogh and Matisse. We even know who made the furniture and silver. In some cases, we have no idea who produced these beautiful textiles. We're dealing with people who may have left no other mark of their lives other than these quilts."



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**Anita E. Jones '73,**  
Associate Curator of  
Decorative Arts for  
Textiles at the  
Baltimore Museum  
of Art.

Meticulous research consumes much of Jones' days as she works to assemble the exhibit and create a narrative that gives the art work historical context. Through the text blocks that lead visitors through the gallery, as well as her lively lectures, she describes not only the artifact and its purpose, but the social and economic conditions of the era it represents.

Her next exhibition, which opens in February 2005, will focus on antique lace that is part of the extensive collection donated to the museum by the estate of Baltimoreans Claribel and Etta Cone. As the quilt exhibit winds down this spring, Jones is busily finishing the cataloguing of between 200 and 300 pieces of lace, researching how the Cone sisters may have used them in their home and designing how they will be displayed.

Other museums, many much larger, do not have a resident textile expert on staff. The BMA is better off for having Jones, according to its director, Doreen Bolger. "Anita does a remarkable job here interpreting the artistic and historic aspects of our textile collection," says Bolger, who has led the BMA for the past six years. "Textiles—they're really the window on the history of the world. How they are made and how they are used is what tells us about the art, culture and history of another people."

Jones' current passion centers on these album quilts and the stories they tell about the people who made them and the times in which they were stitched together.

Given the thoroughness of her research, Jones makes developing the quilt exhibit in general—and the study of its centerpiece, the 157-year-old Samuel Williams quilt in particular—look easy. It is not. For her, the



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hard work involved in the research, logistics of creating the exhibition and caring for the quilts is the best part of her job.

On a snappy, icy January morning, she meets a visitor in the museum’s two-story, sun-drenched lobby. The 5-foot, 1-inch curator, her sparkly blue eyes framed by long, curly blonde hair, has just come from a morning meeting about her lace exhibit. Soon, before noon, she will collect about 75 visitors in the lobby who are here today to listen to Jones lecture about why the Williams quilt is so unique.

In the quilt exhibit in the May Gallery, just steps away from the steam-shrouded windows overlooking the second-floor Antioch Court, visitors notice the low lighting, much like the 20 minutes before sunset. You can clearly see the vibrant colors in the fabrics, but you might have to move a step closer to the light blue labels to read them.

“The greatest danger to these album quilts” Jones tells the crowd, “is light. When these are not on display, great care is taken to make sure they are stored in such a way that light cannot get to them.”

For the next 40 minutes, she explains—without benefit of prepared speech or note card—how the Williams quilt differs from quilts meant to keep one’s bed warm. “Each quilt block has a story to tell, whether it’s about the life and times of the era in which it was made or about the person who made it,” Jones says.

The Williams quilt, approximately 10-foot square, is the most celebrated. It is made of 42 separate squares, each hand sewn by family and friends, to honor its namesake. Samuel Williams was a grocer by trade. But his leadership in the local Methodist Church earned him the honor

of having this quilt made. According to the inscriptions on the squares, the quilt was started in 1846 and finished in 1847, probably a few short months after Williams died at 78.

By the mid-19th-century, Baltimore had grown into the nation’s second-largest seaport, thus a huge variety of textiles were available in the city. The large assortment of vibrant fabrics and quilt blocks directly relating to Baltimore’s history distinguishes it from some of the less exceptional quilts. One square of particular note focuses on people riding in a railroad car, which commemorates the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, founded in 1827.

As with all the quilts, and most of the other items in the museum, the rule of the day is look, but don’t touch. By the time they return to the lobby after the lecture, visitors still are uncertain whether they can touch a replica set to be raffled on May 2 to raise money for Jones’ textile program. (They cannot.)

Her role in the fund-raising project centers on turning an idea into reality. In addition to curating the exhibition, she supervised the Baltimore Appliqué Society’s painstaking work of copying the design and approved the fabric selections. The names of more than 100 volunteers from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain who spent thousands of hours on the project are incorporated into the border that looks like three floral vines twisted together. The border has more than 1,200 textile pieces in it. So far, more than \$10,000 has been raised through the sale of the \$5 tickets.

Throughout her remarks, Jones appears poised, friendly and comfortable. Not until later, after all the visitors have left and she

is heading to her office, does she admit public speaking “is the least favorite part of my job.”

And try to keep up. Her 2-inch heels rapidly clack, clack, clack across the oak and maple floors in some of the fine art and furniture galleries. That sound is briefly muted as her size 5½ shoes hurry over carpets in the extensive African collection galleries and climb several dozen steps to another level. Then back to clack, clack, clacking across hardwood floors through the Cone Wing, with its bodacious, abstract Large Reclining Nude and more than 500 other paintings, sculptures and works on paper by the early 20th-century artist Henri Matisse.

Not until she drops into her chair in her office, tucked who-knows-where in the backstage area, does this study-in-motion come to a rest in her obvious sanctuary.

Much of what’s here in this windowless, well-used space reflects Jones’ life and times since graduation. One desktop holds the computer and all its catalogued data. On another is the pocket PC and its connections to associates and old friends. There is an extra desk and chair for an assistant when the BMA budget can sustain one. And books, pamphlets, documents, reports, proposals from textile exhibits past and future, sheaves of paper everywhere. There is also the sense that not much is thrown away here.

On the back wall, not all that far from the front wall, is an 80-inch mantle packed with framed photographs of a baby girl, pre-school tot, grade school class pictures and the high school graduation photo. They’re all of the same person—Jones’ niece. “I am the doting aunt,” she says



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proudly of the high school senior who is considering studying architectural design in college next year.

"Essentially, I am a workaholic," says Anita. "That's because I love it."

She does now, but textiles were not an obvious choice, given that Jones entered college as a music major. She had graduated second in her class at Kenwood High School near Middle River, intending to study clarinet and piano. "But when I realized I couldn't hear chord progressions," she says with a twinkle in her eye, "I started thinking of history as a major."

One of her mentors was, and to some extent still is, Cornelius P. Darcy, emeritus professor of history, who retired in 1998 after 35 years at the College.

"She certainly was one of my top students," Darcy says today. "She was always very focused on the work, especially American and European history. She's always very poised. She took such a serious approach to going ahead with history."

Darcy, who exchanges annual Christmas cards and who, along with his wife, has visited some of Jones' exhibitions at the BMA, encouraged her to move ahead with graduate school. She earned her first master's degree in history and historic preservation from Wake Forest University in 1981. After a Smithsonian Fellowship and jobs as curator and preservationist with the area's Carroll County Farm Museum and Union Mills Homestead, she picked up her second master's, this time in the decorative arts, which includes textiles, from the Cooper-Hewitt Museum/Parsons School of Design Program.

"I didn't have the physical toughness for archaeology," Jones says, "so I started

thinking about a career in museums."

What turned her on to Darcy's history classes were the same things that ultimately brought her to textiles.

"His classes weren't all about the politics of whatever time we were studying," she says. "That was part of it, certainly. But he also brought in all the cultural and sociological elements, such as art and music."

Like any good historian, no detail is too minute or obscure to escape her attention.

"Everyone knows she's a perfectionist," says Frances (Hiltner) Holstein, '73. "It's never finished. It's never researched enough. It always can be better. Anita will acknowledge a project done well, but then she'll tell you how much better it could be."

Holstein, along with Jones and two other classmates, still get together annually for a "Christmas" reunion that is usually held in July or August, way after the busy season. They all met early in their freshman or sophomore years in Whiteford Hall.

"Sororities were a big part of the college social life back then," says Holstein. "But they weren't for us. So we did our own thing. One of the things Anita did was study all the time. When I got to the point of not being able to take it anymore, she'd pull an all nighter."

Every so often, the women would attend a dance at Frock's in Westminster.

"It was hard to get her to do anything but study," says Janet Leitzel, '73, of Reisterstown. "She was very, very diligent about her work. She would put in hours, and hours and hours of research into a project. I admire that dedication. I'm not sure I could do that, but I admire it."

What also hasn't changed since gradua-

tion is Jones' weakness for chocolate. "She's a chocoholic," says Holstein, an English major who teaches English at Parkville Middle School. Added Leitzel, an economics major who made a career out of commercial real estate lending: "I once told Anita that not even chocolate cures turning 50."

Both women visited some of Anita's exhibitions. Leitzel observed: "Even though she can't sew a stitch, she has a great eye for design. I think she inherited her interest in textiles from her Mom."

On more than one occasion, as exhibition deadlines loomed and other resources evaporated in tight budget times, the senior Ms. Jones, who supplemented the family income as an accomplished seamstress, was pressed into service. The curator recalls that for one exhibition her mother made a fluffy petticoat that was used to give shape to a dress once worn by Mamie Eisenhower.

The women share more than their appreciation for the art of textiles. Anita Elizabeth Jones and her mother have the exact same name. That becomes a lot less confusing when you consider that "around the family, I am called Libby."

What's not confusing is the curator's career outlook: her passion for her work at the BMA is as enduring as her love of chocolate. Next time you visit the museum, you might find her in her cozy office, enjoying a Hershey's Kiss as she wonders about the lives and times of those whose hands first touched the beautiful textiles, and ponders better ways to tell their stories. •

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**Baltimore Album Quilts: Appliquéd Artistry will be on display at the Baltimore Museum of Art through May 9.**

## Singing the Praises of Nearby Masterworks



THE WALTERS ART MUSEUM, BALTIMORE

Claude Monet, *Springtime*, 1872  
The Walters' Art Museum, 600 N. Charles St. in Baltimore

"The painting features a solitary woman reading in the shade. She is dressed in white and is immersed in her reading. It is pensive, evocative and beautifully executed with a vibrancy of color and brushwork. You can 'feel' the dappled light and shadows. Bravo Monet!"

—Susan Ruddick Bloom, Professor of Art



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Henri Matisse, 1869-1954, *Blue Nude*  
The Baltimore Museum of Art, 10 Art Museum Drive in Baltimore

"My love of art comes in two forms—things I love to research as an art historian, and things that move me as a painter. As a painter, I love Matisse, and so at the BMA my favorite works are two by Matisse. I love how the BMA has displayed near one another both his *Blue Nude* and *Pink Nude*. Both of them show his love of color and paint, but also show his progression from Fauvism (*Blue Nude*) to a more flat, abstract application of color planes (*Pink Nude*)."

—Gretchen McKay, Assistant Professor of Art



ANDREW W. MELLON COLLECTION, NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON

Johannes Vermeer, *Girl with the Red Hat*, 1665/1666  
National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., located on the National Mall between Third and Ninth streets at Constitution Avenue, NW

"I think it is the intimacy of the painting combined with a certain deceptive simplicity of subject matter—a young woman fashionably dressed looking out at the viewer (or perhaps the painter). She is so familiar, stark, unavoidable, and yet so psychologically complex, remote, and unknowable at the same time. As soon as you think you've uncovered the picture's meaning, its purpose quickly shifts and vanishes as furtively as the woman's glance. It is a gem of a painting that forces one to linger over it endlessly."

—Michael Losch, Associate Professor of Art



COURTESY OF THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Katsushika Hokusai, 1760-1849, *View of Mount Fuji with a Boy and his Flute*  
The Freer Gallery of Art, in Washington, D.C., on the National Mall on Jefferson Drive at 12th St., SW

"I love this watercolor painting because to me it demonstrates a beautiful idea of peace, tranquility, and the harmony of humankind with nature. One can almost hear the sound of the rushing water, harmonizing with the music of the flute. It is a quiet feast for the senses."

—Susan Clare Scott, Assistant Professor of Art

## Report: Endowment Must Quadruple in Size to Meet Future Goals

Their mission, if they chose to accept it, was three-fold: to determine the adequacy of the College's existing endowment; to identify types of endowed funds that should be sought, and to recommend strategies to engage and inspire donors.

Accept it they did. In the waning days of 2002, a dream team of 26 high-achieving alumni and friends formed the National Committee on the Endowment and set to work. Rand Blazer '72 chaired the committee and Lee Rice '48 served as vice-chair.

On Oct. 18, 2003, committee member and new College Trustee Mary Lynn Durham '70 presented the group's findings to the Board of Trustees.

We'll spare you the long version. Here is the bottom-line:

- **McDaniel is at the bottom**, when compared to peer colleges, in terms of relative endowment size—despite significant growth from \$5.7 million in 1978 to \$55 million in fiscal year 2003.
- **A long-term endowment goal of \$200 million** should be established by the College. The committee arrived at this figure after evaluating future funding needs, particularly those detailed in the College's new strategic plan and campus master plan. The group also recognized that recent reductions in funding from the State of Maryland, as well as the College's heavy dependency on tuition, room, and board as a primary source of revenue, creates an even greater urgency.
- **The top marketable fund types**, when analyzed and ranked by criteria that included their fit with the College's strategic objectives and their likely



Mary Lynn Durham '70, along with 25 College friends and alumni, spent several months assessing the endowment and ways to increase its size.

appeal to donors, included scholarship funds, endowed funds for technology and academic chairs and professorships. Faculty development funds, lectureships, and endowed funds for the establishment of Centers for Excellence, were also recommended.

- **Inspiring donors** to support the endowment will require marketing messages that tie the need for endowment to the College's vision and strategic planning, the committee found. The group also suggested building and enhancing connections with the College community, including alumni and current donors, as well as the larger community, including regional business and community leaders. •

## State Funding of Higher Ed in Jeopardy

Severe budget cuts threaten Maryland colleges.

State aid to the 18 private colleges and universities in Maryland through the Joseph A. Sellinger Program was cut by 32 percent last year. For McDaniel, this was a reduction of over \$1 million in the current operations budget.

McDaniel and other member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) have

## Gift Highlights

### DOROTHY HOLLIDAY '30 GRAHAM \$151,960

The final distribution of a bequest made to establish the Samuel A. & Dorothy H. '30 Graham and Robert R. & Ethel H. '33 Jackson Fund. This unrestricted endowed fund is named in honor of the late Mrs. Graham, her husband Samuel, her sister Ethel, and brother-in-law, Robert.

### MARTIN K.P. & KELLY HILL \$150,000

Made to support McDaniel College's 2003-04 Annual Fund. The Annual Fund provides critical operating dollars that help reduce the College's dependency on tuition as a primary source of revenue; supports annual scholarships for students who would not otherwise be able to attend McDaniel College, and increases funding available for library acquisitions, faculty development and new technology.

banded together in a grassroots effort to keep the Sellinger Program in tact. Alumni, current students and friends of McDaniel are encouraged to participate by going to MICUA's interactive website ([www.micuaconnection.com](http://www.micuaconnection.com)), where they can contact their state senator or delegate with a few clicks of the mouse and voice their support.

The Sellinger Program assists private colleges, including McDaniel, in creating partnerships with business and industry through workforce initiatives, meeting workforce shortages in the state, strengthening community service programs, providing adequate financial aid to qualified Maryland residents, and enhancing transferability of community college students.

With just 3 percent of the State's investment in higher education, the MICUA institutions serve almost 48,000 students in Maryland and award 25 percent of all degrees conferred annually. College officials recognize that contributions to the Annual Fund and the endowment will help offset the loss of income from the Sellinger Program. "Now, more than ever, your gift will make a difference," said Rich Kief, vice president of institutional advancement. •



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## In Memoriam

**Mr. Charles E. Nusbaum Jr.** '29, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., on July 25, 2003.  
**Miss Mabel E. Smith** '29, of Galesville, Md., on July 14, 1999.

**Mrs. Catherine Hobby Neale** '31, of Richmond, Va., on July 31, 2002.

**Mrs. Ann Suttle Singer** '31, of Kinnelon, N.J., on July 28, 2002.

**Mrs. Helen Doenges Engle** '33, of Columbia, Md., on November 12, 2003.

**Mr. Joseph P. Kleinman** '33, of Gaithersburg, Md., on July 24, 2003.

**Mrs. Esther Righter Hoffman** '34, of Baltimore, Md., on August 12, 2003.

**Mrs. Sarah Fadeley Stevens** '34, of Venice, Fla., on September 12, 2003.

**Mr. John R. Bissman** '35, of Birdsboro, Pa., on July 9, 2003.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Wine Wade** '35, of Skylesville, Md., on December 7, 2003.

**Rev. Walter L. Taylor Jr.** '37, of Baltimore, Md., on December 10, 2003.

**Dr. Charles H. Williams** '37, of Baltimore, Md., on September 19, 2003.

**Mrs. Ellen Hess Sklar** '38, of Salisbury, Md., on August 23, 2003.

**Mrs. Rebecca Keith Smith** '39, of Frederick, Del., on July 2, 2003.

**Mrs. Kathryn Cochrane Newcomb** '40, of LaPlata, Md., on February 2, 2003.

**Dr. Theodore R. Bowen** '41, of Alexandria, Va., on October 30, 2003.

**Mr. L. Neilson Eckenrode** '41, of Baltimore, Md., on December 2, 2003.

**Mrs. Starr Gehr Hogenson** '41, of Luthersville, Md., on December 29, 2003.

**Rev. Dr. Donzel C. Wildey** '42, honorary doctor of divinity '67, of Wilmington, Del., on November 15, 2003.

**Mrs. Patricia White Wroten** '42, of Easton, Md., on August 31, 2003.

**Mr. T. Bosley Baugher** '43, of Baltimore, Md., on September 3, 2003.

**Mrs. Doris Kemp Boone** '46, of Baltimore, Md., on October 16, 2003.

**Mr. David C. Young** '46, of Albuquerque, N.M., on September 2, 2003.

**Mrs. Jeanne Engel Green** '48, of New Windsor, Md., on November 2, 2003.

**Dr. Jacob H. Cohen** '49, of West Palm Beach, Fla., on April 16, 2003.

**Mr. Raymond B. Via Sr.** '49, of Phoenix, Md., on October 27, 2003.

**Mrs. Virginia Clayton Bowman** '50, of Catonsville, Md., on August 16, 2003.

**Dr. Park J. Ranck** '51, of Newmans-town, Pa., on August 10, 2002.

**Mr. J. Earl Zile** '51, of Sun City Center, Fla., on October 15, 2003.

**Mrs. Audrey Phillips Langrall** '53, of Swannanoa, N.C., on November 22, 2003.

**Mr. Robert C. Schnitzer** '53, of Hawthorne, N.Y., in September 2002.

**Mrs. Patricia Fetcho Hart** '54, of Murrells Inlet, S.C., on October 30, 2003.

**Mr. Royal A. Lynch** '54, of Wilmington, Del., on September 15, 1993.

**Mrs. Marianne Renshaw Hynd** '55, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., on December 5, 2001.

**Col. Edward P. Smith** '55, of Alexandria, Va., on August 23, 2003.

**Mrs. Harriett Cooley Whitehurst** '55, of Bel Air, Md., on December 18, 2003.

**Mrs. Florie Willis Bimester** '58, of Elliott City, Md., on December 28, 2003.

**Lt. Col. Vance S. Laubach MEd** '58, of Chambersburg, Pa., on July 3, 2002.

**Mrs. Diane Basil Steele** '58, of Annapolis, Md., on August 17, 2003.

**Mr. William B. Yates III** '51, of Salisbury, Md., on September 28, 2003.

**Mrs. Diana Pettigrew Strickland** '63, of Lexington Park, Md., on October 2003.

**Dr. John K. Elseroad Jr.** '65, of Hampstead, Md., on November 27, 2003.

**Lt. Col. Clair G. Myers, MEd** '72, of Mill Hall, Pa., on April 27, 2003.

**Mr. Demetrios I. Mallios** '74, of Carlisle, Pa., on September 8, 2003.

**Ms. Sylvie D. Leigh, MEd** '77, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 27, 2003.

**Mrs. Dorothy Marsh Martin, MEd** '79, of Frederick, Md., on July 27, 2003.

**Mr. Randy M. Halsey** '80, of Berlin, Md., on December 29, 2003.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Yingling Hossler** '89, of Westminster, Md., on January 1, 2004.

**Dr. Joshua R. Wheeler**, honorary doctor of humane letters 1975, of Towson, Md., on October 13, 2003.

## Marriages

**Judy Johnson Zerbe** '55 to Charles Kampmann on March 1, 2003. They reside in Sunrise, Ore.

**Jennifer Mahle** '87, MS'93 to Roger Gauret on July 11, 2003. They reside in Columbia, Md.

**Jessica Barlow** '92, MS'99 to Robert Howell '91 on September 6, 2003. They reside in Brambleton, Va.

**Kevin Bernhardt** '97 to Kristin Derriocott on March 4, 2003. They reside in Aston, Pa.

**Ann Bevans** '97 to David Selig on April 4, 2003. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

**Cathy Pech** '97 to Earl Kipler Jr. on August 23, 2003. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

**Julie Sanders** '97 to Cory Donovan on July 19, 2003. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

## YOUR TIME TO SHINE

When it comes to the Class Notes, everybody is big news. We want to hear what's been happening in your life—and so do your classmates. Class columns appearing in the Summer issue of *The Hill* include: 2003, 1998, 1992, 1986, 1985, 1980, 1974, 1968, 1962, 1956, 1950, 1944, 1938, 1932. Remember to send updates to your class reporter. Don't know who that is? Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 410/857-2296 or e-mail [leyler@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:leyler@mcDaniel.edu)

**Ahsan Latif** '99 to Nilufer Yasmin on March 21, 2003. They reside in Thorndale, Pa.

**Laura Watson** '99 to Raymond Grabowski III on November 15, 2003. They reside in Germantown, Md.

**Carrie Ann Herb** '00 to Joseph Schultz on August 6, 2003. They reside in North Carolina

**Michelle Hughes** '00 to Chad Benson on May 31, 2003. They reside in Sparks, Md.

**Laurel Monroe** '00 to Matthew Enoch '99 on August 16, 2003. They reside in New York, N.Y.

**Kristi Simon** '00 to Cameron Chesnik '98 on March 22, 2003. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

**Sarah Amass** '01 to Brad Jenkins on July 19, 2003. They reside in New Market, Md.

**Jennifer Boyer** '01 to Kevin Dooley '01 on October 18, 2003.

**Jennifer Martin** '01 to John Knight on June 21, 2003. They reside in Sharpsburg, Md.

**Karen Elaine Orchard** '01 to Darren Collins on September 20, 2003. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

**Rebekah Schnapp** '01 to Keith Long '02 on August 2, 2003. They reside in Princeton, N.J.

**Laura Anne Shockney** '01 to Shawn Bakis on September 27, 2003. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

**Joanne Tracey MS** '02 to Robert Berg on July 26, 2003. They reside in Elicott City, Md.

**Darby Elizabeth Yealy MS** '02 to Kevin Sanko on October 25, 2003. They reside in Littlestown, Pa.

**Rebecca Staub** '03 to Heath Davis on November 14, 2003. They reside in New Oxford, Pa.

## Births

**Jacob Bradley Ludlow** on February 14, 2003 to Robert '86 and Mindy Ludlow.

**Christopher Ryan Gauret** on October 20, 2003 to Roger and Jennifer Mahle '87, MS'93 Gauret.

**Ashley Elizabeth and Lauren Nicole Cursey** on January 6, 2003 to Douglas and Tamara Mahan '91 Cursey.

**Sage Morine Lague** in January 2003 to Steven and Denise Fleck '91 Lague.

**Cameron Anthony Phillips** on November 6, 2002 to Mark and Melanie D'Amore '91, MS'92 Phillips.

**Cooper Michael Saks** on September 2, 2003 to Michael and Sharon Landis '91 Saks.

**Nora Catherine Bergen Sullivan** on August 7, 2003 to John '91 and Kim Bergen '92 Sullivan.

**Peter Fitzgerald McGill** on June 19, 2003 to Gerald and Tracy Eagan '92 McGill.

**Jacob Ezra Vogel** on July 23, 2003 to Richard and Sandra Vogel '92, MS'96.

**Caroline Davenport Spire** on September 27, 2002 to Bill '93 and Heather Wakefield '93 Spire.

**Analiess Hudson Weber** on November 22, 2003 to Russ '93 and Keri Sellenberg MS'00 Weber.

**Andrew Scott Betson** on June 21, 2003 to Scott '94 and Elizabeth Wagner '93 Betson.

**Grace Ruth Kipp-McGowan** on August 9, 2002 to Chad '96 and Sarah Kipp-McGowan '95, MS'97.

**Riley Elizabeth Edwards** on March 22, 2003 to Brett '97 and Tracy Edwards.

**Grace Lola Johnson** on October 6, 2003 to Ryan '97 and Shelby John.

**Delaney Olivia Retzlaff** on January 6, 2004 to Todd '97 and Kim Haker '96 Retzlaff.

**Owen Thomas Sherrin** on June 6, 2003 to Tom and Sherry Berniel '97 Ryan.

## Master's Column

In November 2003, **Dr. Bernard Franklin MEd** '78 joined the NCAA staff as senior vice-president for governance and membership. He was president of Virginia Union (Richmond, Va.) since June 1999 and he also served as chief executive officer at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C., and Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, N.C. Bernard is a former vice-chair of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and served as a member of the NCAA Executive Committee.

**Marianne Hazel MS** '98 received her doctor of education degree in educational leadership from Immaculata College on Aug. 23, 2003. She is an assistant professor at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

**Alexander Young MS** '02, of Austin, Texas, has been hired as an instructor in the English for Speakers of Other Languages and Foreign Language Department at Monroe Community College.

# CLASSNOTES

## Honor Class Notes

### 1929

**Mary Lee "Polly" Darby MacLea**, sends greetings from the world's best "retirement" home in San Angelo, Texas. She said that she's "blessed to be able to participate in most activities and blessed to be able to boast about two beautiful children (retired), six wonderful grandchildren and 20 or more healthy, extraordinary, smart greets!"

**Virginia Holland Nicoll**, celebrated her 95th birthday with citations from the Bushes, Governor Ehrlich, Senator Barbara Mikulski, Representative Wayne Gilchrest, the House of Delegates, Senator Paul Sarbanes and many friends. Virginia sends greetings to her fellow classmates. She remains busy by driving, swimming at the YMCA, walking, playing bridge, attending church, playing piano and visiting sick friends. That is indeed pretty good for a 95-year-old!

### 1931

**Catherine Lynch Bass** is in an assisted living facility in Wilmington, Del. **Mildred Cutler Benjamin** is enjoying retirement in Port Deposit, Md., after several years of teaching high school English.

**Ruth Kelbaugh Hickel** is in good health and mobile with the help of a cane. She lives alone in the family home, which was built in 1955. She has two sons, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Catherine Downing Holcombe** has been living at the Methodist Manor House in Seaford, Del., for the past five years. She keeps busy with the many activities provided there and is enjoying her retirement. Catherine sends her best to everyone.

**Ralph Mark Reed** says, "Life flows along on its daily routine." Each April he drives to Miami to visit his niece and in October to Absecon, N.J., to visit his sister.

**Helen Myers Stackhouse** was moved into a retirement home in Columbia, Md.

Many thanks for the responses. I truly appreciate you sharing your lives with me and allowing me to update your fellow classmates and *The Hill* readers. Take care!  
Rhonda J. Myers '88  
Honor Class News Reporter  
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### 1937

Many thanks to all who sent me a reply. It is good to know that you are still with us.

**Margaret "Peggy" Young Bailey** has been living at Blakeshure, a retirement facility in Towson, for six years and is grateful for the good care there. She has 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Paul Wooden** and **Peggie** are also living at Blakeshure. He is still active, continuing to serve on the Board of Directors of Farmers & Merchants Bank (for over 45 years). He has a law office at Loveton Center for part-time work. He is enjoying golf.

**Grayson Brandenburg Fleming Clarke** has been a resident at Fairhaven Retirement Center in Sykesville for eight years. She is coping with having to be on oxygen all of the time. She cherishes her WMC license plate and fond memories of Western Maryland College.

**Sue Hance Shipley Clabaugh**, blessed with good health, is able to live alone in her home, drive her car and enjoy family and friends. She says, "Am glad to be alive."

**Louise Shipley Fillion** traveled last year with her family from her home in Riverton, Wyo., to Alaska and New Jersey, and this year to Maryland and Pennsylvania. She volunteers at three libraries and is the church librarian.

**Dr. Everett Fogle**, of Martinsburg, W. Va., has been retired since 1986 and has enjoyed observing his sons in their medical practice, one a graduate of Medical School of Virginia and the other of Johns Hopkins Medical School.

**Dorothy "Dot" Hull Brown** reports a quiet year of playing bridge and shopping the malls. Her oldest daughter has moved in with her.

**Dorothy Twigg Grumbine and Klee '36**, of St. Joseph, Mich., are thankful to be in good health and are enjoying family reunions. She enjoys arranging flowers for church and working in her yard.

**Ralph Luman**, of Virginia Beach, said that he retired from his last job 26 years ago and from the Army in 1961. He and Wilma are going through preparations to move into a retirement facility.

**Arline "Hut" Hudson Marvill** is thankful to be in good health and to be able to get out with friends.

A happy comment from **Lillian Moore Bradshaw** from Dallas is, "Life is good—family, friends, and fun!"  
**Robert McKenzie**, of Killingsworth,

Conn., refers to "cussed old age." He and Faith has three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He still hopes to "get to WMC for a reunion."

**Fredrick Tyrrell** writes from Illinois that he reflects on the rewards of having graduated from the college 66 years ago. He is thankful for good health, time for reading and family, and is concerned over world issues.

**Sarabelle Blackwell Steele**, of Sun City, Ariz., reported that her husband died in December 2000. They had moved into the Royal Oak Retirement Center a few years ago and she continues to live there. She has been able to travel, visiting her children in San Francisco and Orange in California and Rye, N.H., and touring Ireland.

**Janet Smith Wampler**, of Hanover, Pa., uses a walker but is still able to drive to appointments. She has been a widow for 12 years. Grandchildren are in Georgia, Tennessee, California and Florida.

**Annie Sansbury Warman** still lives alone on her farm and writes with a cane. She is still active, writing letters, reading two newspapers a day, and getting out to church and with friends.

**Charles Herman Williams**, who had been enjoying an active retirement at the Charlestown facility in Catonsville, passed away in September 2003. The obituary in the Maryland section of *The Sun* of September 25 reveals a life of hard work, compassion, dedication, generosity, and gratitude. Until about three months before he died he went on rounds at St. Agnes Hospital. A few years ago Charlie and wife Margaret established a scholarship fund at WMC (McDaniel). Survivors are Margaret, two sons, one daughter, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Walter Taylor**, a former *Evening Sun* sports writer who later became an ordained United Methodist church deacon, died of Alzheimer's disease on Dec. 10, 2003, at Charlestown Retirement Community. Survivors are Alta, a daughter and four granddaughters.

We moved into a cottage at William Hill Manor, Easton, in January 1998 and are still there. Marvin retired in August 1986 as an associate judge on the Court of appeals but continued to sit where needed until about two years ago. He has had a neurological condition, mainly affecting his right leg, that has become worse over the years and now he is unable to get around without a walker, wheelchair or a scooter. My complaints are not so bothersome. I was secretary to the Residents' Association for four years until September 2003, am trying to master the computer, and attend the Board of Trustees meetings when I can get someone to drive me.

Our son, Hugh, a Salisbury University graduate, lives nearby, just outside of Denton. Our oldest, **Melissa Smith Barnes '72** lives in Littleton, Pa., and the youngest Sally Pettigrew (Salisbury University) is in Jacksonville, Fla.

Rebecca Groves Smith  
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Easton, MD 21601-3830

### 1943

The Alumni Office agrees with **Don Bunce** when he says, "This should be a time to give sincere

thanks to **Jean Bentley Thompson** for her tireless efforts and special dedication to the Class of '43. She has fulfilled this "labor of love" over many years and we love her for it. Our prayers are with you, Jean, as you battle your vision problem." Don also adds two sad notes to his card. **Bo Baugher** passed away on Sept. 2, 2003. His memorial service was attended by many classmates and a large gathering of residents at his retirement village. Also, **George Billingslea**, a long-time college historian, died in September.

**Mary Virginia Walker Metzger** is still active and enjoying friends and family. This summer she took a tour to Austria and Switzerland. Her other frequent trips are to Charleston and Atlanta. Otherwise, she takes advantage of productions at the community theater and the Peace Center in Greenville, S.C.

**Virginia Phillips** enjoyed seeing everyone at the 60th reunion. She still enjoys traveling, reading and walking. She went to Spain in March and to the Dalmatian Coast, Ravenna and Venice with **Sara Belle Hoale Walker** in October.

How fortunate **Eleanor Healy Taylor** is to have her daughters and their husbands, her seven grandchildren and her sister all living in Glyndon where she can enjoy them every day. A new granddaughter was added to the clan this year. Eleanor is looking forward to the whole family coming to her house for Christmas and staying the week, even though they live just around the corner. Eleanor is still busy with church, choir, teaching Sunday school, historic preservation activities and writing a column for a weekly paper. She does lots of spectating at her grandchildren's sports and is looking at colleges with her oldest grandson, a senior at Franklin High in Reisterstown.

The year 2003 has been a rough one for **William Myers**. He had two major surgeries. During his recuperation period he and wife **Irene Van Fossen** and I took a bus trip around Iceland. Their next trip will be a cruise for his Air Force reunion in the spring of 2004. One grandson just graduated from Frostburg, one is a senior at Appalachian State, one is a freshman at West Virginia University, and one is a high school senior looking at colleges.

**Bob and Perk Haller '46** enjoy retirement in Westminster and begin McDaniel College functions and expansions of the college campus. Their fond memories of their WMC years remain as well as the friendships of 60-plus years. Bob says doctor's appointments seem to supercede social ones, but he has no complaints. They anticipate moving to a retirement complex in Hanover, Pa., in January 2004, which is only 15 miles from Westminster.

**Milton Huber** says, "Over 60 years ago I chose WMC as a college because it was cheap, close to home

and friendly. High school classmates were there. With a partial scholarship, \$500 a year earned through summer jobs got me through. I couldn't afford a private college, like McDaniel College today. What happens to high school graduates with potential but limited resources today? One help today are the state 529 programs.

With seven grandchildren from college age to infancy we are fortunate to have the funds to set up 529 programs for all of them. Hopefully some of you might enjoy doing the same for your grandchildren if you are able." Family gatherings with their four children highlight Milton and Ruth Miles' 45 days whenever possible. The only health problem Milton has is shortness of breath and Diabetes II. He tries to walk daily. It is still able to drive the 400-plus miles to their lake cottage for the summer.

**Mary Frances Hawkins Galbreath** had plans all day to attend the 60th reunion. Sam's 40 accidental death in the health care dining room left everyone stunned. However, Sam Jr. and two granddaughters joined Mary Frances in Westminster for the memorial service in Little Baker and lunch before proceeding to Jarrettsville for a beautiful military burial in the family church yard. Mary Frances says, "Being with my classmates as well as Sam's made it easier—it is very lonely in Texas. Thank you to all of you as I face my new life."

**Luce Grow and Wes '42 Sheffield** still reside in Nokomis, Fla., where they continue to write, and lead discussion groups—Wes in creative writing, Luce in women's studies. They also both teach at Pierian Springs, a senior academy in Sarasota. They visit their son, David, and three grandchildren in Atlanta frequently and they summer in Vermont.

**Marie Steele Cameron** had a shoulder operation, which has curtailed her activities. She states, "They say the eighties are the glorious years?"

**Fraser Scott** says, "The 60th reunion beat the odds on how many returned and how cheering it was to be back in touch, wonderful close class of a great generation." They enjoy going to grandchildren's sports events then having a meal together with them and their friends. They met to "the Hill" for football games and introduce others to the campus.

**John Rawlins** says, "Jean, June and I missed you at the 60th. Hope you are doing better." John retired from medical practice 12 years ago. He and June recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. They are blessed with four sons, four nice daughters-in-law, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They enjoy seeing classmates and other alumni.

**Don '41 and Marty Hodson Honeman** sold their home in Westminster after 23 happy years and moved to Carroll Lutheran Village in January. It was a big adjustment to downsizing, but all is going well and they are finding many alumni living among them. They've slowed down in their travel due to

Marty's multiple myeloma, which is cancer of the bone marrow. There is no cure, but it is treatable. They take short trips close to home and look forward to a week in Florida with Bill '41 and Mickey Reynolds '41 Adolph in late January.

**Francis "Bud" Blair** had a stroke in June '03. After speech and physical therapy he is now playing golf three times a week. Gerry is busy with bridge, bocce, golf and mah-jongg and in good health. Son Kevin is a full colonel in the Air Force and still in Germany. Daughter, Barbara lives and works in Schenectady, N.Y. She is running for city council in November.

**Joseph Elliott's** wife sent a note that Joe is a patient in Seaford Health Care in Seaford, Del. For those that would like to send him a note, his address is Seaford Health Care, 1100 Norman Eskridge Highway, Room 112-A, Seaford, DE 19733.

**Louise Fug Dubin's** husband was hit by a car and died from the injuries on July 5, 2002. She is still adjusting but has had a lot of help especially from her son. Charles and Louise had been married 52 years. Charles earned a degree in law from the University of Baltimore. He did a lot of work for the Federal Bar Association and was editor of their newsletter for many years.

**Verna Cooper Preston** is still working full time at Verna Preston Insurance Inc. The office is built on the back of her house. She has two part-time employees. She travels with her son as much as possible. They took a wonderful trip to Alaska in August. They also attended a dinner and gala opening of the New York Metropolitan Opera in September. They planned to go to the Met's Christmas show in December. She is still a member of the Baltimore Opera Company and an active member in church choir and a philanthropic education organization called PEO. Verna stays in touch with **Dotty Cox Liebno's** daughter, and **Harry Lowery '40, Marie Crawford Lowery's** husband.

**Lee and Pearl Bodmer Lodge** remain well, but have currently restricted their travels to short trips. Their family continues to enjoy their annual beach vacations at Stone Harbor, N.J. Pearl says, "The 60th class reunion was the highlight for all of who were able to attend: **Dorry Jones Earll, Bertha Belt Fallows, Mary Frances Hawkins Galbreath, Mary "Jackie" Jackson Moore, Ginny Bell Huff, Frances Ogden Moore, Virginia Phillips, Betty Neidert Smith, Peggy Moss Zenke, Winnie Wareheim Connor, Eleanor Healy Taylor, Marty Hodson Honeman, Maude Wilson Shirey, Sara Belle Veale Walker, Bob Beglin, Don Bunce, Josh Ensor, Warren Ledford, Klein Leister, Frasier Scott, Benjamin Smith, Willis Witter, John "Nemo" Robinson, Francis "Bud" Blair, Harry "Abe" Gruel, Alvin Levin, John "Rock" Rawlins, Pearl Bodmer Lodge, and Lee Lodge.** Those of you unable to come were missed and remembered."

This column was compiled by the Alumni Office for **Jean Bentley Thompson**.

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**Karen Herr '76 and Bill '76 Mallonee** live in Owensboro, Ky. Steve and Nancy live in Lake Tahoe and Jim and Katie in Lake Worth, Fla. Ober says, "With eight grandchildren ranging from college to preschool, we are blessed with a loving family and our associated experiences are many."

**George Higgin** is continuing with choir and organ in Perryville and Port Deposit, Md., with Presbyterian Community Chorus. He and Nellie took after one grandchild, George IV, most of the week. They had planned to be in Eastern Europe for a few weeks in August and September 2003.

**Anna Engler Martin** continues to live in Owings Mills, Md., even though her husband died last year. Her time is occupied with volunteer work, travel, and taking classes at the community college. Anna sends greetings to the Class of '49.

**Katharine Manlove Jester** writes from Chesapeake City, Md., that she sees no alumni unless she comes to Baltimore, since the Wilmington, Del., alumni group has disbanded.

**Howard Hall** still resides at Heritage Harbour, a retirement community in Annapolis, Md. He continues to volunteer at the Anne Arundel County Free School, Governor's Mansion, local and state retired teachers' associations and Scholarships for Scholars. Howard says he will not pass up an opportunity for travel.

**William Ehlers** writes from Forest Hill, Md., that he has finished work on *The Capitol*, a newsletter keeping track of members of his WWII unit, the 217th General Hospital. He worked on this project from 1992 to 2002. Bill

sends his winter address—2331 Belleair Rd. Lot 523, Clearwater, FL 33764; (727) 531-6003.

**Betty Becker Wentz** sends her address—105 Limerick Circle Unit 104, Timonium, MD, 21093.

**Ruby Williams Browning** writes that she and Marvin are enjoying retirement from teaching in Martinsburg, W. Va. Daughter and grandson live nearby. She and Marvin plan to attend her 55th reunion.

**Annette McMahon Wood** and husband David have moved to Homewood at Plum Creek, a continuing care retirement community in Hanover, Pa. She says that it is really nice to have no leaves to rake, no snow to shovel or grass to cut.

**Dr. William Seibert** writes from Palmyra, Pa., that he is "still trying to play golf." Says his oldest grandchild, John, was married in July 2003 in St. Lucia, Caribbean. Bill finds much enjoyment in the fact that another grandchild, **Chris '04**, is playing baseball for **son Dave '78** at McDaniel College.

**George A. Coulter** writes from Coloma, Md., that he was so busy doing all the yard work that the summer of 2003 required that he had difficulty finding enough days to play golf with his brother. George continues to do the finances for his church. His wife, Helen, works with Meals On Wheels. George says that retirement is still great after 15 years. He says, "Hello and best wishes to all!"

**Betty Rank Summers** wrote from Hamilton, N.Y., of the deaths of her husband, **Linden "Doc" Summers '48** on June 26, 2001, and her brother **Park Rank '51** on Aug. 10, 2002. She was also unhappy about the name change. Betty's son is a lawyer and her daughter was finishing a nursing degree. One of Betty's grandsons graduated from Bard and was going to Bolivia as a volunteer writer for a progressive magazine.

Another grandson was to be a senior at Virginia Tech having won first place in a national contest for landscape architecture. Betty keeps in touch with **Tom and Margaret Ann Simpkins Larsen** in Princess Anne, Md.

Word from **Dr. George Walters** is that biographical profiles of Sherwood George Walters can be found in several directories: *Who's Who in America 2003* and *Who's Who In The 21st Century 2003*.

According to **Jim Leonard**, McDaniel College is a great name honoring a distinguished Eastern Shoreman, Jim

## SEND YOUR HOT PROSPECTS TO CAMPUS

Alumni who encourage prospective McDaniel students to make a personal visit to the Hill can help them apply to the College for free. Under this new incentive program, the application fee will be waived when a prospective student schedules an official visit with the Admissions staff prior to the time of application. The student will need to provide the name of the recommending alumnus at the time of the visit. An official visit includes Summer Information Day, Fall Open Houses, Saturday Information Sessions and Weekday Interviews. Call 410/857-2230 to make an appointment.

says that they are on the verge of committing to what appears to be a nice retirement community under construction in Albany, N.Y. He also says that maybe they can find a jazz trio or a theatre group in honor of Esther Smith. He sends best wishes to all.

**Jack and Doris Vansant Blades** have made a big move from San Diego, Calif., to a retirement facility in Manchester, N.H., to be near two of their three daughters. Less than three months after the move, travel plans were cancelled when Jack had major surgery. Life is slower but they plan to be on the road again in the not-too-distant future.

**Jan Silcox Baldwin** writes from Chestertown, Md., that she has two great-grandchildren in Pennsylvania. She keeps in touch, by travel and computer, with friends, family and 12 grandchildren all over the U.S. Jean sees a few classmates, travels and still loves to cook and bake. She says the years in the Home Economics lab paid off.

**Dr. Peter Callas** says he's devoting much time trying to stay healthy and helping five non-profit groups as a volunteer. He added a greenhouse to gardening chores. In addition, Pete has been working for several years to have a long overdue Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded to Glen Miller, posthumously, for his public service. He's also working to have the war correspondents who were killed in Iraq memorialized at Gathland State Park. Pete is also trying to acquire additional land from the University of Maryland Research farm for enlarging the Washington County, Md., Ag Center. In June, Pete and wife Margaret went on a 7,000-mile journey west revisiting our national parks.

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**Lloyd and Charlotte Goodrich Hoover** are healthy, busy and enjoying life at Buckingham's Choice, a retirement community in Frederick, Md. Their family lives close by. Lloyd "Bob" has stepped down as president of Federated Charities in downtown Frederick after eight years. Now he's chairing the Resident Services Committee and serving on the board at Buckingham's Choice. Char is still painting and chairing art activities such as museum trips and exhibits and has begun giving art history lectures to residents. Both are active in church work and sing in the choir. In their spare time they attend Elderhostels in the U.S. and Canada as well as get together with friends at Buckingham's Choice, some are college classmates. They are pleased with the McDaniel College

name and Dr. Joan Coley.

**Mary Anne Thomas Staszek** writes from Wilmington, Del., that she and husband Dick celebrated their 50th anniversary at a family affair at their family home in Yarmeeting Lake, N.H., near Wolfeboro. Daughter and family live next door full time. Dick served at a United Methodist church as interim pastor in 2002 and 2003 so they are in retirement for the second time. Mary Anne and Dick are well and keep busy with volunteer work and occasional trips. They look forward to moving into a retirement community in 2004 and plan to attend the 55th class reunion.

Word from **Don Egner** from White Marsh, Md., is that he and wife Leona are doing well. Granddaughter Sara Egner graduated from Peabody Institute in Baltimore and is now teaching music in Harford County, Md. Don placed second in both 5K and 10K runs in the Maryland Senior Olympics, which qualifies him for the Nationals. He sends best wishes.

**Stan and Arlene Chen '47 Hamilton** celebrated their 55th anniversary in 2002 in Scotland and the Outer Hebrides. Their 56<sup>th</sup> was spent on a "Pub Tour" of Ireland. Stan says, their ceremony in 1947 in Baker Chapel with the late John Bayley Jones officiating seems like yesterday.

**Jan Conaway Wagner and Bob '48** are enjoying a busy retirement life through church activities, visits with friends and family and travel. Highlight of summer '03 was spending a week at Smith Mountain Lake with 13 family members including children and grandchildren and enjoying a great time.

**Mary Ada 'Tata' Twigg Wolliver** writes from Skyview, Md., that she feels fortunate that she chose Fairhaven Continuing Care Retirement Community as her home three years ago. All four children and their families live within a 30-minute drive and she is happy to be able to share in school and sports activities with her nine grandchildren. Her youngest son, Tom, wife and children moved from the South to buy her home on Winchester Drive. 'Tata' hopes to see many classmates at the 55th reunion.

**Jacqueline Bllick Fuss** writes that after 13 years of farming/gardening she and **Harold '45** decided to downsized and move to an apartment complex in Roanoke, Va., in July '03. They are glad not to have to worry with mowing but they do miss the garden and fresh vegetables. Jackie says the views of the Blue Ridge Mountains are magnificent. Her address is 6509 Carefree Lane #102, Roanoke, VA 24019.

**Claude Libis** and wife Anne enjoy spring, summer and fall in their log cabin on the coast of Maine. Claude is learning to sail his Pearson 28-foot sloop. Anne drives her horse and carriage up the once rural roads but constant development is threatening. Many volunteer efforts keep winter months busy.

**Margaret Buderer Bivin** reports that she got a new hip two years ago and it works perfectly. Her sixth grandchild, a

granddaughter, was born in January 2003. Betsy has made a few trips from Sarasota, Fla., to Virginia where her daughter lives, and to California. Betsy sees **Shirley Brooks Powell** during the winter. She continues with volunteer work and church choir. During the "season" Betsy attends theater, lectures and the opera with **Elyane Close Peabody '50**. Summer is quiet with lots of pool time.

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Word from **Don and Joanne Dillon Lichty** is that they are well and that things are about the same with three children and two grandchildren. They have now added two great-grandsons. Joanne and Don continue to spend five months of the year in Florida.

Word from **George Hankins** in Cockeysville, Md., is that the motor home keeps them busy on the East Coast and Canada with winter vacations in Mexico and Hilton Head, Ga. He sees **Joe Thompson '48** often at the Hunt Valley, Md., Golf Club. George says yard work and flowers keep him busy. He sends regards.

**Duane Boyer** wrote from Victoria, Australia, that he was completing his Ph.D. thesis at Deakin University in men's issues and their defining moments. Later he wants to return to painting and collages and start exhibiting again. Duane works out and takes yoga classes so he says he's "a somewhat relaxed person." His older son lives outside Los Angeles and another son lives in Boston. His sisters and brother **Roger Saltzgraver '42** live around the Baltimore area. He's sorry to miss the reunion and says, "Enjoy it."

**Lenore Hoffman Loock** wrote from May's Chapel North in Timonium, Md., that they are enjoying their new condo. Harry had a knee replacement in 2003 and is doing very well. Lennie and Harry have three grandchildren in college, two will be graduating in the Spring '04. Lennie says they've done a lot of traveling overseas and in the U.S. and look forward to the 55th reunion.

Word from **James H. Ogden Jr.** in Huntington, Md., is that he's "keeping on" with volunteer work, Bible study, grandchildren and gardening. In his free moments, Jim continues his research concerning WWII Company L.

**Frank Stephenson** wrote from Rockville, Md., that the summer of 2003 was much quieter than the previous year when they celebrated their 50th anniversary with lots of company, many parties and topped it off with a cruise to the Scandinavian capitals, St. Petersburg, Russia and Tallinn, Estonia. They became great-grandparents for the second time in 2003 by Judy's son Christopher. Youngest daughter and family live in Accident, Md., near

Deep Creek Lake. In October 2003, Frank was planning to meet son David and Linda in Honolulu for a cruise around the Islands. Their older son lives in North Carolina and younger son is attending the University of Alaska in Fairbanks majoring in computer science.

**Shirley Brooks Powell** tells us that retirement is great and that she and Jim continue to enjoy travel and golf. Shirley loves to paint in oils. Granddaughter Cindy is married and teaching music in a Baltimore County middle school. "Grandmom" loves to give her the benefit of experience but wasn't sure it was always appreciated.

**James Ward Jump** has had to give up golf because of bad knees. Jim says, "Probably should have given it up sooner for other than non-medical reasons." Oldest granddaughter is a sophomore at the University of Maryland. "Grandpa" was proud of his freshman year 4.0. Jim says not much news from this part of Columbia, Md.

**Joseph A. Maciejczyk** writes from Sparta, N.J., that he still attends his WWII army reunions. **Ralph Smith Jr.** writes from Jacksonville, Fla., of his college memories, including summer MYP camps with young people who later came as students. He enjoyed seeing **Jack Spicknell, Joe Wilson '48** and Fletcher Ward at a football game when the Green Terror defeated Jacksonville University in 1999. "Rev" remembers fraternity days fondly and sends regards to the class of '49. His older sister graduated in 1944, a brother in '51 and a nephew in '52. Rev's father was a classmate of **Dr. Fred Holloway '38** and a classmate of Jack Spicknell's father at Drew University. He says, "Thanks for the memories."

Word from **Anne Shupper Schwarzkopf** is that she and Jerry have been retired in Sarasota, Fla., for nine years, celebrated their 50th anniversary and that they are still enjoying the usual activities. For Anne there's string quartet (she's cello), orchestra, ESL tutoring, golf, and travel, most recently to Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Morocco. Jerry is busy with local government boards and committees and hosting for Rotary foreign visitors. Anne says it's a great life and they are thankful to be so fortunate.

Word from **Jack and Ginny Hale '52 Spicknell** is that fortunately they are enjoying good health. He's still playing golf four times a week. Oldest grandson John started at the University of Georgia this past fall. Jack says, "Who's getting old?"

**Gay Smith Mulican** wrote that life for her is a routine of trying to stay physically fit and tutoring for the Literacy Council of Frederick County. However, she says she took a break Christmas 2002. It was her first without her husband, **Charley '50** (deceased in January '02), at her side and it turned out to be a good way to help chase away all those memories of their Christmases together.

**Alice Brodrick Scliepi** reports that

she and Bob are well. They stay in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., half the year and go south to 6866 Wexford Way, Port St. Lucie, Fla., for the cold months. Alice sends regards and would like to hear from Class of '49 friends.

Retirement is especially wonderful for **George and Louise Stagg Spittel** in the Maryland C.C.R.C. of Fairhaven for the past six years enjoying the many facilities and automatic "pecks." They say it's really great when their son and his family including sons, 6 and 10, can enjoy all the facilities together as a family without ever having to leave their home on the 300-acre campus.

Received word and illustrations from artist **Helen Lavin Bell** from her studio at 6359 Dulcet Place, Riverside, Calif. 92506. Enclosed were snapshots of her lovely California mission paintings and a photo of Helen with her acrylic and gold leaf painting featured at one of the events at the Riverside Art Museum. Helen is a juried member of the National Association of Women Artists, a member of the California Art Club and has recently joined the Southern California Plein Air Painters Club. Helen works in a traditional manner with oils, but in a contemporary manner with acrylics, handmade paper and metal. She has been chosen for inclusion in *Who's Who in the West*.

I am sorry to report that word from **C. Russell Schaeffer Jr.** was that his wife of 56 years **Phyllis Green Schaeffer** '44 passed away on May 2, 2003.

**Rita Ritter Ensminger** and husband Bill travel every chance they get but still love coming home to their retirement community in Lancaster, Pa. Western Marylanders, by any other name, are among their closest friends and they hope to see many '49ers at the upcoming reunion.

**Fletcher** and I visited Doris and Bill Ensminger in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., in 2003 and saw them often in Maryland and Pennsylvania as well. Travel for Fletcher and me to New Smyrna Beach, Fla., was always enjoyable especially in July with daughter and grandchildren. In the meantime it was grandchildren, soccer games and family get-togethers. We also enjoyed seeing friends at McDaniel College functions such as Homecoming, the Home Economics Reunion, the art exhibit, a winning football game, and the Holiday Buffet later in November. We look forward to the 55th reunion.

**Allen "Jake" Jacobson** sent greetings and said he hoped there would be a good response to the request for news from the '49ers. There was a great response! Thanks to all!

It is sad to report these deaths and we send condolences from the Class of '49: **Betsy Ann Taylor Griffith** on February 23, 2002; **Audrey Louise Dixon** on March 10, 2002; **Roy Lewis Rowan** on August 24, 2002; **Mildred Irene Pinner** on September 28, 2002; **Jay Martin Poland**, January 6, 2003; **Jacob H. Cohen**, April 16, 2003, and **Raymond Bernard Via Sr.** on October 27, 2003.

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It was great to hear from so many, especially those who had not responded in quite a while.

**Martha Nicholson Bortner** and Ernest wrote from Satellite Beach, Fla., that their biggest news was the birth of their first great-grandchild in August. She is making music—working with a youth hand-bell choir, hand bell solo instructing, singing in a vocal choir and coordinating her church music department. Florida has been a wonderful change for them.

**Dick '54 and Doris Tuckwood Linton** continue to enjoy retired life in the Sarasota, Fla., area. They work out at the YMCA, play duplicate bridge and take advantage of the many cultural activities available to them.

**Mary Warner Swadell** had a dream come true when she was able to travel her Baldwin spin piano for a Steinway-designed Boston grand piano reminiscent of the nine-foot concert grands she played at Peabody many years ago. She flew East in April to visit high school friends and relatives in the Towson, Md., area. She is still working at their business in Henderson, Nev., but is trying to retire—she says Bob is not listening or going deaf. Since trading their big motor home for a smaller one they have taken several trips including one to the rim of the Grand Canyon.

**Suzanne Dorsey Batista and John '56** had a great visit with Jay "Gus" and Priscilla McCoy '56 LaMar during the summer. They also visited Carol Coleman Carter and met Jim Whitehurst by chance on the boardwalk in Rehoboth, Del., this past September. They visit and vacation with their children and six grandchildren in Georgia, Ohio and Maryland. Their oldest grandchild is a college freshman, the youngest a kindergarten— their travels to France were fantastic—a week in Paris followed by a 10-day tour of southern France. After John's 50th high school reunion in Rhode Island they continued up the coast of Maine. Later in the year they explored New Horster, Wis., on Lake Superior. John is a docent at the Dayton (Ohio) Art Museum and Suzanne is a member of the Christ Child Society, which focuses on needy children. In their spare time he draws and she quilts.

**Charlie Phipps** is thankful for his good health and is looking forward to our 50th reunion. He and **Ginny Tull '57** are traveling a lot especially to see their four grandsons.

**Charley and Barbara Harding White** stay busy with volunteer groups and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 14 to 18 months. Charley retired as mayor of Laytonsville, Md., in July after 24 years of service.

**Barry Murphy's** law practice continues after 41 years with no prospect of retiring. His health is excellent after bouts with cancer and coronary. His wife, Linda, teaches second grade. By January, they expected to have 11 grandchildren—16 years old to two months and spread from Boston to Richmond, Va. Barry is in his third term as a county supervisor. He cele-

brated the 50th anniversary of the end of the Korean War, which was just over when he was at college.

**Russell T. Cook**, who lives in Ocean City, Md., works at Edwards Department Store (on the boards) as a senior sales assistant six months a year. He recently traveled to Yorba Linda, Calif., where he visited the Nixon Library and his older sister, Jane. Russ has two daughters, a son, two grandsons and six grandchildren. His children all graduated from University of Maryland, College Park.

**Jim and Janet Bolter Heins** enjoy the life of retirees—learning and studying new areas of interest, traveling and participating in local activities. Janet had a total knee replacement and is getting back into biking and other types of exercise. She and Jim volunteer at the C and O Canal National Historical Park mainly as members of the bike patrol. They are prepared to handle first aid, bike repairs, information requests and can call for emergency assistance.

**Ed '54 and Mary Lou Arnie Kelly** live and work in New Orleans. She is a paralegal and he is a swimming coach. Their children and grandchildren are scattered in Florida, North Carolina and Georgia.

**Paul Galvin** is looking forward to being 70. He keeps busy doing volunteer work for church and community organizations. **Doris Burkert Galvin '57** tutors Latin adults in English. They are making plans for their 50th wedding anniversary in 2005. They recently enjoyed their son, **Kent '83** wedding and are looking forward to their annual Christmas family reunion in North Carolina.

It was great hearing from **Jim Tone**. He and his wife, **Masee**, are enjoying retirement. They live half of the time in Tokyo and half in Kobe, which is very beautiful in autumn. Two years ago Jim was hospitalized for a month due to pulmonary emphysema and diabetes. He's okay now, paying attending to his diet and swimming almost every day. He has two daughters and three grandsons, 13, 15, and 9. The boys are crazy about playing baseball.

**The Rev. Ray Davis** is the associate minister of a large Methodist church in San Antonio, Texas. His older daughter is at Penn State working on her Ph.D. in speech and communication. The younger teaches kindergarten in San Antonio. He says it is difficult for them to get back East and they will try to make it to our 50th reunion in 2005. **John Johnson Zerke Kampmann's** passed husband of 47 years, **Masson**, passed away in February 2002 from Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). On March 1, 2003, she married Charles Kampmann in Bend, Ore. They currently live in Sunrise, Ore.

**Walt and Marilyn Goldring Riegerink**, also in Oregon, enjoy small-town living in Tillamook with its beautiful weather. They toured the western national parks in May. Children and grandchildren visited for the County Fair. She and Walt are very involved in church and community activities. They are looking

forward to their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2004. Marilyn was sorry to hear of **Ed Smith's** death. He was one of the "good guys" who it was a privilege to know.

**Jay "Gus" and Priscilla McCoy '56 LaMar** attended the memorial service for Ed Smith along with **Craig and Mary Lee Younger Schmall**. The service in Alexandria, Va., was a beautiful celebration of Ed's life. Gus and Priscilla were in Key West in February planning to celebrate Gus's 70th birthday when he had a heart attack. After being transported via helicopter to a hospital in Miami and then to Baltimore he had a quadruple by-pass on March 31. He spent 40 days in St. Joseph's Medical Center—20 in ICU. Priscilla says life was quite a challenge but God put the right people in the right places to support them.

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## Jim Tone and his wife live half of the time in Tokyo and half in Kobe.

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In June 2002, **Ed and Jean Nicodemus Huss** visited long-time friends in Portland, Ore., before flying to Juneau, Alaska, for three days of sightseeing. Then they went by float plane to Whaler's Cove Lodge near the Admiralty Islands for a week of fishing for king salmon and halibut. Ed caught the most fish but Jean caught the largest. They came home with over 200 pounds of frozen fish. In May 2003, they enjoyed lunching with **Gloria Bunting Blades** and **Charlie**, and **Gloria Bunting Zerke Kampmann** at the home of **Allen and Betsy Myers Bryant**.

**Joan Walter Winkelman** took an Alaskan cruise in July 2003 with several days in Vancouver. She found Alaska spectacular, especially Glacier Bay. Joan keeps busy volunteering at the library, Wolf Trap Center for the performing arts, substitute teaching for the Loudoun County, Va., public schools and working for the election board.

During the past year, **Irma Lee Holmann Seek** has been recuperating from breast cancer and chemotherapy. She feels fine now with the help of God, the Annapolis medical profession and the prayers of her family and friends. Her family (10 of them) spent a week together on Kiawah Island off the coast of Charleston, S.C., in July. She and her daughter, Debbie, presented an organ recital at Trinity United Methodist Church in Annapolis in September. She visited Steve in Florida in October.

**Elizabeth Shepherd Collinson** reports no major changes. She volunteers at her church producing the monthly newsletter and the bulletins for Sunday services and working on membership records. She puts in 20-30 hours per week on her computer. She enjoys time with her grandchildren, especially the 4- and 6-year-olds who spend much time with her.

# GET BACK

## Reunions on the Hill 2004

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 – SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2004

### WHAT?

Reunion Weekend 2004

### WHEN?

April 30 through  
May 2, 2004

### WHERE?

McDaniel College  
campus

### WHO'S CELEBRATING?

All classes whose graduation year ends in a "4" or a "9" and the first-year-out class. This includes: 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2003.

### WHO'S PLANNING MY CLASS EVENT?

It could be you! Each reunion class forms a committee to organize class-specific events in addition to the weekend's all-alumni activities. Call the Alumni Office at 410/857-2296 or e-mail [alumni@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:alumni@mcDaniel.edu) to get involved.

### WHERE WILL I STAY?

It's not too early to make reservations. Rooms have been blocked at the following Westminster hotels:

Best Western  
(formerly Comfort Inn)  
410-857-1900 or  
410-876-0010

Boston Inn  
1-800-634-0846 or  
410-848-9095

Days Inn  
410-857-0500

### WHERE WILL I PARK?

The college annually hosts large events and is adept at handling parking for large groups. Shuttle buses from Westminster hotels will be provided, as well as on-campus transportation.

### WHO'S INVITED?

Reunion Weekend is being planned for alumni who are celebrating a reunion. However, any alumnus who would like to attend events is welcome to register.



## Get Back

Watch your mailbox and the *Alumni Parents & Friends* section of the college web site ([www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu)) for more details in the coming months. Questions? Contact the Alumni Office at 410/857-2296 or e-mail [alumni@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:alumni@mcDaniel.edu).

**Arthur Gould**, retired for five years, fills his time with golf, travel, boating and cultural activities. His daughter, Debbie, is getting used to southern living in Charlotte, N.C., where she is a radiologist and her husband a lawyer with a venture capital company. His son, Steve, a systems architect with visiting nurses, plans to marry again in October. Art is chairing his high school 53rd reunion and looking forward to our 50th. He and his wife plan to winter in Florida.

**Ronald and Suzanne Lussier '63** Jones are finding "life on the shore" very agreeable as they continue to make improvements to their Parsonsburg property and enjoy visits from family and friends. When Ron celebrated his 70th birthday there were no less than 10 alumni present and he has the photo to prove it.

**Philip Lawry** continues to work part time at McDaniel where he golfs spring through fall. He and **Jean Wantz Lawyer '56** attend the Green Terror home games and "tailgate" with classmates and Westminster friends. Their daughter, **Michele Lawyer Gribben '87** teaches math at McDaniel. Her children are 9 and 13. Son, Kevin, is an orthodontist working in five offices in various towns. Their six children include two sets of twins—the youngest set just turned 1.

**Donald '54 and Jeannette Spatz James** are living in Nashville. They play golf whenever they can and have become "Titan" fans. They have one daughter in Nashville and travel a lot, visiting a daughter who is moving from Dallas to Chicago and a son in California.

**Albert Barnes** retired in 1990 after 35 years on Wall Street as a municipal bond specialist. He is active in Freemasonry on the state level and chaired a scholarship foundation. He and his wife have upgraded their condo in Naples, Fla., to a house and now spend seven to eight months there. The rest of the time they are in Normandy Beach, N.J. Al had a bout with cancer in 2001 but is told that he has "licked it." They spend time with their children and grandchildren. He plays golf and his wife plays bridge.

**Gloria Bunting Blades** wrote that Hurricane Isabel brought much devastation to their area of Richmond. Their street looked like a bomb site. They experienced only the minor inconvenience of no power for 10 days, loss of food in the freezer and a messed up lawn. They were lucky compared to some of their neighbors. She and Charlie enjoyed a family reunion in Bethany, Del., this past summer and are looking forward to a granddaughter's wedding in Washington State next summer.

**Beatrice Ford McGlynn** seems to be busier since she retired than when she worked full time. Two days a week she cares for her two youngest grandchildren—a 2-year-old and a 1-year-old. She also has been painting—primarily in pastels—and quilting, two things she enjoys and has been wanting to do for years but did not have time to do when she worked.

**Shelley Myers Willen** enjoys the beauty of Colorado and expresses it through watercolor painting with a painting group, Connections in Art. She teaches piano students and has made a number of quilts. Broomfield is a very "artsy" place and inspires creativity as well as providing concerts and opera performances. In the summer she comes East to go to Chincoteague, Va., with her sister and to visit her son and four grandchildren in Charlotte, N.C. Her older daughter lives in Broomfield with her husband and adopted Chinese daughter, Kimmie, 8. Shelley's younger daughter witnessed the catastrophe of September 11 from her bus window as she was traveling from New Jersey to New York City. Shelley's daughters have treated her to trips to Mexico and the Caribbean the past two years. She is looking forward to returning for our 50th reunion.

**Craig and Mary Lee Younger Schmal** are still working but also find time to travel. They had a wonderful Rhone River cruise in France this past year and hope to go on another river cruise in the coming year. They continue their season tickets to the Baltimore Symphony and I am fortunate to be able to go with them. Mary Lee invites everyone to come see the campus. Call it Western Maryland or McDaniel, it's beautiful.

**Donald 'Sandy' Roberts** retired as parish associate at Zion United Church of Christ in May. He is now a volunteer chaplain at Franklin Square Hospital. He and Elaine expect their seventh grandchild in May.

As for me, I'm very involved volunteering at church, counting the Sunday offering, working on our annual craft show, the mistletoe Mart and serving in a number of other ways. I'm also the membership chairman for our Retired Teachers Association and president of the board of directors of Westminster Church Homes Foundation, which provides housing for low-income elderly. I go out to lunch and play bridge several times a month and, of course, I spend time with my very active 9-year-old grandson.

I'm sorry to report the deaths of several classmates and send our condolences to their families. **Marianne Renshaw Hymd '48** died on Dec. 5, 2001. We learned this when we found we had an incorrect address for her. **Ann Bottoms Blair** on March 11, 2003. She was a former roommate of **Joan Walter Winkelman, Col. Edward P. Smith** on Aug. 23, 2003. Ed is survived by his wife, Jan, two daughters, three grandchildren, a sister and brother. **Harriet Cooley Whitehurst** on Dec. 18, 2003. She and **Jim Whitehurst** had been married for 48 years.

**Arnold Chapin's** post card was returned as undeliverable. If anyone knows of his whereabouts please contact the college alumni office.

Last but not least make your plans to attend our 50th class reunion, April 29-May 1, 2005. Let's have a record turnout.

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After graduation, **Jean Shadrach Kraynick** taught high school English for five years in Carroll and Baltimore Counties. She got her master's in special education and reading and taught special education in middle and night school until retirement about three years ago. She has been appointed to the Special Education and Advisory Council in Carroll County and also is the educational consultant to PAGER, an advocacy group for children with dyslexia. She has three children and six grandchildren (two each). For the past 20 years, Jean and a friend (in business) "M & J's Excellent Adventures", have taken people on trips to various places around the world. Before her retirement, most trips were in the summertime because of teaching schedules, but now they go any time of year. A return trip to Egypt is planned for 2005. Much of her time is spent with family and friends; but in whatever free time she has, Jean has been renovating her Westminster home and landscaping, doing the "little items" that she did not have time for when she was teaching.

**Martha Woodward Davis** is in her 30<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. She teaches sixth grade at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Fla. She and Dick have six grandchildren, four boys and two girls, ages 2 to 13. They stay busy with church activities.

From San Diego, Calif., **Dotty Holland Baly** reports that she and Gary have nine grandchildren, ages 6 months to 14 years. Dotty's senior USTA tennis team went to the sectional playoffs in September. She and Gary play tennis and tennis on a week and other times with friends. Gary is treasurer and vestry member of their Episcopal church so they are very involved in all aspects of the church. Since Sept. 11, 2001, their travel has mostly been to see children and family.

In his August 2003 reply, **Walt Mahan** remarked that age makes us realize how vulnerable we are. At that time, he was carrying around a bag 24/7 for four-six weeks infusing his body with antibiotics to clear up an infection in his right foot which probably entered through a blister he got while playing twice-a-week tennis. During this time he was playing no golf or tennis. Walt expects to work several more years designing, developing and documenting new software products. He has published a second novel *Double Switch*, which can be found on Amazon.com, about a kidnapping and identity switch for a sitting Congressman. Early in 2002, Walt had two "freckles" removed that turned out to be melanomas. Walt and Reba have four grandchildren by Mark and Amy, who live in Richmond. Son Jay is single and lives in Manassas, just a mile from where Walt works. The Mahans live in Reston, Va. They celebrated their 40th anniversary in November 2003 with a trip to San Diego in Jamaica.

From Vail, Colo., **Jon Myers** sends an update on the activities of his sons.

Jeff received his doctoral in May 2002 and is teaching at Stanford University on a three-year fellowship, teaching literature, specializing in eco-criticism. Michael and family have been in Baltimore for four years where he has done a wonderful job managing his investment fund. David at 36 is still single and has started a meadery (makes wine from honey) in Boulder, Colo. He has been on the food channel and has been written up in *U.S. News and World Report*, as well as *Colorado Magazines* and newspapers. Jon and **Bev Schott** '60 say their five grandchildren are all fine.

**Beth Butler Sansbury** became a grandmother when Kerry had a son on June 27, 2003. Daughter Lori was married May 9 and is a cheerleader for the Ravens for the third year. Beth gets to babysit a lot because Kerry lives in Reston a short distance away from Great Falls. Beth is still an independent contractor for CIA and is still a docent at the Freer and Sackler Galleries of Asian Art. Dave retired at the end of the year and became an independent contractor too. In 2003 they skied in Austria in January, saw tulips in the Netherlands in May and later in the year traveled to California and Yellowstone in a rented RV.

In August and September 2003, **Jack '58 and Malinda Burgess Fossett** took a month-long driving trip West, including many of the U.S. and Canadian favorite tourist destinations, and a visit with friends in Vail, Colo. **James 'Tony' and Margaret Bryan** visited McDaniel in June and remarked at how it is still changing.

**Bob and Mae Retha Rippeon** are grandparents for the third time, with the birth of Patrick, son of **Rick '91 and Teresa**. They continue to enjoy golf trips. Bob chaired his high school 50th dinner, dance, picnic and cruise. Bob takes his grandson, Ryan, 5, golfing. "Life is so-o-o good!"

In the summer of 2002, **Chuck Bernstein** fulfilled a long-held ambition by riding his bike, along with 30 other people "with too much time on their hands," from Astoria, Ore., on the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Ocean off the New Hampshire coast. It was the trip of a lifetime and took 50 days. Chuck's law practice in Baltimore remains busy, challenging and interesting.

**Mike and Ursula Bird** are enjoying their retirement in Sun Lakes, Ariz., just south of Phoenix. Life includes tennis, table tennis, swimming, golf and the arts scene—opera, symphony and theater. Next year on turning 65, Mike will move up to the next age division in the tennis tournaments. In the past two years, he has been nationally ranked in both singles and doubles. During the 2003 summer, Mike returned to Colorado Springs to teach economics for the summer. However, in 2004, he anticipates not teaching, but enjoying the mountain climate of Colorado while Phoenix winters in 115-degree heat. The year 2003 marks his 40th year of teaching at least part of the year, allowing also for 20 years in political office that occupied quite a lot

of his time. He has a grandson, Emery, 2, who lives in Redondo Beach, Calif., and a granddaughter Courtney, born July 20, 2003, to their daughter and living in Tucson.

In Roanoke, Va., **Max Beyer** has retired except for consulting work for the Head Start Bureau. Penny continues to coordinate seniors' programs in a local town, since her clients won't let her quit. Recent travel has been cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska and visiting children and grandchildren. Son Jeff and family (two boys) is an IMS consultant at 7-1 corporate headquarters in Dallas, TX. Karen and her family (two boys) have moved to the suburbs of Greenwich, Conn. She and Brad commute to NYC where they both manage equity portfolios on Wall Street. Mike and his family (boy and girl) live in Murietta, Calif., where he is a DEA special agent and a major in the California National Guard. In addition to traveling, Max and Penny are involved in church and community activities.

From D.C. just a mile from the Metro, Doug and **Carolyn Powell** **Walking** invite one and all to come visit. They are happy "being free." In 2001 they traveled to Europe, New Zealand and Australia, plus lots in the States, including California for winters and summers. Their spring 2003 trip to China and Thailand was canceled because of SARS but they hope to go in 2004. Like all good grandparents, they brag about their cute and intelligent granddog a Boston terrier named Bucker.

## Beth Butler Sansbury is still an independent contractor for CIA and is still a docent at the Freer and Sackler Galleries of Asian Art.

**Pat Piro Long** reports the birth of her first grandchild, Brennan Grace Long in December 2002. Pat has spent a good bit of time in North Carolina with son Doug, Aubrey and Brennan. Pat lives in Wyomissing, Pa.

**Dan and Julie Shankle** have lived in Germantown, Md., for nine years. All four of his daughters live within a half-hour's travel time. Twin Daughters Jennifer and Terri have sons who are high school seniors and planning college. Donna is Director of third-year medical students at Maryland University Hospital. She is a nephrologist and operates several dialysis units in Baltimore. Youngest daughter Lisa gave birth on August 25, 2003, to Emily Hope Marshall, Dan's eighth grandchild.

**Jim '60 and Peg Herring Goldring** are retired and loving it. Their newest grandchild number seven was born in July, 2003 and lives in Carsen, Utah. In

October 2003, Jim spent three weeks in India and Malaysia on a mission trip with their church, training church pastors. The Goldrings live in Banning, Calif., and plan to travel to Italy in June.

After retiring from the Army in 1989, **Albert 'Terp' Ward** has been living in D.C. working for the FAA as a contract systems engineer. He enjoys having his three children and five grandchildren living in nearby Loudon County.

**Jerry Bluehorn** enjoyed giving **Irvin 'Ozie' Stewart** and his wife a brief glimpse of Hawaii. In October 2003 the Bluehorns took a three-week tour in Korea. Jerry's son and daughter have moved back to Hawaii after completing their college educations on the Mainland, and he is enjoying getting them re-acquainted with their birthplace.

In Watchung, N.J., **Judi Boettger** is working as a therapist on a child/adolescent unit in a private psychiatric hospital. She keeps busy outside of work with three grandchildren.

From Moorhead, Minn., **Judy Kerr** continues to serve as neighborhood missionary for her United Methodist church, reaching out to those who live near the church. In summer 2003, her husband Wally Sizer joined a mission to their partner church in Lithuania. Judy and Wally were thrilled to meet up with their goddaughter and her family (who live in Germany) when they visited Wisconsin.

**Mary Stein** is living in Rehoboth Beach, Del., enjoying the beach and a quiet relaxing lifestyle for retirement.

**John and Diane '62 Holter** are looking forward to moving in summer or fall of 2004 to their new home, which is being built overlooking the 17th green and 18th tee of the north course of a beautiful 36-hole golf course at Lake Jovita, Fla., about 30 miles north of Tampa. After 19 years, John finished his final season of officiating high school football. Son Scott and his wife, Susan, and Alex, 2, live in Denver. Son Stuart still lives living in Charleston, S.C. Daughter **Tracey '90** and her husband live in Tampa where they have the Marble Salt Creamery Store (homemade ice cream) in historic Ybor City.

After seven years in Florida, **Jim and Linda Brown** spent a busy year land-scaping and decorating their new home and are adjusting to the midwest country lifestyle in Moorhead, Ind. They frequently see and enjoy their three grandchildren who live in Ohio. Retired life is great.

Happy news from **Chris Reichenberger Bener** about the marriage of her oldest son, Christian, on September 27, 2003, in a three-day celebration at Vermar Vineyard in Virginia. Christian is a doctor of pharmacy and is a pharmacist at Rite-Aid in Shepherdstown, W.Va. Chris is still working as an instructional aide in Skylesville, and Goswin still drives a school bus. They spent memorable Christmas holidays (2002) in Germany and Austria. Goswin had been back for Christmas for 50 years. Christian's godmother is **Brenda Stevens Cornwell**, who with her

husband was able to attend the wedding festivities. In May 2002, Brenda married Bill Cornell, whom Brenda and Lynn knew socially. It is kind of an involved story, but they had a short-term courtship before going on a date. The rest is history. They feel blessed to have found one another. Brenda and Bill live in Skyville.

**Joyce Turner Kerns** still works full time and is dealing with some health issues in the form of heart problems. Grandchild Jaiden Hathaway was born Nov. 21, 2002. Since Joyce and her husband live in Charlottesville, Va., they managed to see her only four times in nine months because daughter Suzanne, Brian and Jaiden live in Hartford, Conn.

After 27 years in northern Virginia, **Al and Nancy Smith Stewart** are enjoying the lack of traffic in Lebo, N.C.

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Several other alumni couples live nearby in the Asheville area (**Ann Payne and Keil Williard** and **Kay Payne and Tom '53 Beckett**) and they get together when they can. Son Brett was married June 2003 in Vail, Colo. The other two sons, each with three children, live in Mesa, Ariz., and Leesburg, Va. In fall of 2003, they traveled to Australia and New Zealand.

From their home in Alabama, **Sandra Nystrom Leef** and **Bud** travel North often. They celebrated their 20th anniversary in Chicago and also spent August in the Northeast. Bud travels to Danvers, Mass., the home office of the company he works for. While in York, Pa., Sandra took Bud's grandson to see McDaniel and noted all the changes in the College and the area.

**Chuck and Marnette Houk Lewef** enjoy retired life in Davenport, Ia., playing golf and enjoying their grandchildren.

For **Al Katz**, retirement is the meaning of life. He and Helen attended an Elderhostel program in Rehoboth in spring 2003 and plan to do more. Daughter Lisa married in 2003 and lives in Los Angeles. Daughter Mara will get her M.S.W. in 2004 and then get a real job. Al volunteers at The Baltimore Zoo two days a week.

When in Atlanta, go to the d'Vine Wine Bar & Shop at The Shops of Duwoody. After retirement from IBM and other software companies, **Bob Leavey** is sharing his passion for wine by opening this shop. Wife Jane is executive director of the Grennan Jewish Heritage Museum in Atlanta. They have three grown boys, two in Atlanta, and one in St. Louis.

In 2003 **Joanne Lamb Hayes** had two books published: *Recipes from America's Small Farms*, Random House, in July and *Grandma's Wartime Baking*, St. Martin's, on November 11. Joanne also does food-related website content. Both daughters are married and live on the east side of NYC. Heather is an actress and also works in strategic planning for the NFL. Claire is a costume designer. Joanne lives in New York City.

**Lorena Stone** retired in May 2002 from the academic dean's office at Wesley College. After an enjoyable summer, she went back to the classroom, teaching two days a week at Delaware Technical and Community College. She also has another part-time job selling antiques in a shop around the corner from her development in Bethany Beach, Del. Son John continues working at Space Telescope at Hopkins as well as managing his 16 acres, growing plants and raising meat goats and sheep. Daughter Lore and her husband, Michael, and three children live in the Chicago area.

**Shelbia Bickler Markey** and husband Bill spend October to March at home in Sun City Center, Fla. The rest of the year is spent in Westminster. They are both retired and keep busy with the activities in and around their retirement community. Their daughter and three grandchildren live in Indiana. Pa.

This past summer, **George and Judy Varga** spent a busy two months in Boston. Their second grandchild, Charlotte, was born on August 30, 2003. The Vargas live on Marco Island, Fla.

From Greenville, S.C., **Joan Davis Sorensen** wrote that her husband retired from Furman University in June 2003. In retirement, they are

*For Al Katz, retirement  
is the meaning of life.  
He volunteers at The  
Baltimore Zoo two days  
a week.*

forging a new lifestyle doing some of the things they always wanted to do. Their son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren visit as much as possible from Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Joan pursues genealogy every chance she gets, traveling often to Maryland and Pennsylvania to visit family and do research. Joan is active in the Greenville Woman's Club, where she serves as vice president and chair of the literary hour programs. Another interest is the Greenville Sisters City Program.

**Tim and Audrey Arent Lambert** now live in Frisco, Texas, where they live near their two daughters. Allison, her husband and baby Jonathan returned in March 2003 from the mission field in South Africa. Audrey babysits regularly. Kristen is unmarried. Son Tim lives in Chicago. Tim and Audrey have traveled around the world a bit and have gone mountain biking in the Colorado Rockies and British Columbia. They are grateful for good health and spend lots of time at the gym.

From Westminster, **Ann Weller Norvell** has retired after teaching 37 years. She is unbelievably busy having a great time traveling and being with family, including six grandchildren ages 16 to 2, all of whom live within 15 minutes of them, except 4-year-old twins, who live in Alexandria, Va.

**Sue Garretson Daniel** is sort of retired in that she does not have to go to an office every day. Her husband, an attorney, is not yet retired but is "of counsel" at the law firm. She is busy into genealogy, editing a publication for the local historical society and typing a large 300-page book about the history of medicine and its doctors in their Rutherford County area. In honor of Rutherford County's bicentennial, she put together a book about its early pioneers, typing from March to September and including over 6,500 individuals. She is also involved in efforts to remodel a 1920s building that is on the National Register into an archive for county records. She has traveled with son Doug to the Loire Valley in France and to China. Doug has started a tenure-track position in the math department at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. Son Tom is in

the Peace Corps and stationed in Namibia. Daughter Jenny works in the pediatric ER at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville and spends her spare time with her four horses. The Daniels live in Murfreesboro, Tenn., which is near Nashville.

**John "Jay" and Ingrid "Inky" Ewertz Whaley** report from Chesterfield County, Va., near Richmond, that they have both retired as teachers and librarians. Jay is still an adjunct professor at several satellite campuses of Averet University. Sons Jack and Mike are married and living in the Richmond area. Jay and Inky enjoy having two granddaughters ages 5 and 1 living close by. They enjoy fishing and golfing at their condo at Windmill Point on the Rappahannock River. Travel in the last couple of years has included Scandinavia and Spain and Portugal.

From Bowie, **Bobbi Hastings Jung** is no longer in public accounting. She spent much of 2003 handling the estate of her mother who passed away Jan. 9, 2003. Toward the end of 2003, she began taking classes in drawing, music appreciation and literature at a nearby community center—for fun, no homework. Paul has started the process toward retirement. Daughter Dana is a vice president with Riggs Bank in the D.C. area. Son Scott changed jobs with the new Republican Governor fired his department. Grandsons Connor and Morgan are 9 and 6.

**Jane Williams Ward** finally finished her family history book and published it in January 2003, entitled *Growing with Maryland, a History of Jones and Associated Families in Maryland*. In Spring 2003, daughter Amanda, husband and triplets moved back to Frederick, next door to Jane and **Eldridge '60**. Her husband is a pilot. Now both children live within a mile of them. Jane is chairman of the board of trustees for an old cemetery in Eldersburg, Md., with responsibility for upkeep and restoration of the church, which was built in the 1770s. She was also chairman for a family reunion in 2003 with 212 attendees from all over the country.

At Homecoming, Nov. 1, 2003, **Don Linzey** was honored to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement. Don's many achievements include amphibian research in Bermuda and mammal research in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He has published much of his research. Don and his wife Nita live in Blacksburg, Va., and he is professor of biology at Wyeheville Community College. In July 2002, they spent 10 days in Yellowstone National Park, driving in bone via the Badlands and Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. In January 2003, they spent several days snowmobiling in and around Yellowstone. In August 2003, Don taught a course "Natural History of the Great Smoky Mountains" at the Tremont Institute in the park.

**Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert** celebrated their 42nd anniversary July 4, 2003, at a family vacation in Bethany Beach, Del. Their six grandchildren and extended families made the occa-



returned from 17 years in Ireland where they served the church through the General Ministries of the United Methodist Church. They've settled in Lakeland, Fla., where they'll be "for a few years." Both are now serving churches near Lakeland. CJ is serving at the First United Methodist Church of Lakeland and David at Eloise United Methodist Church in Winter Haven. Their son, Michal, 20, is a sophomore at Swarthmore College near Philly and their other son Benjamin, 16, is in 10th grade at Lakeland High School, where he plays saxophone in the marching band. Although they are enjoying the warm, sunny climate of Florida, they miss their Irish friends.

Another Floridian is **John Sweeney**. John tells me that he's been a physician for 13 years, a husband to Samantha for 16 years, and has two sons, Sean, 13, and Kerry, 7. The Sweeneys moved recently to a new subdivision in Melbourne, Fla. He reports that he's too busy with his medical practice to play golf, fish or use the boat. The kids are growing too fast, eating too much, and playing their music too loud. If he can tear himself away, he'll be at the reunion. He says he needs the incentive to lose weight, grow hair, and lie about not using Viagra. He's currently in training for his reunion hangover and he looks forward to socializing over old and new experiences with his own generation.

**Susan Robin Davis** and her husband, Jonathan, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in June. She's still teaching fifth grade in Montgomery County. Sons Kyle, 18, and Bryce, 13, stay busy with school, lacrosse, and music. Robin cherishes her get-togethers with **Kim Breugher '80**, **Katherine McMahon Struck '80**, **Susie Tucker Taylor '80**, **Peggy Gibson Klein '80**, **Judy Byrd Fox '78**, and **Cynthia Kehr '77**.

**J.D. Douglas** is living in Olney with his wife, Tracey, and daughters Steph and Taylor Marie. J.D. is the chairman of the science department and teaches advanced placement biology and horticulture. His daughters are in middle school and play field hockey and lacrosse and the piano.

**Carey Nell Emmons** writes that she and her husband, Mark, have been busy since the school year started. Daughter AnnaLee, 13, is in eighth grade and her sister, Halley, 7, is in second grade. Carey still works for NASA in Greenbelt, Md., as head of a data archive, which allows for some international travel. Mark is a geophysical scientist/image analyst at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. They live in Mitchellville, Md.

**Roger Ensminger** followed his job to Atlanta in 1982 and he's been living there ever since. He loves the warm and sunny weather and had the great fortune to work in a volunteer position at the 1996 Olympic Games. Another alumna who finds himself in "the Deep South" is **Doug Ranap**. Doug works for a company that manufactures kayaks and roof racks for cars

and trucks. Doug does directs sales for a portion of the U.S. and international accounts. He is married with a 4-year-old who attends a Montessori school.

**Jay Gardiner** is now the associate athletics director at University of Miami of Ohio. He's married and he and his wife, Debbie, have five children: Matt, 25, Andy, 23, Danny, 20, Erica, 16, and Collin, 13.

Another classmate-turned-midwest-er is **Shawn Shaffer**. He and his wife, Laura, are in Omaha, Neb., but hope to make the journey back East for the reunion. Shawn has been a stay-at-home dad for the past 13 years but thinks a return to the work force is in his future as his two sons, Ryan, 17, and Scott, 15, begin thinking of college (and Shawn starts thinking of paying tuition). Laura works for Merck and Company and the boys are busy on the high school swim team where Ryan is the team captain this year.

**Linda Lamb Hahn** has recently relocated from Minnesota to Virginia (her fifth state since she got married). She's glad to be back on the East Coast. She has two children, ages 14 and 10, and is now working part time. She's a solid "maybe" to attend the reunion.

**Jeff Jackson** has a new position as director of marketing and communications at Mitchell Golf Equipment Company, Dayton, Ohio. He recently became a grandfather to Annika Maxine Murphy. His position with Mitchell Golf requires him to be a frequent speaker at U.S. and International golf events. He's written five books and countless articles related to golf.

**Liz Pemberton** says life in Elkton, Md., is good. She's still teaching and advising education majors at the University of Delaware and escorts Nathan, 6, and Anna, 9, to soccer, dance, gymnastics, and swimming.

**Rick Powell** wrote to say that he is still living in Catonsville, still working at a nearby church and is enjoying his three adolescent boys. He and his wife, Jayna, were recently asked to preach at the Denominations General Assembly. Not surprisingly, he believes that the gathering of the faithful at the Assembly will be more responsive to their message than their boys are.

**Tony '77** and **Susan Fairchild Sager** say that life is good! The kids, Julie, 19, Dan, 17, and Thomas, 13, are growing. They see **Steve '78** and **Kate Shiry '80** **Luetze** and **Kim Nichols '78** and **Dave Dolch '77** regularly. Susan says that they can't wait to see everyone at the reunion and they invite anyone not allergic to cats, dogs, or teenagers to crash at their place.

**Randy '77** and **Debbie Scatzone Day** report that all is well and say that they hope to be at the reunion. Randy has been with Purdue (the chicken) and is studying at Harvard Business School this fall. Deb is teaching pre-school music two days per week. Their oldest, Jacob, 21, is in his senior year at University of Maryland and is majoring in architecture, Jessie, 18, is a freshman at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. Justin, the youngest,

plays lacrosse and runs cross-country and is in his sophomore year in high school. From time to time, they see **Paul '78** and **Beth Dunn Fulton**.

**Kim Smith** has recently taken the position of CEO of Jewish Memorial Hospital in Boston, Mass. She's been in the position only since September and although she is still settling in, she says she is enjoying it thoroughly. She and her husband, Bill Charette, have two children, Cameron, 10, and Samantha, 7, and she has two stepdaughters, ages 23 and 19. Prior to starting her new job, she and Bill took a much-needed vacation to France and Monaco in August. She's taken up golf "in a major way" and hopes to play the golf course at McDaniel if she can make it to the reunion in May.

Also from New England comes a report from **Carol Littman Pfister**. Carol and Steve recently celebrated their 24th anniversary. They have three children. Ben is a senior at Gordon College, Joanna is a sophomore at Messiah College, and Daniel is in middle school. Daniel's sports schedule keeps the family busy. In 2002, Carol started working part time at the local elementary school as the Title I Aide. She's helping kids with literacy skills who are achieving below grade level. Even though it is only 20 hours per week, it's enough to keep her out of trouble. She walks every day and still manages to find some time to read and quilt. Before she can commit to attending the reunion, she will have to figure out a way to work the weekend into her busy schedule.

## Bill Jenkins moved to Chicago last summer and is now designing for the Chicago College of Performing Arts Theatre Conservatory.

**Amanda Walker Wait** is living in Cedar Hill, Texas, and would love to make contact with other alumni who have moved to the Lone Star State, particularly those in the Dallas area. Amanda is working at her private psychology practice and, in her spare time, raises chickens, goats, and equines on the Wait farm. She apparently has little spare time for the farm animals because she also told me that she is raising 8-year-old twins and a 4-year-old daughter. The Waits vacationed over the summer on the Texas Gulf Coast between hurricanes. She says she's looking forward to the reunion.

**Dave Meyer** and his daughter, Beth, 17, live in Kensington, Md., and continue to adjust to the loss of his wife, **Marcia Peik Meyer '78** who passed away in 2002. Dave works for the Association of American Medical Colleges as a mid-level IT manager. Beth is con-

sidering attending McDaniel and enjoys art and photography.

**Jim 'Sky' McWilliams** and his wife, Randi, recently moved to the banks of the Potomac River in Southern Maryland. He's an IT specialist with the Naval Audit Service and Randi is in real estate. They enjoy boating and fishing and say that everyone is welcome, so come on down.

**Leslie Renshaw Keck** expresses her surprise that there are really old enough to have a 25th reunion. She's in Chestertown, Md., and still working her own yard work business, making quilts professionally, working on a horse farm and feeding, caring for, and loving five dogs and 20 cats. On top of that, she occasionally takes in stray and foster cats and dogs as needed. She's in her second term as secretary for The Venture Club, a community-based "helping" organization that donates food, clothing and money to those in need. She says the pay isn't great, but the benefits are enormous, so she's happy.

**Dianne Jenkins** is "evermore engaged in life." Looking back on the 25 years since graduation, she sees that she's accomplished a lot: graduate school, work, marriage (nearly 20 years), and children (Seth, 13, and Anna, 10). She's run a marathon and completed a century ride and a triathlon. She's thrilled to watch her children grow into their own. The gray hairs and the "character" that comes from a lined face seem like a small price to pay. Living in the Midwest (Madison, Wis.), she says it is doubtful that she'll make it to the reunion, but she'll reminisce (fondly?) about her four years on the Hill where she wondered if she'd ever figure out who she was or what she wanted to be when she grew up. At this point, she's confident only in the fact that she's still on the journey.

**Bill Jenkins** is another Midwest-er. He moved to Chicago last summer and is now designing for the Chicago College of Performing Arts Theatre Conservatory. He is also the technical director and resident designer for Dominican University's Center Stage Program. He continues his victims' rights and anti-death penalty work nationwide. He hopes to make it to the reunion.

**Nancy Goehner Houston** and husband Ryder recently moved a few miles to a new home they bought in northeast Scottsdale, Ariz. Nancy is still working as a legal assistant in the Phoenix office of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in the Business and Finance Group. Although she loves the work and the people, she doesn't always love the hours. She wonders if she and Ryder are working solely for the purpose of buying furniture, decorating, painting. They are seriously considering traveling back East for the reunion.

In December of 2002, **Wendy Gross** and her family survived a house fire that destroyed the basement and kitchen of her Silver Spring, Md., home. Smoke damaged the rest of the house. Worst of all, they lost their two

beloved cats. They moved into a rental home in January of 2003. In April of 2003, they got two new kittens and were scheduled to move back home last September. She still has fond memories of the Preachers, Moose, Cosmo, Debbitz, the GDI Moooses, the Dragon Cave and **Pat Clarke**. Although she's "very angry at the change of the name of WMC," she says she'll be at the reunion.

**Myra Birchard Wagner** is starting her 24th year with the Baltimore City school system and still loving it. She teaches two half-day special education classes for pre-schoolers, ages 3 and 4. She has hearing-impaired children in the morning and children with severe expressive language problems in the afternoon. Although she and her husband, James, have no children, her family is expanding. They adopted two cats to add to their two dogs, but they are preparing for the loss of one of their dogs. Myra and James apparently live in "The Money Pit." James owns a woodworking shop and has done some beautiful work around the house, but they recently found a crack in the drainpipe from the upstairs toilet. When her brother-in-law, who is a contractor, arrived to replace it, he found the main drainpipe was cracked from the attic to the basement. She teaches **Eric and Ellen Laird Yeich** at church, but not many other alumni.

**David 77 and Cheryl Collins Reinacker** tell me that not a lot has changed recently. Cheryl continues to teach in their local high school. David farms and manages their agricultural equipment business. One son, Jonathan, is a junior at Penn State and the other, **Andrew 94**, is a senior at McDaniel. What she'd like to tell her classmates is that, regardless of what you call WMC/McDaniel and how you feel about the name change, it will be the school that was so good to you on the Hill, and it still is truly special due to the people, the entire college community! This was illustrated to the Reinackers again when their oldest son, Andrew, was hospitalized with the possibility of a life threatening bronchial illness the first week of classes this year, just as he was also preparing for his final year of Terror football (he was finally diagnosed with just a viral infection). As they commuted daily to and from the hospital, they encountered so much support for him from McDaniel—the administration, his faculty, the football and wrestling coaches, his friends and teammates. So, of course, they will attend the 25th reunion this spring, because the family wants to reconnect with those people who made David's and Cheryl's college experience so good.

**Scott Beam**, like many of the people who responded, can't believe it has been 25 years since we graduated. Despite looking back fondly at the carefree life of a student on the Hill, he couldn't trade his last 16 years of marriage with his wife, Cathy, and their two beautiful children, Ashley, 12, and Cory, 10, for anything in the world. Cathy has been home-schooling their

children for the past three years. Ashley is into cheerleading, dance and piano while Cory is into playing football and drums. Since graduating with a French/Spanish degree, Scott ended up going to Loyola College to get an MBA in accounting and his CPA credential in 1982. He also obtained his Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) credential in 2000. Currently, he is working on getting his Project Management Professional (PMP) certification from the Project Management Institute (PMI). Scott is currently working as a project director of financial systems for the Federal Government at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in Woodlawn, Md. He also has a part-time tax practice that has grown to 70-plus clients over the years. Last summer, he met up with **Dave Zineck 78**, who was in town for a family visit. Dave now lives in Chicago.

The past few months have provided several professional challenges and changes for **Barry Whiteley**, Ascension Health, the largest not-for-profit healthcare provider in the country and his employer since graduation, outsourced information technology functions to CSC, Inc. Working for a not-for-profit for nearly 25 years and changing to the "for-profit" environment of corporate America makes for interesting times. His life in Jacksonville, Fla., continues to be good. The weather allows him to indulge in his passion for gardening more than he ever could have in Baltimore. Frequent trips to New York for theater and constant travel for work (Two Million Miller on Delta) keeps his luggage in constant use. He hopes to be at the reunion in the spring and looks forward to seeing if we continue to hold up as well in the last five years as we did the first 20.

**Bob and Mary Thomas Le Sueur** sent their daughter off to Mt. St. Mary's this fall. McDaniel was a close second. They still have two boys at St. Paul's in North Baltimore. They look forward to moving to Annapolis full time when the boys head off to college. The Le Sueurs keep tabs on some of the old gang through **Terry Koenig 78**, but Terry is about the only guy they stay in close contact with any longer. Bob talks to **Guy Royston** about once a month and Bob and Mary see **Barb Llewellyn Chilcoat** during the summer down in Annapolis where they both have summer homes.

**Martha Hooper Wheeler** and **Scott 90** are doing well, but starting to feel a bit old. Their daughter Kim is a junior at Salisbury University majoring in elementary education. Their son, Andy, is a high school senior, so they have been doing the college-visit thing. Martha and Andy went to McDaniel during the fall and she reports that it was good to see that much has

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stayed the same, in some ways it felt like just yesterday to them. It is also nice to see some of the improvements, especially the science building and the improvements to the old Memorial Hall. She thinks the tour guide and her son had had a great time reminiscing by the end of the tour. Scott and Martha got together with some old friends at **Sue Sullivan's** this summer, where they saw **Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen, Jan Claypoole, Sue Bornemann '78 and Donna Smith '78**. They had a great time telling stories about the good old days. The Wheelers are looking forward to the reunion.

Perhaps the shortest note came from **Tom and Katy O'Toole Wiederseim**. Tom asked me to send his regards to all the Bete brothers. Other than that, he has no wish to be associated with the College because of the name change. Katy also sends her regards.

**Keith and Robin Lee '80 Lawson** are doing great. Keith wrote me from the airport lounge with his way to Tokyo. Robin remains extremely busy keeping David, 10th grade, and Chris, seventh grade, "on schedule." Besides school, both boys are still playing soccer and winning hardware. David also is running cross-country and planning to try out for the lacrosse team. Chris still plays baseball and both boys are in scouts. The family has done a fair amount of traveling. In 2002, they went to Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland, and spent two weeks doing the RV "Lost in America" trip. In 2003, Keith took Chris to London and the whole family went to Alaska for two weeks. In his spare time, Keith manages to spend an hour or two working. Two years ago Keith became responsible for all of the ICI (mutual fund industry trade association) pension/retirement security issues. One of the perks of his job is that he travels to some great national and international destinations, including Tokyo, Hong Kong and Beijing.

**Beth Dunn and Paul '78 Fulton**, like many of our classmates, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in June. They still live a mile from McDaniel. Their three daughters are doing great. Ryan is a senior at Salisbury University and will graduate in May. Colleen just started her freshman year at the University of South Florida, and their youngest, Killian, is in the eighth grade at West Middle School in Westminster. Beth and Paul became power boosters about two years ago and have enjoyed discovering the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. They will, of course, be at Homecoming and our reunion in May.

**Blane Clark** and wife Eleanor, live in Hiltons, Va., which is right up against the Tennessee line. Blane is executive vice president of MountNet, Inc., an integrated communications provider of local telephone, long distance and Internet access services. Eleanor is an account manager for Tele-Optics, Inc. They have four children: Brandon, 21, a junior at Carson-Newman College on an Air Force ROTC Scholarship, Maggie, 19, a sophomore at Mesa College in Mesa, Ariz.; Taylor, 10, and Madison,

6. Blane has continued in his second career as an army officer since graduation and he is a colonel in the Army Reserve. He's enrolled in the Army War College, which he hopes to complete in the summer of 2005 and be awarded a master of strategic studies degree.

**Mike Modica** is a trial attorney with his own practice and says life with his wife, Kaye, and their three kids, John, Lauren and Matt, is great. They live in Chadds Ford, Pa. Mike hears from **Steve Spinelli '71** once in a while and reports that Steve recently became a tenured professor at Babson College. He says that he is looking forward to seeing **Ray Via** when he "gets out of the Federal Witness Protection Program."

**Scott and Robin Seiland Trenner** have been in the Jiffy Lube business for 23 years, 21 as owners. Chris, 16, is driving, playing baseball and active in theatre and singing. David, 13, is singing, playing drums and loving soccer. Robin says she has been fortunate enough to stay home with them. She runs the payroll for the stores, is the youth choir director at church, plays handbells and is president of Heritage Players, a local community theater group she's been involved with since 1985. **Ricky Powell** and his son Jordan have done several of the last shows with them, so she's gotten to see him.

Scott and **Rob Bowman '81** and a third friend purchased a 1974 mini Winnebago several years ago. They had it painted purple, installed purple carpet, tore out a section of the kitchen area and made a sofa. Robin made Ravens curtains, seat covers and tablecloths, and this remarkable vehicle is the Ravenmobile. It even has a website! They are faithful followers of the team, often go to out-of-town games and tailgate with the best of them. **Joe Menendez '81**, **Jim Selfridge '81**, **Pete Blauvelt '77** and a host of other alumni are often in attendance. Robin tells me that **Doug Barnes** is their dentist and says that Doug has six kids now—five boys and the youngest is a girl. The Barneses live in Ellicott City and Doug works at the University of Maryland Dental School. Robin isn't sure what Doug does there, but she knows he's some kind of "mucky-muck."

**Vince Wesley** plans to attend the reunion in the spring. Valerie, Vince's wife, is an administrative assistant with one of the bio labs associated with the University of Maryland and works in downtown Baltimore. Vince is still with SunTrust in Washington. He says he has long days and long commutes but it's all worth it. Vince and Valerie have been busy with their three daughters. Their oldest, Caroline, is attending Lynchburg College this fall as a freshman, where she plans to major in physical therapy and athletic training. Not surprisingly, she'll play basketball for the school. At 6-foot-2 inches there is a place for her on the team. The twins, Elizabeth and Adrienne, 15, are high school sophomores. Both play basketball and one plays volleyball. Vince and Valerie spend all year running around to basketball games and tournaments and practices. Vince's golf game has

suffered the past three years with all of the travel for basketball, work stuff, some out-of-town travel for work and just busy stuff around the house, but he managed to slip away for his annual Myrtle Beach Golf Trip in September.

**Chris Parr** and his wife, Diana, traveled to Moscow in September 2003, and donated shoes to the orphanage where they adopted their son, Mik, in August 2001. Chris and Diana celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in October. Chris continues to manage a highly successful financial planning and advisory business, Financial Advantage, Inc., and is proud to announce that his firm was ranked number three in Maryland by Bloomberg Wealth Manager in its 2003 survey of the top 250 independent financial advisory firms in the U.S. He is a Board Member of the American Red Cross of Howard County and is currently serving on his church Strategic Planning Committee (Finance Committee Chair 2000-2001). He provided pro bono financial consulting to the Foundation for Human Development, a non-profit organization, and provides pro bono financial counseling in cases of financial hardship on an ongoing basis.

## Meanwhile, in Sunset Beach, N.C., Carolyn and I are living "La Vida Broke-a."

**Jan King and Mark '77 Vernon** haven't been back to the Hill since 1990 when she and Mark relocated from Westminster to Clearwater, Fla., with their children Laura and Greg. Laura, 20, transferred this summer as a junior from University of Central Florida to Quinnipiac University in southern Connecticut for a combined bachelor/master's degree in occupational therapy. A bonus was that Mark and Laura enjoyed a visit to Westminster and the Hill when driving her car said to Connecticut this summer. Mark took the campus looking great and Laura also enjoyed seeing Little Baker Chapel, where Jan and Mark were married in 1979 (another 25th wedding anniversary). Jan's parents will also celebrate an anniversary during the summer of '04, their 50th. Jan and Mark's son, Greg, is a sophomore in high school and is very busy with the wrestling team (traveling in and out of state for many tournaments). Although not 100 percent sure, there is a chance they may attend the spring reunion.

Having four children means that **Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen** have little time for anything not related to the kids. Oldest son Brett is back at Salisbury for his sophomore year where he was Dean's List both semesters last year in the Honors Program at the College of Business. Second-oldest Matt is going into 11th grade, and is on his high school football team. Last year, he was captain and MVP of the JV team and

was the regional champion in the pole vault, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Mickey, the youngest son, is going into eighth grade and plays baseball. He was the number-one starting pitcher on the team that won the county championship. Mickey is also an honor student. Ron suspects the boys got more than good looks from their mother! Samantha, the youngest, is the joy of their lives. She's in kindergarten this year at Harford Day School where Leslie teaches. She does gymnastics, softball (the boys help coach) and soccer. This summer Leslie wrote the Spanish I curriculum for the Calvert School, which provides accredited programs for home schooling, and has already been contracted to write the next level. She runs anywhere from three to 14 miles a day and is in six shape.

While his big sister Leslies prevent Ron from running with Leslie, he wants everyone to note that he still has his name in the college track record book for a year from 1978. Ron sees some other alumni regularly. **Dave "Hefty" Cesky '75** is the football coach at the boys' high school and **Dave "Wimpy" Volrath '74** has a position with the Harford County Board of Education. Last fall, the Bowns went to a get-together at **Sue Sullivan's** house and saw **Scott '80 and Martha Hooper Wheeler, Jan Claypoole, Donna Smith '78** and **Sue Bornemann '78**. They talked about a lot of things their kids should NEVER know about. Sue Sullivan looks like she could walk across the football field tomorrow as the Homecoming Queen like she did so many years ago.

The only letter I got from Canada came from **Dr. Maryam Rostami**, who spent only her final two years of undergraduate work on the Hill where she earned her BA in psychology with a minor in deafness. Soon after graduation, she returned to Iran after the Iranian Revolution. Not a good idea. She left again in less than two years and has not been back since. She was in France for five years and has been in Canada since 1987. She managed to get two master's degrees in psychology, one in Iran and second one in France. She worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for about eight years and decided to go back to school to study Medicine. She completed her MD degree in 2000 and Family Medicine in 2002. Presently she lives in Ancaster, Ontario, and has a family medicine clinic in Milton, Ontario. There is a large community of deaf people with a Provincial School for the Deaf in Milton so she gets to practice her sign language with quite a few of her patients. She's divorced and has a daughter, Saba, 22, who is studying television broadcasting. She has brought all of her family members from Iran to Canada and they are very happy there. She will be attending next year's reunion and is looking forward to seeing some of her old professors such as Dr. Vernon and **Dr. Ira Zepp '52**, with whom she has kept in touch. She is also looking forward to seeing **Sharon Lotz, Mary Ellen**

Truax Ruddick, Ann Diviney, and every one else.

**Beth Lengyel Hewett** and her husband, Paul, recently moved to Forest Hill, Md. Paul is working in emergency management and homeland defense. Beth is researching and writing at home while looking at new career directions. Their son, Ross, 20, is in his third year at Virginia Tech studying computer science.

**Anne Young Zolkower** married her husband, Harry, in 1985. They have two daughters, Sarah, 14, and Emily, 11. Anne works at St. John's College as the assistant to the vice president. She converted to Judaism in 2001.

**Andy and Mary Lee Fones '81 Weber** and their children are living in Branford, Conn. Their oldest, Leah, 17, is starting to look at colleges. John, 14, has started high school and is playing basketball and golf. Scott, 5, is in kindergarten. The Webers plan on attending the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**Cindy Sprinkle** told me that she hoped to attend Homecoming in 2003 for the first time in many years, and that she planned to bring her children, John, 8, and Ali, 14. Cindy is a CPA and was in private practice until about five years ago when the responsibilities of being a single mom to two young children didn't work well with the pressures of owning her own business. So she kept the kids, sold the business, and went to work for a non-profit agency as finance director. She says that "somewhere in my 30s I stopped living to work and started working to live," which proved to be a definite improvement in lifestyle, especially with children involved.

Cindy is settled into life in the small town of Williamsport, Md. She's looking forward to seeing classmates at the reunion in the spring and hopes, by some miracle, that we won't look quite as old as 46 and that she can fool herself into believing we are all still 22. She sees **Greg Bowen** who, coincidentally, married a woman from Williamsport and settled in the same neighborhood as Cindy.

Meanwhile, in Sunset Beach, North Carolina, Carolyn and I are living "La Vida Broke-a." We don't earn much, but the 150 yards of living in a beach house south of the Atlantic Ocean are immeasurable. As you may have read in the last issue of *The Hill*, I am a partner in a golf vacation company in the Myrtle Beach area with my brother **Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg '77**. Eric and I relocated to the Myrtle Beach area in 2001 and just moved our mother here in June. She bought the house next door to Eric and his family. It's great having the whole family together again. Carolyn, my wife of 17 years, works in the office with Eric and me during our busy season (January through April) and is an active volunteer at the Sunset Beach Turtle Patrol and at the local planetarium the rest of the year. The Turtle Patrol is comprised of a group of incredibly dedicated people who work to preserve and protect the loggerhead sea turtles that nest on the barrier

islands of the Carolina coast. I tease her about the job and tell her that they would make a great soup, but it really is a thrill to see 120 baby turtles emerge from a single nest and crawl to the ocean. Despite the downturn in the tourism sector of the economy, our golf package business is thriving and there are some great things ahead for us. I've traded a lot of e-Mails with Betes from the Classes of '77 through '81. There are too many names to mention here, but it's great to trade barbs with the Boys of D-Section MacLee. See you at the reunion!

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**1991** Karen Albright is still living in Conshohocken, Pa., and works as a fundraiser for

Villanova University. Her travels take her across the country visiting with Villanova alumni, and included are some pleasure trips. Karen was fortunate to have traveled this summer to Europe for two weeks, Boulder, Colo., on Memorial Day and Key West, Fla., at Halloween for **Josette Selover**

**Goodroe's** birthday. This summer, she was also able to spend time at the Jersey shore with Josette and got to see

**Mimi Kideckel Brunelle, Christine Houlihan Selover, Stacy Hermann Austensen, Lynne Kirsche Costello, Caitlin Monroe Morris '90 and Kelly Zeager Gambone.** Karen says she is in the book if anyone is in the area.

**Stanley "Dan" and wife Erica Velle-gia Hudson** of 12 years are living in Lutherville, Md., with their three kids: Brendon, 10, Nikki, 8, and Lauren, 7. Erica is a 3rd grade teacher at Immaculate Conception Elementary and Dan is working for Baltimore County Police Department.

**Jim Kaufman** has been asked to serve on the McDaniel College Alumni Council and wants everyone to feel free to contact him with any comments or suggestions they may have.

**Elizabeth "Beth" Palmer Klees** is a stay-at-home mom with two little boys: George, 4, and Patrick, 2. She, her husband, Don, and the kids live in Olney, Md., and always go to Westminster in October to eat at Baugher's and get their first Halloween pumpkins. Beth says hi to all of her old friends.

**Dentise Fleck Lague** moved back to Maryland in September 2002. She has two children, Sage Norine Lague born January 2003 and Devon John Lague born February 2001.

**Matt Levy** and his wife Becky had their first child together on April 11, 2003. Her name is Carly Elizabeth and she weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. They also bought their first house in Perkasia, Pa. Matt's stepdaughter Molly, 12, is in seventh grade so he is getting ready to chase the boys away from one child while changing the diapers of the other.

After seven years in Annapolis, **Katie Ruppenthal Michaelson** moved to the



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"barbs," a whole five miles away. Their 50-year-old home keeps husband Robb "to-do" list very full. Annalise, 4, and Lukas, 2, also keep them with hopping with a variety of lessons, play dates and school commitments. However, the family recently took a breather in Sanibel, Fla. Besides being a stay-at-home mom, Katie does a bit of freelance photography.

**John Pasquarello** continues to work as a Philadelphia, Pa., police officer.

He is the father of two sons John, 3, and Brian, 1. He recently had a house built that he enjoys decorating with his wife, Lisa.

**Kent Pearce**, his wife Bridgette, and son Iye, 3, are living in Hunt Valley, Md. Kent is the first vice president and officer at Merrill Lynch and Company and serving on the firm's Advisory Council Board. He is also on the Board of the Babe Ruth Sports Museum in Baltimore, Md. In Kent's free time, he

# CREATIVE BUZZ

MUSIC

## Full Circle

*Innisfree, a Celtic group that includes Kris Snyder '85*

A fourth-generation harper, Kris Snyder—you'll remember her as Kirsten Nystrom '85—has been a professional arranger, composer and performer since 1995, when she "dropped out" from a corporate career of teaching managers how to hire and fire without getting sued.

Not only was she less stressed, but so were her listeners. Wedding clients who are here from her Glensville, Pa., home to hear specific music selections began telling her how relaxed they felt. "I even had complete strangers fall asleep in my living room," she recalls.

Her quest to find out why certain pieces of music had such specific consistent responses prompted her to attend the First International Harp Therapy Conference in Richmond, Va., in 1997. There she learned about the Music for Healing & Transition Program, which she completed for her certification as a music practitioner in 1999. She now works at the Carroll Lutheran Village Dementia Unit in Westminster. She also has a private practice that takes her into hospitals and private homes at the request of individuals.

As a certified music practitioner, Snyder plays the harp



to help relax patients who are in pain, emotional turmoil or who are dying. "There are specific applications of rhythm and mode/key that can physically change the individual," she says. "I like to describe it as 'prescriptive music at the bedside.'"

Using music to ease the dying process might seem like a New-Age idea, but it was used extensively in the Medieval times by monks and other religious societies, Snyder says. She is careful to remember the cultural association of harps with heaven.

"I would never work with a post-operative patient coming out of anesthesia without their prior consent," she says. "Imagine what someone might think as they come into consciousness hearing harp music."

Snyder continues to entertain for a wide variety of venues, including as a featured act at First Night New York. This, her second CD with

Innisfree, features music with two harps and a flute; she also performs with the group Generations.

*Write to: Innisfree, P.O. Box 127, Glensville, PA 1732*

## BOOKS

### Abner's Escape

*Louise M. Coffman MED.'65  
1stBooks Library, 2003*

Louise Coffman MED.'65 points out that many stories have been written about the Amish who live in Lancaster, Pa., but stories dealing with other groups of Pennsylvania Dutch are rare. This novel, the second in the Abner series, continues the story about a boy in 18th-century Pennsylvania Dutch country and his Brethren community. The characters, the place names of the small towns and the plot are fiction, but historically accurate.

*Available online at Barnes&Noble (www.bn.com)*

**At Your Own Pace: Traveling Your Way in Your Motorhome, Second Edition**  
*Bernice Beard '74, MLA'81  
Arbor House Publishing*

Written in narrative form, the book tells about one couple's emotional journey as they drive along on their first big adventure of retirement—a five-week journey from Maryland to Arizona. More than a travelogue, this book (with an updated and expanded appendix) is the perfect introduction to motorhoming. You'll experience daily life on the road and learn about the operation of these homes on wheels as you travel with four-time author Bernice Beard '74 and her husband, Paul EX'51.

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works as a personal fitness trainer for **Jon Bugg '89**, aspiring heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

**Alice Smith Rau** lives in Westminster, Md., and teaches math at Francis Scott Key High School. She also coaches varsity volleyball and basketball. She is on a recreational basketball team with the following alumni: **Angie Alfano Zepp**, **Denise Spangler St. Rose '95**, **Sue Head Conklin '94**, **Barb Wolf Brummett '90**, **Colleen Gohegan Rosberry '84** and **Sherry Albright Clower '94**. Alice, Denise, Sue, Barb, Sherric and **Bonnie Grusch Lapiere** had a baby day at Alice's pool this past summer.

**Dr. Greg Street** still works designing computer games for Microsoft in Dallas, Texas. He, his wife, Jennifer and daughter **Zoe** decided to escape the "burbs" and build a new house out in the country.

**W. Scott and Julie Cohen Timney** state things have settled down a bit since they moved into their new home in Bel Air, Md. Scott is busy with his law practice in Baltimore City and occasionally runs into **Frank Pommett** at the courthouse. Julie continues to work part-time as her group medical practice in Bel Air. She spends her days off chasing after their daughter **Casey**, 4, and son **Will**, 2.

**Eugene Whiting, Jr.** is currently a second year assistant principal at Lindale Middle School in Linthicum, Md. He recently purchased a home in Baltimore City located on Lake Avenue (you can see Lake Montebello from the master bedroom). He casts his vote to have the Sig Ep gathering at **John "JT" Turner's** bar & Gracks. Eugene wants to let everyone know that he and **JD** did not like it home that night.

**Eric Wilson** lives in the Chicago suburbs with his wife, **Kathy**, and their son, **Eli**, 2. Eric is a sales representative for Safelite Auto Glass.

**Danielle Trent Zeyher** and husband **Matt** are still living in Wilton, Conn., with their two sons, **Zach**, 4, and **Jake**, 2. Danielle finally decided to leave public accounting and is working for the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

In addition to being with her three children, **Lamb Coffey** works three days a week in the corporate office of Silver Diner as an internal auditor. She and her husband, **Greg**, live in Maryland and go out to dinner with **Kate Coffey Flaherty** and her husband, **Geoff**, about once a month. They also stop in to **Amy Fowler** and **Rick '90 Granato** and new baby, **Jamie**, when they are in the Philly area.

**Nona Green** was recently selected to join "Capitol Swing," a competitive West Coast Swing Team in D.C. She is thrilled with her job at Hannah more School in Reisterstown, Md., where she works with middle and high school students with special needs. She lives in Baltimore and is active in her church community. She got together over the summer with **Julie Byrd Dixon '92**, **Melanie '92 Conley**, **Bill '92** and **Janet Alcorn '92** Yankosky, **Carolyn Moller** and **Melanie '92 D'Amore Phillips**.

**Edward Jacod** has been quite busy at Mercedes-Benz USA. They are cur-

rently implementing a SAP/2 system to manage their spare parts business. He has traveled to Germany as a project member. Edward lives in New Jersey and keeps in touch with **Richard Wagman**.

**Lori Perugini DeMatte** lives in Vineland, N.J., and loves her job as an aide at Cunningham Elementary School. She is looking into graduate schools for teacher certification. She and husband **Denny '87** have been enjoying their time at the beach and on the boat. They enjoyed seeing friends at their 13th annual summer party.

Writing from the Netherlands, **Dirk Visser** tells of his travels to India, Egypt, South Africa, Australia, the Caribbean, Venezuela, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Europe in general. Dirk is the general ledger controller for the Canon Consumer Imaging business unit in Canon Europe in Amstelveen. He has been in the Netherlands since he obtained his MBA in Belgium in 1992 and previously worked for GE and Cisco Systems in the Netherlands. He said that five weeks of paid holidays and great medical insurance plans make up for the high taxes and the weather. He gets updates occasionally from **Corey Krall** and his family.

**Matt Canelmo** got married on August 31, 2003 in Bermuda. They live in Oxford, Pa. He is working for Biogen, which is based in Cambridge, Mass. He still keeps in touch with **Pete Euler '92**.

**Alisa Rock Wade** and husband **Jim** have two little boys now. **Aslan Paul** was born May 7, 2002. He has his father's curly red hair. **Gonor Patrick** is now 5. They still live in Baltimore, Md. Last November, Alisa joined the CollegeBoard Foundation to raise money to help send Baltimore's neediest kids to go to college. She keeps in touch with her roommate, **Joslyn Martin Stewart**.

**Carrie F. Anderson Valleau** had a baby boy, **Nathan Anderson**, on June 23, 2003. They are living in Medford, N.J., and enjoying their time with **Nathan**.

**John Cionfiole** is teaching ninth-grade English and coaching varsity football at Spanish River High School in Boca Raton, Fla. He and his wife of seven years, **Julie**, enjoy spending time with their two girls, **Haley**, 2, and **Melanie**, 1. He keeps in touch regularly with **Brian Hughes**.

**Jill Carter Brookhart** writes from Elicott City, Md., that she is currently staying home with their three children: **Samantha**, **Shane** and **Bryce**. She still enjoys teaching aerobics and volunteering at school and various activities.

Also at home full time is **Amanda Zawacke Boyadits**. In addition to being with her daughters, **Paige**, 5, and **Lucy**, 3, Amanda does a lot of volunteering. Most recently she was the president of the Junior League of Morrisstown, N.J.

Doing web development for FUZinteractive has meant a very busy year for **Jim Vowles**. He has also been named to the board of directors for the com-

**Wendy Ruderman** is a staff writer at The Philadelphia Inquirer. She has covered state politics in New Jersey since receiving her master's from Columbia University School of Journalism in 1997.

ing year for Orakon, the biggest Japanese animation and culture convention on the East coast. He enjoys his god-daughter, **Zoe**, 2, and keeping in touch with the whole gang from Knights of the Hexagonal Table.

**Paul Borneyek** has been living in Sykesville, Md., for the past three years. When he is not appraising real estate, he is spending time with his wife, **Mary**, and their daughter, **Maggie**, 2. He sends "Congrats on 20 years on the Hill" to all the Sig Eps.

Maryland is also home to **Marie Kahos Chubb**. She and husband **Bob** live in Bel Air, Md., with **Grace**, 3, and **Luke**, 2. She is teaching at Villa Cresta Elementary School.

**Wendy Ruderman** lives with her husband **Karl Moser** in Haddon Township, N.J. Soon after getting married in 1999, Wendy and her husband took a four-month leave from their jobs to backpack through Asia. They explored seven countries, including Vietnam and Cambodia. Currently, Wendy is a staff writer at The Philadelphia Inquirer. She has covered state politics in New Jersey since receiving her master's from Columbia University School of Journalism in 1997. She keeps in close contact with **Deb Thigpen Bailey**. Wendy and Deb recently vacationed together in Los Cabos, Mexico.

**Robert Welsh** and his wife, **Maria**, have been busy with their four children, **Nicholas**, **Anthony**, **Olivia**, and **Dominic**, and with house construction. He sees his Alpha Gamma Tau brothers for golf vacations, weddings and his wife sporting events. **Robert** and his wife planned to take a trip to Italy in October for 10 days. Fans of HBO's "The Wire" might recognize some familiar names. **Robert Welsh** passed along the fact that some alumni are key members of the production crew—**Mike Sabo** and **Clark Hopselhorn '92**.

**Tracie Myers Blacksten** is an assistant principal at North Carroll Middle School in Carroll County, Md. She lives with her husband, **Mark**, and two children, **Sean**, 4, and **Sydney**, 1, in Westminster.

This year brought some changes for **Kate Coffey Flaherty**. She left the accounting firm and is now working for an asset management company in Bethesda, Md. She and her husband bought a new boat to overnight on the

Chesapeake. Their boat survived Hurricane Isabel with only minor scratches. They have had good times on the water with **Lamb Coffey** and her family and look forward to taking other alumni.

**Dr. Marshall Eidenberg** has finished his emergency medicine residency at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Major Eidenberg is staying in San Antonio with his wife, **Sandy**, and daughter **Lindsay** (WMIC 2010?), to take charge of Initial Entry Training for all of the medics in the U.S. Army. He is continuing to stay involved with endurance sports including putting a team together for the Armed Forces Eco-Challenge August 2004.

Chicago has been home to **Chris Covell** for almost nine years. She is still doing stand-up and playing guitar. Last fall, Chris was a warm-up comic for the set of **Robert Altman's** new film, "The Company." She did a lot of auditions in the past year: **Star Search**, **Last Comic Standing**, etc. Chris did get a call back for **Star Search**, but it did not go any further. She planned to be performing at the Stardust Casino in Las Vegas in October as one of the finalists in the "Laugh Across America" competition. Chris keeps in touch with **Sue Lange Luttrell '89**.

**Tamara Mahan Cursey** writes from Elicott City, Md., that her son, **Ryan Lee**, born Oct. 20, 2000, was joined by sisters **Ashley Elizabeth** and **Lauren Nicole** on Jan. 6, 2003.

**Rob Howell** married **Jessica Barlow '92** on Sept. 6, 2003, in Old Town Alexandria, Va. Alumni in the wedding party were **Michael Sherlock**, **Eric Watkinson**, **Wendy Gayo Parado '93**, **Christine Contri Fabio '92**, **Sarah '83 Warner '92** and **Katie Shepherd Dredger '93**. The newlyweds honeymooned in St. Lucia and planned to move into a new townhouse in Brambleton, Va. Rob is still in the army and is stationed in Washington, D.C., while Jessica continues to work as a reading specialist for Fairfax County Public Schools.

**Stacy Hermann Austensen's** twin sons began kindergarten this year. She is working part time as a fitness specialist for Frederick Memorial Hospital. They reside in Mt. Airy, Md.

**Paul "Gooch" Gaccione** is still in Tampa Bay, Fla. He is a major account manager for IT Storage Giant EMC2.

**John Huston** still works for Marriner Lumber Co. as a contractor/salesman. He and wife **Julie Wolfe Huston '89** live in Maine. Their daughter, **Christina**, 11, just finished up her third year of competitive showing and riding of horses while son, **Nicholas**, 9, is still actively climbing toward his goal of black belt in the kempo form of karate.

**Cooper Michael Saks** was born to **Sharon Landis Saks** on Sept. 2, 2003. Sharon says he was loosely named after **Cooperstown, N.Y.** because she and husband are big baseball fans. Sharon quit her job to be a stay-at-home mom.

**Josette Selover Goodard** has a new home in Wildwood, N.J. Over the summer, **Mike Kiddeck Brunelle** and family stopped for a visit as did **Kelly**

**Zaeger Gambone, Stacy Hermann Austensen, Lynne Kirsche Costello, Christine Houlihan Selover, and Karen Albright** also came to help christen the new home.

**Holly Phelps Currotto** and her husband moved to a home in the Ashland community of Hunt Valley, Md. She has a new role as director of leadership and organizational development at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore. She and husband Tony have two Lhasa Apso, TJ and Puttin' Holly, often teachers for animal rescue organizations. **Elise Rosen Woods** still lives in Bel Air, Md., with her husband Mike and their two children, Andrew, 6, and Austin, 2. She still works as a criminal investigator for the USDOT Office of Inspector General in Baltimore but now currently works out of the FBI offices in Woodlawn, Md. Her husband Mike still teaches and coaches at Harford Technical High School in Bel Air but also recently started his own internet sales business, AKA Sports Outlet. Besides work, life is even busier than before since Andrew started kindergarten and Elise began volunteering at his school. Elise wants everyone to keep sending her information because she's nosy and likes to know what everyone is doing.

**Melanie D'Amore Phillips** and husband Mark welcomed a son, Cameron Anthony, on Nov. 6, 2002. She has given up her teaching job to be home full time with Cameron. They reside in Ewing, N.J.

Thanks to all of you who contacted us with your information! Just a reminder, we will only print this column every other year.

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Hello, fellow classmates! It was so good to hear from you. Here's what your classmates had to say:

**Lisa Hill Pearce** was lured away from United Way of Frederick County in January 2003 by Love & Company, a full-service advertising agency in Frederick, Md. She was accepted to Leadership Frederick County for the class of 2003-04. She is happily married and living in Jefferson, Md., with husband Austin and stepson Forrest. And to answer the most common question she gets: no other kids yet!

**Robby Birdsell** and wife Amy live in Delran, N.J., with their son Robert Birdsell IV. RJ, for short, was born in October 2002. Robby works for Fessenden Hall, a distributor of plywood and Wilsonart Laminate, and he still keeps in touch with **Bill Tyrrell '95**. **Aaron Kahn, Quinn Salamandra** and **Shane Ireland**.

**Ann Bevans-Selig** married David

**Selig** on April 4, 2003. She owns the Bevans Group, a marketing and web development company headquartered in Silver Spring.

**Captain John Green** is currently serving in the Army Medical Service Corps as a health care recruiter and commander for the Ohio Health Care Recruiting Team.

**Kevin "Bernie" Bernhardt** married Kristin Derrick on May 4, 2003, in Florida, and the couple honeymooned in the Bahamas. In June 2003, they had a tropical-themed reception attended by alums **Dan "Duke" Deluca, Brett Edwards, Kevin Koretzki, Dan Verrastro '98, Jason Devito '96, Doug Yarroll '98, Steve Hallowell, Eric Laurence, and Michael '96 and Cindy Slaughter '96 Clinton**. Kevin works as a sales executive for Republic Services and lives out-side of Media, Pa.

Greetings from the South! **Toni Randle** is busy working hard trying to make a name for herself in broadcasting. She is working as a producer and reporter at a television station in Augusta, Georgia. Toni says, "No husband, no kids—just enjoying the warm weather and time spent with family and friends. The Omegas have started several annual trips including California, Vegas, Savannah for St. Patty's Day, and a second annual trip to the Outer Banks, N.C."

In October, **Melissa Farrell Franko** was married to **Dan Franko**. Among the wedding party were fellow alumni, **Amy Dreihelms, Eric Lyva, Jenna Hess '98, Don Todd '01, Steve Brust, Sara Gruber '99, Chester Stacy and Kelly Dundavon '00**. The two honeymooned in Napa Valley. Melissa is currently working as a public relations account executive at a public relations account executive at an agency in Annapolis, Md., and the Frankos reside in Crofton, Md. Dan recently became a member of the Screen Actors Guild and co-founded a film production company along with **Chester Stacy**.

**Bobbi Leister Silver** and husband Matthew moved to Lexington, Ky., in January 2003. They welcomed their baby girl, Elisabeth Claire, on March 22, 2002. Bobbi says, "She is almost a year-and-a-half now and growing like a weed!" The Silvers are in the process of buying their first home and are very excited about it.

Happy to be back living in Maryland (Silver Spring) after being in Northern Virginia for several years. **Ingrid Carlson** is still working as a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. She just completed a book chapter on public employment and civil service reform in Latin America and the Caribbean, which was published in December 2003.

Living in Lafayette, Ind., **Susanna Kuespert Aldridge** and husband Tim brought baby boy Timothy Spencer into the world on March 22, 2003. Susanna reports, "He brings us so much joy!" She started a new job as an emergency veterinarian at a 24-hour critical care hospital in Indianapolis. In June 2003, Susanna attended **Michelle Sabourin's '99** wedding reception. In

August 2003, she attended **Cathy Pech Kipler's** wedding. **Julie Remo Kissel '96** and Susanna were bridesmaids.

**Kerrie Kohler Walsh** writes from Timonium, Md., where she is busy being a stay-at-home mother to daughter Abbey, who was born on June 12, 2002. She has weekly play dates with **Melia Brody** (daughter of **Meghan Grant '95 and Tyler '95 Brody**), **Ian Marsico** (son of **Jodi Maloney '95 and Mike '95 Marsico**), and **Haley Page** (daughter of **Lisa and Matt Page '96**). In January 2004, Kerrie attended to school to obtain her nursing degree.

Writing from Westminister, Md., **Kristen Olish Benjamin**, husband Matt, and daughter Jocelyn, 3, are spending some of their time house hunting. They visit Kristen's mom, **Lynn Mack McDonough '66**, and family in Florida often. Kristen sends a big hello to her fellow classmates and Omega sisters.

## Ingrid Carlson is still working as a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C.

After four years of teaching sixth-grade English and social studies, **Sophie Ferrer** is moving up to eighth grade! She was to lead a two-week mini-summer at her school about the Holocaust and Civil Rights movement; it was called "Facing History and Ourselves." Sophie resides in Cockeysville, Md.

**Tim "Bender" D'Angelo** is living in Cherry Hill, N.J., with his wife, Michelle. He is teaching mathematics in Delran, N.J., and is coaching baseball. Tim says, "I would love to get back in touch with **Byron Druzgal, Chip Dickey and Brian Miller '98**."

Working in Reston, Va., **Shea Henyon** and her mother formed a real estate partnership.

Living in Westminister, Md., **Alison Winters Welch** and her husband welcomed a baby boy into their family on May 20, 2003. She is in her seventh year of teaching at Westminister Elementary School. Alison keeps in touch with **Stacey Glacken Czech, Amy Rice Mirra and Ingrid Carlson**.

**Lisha Mummert Hoppe and Matt Hoppe** bought their first home and are more as a multimedia designer for the started her own jewelry company, Designs by Lisha Suzanne, which offers sterling silver and semi-precious one-of-a-kind pieces. She also works for her parents at their family store.

Living in downtown Baltimore, Md., **Ross Holleben** is the Internet coordinator for the Baltimore Ravens after doing video for the Ravens, Washington Redskins and Cleveland Browns, respectively for five years. Ross also

spent time working for a public relations firm in San Francisco and as a public relations intern for the Ravens.

After six years at Jack Morton Worldwide, **Brandy Mulhern Putnam** is starting her own business as a freelance producer of corporate meetings, events, videos, and communication programs. Working on her MBA from Mount St. Mary's College, Brandy plans to graduate in May 2005. She says the number of our classmates who have recently become parents or who are now expecting amazes her. Brandy said "Seeing Shelby John and Samantha Dvoskin Lieberman both pregnant at Randy and Kim Zehner Ryner's Memorial Day Luau was great fun!"

**Tiffany Urbansky** is still working in the same school district in Auburn, Mass., and enjoys her job and co-workers.

**Melissa Sammons and Howard 'Zippy' '96 Mackie** still love life in North Carolina. Melissa is the technology specialist for an independent school in Charlotte, and Zippy is traveling quite a bit these days (North Carolina to Puerto Rico) in his new role as a sales manager for Automatic Data Processing.

**Mike Caldwell**, his wife Debbie, daughter Julia, 2, and dog Scott live in Elliott City, Md. The couple teaches elementary school in Howard County. In October 2002, they moved into a 40-year-old house and are having fun redoing it. Mike says he tries to see the friends he made from Rouser Hall a few times a year.

Well into his fifth year at MBC Precision Imaging in Columbia as a graphic designer, **Chester Stacy** specializes in large format printing for trade shows, art reproduction, and general signage. However, his creative outlet doesn't stop there. After discovering a nearby resource of free stainless steel and other fine metals, Chester has been creating industrial sculpture and furniture as well as renovating his house. In March of 2003, he presented a social commentary on censorship through performance art at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Later in May 2003, Chester competed in the D.C. 48-Hour Film Project with a team led by **Dan Franko**. The 10-minute film, *641*, garnered a position in the top ten of almost 50 entries and went on to win Best Cinematography. That success encouraged his team to write and film a 30-minute featurette, which is currently in post-production. More recently, a visit to the new Harrison House parking lot revealed another sense of success as a sidewalk no-passes and provides the intended exposure of Chester's VOICE wall sculpture. Currently, he anxiously awaits the fruition of the Baltimore Paper Fashion Show for which Chester designed the set and co-chaired the organization.

**Sherrie Belmont Ryan** was married on August 14, 1998, to Tom Ryan. They honeymooned in Greece and saw all of the places she learned about in Dr. Evergates' classes. The couple moved from Newark, Del., to Woolwich, N.J., in March 2003, and have two children,

Mackenzie Lynn born January 17, 2000, and Owen Thomas born June 6, 2003. Sherrie works part time for Dade Behring, a clinical diagnostic company, and is a full-time mom.

Living in Sykesville, Md., **Heidi Snyder Reigel** is the associate director of admissions at McDaniel College. When she is not on the road recruiting new students for the college, she is in the stands cheering for the Linganore boys' varsity soccer team. Her husband, Jim, is the newest member of the physical education department at Linganore and also serves as the varsity coach. Even though Heidi does not see the Phi Mu Gals as often as she'd like, the times that they do get together are special!

**Jon Light Leiby** writes from Jacksonville, Fla. She works as an instructional designer there.

Writing from Clear Spring, Md., **Lori Mowen Block** and her husband, of five years, Bill, have two sons, Billy and Bryce. She is the mathematics department leader at North Hagerstown High School. Her husband and she started Landmark Elevator, Inc., which is based in Hagerstown, Md.

After completing her MBA at the Johns Hopkins University in the spring of 2002, that following January of 2003, **Jennifer Doetsch** moved into the special events management position for the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. The transition was quite exciting and challenging for Jen. She still lives in Bel Air with her sister and cat, Taylor. The annual Doetsch dinner was a huge hit, and Jen thanks all of the girls for coming. Guests included **Wicky Caromba Palazzo**, **Mason Delahoz**, **Mason '96**, **Laura Watson '99**, **Heather Lee**, **Cindy Slaughter Clinton '96**, **Nazhin Beiramee '98**, among others. She plans to do it again in April of 2004! Jen spent a week in the Outerbanks, N.C., with 24 friends, including **Sarah Sheckells**, **Hendrickson** and **Toni Randle**. Jen says, "It was a total blast and can't wait for next year!" Another exciting trip for her was in December 2003 when she visited Key West with her beau, Dan, and friends.

**Cathy Peck Kipler** was married to Earl Kipler on August 23, 2003. After honeymooning in Aruba and having a second reception in Buffalo, N.Y., (where Earl's family lives) the couple has settled into a townhouse in Owings Mills, Md. Cathy still works as a critical care nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Towson. Cathy says, "Earl and I loved having all our friends in town for the wedding. I've also greatly enjoyed playing with the new baby sons of my WMC friends, **Julie Kissal Remo '96** and **Keith Reno** and **Susanna Kuespert Aldridge**."

Living in Silver Spring, Md., **Julie Sanders** works for Cellular One of Texas in the Washington, D.C., area. On July 19, 2003, she married Cory Donovan and honeymooned on a four-day cruise in Key West and the Bahamas. The couple spent an extra four days in Boca Raton, scuba diving and relaxing on the beach. Julie has been playing pen pal with classmate **Martha Carr** who is married and living

in Stroudsburg, Pa.

Writing from Woodbine, Md., **Colleen Ricker Deltrich** and her husband Rick started their own business, Synectic Resources, Inc., a multimedia, training development company. Colleen also works part time as the academic adviser at Carroll Community College. Their daughter, **Michelle Deltrich Hornung '01**, and son-in-law just gave birth to their first grandchild, Ryan, on September 22, 2003.

**Heather Lee Whiteside**, husband Jamie, and Camryn, 1, write from Hanau, Germany, where Heather's husband is stationed. She is the behavior management specialist for the Department of Defense Schools in Hanau. After attending Iraq readiness training, Jamie shipped out to Baghdad, Iraq, in October 2003.

**Paco Frisuelos** returned west back and forth from Spain to the U.S. until he settled in Madrid, Spain. He works as a professor for American Universities in Madrid and is working on his Ph.D. in humanities/art history and another Ph.D. in film studies.

Writing from Middleton, Del., **Drew and Elaine Eimerman Jahn** welcomed a baby girl into the world in February 2003. Drew is working on his MBA at the University of Delaware and is a senior officer at MBNA. Elaine teaches fifth grade at Leeds Elementary School in Cecil County, Md., and will complete a master's degree of education from McDaniel in May 2004.

**Amy Rice Murray**, husband Dave '96 and their two Australian Shepherds, Barkley and Zoe, live in Sterling, Va. Amy has worked for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics as the communications outreach coordinator for almost three years and is working on her master's degree in education at George Mason University. She gets together regularly with **Stacey Glacken Zech**, **Alison Welch Winters** and **Ingrid Carlson**.

Living in Catonsville, Md., **Brett Edwards** and his wife Tracy welcomed their first child, Riley Elizabeth, into the world on March 22, 2003. Brett works as an account executive for TEKsystems in Baltimore, Md., and he still remains close with college friends, including **Dan "Duke" DeLuca**, **Eric Laurence**, **Steve Hallows**, **Kevin "Bernie" Bernhardt**, **Kevin Korecki**, **Jay DeVito '98**, and **Chris Kintzel '96**, as well as other Phi Dels.

Obtaining her master's degree in German from Millersville University in 2002, **Amy Dreibelis** is in her sixth year of teaching German at North Carroll High School. In the summer of 2003, Amy traveled to Europe, experiencing many adventures (including the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona) with **Amy Eggers**. She was recently the maid of honor in the wedding of **Melissa Farrell** and **Dan '98 Franko** on October 4, 2003, and still keeps in touch with her friends in Alpha Psi and sisters in Phi Mu.

**Todd Ratchless** and **Kimberly Haker Ratchless** returned to the Maryland area this past Fall after spending the last two years in Southern Arizona.

Both completed their Company Commands at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and are still in the Army. Todd is pursuing his master's in applied mathematics at College Park while Kim is working at Fort Meade. In the spring of 2005 they will be moving to West Point, N.Y., where Todd will teach mathematics. Both are excited to be back in the Maryland area and look forward to seeing old friends.

After spending two years in Southern California, **Eric Laurence** recently moved back to the East Coast. The beach life treated him well, but it was time to get back to his roots. Working for USAOTODAY.com for the past five years, Eric is currently living in Arlington, Va., with his girlfriend, **Becky Dux '96**. **Steve Hallowell '97** and Eric are looking to qualify for the third straight East Coast Flying Disc Championships to be held in the spring of 2004.

Living in Abingdon, Md., **Ryan John** and wife Shelby went on a cruise to the Western Caribbean with **Randy Rytter** and **Kim Zehner Rytter '97** in Sept 2002. They had a great time and hope to travel with them again in 2004. They also spent a week in Hawaii in March 2003 on the Big Island. Ryan said it was magnificent and well worth the half-day flight each way. On Oct. 6, 2003, the couple welcomed Grace Lola into the world. She is the Grace grandchild on both sides, so she is already getting spoiled. Ryan enjoys his work as the Controller at Alban Trustar.

As for me...I'm still employed by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., in Baltimore, Md., as a compensation analyst in our corporate human resources department. In May 2002, I obtained a master's degree in organizational development and human resources from Johns Hopkins University. In 2003, I passed the exam for the professional in human resources certification. Between school, work, and being a homemaker in Towson, Md., somehow my husband, Dan, and I have time to catch up with my college friends. We have attended weddings (most recently was **Michelle Crow '98** and **Nick Ferracci '99** wedding), gone out on the town with fellow alumni, and we spent a week with **Toni Randle**, **Jen Doetsch**, and others in the Outerbanks, N.C. In November 2003, **Cindy Slaughter Clinton '96** and I hosted a dinner for some college pals. The guest list included **Lisa Hill Pearce**, **Marcie Delahoz Mason**, **Karrie Norman Carter '95**, **Leslie Kirkwood**, **Anne Plunkett '95**, **Shea Henryon**, **Nazhin Beiramee '98**, **Cindy Van Der Mat Van Nostrand**, **Minsky Baldwin**, **Shana Burdick Hoppelhorn '95**, **Kerri Reynolds**, **Todd and Kim Haker '96**, **Ratchless**, **Jen Doetsch**, **Toni Randle**, **Howard Zippy '96** and **Missy Summers Mackie**, and **Laurie Giorno Macke '98**.

Thanks to those who contributed to this column. Feel free to contact me at dansarah519@msn.com and keep me posted on your life events. "Take my good care!"  
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# The View from Nepal: Poverty is a Global Problem

YURI BASNETT '03

**A** colleague working in an area overrun by Maoist insurgents once remarked to me, "If we see the sunrise, we say to each other, 'We have one more day to live.'" That is the difference between being a senior on the Hill and working here in Kathmandu.

After graduating in 2003 with a double-major in Economics and Political Science, I returned to the capital of my native Nepal to work for an international, non-governmental organization called World Vision International-Nepal. I am a micro-enterprise development associate and my work involves economic empowerment of people in the rural sectors of this country.

Our clock is approximately 14 hours ahead of United States Eastern Standard Time. But in so many other tangible ways, our economy is light years behind.

The country exists in a "time-warp" where three political forces exist together—monarchy, Maoism, democracy—all vying for a piece of the pie. Nepal is among the poorest and least-developed countries in the world, ranking 144 with per capita annual income at \$210, according to the United Nations Development Program's Human Development Index. A Maoist insurgency launched in 1996 has further destabilized the country.

My original plan did not involve returning to my home country after graduation. I was accepted and eager to enroll in a graduate program at the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies, but could not secure the funding to attend. Happily, my education at McDaniel has provided me with the intellectual weapons I need to carry out the job I am doing right now—when I run out of ammunition I will find a way to go back to school.

Here, I have already learned so much.

After numerous interactions, I've concluded that people in poverty are equally capable of bettering their lives; it's

just that lack of opportunities, constrained by factors beyond their reach, restricts them.

Furthermore, I've seen evidence to support the market theory I learned in the classroom. Market operations does result in economic allocation of scarce resources. Where markets have been allowed to function without external restrictions, they continue to perform and improve the lives of the people. I have seen small markets in remote areas, isolated from other parts of the country, continue to function efficiently by setting prices that reflect the true costs, providing essential market signals for farmers and traders alike. Entire communities continue to live and exist through these signals. What is most interesting is that some imported economist did not impose market theory on these communities; it is a working dynamic that has existed ever since human settlement.

I have witnessed fish farmers set the daily price of their products depending on market prices, resulting in accruing profits. I have had the privilege to learn from a women's self-help group, created for economic empowerment by the International Labor Organization. The 100-plus members conduct financial transactions among themselves better than any commercial bank in Nepal; they provide interest on savings of 5-6 percent (2 percent higher than commercial banks) and provide loans at 12 percent (2 percent lower than commercial banks). The entire group consists of women who possess no formal education and neither are they being tutored by any economist: what makes them perform at such levels is that they study the market signals, worry deeply about profits and conduct their transactions in the most efficient manner.

In Kaski district, entire villages have renounced usage of chemical manures and have adopted organic farming. We are financially supporting them. Their products have

already found favorable markets and are profiting far better than their counterparts, who are engaged in using chemical manures and traditional farming.

However, this optimism is limited by restriction on international trade. I can foresee a stage of saturation of local markets. Demand for such products are higher in the international markets and the costs of production lower here, so by economic principles alone, Nepal possesses a comparative advantage. But I know it is next to impossible for this enterprise to enter international markets because the farmers' lobby in the United States and Western Europe will never allow this enterprise to do business, no matter how competitive they are. Hence, these farmers' annual income will rise, but never so much to transform them and, therefore, they will continue to live in poverty with only marginal improvement.

**I have learned that a farmer in a village knows as much about economics as I do and that a rickshaw puller in the city knows as much about politics.**

The above-mentioned is just one of the many factors that limit development. We have our fair share of blame for the destitution, but the international community has its fair share as it continues to exist in a hypocrisy where globalization does not mean free flow of goods and services across the board, but rather only my goods and services not yours.

I have learned that a farmer in a village knows as much about economics as I do and that a rickshaw puller in the city knows as much about politics. And what we all don't know too well is where the change lies. The only difference between them and me is that I can draw the marginal utility curve, talk of free trade and the effects of globalization.

This is an experience—and an education—I would trade—for nothing. •



"I know, it's only rock 'n' roll, but I like it" —Mick Jagger and Keith Richards

Bring the kids to the May Day/Spring Fling Flashback during Reunion Weekend, May 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Quad. No matter if this is not a reunion year for your class, everyone is invited to enjoy food, games, music and fun.



#### REUNION WEEKEND APRIL 30-MAY 2

If your class year ends in a "4" or a "9" you are having a reunion this year. Regardless, all graduates are welcome back for this weekend party featuring fun for the entire family. See page 36 to learn more, or go to [www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu) and click on the Alumni link for a detailed schedule of events.

#### More Good Times Planned

##### GOSPEL CHOIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 8

Sing and be counted in a celebration of this most popular and diverse choir. The day begins with a brunch in the Decker Center Forum at 10:30 a.m., followed by rehearsal at noon in Baker Memorial Chapel and a BBQ dinner at 4 p.m. Then, it's time to put it all together and sing your hearts out at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster High School. Register with the Office of Alumni Relations at 410/857-2254.

##### ORIOLES BIRD BASH MAY 27

Mingle with alumni at the tailgating party, then cheer for the home team in this game against the Yankees. For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 410/857-2254.

##### HOMECOMING AND SPORTS HALL OF FAME BANQUET OCTOBER 8 & 9

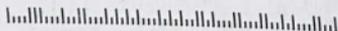
Since both are autumn traditions, doesn't it make sense that they fall on the same weekend? Now you can attend both in one trip. Check [www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu) for more details as the date draws near.

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## BOOK EXCHANGE

Junior Emily Vance was an English major who discovered she preferred to deal in absolutes. So she changed her major to biochemistry. Her roommate, junior Chava Roth, was determined to become a veterinarian until she realized she had the heart of a writer. Now she is an English major. (See page 8 for more on Major Dilemmas.)

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# THE Hill

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## Summer is an Open Book

President Joan Develin Coley, a doctor of education and reading specialist, loves to travel to imaginary places in the books she reads with granddaughter Johanna Coley. Among her favorites is *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*, by Doreen Cronin. The story tells what happens when cows discover a typewriter in the barn and begin composing notes to the farmer listing their demands. In 2001, the book was awarded a Caldecott Honor for its bold watercolor illustrations.

Also on her summer reading list: *Babbitt*, by Sinclair Lewis; *Divining Women*, by Kaye Gibbons; and *Hidden: A Novel*, by Paul Jaskunas.

See page 7 for more on what McDaniel scholars read to get away from it all.

"I have no idea how many books I have. I can part with my paperbacks; my hardbacks are my friends."  
—Joan Develin Coley

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# NEWS

from the Hill

## McDaniel-Budapest Program Graduates to Four Years

BY KIM ASCH

When it opened its doors in 1994, McDaniel-Budapest was the first college in Hungary offering a degree from an American institution. Students from central and Eastern Europe and other parts of the world spent two years studying in the cosmopolitan city, but had to take their junior and senior years on the Hill in order to graduate.

Ten years later, McDaniel-Budapest is expanding its course offerings. For the first time this fall, students will be able to stay in Budapest to complete a bachelor of arts degree in communication, political science or economics.

The goal of the Budapest program is still the same: to facilitate a cultural exchange by bringing international students to the West-

minster campus and to allow American students to spend time living and learning in Budapest. But since homeland security was tightened following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, student visas have been unattainable in many cases.

Uncertainty surrounding the second part of the program has had a dampening effect on enrollments. In fall 2003, 81 students were enrolled in McDaniel-Budapest compared to 145 in fall 2002.

"Our first priority is to serve our students," says Provost Sam Case. "If they aren't allowed to study in the United States, we will make it possible for them to complete their liberal arts education at our wonderful site in central Europe."

Other than the McDaniel-Budapest designation on the diploma, the degree will be identical to the one students earn in Westminster. In order to graduate, students will need to complete the same basic liberal arts requirements and meet the same rigorous standards. Courses are conducted in English.

Márton Galambos '04, who studied for two years in Budapest before finishing his degree in Westminster, explains the appeal of the "Eastminster" campus, as it is sometimes called.

"McDaniel College Budapest is very, very international. There are people from Asia, from Africa, from different parts of Europe—and that's something great. It's also nice that it happens at an American college in Budapest; that makes it even more international," Galambos says.

Another goal of McDaniel-Budapest as it matures is to become, as Case describes, "a study abroad portal" for students from other colleges who want to experience Hungary.

Galambos, who analyzed the Budapest program for his senior seminar project in communication, supports the initiative. "It's such a great experience for American students to study in Budapest for a semester," he says. "They get to travel in Europe, they live on their own, they become much more mature and independent and they become more aware of different cultures." •



Budapest, situated on both banks of the Danube river, is Hungary's cultural, political, intellectual and commercial heart and a cosmopolitan hub of central Europe. McDaniel-Budapest is in its 10th year in this vibrant city.

## Campus is Long-Term Nest for Ravens Training Camp

The Baltimore Ravens summer training camp will roost on the Hill for at least another six years, according to a contract signed by the NFL football team and the College.

Players report to camp this year on Thursday, July 29, with the first practice Friday, July 30, at 8:45 a.m. Fans will get a chance to meet and collect autographs from some of their favorite players, including reigning AP Defensive Player of the Year Ray Lewis, the AP Offensive Player of the Year Jamal Lewis and the AP Defensive Rookie of the Year Terrell Suggs.

The Ravens' scrimmage is slated for Friday, August 6, at 5:30 p.m. in Bair Stadium. The scrimmage will feature a question-and-answer session with Coach Brian Billick and appearances by the Ravens cheerleaders and the marching band.

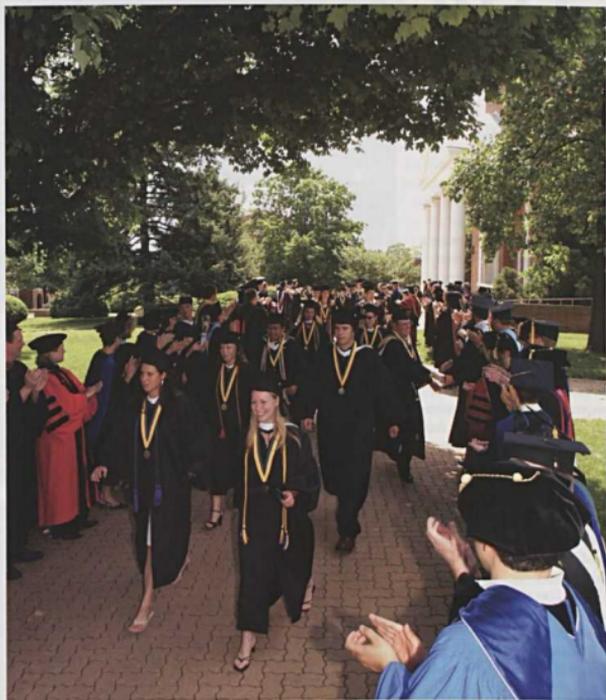
"Pro football will continue as a great summer tradition at McDaniel College," says Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance.

The six-year contract includes the installation of synthetic turf on the main athletic field, with the Ravens and the College sharing the cost. The product, Sportex Momentum Turf, is the same surface used at M&T Stadium in Baltimore. The agreement also provides for a feasibility study for room expansion at the Ravens' headquarters hotel, Best Western.

"I'm very pleased with this agreement. Going to McDaniel is special for me," says the Ravens' new owner Steve Bisciotti. "I came here as a kid watching the Colts practice," he adds. "I have pictures of my brother and sister with a variety of players, including one of me wearing Johnny Unitas' helmet. I even remember what I ate and drank at camp—waffle ice cream sandwiches and lemonade."

Last summer, more than 66,000 fans flocked to campus for a chance to see players up close. According to Bob Eller, director of operations, that number reached over 100,000 in summer 2001 following the team's Super Bowl victory. That year saw the taping of HBO's popular reality show, "Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Baltimore Ravens," which put the College on prime time television week after week.

The College has long served as summer host to NFL players. The Ravens have roosted on campus since 1996 and followed in the footsteps of the Baltimore Colts who trained here from 1953-1971. —JM.



## AFTER THE FACT

Graduates invited to march the gauntlet of cheering faculty on the way to Commencement: **100%** (see above)

Math professors reading the Japanese play *Rashomon* for fun this summer: **2**

Minutes Sam Case '63, MED'66, who served on the faculty and as provost for a total of 39 years, expects to miss working: **0**

Rank of the Hill on Hungarian Márton Galambos' list of top five places in the world: **5**

Days music major Lisa Moore '05 lived in Ghana, West Africa, where she performed traditional music for the Asante royal family: **104**

Times the song of cicadas could be heard on campus during this season of their 17-year mating cycle: **0**

Members of the Class of 2004 who planned to marry a classmate this summer: **4**

Year central air conditioning was installed in little Baker Chapel: **2002**

Total value of gift recently bequeathed to the College by an alumni couple: **\$3.6 MILLION**

## Student Leader Gets Her Wings

BY KIM ASCH

**K**rystle Allen '05 sports a small butterfly tattoo that represents her aspirations for herself: intellectual, emotional and spiritual evolution.

The soft-spoken sociology major with a focus on criminal justice has already experienced a metamorphosis while at college. She has grown to become a strong campus leader, with a disarming personal style that is gentle but tenacious. Last year she was vice president of the Black Student Union and will begin her term as president in the fall.

She was also awarded a selective scholarship to represent McDaniell at the 17th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, held June 1-5 in Miami. She was one of just 40 specially designated scholars among more than 1,800 participants who came together from every state and several foreign countries.

One of the week's highlights, she says, was the chance to meet the filmmakers responsible for "The Color of Fear." The documentary tells the story of eight men of various ethnicities who spend a weekend engaging in an intimate and honest dialogue about race and the effects of racism on their lives and families. Winner of the 1995 National Educational Media Award for the Best Social Studies Documentary, the film is unique in its authenticity as participants share the intensity of their anguish and pain. The story is also hopeful and communicates the importance of individuals

opening up to each other because of their differences, not despite them.

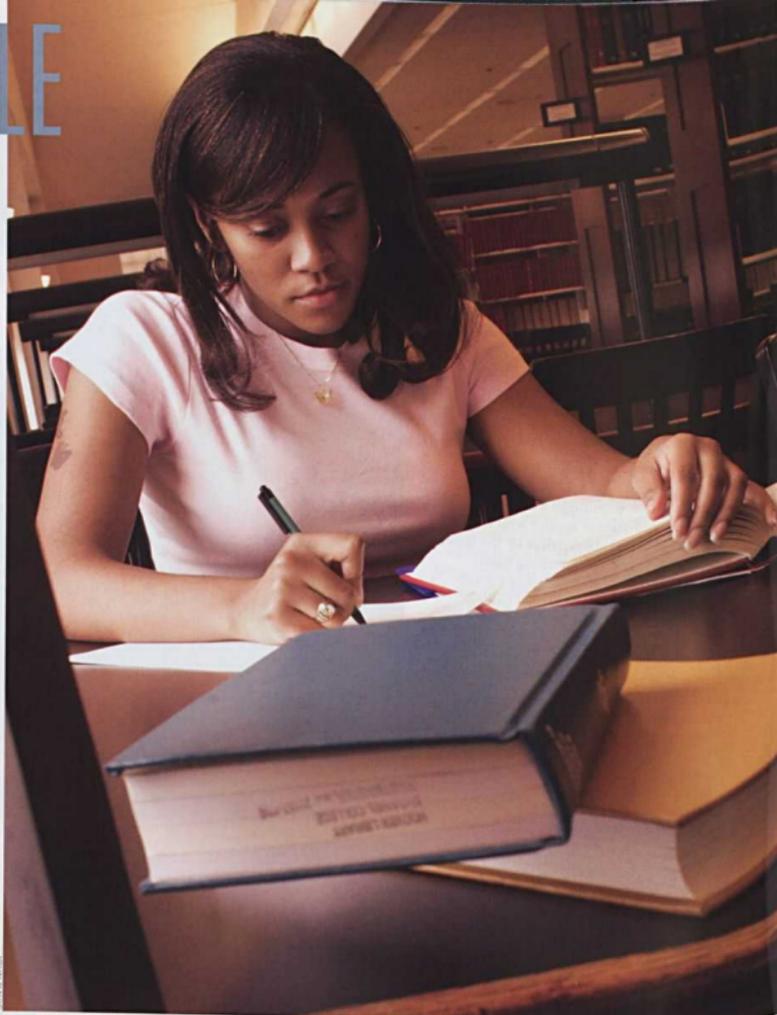
"For me, it was like meeting a celebrity," says Allen, who had seen the film long before the conference and was empowered by it.

One of the sessions she attended at the conference encouraged that same kind of frank discourse between white and black participants through various role playing activities and provocative questions. "It was so intense and very thought-provoking,"

says Allen. "It was very cool to be a part of it."

Next year, Allen has big plans for the BSU. In addition to its popular Soul Food Dinner, she says the club will co-sponsor a lecture and, hopefully, a step dance performance. She also would like the club to facilitate more open dialogue on campus.

"I don't want us to be viewed as just a social club," she says. "We're going to have more of a political, activist role, too." •



SHANE MURPHY

Krystle Allen '05, the incoming president of the Black Student Union, has evolved to become a committed campus leader.

## Case Completes Marathon Career

**C**owards Won't Show and the Weak Will Die.

Sounds like a help wanted ad for the job of college provost.

It's actually the motto of Alaska's Iditasport race, where runners brave subzero temperatures to navigate a 100-mile, snow-covered trail while pulling a sled full of survival supplies behind them.

Neither coward nor weakling, Sam Case has completed the ultramarathon three times over the past decade. Originally, his annual trips to The Last Frontier were solely for the purpose of conducting physiology research on participants. But Case has never been one to pass up a chance to challenge himself, physically or intellectually. He just had to get into the race.

To understand Alaska's wild call is to understand Sam Case '63, MED'66, who retired in June after 39 years on the faculty, four of those as dean and provost. It is there, in that vast land of rugged beauty, where he was challenged to perform at his peak on multiple fronts.

Case, the scholar, gathered valuable data and gained new insights into the physical and psychological effects of extreme environments on athletes. His research findings were published in some of the most well-regarded academic journals. That work spurred even more important research projects in Antarctica between 1997 and 1999.

Case, the teacher-mentor, turned the experience into a hands-on lab for the students he brought along. Their names appear next to his on the many articles and conference presentations resulting from their work together.

Case, the adventurer, proved to himself once more that any tough assignment can be conquered with preparation, creativity and will. And Case, the coach and consummate leader, showed others how they could complete seemingly insurmountable tasks—and have a lot of fun along the way.

Psychology professor Sherri Hughes says that for most of her life she couldn't run a half-mile without stopping. That changed after the first time she traveled to Alaska to conduct research with Case. His energy was contagious, she says. She decided to train with him and the next year they completed the Iditasport race together. Hughes is just one in a long list of Case's fitness converts, and she has crossed many finish lines since that day.

The starting line of Case's career emerged by accident while he was still an undergraduate. He suffered a concussion while playing football in his sophomore year and, rather than pack it in, assisted with coaching instead. By the time he graduated in 1963 with a degree in physical education and biology, he'd racked up three years of coaching experience.

He taught and coached briefly at The Johns Hopkins University before his former professor, Dick Clower, brought him back as a colleague in 1965. Case earned a master's degree in physical education from the College and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1971.

On three occasions, his expertise took him to the United States Olympic Training Center where he served as a physiologist. He received a Fulbright Scholar Nomination to Yugoslavia in 1988 and 1989. He has held numerous offices in professional associations and served as chair of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Physical Fitness and as associate editor of the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*. He is a member of the Tri-Beta Biology Honorary Society and the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society. He has published some 58 articles on physiology and physical fitness. He is one of few faculty to win the College's prestigious distinguished Teaching Award not just once but twice.

Case also built an outstanding career as a skilled and dedicated coach. In 2001, The National Wrestling Hall of Fame recog-

nized him with its Lifetime Service Award. That same year, he was inducted into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame. He will be inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame Oct. 8.

Through it all, his hallmarks have been hard work, honesty, humanity and humor. "B-positive," he likes to say, "is my blood type and my personal motto."

Stories of Case's notorious high jinks abound. Among his personal favorites is the April Fool's joke he played on biology professor Sam Alspach. Case hid a portable stereo in the classroom, set to turn on soon after Alspach had begun teaching. At 8:20 a.m., the Big Bopper's booming voice seemed to blast from nowhere, "Hellooo, Baby!"

"He didn't know where it was coming from, and he was all over the room trying to find it," Case remembers, laughing. "I put it underneath the lab table so he couldn't see it. At first, he thought it was coming from outside and went over and closed the window."

When duty called in 2000, Case stepped up to the job of provost, a fitting capstone experience for his long and impressive career. Now he looks forward to having more time to hike, bike and run. And he is ready to begin his second career: "Spoiling my grandchildren." —KA

## Fulbright Sends Holocaust Scholar to Sarajevo

**A** Fulbright Lecturing and Research Award will send Associate Professor of History Paul B. Miller to Sarajevo for the next academic year.

Miller will teach a history course on the Holocaust or genocide at the University of Sarajevo, work on curricular development with the Faculty of Islamic Studies and help acquire resources for the university's library.

"Students flock to the course, not because of some morbid fascination with evil, but because they wish somehow to comprehend the fact of human malevolence, despite intrinsically knowing that it can never be rationally explicated," Miller wrote in his proposal for the award.

He is spending nine weeks learning Serbo-Croatian at Arizona State University before he travels to Novi Sad, Serbia, to study for three weeks at the Azbukum language center. He will settle in Sarajevo in late August before the semester begins in early October. —RB



College Provost Sam Case celebrates with Professor of Psychology Sherri Hughes upon completion of Alaska's Iditasport race.

## Classroom Greats Gather for Coffee, Conversation— Hold the Caffeine

BY PEGGY FOSDICK & RITA BEYER

**N**ot much has changed. The hair is a little grayer. The faces sport a wrinkle or two. But the eyes still sparkle, and every one of them can take the podium as if their days in the classroom had never ended.

Once a month, faculty emeriti return to the Hill. They meet on Engler Dining Porch over omelets, bagels, muffins, O.J. and decaf. There are no agendas, no Robert's Rules of Order, not much of a schedule really.

Their lives in retirement are full and their intellects intact. Talk comes easily among these professors—and no topic is off limits. Books. Politics. Travel. Television. The Internet. Health. From time to time, offspring or the old days.

"So, what do the caucuses mean, Bob?" asks group organizer Dick Clower as he circulates photocopies of a newspaper article, "Facing the New Medicare."

"Pay attention, class," says political science scholar Bob Weber. Grinning, he adds, "I can only do this once."

The monthly gathering of the College's retired faculty has begun.

Around the table—actually several pushed together to form one—they chat in groups of two and three. Jim Lightner and Con Darcy, who taught history for 35 years, chat

about real estate, in particular their vacation homes on Maryland's Eastern Shore and New York's Lake George, respectively.

Lightner '59 taught mathematics but recently received the designation as College historian, a role in which he has served unofficially for many years. An expert in the College's 137-year history, Lightner has also researched and written about the College's namesake, William Roberts McDaniel, and continues to educate through his lively presentations.

"Dick, I'm about to 1910, 1920," Lightner says of his College research to Clower, who still teaches canoeing and kayaking to undergraduates, as well as statistics and sports sociology on the graduate level. "I've stumbled across something no doubt you know about the minor league or semi-pro Orioles team that played here," Lightner adds.

"Since you were alive then," interjects Weber, before addressing the group's political questions.

With the presidential election looming in November, Ira Zepp '52 and Del Palmer listen as Weber gives chapter and verse on the Democratic caucuses. Clower asks Wray Mowbray '58, a pilot, about his latest flying adventures. Interaction among Howard Orenstein, Ray Phillips and Eleanor Richwine leaps from television to politics to the war in Iraq.

To add to the mix, Robert Hartman arrives late, after an early morning board meeting, ready to launch into a discussion of the bestseller *The Da Vinci Code*, which the philosophy and religious studies emeritus professor is currently reading.

Most of these retired teachers have traveled far from the College's hilltop campus.

In fact, Jacques De Rasse and his wife lived in France for 17 years after his 1976 retirement before returning to the United States, first to Florida and then a year ago, to Westminster.

Wherever the professors travel, they take with them memories of the Hill and especially their students.

"I think about my students," says Del Palmer, who taught literature before his retirement a decade ago. "I wonder what some of them are doing, especially my favorites."

Palmer and his wife, Nancy, a senior lecturer of English who retired in 2002, have traveled to Southeast Asia, Turkey, Syria and Jordan. Del is working on a family history. He gardens and has studied art history, Spanish and Italian. Nancy spends her mornings at the gym, but her husband fills her in on all the "gossip" from the breakfast meetings.

That leaves Eleanor Richwine, once the College's librarian, as the only woman in the group.

"There'd be too much fuss if we tried to keep her out," says Weber, the hint of a chuckle in his throat. "We'd hear from the Southern Poverty Law Center."

"I'm also a member of the ACLU," counters the soft-spoken widow of Professor of English Emeritus Keith Richwine, easily holding her own.

Weber and his wife travel and spend time with grandchildren. He works on their farm and restores old model cars. Richwine gardens and reads, plus she volunteers at the Carroll Arts Center, tutors through the Literacy Council and meets with her book



group at the library. She doesn't own a computer, a microwave or a cell phone.

"I figure I spend half my day looking for my glasses, I don't want to spend the rest of the day looking for the phone," she says.

Howard Orenstein, a 2002 retiree from the psychology department, has already produced a 20-minute film about his father, who died in 1996.

"I got the idea working with computers," Orenstein says, explaining that he had software that allowed him to pull together photos plus old movie and video footage. He was headed for Poland to visit his father's birthplace.

Weber says he, too, is following in his father's footsteps—at least in regards to his attitude toward aging.

"My father always said geezers are 10 years older than you are," says Weber. "He was still saying that when he was 80." •

(From left) Professor of Exercise Science and Physical Education Emeritus Dick Clower, Assistant Professor of French Emeritus Jacques De Rasse, Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus Ira Zepp '52, Professor of Mathematics Emeritus Jim Lightner '59, Professor of Comparative Literature Emeritus Del Palmer, Librarian Emerita Eleanor Richwine, Professor of Political Science and International Studies emeritus Bob Weber and Associate Professor of Psychology Emeritus Howard Orenstein.



PHOTO: JAMES SHIRER FOR COLLEGE

## For Scholars, Summer is an Open Book

Ahh ... sun, fun and the freedom to read anything that seems interesting. Here's what some professors are reading to get away from it all.

**Jean Shin**, sociology

*The Culting of Brands: When Customers Become True Believers*, by Douglas Atkin

**Carolyn and Bob Boner**, mathematics and computer science

*Rashomon*, the play, by Akira Kurosawa

**Elizabeth van den Berg**, theatre arts

*The Fall Of Neskaya: Book One of The Clingfire Trilogy*, by Marion Zimmer Bradley and Deborah J. Ross

**Debra Lemke**, sociology

*Amelia Peabody* series of mysteries on Egypt, by Elizabeth Peters

**Stephanie Madsen** (and her 10-month-old son), psychology

*Pat the Bunny*, by Dorothy Kunhardt

**Sam Case**, newly retired provost

*Ted Williams: The Biography of an American Hero*, by Leigh Montville

## O'Connell Promoted to VP

Marty O'Connell has been promoted to vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions. In this newly created position on the senior management team, she will provide leadership and vision in areas related to student enrollment and retention.

President Joan Develin Coley expressed her confidence in O'Connell's ability to help McDaniel realize its goal of becoming nationally recognized as an ideal living-learning environment where the average class size is 17 and students are personally mentored by Ph.D.s whose first love is teaching.

"As McDaniel College works to ensure that our educational mission is understood and supported in this competitive marketplace, there is no one better than Marty to bring motivated, talented students to this community and to make sure this community delivers on its promise to them," Coley said.

O'Connell joined the admissions staff in 1990 as director and was appointed dean of admissions in 1997. She has counseled thousands of prospective students and families. Personal attention is her hallmark, and she takes time to read every application essay, provides individual guidance to current students and presents information sessions on the college search process for colleagues and local families.

Under her leadership, the College has nearly doubled its applicant pool, strengthened its academic profile, increased its diversity and expanded its efforts to recruit international students. O'Connell's

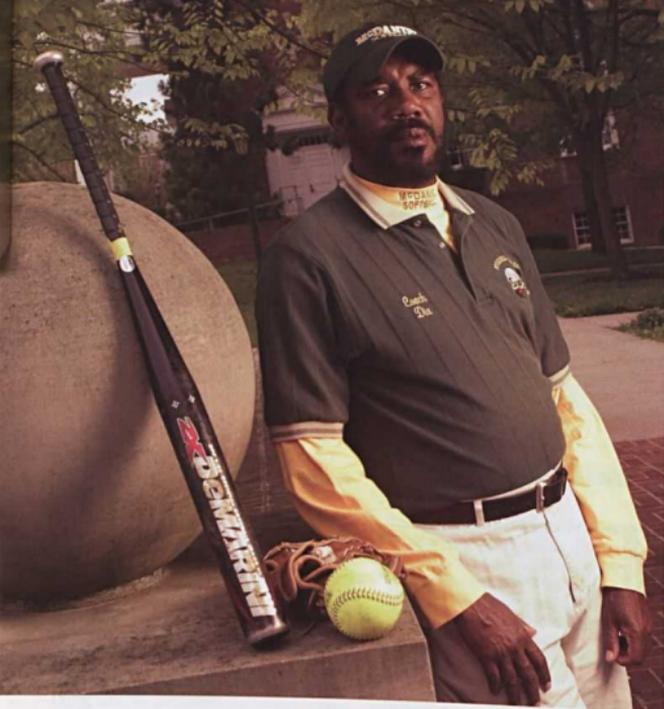
responsibilities have also included the recruitment and admission of students for the College's branch campus in Budapest, Hungary. That program, now in its 10th year, offers the undergraduate program in business administration and economics, communication and political science to European students. In addition, it serves as a study abroad center for American students.

O'Connell's 26-year career includes posts at Rutgers University, Monmouth University, Thomas Edison State College and Middlesex County College. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Rutgers University in environmental science and adult and continuing education, respectively.

She is also an active member of the National Association of College Admission Counseling and a frequent speaker for the national tours sponsored by the consortium of 40 Colleges That Change Lives, of which McDaniel is one. —KA.



PHOTO: JAMES SHIRER FOR COLLEGE



As a first-year head coach, George Dix turned in the worst record in Green Terror softball history. Now he is one of the premier Division III coaches.

rolled up 28 wins, followed by the school's first-ever 30-win campaign in 2002. The 27-9 mark this season elevates Dix's career record to 325-132-1, but it was the first pair of wins that marked the latest milestone.

The veteran coach turned in wins 299 and 300 on the opening day of the season as McDaniel College swept Messiah in a non-conference double-header. Having entered the season with the 11th-best winning percentage among anyone who has ever coached a Division III program, Dix is one of just a handful of coaches to scale the 300-win plateau, a feat that barely drew a reaction from the unflappable skipper.

"Winning games for personal accolades was never a goal of mine," notes Dix.

"I try to approach each season with goals in mind for the team's success. Awards and records are really the residual effects of chasing down our high pre-season standards."

This year's pre-season goals included hosting the Centennial Conference Championship tournament for the fourth straight season. The Green Terror missed the mark on the first goal, but hit dead on with the second: winning the Conference championship.

Dix's squad blazed through the tournament with all of the efficiency and ferocity of a brush fire on a windy afternoon. The Terror scorched opponents that dared to cross their path outscoring all comers by an astonishing 21-3 margin. The big bats and the precise pitching gave McDaniel its second Centennial championship in the past three years and its fifth Centennial Conference crown since the league was formed in 1992.

The championship was accompanied by the announcement that seven of Dix's players were named to the All-Centennial Conference team. Among the selections were Sam Abrams '04 and Kim Camponelli '04. In 11 seasons of Centennial softball, that pair represents just the third and fourth players to earn All-Centennial First Team honors in each of their four seasons. Together, Camponelli and Abrams combined for one of the best pitching rotations in the NCAA over the past four years. While their record-breaking run ended in the opening round of the NCAA playoffs, another Abrams, Mary '07, has already established herself in the league. The freshman second bagger earned First Team honors as well.

## The Comeback Coach

BY STEVE PEED '01

**B**ack in 1989, you could have forgiven George Dix if he just walked away. It was 1989, and the new softball head coach watched as his "diamond nine" turned in a 3-14 season. It was rock bottom for a nine-year-old program that, even as a first year varsity sport in 1981, had managed to win four games and finish at .500.

Fifteen years later, Dix feels 300 times

better. Greater than that, actually. Since that woeful '89 season wrapped up, Dix has posted 325 wins and, as a result, he has carved his name into the NCAA record books as one of Division III's premier coaches.

"To be honest, I was just hoping to break .500 heading into that second year," Dix now jokes.

The 1990 edition did not just break .500, but finished the season at 11-9 and established a new high-water mark for wins. And Dix has spent the last decade-and-a-half continually pushing that mark higher. His 2001 team

## Sports Hall of Fame Fest October 8

The premier event honoring Green Terror greats will kick off Homecoming Weekend festivities on Friday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Learning Center. Inductees are: Barbara Wolf Brummett '90, Sam Case '63, Rebecca Martin '80, Albert Miller '57, Michael O'Loughlin '80, Sarah Ledum Shockley '69 and William Spaar '58.



Those postseason honors have become standard fare for Dix's players. In his career, he has coached 77 players to All-Conference honors, seven to Conference MVP honors and seven more to All-American or Academic All-American honors.

When Dix starts setting those lofty goals sometime next winter, he will do so knowing he has the younger Abrams ready to take over where her sister left off in terms of pitching, offense and defense, while another rising sophomore, Heather Donhauser '07, will round out his new rotation. He can also take comfort in the fact that his All-Centennial First Team catcher, Caitlin Burns

'05, will provide an experienced backstop for the young aces. With that in mind, another 20-win season, another Conference Championship and another NCAA playoff run all seem likely, leaving Dix with a bigger problem: what's left to do?

"I am satisfied with the way things have gone as a coach," Dix says with a smile. "We have accomplished a lot of what we set out to do over the years. I guess at this point, all that is really left for me to do is retire."

Accustomed to high levels of success, McDaniel softball fans will just have to hope he doesn't tackle that final goal anytime soon. •

## Season of Bliss for Women's Lacrosse

Sports pundits had written off the women's lacrosse program, with its 23-year-old interim coach and only a handful of winning seasons to boast about, when Muffie Bliss and her players started making headlines.

After an early loss to Bliss' alma mater, Goucher College, the team rode a nine-game winning streak into the history books. That streak included wins over traditional Centennial powers, Ursinus and Washington colleges. The upstart Terror outscored unsuspecting opponents 123-67 in that stretch, and watched its players collect awards at an unprecedented rate.

The team was named Division III Team of the Week on the Web site WebFishRiver.com after ending a decade long losing streak to Ursinus. Following that same win, the Web site Women'sLacrosse.com named Kristin Ramey '05 Player of the Week, the first of two times the site recognized the junior this season. Goalkeeper Lindsay O'Steen also

received an honorable mention for Player of the Week by InsideLacrosse.com.

As the awards rolled in and the wins piled up, the season began to take on a life of its own, and it became clear after the home win over Franklin & Marshall that the first trip to the Conference playoffs was in order. It was at those playoffs that the same Diplomats from F&M ended McDaniel's title hopes in the semi-finals, but the Terror would get the last laugh. Five days after the Franklin & Marshall defeat, the Terror dispatched the Diplomats on their home field in the first round of the ECAC Championship tournament.

The victory established a new high-water mark for wins in a season at 13, and gave the Terror the season series and a year's worth of bragging rights over Franklin & Marshall. But it's not the bragging rights that have Bliss feeling so, well, blissful.

"What I like most about this team is that the potential is there to improve, as well as the attitude to do so," she says. —S.P.

A 23-year-old interim coach led the team to a record season.



Broderick Maybank '06, seen here running a relay event, jumped his way into NCAA history.



## One Giant Leap for McDaniel

Broderick Maybank '06 leaped 24 feet, 5 inches into NCAA history.

The sophomore was crowned the NCAA Division III National Champion in the Long Jump at Millikin University May 28. He is McDaniel's first athlete in eight years to win a national championship.

"I just hung it all out there," says Maybank. "I felt good in the run-through that morning. Everything just felt right on."

Maybank's feat brings the College its first national championship since Carl Von Tobel won the javelin competition at the 1996 Outdoor National Championships. It also makes Maybank an All-American for the second time this academic year. The Baltimore native became the College's second indoor track All-American in the long jump.

He is just the seventh athlete to win a national championship for the Green Terror. Four boxers brought crowds to the Hill in the late 1930s and early 1940s. The other three are all products of the men's track team. Besides Maybank and Von Tobel, Knut Hjentes won the 1973 NCAA College Division Discus Championship. —S.P.



*Inite Porta Triumphali*

# ENTER BY THE TRIUMPHAL GATE

BY KIM ASCH



Rome's 1,923-year-old Arch of Titus is the most original.

The Arc de Triomphe in Paris, visited each year by 600,000 tourists, is the most famous. St. Louis Gateway Arch, 630 feet tall and made of stainless steel, is the most avant-garde. And the golden arches of McDonald's are the most ubiquitous.

But if the arches of the world were to be listed in the *Guinness Book of Records*, surely Ward Memorial Arch would be among the most beloved.

Chief landmark on the Hill for more than a century and part of the official College logo, it now takes its rightful place as part of the newly created grand entrance, signaling to all those who approach from downtown Westminster that

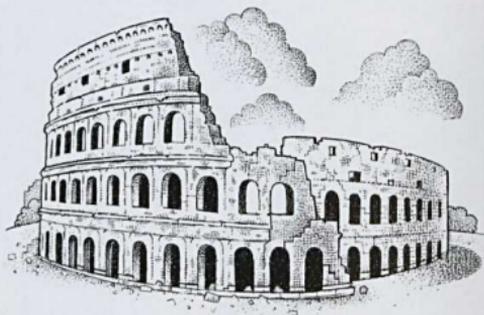
they have officially arrived on campus.

The College's first formal gateway spans the intersection of Main and Union streets, connecting the arch with a matching 28-foot limestone wall that is accented by square columns and wrought-iron fencing. The 4-foot-high wall bears the name "McDaniel College" and the 1867 date of its founding.

Nearly 300 alumni and friends gathered May 1 during Reunion Weekend for the dedication of the entrance, made possible by a gift of \$250,000 from Trustee Emerita Cassie Kiddoo '46 in honor of her class. It is, appropriately, the first structure to be completed under the recently approved campus master plan.

"This arch and now gateway is a symbolic threshold," says Ira Zepp '52, professor of religious studies emeritus. "Its presence signals to visitors they are entering a distinctive space, one that is dedicated to a community of learners."

“WITHOUT THE ARCH THERE’S NO COLOSSEUM. WITHOUT THE ARCH THERE’S NO DOME.  
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t was the ancient Romans who first branded the arch as an icon of glory, innovation and might. Starting in the second century B.C., they used arches to support sophisticated construction projects and for elaborate monuments to emperors who won important wars.

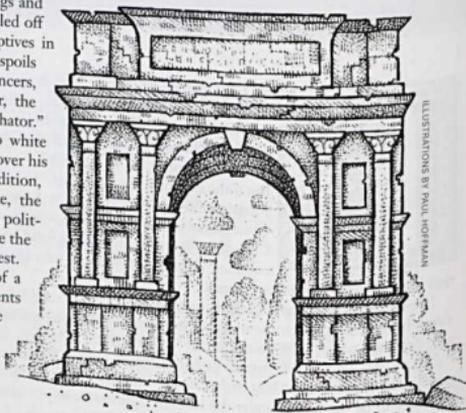
“Without the arch there’s no Colosseum. Without the arch there’s no dome, there’s no Pantheon, there are no aqueducts. Without the arch none of these great works of ancient architecture could have been built,” says Gretchen McKay, assistant professor of art history, who taught about arches during the spring semester in a special topics course, Roman Art and Architecture.

The arch also acted as a kind of ancient billboard. The Romans erected elaborate, freestanding arches to broadcast a “triumph,” or special honor trumpeting an especially victorious general.

A triumph was like a ticker-tape parade, except bloodier. The procession opened with the kings and chiefs conquered in battle, who might then be led off to execution. They were followed by other captives in chains and wagons piled with gold and valuable spoils captured during the campaign, then musicians, dancers, banners and paintings depicting scenes of the war, the legions and finally the military commander or “triumphator.”

The triumphator rode on a chariot pulled by two white horses. A slave stood behind him holding a laurel crown over his head and repeated the words, according to one tradition, “Remember, you are mortal.” Following a precise route, the parade marched through the Forum, which was the cultural, political and religious center of Rome, and up to the Capitol, where the triumphator offered thanks to the god, Jupiter, Best and Greatest.

For an emperor, the senate might order the construction of a Triumphal Arch to immortalize the occasion. These monuments were typically marble structures, some with as many as three passages, adorned with intricate bas-relief sculptures depicting important scenes.



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"The Romans were the biggest propaganda masters," says McKay.

In terms of its "immediate historical impact," Associate Professor of History Donna Evergates says her favorite Triumphal Arch is the Arch of Titus. It is a simple, single-passage arch built in 81 A.D. to commemorate the triumph of the emperor Vespasian and his son Titus, who captured and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. On the inner panel of the passageway are two bas-relief sculptures. One shows the victor on his chariot in his triumph and the other shows Roman soldiers carrying the booty from the Jerusalem Temple. They have the menorah from the temple and silver trumpets that called the Jews to Rosh Hashanah.

"So people passing through the arch find themselves in the midst of the participants of one of the most well-attested triumphal processions, described in detail by the Jewish historian Josephus," Evergates says.

Of course, not everyone admired the Romans' politics: it's still a tradition for visitors of Jewish heritage to spit on the Arch of Titus. However, most everyone embraced their architecture.

"As Rome expanded its power and 'Romanized' places like Greece and Syria, you begin to see the construction of arches around the world in the Roman style," Evergates says. Thus, the arch was on its way to becoming a "cultural phenomenon."

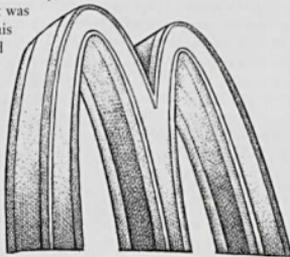
The Arc de Triomphe in Paris, perhaps the world's most famous triumphal arch, is a modern nod to the Romans. Napoleon, the French emperor who conquered much of Europe in the early 19th century, hoped to emulate their triumphs when he ordered its creation in 1806, but was defeated at Waterloo nine years later and never had the chance to march his troops through in victory. The arch was completed in 1836 and crowns the hill at the end of the Champs Elysées, forming the center of the intersection of 12 radiating avenues. Since 1920, the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier has been sheltered underneath the arch. Its eternal flame commemorates the dead of the two world wars and is rekindled every evening at 6:30.

London's Marble Arch was inspired by Rome's Arch of Constantine. It was built in 1827 as a gateway to Buckingham Palace and was later moved to the northeast corner of Hyde Park.

New York's Washington Square Arch was erected in 1889 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of America's first commander in chief, George Washington. It was rebuilt in marble in 1891 and decorated with sculptures of Washington in both his civilian and military garb, but this arch became the symbol of a new America devoted to the arts, as well as the emblem of New York University. In 1917, as Greenwich Village was becoming a center of bohemian and intellectual life, a group of artists and actors led by Marcel Duchamp, John Sloan and Gertrude Driek illicitly camped atop the arch and declared Greenwich Village an independent nation. This spring, a \$2.9 million project was completed that restored the landmark to pristine glory.

Even the 630-foot tall, stainless steel St. Louis Gateway Arch takes cues from the Romans. After all, it was erected in 1963 as a monument to the pioneers of western expansion in the United States—a triumph if ever there was one.

And surely those 30,000 golden arches in 119 countries, symbols of the fast food giant that conquered the global marketplace, represents a triumph for McDonald's, if not for consumers' waistslines.



OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: The Colosseum. BOTTOM: The Arch of Titus. RIGHT: McDonald's golden arches.

## WARD MEMORIAL ARCH MIGHT HAVE REMAINED A PILE OF IF NOT FOR THE FORESIGHT OF A STONE MASON AND

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ur own Ward Memorial Arch, built in 1898, is not associated with violence or domination of any kind. But it does honor a great leader, James T. Ward, the first president of the College.

A gift from his niece, Ulie Norment Hurley, Ward Arch originally stood on the drive between the President's House and McDaniel Hall and served as a functional gateway to campus. When horse and buggy were replaced by the automobile, vehicles could no longer pass through the arch and a plan was formed to move it in 1937 to its current site at the southern end of campus at the corner of Main and Union streets.

Arch construction—or reconstruction—is a very tricky operation, McKay says, because the stones must come together just right. It's the voussoirs, made of wedge-shaped stones pushing against each other, that form the curves on either side of the top of the archway. The voussoirs support the round piece in the center, called the keystone, which is the last stone to slide into place.

Ward Memorial Arch might have remained a pile of stones forever, if not for the foresight of a stone mason and his wife's hallmark Pennsylvania Dutch frugality.

Ward Memorial Arch circa 1917



### A Grand Entrance

## BENEFACTOR CREDITS MCDANIEL FOR HER TRIUMPHS

Cassie Schumann Kiddoo '46 knows how to make an entrance. She arrived on the Hill, the first generation of her East Baltimore family to go to college, in springtime 1943. There were no dances. There was no transportation. There wasn't even a football team. Most of the men had been called to war.

But for her, the campus was a wide-open gateway to the world. Eager to catch up to the Class of 1946, the biology major and aspiring teacher enrolled in summer courses, taking classes six days per week. Being an only child, she shared a room for the first time. She picked strawberries, another new experience, helping Sociology Professor James Earp gather the fruit on his patch along Route 27.

Cassie blossomed. She became a favorite babysitter for faculty children, a founder of the campus chapter of Tri-Beta biology honor society, president of the camera club and a member of the yearbook staff.

By 1946, she was indeed ready to make her grand entrance into the world of work, marriage, motherhood and the "international set." She would discover that she was as confident sailing the Aegean Sea with corporate executives and ambassadors as she was at the front of a city classroom filled with bored adolescent boys.

She credits her incredible ease in all situations to her college experience—both inside and outside the classroom. "I actually felt

that McDaniel prepared me for these high society circles," she says. "I had very close associations with faculty, and even President Fred Holloway, and that broke down the barriers. That's the joy of McDaniel, you can do that here."

For six years she taught junior high school science and her innovative style was a winner with students, especially the males.

"I had a group of boys waiting to be 16 years old so they could quit school and I saw there was no sense teaching them about Boyle's Law," she says. "Instead, I arranged my own curriculum. I taught them about what makes an automobile run. What makes planes fly. Then, I had them under my thumb."

Her entrance into married life was equally impressive. While in Ocean City on vacation, she made the acquaintance of a Mrs. Kiddoo, whose son lived in Baltimore and worked for Esso, now known as Exxon. Her future mother-in-law was smitten and Richard Kiddoo called to take Cassie to the movies soon after she returned.

"He kept coming back," she says of her deceased husband, to whom she was married for 49 years. "I guess he liked my mother's cooking."

Cassie happily entered stay-at-home motherhood to raise her four children—including another alumnus, The Rev. William

## STONES FOREVER, HIS WIFE'S HALLMARK PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH FRUGALITY.

Harry Ditman led the crew that started the relocation project in the fall of 1936. According to a story Ditman told to Director of Alumni Affairs Emeritus Phil Uhrig, he devised a numbering system for the stones to aid in the reconstruction. As each stone was removed, it was given a number painted on the surface with a solution of lamp black and kerosene.

As an added precaution, Ditman made a sketch of the numbered stones on his paper lunch bag, creating an exact replica of the arch prior to removal. The plan was to place all the numbered stones down at the new location and then reassemble them.

But before construction could begin, an early snow totally covered the piles of stones. As the snow continued to fall and as the weather turned bitterly cold, the men decided to postpone the rest of the job until spring. Ditman and his men came back in the early spring to begin to rebuild the arch.

However, they discovered that winter had taken its toll and the markings had disappeared from many of the stones. The job of reconstruction would be nearly impossible without those numbers.

When Ditman went home that night he asked his wife if she remembered that day in the fall when he had brought home his paper bag with the sketch on it. She not only remembered the sketch, but "being a frugal Pennsylvania Dutch lady," Uhrig says, she promptly retrieved the bag.

"And so the day was saved," he continues, "and the arch was rebuilt with precision."

Now Ward Memorial Arch is restored to its silvery glory. It is both a symbol of the College's 137-year triumph of enlightenment and a signal to all that they have arrived on the Hill.

## WELCOME, AND ENTER.

Richard Kiddoo '77. Ten years later, the family joined the "international set," as Richard moved up the corporate ladder and was promoted to executive posts, first in London, then Greece, then London again. Cassie began her unofficial, but challenging, career as special events coordinator and relocation specialist.

When Richard was under consideration for chief executive officer of Esso Pappas in Athens, for example, part of the interview process involved an impromptu dinner party with the Kiddoos at their home. This was Cassie's audition. She aced it.

During their five years in Greece, Cassie was in charge of hosting elegant gatherings for senators, congressmen and other important officials. For these occasions, she hired the same chef employed by the embassy wives. He would help to plan her menu and to prepare it, and "because the guest lists were almost identical he would say, 'Oh, no, you can't serve lamb. So-and-so just had that last week.'"

She had fun, too, reveling in the study of antiquity, visiting the Acropolis, Corinth and "every museum I could find." She picked up a bit of the language, "I call it kitchen Greek—chop this, stir that," she jokes.

After returning to London, the Kiddoos took an apartment right next door to Buckingham Palace, where she could look out of her kitchen window and watch the Queen walking her corgis every morning. "Her red helicopter used to fly right past my kitchen window," she says. "It was a very glamorous place to live."

No matter how far she traveled, Cassie carried her dedication to the College with her. For years, she served as a class reporter, gathering news of her classmates and writing a column for *The Hill*. She hosted many alumni in her various homes around the world—

and even a large group of students visiting London during a Jan Term trip.

She was an ardent supporter of the project to build Hoover Library and has contributed to many other initiatives. In 1982, she became a member of the Board of Trustees and was awarded the status of Trustee Emerita in 1997.

Last year's gift of \$250,000 built McDaniel's new grand entrance and was made in honor of the Class of 1946.

"Money did not come easy, nothing was inherited. Everything I have is through the hard labor of my husband and me," Cassie says. "My sense of pride and honor for serving the College can't be underestimated." —K.A.



Trustee Emerita Cassie Schumann Kiddoo '46 and Martin K.P. Hill, vice chair of the Board of Trustees.

# Quick Study

INTERVIEW BY KIM ASCH

## Márton Galambos '04

*Communication and business administration major, German minor; native of Budapest, Hungary; studied at McDaniel-Budapest for two years, one year in a study abroad program at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, and one year on the Westminster campus; campus technology tutor; International Club secretary; fluent in Hungarian, German and English.*

■ **I'm a big-city type, definitely.** In Hungary, I live in Budapest. I love sitting in cafés and I prefer walking in cities to being in nature.

■ **McDaniel College Budapest** is very, very international. There are people from Asia, from Africa and from different parts of Europe.

■ **I am sure my experience** here would be different if I studied in New York or another big city, but I don't mind that I saw the real America.

■ **I was never a person** who was "anti" anything. So when I was at home, I wasn't anti-American, because I don't think you can simply be anti-something which is so general. You can be "anti" to a specific person, you can be maybe anti-Bush or anti-Kerry, but being anti-American simply doesn't make sense. I hope the "anti" sentiment is going to pass away.

■ **For the Europeans,** America is very important. For America, Europe is very important.

■ **This kind of stereotype,** that Americans are always smiling and saying, "How are you? I'm fine, good. How are you?" That could be seen as superficial, but I don't think it is bad. It's so much better than in Hungary where we're just kind of grunt at each other.

■ **Here at the College,** all of the staff are always so nice to us and they were really looking for ways to serve us in a better way. And this is, I think, something very American. I hope I can bring back to Budapest some kind of friendliness and commitment to service.

■ **I enjoy the beauty** of this campus. I enjoy playing golf on a golf course five steps from home. That is something that would be like a luxury in Europe, and I guess it is here, too.

■ **My girlfriend, Fanni Göbel,** who is half German and half Hungarian, and I had the very unique opportunity to come here together. She is a student and director of the German House. There's a French House and a Spanish House, too, where students from France and Spain are the directors. That is such an amazing thing.

■ **At the Carroll Arts Center** there was a foreign film festival for a month and every Friday they showed a film. It was so interesting; I saw European and Australian films I could have never even seen in Europe. We went to every one. It was great, although they were sad films. Friday nights became so sad.

■ **Afterward, we would open** a bottle of wine, which we could do because we are over 21.

■ **The College was very helpful** in giving the International Club the College van to go to Philadelphia, to Washington, to Baltimore. We went to the

National Gallery of Art. We went to Georgetown. In Philadelphia, we saw the Rodin Museum.

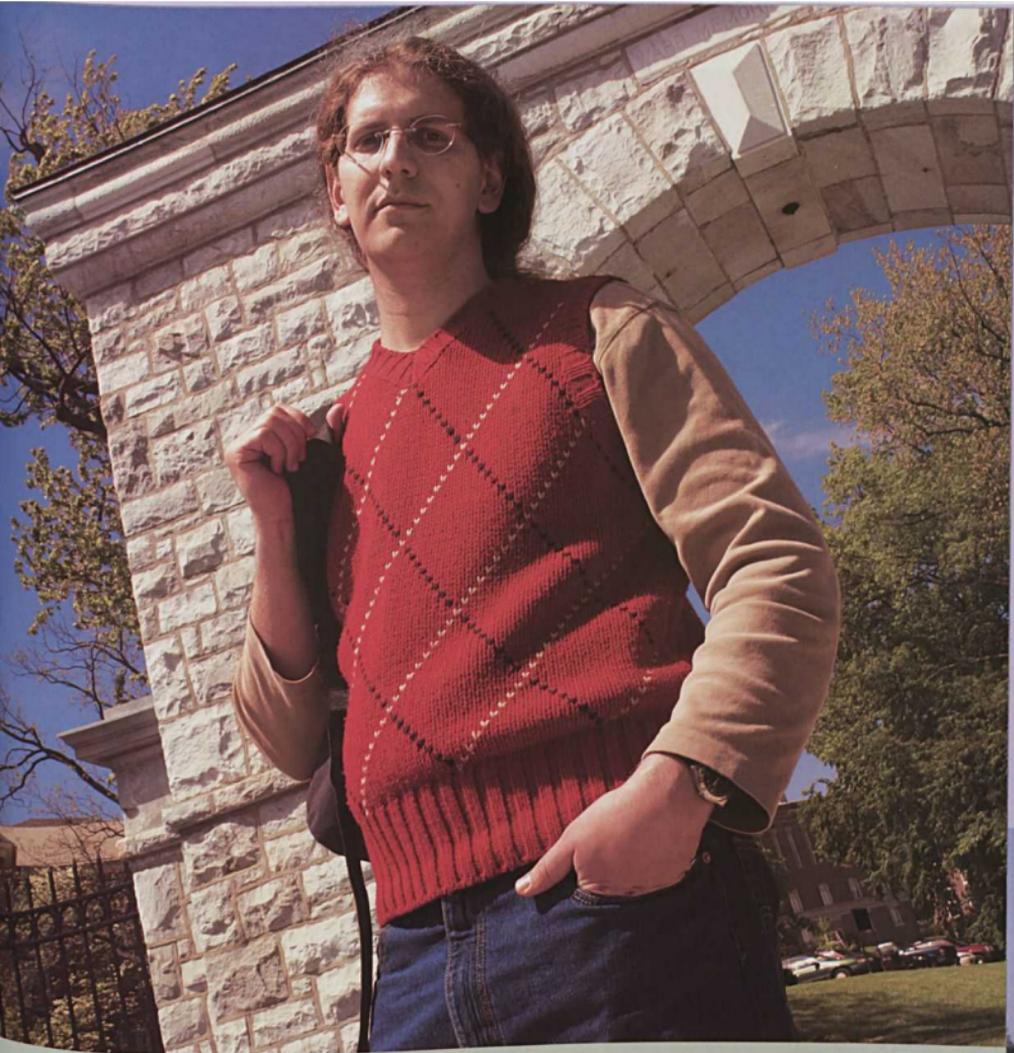
■ **I really enjoy** being in the new coffee house on campus. I wanted this to be called Budapest Café. Maybe they can still change it. Because Budapest has such a great café culture. At the turn of the century there was a café on every corner and people were sitting there and talking and reading newspapers. This café is also about coming together and talking over newspapers.

■ **It was really motivating** to take a class with Dr. Mohamed Esa. He invited several times the German students and the students of other classes to his home. We celebrated when Hungary joined the European Union at his house. It wasn't the point of our gathering, actually, but it happened to be that time at 6 p.m. here, which is midnight in Hungary, on the first of May. And one of my friends brought a flag and there was a flagpole at Dr. Esa's house and we put up the flag and opened a bottle of champagne. It was so nice.

■ **If I could have lunch** with anyone in history? Kofi Annan and Bill Clinton. I think I would also like to have lunch with Colin Powell because I admire the way he has remained in the government even though he didn't always agree and the way he tried to influence from the inside.

■ **Volunteering** is such an American thing, and I thought that if I am going to be here for a year I have to try it. We built a house here in Westminster for Habit for Humanity. It was just amazing how people came out on the weekend and on the weekdays and just in their spare days built a house for somebody.

JOHN DAVIS



■ **Again, this is not** something we have in Hungary, or in Europe actually. We'd rather pay higher taxes than volunteer our time. Which is just a different way of solving social problems.

■ **My top place in the world is Budapest.** Second could be New York—I loved it.

Well, I lived in Berlin for a year, that was also amazing. Maybe Vienna, just because of its old tradition of Hungarian and Austrian monarchy and that feeling of the good old days.

■ **I would include McDaniel College, Westminster,** in the top five.

**Hungarian Márton Galambos '04 is a big-city guy who enjoyed his year in small-town America.**

# How Lisa Got Her Groove in Ghana

BY KIM ASCH

PHOTOS BY LISA MOORE '05



**T**he young woman had flown from Ghana's capital, Accra, to London's Heathrow Airport and was waiting to board a plane that would take her to New York. She wore a caba and slit, the traditional dress of the women of Ghana. The fabric, a swirl of sapphire and lemon, had been recently purchased at market and expertly fashioned into the blouse that hung loosely off her shoulders and a long, slitted skirt.

She walked down the terminal area, feeling slightly overwhelmed by the glitzy boutiques and the jazz music punctuating the air. Suddenly, she was startled by a saleswoman eager to spray her with a sample of perfume.

"Dabi!" the traveler blurted. "Mempesaa!" Lisa Moore '05 heard herself saying the words, "No! I don't like that!" in Twi, the

language indigenous to the Asante region of Ghana. It is a phrase she'd used often in the crowded markets, when pushy merchants tried to entice her to buy their wares. Now, the words sprang to her lips instinctively, before she remembered that she was back in a land of native English speakers.

For probably the hundredth time in the four months since she'd embarked on her semester studying abroad, Moore realized how incredibly far she had come.

**ABOVE:** During her semester abroad, music major Lisa Moore '05 became an honorary member of a traditional African music group, dancing and singing for the Asante royal family. **RIGHT:** Dancers from the eastern region of Ghana.







**ABOVE:** Everywhere she traveled, children gathered around Lisa Moore to have their picture taken.

**RIGHT:** Moore successfully attempts to make Tozafie, a northern Ghanaian dish, supervised by her teacher-friends Attaa, on the right, and Ammama, behind her in green. **FAR RIGHT:** Moore in traditional funeral dress as she prepares to perform at a wake.



"If you told me my freshman year I'd be going to Ghana I probably would have laughed really hard."

**Fifteen** students, most of them members of the Class of 2005, took off in January and February for the greatest adventures of their young lives. They were bound for points all over the map: Australia, Africa, Mexico, Spain, Morocco and Cuba.

A semester spent living and learning in another culture has long been a requirement for foreign language majors, but increasing participation in study abroad across the curriculum is a goal of the College's five-year strategic plan.

"Experience abroad helps students 500 percent, academically and in their careers," says Associate Professor of Foreign Languages Colette Henriette, who serves as adviser to the study abroad program. "They gain a greater awareness of the world around them and a sophistication that serves them well when they return."

Junior year is the ideal time to spend a semester abroad, Henriette says, because "students have to be strong on their feet and a little bit mature" to thrive in a foreign culture. Students also have to have time to earn a solid GPA to include with their applications to the various schools.

Beyond McDaniel-Budapest, the College doesn't operate its own study abroad centers, but works instead with 27 partner institutions with programs around the globe. "We see this as a real advantage," says Henriette, "because we are free to offer the world as a classroom to our students."

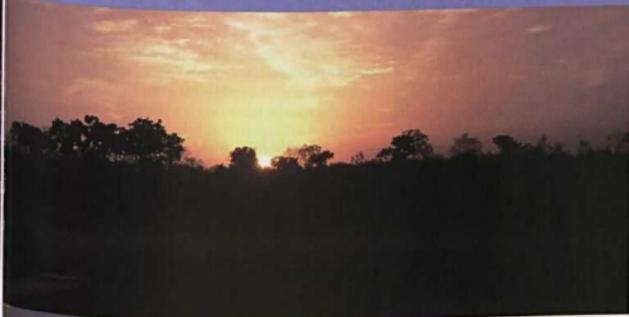
Henriette is also free to reassess study centers from year to year. She has begun steering students away from Seville, Spain, for example, because it has become too popular with Americans. "They even have cafés where they would play the TV show 'Friends' on Thursday nights. We send students instead to Grenada, to Salamanca, to other places in Spain where they will have a more authentic experience."

Judging by their e-mails several weeks into the spring semester, the students succeeded in soaking up the cultures of their host countries. Their experiences are as diverse as the places themselves. In Sydney, Australia, juniors Justin

DePrima and Grant Dennis adopted the "no worries" attitude of the folks Down Under, as did junior Heather Roberts in Wollongong. They surfed between classes and took trips to the north, where they went scuba diving along the Great Barrier Reef and spotted kangaroos and koalas.

In Stellenbosch, South Africa, juniors Erin Fitzgerald and Nora Petitto, roommates since freshman year, ventured together each week into Kyanundi, one of Apartheid's last remaining "townships" where only blacks live, to tutor young children in English. In Havana, Cuba, junior Heather Kirkwood learned to salsa dance, became fluent in Spanish, mastered hitchhiking, the common mode of transportation, and celebrated with the locals on International Workers' Day when she also saw Fidel Castro speak.

In the small villages of Ghana in West Africa, where there was no



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Wild elephants at Mole National Park, one of the stops along a tour of the country arranged for Lisa Moore and the other international students in her study abroad program.

and singing at a private party for the Asantehe, or Queen Mother of the Asante region, on the sprawling grounds of the modern Manhyia Palace in the city of Kumasi.

"If you told me my freshman year I'd be going to Ghana, I probably would have laughed really hard," says Moore, who describes her first year-and-a-half at the College as an academic and social struggle. "But I was at home there. I love the people, they are incredibly hospitable, and I love learning 'Twi."

Though she had previously taken lessons in tap and ballet, Moore realized in Ghana that she could actually shake her hips, and did so with abandon to the rhythm of the *appentima*, *kwadum* and *tontonsansan* drums. She proved that she has both a passion and talent for ethnomusicology, the study of music in relation to its racial, geographic and cultural context. And she finally was able to form an attractive plan for her future: she would go to graduate school, research other kinds of indigenous music around the world and return to this place someday.

The young "obruni," or white woman, got her groove in Ghana, alright. It was a journey of tiny steps that kept time with the beat of her searching heart.

**In truth**, Moore had been making her way to Ghana since her first, terribly homesick semester on campus. The eldest of two girls from a small town in northeast Maryland, Moore is the first in her tight-knit family, as well as the first among her cousins, to attend a four-year residential college.

"My freshman year my GPA was not great; I had to re-learn how to study," she says. "I felt like in some ways I was breaking out of many different molds, trying to learn exactly who I was."

In her sophomore year, she studied music of the Middle East with Associate Professor of Music Robin Armstrong and "absolutely fell in love with the class," she says. "I found myself doing all sorts of extracurricular work. I was having so much fun looking up the information, reading ethnomusicology books and philosophies and I really got into it."

She became determined to travel to a place where she could study non-Western music and, realizing she didn't want to teach at the elementary or secondary school levels, dropped her education minor to free up her schedule for a semester abroad. Together with Henriette, she searched for the right program and settled on one offered by the School for International Training based at University of Ghana, Legon. She knew little about this small country the size of Oregon situated on the Gulf of Guinea between Cote d'Ivoire and Togo, but she was not deterred. Neither was she put off by her unfamiliarity with 'Twi, the language spoken by most of the people she would encounter, even though the country's official language is English.

"All I knew was 'Akwaabaa'—'Welcome'—because they put that on the top of all of their e-mails," she says.

Her parents weren't exactly thrilled. "They never said 'No,' but they were really, really wary and didn't want me to do it at first," Moore says. "But the more research I did, the more comfortable they felt and they were really supportive in the end."

Professor of Music Margaret Boudreaux watched with gratification as her blossoming pupil prepared for her adventure. "Lisa certainly has a very strong mind. She has a lot of talent and is eager to explore," she says.

The semester before she was to leave, Moore enrolled in private drumming lessons with percussionist Jonathan Seligman, an adjunct lecturer. "We worked on hand-and-stick patterns on the drums because I just wanted to at least get the music in my ear before I went," she says. Seligman also took her to an African drumming class taught by his friend who spent time in Ghana. He wanted her to get a more authentic glimpse of Ghana's music scene, where drummers never play alone.

"Ghana is one of the richest countries musically, and for drumming, in the world," Seligman says. "The drums, the dancing and the vocals—those three things are never separated."

## The first

24 hours in Ghana were "terrifying," Moore says. She ate only a couple of bites of the welcome dinner served to the group of international students the night they arrived in the capital, Accra. "I wanted to see if I could get that down and not get sick with malaria and die in the first day."

Her courage returned during the week of cultural orientation and language lessons in the city. All of the students were given names based on their gender and the day they were born. Moore became Abena Serwah, or Tuesday-born girl. She would venture into the crowded market, according to her assignment, and ask the locals how to say the names of five different items in Twi, then record them in a homemade dictionary. True to form, Moore put in extra work, challenging herself to spend two hours per day speaking only Twi.

"It's an oral language, so nothing's written down," says Moore, who suspects her ear for music helped. "I learned a lot of the language by looking at people's mouths as they pronounced the words."

As her Twi improved, so did her confidence. She corrected the locals, to their obvious delight, when they addressed her as "obruni." "My name is Abena Serwah" she would tell them in Twi.

For three weeks, the group traveled the country together, staying in the homes of local residents and continuing their lessons. The poverty was palpable; a hundred dollars translated to 1 million cedis of the local currency. Still, Western culture had crept in. TVs and radios blared from many houses in the cities. High-heeled strappy sandals paired with traditional dress was a popular fashion—even with the elderly women.

Moore couldn't relate to most of the other students in the group, who turned inward and talked mostly with each other instead of interacting with the locals. "At first it was really lonely," says Moore, who was able to e-mail occasionally with friends and family at Internet cafes and called home about once per week. "It dawned on me that I hadn't been hugged in a long time."

During a two-week stay in Nkwa Birim, a village outside of the Asante region's capital, Kumasi, she found her community. It was in the kitchen with the local women.

"In the kitchen, there's a lot of playful banter and hugs. There's a lot of singing. It's where you are at your ultimate comfort level," she says, eagerly relating funny stories of her time there. "You talk about your year's hopes and dreams and what you are mad about with the men. You talk about church and God a lot, too, as in how God has helped you in your life this week."

Moore decided to focus on this aspect of local culture as a sort of warm-up exercise for the month-long, immersion research she would begin a few weeks later.

Each morning, she rose at 5 a.m. and walked over to the village kitchen, where together with her teacher-friends she would cook breakfast for the other students and some of the locals. The main ingredient, cassava, was "like eating an incredibly starchy potato that sucks all of the moisture out of your mouth," says Moore, but she developed a taste for it, especially in stews. "I tried everything once," she says with pride, but admits she never got used to the custom of chewing meat bones and had no interest in a second serving of the gigantic snails she found in her soup shortly after she'd seen them squirming at market.

Moore's eagerness as a student and her sense of humor brought her closer to the women, especially 22-year-old Ammama, a devout Muslim with a beautiful smile and mischievous streak, who presented her with a gift of a beautiful piece of woven kente cloth. "Ammama doesn't have a lot of money or anything like that," Moore says. "But she told me, 'Give this to your mother. If she is half as good as you are, this is something I want her to have.'"

**Ghanas** community of women, Moore observed, was "a vital force" within the country as a whole. She wanted to explore whether that sense of female community was paralleled in the music scene. Nnwonkoro, a vocal tradition popular with the Asante that literally means "word play," would be the focus of her Independent Study Project and major research paper of the semester.

Her first encounter with the music was at a funeral. Here is Moore's written description of the scene. "Female voices chanted, layered with the sounds of various percussion instruments and backed with an electric bass-sounding instrument. The noise was grainy, loud and intense, almost-ear piercing, like one would hear at a nightclub with a bad sound system, however the sound was trance-like and captivating in a solemn mournful way. An old woman stood up to dance, stepping slowly, her hands unfolding in front of her in the traditional Adowa movements.

"A chief under a black umbrella entered the funeral area and pulled out a few, five thousand cedi notes, which he used, seemingly to wipe the sweat off the dancers in a flourish. He then threw the money, note by note, in the direction of the nine female performers who sat in a horseshoe shape, dressed in black, their singing lips pressed to the microphone. Five men, also wearing black, played two drums, three bells and a guitar-like instrument."

This was the Manhyia Tete Nnwonkoro and Adowa Performing Group, founded in 1946 by Nana Afua Abasa, the revered godmother of Nnwonkoro who is credited with modernizing and commercializing the traditional music.

Moore was introduced to Abasa's grandson, Nana Kwaku Duah, who is now the leader of the group. He became her teacher and, every day for three weeks, they worked together on new songs. During breaks from rehearsals, Moore interviewed him about his grandmother and the music she helped to reinvent.

Duah was a demanding teacher and proud Asante male who taught her much and praised her little, Moore says. "Nana and I, we have a love-hate relationship between the two of us. He never really complimented me and so when I would sing it would be so frustrating. 'No, do it again. You're doing it wrong,' he would say. But I learned so much from him about not only the music but the culture."

For lunch, Duah would sometimes take Moore for fufu, a favorite Ghanaian dish of light soup with her dumplings and various other delicacies, such as snails. "Silly obruni," Duah told Moore when he saw her jaws moving. "You don't chew fufu."

One afternoon, Duah brought her a crab. It looked like a smaller version of the same crustaceans Moore ate at home, so she proceeded to pick the crab, Maryland-style. She stopped when she saw the look of disgust on Duah's face. "You are misusing the crab," he told her. Then, Moore says, "he whole thing in his mouth, legs and shell and everything."

Moore was able to memorize and perfect four songs. She learned how to pour libation and to dance while she sang. "I realized for the first time in my life that I could shake my hips, really move my entire body with the music," she says. "Being uptight and worrying about how you look while you're dancing happens a lot in the States. In Ghana, I learned to relax because the important thing is just to be dancing."

It was with quite a sense of accomplishment that Moore did all of these things as an honorary member performing at various events with the Nnwonkoro group. The contemporary form of the music can be adapted for every occasion, from funerals to AIDS awareness rallies to business functions. But since most of her project time coincided with the festival celebrating the five-year reign of Asantehene Otumfuo, king of the Asante region, Moore got the rare chance to perform for the king on several occasions.

Ghana, formerly known as Gold Coast, gained its independence from the United Kingdom in 1957 and is now a democratic country with a president who is elected by popular vote. Still, the Asantehene and his family are cherished by the Asante people and exert much influence.

"The highlight of all the performances was when I was able to dance and sing for the royal family at a private party on the grounds of Manhyia Palace," she says.

These high-profile performances put Moore in the spotlight. "When I performed at Bremen, the burial site for all of the Asantehenes [Asante kings], I was broadcast all over Kumasi as the most interesting thing to happen during that day, 'an obruni who was dancing and wearing traditional cloth,'" says Moore. "The rest of the day I had people cheering for me wherever I seemed to go."

When she stepped off the plane at JFK airport in New York, Moore's parents and sister were cheering for her, too. They held a big "Welcome Home" sign and greeted their returning adventurer with hugs and tears. Moore, wearing her caba and slit and carrying a hundred amazing memories of Ghana, cried too. She was speaking the universal language of joy and gratitude.

*This is another in an occasional series following members of the Class of 2005 as they live and learn on the Hill and beyond.*

# Dispatches from Abroad

Fifteen students spent the spring semester in study abroad programs, living, learning and exploring in such faraway cultures as Morocco, Australia, Germany, Spain, France, Ghana, South Africa and Cuba. Some shared highlights of their sojourns with *The Hill*. Here are excerpts from their e-mails.

**"I CAN CONQUER THE WORLD IF I PUT MY MIND TO IT."**



I am studying at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa. I arrived Jan. 22 and will leave June 26 ... I felt very far from home when I broke my arm during the first few weeks of my stay and I had to deal with it on my own in a foreign country ... The best things about being here are the beaches, which are indescribable, the people and traveling, because you really learn a lot that way.

Being in a real Third World country for a long time opens your eyes to things you could never explain to anyone. Volunteering with the black elementary school children [at Kiyamundi, the local township which is the last vestige of Apartheid segregation in the city] has absolutely changed my life ... When I am back in the U.S. I will appreciate the beauty of people and life in a very different light. I was scared out of my mind to do this, but I did and it was absolutely the best thing I have ever done. I have learned that I can conquer the world if I put my mind to it."

ERIN FITZGERALD '05, WRITING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

**"IT WAS THE MOST TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE. I'M SO GLAD I MADE IT THROUGH ALIVE."**



The most adventurous thing I've done was actually my trip to New Zealand [during spring break from studies in Sydney, Australia]. Grant Dennis '05 and I jumped out of planes and jumped off the sky tower in Auckland, which is the second-tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere. But the most adventurous and scary thing we did is known as "sledding." Sledding is like white water rafting minus the raft. You put on a hockey mask and a knee-padded wetsuit; then you take a plastic boogie board with handles and away you go. It was the most terrifying experience of my life, I'm so glad I made it through alive.

"Mate, how you going?" and "No worries," are now part of my common speech.

Once I go home I will go back to work, so that I can save enough money to later discover another part of the world.

JUSTIN DEPRIMA '05, WRITING FROM SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

**"I HAVE NEVER EATEN SO MANY SPICY FOODS IN MY LIFE."**



I studied grammar, history, culture and salsa in Cuernavaca, Mexico; arrived Jan. 9 and left April 4. Classes were from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day.

I felt most at home when I was in my Mexican home. I really liked the family I stayed with and they did the most they could to help me feel at home. They were very helpful and kind.

I have never eaten so many spicy foods in my life. I eat jalapenos on everything now because they were so good! I loved the food, and now I eat it a lot. I also have a habit of still saying "salud" when someone sneezes instead of "God bless you." New activities for me include appreciating rain because it never rained there. It was crazy!

What I have learned about myself was that before I was so uptight. The Mexican culture helped me to relax and enjoy life instead of being picky about everything.

What I did differently when I returned to The States was to be more conscious about spending money. Things are more expensive here than in Mexico, and I have to get used to paying more again, but I can still be cheap here, and that is what I am doing.

KATE HARTMAN '04, A MONTH AFTER RETURNING FROM CUERNAVACA, MEXICO

The Sydney Opera House, photographed by Justin DePrima '05.





W. Byers '20 and Katherine Leidy Unger '32 shared their love for books and travel, as well as a deep gratitude to their alma mater.

#### AN EDUCATED GIFT

## \$3.6 Million Bequest Comes from Thrifty Teachers Who Loved the Liberal Arts

**K**atherine Leidy Unger '32 read voraciously, was devoted to her blueberry bushes and vegetable garden and became an honorary grandmother to generations of Dartmouth College students. W. Byers Unger '20, who earned his Ph.D. from Yale, was a professor of zoology with a delightful sense of whimsy who came up with all sorts of creative ways to stretch a dollar.

Together, the couple pinched pennies while living a rich life, full of books, friends and travel in Hanover, N.H., where Byers was on the Dartmouth faculty.

Despite strong ties to New England, the Ungers' commitment remained with their alma mater. Word came this spring of their generous bequest of \$3.6 million to the College, following Katherine's death in February. Byers died in 1975.

Earmarked to create an endowment fund that will forever support Hoover Library, the gift ranks among the largest the College has ever received. As news of the gift spread across campus, a grateful community acknowledged the alumni couple's benevolence.

"We are most appreciative," said President Joan Devein Coley. "The Ungers believed in the power of a McDaniel education to make a difference in students' lives—and the world."

College Librarian Michele Reid echoed the president's sentiments.

"Mrs. Unger's love of books was lifelong. How fitting she chose to enrich one of the College's greatest resources, the intellectual heart of any academic institution," she said.

Over the past several years, Katherine was a consistent benefactor of student scholarships, but shied away from public acknowledgment of her generosity. The College, she wrote, "afforded me special opportunities" during the Depression and she simply wanted to show her gratitude.

Both of the Ungers grew up in Westminster and were educated in Carroll County

schools. Their age difference of more than a dozen years precluded them from crossing paths as students at the College. Katherine, who majored in English and history, taught at Westminster and Manchester high schools for 12 years before she met and married Byers, who earned a Ph.D. in biology at Yale in 1924 and had already settled into his career at Dartmouth.

Beth Myers of Westminster, whose mother was Katherine's sister, suspects they caught each other's eye while attending church in Westminster during one of Byers' visits home.

"My aunt and uncle courted when they were babysitting me," she recalled. "They used to sit together by the fireplace."

After their marriage in 1945, Katherine joined Byers in Hanover, N.H., moving into his big house on a ridge overlooking Occom Pond. They were thrifty intellectuals who had both experienced the Great Depression and knew how to live simply. Travel was their one extravagance, and they were eventually able to get to all 50 states and abroad.

"Uncle Byers was so frugal, he would bring home scrap pieces of paper from Dartmouth, cut them to a uniform size and make little hand-bound scratch pads," Myers said, laughing. "He'd send them to all of us in the mail."

But the childless couple lavished extended family members and friends with their attention and hospitality. Myers relished her summer visits to be with her aunt and uncle and recalls riding her Uncle Byers' bike around town, since he waited years to buy a car. A favorite place to browse was the historic Dartmouth Bookstore on Main Street. Both of the Ungers were voracious readers and they often sent their nieces and nephews novels and biographies as gifts. Well into her 80s, Katherine was active in book clubs and religiously completed the crossword puzzle that ran in her daily newspaper.

Katherine was warm and motherly,

Myers remembers, serving up huge home-made meals made with ingredients from her carefully tended garden. She was active at the Church of Christ at Dartmouth and the historical society. Returns to Westminster were frequent and she often was the special guest of former students at their high school reunions. In Hanover, she assumed the role of honorary grandmother to many college students and even visited them years later when her travels took her near to their homes.

Byers was the creative, whimsical one who like to tease his wife that he only got a taste of her delicious, scratch rolls if they had guests for dinner. He carved wooden serving trays in the shapes of the animals he studied and made every member of the family a set of monogrammed wooden napkin rings. He had a delightful sense of whimsy, Myers said, recalling how he invented an alter ego who could pose as her boyfriend when she went away to college.

"Because he was a college professor, he knew what it would be like for a girl to be in college without a boyfriend to send her letters. So he assumed a pseudonym, Harold Steadfast, and he would write me letters. He enclosed clippings of Dartmouth, pictures of the snow sculptures or whatever the news was. He'd always enclose the newest-issue stamps so I could use them to write back, and I'd be writing to Harold Steadfast," she said. "I always thought that was clever."

**The College, wrote Katherine Leidy Unger '32, "afforded me special opportunities" during the Depression, and she simply wanted to show her gratitude.**

Just before Byers' death in 1975, Myers accompanied her parents to visit the Ungers. Byers told her father about a trust fund he established with their savings that would take care of Katherine throughout her life.

"He let that money sit in a trust and had somebody keep an eye on it and invest the money wisely," Myers said. "I remember him telling my father, 'Kay will never have to worry, she will be taken care of.'"

As a widow for almost three decades, Katherine remained in New Hampshire, saying her "roots were deep now." But she

never forgot her alma mater and each time a College representative visited her in New Hampshire, she would jot off a note of thanks for the visit or the holiday poinsettia or the green-and-gold scarf with the College insignia.

Myers never talked with her aunt about her intention to leave the bulk of her estate to the College. But here is her theory: "My uncle gave his blood, sweat and tears to

Dartmouth, but I think he and my aunt both knew their money could make a larger impact on their alma mater."

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**Byers Unger earned a Ph.D. in biology at Yale in 1924 and spent his career as a zoology professor at Dartmouth College. But his commitment was to his alma mater.**

## In Memoriam

**Mr. John A. Mears '28**, of New York, N.Y., on December 7, 1988.

**Mrs. Dorothy Grim Wilson '29**, of Frostburg, Md., on August 6, 2003.

**Mrs. Virginia Scrivener Meade '30**, of Ellicott City, Md., on November 4, 2002.

**Mrs. Katherine Leidy Unger '32**, of Hanover, N.H., on February 25, 2004.

**Mrs. Margaret Snowden Nelson '35**, of Salisbury, Md., on June 11, 2002.

**Mrs. Marvel Jackson Simpson '36**, of Solomons Island, Md., on January 18, 2004.

**Mrs. Josephine Dawson Clark '36**, of Lady Lake, Fla., on June 1, 2003.

**Mr. Frederick A. Coe '38**, of Brockton, Mass., on December 27, 2003.

**Mrs. Norma Keyser Strobel '39**, of Ellicott City, Md., on January 19, 2004.

**Mrs. Edith Armacost Ernest '40**, of Westminster, Md., on February 15, 2004.

**Mrs. Phoebe Gatchell Denney '41**, of Nacogdoches, Texas, on February 5, 2004.

**Mrs. Madalyn Flickinger Maust '41**, of Hanover, Pa., on March 25, 2004.

**Mr. Howard C. Mackenzie '42**, of Bel Air, Md., on November 1, 1986.

**Mr. W. Walter Carr '44**, of Oviedo, Fla., on February 21, 2004.

**Dr. Viron L. Diefenbach '44**, of Silver Spring, Md., on April 28, 2003.

**Mrs. Frances Hall Judd '44**, of Delray Beach, Fla., on August 25, 2003.

**Mrs. Nancy Hannen McCullough '45**, of Ledyard, Conn., on January 18, 2004.

**Mrs. Virginia Powell Butterfield '46**, of Bethany Beach, Del., on March 20, 2004.

**Mrs. Betty Budge Bishop '47**, of Palm Bay, Fla., on June 4, 2003.

**Mrs. Mary Davies Carson '47**, of Charleston, S.C., on November 11, 2003.

**Mrs. Helen Lingenfelter Cushen '48**, of Chevy Chase, Md., on December 11, 2003.

**Mrs. Shirley Clark Foster '50**, of Lebanon, Ohio, on March 23, 2002.

**Mr. Clair A. Trout MEd '51**, of Seven Valleys, Pa., on January 5, 2004.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Caskey Clopper MEd '59**, of Hagerstown, Md., on January 23, 2004.

**Dr. Ronald Litto '59**, of Margate City, N.J., on February 19, 2004.

**Mrs. Dorothy Leese Lamb MEd '63**, of Hanover, Pa., on February 2, 2004.

**Mr. Carville V. Earle '64**, of Baton Rouge, La., on October 9, 2003.

**Mrs. Ingrid Persson Madden MEd '75**, of New Market, Md., on January 12, 2004.

**Dr. Alice Gwathney Pinderhughes**, honorary doctor of humane letters 1986, of Baltimore, Md., on November 16, 1995.

**Mr. Robert J. Keeshan**, honorary doctor of humane letters 1996, of Hartford, Vt., on January 23, 2004.

**Dr. Paul Adrian Jan Janssen**, honorary doctor of science 1999, of Vosselaar, Belgium, on November 11, 2003.

## Marriages

**Mary Ruth O'Kelly Chlad '48 to Homer Elseroad '40** on February 8, 2004.

They reside in Frederick, Md.

**Jeffrey Vinson '81 to Vicki Vinson** on April 3, 2004. They reside in Barrington, Ill.

**Julie Winkler '86 to James Lofitis** in January 2003. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

**Lisa Peltier '97 to William Rehrmann** on November 1, 2003. They reside in Belcamp, Md.

**Michelle Crow '98 to Nicholas Feracci '99** on September 19, 2003. They reside in Alpharetta, Ga.

**Denise Dill '98 to Wayne West** in October 2003. They reside in Fenwick Island, Del.

**Daniel Long '98 to Jennifer Stevens** on October 18, 2003. They reside in Hagerstown, Md.

**Jeffrey Soltz '98 to Jocelyn Newman** on August 9, 2003. They reside in Fayetteville, N.C.

**Jennifer Vick '98 to Eleftherios Michael '99** on June 21, 2003. They reside in Catonsville, Md.

**Matthew Study '99 to Tara Pape** on October 25, 2003. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Christina Ward '99 to Gary St.Clair Jr.** on January 17, 2004. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Danielle Drankiewicz '02 to Matthew McGuigg '00** on January 24, 2004.

They plan to reside in Maryland.

**Carol Chudown MS '03 to Robert Balgac** on August 16, 2003. They reside in St. Augustine, Fla.

**Katie Odo '03 to Steven Brown** on July 18, 2003. They reside in White Marsh, Md.

**Sarah Warman '03 to Brent Stouffer** on May 31, 2003. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

## Births

**Grace Hogsten**, on July 29, 2003, to Paul '82 and Elizabeth Hogsten.

**Blaine Uplik**, on June 4, 2003, to Jay '85 and Melanie Uplik.

**Kallie Alexandra Anagnos**, on January 12, 2004, to Daniel and Lauren Pearl '86 Anagnos.

**Erin Theresa Berlin**, on December 15, 2003, to Keith '86 and Lisa Berlin.

**Rachel Maia Bush**, in March 2003, to Larry Bush and Susan Scharf '86.

**Sarah Melissa Fishman**, on July 4, 2003, to Robert and Joanne Salkin '90 Fishman.

**Ryan Hartlove**, on July 7, 2003, to Brian and Jane Miskelly '90 Hartlove.

**Matthew Ryan Oberfeld**, on February 13, 2004, to Daryl and Jennifer Dempsey '90 Oberfeld.

**Anna Richmond Russell**, on September 3, 2003, to John '90 and Leslie Russell.

**Lucy and Carter Boone**, on October 26, 2003, to Gregory and Nicole Schmalzer '92 Boone.

**Jenna Marie Callan**, on November 25, 2003, to Richard '92 and Amy Callan.

**Maren Veronica Duffy**, in August 2003, to David and Sarah Williams '92 Duffy.

**Brady Elvis Goynne**, on October 13, 2003, to Brett '92 and Stephanie Lee '95 Goynne.

**Ryan Philip McAuley**, on June 12, 2003, to Paul and Valerie Funk '92 McAuley.

**Paul Ruggiero**, on October 6, 2003, to Dominick and Maija Strenger-Ruggiero '92.

**Kate Taylor Pickersgill**, on November 19, 2003, to Raymond '94 and Alison Pickersgill.

**P.J. Bartos**, on December 27, 2003, to Peter and Donna Munson '95 Bartos.

**Jonah Matthew and Hannah Elizabeth Brainard**, on December 12, 2003, to Matthew and Kelly Benvin '95 Brainard.

**Emma May Porter**, on November 14, 2003, to Neal and Melissa Price '98 Porter.

**Kaitlyn Anna Elizabeth Seydel**, on January 22, 2004, to David '99 and Teresa Addeo '00 Seydel.

**Brennan Wayne Nottingham**, on July 5, 2003, to Eric '00 and Cynthia Hess '99 Nottingham.

**Mary Elizabeth Dilger**, on May 4, 2004, to Jason and Lisa Young '00 Dilger.

**Madison Elizabeth Barry**, on May 16, 2003, to Ian and Rebecca Crowder '03 Barry.

**Amelia Danae Mauriello**, on January 6, 2004, to Matthew '03 and Misty Mauriello.



**Katherine Leidy Unger '32** and her husband, W. Byers Unger '20, believed in the power of a liberal arts education to make a difference in students' lives and the world.

Their recent bequest will make a big difference for the future of McDaniel College. See page 26 to learn more.

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# CLASSNOTES

**1932** Dear Class of '32, This June will mark the 72nd anniversary of our graduation from good old

Western Maryland. We have seen events in our lifetime that we could never have dreamed of during our college days. We have lived through many historical events: times of peace, times of war, times of revolution and times of evolution. Well I am delighted to be alive and well enough to get out and about and see what is changing—some good and some not so good. I enjoy my life through my children, my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren.

**George Henry Caple** feels lucky that he is one of the few from '32 who is still here. George and Frieda stay close to home in Denton, Md. His eyesight is poor but he enjoys the radio. He says, "Hello to the '32ers and stay healthy."

When you go to Berlin, Md., you will see **Mary Humphreys** driving around town in her blue Buick. She keeps busy proof-reading several of the Berlin papers. She is happy to see many of her former Mary Baldwin students who visit frequently.

Here is a quote from **Muriel Bishop Livingston's** note to me, "Greetings to fellow '32ers! We are becoming ancient icons in our nineties! I am living with my daughter and two Shar-peis. They are my good company. I do remember our four years together on the Hill. That was a different world and time."

**Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes** says that her great news is the fact that she is still here and able to navigate. Her activities are limited due to her failing eyesight. She was director of her church choir for years. Recently she resigned. She is an active member of DAR and the Retired Teachers' Association. In the summer of 2003 Mary and I visited her. We were luncheon guests at Captain's Gallery in Crisfield.

**Ella Weir Queen** has returned to Maryland from Florida where she lived for many years. She is a resident at College Manor, a retirement home. When she goes for a ride with her daughter she likes to ride by her alma mater. That brings back many happy memories of her four years on the Hill.

I live in my home in Fallston, Md. My son and I daughter live not too far from me. I am fortunate to have good eyesight and hearing. I use a walker or cane. My problem is a bad leg. The cause is arthritis or a leftover from a fractured hip, which I got when I was teaching. I had to give up my 2-mile walk. However, I have a scooter which

I use every day, weather permitting. My daughter, Susan, does pre-surgical testing at Upper Chesapeake Hospital in Bel Air, Md. My son, John, is the director of the department of assessments and taxation in Maryland. During the summer of 2003, Gail Shaivitz Oppel, director of gift planning at McDaniel College, visited me. We shared some memories of my years on the Hill. Gail is working with a gentleman who is writing a book on the history of Western Maryland College/McDaniel College.

Hopefully this group will be here for the next edition of *The Hill*. Sara Robinson Sullivan  
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**1938** Greetings to all who may read this column. Most of us in our class are 87 years old. So feeling chipper when first crawling out of bed in the morning is a rare delight. However a goodly number of you have responded to my call for news. So here goes.

**Lt. Samuel F. Baxter**, of Timonium, Md., and Helen are living at Mercy Ridge Retirement Center. Helen had partial hip replacement March '03. This failed and she suffered eight months of severe pain. Now following a complete replacement she is better. Sam has low vision from macular degeneration. Neither can drive but the Mercy Ridge van, wonderful neighbors and children furnish transportation. They miss spring and fall visits to their condo at Hilton Head, S.C., and to friends and relatives in Florida. They are thankful their medical problems are not insurmountable and they enjoy activities and trips in the area. They still look forward to each new day.

**Edward Worthington Belt**, of Morris-town, N.J., sounds great in spite of being on peritoneal dialysis as a result of renal failure. He says, "I am doing OK. Believe me, I will be forever grateful to those before me who evolved this medical procedure which not only keeps me alive but allows me to live a very normal life." He appreciated calls from **Henry Reckord** and **Pershing Volkart**. It was so good to be with "Wort" in 2003 at our 65th reunion.

**Elizabeth Erb Budell**, of Harwich Port, Maine, had just finished preparing her income taxes when she wrote in January. This gal is on the ball. She was getting things in order before a visit to Cape Cod Hospital. She is hang-

ing in there health-wise and still enjoys bridge, music, books and art.

**Allie May Moxley Buxton**, of Damascus, Md., says most of us are experiencing aches, pains, illnesses and loss of loved ones, yet we still enjoy God's many blessings including family and friends. She follows the same schedule daily, preparing meals for son Steven and herself, paying bills and checking on daughter Barbara stricken with recurrent cancer. Her favorite Bible verse is Titus 2:13. You will want to read it as I have done.

**Capt. Alden F. Church**, of Jacksonville, Fla., sold his home in Maryland in three days and joined all of his children in Florida. It was bittersweet to leave the home he and Isabel had loved. However, when writing, he was with family just south of Jacksonville not far from St. Augustine and Orlando. He does not miss the snow. Also, Alden is proud of his grandson in the Air Force Academy.

**Doris Haines Dixon**, of Staunton, Va., sends a card picturing a panoramic photo of her home taken by daughter Linda. It is simply gorgeous. A Cape Cod style house with a white picket fence the entire length of the front yard with glorious flowers on each side. I'm seeing daylilies, daisies and even hollyhocks galore. I'm taking this to my next garden club meeting. After her husband, Tommy, died and she was no longer a full-time caretaker, Doris started playing piano for Sunday school classes and working in the music club. She also helps with Bible study at church, is on the committee to find a new minister and is back with a book club which started in 1951.

**Caroline Smith Dudley**, of Hanover, Pa., reports that **Allen '36** and she are reasonably healthy and continue to enjoy bridge, Sunday school, chapel, concerts and dining out. They celebrated 64 years of marriage and 13 years of living in Homewood. **Son John '64** is retirement age while daughter Janet is enjoying her fourth year as president of Salisbury University. We send sympathy to Caroline and Allen on the March death of their son, James, who was battling cancer.

**Charles R. Ehrhardt D.D.**, of Sun City West, Ariz., greets me with "Dear Helen, O thou ever faithful one in the service of thy classmates—greetings and salutation!" He notes that our class of 1938 moves ever closer to the front of the chronological listing of all classes. Our contributions to family, friends, schools, society, business, church and state have been made. We must now look back with appreciation of years past blessings received, good things enjoyed, evils overcome, sustaining faith, love and support of family and friends. "Thanks to classmates in our formative years and to Almighty God!"

**H. Kirk Fallin**, of Manchester, Md., says the most exciting venture now is to try out a new restaurant. At this point he has 17 great-grandchildren. The oldest is in college and the youngest is a newborn. "I will never catch up to 'Wort Belt.'" The most

challenging event since retirement was traveling across country to visit son at Fort Lewis, Wash. Traveling in a 10-year-old motor home for three weeks meant numerous emergencies. To Crater Lake in Oregon they drove through 10-foot snow banks, then on to Victoria, B.C., across to the Canadian Rockies and then down to Yellowstone Park. Each mechanical crisis was met along the way. "The Lord was with us."

**Alfred Goldberg**, of Falls Church, Va., is still gainfully employed which keeps him healthy in mind and body. He enjoys a fast-paced workweek that is 45 to 50 hours. "It gratifies me that I am able to meet demands that are greater each year. I cannot think of a better therapy to cope with aging." Wife Gerta and he live in a retirement community where he is the only resident employed full time.

**Temple Morris Madjeski**, of St. Iniges, Md., is still staying active. Church functions, school concerts and activities of her children and grandchildren keep her going. She lost a grandson, 22, on Nov. 1, 2003. Christmas was sad.

**Dolly Taylor Moore**, of Denton, Md., says she and **Charlie '35** are enjoying their 62 years together. They had a wonderful Christmas holiday with their family. "We are a little shaky but guess that is to be expected."

**Paul A. Nelson**, of Dallas, Texas, writes from Anaheim, Calif., on a business-pleasure trip. He had spent Christmas with his daughter and family in Florida. He has two relatively new grandchildren who call him "Daddy Paul." He was looking forward to attending his 70th Thurmont High School reunion this year. He also planned to travel to Europe in the summer in connection with the 60th anniversary of World War II.

**Anne Brinsfield Simmons**, of Morgantown, W. Va., is able to live independently, manage her affairs, support the local arts center and drive to meet friends for lunch. "Two grandsons are my greatest pleasure." Both are in engineering—one a university senior, the other a consultant with a global company. "I learn about places I have never been and words I have never used!" Her real "spark" **Jarell** died in 1996. Anne was delighted to hear the new name of the college. **William R. McDaniel 1880** was her great-uncle. He often invited her to dinner while she was on campus.

**Henry Reckord**, of Towson, Md., is still enjoying sports on TV and in magazines. He called "Wort" Belt after reading of his wonderful gift to the college in memory of his brother **Gene '42** who contributed so much to the world of music. Henry also enjoyed Christmas with son Brad in Battle Ground, Wash.

**Charlotte Coppage Young**, of Dryden, Md., says all is well even though too many people have discovered the lovely southern Maryland. They enjoy the geese and ducks. Harvesting their tree farm is always interesting. The summer storm Isabel did not harm the

farm, fortunately. This area is populated with numerous old-timers who are graduates of Western Maryland College so there is still many WMC cars on the road.

**Edward D. McPherson**, of Surprise, Ariz., writes, "Hello, I am a hard loser. I wanted the school to be named 'The College on the Hill' and I know **Robert Gill '10**, who sponsored me would agree." Ed brought his son, a professor at USE, to Pennsylvania last summer and he could not get over how green it is in the East and that there are no cattle. Incidentally, Ed was looking forward to his 90th birthday.

As for me, life is still so interesting. I am blessed with good health. I just long for a bit more lasting energy. I am able to stay active in church, garden club, the Mt. Airy Players and recently the Historical Society. As I write this I am snowed. So I long to walk the park path just nearby and yes, to rake those everlasting hickory nuts in the yard. Thanks so much for writing. I do this again in 2006, so stick around!

Helen Leatherwood Simpson  
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Mount Airy, MD 21771

**1944** It doesn't seem possible that our class graduated 60 years ago. For many of the men, graduation was delayed because of a "call-up" to the armed forces in 1943. Those two years are prominent in our memories. In '43, Streptomyces was the new wonder drug; "bobby sox," loafers and saddle shoes were popular; "Zoot" suits with pegged pants and long chains were the national dress of young men, and the songs on the juke box at Margaret and Earl's were "Marry Doats" and "Oh What a Beautiful Morning." 1944 brought the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge; signs that read "Kilroy was here" were everywhere one traveled in the world; FDR defeated Dewey to start his fourth term as president; "Willie and Joe" and "Private Sad Sae" were popular wartime cartoons; the latest hit songs were "Rum and Coca Cola," "Don't Fence Me In" and "Swinging on a Star." Glenn Miller, the popular bandleader, was killed while on a tour entertaining the armed forces. "The Life of Riley" and "Nick Carter" were popular radio shows—there was no television. Don't these facts bring back memories?

Two of our classmates were killed on Omaha Beach—**Fred Kullmar** and **Dick**

**Patten** and another, **Tom Tereshinski**, was seriously wounded. **Sig Jensen** flew 25 bombing missions over Germany and on his return to base in England was, on each occasion, met by our long-time coach **Charlie Havens '30**. **Carlo Orteni '48** returned safely home but was killed in the subsequent conflict in Korea. Yes, our classmates have not only contributed significantly to the defense of freedom in America but have also given to its growth and progress in meaningful ways. We are civil engineers, lawyers and heads of legal corporations, dentists, physicians and surgeons, teachers, professors, heads of departments in colleges and universities and deans of major institutions. We have contributed to our country's religious well-being as pastors and as heads of religious institutions.

We have raised and nurtured families and our children and grandchildren continue to make us proud via their individual and collective contributions. One common theme which permeates our class's correspondence is a reference to age. **Henri Fredric Amiel** said, "to know how to grow old is the master work of wisdom and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living." **Oliver Wendell Holmes** observed that, "Youth longs and manhood strives but age remembers."

Thank you for allowing me to be your class of '44 correspondent for this issue of *The Hill* and for sharing your accomplishments and memories and those of your progeny. So here we go!

It is with sadness that I report the death of **William Walter Carr** on February 21. His wife, **Mary Gene Kennedy Carr '47**, wrote that Bill has been confined to a nursing unit for about a year and was a victim of Alzheimer's. They recently became great-grandparents. Their oldest son, **Bill**, is the Registrar at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and is also a professor of Old Testament (Hebrew). Their second son, **Bob**, is the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Lavonia, Mich., and their youngest son, **Jim**, lives in Bel Air, Md., and works for the government in Aberdeen. Grandson **Alan** is in graduate school at Julliard in New York City; a granddaughter is a senior in high school and is considering a future at McDaniel College. Finally, the daughter of **Bill** and **Mary**, **Janet Carr Short '81** and her husband **Ken '81** are also alumni.

**Jeanne Diefenbach Smith** and husband **Ben '43** have three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchild-

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dren. The entire Smith family got together in Salisbury, Md., to celebrate the 80th birthdays of Jeanne and Bud. Golf and bridge are their top interests. They are also part of the annual summer get-together in Ocean City on the last Thursday of July. They look forward to seeing all at the 60th reunion.

**Marjorie Strickland Green** says she and husband **Walt** "are still planting along." **Walt** just celebrated 60 years under Episcopal appointment and his church just had a celebration to honor his longevity. **Marge** would like to know if any other Methodist ministers can boast of such a record at age 79? They have added another granddaughter, this one from Russia. **Marge** says, "She is precious and greatly loved by her twin brothers." **Marge** complains that the rest of the family is "getting older and grayer and fatter and slower...but all are well and happy."

**Grace Dryden Venable**, of Towson, reports that four of her grandchildren have finished college; one is currently in medical school. Two grandsons will be getting married in the spring of '04. **Husband Dr. Sid Venable** and **Grace** go to exercise classes three times per week and say that all is well.

**Mary Lee Crawford Yingling** and her husband moved to Carroll Lutheran Village about two years ago and are adjusting to a new way of life. **Mary** says, "We have become quite lazy, no snow to shovel or grass to mow, no weeds to pull." She sends greetings and best wishes to all.

**Mary Turley Gipe**, up Cumberland way, and husband **Paul** enjoyed "a marvelous 10-day train excursion to Branson, Mo., last September. Currently, they are happy in the mountains. Both are reasonably healthy and devoted to family—son, daughter and two grandchildren. **Mary** says, "If any of our classmates or WMC friends are in the area, the door is always open." She further states, "I saw no reason for the name change—any change but name change I could have accepted." She won't be at the reunion but says hello to classmates.

**Frank D. Zeigler** requested that I submit his bio from Friends. One of the few active senior members (over 50 years) of Third Haven Monthly Meeting, Frank is an Eastern Shore native and a transplant from the Church of the Brethren. Always fascinated with Friends Committee National Legislation and now with Quaker Earthcare Witness as ways to let your life speak, he has been an active member of the Library and Outreach Committee.

Frank has had broad lifetime interests as portrayed by previous occupations, including marine engineer, public school teacher, farmer, insurance broker, bed and breakfast innkeeper and devotion to artist wife **Joyce**'s work and presence. This summer the Zeiglers will go to Cape Breton, near Sydney, for her to pursue two weeks of oil painting on the coast of Australia.

**Bill Keefe** and his nephew and another cousin have turned genealogists and are working on a publication of the family heritage, or tree, if you prefer. He and wife **Elsie** are enjoying retirement. This past Christmas saw a gathering of the immediate family in Concord, N.H., with son **Bill**, his wife **Linda** and daughter **Marie** all the way from Santa Fe, along with three other children and their families.

**Glynn Salerno Olsen**, from Medfield, Mass., is still selling real estate while her retired husband plays golf and runs **Shrine's** parades. **Glynn** takes care of four ferret cats, which she took from the local animal shelter. She is also helping 38 wild turkeys, who inhabit her back yard through the tough New England winter and talks frequently to her sister, **Gloria Salerno Adams '42**, who lives on Cape Cod.

**Lois Marie Blocher Dashiell** is still living in Severna Park, Md. (for 50 years). Her son, a dentist, lives close by with his wife and children. Another son is in Pennsylvania and her daughter resides in North Carolina. "Socks" loves to garden and to read and says that she and her husband finally realize that cruising the high seas is the easiest way to travel. She has five grandchildren and six great-grand.

**Phoebe Johnson Rutherford** lives in West Dennis, Mass., looks around and considers that with so many friends in a nursing home, she is lucky to be living in her own home, "with my kitty for company." For the past 23 years she has been delivering Meals-on-Wheels. Her only grandchild, **Kira**, is a sophomore at Hofstra University on Long Island.

**Ed Mogowski**, another of the class's legal eagles, says that he is semi-retired. He goes to the office just one or two days per week and then only for short periods of time. In his call to me in mid-February, Ed was still concerned about the College's name change. Ed, however, was enthusiastic about getting together for our 60th reunion.

**Mary Jo Davis Cochrane** is living in a retirement community of 600-plus in Orange City, Fla., and loves every minute. She spends time swimming, playing cards and in church activities. She says, "I drive everywhere." **Mary Jo** was the third generation of family to attend WMC and is puzzled and saddened by the name change of the college. She wishes all a happy 60th!

The 60th wedding anniversary celebration at Steamboat Springs, Colo., was the big news item for **Col. Sig Jensen Jr.** and **Edie**. Their condo is just across the highway from the Air Force Academy. Son **Lars** is CEO at Pritchard Brown Industries in Baltimore while daughters **Lisa** and **Candice** live close by in Colorado. **Sig** and **Edie**

## SEND YOUR HOT PROSPECTS TO CAMPUS

Alumni who encourage prospective McDaniel students to make a personal visit to the Hill can help them apply to the College for free. Under this new incentive program, the application fee will be waived when a prospective student schedules an official visit with the Admissions staff prior to the time of application. The student will need to provide the name of the recommending alumnus at the time of the visit. An official visit includes Summer Information Day, Fall Open Houses, Saturday Information Sessions and Weekday Interviews. Call 410/857-2230 to make an appointment.

have seven grandchildren. Sig says life is wonderful except for stenosis and scoliosis of the spine from injuries received in Vietnam.

**Ann Meeth Kingman** is living in a lovely retirement community in Columbia, Md. All three grandchildren are enjoying college life. Marianne is pitcher for the softball team at Swarthmore; Nick is on a four-year scholarship at the University of Delaware, and Beth is finishing studies for a double major at Mary Washington. Ann says, "They're all wonderful!"

**DeVane Bills** retired in July '76 and in the summers plays golf at least three times per week. His son is in the entertainment business and lives in New York, according to **Tom Tereshinski**, who keeps him up on the news of our alma mater.

**Woody Preston**, as per routine, is spending the winter months in Naples, Fla., playing lots of golf and enjoying spending quality time with his children and grandchildren. He hopes to be at the reunion. He says, "lawyers never retire, but I am 90 percent retired as of now."

**Betty Billingslea Scott** takes frequent campus strolls to view all of the physical changes on the campus. Betty is in an ideal location for these ventures since she lives on Main Street, just across from Bair Stadium. She has a granddaughter who was to graduate from McDaniel in May.

**Reece Scott** retired in 1985 from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company where he managed the Eastern Region Surety-Fidelity as vice president for the previous 20 years. Scott graduated from Rutgers University in 1947 and attained a CPCU designation and had additional courses in management. He and wife June have been married for 55 years. They have four married children and 13 grandchildren. Great Scott!

**Cordelia "Corky" Price Turk** lives on the water at Virginia Beach and states that she is in good shape, in spite of a recent broken wrist causing her to have to give up tennis and her first love, playing the piano. She is soon starting therapy for a torn rotator cuff in her right shoulder and subsequently must have an operation for a severe carpal tunnel syndrome. She says that in spite of everything, she is still blessed but regrets not making the reunion.

**Olive Cook** has been extremely busy since her sister died on Jan. 4. Her nephew died the following day and Olive has been busy trying to settle the estate. She said that she is grateful for all the support of college friends and aunts, "otherwise, I'm fine and still going strong."

**Margaret Smith Cassell** took her daughter, Nancy, on a Caribbean cruise for her birthday. They loved being pampered and "didi's" gain an ounce. "Smitty gets a lot of **Becky Larmore Griffith**. They both expect to be at the class reunion and are hoping for a great turnout. As you recall, Smitty and Becky were both stalwarts of the May Court.

**Arlie Mansberger** and wife **Ellen Piel** live on the banks of the Savannah

River in Augusta, Ga. Arlie retired in 2002 from the Medical College of Georgia as professor and chairman emeritus in the department of surgery. **So Jack '75** heads the Institute for Alternative Medicine in Thomasville, Ga., and daughter Leigh Joseph M.D. is in the graduate school of public health at Boston University. They have three grandsons. Sean runs a corporate law firm in Houston, Texas; will, a recording engineer, has a private enterprise in Thomasville, and Luke is completing his secondary education. Arlie's fifth book, *A Saga of Surgery...M.C.G.*, was published at the time of his retirement.

**Wallen L. Bean**, of North Dartmouth, Mass., has retired from his position as the head of a religious counseling center. He has been troubled with Parkinson's disease but says that it is now under control. Beanie is doing the cooking these days and says that he is a better fisherman than a cook. His wife, Christine, is an accomplished artist and teaches painting. The Beans have three sons, **Charles '72**, who is with the Library of Congress but whose first love is music, **Jim '72** teaches music and John is a computer specialist. Beanie is originally from Moorefield, W. Va., and says that he is still very much a West Virginia mountaineer.

**Tom Tereshinski** now resides in Galeville, Md. He and his wife, **Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski '48**, have been traveling lately. During their trip to South Dakota they saw the monuments at Mount Rushmore and the carving of the famous Indian warrior Crazy Horse. On a trip to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to visit family members, Tom met with Rick Havens, son of W.M.C. coach **Charlie Hawkins '30**. Tom and Mary Ruth are looking forward to the 60th. **Bonnie DuVal '45 Selman** reports that **Russell** has had a 10-year bout with Pick's Disease and will be unable to attend the 60th reunion. The Sellmans live in Westminster.

**Paul Mannino** and wife **Phyllis Hess** recently had some unfortunate medical experience. Dr. Paul is on hemo dialysis three times a week for renal failure as a result of long-term glomerulonephritis. Phyllis has some cognitive problems, which began after a four-essel bypass for coronary artery disease. Speaking with Paul by phone he assured me that even though it all sounds rather difficult, "it sure beats the alternative."

**Charlie Tsouprake** and wife **Betty** have moved to Our Lady's Haven, a nursing home in Fairhaven, Mass. Charlie has had some heart problems. Charlie did not return his card, but this information came from his long-time friend **Tom Tereshinski**.

**Charlie Irwin** and wife **Jackie** have just returned from vacation in Florida. Charlie says that for the last few years, he has been listed in the top ten in International Ranking in the world in six events—the high jump, long jump, triple jump, javelin, shot put and dis-

cus. He says, "If you can't beat them, outlive them."

**Anne Covington Kidd**, of Waynesboro, Va., continues to be involved in genealogical research and teaching at the local library and historical society. She says her children have inherited her and her father's musical ability. Brian, the oldest child, had dance bands in high school and college and has just retired from the U.S. Navy as a composer and arranger for the Navy band in Washington, D.C. Julianne, an organ performance major, is an accomplished musician. **Wilbur "Cap" Kidd '42**, who led W.M.C.s dance band, **Cap Kidd's Buccaneers**, died recently. Anne looks forward to the reunion.

I received a letter from Bill Henderson, **Vron Diefenbach's** stepson, who is handling the affairs of Dief and his wife, **Adele**. Vron suffered a severe coronary occlusion and never regained consciousness while in the hospital. He died on April 28, 2003, and per his wishes his ashes were scattered in the Chesapeake Bay. Adele is in a nursing home. A memorial service for Dr. Diefenbach was held at the University of Illinois School of Public Health, where he had previously served as dean. Mr. Henderson says that Dief was very proud of his college roots and was fond of the friends he made while there.

**Frances Hall Jude's** card was returned by the law firm of Devitt, Thistle and Devitt in Delray Beach, Fla., informing me that Frances passed away on Aug. 25, 2003, and that the firm was handling the estate.

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You have been quickly responsive to the inquiry cards and I thank you. Now let us see what we have done, are doing and plan to do.

**Al "Moon" Paul** and **Anita Cantine** to enjoy the good local life in the popular area of Owings Mills, Md. He is very involved with the recently formed **Green & Gold Club** at McDaniel and hopes all will contribute to the club to help the athletic department.

**Marion Auld Geyer** happily reports that she is close to getting her life master in bridge and anticipates a move to Carroll Lutheran Village within the next few years. She is currently treasurer of the Earlminster Methodist Church.

**Homer Earl** has been busy learning domestic skills as **Widie Kinfelner '51** unfortunately lost her sight a year ago. Happily there is hope some vision will return. We wish them well.

**Harry Bush** has finally retired after several unsuccessful attempts. In April he had a quadruple by-pass and may be looking at back surgery but says he has no complaints. He keeps in touch with **Al Jacobson '49** and **Al Paul**. He was not pleased with the name change. They all mourn the passing of **Joe Giannelli**.

**Edward Nordby** is in the same choir as **Anna Butler Trader '47** and **Corinne Schofield LeGalette '52** in Salisbury, Md. Through his choir and choral work, he has enjoyed tours to England, Wales, France and Italy. Ed meets frequently with **Larry '51** and **Dottie Phillips '51 Bailey**. He is an active member of the Dorchester County Historical Society and Dorchester Arts Center. Future music tours are planned to Germany and Austria in June '04.

**Thomas Shaw** has permanently retired to The Villages, a Florida retirement community with 17 golf courses. He won two bronze medals in the 2003 Florida senior Olympics and one pink medal with the birth of first grandchild, Nicole Christine, in May '03.

**Harry Walker** continues to stay in the foothills of North Carolina living independently in a continuing-care facility. He edits the monthly newspaper and conducts humor programs for the residents. He also goes weekly, and I'm surprised it is not tri-weekly.

**Donald Clarke** and his wife, **Jean Murray '47**, alt their time between five children and 11 grandchildren. He also finds time to do pro bono law work, resurrect his violin and pursue social justice and environmental projects. Jean gardens when the deer let her.

**Ed Ransford** and his wife were surprised at a 50th anniversary party hosted by their four children. Among the 83 guests were **Syd Albritain '51** and **Don Phillips '52** and their wives. They cruise frequently and after 18 years in the Navy, Ed finally went through the Panama Canal.

**Howard Shannon** lets us know that he is alive and well in Daytona Beach, Fla. **Dave Myers**, after 31 years, He says that he and Christine are well but "aging faster." Dave, that is not allowed.

**William Dulany** continues to practice law full time after 51 years. He is board chairman for Episcopal Ministries to the Aging (E.M.A.). Since I am now at Fairhaven, I am well acquainted with E.M.A. From the newspapers I learned that in October 2003, he was given the 2002 Trustee of the Year Award from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. He has served on the board since 1983 and has been chairman since 1986. During his tenure, E.M.A. went from Fairhaven to a multifaceted organization. He is also chair of the board of Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Bill and **Winifred Spencer '35** are world travelers and big-time grandparents with eight grandchildren from 2 to 21 years.

**Michael Converso** got together with **Jack Fritz '51** and his wife, Nancy, for lunch and reminiscing in October '03.

**Peggy Riely Rannan** continues to live in Delray Beach, Fla., and Highland, N.C., depending on the season. In North Carolina she creates Ikebana arrangements for display at the Stone Lantern. Her son, John, and family are still in New York where he owns a shipping company in the city.

**Dottie McCloyton Krimski** and Gene are Crusing People. They just returned



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from one to the North and are planning another cruise in March '04. Also plans are being made to return to Maryland to live at Mercy Ridge Retirement Community but still winter in Naples. They stay very busy with volunteer work, golf, bridge and grandchildren, ages 8 to 27.

**Mary Ellen Smith Elwell** and Ron have been at Ashby-Solomons for seven years and still delight in their surroundings. There are seven grandchildren and the eldest, **Brian Lutrey '07**, is a freshman at Olden. They enjoy Elderhostels and highly recommend the program at the Chicago Art Institute.

**Leon Stover** lives in Chicago and is the author of too many books to mention. I will quote from McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers, "Leon Stover, professor emeritus at Illinois Institute of Technology, was the first to bring science fiction to the college curriculum. The author of numerous landmarks of intellectual history, he is also the editor of the eight-volume series *The Annotated H.G. Wells*." His latest book is *Imperial China and the State Cult of Confucius*. Congratulations, Dr. Stover.

**Homer "Soup" Campbell** and wife **Esther Gross '54** have lived in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for 46 years. He retired from commercial real estate and she retired from education. Last year they enjoyed trips to Indiana, Pennsylvania and Maryland. A granddaughter, Sarah Campbell, is a freshman at Stetson University in Deland, Fla.

**Ray Cushing** retired in 1988 from the Scott Paper Company. He and wife **Charlotte Reed '32** have stayed in the greater Cleveland area to be near four children and 11 grandchildren. They have fun with a "good antique bus," travel a lot and play golf. Ray states that he is still having trouble with the college name change.

**CharLee Henry Bright Hollinger** and husband **Byron '57** have enjoyed their return to Westminister—closer to children, grandchildren and old friends. Their R.V. is used to get to warmer climates such as Arizona and Florida in winter. They spent two months in Alaska the summer of 2003. CharLee says they are blessed with good health, so enjoy volunteering and living the country life.

**Chris Nikolakopoulos** had a wonderful summer of 2003 when with his daughter, Marlene, her husband and three children visited from the States. They spent six weeks together at Chris' summer place on the sea. He plans to be in Spain in April and "hop over" to New York for another visit with Marlene and family. He wishes all a happy 2004 and is looking forward to the 55th reunion in 2005 and the 60th in 2010.

**Bob Hershberger**, wife, Marjorie, writes that Bob is very ill. We send our concerns for his health.

**Cecil Eby** was twice a Fulbright lecturer in Hungary in 1982 and 1989. Cecil feels current students at

McDaniel may have an interest in his book *World at War: Civilians and Soldiers in World War Two* (Penn State University Press 1998). The book has

been translated into Hungarian and was published in Budapest in 2003.

**Nancy Burdick Marston** enjoys the retirement benefits of living in the San Francisco Bay area, especially the art scene. In 2003, there was more enjoyment of art on a cruise through Belgium and Holland.

**Jonas Eshelman** feels that he is really without a class since he started out in the Class of '51, but with summer school graduated in the summer of 1950, receiving his diploma in the mail. He suspects that few remember him but he is wrong. A lot of us remember that good-looking guy on campus. He remains friends with **Dr. Donald McShane '51** and with college roommates **Ken Munroe** and **Bill Munroe**.

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**Robert Lizer** and wife **Bonnie** happily live on the beach in Indialantic, Fla., and recently enjoyed a camping and bird watching trip for 10 weeks in the Pacific Northwest and Canadian Rockies.

**Jim Hackman**, president of the class of '50, and wife **Mary Hawkins '52** have two new grandsons to go along with three granddaughters. They feel lucky that all the family lives nearby. Jim relates that he and Mary are still kicking—only just not so high.

**Ernie Burch** finally retired in 1998 and happily spends more time with **Carol Sause '54**, two children and three grandchildren. He enjoys time in his pool and trying to hit a golf ball. He has kept in touch with **Bill Munroe** and visits **Bill** and **Maggie** at least once a year. Trips to Ireland and Hawaii are being planned.

**Suzanne Hall Coons** did not respond and I know why. She and husband **Earl** became the proud grandparents of triplets, **Daniel**, **Lance** and **Benjamin** arrived in November '03. Sue is busy, busy, busy. I learned from a local newspaper that Sue is "keeper of the records" of the Somerset County Bible Society. Established in 1828 to distribute free Bibles, the group celebrated 175 years of continuous service. They displayed the documents of the society that are some of the oldest in the nation.

Received too late for the Spring 2002 issue of *The Hill*, **LaRue Coblenz Rosenberger** wrote two years ago that her husband, **Bill '51**, continues to work full time at his Reisterstown Veterinary Center. They attend AVMA conventions and visit their son, **Dave '90**, in California each summer. Their daughter, **Bonnie**, son-in-law and grandson live nearby.

**Miriam Simmons** wrote in April 2002 that she was deeply saddened by the death of two friends **Shirley Clark Foster** and **Anne Lockey Kerr**.

I am sorry to tell you of the deaths of **Virginia Clayton Bowman** in August '03, **Joyce Parker Miller** in March '00 and **Charles L. Mullican** in January '02.

Perhaps you noticed from the cards that I made the BIG DECISION to leave my beloved Ocean Pines for independent living at Fairhaven Continuing Care Community. I enjoy the interesting, friendly people, the numerous activities, and living closer to my children. You all take care and I'll be in touch.

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Many thanks to all of you who sent news for the column.

Thanks also to **Linda Eyer**, office manager for Alumni Relations, for typing it since we were away when the column was due. With good news came the sad news that we lost three members of our class since our last column. Our condolences go to the following families:

**The Rev. Dr. Bruce K. Price**, a retired Methodist minister, died at his home in Dundalk on May 17, 2002. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, **The Honorable Judge Teateta Price**, two sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren. **Sharon Albaugh Ward** died in Nicewille, Fla., on June 25, 2002. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, **William Ward**, a son, three daughters and three grandchildren. **Edward M. Kane**, pioneer of Water Taxi at the Baltimore Inner Harbor, died on May 10, 2003. He is survived by his wife, **Cameron Kane**, who continues to operate **Water Taxi**, and three children, two step-children and seven grandchildren. For those of us who remember these class members I am sure you have memories that will bring back some enjoyable thoughts about them.

**Earl Seipp** is semi-retired from the insurance business. He is active in Republican politics and is serving a second five-year term on the Property Tax Appeals Board. Daughter **Robin** is a licensed mental health counselor in Vero Beach, Fla. Daughter **Heidi** lives in Loudoun County, Va., where she shows horses, gives lessons and is a large "R" dressage judge.

**Jack Turner** is still farming, logging and now back to practicing law. He broke his leg last fall in a logging accident and got bored while recuperating so he decided to get back into court. His children are doing well. **Kirk**, the youngest, is a major and is on his second tour flying C-130s into Iraq. **Jack** has seven grandchildren.

**Helen Prettyman Progar Hickam** is looking forward to our 50th reunion in 2006. They are enjoying life so much—"having gotten a second lease on it." They enjoy traveling. By the end of this summer they will have driven through all the 48 contiguous states together. They don't count the ones they were in prior to their marriage in 1989. They stay in Florida during the winter months. They would love to see classmates in Delaware or Florida.

**Marilee Hodson Quesada** is still

working but plans to retire at least a part time. She travels as much as time permits. She went to Cozumel, Mexico, in early December to take a respite from the "wintry mix." Marilee is a grandmother again. Her daughter adopted a little boy from Kazakhstan.

**Jean Wantz Lawyer** had another super year. She and **Phil '55** treated themselves to a cruise to the Western Caribbean on the *Galaxy* from the Celebrity line. Their eight grandchildren are full of life and very busy. **Michele** is teaching math at **McDaniel**; **Scott**, is a computer analyst; **Amy** will be in the ninth grade and **David** in the sixth; **Kevin** works out of five orthodontist offices; **Josh** and **Mayson** are home-schooled by mom **Suzie**; twins **Max** and **Katie**, 4, are in pre-school, and the second set of twins, **Chloe** and **Isabella**, 1, are walking.

For almost 48 years **Fairy Frock Flickinger** has been a church organist. She was honored with an unsung hero award from the Maryland Federation of Republican Women. **Fairy** has been very busy since **Bob** was elected mayor of Taneytown in May for a four-year term. She attempts to attend the many activities of her three grandsons, two are in college and the youngest is one.

**Kathryn "Kay" Mehl Miller** is still selling her book *Talking It Over: Understanding Sexual Diversity*. She is active in trying to get protection for gay and lesbian students in schools and civil rights for all gay people, **John**, her domestic partner (sanctioned by the state), is 92 and going strong. They enjoy spending a month in Waikiki every January.

Since retirement from Oglethorpe University, **Don '53** and **Barbara Hoot Stanton** have enjoyed visiting their children and grandchildren in northern Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kobe, Japan. Last year they took side trips to Hiroshima as well as Beijing, Xian and Shanghai, China. Later they cruised from Dover, England, to St. Petersburg, Russia, and the Scandinavian capitals. **Barbara** says, "What awesome history in our great work of magnificent sights and fascinating people."

**Mary "Mollie" Hargett Williams** still enjoys traveling. In the last several years she has been to Ireland, Scotland, Spain and Portugal. She is planning a trip to Arizona in February. She does some volunteer work and local trips.

The big event in **Les Werner's** life will be mandatory retirement from the active ministry in July '04. He is currently serving two United Methodist churches in Glen Burnie, Md. After retirement he plans on maintaining an home to 18 students, including some adults. She and her husband traveled to the Greek Islands, Israel and Egypt. She is looking forward to our 50th in 2006.

**Cornelia Rector Creveling** retired as director of music at the Bethesda United Methodist Church after 30 years of service. She teaches piano to adults, She and her husband traveled to the Greek Islands, Israel and Egypt. She is looking forward to our 50th in 2006.

Retirement suits **Eleanor "Ellie"**

**Lawson Ellington** and Bill well. Bill likes to golf and Ellie enjoys bridge and entertaining. They spend seven months in Florida and five in Pennsylvania visiting their children. Ellie and Bill have been married for six years and have taken three cruises, gone to London and Paris and toured the Canadian Rockies and a couple of trips to Disney World. Ellie says, "We feel blessed that we have happy and healthy lives."

2003 was a very busy year for **John and Suzanne Dorsey '55 Batista**. They took a trip to northern Wisconsin to visit friends, then to Maryland to visit family, then enjoyed a family reunion in July at Bethany Beach, where they had lunch and visited with **Jay "Gus" '55** and **Priscilla McCoy LaMar**. They also spent time at Sista Key in February and then took their tennis group back to Bethany Beach after the hurricane in September. They visited their son, Michael, in Elizabeth, Md., and their daughter Elysebeth in Westerville, Ohio. Their son, Jay, just moved to Atlanta, Ga., so they plan on making trips there also. Suzanne continues to do a lot of volunteering for their church and Christ Child Society. John is a docent at the Dayton Art Institute giving tours of the museum.

**Bill Tribby** is serving on the board of AID's Care Service and is treasurer and founding board member of GLSEN Winston-Salem. He also volunteers at Brenner Children's Hospital. He is celebrating 46 years with "the long-suffering" Sylvia "Bunky" and continues to enjoy their children.

**Howard Hunt** fully retired from all university and professional work on June 30, 2003. He and Barbara divide their time between New Jersey and Maine. Two years ago they acquired a tree farm near their summer home in Maine, so he has been devoting time to learning and doing woodland/conservation management. They also visit their 17 grandchildren in Harrisburg, Boston, Atlantic City and Atlanta. They look forward to our 50th.

This year **Bob Green** has added to his volunteer activities by serving as a tutor of international students at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort campus. He is a member of the Town of Hilton Head Veterans Committee and volunteers at Second Helpings, which collects food from local restaurants and super markets and delivers it to local food banks for distribution to the needy. **Lyn Hazelip Green '59** competed in the South Carolina Championship Tennis Tournament at Seabrook Island, S.C., and is a co-captain of her tennis team. After keeping their passports in the lockbox in 2003, they have signed up for a two-week Caribbean cruise to be followed by a land tour to Croatia, Slovenia and the Republic of Montenegro. Bob says, "We continue to enjoy Hilton Head and wouldn't think of living any other place."

**Raymond "Skip" Merkle** still enjoys having a "cold one or two" as often as possible. His stroke in 2001 has limited that somewhat.

For the past 25 years, **William Clem** has been professor and chairman of the

department of microbiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He plans to retire on June 30 and become an emeritus professor. After retirement Bill and his wife, Churchill McKinney, plan to continue to live in Jackson near their five children and four grandchildren. In past years they have traveled to Scotland and Norway and plan a trip to Sweden, Finland and Russia this summer. They look forward and plan to attend our 50th in 2006.

**Howard Shores** is busy with his financial services business and is still working with pool cleaning/repair service. He spent the New Year exploring Indian pueblos in the Sedona, Arizona area. He says, "I enjoyed 'rattlesnake cakes,' the Southwest's answer to crab cakes, 'I prefer crab.' He hopes to revisit the Orient next year. He also looks forward to our 50th.

**Jack Morton** wrote from their winter home in sunny Florida where they are enjoying 80-degree weather while the Hill is mired in snow and ice. They traveled to Cape Town South Africa in March '03 and spent the month visiting their daughter who has lived there for about 12 years. They spent one week traveling and sightseeing and the remainder of the time was devoted to painting, cleaning and fixing "as parents seem to do nowadays." In August '03 they took a "Tuck Tour" of Wyoming and in January '04 they visited friends in Phoenix. The highlight of 2003 was a Danube Cruise. Jack says, "Our health is excellent and we still enjoy the retired life." They look forward to our 50th.

**William Clem** has been professor and chairman of the department of microbiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Shortly after our last column came out I heard from **Lois Coffman Lundberg**. Her husband, Larry, passed away on Sept. 7, 2002. They would have celebrated their 38th anniversary on Nov. 17th. They had been living in Belgium but the summer before they had had a very enjoyable tour of New England with great friends from England and they ended up their tour on our Eastern Shore having some fantastic steamed crabs on Kent Island. Lois was staying on in Belgium for the time being and our sympathy goes to her.

The *Baltimore Sun* had a feature article with pictures about the Chautauqua "cottage" of Fred and **Nancy Kemmerer Leary's** home in Mountain Lake Park. The word cottage is deceiving as the original house is 2,500 square feet. Clayton Cottage dates to about 1882. It was one of the first houses constructed in Mountain Lake Park, a for-

mer Chautauqua summer community near Oakland and Deep Creek Lake. In 1996 the Learys added a 3,500-square addition, which includes a music room and library and is connected to a carriage house that contains a two-car garage. A large, sunny atrium was also built to unite the new section with the original house. Nancy and Fred also own a Victorian-style home in Key West, which they are restoring.

Thanks to the wonderful tour Nancy and Fred Leary gave us three years ago we decided to return to Key West to enjoy the sunny weather, great restaurants and friendly people there. In February '03 **Jay "Gus" LaMar '55** suffered a heart attack there. They were able to save his life, but he then had to be airlifted to The Mt. Sinai Heart Institute in Miami Beach. After stabilizing him we returned home where he had quadruple by-pass surgery at the end of March. Gus was in St. Joseph Hospital for 40 days, 20 of them in intensive care. Our college friends were so supportive with e-mails, cards and many notes of encouragement.

I was happy to hear that so many of you plan to return to the campus for our 50th reunion and I look forward to seeing you there.

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**1962** Greetings Classmates! It was great to hear from you. Many of us had a chance to catch up on news at our 40th reunion. Our class parade was the best and I think we all look terrific 40 years after graduation! And now the news...

**Jack and Carole Richardson '64 Baile** are enjoying life at Bethany Beach and Westminster. Jack is carving decoys again and has added stained glass to his hobbies. Jack and Carole are anticipating becoming first-time grandparents this summer; both of their children are expecting first babies. The Bailes will be hosting a trip to Hawaii for alumni and friends.

**Peggy McIntyre Bowman** and husband Bob are spending retirement in South Carolina. Their two grandchildren are close by and son David visits often from Maryland. Peggy writes that her group of WAMC friends gets together a couple times a year.

Another retiree in South Carolina, **Charles "Skip" Brown**, writes that he and Nita enjoy traveling and golfing. The Browns' children, Mike and Barry, live close by and are golf pros at the same country club. Skip works part time for them in their pro shop. Skip says that his two hip replacements have not slowed his enthusiasm for golf but have raised his handicap so he can get more strokes from his sons. Daughter Terry was married last year.

**Terry Black Chekon** is training to be a docent at the local art museum in Sacramento, Calif., after recently retiring from her position as library manager with the Sacramento Public Library. Son Jamie attends college and

continues to be a competitive artistic roller skater.

**Barbara Wolozin Craig** and husband John spend half of the year in Florida and half in Cheshertown, Md. Daughter Susan married last year and daughter Beth has left her advertising job in Chicago to teach. Barbara writes that perhaps education can be saved one good teacher at a time!

**Helen Buehm** and **Harry Crumacker** welcomed their first grandchild, Mason Elizabeth, in October 2003. Helen was thankful that her mother was able to hold the baby shortly before her death in December at age 94. Helen is enjoying accompanying husband Harry to many functions at Texas Woman's University where Harry has been appointed a regent by the governor of Texas. The Crumackers occasionally visit **Dave '61** and **Nancy Roelke Sullivan** in Phoenix.

**Nancy Davis Deibert** and husband Bill have become proud grandparents of two grandsons and are looking forward to the birth of a third grandchild this summer. Bill retired at the end of June 2003 but continues to teach one class each semester. The Deiberts get together with other college friends twice a year and enjoy traveling.

**Connie Johnson DeMott** will have completed 41 years of teaching English this June—all in Tricomico County. Connie says that traveling is her passion and has recently visited Scotland with her younger son. Connie describes her Christmas trip to Antarctica as a science lesson in action and an unbelievable experience.

**Caroline Drechsler** retired in September 2002 from the Salvation Army Maryland/West Virginia Divisional Headquarters. Since 1990 Caroline has worked for church and other non-profit groups. Before that, Caroline spent 25 years working in the chemistry lab at Johns Hopkins. She saw **Lillian Zahradka** (deceased 1997) and **Virginia Schurman** while living in Baltimore. Caroline has moved to Fairfield, Pa., near Gettysburg and has been surprised how easily she made the transition from living in the big city to life in a small town. Caroline welcomes any friends and classmates to drop in for a visit if you are ever in the area.

Also moving to Pennsylvania after retirement are **Dick '59** and **Fran Layton Gardner**. They bought an apple and peach farm in Troy, Pa., which their son, **Don '87**, manages. Fran directs the selling of the produce at the farmers' market and is the organizer at the local Presbyterian Church. She is also active in other charitable activities.

**Don and Janice Mooney '63 Hobart** took what Don described as the trip of a lifetime. They toured Australia mid-February through mid-March '03. The Hobarts spent three days in Melbourne with **Dave and Carole Anders**. Don said that Dave was a great tour guide. Don and Janice also visited Hobart, Tasmania. Dona, the Hobart's youngest daughter, and her husband, Shawn, are adopting a little boy from Nepal, so Janice and Don will travel to Nepal in October with them when they get their son. Don has gone back to the Univer-

study life, working for one of his former students. He is the assistant director of physical therapy at Shenandoah University in charge of the transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

**John '61 and Diane Kanak Holter** are moving to a lively golf community in the Tampa, Fla., area in late summer. Son Scott and his family are in Denver and son Stuart is in Charleston, S.C. Daughter **Tracy Holter Zirfas '90** and husband are in Tampa so at least one of the Holter children will be nearby. Diane hopes that since two of the families will be in the same area, more family reunions will take place.

**Mary Lemkau Horn** continues to practice psychology in Gainesville, Fla. She and Charles enjoy canoeing and camping and are planning a trip to Costa Rica to the rain forests in April. Both children and the Horns' two grandsons are in California; daughter Sarah is an assistant district attorney for Alameda County and son Erick is an ophthalmologist in Oakland. Mary and Charles are busy and happy in a new house they built themselves, and Mary says they have a good life.

**Mary Sue Trotman Mundorf** writes that she and Armit are enjoying retirement in Charlotte, N.C. They spend a few weeks a year vacationing with **Lea Hackett Hartman** and husband Dean. The guys play golf and Mary Sue and Lea walk the beach, read and play canasta.

From Florida **Carol Latham Philpot-Jensen** writes that she passed the Power Squadron's Advance Piloting exam in January, a milestone in the world of boating. She and Tom have traveled extensively around Florida and the islands on their boat. Tom and Carole bought a condo and plan to move in early this year. Their children and grandchildren are doing well, involved in many activities.

**Hunter and Fran Burnell '63 Kirkman** are now both retired and the two of them are staying busy with 12 grandchildren. Hunter also stays occupied with golf while Fran pursues her hobbies of painting and beading. The Kirkmans spend two to three months of the winter in St. Augustine, Fla., and have visited Bob and Peggy Hoey '63 Warfield, Dave Markey '63 and Don and Carol Westerfield '60 Rabush. Hunter too says that life is good.

**Susan Morton Lohman** and husband Dick remain healthy and active with their two grandchildren, ages 8 and 5. They travel yearly to Florida and Las Vegas to see the National PBR Rodeo Championships. Susan enjoys hearing from classmates though she doesn't often see college friends.

**Dave Martin** writes that he is honored to be a member of the Green and Gold Committee, which raises funds for the athletic teams at McDaniel. Dave continues to run the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, providing legal assistance to law enforcement officers who run into problems in the line of duty. He practices law as a senior counsel to The Employment Law Group, plays golf, works out three to four times a week and still rides his

Harley. Wife **Dianne Briggs '65** continues as chair of computer science at The George Washington University. Son Chuck is a graduate student at George Washington, Daughter Jenny, son-in-law Pete and granddaughter Rudy Leora live in North Carolina across the street from Duke University. Dave included pictures of his beautiful granddaughter in his letter.

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**John McKenna** has placed his business for sale and says it's time to retire and play some golf. John still enjoys playing poker and reports that he has one wonderful grandchild.

While most of us are retiring, **Carleen Ritter Minor** reports that she is teaching school again. She is in charge of music in grades K-8 and loves it. She continues to enjoy her real estate adventures with eight rentals and some vacation properties. Carleen still conducts her own music studio and has a full schedule of lessons, doing state competitions and performing with her students—mostly children.

**Bonnie Wurdemann Mitchell** is in her ninth year as a Hospice volunteer and presently heading up the Parish Nurse Program at her church. Bonnie lives in New Providence, N.J., and reports that her six grandchildren are a real joy.

**Reddy Murphy** is still teaching second grade and says she can't seem to make the decision to retire. Judy recently visited the Hill and says even though it's bigger, she found it as lovely as she remembered it.

**Marlene Zimmerman Petry** is still selling Avon and earned an eight-day cruise to Alaska last year; however, she and husband Larry were unable to go. Marlene is working for a trip to San Francisco this year. The Petry's three sons are doing well and two grandsons and two granddaughters are the lights of her lives.

**Dick Phoebus** and wife Dale are still living in Hagerstown where Dick works as president/CEO of Hagerstown Washington County Industrial Foundation. He enjoys golf and flying and visiting with his children and granddaughter, 3. Dick and Dale's son, Rick, is a pilot for American Airlines and son-in-law Rick is a Marine Corps pilot in Iraq.

**Betsy Walton Plantholt** writes from Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., that she and husband Jimmy are still working hard. Betsy is the program manager for Healthy Families Okaloosa County, Fla. Her HFO program received its

national credential this year for which Betsy worked very hard and is very proud. Daughter Nancy is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force and son Mike has been named manager of the year for Boater's World. Son John has started his own business. The Plantholt's two grandchildren live nearby in Pensacola, Fla.

**Louise Styche Rainis** writes that she experienced a major life transition when husband Dr. Albert Rainis suffered a sudden and fatal heart attack. Louise has been coping with her loss by diving into additional employment and spending more time with family, friends and neighbors. She continues to entertain national and international visitors in the South Carolina dream home that she and her husband built.

**Judith Meredith Reichard** is retired and is enjoying the freedom of taking classes, spending more time with family and working part time in real estate and investment business with husband Dale Magnusson. July has traveled to Ireland, taken a cruise to the ancient Mayan ruins and visited the Grand Canyon and Yosemite National park. She and Dale are enjoying the good life on the water in Annapolis with their children and grandchildren.

**Betty Beall Rommel** and husband John have purchased a place in Stuart, Fla., where they spend several months each winter. Betty enjoys playing golf, water coloring, book clubbing and spoiling their two beautiful granddaughters. Betty and John love retirement.

**Harry Rumberger** was the first classmate to respond! Harry has retired from Diageo and teaches a course at the University of Houston: The Fundamentals of Beer and Distilled Spirits. The course is part of the Hospitality School. When he's not teaching, Harry is trying to perfect his photographic skills. He is an officer in the Dallas Camera Club. He takes plenty of photographs when he and Janie travel, concentrating on the new world of digital images.

Our deepest sympathy to **Marie Black Sasse**. Marie's husband died last summer. To occupy her time, Marie is volunteering at the school she retired from 11 years ago. She works with children in grades one, three and five. She also continues to work on the committee that presents the Living American Flag Event at Fort McHenry in May each year and is active in the Baltimore branch of AAUW. Marie occasionally gets together with **Nancy Gardner Gaston** and **Linda Limpert Willey**.

**Nancy Anthony Schmidt** says that she can't recommend retirement enough! She says that it is nice to be able to spend time with her eight grandchildren, observing their school and sports activities. Nancy is still traveling a couple times a year. This past year she visited Ireland and took a Mediterranean Cruise. She enjoys bridge, reading, volunteer work and is planning to take an Elderhostel class in New Mexico next summer.

**Barbara Meineke Strein Schuette** married Bill Schuette in June 2002.

Barbara and Bill met at church. They have six grandchildren who are scattered from Ohio to Atlanta with a couple in Maryland. Barbara retired in March 2003 from being the deputy director of the Maryland State School Construction Program. She and Bill are enjoying retirement and traveling to visit family.

**Stan Sharkey** is working on his third retirement after working for Baltimore County Board of Education for 30 years and Baltimore Catholic Schools for nine years. Stan is now substituting in Carroll County Public Schools and teaching two classes of Spanish each day in New Windsor. Stan visits the campus and is impressed with all of the new construction. Stan and Carolyn, who is also retired, attend Bible Study Fellowship. One grandchild is a junior at Messiah College in Pennsylvania and the other two grandchildren are in Hanover, Pa. The Sharkeys have been ice-skating on their pond this winter and are planning a European trip this summer.

**Maureen Filbey Booker and Bill '63** have written a book, *Financial Freedom in 7 Weeks* and conduct courses on getting out of debt based on biblical principles. They do seminars at their church twice a year. Showing people how to become debt free is their passion. The Sitters are beginning a whole new life with the building of their dream home this spring.

**Mill Dickey Thomas and Jim '60** are enjoying semi-retirement. Mill works two days a week at DenUm, a social service agency that provides services for the poor and homeless. She also plays the organ at a Presbyterian church in north Denver. Jim works from January to May at the state legislature for a few days each week. The Thomases go to their place near Bethany Beach, Del., each summer for three months. They love being close to the ocean and seeing friends from high school and college. They often see **Jack and Carole Richardson '64 Baille** who live nearby. Granddaughter Danielle, 4, lives in Carnation, Wash., so the Thomases don't get to see her too often. She visited in Colorado for Jim's 65th birthday.

**Carolyn Bowen Thuber** continues to do genealogy and family history research. She also does vocal marches at the rate of 80 per year. Husband Bob is retired after 41 years at National Institute of Standards and Technology; he volunteers there as a guest researcher. The Thuber's travels have been limited due to their daughter Karen's illness. Karen has Multiple Chemical Sensitivities; Carolyn writes that they would appreciate hearing from anyone who has dealt with this. Their son, Ken, recently moved to Alexandria, Va., where he has started a two-year post-doctoral post with the Naval Research Lab. He is a physicist studying how nuclear magnetic resonance can be used to detect land mines.

**Barbara Walker VanDenburgh** and her husband will soon be settled into a new home in the area of Little River, S.C. They continue to

spend most of November and December in Buxton, N.C., on the Outer Banks where they enjoy fishing and relaxing.

**Robert and Carol Vaughan** welcomed their first grandchild on New Year's Eve 2003. Daughter Tiffany and baby Alison are doing well. The Vaughns are thinking of retiring to the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The coast seems to draw a lot of us in retirement. **Jim Waddell** and family are retired in Laurel, Del. His activities center on grandchildren, travel, exercise and doctors' visits. Jim recommends South America as a vacation destination. He still returns to Westminster to eat those hot dogs at Harry's.

**Sandy Shepard Wadsworth** and husband Ray had moved from their retirement lake cottage in Texas to Kentucky to be closer to their children.

Their sons, both majors, are in the Army in Iraq. Other Wadsworth family members are in the Louisville area.

The **Reverend Warren Watts** has stayed very busy in his ministry. He continues his special appointment by his bishop to be director and clinical supervisor of the Tri-County Pastoral Counseling Service in Martinsburg, W. Va. He also serves as mental health expert for the 32nd Judicial Court System. Warren was also recently appointed by the Attorney General of West Virginia to be an ethics investigator for the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling. In addition, he has a private practice and writes a weekly newspaper column for the *Martinsburg Journal* on marriage and family issues. How he finds time for anything else, I don't know, but he writes that he and his wife enjoy their new country home in Clear Brook, Va.

I received greetings from **Rachael Wentz** from Westminster where, although retired, she is teaching foreign language methods at McDaniel and supervises student teachers. She also teaches a course at Carroll Community College and volunteers at the hospital. Even with all of these activities, she still finds time to travel. She says retirement is certainly not sitting in a rocking chair!

**Jonathan Williams** writes from Florida that he is still working full time as a pediatric radiologist and radiology residency program director at the University of Florida.

Hearing about all of the new retirement homes and traveling makes me realize that we have entered a new phase of our lives. I retired from public school teaching after having taught English, drama and speech for 27 years, the last several as department chair. I am now teaching part time at Germanna Community College just to keep myself from becoming mindless. I visit Salt Lake City often to stay with our daughter and son-in-law and two grandsons, 2 and 4. Our youngest daughter, Wendy, just gave birth to a preemie daughter last week. She lives in Richmond so I will get to enjoy this grandchild a little more. While in Utah, I have occasionally seen **Carole Gordon Smith**; she's as pretty as ever. I

also see **Suzanne Fossett Browning** and **Bob '61** often. They continue to be active in mission work with the Methodist church, traveling to Central America. I am also in touch with **Judy King Cole** who stays busy with six grandchildren. Judy has also retired from public school teaching in Montgomery County. I had a delightful visit last fall with **Ray '58** and **Arlene MacVicker '61** Wright in their new retirement home in Aiken, S.C. Thanks to all of you who responded. Let's hear from more of you next time. Get yourself geared up for our big 50th reunion in another eight years!

Our sincere sympathy to **Louise Stiche Rainis** and **Marie Black Sasse** on the deaths of their husbands, and to **Helen Brum Cumpacker** on the death of her mother.

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**Bill and Janet Martin**  
*Kelly have been married*  
*38 years, to the same*  
*person!*

**1968** Things have changed a lot in the 30-odd years of writing this column. A long time back the news was of our weddings, grad school, jobs, little kids and moving around. Now it's retirement, grandchildren and colonoscopies. No funerals. So here we go.

**Tom and Judy Fowler** are in their eighth year in Arnold, Md., spending summers on the "Windfall IV" on the Susquehanna River. Amy is the head field hockey coach at Dartmouth College, and Jennifer is the manager of news media for Clive Davis RCA Music Group in New York.

He read Makosky's reading list, but **Walt Michael** can't remember where he's supposed to take the exam. One of those weird dreams, I guess. Anyway, Bro Walt remains the artist in residence and executive director of Common Ground on the Hill. He's the music director for a reality TV show - "Cowboy 101" - about college students doing rodeo. There's one part about some Preachers and a goat that you don't want to miss.

**Linda Sullivan Schulte** remains the loyal servant of the two Irish settlers, Brogan and O'Grady. Currently writing a bestselling novel, she hides her time before he hits the press as director of public relations and marketing at Anne Arundel Community College.

After successfully completing outpatient care in acromyosarcoma therapy, **Barry Ellenberger's** back on track with a full time job, supporting two kids at University of Maryland, but hopes to retire soon and move back to Pennsylv-

ania. He's mad about the state of Maryland taking 7.5 percent of his U.S.A. pension. Barry, you're better, but not out of the woods yet. Stay on the meds.

**Paula "Polly" Tarbuton** finally got that 4.0 that was just out of her grasp at WMC. She graduated in 2004 with a degree in hotel/restaurant management and is now after another in business management. Full time as front desk manager at the Comfort Inn, Kent Narrows, she checked out the hotels in Mazatlan, Mexico last year. Her hand-knit goods are for sale in regional craft shows.

It's not often that a high school devotee of a full yearbook page to a substitute teacher, but that's what **Steve Pound**. He's there most every day, specializing in calculus, physics, French and chemistry. An avid hiker, he hopes to hump every trail and landmark in Washington Monument State Park before the year is out. Steve has been taking an online course in becoming a rodeo clown - he always liked wearing funny-looking clothes and being chased by enraged bulls.

**Sulthlen Warner Myers** retired retiring from Carroll County Public Schools a while back, but like so many teachers these days, was unsuccessful and now teaches three days a week at Liberty Christian School. Husband Geary was successful in his retirement plans. They have six grandchildren.

In three years, **Harvey Broodns** will have served 35 years with the Philadelphia Adult Probation Department, enough he figures for him to justify retirement. Not bad for the only Martain-American to have graduated from the College. Ignoring management's feverish pleas for one more season, he's moving on to work for Born Again Athletes, a cause he has championed for so many years.

Since **Cary Wolfson** folded *Blaes Aces* magazine two years ago, he's been reconnecting his head to the rest of him via biking, 3,500 miles last year alone. Gives you an idea of where his head must have been when he started. He's been teaching at Common Ground for eight straight years and is 15 for 16 at the yearly Jazz Fest in New Orleans. He and Nancy celebrated 25 years of marital bliss in 2002 with a long trip to Ireland and he connects regularly with **Joel Goldblatt** for skiing at Beaver Creek.

**Linda Finner Collier** started 2003 off right with a New Year's trip to Hong Kong with husband Michael, then to Bali. Lisa had a beautiful daughter, Bay Olivia, in August. In November, Linda and Michael visited Vietnam, Cambodia and Hong Kong, and report that the temples at Angkor Wat deserve to be in the Seven Wonders category. They both plan to retire in a couple of years and really do some traveling.

**Dan Gottebell's** heavy investment in Michael Jackson's children's theme park, Saddaliland, went bust and he was forced out of retirement into the cold world of the Internet, starting a new company focusing on e-mail mar-

keting, headquartered in Rockville. Lots of kids to support so his plans to be busy for a while. He and Lynn are enjoying their five acres in horse country Loudoun County, Va., where they raise goats.

**Richie Matza** is doing great, but his physician's handwriting syndrome is keeping me from getting the whole picture. One son is in the B.U. medical program, the other a freshman at Yale. He's building a compound in Exuma, a suburb of Detroit, and is the surgical director of the Arthritis Center of Connecticut, where he does minimally invasive surgery for something I can't read.

**Bill and Janet Martin Kelly** have been married 38 years, to the same person! Their daughters are both married to great guys and two granddaughters are in the family. Janet is still teaching literature and composition at Westminster High School. She's not worn out yet.

When she's not rereading old issues of *The Goldbug*, **Paulette Arnold Kirkpatrick** is staying busy in retirement, volunteering with Greater Baltimore Master Gardeners, playing with grandchildren and traveling to places like San Francisco and Carmel.

**Rick Gray** is in his 14th year as minister of Claire United Methodist Church in Annapolis and in his ninth year coaching men's lacrosse at Broadneck Senior High. The five kids range from his oldest son, living in Baton Rouge, to the one performing in Las Vegas in "Mama Mia", to the college grad, to the high school grad and the sixth-grader playing field hockey. Now that's a range!

The reality television industry is in negotiation with **Steve Jones** for exclusive rights to the story of his trip with wife Susan and both of their mothers to Ireland this spring. Something to do with pots of gold, Guinness Stout, wee people and the IRA. He plans to cut back to work to three days a week so he can build a model railroad set for new grandson Max.

**Jeanne Black Festa** is associate pastor at the United Methodist Church in Sierra Vista, Ariz., where her three kids grew up. Every Monday she's in Tucson with grandson Max, but she still can come back to good ole' Towson a few times a year to be with her mom.

**Ron Wood** is in his sixth year as president of Minnesota West Community and Technical College, a school that has recently been accredited to offer online degrees besides the classroom stuff. He and wife Sandy enjoy all the outdoor activities that Minnesota has to offer, including ice sculpture, ice fishing, ice skating, ice collecting and ice cream.

**Pat McNally Ellis'** dream of becoming a high school conversational Latin teacher have yet to be realized, this being her 17th year of teaching law and business at Villa Julie College as a full professor. She likes to intimidate her students with stories of the syllabus she had to do for **Bill Tribby '56** and Saturday 8 a.m. classes if they complain about her assignments. Kids love those

"When I was your age..." stories. Pat sings in her church choir and occasionally for her students' weddings.

She's retired from teaching, but **Patty Wahl Phillips** stays out of trouble by pumping iron and helping at the Boy Scouts service center. **Sam '67** is area/city executive with BB&T and is looking forward to more traveling after retirement. Marc's out of professional baseball and in a suit as an associate in a Wilmington, Del., law firm, while Adam makes propellants for missiles.

**William "Tim" and Barb Zimmerman Jolly** are grandparents for the first time and daughter Sarah just got engaged last year. They're in a new phase of life with Tim retiring after 30 years with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Barb shifting to part time with Ken Crest.

**Jim Resau**, who has looked like a grandparent for the last 20 years, is now officially in the club with a grandson. **Chris Connelly '67** is doing special education, speech and language work. Jim's still with the VanAndel Institute doing research and reports he's very close to a vaccine for cellulite, bunions and **Steve Pound**. Long drives and sleeping in the car at rest stops don't bother him one bit and Jim returns to Towson frequently for crab night, deer hunting and model train shows.

After 33 years working for Medicare, **Marti Hoppel** has retired and applied for Medicare. She's doing a lot of work for her church and has traveled to Israel 16 times so far and plans another trip this year too. Her grown daughter has bestowed six grandchildren on Marti so far.

**Trish Euker King** is another retiree, but has adopted the classic lifestyle of the snowbird and winters with husband Guy in southwest Florida. He's a private consultant for health concerns after many years in public service as chief actuary of CMS. The Kings get together last fall at Wintergreen with **MaryAnn Julia Kavessi** and **Nick, Gail Lentz Gratzick** and Ed and **Bob and Barbara Linton Morris** and plan another get-together this year with the same gang.

**Rick Matheny** is still working as director of public health in Granby, Conn. He's a member of the executive committee of the National Association of County City Health Officials (NACCHO), promoting new and creative uses for corn flour, cheese, natural and artificial flavors, plus coloring agents. He's back into photography as a serious hobby and has a website: [www.rickmatheny.com](http://www.rickmatheny.com).

The year 2003 was one to remember for **Bob Speth**. He moved from Washington State University to Oxford, Miss., to become chair of the department of pharmacology at the School of Pharmacy at OleMiss. His skis are in storage as he's gotten into a new hobby as a volunteer on the Kosciusko and South West Railroad and hopes someday to be certified to operate the 60-plus-year-old diesel that pulls the freight cars. He continues to write a unique blend of whimsical doggerel and parodies for friends, plus recitations of Edgar Allan Poe. One of Bob's

poems was published last year in the *American Journal of Medical Genetics*.

**Eileen Reinhardt Izard's** advice on being happy after 50 is real simple—lower your expectations. Seeing the light after her years as an English major, she's embraced science at long last and has become a certified personal trainer. She targets Baby Boomers, where she reprograms people who were taught field hockey and football to do stuff like beer pong instead. And she gets to wear sneakers and shorts to work. Megan is a conference planner in McLean and Shannon works full time with Young Life in Chattanooga, Tenn. Husband Doug works for IBM.

After enduring abusive misinformation in this column for years, **Joe Anthony** decided to set the record straight and sent me some info. He's in Easton, Md., where he's a partner in his own CPA firm. One of his partners is **Corey Duncan '94**. Daughter Kate takes after dad, with a beautiful singing voice and acting talents. Josh is 19 and Blake is working in New Orleans. Joe and wife Susan see **John and Sue Mawby '69 Heritage**, **John Carey '67**, **Paul Behnke '67**, **Bill Neaton** and **Jerry Bobb '67** between rounds of golf.

**Peggy Hovner Dronning** is the ESL Resource Teacher for FCPS, which sparked her interest in language. She then decided to take French to review before her trip to Quebec. Chinese this spring for her trip to China in '99 and Canadian for her trip to the Yukon. She hosted an interclass luncheon for **Lin Lin Chen Herbert '69**, **Amy Leves King '69** and **Barb Anderson '70**.

Both of **Mary Barbara Reeves Sykes'** kids still walk to school at Old Dominion University, where Jonathan is a freshman and Jessica's a senior. Jess spent her junior year at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Mary is executive treasurer of the Tidewater Quilters Club, where she teaches two quilting classes for children. Two of Barb's works have hung in the Norfolk Botanical Gardens.

**Will Davis** continues his search for the sound of one hand clapping, this time in the realm of behavioral science. He's researching the mating habits of dung beetles as it relates to the magnetic field of the earth. Send me a copy of this one.

Another quilter, **Kaye Grossnickle Horr**, has just taken up the art in the tradition of her grandmother, and should call Mary for some pointers. Kay's retired for 30 years of teaching, as has husband **Steve McE'80**. Brian is off to college this fall, after tasting collegiate life as a groundskeeper at McDaniel College last summer. He claims to have unearthed artifacts that prove conclusively that Col. Willis had maps showing the location of all squirrel nests on campus.

**Bob and Barbara Linton Morris** have lived in Japan, South Carolina, Turkey, Germany, Italy and Texas but now they call Washington, D.C., home. Barb teaches French to middle school kids while Bob searches for environmental and social justice. Son Josh is in Atlanta.

**Linda Berry Van Hart** stays close to campus as visual arts coordinator for Common Ground on the Hill. Her current hot-number project is helping **Walt Michael** plan for a 10th anniversary celebration this summer. Headliners include Emma and Dolores Lewis, plus alumni **Ellen Von Delsen Elmes '69** and **Norm Sartorius '69**. Linda will be teaching metalsmithing; sculpting from nature. Her jewelry will be included in a show at The Arts Center and at The American Music and Arts Festival this summer in Westminster.

**Joan Dowell Winsler** is executive director of the International Association of Women Judges, a position that allows her to travel to places like Italy, Uganda and South Africa and to work on human rights issues. Husband Jim is professor of political science at Augustana College. It's a tough commute to Iowa from D.C. but it works for them. Son Chris is an international economist with the Treasury Department and is off to Japan for a year. Courtney is finishing a grad program at University of Pennsylvania this year.

**Pam Gebhard Wickler** has only three jobs—a private consulting practice, director of music at Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church, where **Jerry '85** is pastor, and grandmother supreme of Sadie, Brady and Jack. She recently retired from her hospital chaplaincy, just in time.

The **Heritages** are in their 18th year in Bridgewater, N.J. **Sue Mawby '69** left Lucent last year and is enjoying her time off, while checking out the consulting work. Jill will finish her master's in library science at University of North Carolina this spring and her single life as well. Erin is in her first year of medical school at Robert Wood Johnson. John "Ome" is retired after 30 years of teaching and does deliveries for a local printing company.

**Hanns and Pat Wilkinson '69 Vandrey** play year-round tennis and take an annual ski vacation with the Harford Ski Club. Ryan is in his fourth year of his Ph.D. fellowship in behavioral pharmacology at the University of Vermont, while testing snowboards for the Burton Snowboard Company. University of Delaware graduate Scott works as a chemical engineer for Rohm & Haas, while deejaying for the garage band "Ballyho." Hanns travels all over the world, coordinating mobile training teams for a government contractor. Sounds like a bad cover story to me. He even uses it as an excuse to miss Crab Night.

After resigning as president of the Kirby Scott fan club and quitting dancing the "Philly Dog," **Wayne Merrill** has gotten into Iron Man Triathlons, beginning at age 50. He's competed in events from the Canary Islands to Florida and ranks in the top third of his age group. He'll retire to Florida so he can train full time.

**Joel Smith** has been doing some serious planning for the future and has decided to put his mortal coil in the hands of a cryogenic company. Unfortunately, they rejected him as "not worth it" and instead suggested he con-

sider freeze-drying his head instead. He's weighing his options.

That leaves me. I'm up to my usual stuff of hunting, backpacking and dentistry. **Barbie Payne '70** remains happily a professor of Early Childhood Education at Villa Julie College while designing all varieties of needlework on the side. The kids and cats continue to do the predictable things that kids and cats do.

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**1974** Greetings Classmates. I am having trouble believing that it's been 30 years since we graduated.

The time has gone by so quickly. As usual, the members of our class and their families have been busy. I found it interesting that most of you talked more about your children and grandchildren than you did about yourselves.

**Kathy Rigger Angstadt** is in her 30th year at Padonia Park Club and is enjoying the diversity—she handles everything from marketing to management—as well as working with the tents in the summer months. Her son Brett '20, is in his second year at WVU. Her daughter Amanda, 18, is looking forward to high school graduation in June and working full time for PHH based in Hunt Valley, Md.

**Nellie Arrington** has been selling houses for Long & Foster for 18 years and still enjoys it—especially being her own boss. Her oldest daughter, Elyse, graduated from Mt. Hermon High School in 2003 and is at University of Maryland, planning a music education major and enjoying marching band and pep band. Meredith is a sophomore at Mt. Hermon and enjoying field hockey, track and lacrosse. On a tragic note, Nellie lost her husband in May 2003, due to a post-surgical infection. Nellie, I'm sure I speak for all of our classmates when I say we are truly sorry for your loss.

**Larry Bocchese** continues to teach biology at Vineland High North. Larry and Bev are enjoying their boys and their activities. Steve is in ninth grade and plays freshman and JV basketball. Matt is a sixth-grader and plays basketball and travel soccer.

**Maria Weinstein Bowman** continues to love living in a warmer climate. Her "herd" has grown from one horse and one dog to two horses and two dogs (Welsh Corgis). She competes her dogs in herding, tracking, obedience and agility. She is currently working as a senior project manager for PPD, Inc., located in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

**Melinda Jackson Brock** is still enjoying retirement. Wayne and she just bought another lake house, which Melinda is supervising the remodeling of as well as the construction of a screened porch. Katherine, 16, enjoys cross-country and track. Lance is at Lander University. Wayne started a new venture, which is keeping him on the road. He is also a colonel in the SC

ARNG. The majority of his troops have been activated, so family support keeps both of them busy.

**Rob Carter** celebrates a decade as pastor of Fork and Waugh United Methodist Churches. His daughter **Melissa '04** was due to graduate from McDaniel in May with a major in Psychology and minor in Education. His son Matt, '24, works in a perennials nursery. His other daughter **Melanie '05** is a junior at Towson University (transferred from McDaniel) majoring in Communication.

**Bill Corley** is celebrating 22 years in the practice of law in Jacksonville, Fla. His wife, Suzanne, is very busy as a New York Life agent. Lauren is a senior at the University of South Florida, majoring in advertising and business, and she will be graduating the same weekend as our reunion. Lindsay is a sophomore at the University of Florida, majoring in Mass Communication. Kristin is a sophomore in high school. Bill thinks she is majoring in surfing.

**Mary Catherine "Mary Cat" 'MC'** DeRosa started her own private gynecology practice in Rhode Island in May 2002. The practice is called The Independent Woman, Inc. In August 2003, another woman GYN joined her, which has helped lighten her load a little. She had worked 15 months with no time off. Her husband, Paul, is very supportive. He even named the practice and designed the office. Paul's daughter Kim helps in the office and is Mary Cat's bookkeeper. "MC" says **Lyn McBride**. Lyn's daughter went to Brown and looks just like Lyn, according to "MC."

**Michael Doukas** has his own law practice in San Diego. His practice is primarily consumer, unfair business practices and business litigation. His son Ted, 12, is a good baseball player and a brown belt in karate. Mike says that he often misses home (Maryland). He never planned on being a lawyer or living in San Diego.

**Alex Engel** took a year off to teach U.S. History at Cardinal Gibbons High School, but is back to practicing law now. **Pam '75** is teaching biology and coaching cross country at Glen Burnie High School. Their son Greg is at Oberlin College studying in England. Their other son Tim is graduating from Cardinal Gibbons in June 2004. Their daughter Meredith plays volleyball, basketball and lacrosse as a freshman at the Institute of Notre Dame.

**Glen Fell** is still lovin' life down in Florida. He continues as the director of systems development in the computer department of a small hospital chain in Ft. Lauderdale. His wife Missy is a school counselor. Their daughter Julie attends the University of Central Florida. Their son Brian is a high school junior and plays on the baseball team (which is a year-round sport). Glen spends his free time golfing, playing men's softball and coaching baseball.

**Lynn Wright '73** and **Mike Getty** lived through a snowy winter of 2002-2003 in Frostburg, Md. They had more than 250 inches. Mike still loves his wood-

working and golf. He even put a putting green in their backyard last summer. Lynn helped their church building celebrate its 200th birthday in 2003 by making a neodept kneeler for the altar. It was a two-year project. Drew is in his second year of law school in Baltimore. Erin is a senior at Marietta College in Ohio. She has two majors, Studio Art and Graphic Design. Susan and **John Harbold** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 30, 2003. Their daughter Laura is a freshman at Dickinson College and their son William is a sophomore in high school.

**Sandy Johnson Hartscock** has just completed her 16th year with the Maryland State Police Crime Lab. Her title right now is safety officer and she has many duties and responsibilities involved with her position. Her family is doing well and keeping busy. **Jim '88** is still working at the Community College of Baltimore County-Essex Campus. He has been there for more than 30 years. Their oldest son Jonathan, '23, received a double associate of arts degree in August 2003 in Internet and multimedia technologies. Joshua, 21, graduated from Lincoln Tech in Automotive Technology in October 2002. He has been working for more than a year at a small garage in Baltimore. Josh is the only one who has moved out. Jamison, 20, tried college and was not enthusiastic about it. He hopes to attend the Baltimore School of Massage.

**Gary Harner** remains in the office of admissions at Towson University and continues to teach film history as an adjunct professor there in the department of electronic media and film. Gary treated himself to a two-week vacation in Spain in 2003 and continues to see his college roommate, **Ray Sweetman '75**, his wife Colleen and their daughter Heather.

## Dennis Kirkwood was honored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in January 2003 as the Environmental Educator of the Year.

**Steve Heeman** is vice president and CEO for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund/Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He covers portions of a six-state area (Southern Pennsylvania to South Carolina) providing loans and services to congregations. He started this position in 1998 after 24 years in a commercial bank. His oldest son Scott, '24, graduated from the University of Maryland in 2001. His daughter Erin, 20, is a sophomore at Eastern University in St. David's, Pa. His youngest son Ryan, 15, is a sophomore at Dulane High School in Timonium.

**Jean Scott Holloway** is with the EFC

at the University of Maryland where she works from her home office. Her husband Earl is working for a local developer as a project/general manager. Their son Scott graduated from Salisbury University in December 2001 and is working for Data Services in Salisbury. Their daughter Kelley graduated from University of Maryland-Baltimore County in May 2003 and is living in Catonsville and working for a health equipment company.

**Ed Humphreys** and his family live in Lansing, Kan. His eldest daughter Jennifer started at Emporia State University. Katie was to graduate from high school in May and plans to go to Pittsburg (Kansas) State to become an elementary teacher. Matthew is a freshman at Lansing High. He played football his year (for the first time in his life) and wrestled. Sounds like he is still working in his dad's footsteps. Ed is still working for the Army as a contractor. He is helping to manage funding for the combat training centers. He is also assisting in ensuring the training centers have adequate network and physical security. The job is always hopping because requirements change and funding moves. He gets to read the reports from Iraq and Afghanistan and wishes that the news media would tell more about the good things that are happening there.

**Linda Wooten Hutchinson** writes that life in Salisbury is good. Kyle will graduate from Salisbury University in May 2004 and is planning a surf camp in Ocean City this summer. Erin has been with Grey Advertising in Manhattan for more than a year. Pete and Linda traveled to Poland in May 2003 and to the Loire Valley in France in September 2003. She is still doing accounting three days a week and enjoying her activities (a muscle conditioning class, a book club and investment club).

**Nara Waugh Jones** is a consulting teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools. She supports and mentors new music teachers with instructional strategies and classroom management techniques. She taught a reading course at Towson University for three semesters for art, music and physical education majors. In February 2003 she traveled to Italy and was snowed-in for an extra day during the blizzard. Her sons, Andy and Casey, are both college graduates who work and live nearby.

**Dotie Hitchcock Keene** and her husband are now empty nesters. Their son Charlie is a freshman at Boston College and their daughter **Julie '04** is an Honors Biology major at McDaniel. Dotie mentioned that she has never seen the campus so lovely and well maintained.

**Dennis Kirkwood** completed his 30th year as an educator in Harford County. He is still serving as supervisor to science. He was honored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in January 2003 as the Environmental Educator of the Year. He writes that it was a nice endorsement for everything that Harford County Public Schools has accomplished over the past decade. Jean and Dennis will celebrate their 25th wed-

ding anniversary in July and are planning a trip to Trinidad/Tobago. They are empty nesters this year as **Heather '05** is a junior at McDaniel and Kristin is a freshman at the University of Maryland. Heather was to spend the spring semester abroad in Cuba—possibly the first McDaniel student to do so.

**Becky and Scott Krieger** took some wonderful vacations in 2003, including renting a house on Mt. Desert Island, Maine, for a week with their son Jonathan (a senior at Salisbury majoring in Geography) and their daughter Kelly and son-in-law. They also enjoyed their annual pilgrimage West, to Oregon this time, to see Crater Lake, Oregon Caves, Redmond National Park, the Columbia River Gorge and Mt. Hood. Scott is still at Mercantile Bank while Becky continues at Franklin Square.

**Ruthie Rees Bilas** and **Cathie Rees Lenthof** both teach graduate courses online for Indiana Wesleyan University. Cathie also teaches German at high school and a pilot program for middle school. She has been to Germany every year, but this year she is the group leader and tour guide. Cathie's big news is that she was due to become a grandmother in March.

2004 will be a year of many changes for the **McCories**. **Louise Mattocks** graduates in May with an MSW specializing in gerontology, which she finds much different than computer support. She hopes to find a job to pay for 8 more years of college. **Gary** continues as an electrical estimator for Watson Electric. This past year saw his company buy itself back out of a merger that led to bankruptcy. Daughter Kristen will be starting college in North Carolina. Kyle, who is very talented on string bass, will be going to high school in Colorado. After 25 years in Colorado, **Steve Muench** says that they have moved from Ski Town, U.S.A. to Small Town, U.S.A. He is now living in McCall, Idaho, to take advantage of a new business opportunity.

**Dwayne Oland**'s job moved to San Antonio, Texas, without him. He is still in Frederick, but is now the plans and policies officer for the directorate of information management at Ft. Detrick. His oldest son Brandon is a senior at the University of Maryland School of Journalism and is working part time with the *Carroll County Times*. Dwayne says that Brandon spends more time on the Hill than he does. His youngest son Ian is a graphic arts major at University of Maryland-Baltimore County and is looking for potential internships in the Baltimore and Frederick areas. Dwayne wanted everyone who was aware of his wife's illness, and has kept the Oland's in their prayers, to know that she is making steady progress toward a full recovery.

**Rebecca Watkins Orenstein** is living in Westminster and working on community activist issues with two of Dr. Volker Franke's McDaniel College students from the activism class. They have collected citizen survey research regarding an attempt to commercialize

areas near the College. Rebecca hopes to return to the Yucatan soon perhaps by way of Portugal. Her son Adam is a 30-year-old geographer.

**Maria Petrucci** is in her 20th year practicing chiropractic and other natural healing methods. She is at Heart-Light Healing Arts in Columbia, Md. Her husband Jay Seaborg is enjoying great feedback for his fantasy (magic) novels and currently working on his fourth book. He also teaches history at Thurmont Middle School in Frederick County. Their daughter Erin, 10, attends Reilly Elementary. Maria says she is a bundle of love and joy. Joy's daughter Kristin, 23, is finishing her early childhood education training at Frostburg University. She hopes to be a special education teacher, thanks to Erin.

**Karen Georg Quillin** will become a grandmother in June, when her daughter is due to have a baby. Her youngest son, 25, is due to be married in Texas on May 15.

**Chip Rouse** still is at Villa Julie College, serving as program coordinator for the Business Communications major and teaching journalism and British literature. She took a two-week trip in the summer of 2003 to Florence, Siena and Assisi with several VJC faculty members. Her son Bryan plays lacrosse for Hofstra University where he is also studying athletic training.

**Bill Swift** is still working at Camden Tool in what he terms a difficult manufacturing environment. Last year he decided to give up playing basketball. His wife Carole just sold her dance studio. Their daughter Kara is a freshman at the University of Richmond. As a high school swimmer, her team won four New Jersey State Championships. Kara was named New Jersey State Swimmer of the year her junior and senior years. She chose to go to Richmond after being recruited by over 100 schools (including the Ivies, Duke, UVA, and Maryland) and is very happy that she made the choice that she did.

**Bill and Linda McHale '75 Thomas** are still pastoring a church in Westminster. Their youngest daughter is graduating from McDaniel in 2004 (that makes two!). Their 18-year-old son will graduate from high school this year also. All six of their kids are doing great and just to make things extra fun, they've decided to give their 3-year-old son a playmate (and a sister) he can grow up with by adopting a baby from China. All of their paper work is in and they are waiting for China to select their precious gift.

**Bob '73 and Donna Herbst Watson** moved to Chapel Hill in August 2003, their fourth move in five years, following where Bob's job takes them. They stayed in northern Virginia long enough for their younger daughter, Chloe, to graduate from high school and for Donna to graduate from Catholic University in D.C. with a master's in Library Science. Donna works for a large county library system as a children's and reference librarian and she loves it. Bob is director of account-

ing operations at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina. Bob enjoys the mild North Carolina weather because he can ride his motorcycle most of the year. Their older daughter Hana has settled in Richmond and is working for a pharmaceutical company. She is hoping to go to nursing school. Chloe is a freshman at Pratt Institute of Art at the Utica, N.Y. campus and is transferring to the Brooklyn campus in September. She is a talented artist and loves the whole NYC scene.

**Ann Swope Williams** wrote her son Thomas will be married on May 15, 2004 to a wonderful lady.

Every other month, I have the privilege and pleasure of having breakfast with two of our classmates, **Karen Birkmaier Ermer** and **Susan Ward Jones**. Karen and David Ermer will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in October 2004. David is the environment/health/safety program manager at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Karen is the secretary at their church, St. Johns Lutheran, in Parkville. Their daughter Elsa continues in her five-year program as a doctoral candidate for evolutionary psychology at University of California, Santa Barbara. Their oldest son Kyle graduated from Lebanon Valley in May 2003 and works for the University of Pittsburgh. Their youngest son Kurt is a junior at Perry Hall High School and is working toward his Eagle rank. **Fred and Susan Ward Jones** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in July of 2003. Fred works for the University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore. Susan is job hunting—she was the victim of yet another bank merger.

Before I wrap up our column for this time, I want to share some sad news with you. In 2003, we lost two of our classmates, **Bob Sellers** on April 1, and **Demetrius Mallios** on Sept. 8. I know you will join me in extending our condolences to Bob's wife Sarah and their two daughters, Katelyn and Meredith, and to Demetrius' wife Jane and daughter Vasiliki, as well as the rest of their families.

As for me, Nov. 21, 2003 was my last day at Verizon after 29-plus years. I decided, along with 22,000-plus people, that I had had enough and it was time to go. I am currently working for my dentist, in Towson, two days a week. I am enjoying the change from the corporate world. I am also enjoying the extra time to get things done around the house, spend time with my mom, as well as being at home for my son Drew who will be 14 in August. He will start high school in the fall and keeps busy with Boy Scouts, church activities and baseball.

I want to thank you all for supporting our class column and for always being so kind and appreciative in your comments on your newsy cards. I enjoy writing our column and keeping in touch with all of you. Have a wonderful 2004.

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I am writing this letter on my laptop on an unseasonably warm Sunday afternoon in late February. The process has certainly evolved over the years. Most people who responded this time did so by e-mail,

making my job remarkably easy. Of course, it is always great to hear from each of you, with whatever communication method you choose. As usual there is a lot going on. **Mitchell Alexander** continues to work on the Hill as director of college activities. He and his wife, **Mildred Aris '81**, have had some difficult times this year as Mildred's father passed away and Mitch's mother has been ill. Mitch writes that his son Blake finds middle school to be something of a challenge, but daughter Paige has taken kindergarten by storm. Mitch also says that he feels qualified to do a Cheerios commercial as he has successfully lowered his cholesterol.

**Deborah Appler** reports that she has just completed her Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University in Hebrew Bible. She notes that Hebrew Bible is a far cry from her bachelor's in Chemistry says that her loves teaching and has completed her fifth year at Moravian Theological Seminary and College. Deborah's son Kellen graduates from Belmont University in Nashville and Deborah reports that the plan is for him to graduate and strike it big in the music business (not country!). She had a great time back packing and hosting through England, France and Italy with her son. Deborah's daughter Meredith is a sophomore at Sarah Lawrence College and plans to spend her junior year in Israel. Deborah has made multiple trips to Israel to participate in archeological digs at Megiddo, the site of Armageddon, and took Meredith when she was 16. Deborah is excited about her work, proud of her children and says she is amazed that she has survived single motherhood and graduate school with something of her brain left intact. Now that her children and her thesis are gone she hopes to recoup her social life.

**Deborah Appler reports that she has just completed her Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University.**

**Chrissy Moore Aull** writes that her life for the past two years has been completely consumed as a co-founder and head of Wye River Upper School, an independent high school, grades 9-12. Their primary mission is to meet the needs of students with learning differences such as dyslexia and ADD, although they are happy to admit traditional learners. The school benefits

from being on the campus of Chesapeake College, on the Eastern Shore, where students enjoy the full range of facilities and services on campus, including dual enrollment in college courses. The school opened in September '02 with nine students and admitted student number 32 in January '04. Chrissy's son Job is a sophomore at WRUS while daughter Lilyb is thriving at Kent Island High School. Chrissy's husband Ned '75 continues his commute to Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics lab in Columbia where he is a department manager in human resources. Chrissy enjoyed a long visit this summer as they trekked north to New Hampshire to visit the third of the triple, **Jane Garman-Martin**. Both Leslie and Jane are doing very well, raising happy families.

The news for **Cindy Wolfe Behm** is that she dusted off her teaching certificate and is now teaching full time. She says it is quite a shock to the system, after being home for so many years. She is teaching at Cornerstone Academy in Glenwood. It is a private Christian school for kids with learning disabilities and Cindy is teaching science and math in the high school. It has been really fun and rewarding.

**Kim Kost Berliant** writes that life in Sudbury, Mass., is good. She is busy with a few volunteer boards and two high school children and her husband of 21 years. Her daughter Sterling is a sophomore and beginning to look at colleges. Kim says this sheds a whole different light on her own college experiences. Her son Taylor is a high school freshman and would like to go to lacrosse camp at McDaniel this summer. Kim would love to hear from any Phi Alphas that may be going to the reunion in April.

**Leslie McDade Bowen** is teaching Spanish and loving it. Husband Ron '75 is selling printing and doing well. Their children keep them busy: Brett, 19, is in his second year at Salisbury University; Matt, 13, is in eighth grade junior; Mickey, 13, is in eighth grade, and Samantha, 6, is in kindergarten. Leslie says everyone's lives are full and busy with school and sports and extra curricular activities and they are all healthy. The Bownens would love to see college friends more often.

It has been a challenging time for **Lynn Knouse Brinker** and her family since September 11, 2001. Lynn's husband Mark is a home improvement contractor and an Army Reservist. After September 11, he was sent to Texas for one year, he returned from there and was sent to Iraq a few months later. He was in Iraq for about 10 months as a military police officer and he just returned from there in January. They have three sons, ages 13, 11 and 6, who play ice hockey and soccer. Having their father gone for almost two years was a trying experience for all, but Lynn says they got through it and have moved on with the lessons they have learned about sacrifice and what's really important in life. Lynn is now working to get their lives and

Mark's business back on track and looking toward the future. She continues to work part time as a consultant for a few social service agencies in and around Columbia, MD.

**Glenn Cameron** has been employed with Ohio Casualty Group for nearly 23 years holding a multitude of different positions, the most recent being a litigation specialist. His oldest daughter Melissa is a freshman at Millersville University, Pa. She loves it and was a starter in the fall for the women's soccer team. Youngest child Sarah is a junior at Middletown High. Sarah is looking forward to college and keeps busy playing basketball and soccer. Glenn and his wife Suzanne celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this past year. She is an R.N. working at a local doctor's office.

**Jeanne Wells Cossentino** is an assistant principal at Sacred Heart School, a Catholic school with 800 students in grades pre-K through 8, in Glyndon, Md. Jeanne and her husband have been married for 17 years and have two sons, Thomas, 14, and John, 12. They live in northern Baltimore County on a two-acre "mini-farm." The boys are involved with 4-H and raise pigeons, chickens and rabbits; they also stay busy with lacrosse, dirt bikes, art and music lessons and their studies. Jeanne remains in close touch with **Sue Carson Truesdell** and she is the proud aunt of a McDaniel College sophomore.

**Susan Gilson** writes that her daughter, Molly, is now almost 3. Molly is attending a wonderful little Montessori school about 2 miles from her home (complete with a swing set and a playhouse in the yard). Susan is a full-time Mom at the moment but says she soon intends to go back to something that pays better.

**Jim Griensing** is still employed at Hartford Financial where he is now the vice president of sales and marketing; his wife, Maggie, also works at Hartford. Jim has a vacation home in Vermont and has run into his old roommate **Joe Della Badia '81**, who also has a place in Vermont. They get together for skiing with **Tim Duffy '81** and **Vince McDonald '81**. Jim says anyone coming to southern Vermont should look him up. Jim also says that for the past three years he has housed a minor league hockey player from the Rangers who was recently called up to the big leagues.

**Jon Hackbarth** has been married since October '01 to a great lady from Jersey. He says he acquired a daughter in the process, now age 10. He and his wife Arlene built a house in Monkton, Md., and are enjoying the semi-rural existence. He still works as an associate administrator at Villa Maria in Timonium, a behavioral health and special education organization. John writes that he saw a mouse in Vermont and a mouse at Disney World this past year. This year John and his family will be taking on the Pacific Northwest. He says this may sound a little dull but it's actually just right!

**Sam Hopkins** has lived in Raleigh, N.C., for the past 20 years. He and his

wife have three children. He has worked during this time in pharmaceutical research and biotechnology and 10 years ago he started a small company, Trimeris, Inc., that focused on understanding how HIV enters cells. He was responsible for all R, D and M activities and identified a new anti-viral drug that went on to worldwide approval for use in treating individuals infected with HIV. He also took the company public in 1997 and it trades as TRMS on NASDAQ. Recently he started a second company, Parion Sciences, where they focus on novel ways to approach respiratory diseases such as cystic fibrosis. Sam writes that the technology looks very promising and reminds him of Dr. Cross and the difficulties that his children had in dealing with this disease. Sam says, that in a way, it could be said that the College still comes to his mind almost daily when thinking about treating children with CF.

**Nancy Menefee Jackson** still works as a freelance writer. In the past few years she has been busy coaching girls' lacrosse for her local recreation council. She enjoys seeing girls she has coached playing against her oldest daughter in high school. She also found time to actually venture into a dressage ring with her horse, Oreo. Daughters Lizzy, 16, and Maddy, 13, also ride. Nancy cannot decide which is more time consuming: lacrosse tournaments, horse shows or deadlines.

**Phyllis Landry-Lugo** continues to love

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living on the Eastern Shore and has been back in her home county (Kent County) for a year. She spends weekends and money fixing up her old house in Massey, circa 1920. Phyllis still works in the field of developmental disabilities and works as executive director of the Chester County Center in Queen Anne's County. The remainder of her time is spent watching her daughter Jessy, 14, outline her mother in track and field; Jessy loves cross country and is beautiful to watch when she runs. Phyllis is so inspired that she has taken up jogging again after 15 years and plans to enter a 5K race with her daughter next month. Phyllis says that her son, 16, decided long ago (the second day of kindergarten to be exact) that school was not for him and has gone into the construction business with his father in Severna Park; he will have his GED soon and says he will think about college classes some day. To each his own, Phyllis observes.

**Jim Lamont** and his wife **Karen Belamy '81** continue to reside in Chapel Hill, N.C., with their three children. Their international golf cruises con-

tinue to take them throughout Europe each year. Jim hopes to catch up with some old classmates during one of his regular trips to the Maryland area since he recently opened the FOCUS franchise for the greater Baltimore area.

**Linda Piccielli Maher** says it has been a long time since she's been back on the Hill. Linda is recuperating from wrist surgery and writes that 30 years of playing tennis finally caught up with her. She is hoping the surgery will give her another 30 years, although she was not ready to think about picking up a racket yet. She has plenty of other things to keep her busy. Last year she went back to school to work on a master's of science in molecular biology and she is taking a course at Coriell Institute for Medical Research this semester. Her whole family has been studying Korean martial arts for two-and-a-half decades and by summer they should all be black belts. Linda and her son Christopher, 7, will be competing in a Karate tournament in England in June so her family will vacation there for a week. Her daughter Nicola, 12, started competing in horse shows this summer. They often vacation at the Outer Banks in N.C.

**John and Susan Purdum Moser** have been so busy doing the mommy-daddy-work-thing that they have not responded to previous requests for bio updates. As they are now approaching and looking forward to the empty nest years we can look forward to hearing from them more frequently. Their oldest son Joe is attending Berkeley College of Music in Boston while his younger brother Jake is senior in high school, preparing to attend a state level University. Their youngest Katie is drama queen in her freshman year at the local high school. John is the owner/manager of Sorice, Inc., a company that manufactures hard wood cabinetry for CD, video, audio and book storage. Sue is teaching "Creative Expression" in a local pre-school.

**Tom Myers** recently joined Farmers and Merchants Bank in Baltimore County. He heads up their commercial banking group.

**Scott Peters** writes that he is now a pharmaceutical sales consultant for Pfizer, Inc., selling pharmaceuticals in the greater Harrisburg area of Pennsylvania and has been in pharmaceutical sales for almost eight years winning numerous awards for outstanding performance. His wife Melanie opened her own Rita's Italian Ice Franchise two years ago so during the summers they are very busy. Scott's oldest son **Todd '02** graduated from McDaniel and is in his second year of med school at Penn State College of Medicine at the Hershey Medical Center. Scott's younger son **Josh '06** is now in his sophomore year at McDaniel with Dr. Ober, Scott's basketball coach, as his academic adviser! Scott's oldest daughter **Stori** is in her second year of school at Penn College of Technology and Chelsea, 13, is in seventh grade and coming off her first year of interscholastic basketball. Scott has been to the Hill frequently the past few years and enjoyed many

Saturday football games and taunting with his sons and their friends. Scott says this really brings back fond memories and that he would really enjoy hearing from some of his teammates from the basketball and baseball teams

**Virginia "Ginger" Wilson Remian** is still working in Washington, D.C., as a commercial real estate broker. She and her husband Eric just celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary. Ginger's son Jake graduates from high school this year and she is looking forward to traveling to London over spring break with her daughter Katie, 14.

**Doug Renner** is enjoying life with his wife **Linda Marriott '87**, son Colin, 10, and twins Hannah and Noah, 16 months. Doug is teaching and coaching at McDaniel and says that the track and cross country team has had 18 All-Americans, 79 NCAA National Qualifiers, 104 individual event conference championships, two conference team championships and 11 conference MVP performers since 1994. Linda teaches fifth grade at Faith Christian school where son Colin is a fifth-grade honor roll student.

**Connie Mayer Schultheis** says that she and husband Tom have taken on a great adventure with a move to Stuttgart, Germany, for three years. Tom, who is an environmental engineer for the Army, accepted a new job with the European command. Connie, Tom and their children Brent, 14, Kylie, 12, and Jayne, 8, are enjoying weekend trips. Connie notes that the best part of the move has been their 350-year-old half-timber home in the lovely little town of Herrenberg. Connie encourages people to look up if they are in Germany and says she and her family will be back in Virginia Beach in three years.

**Jim Slack** practices ophthalmology with the Kaiser Permanente group in Kensington, Md. At home, he and his wife Gemma enjoy watching the progress of their children Madeleine, 6, and Sam, 4.

Things are going well for **Josh Stillman** and his wife Karen in Paradise, Calif. When he wrote, he had just returned from taking his dental staff on a seven-day Mexican Riviera cruise and was still trying to adjust to solid land. Last year he rewarded his staff with a four-day cruise and they had so much fun that as soon as they got home, they started making plans for this year.

Josh's dental practice is fortunately going well and he has purchased some land nearby and is drawing up plans for his dream office in a new building, which will have some lease space as well. He has been looking forward to this project for the last 10 years or so. He says that going to work is his getaway from the ongoing hustle and bustle at home where keeping up with all of the activities of his three kids (8, 10, 13) is a challenge. His oldest daughter Jenna has been in karate since she was 5 and was chosen as a U.S. representative to go to the International Goodwill Karate Championships in Tokyo, Japan, at the end of March. Josh says that being a good dad, he volunteered

to go with her for two weeks of tournaments and touring throughout Japan and that they are both looking forward to the experience.

**Sue Robinson Tandy** writes of a very difficult event in her life. Her husband John died suddenly in July '02. Although this was a huge shock Sue has felt very loved and supported by friends, family and community. She says she is doing well, makes a choice every day to live to the fullest and counts the many blessings that come her way. Sue's daughter Kyrra loves being a freshman at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Sue says that when they carried her daughter's belongings to her fifth-floor dorm room she understood why her father was happy to have her live on Whiteford ground level. Her younger daughter Robyn is a junior in high school and active in cheering for football and basketball. Sue earns "Good Mother Points" by going to all Robyn's games. Sue continues teaching first grade, but was abruptly moved to a new building when hers fell victim to budget cuts. Sue says that her class of 27 first-graders (with no aide) is a challenge but she is making the best of it. Sue remains in contact with **Sally Stanfield '78** and traveled to Arizona in July '03 to see her college roommate **Janis Weimer Wheat '79**.

**Susan Tucker Taylor** has a daughter at McDaniel, **Emily '07** is in the freshman class at our alma mater. She lives in Whiteford right next door to the room Susan had sophomore year. Susan says she walked in and cannot believe that it has been 25 years since we were there. Her son Zachary is a freshman at Liberty High School in Eldersburg. Susan continues to work at the Maryland State Public Health laboratory. Emerging diseases (like West Nile and SARS) and bioterrorism seem to give her job security these days. Susan is counting the years until retirement when she may try something different.

**Susan Thornton** sold the Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater last year, but continues to write and direct the children's theater series. She now has more time to perform and direct in the Frederick area and continues to host the local cable Artspace program. When not teaching dance or theater classes she finds time to visit with former roommate **Glenda Frederick**.

**Steve Timchula** has had a lot of changes in his life over the past several years. He divorced and has subsequently remarried. Steve reports that his daughter is in South Carolina at school in her junior year; one twin is a freshman at Lebanon Valley College while the other is active in Boy Scouts and is working full time. Steve's youngest lives in South Carolina with his mother. Steve is still a partner at a Westminster law firm and moved closer to his office last year.

**Sue Carson Truesdell** writes that she and **Don '79** are still living in Finksburg where Sue is with Baltimore County Public schools teaching ESOL and Don works with MileOne Automotive Group. Their oldest son Brian is pursuing pre-med at NYU while daughter

Chelsea continues to show horses and run track at North Carroll High.

**Judy Walker** says she is still busy chasing her 4-year-old twins and loving every minute of it. The children can be even tougher than the lawyers from her old firm on some days and Judy writes that they do love to negotiate. It sounds like they will keep Judy's skills honed as she will likely return to the job market when the children start school. Judy and her husband celebrated their 21st anniversary in 2003.

**Tom and Patrice John '79 Baugher** still live Indiana. Tom left the day after Christmas 2002 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He worked at Camp Doha supporting the 3rd Army Headquarters. After his return they took a trip back to Maryland and enjoyed a week in Ocean City—still more sand for him, but also water!—and spent time on the beach and in the restaurants with **Bruce England '81** and his family. Nothing compares to Maryland seafood. They have three sons, Chris a junior at Butler University, who is currently doing an internship with the Indianapolis Festival 500 and preparing for ROTC camp this summer; Bryan, a freshman at Ball State University, and Andy, 13, keeps them busy with all of his sports. In a "can you believe it" moment, Tom ran into a former McDaniel grad and fraternity brother **Don Enterline '78** at the Y in Ft. Wayne. Looking forward to comparing notes since college.

**R. Paul "Rick" Roecker** writes that after six-and-a-half years in the Navy with the JAG and a decade in Boston, he has been living in Florida since 1998 where he practices environmental aviation and insurance law with Greenberg Traurig, Paul and his partner of 14 years, Mark, live on a quiet lake outside Orlando with their two cats. Paul describes life as low-key and rather boring. However, he spends considerable time competing in triathlons and often travels the country to participate in these events.

I find that I am always inclined to put off tragic news about classmates until the end of my letter. I am sorry to report that **Randy Halsey** died Dec. 29, 2003 at the National Institutes of Health. After college, Randy spent four years as a captain in the Army serving with the 82nd Airborne. Recently he had been working as a truck driver with Marcus Express of Baltimore. In college, Randy was an athlete and a member of the Preachers' fraternity. Randy and I were high school classmates, as well. He was a unique individual and a good guy.

So, next year, it will be 25 years since we graduated. Think about coming to the reunion. And bring a friend. Call your old roommate. Write your sorority. E-mail the guys you played football with. Go to the College website and register with the online alumni directory and see who else is registered. Let's get together with old friends in 2005. Take care of yourselves.

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Wow! Almost 20 years. Can you believe it? Did you know we have more than 250 members in the Class of 1985? Of those, only 45 wrote us with news. That is only 17 percent. With our 20th

Reunion right around the corner, it's time to get in touch with the people. As you read this, look for who is missing and contact them. If you want to see someone at the reunion, now is the time to let him or her know they are missed.

It seems as you read the following news that the Class of '85 baby boom is coming to an end and more people are lamenting the teen years. A few are even sending kids off to college or are grandparents. We did lose one special member of our community since we last wrote. **Sam Frost** died after a long battle with cancer. I know you join me in sending prayers to **Jackie Ford Frost** and their family.

**Chris Gray Aiello** and husband Scott remain in Avon Lake, Ohio, where she is a full-time mom to Kelsey, 12, Jake, 9, and Josh, 3. Their son Jake just completed a three-year chemotherapy program for leukemia. Thus, Chris and Scott volunteer to speak for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the American Cancer Society. They enjoy skiing in New York in the winter and visiting Baltimore in the spring and summer.

**Alan Alley** and his wife of 17 years **Sandy Brand '87** live in Forest Hill, Md., and are both serving our country. Sandy is currently activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom and a major in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps. Alan has been at the Pentagon for DIA working non-stop since Sept. 11, 2001. In Nov. '03, he took a break from the high tempo and took a position at DIA Headquarters at Bowling Air Force Base, Md. In his free time he enjoys his three children, Doug, 14, Greg, 10, and Sami, 7, shutting them to all their extra activities and vacationing in Arizona, Massachusetts, Va., and Outer Banks, N.C.

**Karen Gallagher Ames** and husband Al welcomed a baby girl, Riley, in June '03. Older brothers Nicholas and Eran and sister Olina are a huge help. Karen still works for the Federal Government, and lives in Howard County. She took part in a 40th year party at **Laurie Chance's** home and regularly sees **Lisa Wylie Arens**, **Sue Cooke Meurer**, **Debbie Reda Brown**, **Kim Groover Hughes**, **Lisa Turner Horn** and **Kristin "Lolly" Lathrum Lister**.

**Lisa Wylie Arens** has worked at Northrop Grumman for 19 years and her husband Jeff works at Honeywell. Brittany, 10, and Alexia, 5, keep their parents busy with every sport under the sun. The family enjoyed a "relaxing" week in Disney World this March. Lisa and a bunch of Phi Alphas enjoyed going out with the girls this year to celebrate their 40th birthdays, then

ended the year with a slumber party at **Laurie Chance's** house. Getting up early the next morning proved to be a challenge but they plan to keep the tradition going.

**Jennifer MacLae Aragoncia** and husband Tano both started new jobs this year. Jennifer now teaches math in the upper school at Bryn Mawr School. Tano works for Land Rover in Hunt Valley. Daughter Christina, 5, is attending Bryn Mawr Little School. She and Jennifer love "going to school together." Some days they get to meet for lunch in the cafeteria. In the summer you can find them all at lacrosse games for the Baltimore Bayhawks where Tano works for the team.

**Kathy Eichelberger Barna** and husband Doug '86 write that life is crazy. A high schooler, a middle schooler and two elementary schoolers keep them moving. Kathy recently resigned her full-time preschool director's position and hopes to find something part time. Doug sells pharmaceuticals for Wyeth. During the summer Kathy runs into some Omega friends at South Carroll Swim Club and writes, "My, how our spare time has changed since our college days!"

Life for **Karen Stopley Beam's** family is also busy. Children Lauren, a senior, and Steven, a freshman, are at Damascus High School. Lauren will be a member of the freshman class who descend on McDaniel in the fall. She is very excited. Karen is in her fourth year as a second-grade reading initiative teacher at Clearspring Elementary. She also started her master's in reading last fall. In June, she and Chuck will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary. Two Sundays a month you will find her teaching the 4-and 5-year-olds at their church. In free time she is either working on scrapbooks or counted cross-stitch.

**Lisa Grason Becker** and her family are very settled in Montana and loving life there. The children, Autumn, 4, and Nicholas, 7, are great. Lisa visited a few times with **Lynda Rennie Tankersley** this past year. She keeps in close touch with **Lyne Simmons** of Boulder, Colo., and sends big hugs to all the girls back East. Anyone making their way out to Whitesfish, Mont., is welcome to look Lisa up and she will give you a Montana welcome and tour of their "hill." Oh, and whatever happened to **Robert Ludlow '86**? Hi Bob!

**Allan Bernardini** lives in Ocean City, N.J., with his partner of 11 years, Dr. Matthew Hamilton. For the past five years, Allan has been employed as the deputy district director for Congressman Frank LoBiondo. He stays in contact with **Leonard Miller**, wife Kathy and daughter Annabelle. Last spring he saw **Victor Calatta '84** during a trip to San Francisco.

**Diane Culver Bourcki** says 40 came with a Bash! She and fellow Phi Alphas celebrated throughout the year for each birthday with cake, funny gifts and a picture pin in of their "younger days." Many waiters thought they were crazy. The grand celebration was the slupper in November **Karen Gallagher**

**Ames** mentioned, with sleeping bags and all, that was great fun. Other Cows who celebrated with her were **Sue Cooke Meurer**, **Laurie Chance**, **Lisa Whyte Arens**, **Kristin 'Lolly' Lathroum Ritter**, **Lisa Turner Horn**, **Debbie Reda Bister**, **Kim Groover Hughes**. Diane, David and the boys traveled to Bermuda in June to see where Dad grew up. Last December, they ventured to Lake Placid to go skiing and visit the Olympic Village. They wished for more snow but had a great time anyway.

**Terrri Scarborough Gorman** added a bouncing black German shepherd to her household since she last wrote. Terrri says it's just like having another baby. Now she and Mark have one daughter Mackenzie, 8, one dog, one cat and one hermit crab. They are on their third camper, a 29-foot Prowler Lynx travel trailer and enjoy camping whenever they can—at least once a month from April to November. Terrri is in her 19th year of teaching second grade and still loving it. She has incorporated the Four Blocks Framework into her day and now has teachers from other schools coming to observe and to learn all about it. She enjoys spreading the word. In addition, she started teaching a "Materials for Teaching Reading" class for Harford County and is enjoying the process of teaching teachers and not children.

**LTC Jeff Hayman writes that he finally grew up and traded flying helicopters for a respectable job of "flying a desk."**

**Cathy Choy** hopes all is well with fellow college friends and is sorry she has not kept in touch. She still lives in Chester, N.J., with husband Steven Ring and kids Kyle, Shale and Alana. Now a stay-at-home mom, Cathy says that working outside of the house was much easier. She does get to see **Mike Lewis '87**, his wife and daughter at least once a year but has lost contact with the rest of the gang. Cathy writes that all are doing well, they are happy and healthy and she hopes to hear from others.

**Jennifer Price Carder** is happy to report that all are healthy and happy and enjoying living near Annapolis. Her children are 12, 10 and 7. She continues with her hospital work and is still on the faculty of UMMS as is her husband, Bob, in the department of emergency medicine.

Life is great in Gahanna, Ohio, for **Helen Potter Curry** and husband John. Helen is a kitchen designer for Home Depot. She and John are starting their own home-based business. Savannah St. John, 10, is growing up fast. In November, Helen met up with **Denise Kennedy Longest** and **Sandra Michener Lazar** for their annual ladies weekend.

**Laura Cole Fusto** enjoys life in Louisville, Ky., with husband John and daughters Christina, 9, and Maria, 2. Laura keeps busy home-schooling Christen and running after Maria. Her husband's job allows the family to travel with him frequently throughout the U.S. and overseas.

**Sharon Larimer Gilman** and husband Craig now have two kids, Jeff, 4, and Nicole, 1. Sharon and Craig both teach at Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina. Sharon writes that being on the tenure-track, as assistant professor of biology, with two small children was poor planning, but both projects are going well so far.

**Katherine 'Kacy' Cryer Goldsby** and husband David now have four daughters with the clinic of Claire Elizabeth in December 2002. The family lives in Eureka, Mo., near St. Louis.

**LTC Richard Harfst** and family (wife and three kids) have settled in Shipensburg, Pa., where he heads the Shipensburg University Army ROTC program—by far the most rewarding professional position he has had. He is preparing for some yet-to-be-determined "second career" when he retires from the Army next summer after 20 years.

**LTC Jeff Hayman** writes that he finally grew up and traded flying helicopters for a respectable job of "flying a desk." Jeff is in charge of the computer network at the Joint Forces Staff College in Virginia. Wife Jeanie is an oncology nurse at an outpatient facility. Jeff's current job affords him normal working hours (for a change) and both he and Jeanie enjoy the close proximity to family and friends. The Haymans also finished building a home in Reedville, Va., which they hope to enjoy full time after Jeff's retirement from the Army next year.

**Kimberly Groover Hughes** and her husband have been living in Frederick, Md., for almost three years now. For the past year-and-a-half, she has been working as an editorial assistant and project manager for a publishing company in downtown Frederick. They put out a monthly magazine, *Frederick Magazine*, as well as a variety of annual theme publications. Her two daughters, Lindsay, 8, and Caroline, 6, are doing great. In fall of 2003, Kim got together with several other alumni to celebrate all their 40th birthdays with a slumber party at **Laurie Chance's**. It was a blast, though she says they all paid the price the next day.

Noel Guarino writes that her husband, **LTC Nicholas Garris**, is currently commanding the 313th Military

Intelligence Battalion in Iraq. He is part of the 82nd Airborne Division and is based at Ft. Bragg, N.C. She is proud of the great job our soldiers are doing. So are we all!

**Shelley Jones** and **Deb Tyler** are both self-employed in Takoma Park, Md. Last year, Shelley established a tutoring business teaching Spanish to adults. Deb is doing great and loving her acupuncture practice. She is now working on her license to treat horses, dogs and cats. Shelley and Deb enjoy their freedom to travel and spend time with their families. This spring they spent three weeks in the Yucatan. They keep three touch with **George '86** and **Lee Ann Ware Pack** as well as **Paul Rutter '83** and send peace to all in the College community.

**Diane Perry Kendall** and husband Clark love family time with Whitney, Kelly, Ryan, and Megan. They enjoyed a family trip to Williamsburg which turned out to be a decoy trip for a surprise 40th birthday getaway for Diane. Clark took her to New York City for a look over of Broadway shows and fine dining. Later that year, the whole Kendall clan traveled to the Florida Keys to celebrate Clark's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Lots of other trips, big and small, filled 2003. Diane writes that motherhood is wonderful and her life is full of family, church and friends.

In 2001, Denise "Den" **Kennedy's** husband, Tim Longest, moved his dental practice to Garrett County, Md., and the family moved to the Deep Creek Lake area. They love living there and enjoy spending time at the lake and in the snow with their children, Nathaniel, 9, and Alexandra, 6. Dee still works for Legg Mason but now part time. She sees **Helen Potter Curry**, **Sandra Michener Lazar**, **Fran Ward '86**, **Susan Wallace '86**, **Mary Ellen Miskelly Kelley**, and **Amy Barnes Elliott '84** at their annual "Chick's Weekend."

**Dan '84** and **Lucrezia DiPietro Krokilowski** are now the parents of two teenagers, Danny, 15, and Maria, 13. The family dog, a golden retriever name Buster, is their new addition. Lucrezia still works for the State of New Jersey but in a new area. She is now a case manager for the Division of Disabilities. Life is hectic and full of carpools and sports—but really great.

**Sandra Michener Lazar** is an operations manager and client service representative in the Pittsburgh office of Charles Schwab. Her husband Tom is vice president at Citizens National Bank in charge of branch operations

## YOUR TIME TO SHINE

When it comes to the Class Notes, everybody is big news. We want to hear what's been happening in your life—and so do your classmates. Class columns scheduled to appear in the Fall issue of *The Hill* include: 1933, 1939, 1945, 1951, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1975, 1981, 1987, 1993, 1999. Remember to send updates to your class reporter. Don't know who that is? Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 410/857-2296 or e-mail [leyler@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:leyler@mcDaniel.edu)

and retail banking. Their daughter Nicole, 7, is in first grade. Life is busy with running to dance class, t-ball and swim lessons with Nicole but they find time to get to the beach in the summer and get together with friends. Sandra spent some time with **Helen Potter Curry** and **Dee Kennedy** at the annual Chick's Weekend in Grove City, Pa., this past November. "Timing was bad this year—we usually have about eight or nine women from the Hill."

**Giff Martin** lives in Essex, Md. **Clarence Onnen Milching** and husband David have five kids ranging in age from 13 years to 18 months. They moved to Cockeysville about two years ago. Gochen is still an advisory teacher for Calvert School and just started back with the Carroll County Board of Education as a mentor teacher. They do lots of running between schools, sports and extra curricular activities. She enjoys running into **Sue Cooke Meurer** at lacrosse tournaments and looks forward to reading everyone's news.

**Teresa "Terri" Davis Milne** writes that not much is new in Pennsylvania. She is a loan officer with SunTrust Mortgage. She enjoyed a Caribbean cruise with her family and Mexico with **Kathy Goldsborough** and other 40-year-old girlfriends for a Birthday Vacation. She (along with many of us) was very disappointed with the Redskins season last year—but is looking forward to a great year next season.

**Louise Nemschick Montoya** lives and works in Philadelphia as a mental health counselor working at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with families of deaf or hard-of-hearing members. Louise and Chris are busy with their two youngest kids, 11 and 9, and with their six grandsons in New Mexico. Their older kids are busy, too. Grandkids are awesome.

**Carrie Miller Parker** and husband Al live in Westminster and are busy raising two children, daughter Kamber, 8, and son Alex, 5. Carrie started her own marketing consulting business two years ago. Parker Marketing, and loves the flexibility and interesting projects. She occasionally sees **Laurie Peskin Marchini** and **Angela Voltre McNulty**.

**Lee Ann Wake** teaches English and yearbook at Winters Mill High School in Westminster. It is a new school and it is wonderful to teach where everyone is dedicated and there is plenty of technology to help prepare students for today's world. **George '86** continues to work as a vice president of commercial lending at Westminster Union Bank. Most of Lee Ann's free time is spent getting Lauren, 12, and Kevin, 8, to their various activities and serving on committees at church. She and Lauren are preparing to travel to Estonia, Finland and Sweden in July where Lauren will spend 11 days performing and singing with a select children's chorus from Carroll County. They enjoy seeing **Michele Everett Seibel** and her two children regularly.

**Mary Theresa Luz Petrides** works in the rectory at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church where her two youngest

children, seventh-grader Joseph and fourth-grader Aimee, attend school. Her oldest daughter, Christina, is a freshman at University of Maryland-College Park and next daughter, Stephanie, a junior at the Institute of Notre Dame. Christina graduated from IND in 2003. Mary Theresa's alumna mater. She keeps busy coaching swimming at IND and Woodcroft Swim Club and attends all her children's various activities. Mary Theresa and husband George celebrated 20 years of wedded bliss Dec. 23, 2003.

**Jeff and Val Wieder Rickett** enjoy living in the Annapolis area. They are both involved in church where Jeff is assistant pastor. The church recently completed a new facility and is welcoming many new visitors. Jeff is also board president for Bethany Christian Services, Md., an adoption agency. Val is home schooling Samuel, who is in kindergarten, and Amanda, who is in preschool. Val also enjoys mentoring other women and serving on the women's leadership team at church. They vacationed in southern California to visit family and New York City to enjoy the U.S. Tennis Open for Jeff's 40th. They are enjoying catching up with **Gary '82** and **Cathy Spivey Wingate**, **Gary and Ron Galvin '85**, **Bennett and Heidi Snyder Weathered '84** and **Charissa Wieland** over the last year.

**Craig and Linda Ashburn '87 Sarsony** live in Rockville with their children Clare, 8, Adam, 6, and Hannah, 4. He works part time as finance director for Gramen Foundation, an organization that works on poverty relief overseas and part time selling Potomac real estate.

**Michele Everett Seibel** loves every minute of raising Rachel, 6, and Nathan, 2, despite the trials of single parenthood. The three of them enjoyed a trip to Disney World last summer with Michele's parents. She is in her 19th year at North Carroll High School and in the classroom next to **Terri "TJ" Olden Griffin**. Michele and her children regularly see **Lee Ann Wake Peck** and **MaryAlice Eckenrode Hallman** and their families.

**Kirsten "Kris" Nystrom Snyder** has been married 13 years to husband Brandt. Folk harp is her vocation and she is a CMP (certified music practitioner). Kris works on a dementia unit and is on the board of directors of the Music for Healing and Transition Program. She teaches folk harp to 20 students. Through her business, The Elegant Touch, she performs for "life events" (weddings to funerals and everything in between) throughout the mid-Atlantic region. Her second CD was released in fall 2003: *Insinfree-Full Circle* (available at Amazon.com and Cdbaby.com).

**Tracey Serratelli Swenson** stays very active in triathlons and adventure races. She and husband Kurt travel to neighboring states to compete in races via their plush motor home. They picked up **Sue Stevenson** in Maryland to race with them in Richmond, Va. Working at a golf course in Northern New Jer-

sey takes up the rest of her time. "Tracey is looking forward to visiting the crew in Maryland in March."

**Tarahah "Terri" Taheri Tuckey** and husband Brian live in Frederick, Md. Brian is a physical therapist and the director of Physiotherapy Associates in Frederick. Terri continues to work at her old high school alumna mater, Centennial High School. She has been there for 15 years (seven as a teacher and eight as a school counselor) and loves it. Terri is also in love with two other men in her life: sons Ryan, 6, and Evan, 5. They both attend Spring Ridge Elementary School in Frederick. Ryan is in kindergarten and Evan is in the pre-K program. They are the best of friends. Speaking of friends, she still keeps in touch with **Jeff Stebbins**, **Jeanie White Kane**, **Joanne Hogan Bonnell**, **Barbara Lawson Foreman**, **Polly Goethe Shoemaker** and **Marci Sartoph Yaffe**.

Melanie and **Jay Urdike** live in Columbia, Md. **Charissa Wieland** moved back to Maryland in June 2003 where she continues to work for Lowe's and is in a training program so that by spring/summer 2004 she will be a store manager for Lowe's. In December 2003, Charissa finished her MBA from Marist College in Poughkeepsie and is glad to be done. She and her family of house cats are great.

**Eric Wilhelm** writes that married life with Erica is great. Their two boys, 11 and 9, are growing fast and into the outdoors. They are busy with four-wheelers, hunting and fishing. Eric breaks ground on another office building this spring and sends hellos to his buddies.

**Bob Chapman Zimmer** sends greetings from Ocean City, Md. Her family farm machinery business closed its doors after 50-plus years in business. Beth now works in Ocean City. The kids are now in 12th, 9th, and 5th grades. Time sure flies. She invites everyone to look them up when they visit the beach this summer.

Well, as for my news, life is good for the Tringali family. Brian and I adopted Grace YiPing from China in January 2002 when she was 1. Scott, 12, is a really great kid and a wonderful big brother. I love being a full-time mom, but also look forward to using my education degree and nonprofit experience as a volunteer for Grace's school as she gets older. Life is crazy for Brian's business with the upcoming presidential election. In the summer of 2003, my parents took my family of four and my sister's family of three on an Alaskan cruise on a small (120-foot) boat, just our families and the crew. Amazing wildlife and scenery.

I hope we have a great turnout for our Reunion. If you'd like to be involved in the planning, contact me or the Office of Alumni Relations. Those of you who have not been back to the Hill since graduation may not recognize it. The transformation and improvements are fantastic. I wish I were a student again!

Remember, if you read about some-

one you want to reach—or you did not see someone you want to hear from—contact him or her. You can e-mail me and I'll try to help you connect with them or you can contact the Office of Alumni Relations. A 17-percent response is really light. If you did not send me your e-mail address, please do so. It will come in handy with Reunion communication.

Best to all and I look forward to seeing you at our 20th Reunion.

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**1986** Another two years has passed since we were last featured in *The Hill* and, once again, I am impressed at our class' accomplishments. It's our time to shine, so here goes:

Talk about breaking news—**Laureen Pearl Anagnos** must have just been home from the hospital when she wrote to tell us about Kallie Alexandra's birth on January 12. Kallie joins big brother Dylan, 4. Laureen is a stay-at-home mom and works as a fitness instructor at the Howard County YMCA. She was the first to mention the big 4-0!

**Dr. Victor Aybar** writes that he is blessed to have a wonderful wife and two beautiful boys—Joshua and Jeremiah. He lives in Carroll County and is a podiatrist in private practice in the area.

**Maureen "Reenie" Kilroy Bagwell** has started her own business providing accounting and tax services to individuals and small businesses. Working out of her home has given her great flexibility to take care of her two girls—Chloe, 8, and Cammi, 5. She and husband Greg enjoy the suburban life in Timonium, Md.

Welcome back to **Elen Knisely Barford** and her family—husband Steve, Grace, 6, and Libby, 4. They were transferred back to the area from Richmond in July 2002 via the Federal Reserve Bank. They now reside in Bel Air, Md., Ellen's hometown. Ellen has been involved over the past four years with Comfort Zone Camp, a bereavement camp for kids who have lost a parent or sibling. Ellen writes that, "This has been an awesome way for me to give back since I lost my dad at age 7."

A high schooler, a middle schooler and two elementary schoolers keep the Barnas very busy, writes **Doug**, who sells pharmaceuticals to psychiatrists. He enjoys golfing and fishing and occasionally gets out with **Drew Heck**. Wife **Kathy Eichelberger '85** says it is still involved in education but is looking out cut back so she can be available for the taxicab service her four children need.

Since the new year has begun, **Wendy Bartko-Libert** and her husband, Jim, have traveled to cheerleading competitions in Tennessee, Ohio, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to watch daughter Brittany, who is on an all-star cheer team. Wendy says she still travels

and competes in horse shows, so between the two. "We're on the road all the time!" Wendy works at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C.

**Keith Berlin** and wife Lisa welcomed their fifth child, daughter Erin Theresa, Dec. 15, 2003. She joins big brothers Kyle, 9, and Evan, 2, and sisters Colleen, 11, and Allison, 4. Keith is in pharmaceutical sales for Pan American Laboratories.

## Ellen Knisely Bareford

*has been involved over the past four years with Comfort Zone Camp, a bereavement camp for kids who have lost a parent or sibling.*

**Susan Neely Bower** writes that, "We've moved yet again! I think this our 17th move in 15 years!" Susan, husband Jim and their girls are now in Texas, just outside Dallas, where they have a few acres of land to house their dogs and three horses. One of their horses even surprised them with a baby in December. Susan is still an at-home mom to Elizabeth and Sarah Katharine.

Now in her fourth year of home schooling her three boys, **Karyn Oving Butler** writes that things are moving along in the Butler house. The boys are now in the sixth, fifth and second grades. Bob is working hard and playing hard and enjoying their family business. Karyn is working part time as the assistant director of children's ministries for their church. The Butlers are looking forward to a mission trip this summer.

It's been a long time since we've heard from **Barb Colombo-Cleagen**. Barb wrote to say she married a wonderful man a few years ago and was thrilled to have **Deirdre O'Neill '95**, **Dena Miller Hare**, **Debbie Cooke Kleinsorgen** and **Nora Kane** there to celebrate with her. Barb is a social worker at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan and she and her husband are new homeowners on Long Island, N.Y.

What are the chances that my brother and his family would be located in the same California city and use the same pre-school as **Laurel Dolan Seivold**? Small, but it's true. It's a nice way to keep up with a classmate. Laurel, who is out in Pleasant Hill, Calif., works for Kaiser Permanente as an "on-call" trainer and consultant (non-clinical staff), which gives her good flexibility to co-op at her son Quin's pre-school. Laurel's husband Alfred travels a lot for work and Laurel and Quin, 4, are able to tag along to such places as Guam, Japan, Hawaii and the East Coast.

**Karen Butting Donegan** reports that

the former Political Science major is now a mini van-driving "soccer mom" to Sean, 13, Katie, 10, and Brian, 7 ("I gleefully sent him off to first grade this fall"). Karen is still teaching first grade in Howard County, Md., ("its my mentality and maturity level"). Karen and Peter will celebrate their 15th anniversary this summer and are planning to get away. The Donegans spent last summer in Ireland for Peter's family reunion.

**Thvins Ryan** and **Sydney**, 3, keep **Sharon Eimer Nolley** and her husband, **GW**, running in opposite directions. When she's not chasing the kids (or Jimmy Buffet), Sharon practices criminal defense law, and helps **GW** work on landscaping their house in Rustburg, Va.

Alpharetta, Ga., is now home to **Beth Erb Follet** and husband **Pete**. They moved from Oregon last November for Pete's job. Beth is now working at Bancourse, selling IT products to financial institutions. Beth keeps up with **Sheri Bialczak Miller Leonetti**, who she saw over the Christmas holidays.

Cruising Hawaii is all that is on **Jane Manlove Garrett's** mind these days. She and her husband **Mike** are planning their getaway for August and it can't come fast enough for her. Through her work, Jane has been able to travel to Reno, Phoenix, Washington and Dallas.

**Winifred "Winnie" Newsome Hammell** writes that she and husband **Lance '84** are living in Dennisville, N.J., where she teaches preschool. Son **David** has joined the Marines and **Kelsey** and **Marti** are busy with school and swim team practice. The Hammells will be traveling to Australia this summer for a swim competition.

The "cruise bug" has bitten **Charlene Ballard Handley** and her family. A few years back the Handleys went on the Disney Cruise and have plans to do it again this summer. **Charlene** is teaching ASL at Westminster High and also at **Winnier's Mill**, a new high school. She also enjoys any chance she gets to collaborate with the Deaf Education Department at **McDaniel College**.

Beating **Randy Ball** at golf is a favorite pastime for **Andrew "Drew" Heck**. That is only when he is not busy at his job as vice president at Westminster Sub Bank, serving as an officer on four non-profit boards (American Red Cross of Carroll County, Mt. Airy Youth Athletic Association, Carroll County Development Corp. and Mt. Airy Parks & Recreation), or coaching basketball, soccer and baseball.

**Joan Lemeshow Horton** and family moved last year about two miles down the road. Joan writes that her husband **Mike** and son **Jack**, 8, took a golf last May and she has since been a widow (although Joan got her own golf clubs for Christmas). Joan's part time/volunteer job working for her friends at their cafe has now been upgraded to five days a week and they are in the process of buying another cafe/market/deli. One of the perks of the job is that she is finally learning how to cook. Joan is trying to figure

out what she will do this summer when daughter **Sarah**, 17, heads to San Diego for tennis camp. Joan still keeps up with **Lisa Abby Wilking**.

**Becky Nave Hub** reports that she lives in Woodsboro, Md., with her husband **Roger** and kids **Ryan**, 11, and **Erin**, 9. She has been in practice with Walkersville Eye Care for the past 12 years. The Hubs toured Europe last year to visit **Becky's** brother and **Becky** and **Roger** were able to make a trip to Mexico as well. **Becky** and son **Ryan** enjoy running 10K road races together. **Becky** wishes good health and happiness to the class of 1986!

It was great to hear from the **Johnstons**, who both continue to work in banking—**Stew** at MBNA and **Jeanene** Banks at Commerce Bank. Daughter **Taylor**, 11, is taking a break from ice skating, after competing for five years, and is trying her hand at other sports. **Griffin**, 4, is "just all boy," writes **Jeanene**. **Jeanene** and **Stew** are looking forward to celebrating their 40th birthdays this year and have a cruise along the Chesapeake planned for July with some friends. The Johnstons had dinner with **Phil '85** and **Sarah Burton Boling** over the holidays.

**Julie Judy Sadler** is practicing podiatry in Silver Spring and Mt. Airy, Md. She volunteers at Mt. Airy Elementary School and is a soccer mom as husband **Tim** is the coach to the teams of **Rachel**, 6, and **Matthew**, 4. Daughter **Brooke** is 3. **Julie** is amazed at the college of friends that she made at college and writes that they have all been wonderful friends. They are strong, successful and survivors. **Julie** knows that also many other of her friends are also achieving or sustaining amazing feats, and adds, "I don't know if Western Maryland College developed such determination or if these people were already amazing and just waiting for life to occur."

**Missy Arhos Katsoulos** only planned on living in England for three years—that was five years ago. **Missy** reports that they "absolutely love living overseas!" The Katsoulos family—husband **Dino**, kids **E.J.**, 9, and **Sophia**, 7—live in North Yorkshire outside of Harrogate. "The kids attend a British prep school and sound more British than American," says **Missy**. They've enjoyed visiting many countries and soaking up all the culture, food and entertainment they can before heading back to the States.

**Baton Rouge, La.**, is still home to **Laura King King**, husband **Mark** and daughter, **Katie**, 6, at least while **Mark** finishes his dissertation. **Laura** continues to work as a freelance medical editor making several trips to Chicago and Boston each year.

**Debbie Cooke Kleinsorgen** is still in northern New Jersey and still enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom to **Alysson**, 6, and **Jackie**, 4,—although it doesn't seem like she stays at home that much. **Debbie** is the Brownie troop leader and helps at two two-choirs. **Hubbard Eric** works for T-mall, an IBM subsidiary. The first e-mail I received was from **Thea Bachmann Law**, who writes she is

still working at Union Memorial in the cardiac step-down unit where she has been for 10 years. **Thea** and **hubby Scott Law '85** live in Parkville, Md., with kids **Ian**, 12, and **Maddy**, 6. They occasionally see friends **Andy Robey** and **Chris Williams '87**, son of **Prof. Dan Williams**. Many remember **Thea's** dad, the former head librarian, **George Bachmann**, who is now retired. **Thea's** father-in-law, former economics head **Dr. Alton Law**, just turned 70. He and his lovely wife **Sheila Bütner Law Med '71** vacationed in St. Martin.

"Life is good," says **Sheri Bialczak Miller-Leonetti**, with husband **Joak** and sons **Douglas**, 14, and **Chris** 13." **Sheri** works for an interior design firm in Baltimore and helps her husband with his home improvement business and restaurant. The boys attend Friends School, which is where **Sheri** is the middle school chair. She keeps in touch with **Beth Erb Follet**, **Heather Rembert Fahmy '85**, **Joan Kelly-Regan '83**, **Darcy Sonth Turner '84** and **Maria Maranto Yanson '84**.

**Lotis** is the last name for **Julie Winkler Breed**. **Julie** remarried in January 2003 because the proud mother of a bouncing 8-year-old boy to go along with **Julie's** 8-year-old daughter. The mini "Bradly Bunch" family lives in Weems Creek in West Annapolis. **Julie** frequently sees **Lynn Welch Hampton** and **Nancy Sekira**. She writes that they miss **Lynn** terribly as **Lynn** is temporarily living in Detroit. **Julie** and **Nancy** surprised **Lynn** by driving up for her birthday.

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**Lucy Purcell Lutche** was looking forward to her February trip to Casa de Campo with husband **Steve '87**. Kids **Brittney**, 7, and **Stevie**, 4, are doing well and attend St. Margaret School, while **Steve** practices law in Bel Air, Md. **Lucy** was also looking forward to the Phi Alpha reunion in April.

Stranded in Aruba for her honeymoon doesn't sound so bad for **Susan Malkus Brown**, who was married in September 2001 right before the September 11 attacks. **Susan** and husband **Phil Brown** welcomed **Katherine Elizabeth (Katie)** in December 2002. **Sue** is working as director of training and simulation for UNITECH in Centerville, Va., and playing softball when she gets a chance.

**Lori Gladioli Mark** says life in Adamstown, Md., with husband **Scott** is great. **Lori** is a project manager for Online Resources Corporation, serves as a Girl Scout leader for her two daughters, **Emily**, 11, and **Sarah**, 6, and is sure there are times she should drive a taxi on the side.

**Mike McLernery** had his 15 minutes of fame last November. Having just returned from spending a year in

afghanistan with the army after being recalled, Mike appeared on a FOXNews Special with Brit Hume to discuss the military situation in Iraq/Afghanistan. Mike, who still works for the government, will be giving up the bachelor lifestyle this October in Wilmington, N.C. Mike asks if anyone knows where **Ben Franklin '85** is to please send him his address.

**Cindy Rasberry Minnich** and husband Scott welcomed their third child, Joshua Scott, in December 2002. Joshua completely adores his big sisters, Sara, 8, and Rachel, 5. Cindy home schools her kids, which, she says, "Is an adventure I wouldn't trade for any other job on the planet!" Scott is a third year as associate pastor of a church in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Cindy and Scott spent a glorious week in St. Lucia—without the kids—snorkeling, kayaking and traversing the rain forest. Cindy keeps in close touch with **Nairy Ohanian** and **Liz Henry Bennett '87**. "We'll be friends to infinity and beyond."

Another one to mention the big 4-0 was **Linda Strandberg Morrison**. Linda is a stay-at-home mom to Mary, 6, and Ben, 2. She lives in Reisterstown, Md., and gets to see **Linda Bancroft Pyle** regularly as they attend Bible study together every week.

Beautiful Turkey is still home for **Nairy Ohanian**, where she runs an Internet Café and English Conversation Program for university students. She is active in a church in her new land, and visits the nearby Greek Islands for relaxation.

Working as the senior medical consultant to the Strategic National Stockpile Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), **Dr. Nicki Pesik**, also serves as assistant professor of emergency medicine at Emory School of Medicine. In her free time she enjoys playing tennis and golf.

**Tim and Linda Bancroft Pyle** report that Tim is happy to finally have his MBA finished and continues to work in sales in the education industry. He is spoiled to have a home office, but is disappointed he can't show off his commemorative McDaniel diplomas. Linda works in education, too—helping their twin boys, 8, with homework. Linda also finds time to be involved in church, community, school and PEO organizations.

It was great to finally hear from my friend **Brett Rock**, who reported that after his divorce about nine years ago he went through some tough times. Since then, he went back to school and got an associate degree in electronics, graduated last summer and is working for the Army repairing Patriot systems and other stuff. His son Zak, 15, lives with him, while Emily, 14, lives with his ex. Brett also reports that he is recently engaged to a great woman named Tara.

**John Rosenquist** has a new nickname—he's a boom-a-rang child/adult. John writes that due to parental illness, he sold his house in Silver Spring, Md., and bought his parents' home in Chevy

Chase, Md., and is now adding ample additional space to accommodate a multigenerational home. "This rewarding challenge is not for everyone," John adds, "and maybe I will write a book about it some day to help others navigate this uncharted water." John's two daughters are blossoming in their new schools and his commute to work has been cut in half. What more could you ask for?

**Dr. Wilma Spartan Rowe** is at Mercy as a hospitalist, residency program director and secretary/treasurer of the medical staff. Wilma and husband **Todd '84** are parents to Anthony, 14, Nick, 12, Peter, 8, and Kenneth, 5, who keep them very busy following them around to soccer fields all over Baltimore and Harford Counties. The Rowes are planning a move to a new house in June in Hunt Valley, Md., with more land for the boys to run around.

Rachel Malis joined **Susan Scharf** and her husband, Larry Bush, and sister Brianna, 3, in March 2003. The growing Scharf-Bush family was finally able to move into a house they were having built in Hampstead, Md., last June. Susan continues to work for Baltimore City Public Schools as a school psychologist and also has a part time private practice.

**Wendy Zerwitz Schenker** claims her son Robbie, 11, is as tall as she is. Wendy practices law with her dad in Dundalk, while husband Gary is now working for the Public Defender's Office in Baltimore County. She was excited to report that she saw **Missy Arhos Katsoulas** when she was in the States last summer and recently had a "girls night out" with **Linda Bancroft Pyle** and **Linda Strandberg Morrison**.

Living and working in Europe continues to offer a number of travel opportunities, writes **Jonathan Shipley**, who is teaching English at the Frankfurt International School. Last year, Jonathan attended a conference in Bucharest and accompanied a load herd of eighth-graders on a trip to the Swiss Alps. And last summer, Jonathan visited relatives in Westminster, as well as some alumni living nearby. "It's good to see these people and the green grass of home from time to time," he comments. Jonathan adds that he also walked around the Hill one morning. His impressions about the changes to our alma mater—"Although the renovations, new buildings, and different name have altered the façade of the college, the atmosphere seems fairly intact."

Her twin boys, Drew and David, 5, keep her running and laughing, writes **Amy Farrell Stern**. Last summer, the Sterns vacationed with **Eve Al-Arnasi Angers** and her family in England and had a blast. Amy and husband Steve spend a lot of time outdoors enjoying their kids, dog and newly adopted cat.

**Andrew and Abbie Hume Stump** are still at their same jobs—Andrew head of Commercial Lending for Malvern Federal Savings Bank and Abbie as a paralegal for a local West Chester law firm. Andrew is also president of the local chamber of commerce. Drew, 12,

and Holly, 9, keep them busy between all of their sports activities. The Stumps took a family ski trip in February 2003 to New York and also visited Niagara Falls in June.

Talk about just making a deadline! **Joe Thomas** e-mailed me just as I was sending this column off to *The Hill*. Guess he was busy with his family—wife, Leslie, kids Joey, 5, and Amanda, 3—or his position as athletic director at Long Reach High School in Columbia, Md. If that wasn't the reason, then maybe his side business of making jerk chicken and pork or steamed fish in Langley Park was the reason. OK, he may have been too busy planning his 11th trip to Jamaica. Whatever the reason, it was nice to hear from Joe.

"Mom" is **Lisa Abbey Wilking's** new title. Lisa and husband Kevin welcomed Caroline Margaret last June 21 and they are truly enjoying being parents. Lisa had to brag that Caroline has been sleeping through the night since she was seven weeks old! Lisa is the director of finance for Goldwell Cosmetics and is hoping to go part time sometime in the near future.

**Susan Richardson Yurcisin** writes that she and **Ben '84** kept plenty busy between their jobs and children Erika, 13, and Kyle, 11. Erika is on a competitive cheer squad and Kyle is in wrestling. They reside in New Jersey.

As for me, Mo, I left my former job in marketing at Holy Cross Hospital about two years ago and am now working part time for a very small firm in Rockville, Md. This allows me even greater flexibility to spend more time with my husband John and two girls, Molly, 7, and Anne, 5. I am very active in the girls' schools—which I wouldn't trade for anything—and try to freelance write or edit when I can. Right now I don't have free time, but I am so looking forward to September when my youngest will be in all-day kindergarten. Until then, in my free time I sleep.

I was hoping nobody would mention 40, but since a number of you did, happy 40th to anyone who is celebrating this year. And, don't forget that our 20th reunion is really coming fast upon us. It is only two years away, but not too soon to mark it on your calendar.

I hope to see some of you at Homecoming this fall. If you plan on going, please e-mail me so we can set up a place to meet. Take care and keep me posted on any news you may have.

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**1992 Michael and Carrie Ward Accardi** are currently residing in Rockville, Md. They have three children, Cassidy, 5, Cameron, 3, and Colby, 1. They started their own homebuilding and land development company in 1999 and work primarily in Virginia. Life is incredibly hectic and fun with three small children, their lab Sierra, running their own business and build-

ing a new house 10 feet away from their old house. They expected to be in their new home by spring 2004 and hope to have a reunion party with lots of old college friends.

After running the Marine Corps Marathon and Philadelphia Marathon in 2003, **Stephanie Gar-Aranowitz** and husband Jason are settling down in New Jersey.

**Nicole Schmalzer Boone** and husband Gregory would love to share their exciting news. On Sept. 26, 2003, the couple welcomed their beautiful twins, Lucy and Carter. After 4 months of bed rest, their children were a welcome bundle. They are tired but enjoying their new family.

**Kelly Wark Boone** and husband Scott welcomed daughter Courtney Michelle in August 2002. They currently live in New Jersey and expect to move to Connecticut this summer.

**Dina Comuzzi Blundell** and husband Scott have two children, Dalton Scott, 4, and Gianni Marie, 2. She and her husband are both deputy sheriffs in Frederick County and are in their 10th year with the department. Dina will also be starting her fifth year of officiating field hockey in Frederick County in the fall. She talks to **Kim St. Clair '91** every day as she is her daycare provider and also stays in touch with **Gina Sicarra Haas** and **Dana Moustow Loube '94**.

**Tammy Lee Cadden** has been married to husband Robert for seven years. They live just outside Philadelphia, Pa. Tammy is working as assistant to the director at the Institutes for the Achievement of Human Potential. The Institutes is a non-profit educational organization that has been serving parents of both brain-injured and well children for the last half-century. Tammy's husband Robert has worked in the IT industry for the last 10 years. They enjoy many activities together including watching football, trying out new restaurants taking care of their six kitties and spending time with family. Tammy and Robert are still in close contact with **Shannon 'Sierra' Hurt Akseled** who is now married to Dmitry Akseled. Every now and then they get together to check out a new restaurant in Philly and reminisce about fun times on the Hill.

**Cheryl Dishon Cain** married husband Seth in June 2002 and resides in Catonsville, Md. She is still working at the Central Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore and is planning a second Caribbean cruise for the fall. She keeps in touch with **Jessica Barlow Howell**, who was married to **Rob '91** in September, and is living in Northern Virginia.

**Rick Catlan** and wife Amy had their third child, Jenna Marie, born on November 25th. They are living in a new home in Eldersburg and are glad to have John and Kerri-Ann Wagner '94 Rapp living close by in town. Rick continues working as an account representative for Corporate Insurance Management Association in Baltimore City. He says hi to all of the Sig Eps.

**Leslie Clossner Carbaugh** is a part time Title I, third-grade teacher at Cranberry Street Elementary School

in Westminster. Her daughter, who is now 3 years old, is lots of fun.

**Ali Quigley Cleveland** and husband Tony are keeping busy in Downingtown, Pa., where Ali makes the daily trek to Harrisburg to work on Governor Rendell's policy team at the Department of Labor and Industry. In their spare time, they are enjoying the crazy toddler years with Riley, 3, and Gavin, 2. They also enjoy keeping up with their college friends.

**Brett Cohen** owns his own web application development company, The Cyberspace Advisor, Inc., and operates a division called PennAutoAuctions.com, an online auction for local dealers. He recently celebrated his fifth anniversary with wife Patsy and they took an exciting cruise to the Western

Caribbean in October. Last year they did two transatlantic crossings on the QE2 and toured England. He is still very good friends with **Niccolo Amodeo** and **Tom Quirk**.

**Nicole Jordan-Coombs** is working for Starwood Hotels and Resorts, North America Finance Division, as a finance manager based at the corporate office in Westchester, N.Y., where she is wife to Ashton and mom to Brandon, 3. She would like to send a special "hello" to **Trecia Berry Schmitt**, **Valerie Shearer** and **Leslie Clowser Carbaugh** and congratulations to **Helen "Libby" Bieling Fannon** on her marriage.

**Deborah "Dul" Justice Cooper** and husband Joe recently bought a house in Silver Spring, Md., where they are just a mile from her brother and sister-in-law, **Lori Weider '90**. Deborah is teaching at a residential facility for troubled youth called Youth for Tomorrow. She would love to get back in touch with **Sarah Biggs Warner**, **Jessica Barlow Howell**, **Theresa Boyer Pangalis** and **Dan Sussman**.

**Mary Beth Craig** and husband Ken Ward will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary this year. Mary Beth works part time as a family physician in Jarrettsville, Md., and full time as the mom of two, Cassidy, 2, and Gavin, 4.

**Christine Cina Dahl** is living in Carroll County with her husband Brian Dahl and sons Nick, 4, and Steven, 2. She frequently sees **Mary Mahoney Pearce** of Columbia, whose sons are ages 4 and 2 also. She tries to keep in touch with **Cindy Ricketts Lavallee**, **Kelly Work Bove**, **Shannon Bray-Mahurter**, **Laura Machlan Kerstetter** and **Kathy Savage Mace** and wants to say hello to them and big sis **Beth Clark Roe '91**.

**Kelly Schoen Dean** writes from Mount Desert Island in Maine, where she and husband Ben live with daughter, Ariel, 8, and son, Sydney, 22 months. Kelly makes jewelry and paints while Ben works as a landscape architect and builds stone structures in the ancient traditional style. They live in a huge 19th-century farmhouse abutting 200 acres of deer, coyote, bear, beaver, quail, eagles, etc. "It's paradise." They have their gardens of perennials from 150 years ago and blueberries in the backyard. Kelly would love to hear from anyone who remembers Kelly

Schoen. She has no e-mail capacity but would love to receive primitively, but beautifully.

**Christy Sakska Dohmen** has a master's degree in counseling, which she obtained from the College back in 1996. She is currently the associate director of The Career Center at Towson University. She's been married for eight years and has a son Jake, 2. She lives in Elkridge, Md., and still hangs out with fellow Phi Mu, **Mary McGuirk Droughbaugh '93**, **Cindy Tokar Hall '93**, **Sherri Smith Gruneberg '93**, **Kristie Susan Webster '94** and **Carla Castagna O'Neill '93**. She says hello to

## Ali Quigley Cleveland works on Pennsylvania Governor Rendell's policy team at the Department of Labor and Industry.

the rest of her Phi Mu sisters, too.

**Sarah Williams Duffy** and husband David are now back in New Mexico after spending two years in Anchorage, Alaska, where David attended law school. In August 2003, they welcomed their first child, Maren Veronica, who is the joy of their lives. She stays at home with Maren and together they are putting in 25-30 miles a week in training for a spring marathon. Their plans for after David finishes law school will probably take them back to Alaska or to the Northwest.

**Fred Duncan** was married to Elizabeth Gallagher of Lansdowne, Pa., in October 2002. He recently completed his company command in the Pennsylvania National Guard and continues to work at Fox Chase Bank as vice president of retail and director of investment strategies.

**Joseph and Stephanie Hunter '90** Embrey welcomed their third child and first daughter to the family on Mother's Day of 2003. They returned to Maryland several years ago to teach at Dowell Elementary in Calvert County and enjoy keeping in touch with **Mandy Lauzau '90** and **Linda Marriott Renner '87** and hearing of the success of the cross country and track teams.

**Christine Conti Fabio** and husband Rick have a beautiful baby girl, Lauren Alexis, who is 10 months old.

**Sharon Holloway Gentemann** is in her third year of a doctoral program in clinical social work as she continues to work with young children with chronic health problems. She and husband Chuck recently bought a house in North Baltimore.

**Melissa Donney Haack** and husband Jeremy have been busy basing after their daughter Jordan, who is now 15 months old. "She is such a blast!" she writes. Melissa continues to work for the Success For All Foundation but recently switched positions and is now

an implementation support specialist, writing and editing reports for the curricular training staff. Jeremy was recently named chairman of the science department at Kenwood High School. In September 2003, they attended **Jen Ashbrook Clarke's '91** wedding and got to catch up with many Omedas. She sees **Jen, Sue Thomas Bell '91**, **Jane Miskelly Hartlove '90** and **Tina Fleming Warren '91** on a regular basis (in fact, she and Tina hope that Melyssa's daughter and Tina's son Evan will get married someday). She also keeps in touch with **Lisa Seaman Hingelo** and former housemates **Susanne Page Conway '92**, **Valerie Shearer Overton** and **Felicity Tucker '93**.

**Gina Sciarra Haas** and husband Jay are living in the Philadelphia area with their daughters, Sophia, 5, and Juliana, 2, trying to balance work and family. She says hello to **Jen Ashbrook Clarke '91**, **Kim St. Clair '91** and **Dina Comuzzi Blundell**.

**Stephen Harlan** was married in November 2002 and honeymooned in the British Virgin Islands. They chartered a sailboat and sailed the islands by themselves for 10 days. He and his wife Michelle are doing small remodeling projects on their home and he still works for Citigroup Global Markets (formerly Salomon Smith Barney). In March 2003 his Army reserve unit was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He is the HQ Company Commander of 1st Brigade, 78th Division, U.S. Army Reserves. He stayed in the U.S. during mobilization. Their job was to train guard and reserve units that were being deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. He was demobilized in October '03. That month he saw **Mark Flynn** at an annual horse race in New Jersey that they both attend. He also attended the alumni event in NYC where he caught up with **Matt and Tanya Kabel-Ballard '93**, **Rhonda Sive Sullivan '90** and **Dr. Herb Smith**.

**Kristin Hegna** is living in Canton and recently finished up at the Baltimore School of Massage. She says it was pretty hard after being out of school for so long but she loved the experience and finished after 13 months. She also met some great people and learned a lot.

**Michelle Dayot Hiller** is working at Sebastian International as the manager of Global Curriculum Development. She recently finished a half-marathon in beautiful Santa Barbara, Calif., for the Leukemia Society. She promises to try harder to make it back for Homecoming this year.

**Jonelle Leith Jozwiak** and husband Mark '90 are busy with their son Wesley, who is fun but a handful at times. Jonelle did some teaching at the local community college last semester but is now staying home with Wesley. The family is doing well in Indiana, but Jonelle still misses the mountains. If anyone is coming to the INDY 500, let them know. They live 45 minutes from the track.

Hello from Natchez, Miss., where **Andrew Krevolin** works as a physical

therapist and spends time enjoying the natural beauty of the Mississippi. He has two parakeets, four finches and a pet cockatiel.

**Steve Wickedly** and husband Stacey welcomed daughter Kristina Paige 21 months ago. She enjoys being a Mom immensely.

**Valerie Funk McAuley** shares that it has been quite a year for her family. She finished her residency at Bryn Mawr Family Practice in June 2003, bought a townhouse and moved to Eston, Pa., where she joined Family Practice Associates of Eston and Marshallton. All of this happened after having their first child on June 12, 2003. She and husband Ryan are enjoying their son Ryan Philip, who joins their chocolate lab, Charlie Brown, and their cat, Sophie. "What an amazing experience it is to be a parent." Valerie was able to stay home with Ryan until October. When she started her job, her wonderful husband started staying at home with Ryan and is doing an awesome job.

Since graduation **Mike Marceau** has been playing standup bass with various bluegrass bands in the Washington, D.C., area. He appeared at numerous local venues, several bluegrass festivals and has performed regularly as part of the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage series. One band even had a brief spot in Chris Rock's 2003 movie "Head of State." It was pretty cool to see his name in the credits at the end of the movie!

**Pete My** stopped working for the Army in the summer of '01 to take a job as an airline pilot. In the summer of '04 he left that job to fly business jets for Flight Options, a fractional airline that sells shares of private jets to people and companies "rich enough to afford them." He and wife Jennifer still live in Sierra Vista, Ariz., with their two dogs and four cats. "Jennifer's a veterinary technician so it's an occupational hazard." Pete would love to hear from some of the gang from the old school, especially from the ROTC suite.

For the past four years **Lynn Thomas Ramsay** has lived in Taneytown, Md. In August 2002, she left her job as an accountant at Hull Company Accountants to be a full-time stay-at-home mom to her two daughters. Alyssa and Brianna are now in kindergarten and first grade, respectively, and she is enjoying her time with them. Her biggest accomplishment last year was running the Baltimore Marathon. It was a goal of hers to run a marathon one in her life and now she has. She not only accomplished a personal goal but she helped others by joining the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team In Training and raised money to assist with cancer research and help cancer patients. She is especially thankful for the support of her college classmates and friends that supported her in this goal, they know who they are.

**Drew Richards** and wife **Andrea Sweeney '93** have a daughter, Lily, 3, and a brand new son named Graham. Drew continues to work for the family business, which has him traveling to

some interesting points around the world as well as domestically. In 2003, he was in Australia, China, Malaysia and Singapore.

**Leona Sevick** completed her Ph.D. in English at The University of Maryland in December 2003. She is currently teaching World Literature at McDaniel and American Literature at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg. She and husband **Grant Disharoon '93** live in Westminster and have a son Elijah, 2.

After four years in the Air Force in South Dakota, **Koith St. Amand** and wife Jennie will move to Frederick, Md., where he will join a group pediatric practice. He looks forward to being closer to campus.

**Kim Bergen Sullivan** shares that there have been lots of big changes in 2003. She and husband **John '91** welcomed their first child, Nora Catherine, in August. Kim's been staying at home as a full-time mom. Back in the summer, she was thrilled to see fellow mom, **Valerie Funk McAuley**, as well as **Coleen Klasmeyer '93** and **Tricia Duffy '93** when they all came up to Massachusetts for her baby shower.

**Maija Strenger-Ruggiero** is enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom to Helena, 3, and Paul, born Oct. 6, 2003.

Since September 1992, **Mark Titus** has worked in the Montgomery County, Md., school system. For the past seven years, he's been at the Carl Sandburg Learning Center in Rockville, Md., as a paraeducator. He has also been taking graduate classes at Trinity College in Washington, D.C., in order to become a special education teacher. In addition, he has started a support group for adults with learning disabilities in the Montgomery County area. He has kept in touch with **Mark Mills**, **Kevin Wolters** and **Mike Kubacki**. Among some of his enjoyable trips since graduation were a week in Spain in September 1995 and three long-distance train trips. Last but not least, he has enjoyed his two black cats, Hershley and Lady Godiva.

With fiancé **Yong Pak**, **Laura Walker** bought a home in Colorado last year. She has a new job with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment where she is a project manager and technical writer for the Division of Employment and Training. Hello to all Phi Mus.

After working as a principal of the Arrow Center for Education in Maryland, **Sandra Vogel** loves to come home to her husband Richard and son, Jacob, born July 23, 2003.

**Sarah Biggs Warner** and husband Mark welcomed their second daughter, Abigail Ruth, in November 2003. They reside in Westminster where Sarah teaches third grade at Freedom Elementary.

While working for the New Jersey State Police these past five years, **Mike Wheeler** and wife Dana have welcomed two children into the world, Michael Jr., 2, and Megan. Hello out there to all the DU's and hope to see you at the 15-year reunion!

**Roy Zipp** has gone on to get a mas-

ter's degree in water resource management from Duke University and pursue a career with the National Park Service. After graduate school, he spent about five years working at Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas, then escaped the heat and found a new home in the great Northwest. He is currently working as a management biologist at North Cascades National Park—the most spectacularly rugged and wild national park in the contiguous United States. In his spare time he likes to ski, canoe, sea kayak, mountain bike and climb. "Basically, life is great!" He would love to reconnect with his old friends from college. If folks find themselves in Washington State, please call.

After touring with various musical productions over the past few years including "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," **Steven Zumburn** will return home.

This summer **Brian Hammann** will be celebrating his 20-year anniversary for his kidney transplant (July 20), which was donated by his brother, **Dave Hammann '87**. Dave had just finished his freshman year at college. His other brother is **Ken Hammann '90**.

Sarah and I were thrilled to have so many classmates share their news with us. There are many upcoming weddings and births that we cannot print until they occur, but congratulations to those of you in advance!

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**1998** **Christiana Abidlo** and **Laurie Cicero Abidlo** are enjoying life and continuing to take turns pursuing advanced degrees. In May 2004, Laurie received her master's degree in health promotion from the University of Delaware. She enjoyed her internship at the U.S. Army Center for health promotion and preventive medicine. Christiana was working as an admissions counselor at Wesley College in Dover, Del. However, she was accepted into West Virginia University's doctoral program in sport and exercise psychology. So, the couple is moving to Morgantown, W. Va., where Christiana will begin classes in the fall of 2004. This will be their third move in the last three years.

**Laurina Hendricks Anderson** has her own private practice in Orlando, Fla., as a personal life coach, conducting both tele-classes and personalized sessions. In addition, she sells residential real estate for Prudential Florida Real Estate Center and is active in the Unity Church of Christianity in Orlando.

**Mike Archer** is an occupational therapist at an assisted living facility in Denver, Colo. He reports that the skiing in Denver is "amazing" and invites anyone who is interested in "hitting the slopes" to contact him.

**Tasha Berry Christi** and her husband Bob Christi continue to live in Raleigh, N.C. However, the couple expects to move back to Carroll County, Md., as early as August 2004. Tasha loves being a stay-at-home mother, caring for their daughter Mackenzie, who was born in 2002. Tasha remains in contact with **Carolyn Buzanoski '97** and **Jill Forsythe Boniface '97**.

**Craig Combs** recently bought a house in Mt. Airy, Md. He is working in his family's business and in his spare time white water rafting and motorcycle riding.

In June 2002, **Danielle Dickerson** received her master's degree in occupational therapy from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Since graduation, she has been working in a Sub-Acute Rehabilitation Unit in Barnegat, N.J. Despite her busy schedule, Danielle tries to get together with all of her friends from McDaniel.

**Julie Dietzel-Glair** received a master's degree in library science from the University of Maryland in December 2002. She and her husband are living in Frederick, Md., where she is working as a children's librarian.

**Liam Forsythe** continues to work in Philadelphia, Pa., for an import/export and international freight company. In September 2004, he will begin classes at Temple University Law School. Liam frequently sees McDaniel graduates **Mike Marino '99**, **Craig Cancro '99** and **Allison Conway**.

**Andrew Hess** is proud to report that he received a master's of social work degree in 2003 from Widener University in New Jersey. Andrew is currently living in West Chester, Pa.

In May 2003, **Jennifer Hess** received a Ph.D. in human genetics from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She is now a post-doctoral fellow at Junata College in Huntingdon, Pa. She spends half of her time teaching freshman and sophomore biology laboratory courses and a new course concerning genomics, ethics and society. Jennifer spends the other half of her time conducting bacterial-plant research.

**Melissa "Missi" Mangold Hayes** and her husband Brian '98 are stationed in Fort Hood, Texas. Missi is a second-grade teacher for Killeen Independent School District and Brian is in the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division. Brian and Missi are scheduled to move to Arizona in September following Brian's return from Iraq.

**Kelly Parrish Davis** and husband **Greg '96** will be celebrating their eighth year of marriage Aug. 10, 2004. They have two children, Solomon, 4, and Hannah, 1. After five years of teaching, Kelly is now a stay-at-home mom and feels "very blessed to have that job." Kelly and Greg ran on the track and cross-country team at McDaniel and continue to run now as a hobby. However, their greatest enjoyment is spending time as a family.

**Karin Blevins Serra** is doing well. She currently lives in Sykesville, Maryland. **Heather Huffer, D.M.D.**, earned her doctor of dental medicine degree from the Harvard School of Dental Medi-

cine in June 2002, graduating *magna cum laude*. She is specializing in the field of periodontics/implantology and is continuing her studies at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She plans to move to Lansing, Mich., to join private practice offices after graduation in June 2005.

**Sarah South Anderson** is teaching fourth grade at Carrolltown Elementary in Sykesville, Md., where she has worked for the past six years. She is also finishing her master's of arts in reading at McDaniel College. Sarah has been married for five years to Bob Andrews and has a daughter, Molly Grace, 2. The family recently moved to New Windsor, Md., from Eldersburg, Md.

Wedding bells continue to ring for many of our classmates. **Amy Allen Brown** got married on June 22, 2002. She and her husband bought a new home in Bristow, Va. She teaches for Fairfax County Public Schools in Herndon, Va. On Aug. 22, 2003, the couple celebrated the birth of their first child, Faith Marie Brown, who weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

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**Mike Archer is an occupational therapist at an assisted living facility in Denver.**

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**Cameron Chesnik** is proud to report that he married **Kristi Simon '03** in March 2003. The couple lives in Owings Mills, Md., with their dog, Cobi Joan. Cameron continues to work as a proposal manager for PHH Fleet Management Services in Hunt Valley, Md. He still enjoys mountain biking in his free time.

**Michelle Crow** married **Nick Feracci '99** Sept. 19, 2003 in Baltimore, Md. The couple honeymooned for a week in Aruba and later moved to Alpharetta, Ga. Michelle currently works at Georgia Pacific's corporate office in Atlanta as an accounting supervisor.

In October 2003, **Denise Dill** married Wayne West in Bethany Beach, Del. The two honeymooned on Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean. Denise is working as the comptroller of South Moon Sales, Inc., a retail company. She and Wayne are in the process of building a home in Fenwick Island, Del.

**Erin Kelly Serrano** and **Mike Serrano '95** just moved into their new home in Bloomingsburg, Pa. Erin is in her third year of teaching first grade.

**Maddalena Tili** will be graduating from University of Maryland, Baltimore, in May 2004 with her Ph.D. in human genetics. **Jennifer Hess Calso** has been a great emotional crutch with this achievement. Maddalena is currently working as a post-doctoral fellow in the Breast Cancer Training Program at Georgetown University and has recently purchased a condo in Germantown, Md.

**Marlene Wagner** is a physical education teacher in Carroll County at Sykesville Middle School. She has coached soccer in the fall for the past two years at Century High School and has led the team to the title of 2A State Champions for 2002 and 2003. She plans to finish her master's in exercise science at McDaniel this fall.

**Rebecca Early-Lee** married Christopher '96 in October 2001. They live in their new home in Adamstown, Md. Rebecca is still working as a physician assistant in a family practice in Frederick, Md. They are enjoying their new show-chow puppy Toby. They plan to travel a lot this year to places like Las Vegas and Maui to celebrate their three-year anniversary.

**Stan Smith-Mansky** just graduated with his MBA in finance from the University of Leicester in the U.K. After living in New York and working at UBS as a junior partner, he received a position at Fidelity's Institutional Brokerage Group as a client service manager in San Francisco. Stan has also just come back from visiting Prague in the Czech Republic and Colombia.

After marrying in a small ceremony, **Jen Vick Michael and Eleftherios "Lefty" Michael '99** finally had their "Big Fat Greek Wedding" with family and friends in Lefty's hometown of Nicosia, Cyprus, June 21, 2003. Jen works as the communications coordinator for a Washington D.C. nonprofit organization and Lefty is working towards his doctoral degree in conflict analysis and resolution at George Mason University. The Michaels reside in Catonsville, Md.

**Carrie Shadrick** is a retirement plan coordinator for T. Rowe Price.

**Josh Schechter** is working on his doctorate in special education with a minor in early childhood education at West Virginia University. He also works a graduate assistant to the Severe Multiple Disabilities and Early Intervention Masters programs at the University.

**Kimberly Rummel** and her husband Ron are enjoying their first year of parenthood. Sean Michael Rummel was born on June 19, 2003.

**Andrews Kallisperis** left Washington, D.C., for Philadelphia, where he serves as the marketing director for the Philadelphia Cooked Steak Company. He frequents the city by sampling cheese steaks and locally made brews with fellow alumni **Kevin Lundell '97**.

**Daniel Shattuck** married **Jessie Bolz '99** last summer. They are happily married and are living in their new house in Arnold, Md. Jessie is a special education teacher in Anne Arundel County and Dan is a lobbyist in Annapolis.

**Sandor Zwack** currently lives in Hungary where he works in the family factory. They make a bittersweet digestive liqueur called Unicorn, which is the national drink of Hungary. He would love to see any of his classmates if they find their way to Budapest.

**Daniel Long** was married on October 18, 2003 to Jennifer Stevens of Frederick, Md. He recently completed his master's in elementary education at

Mount Saint Mary's College of Emmitsburg, Md. and received his degree in May 2004. This past January, he was hired by Frederick County Public Schools as the 5th grade teacher at Myersville Elementary School in Myersville, Md. He loves the career change from banking and finance to education.

**Melissa Price Porter** is currently working as a juvenile probation counselor for the Department of Juvenile Services. She married Neal Anthony Porter May 11, 2002 and gave birth to Emma May Nov. 14, 2003.

**Mary Cannon Steiner** has a chiropractic practice in Canton, Md. Her husband **Matt Steiner** works for an engineering firm in Owings Mills, Md., and has volunteered as a supervisor for several Habitat for Humanity builds since July 2003.

**Jonathon Shacat** is working as a reporter at the *Northern Virginia Daily*. He covers schools, town government, police and court cases. He also writes features on interesting people. He lives in Front Royal, Va. Jonathon unfortunately lost contact with many of his college friends while serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Gabon, Africa, from 1998-2000. He welcomes any to contact him to get reacquainted.

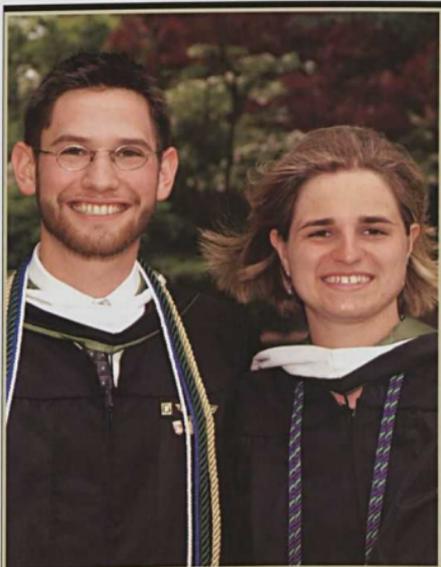
As for me, **Niki Grandirimo**, I am currently working as a professional staff member for the National Commission of Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, more commonly known as the 9-11 Commission. President George W. Bush created the Commission in late 2002 to fully detail the circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and to provide recommendations for preventing future attacks. I serve as one of the Commission's terrorism experts, focusing on the al Qaeda terrorist organization's actions and capabilities. In addition, I graduated from Georgetown University Law Center on May 23, 2004. Please continue to update me on any exciting happenings in your life.

And I, **Karen Millar**, have moved back to my hometown area in Gettysburg, Pa., with my fiancé Chad Kellner. We have moved into the true meaning of "fixer-upper" which occupies all of our free time, along with swing dancing. I have two small full-time businesses: a marketing/advertising agency and a lampshade shop. My grandmother was the original creator of the lampshades and I am proud to take on the tradition. On Sundays, I reunite in a basketball league with **Kristin Miller '99**, **Katie Haley**, **Erin Murphy '97** and **Julie Bokof Bodon**. We also play softball together in the summers.

We enjoy hearing how well everyone is doing, so please keep the updates coming!

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# Learning to Say Adios

DENNIS KIRKWOOD '74

**M**y wife and I tried to raise independent children with the intent that some day, through experience, wisdom and age, they would no longer be in need of our daily guidance. Much to our delight and dismay, that day has come for our oldest daughter.

Heather '05 just finished her junior year, as well as the most fantastic four months of her young life. She spent the spring semester living and studying in Cuba, a country geographically very close to ours but politically and culturally quite distant.

While we knew she had plans to spend a semester abroad, it was a shock to our conventional sensibilities to accept the fact that she wanted to temporarily relocate to one of the few countries officially closed off to us by our State Department.

"No way!" was her mother's first reaction. "Why Cuba?" was my question.

Heather is a political science and music major and Spanish and cross-cultural studies minor. (Needless to say, she intends to get her money's worth from her undergraduate degree.) We have traveled as a family three times to Belize in Central America and she has returned on two other occasions.

The Caribbean tropics have captured her heart and only two countries, Mexico and Cuba, had much to offer in the way of foreign study unless she wanted to explore the ecology of the Costa Rican rainforest. She didn't. Mexico was always available, she argued, but this would possibly be the only way to experience Cuba.

The literature sent by the study abroad program was very tactful concerning the inconveniences of living in a Third World country. I knew Heather could rough it without complaint because of her Belize travel and because we had never felt it our parental duty to lavish her with all of life's luxuries. She reminds us often that she was the only one of her friends to grow up without cable television.

So, feeling more at ease, we assisted her

in making plans and obtaining visas and plane tickets. I remembered making my first trip overseas in 1972 during Jan Term of my sophomore year at McDaniel. It was my first plane ride, my first passport and my first experience with people who didn't speak my language. Having been raised on a farm in Harford County, Md., that has been in my family for seven generations, I was the epitome of provincial. That 18-day European tour sparked a lifelong desire to travel whenever resources and time permitted, as well as an appreciation for the people of other cultures. Our family has covered much of the United States in addition to our journeys to Belize. I hope to eventually set foot on all seven continents.

As an educator who deals with lots of young students and young teachers, I am very proud of Heather's adventurous spirit. None of the uncertainties of the semester in Cuba held her back.

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My wife volunteered for the "job" of traveling with Heather to Cancun, Mexico, where they spent the weekend together before Heather departed for Havana. Waiting for our daughter's first e-mail home was agony for both of us. We had been forewarned that written mail was extremely slow between the countries. It took about 10 days before we learned that

Heather was settled in with a roommate from Boston. The hotel in which she would reside for the next four months was one of the nicer establishments in the city and only a 20-minute walk to the University of Havana. E-mails continued throughout the semester at about 10-day intervals and my wife dutifully checked each morning at 6 a.m. before we left for work.

Anxiety slowly receded as each of Heather's e-mails contained more good news about classes, new friends, salsa dancing, cheap eats and Cuban baseball. I was impressed to learn she'd devised a way to keep up with her piano playing by befriending a musician at a local café and arranging to practice in the mornings before the place opened. I also applauded her decision to give away a coveted weekend pass for a "foreign-tourists only" resort because she had the chance to see Fidel Castro speak. The event was International Workers' Day, a big celebration in the Communist world, and her cultural immersion during that annual May 1 holiday was the highlight of her journey.

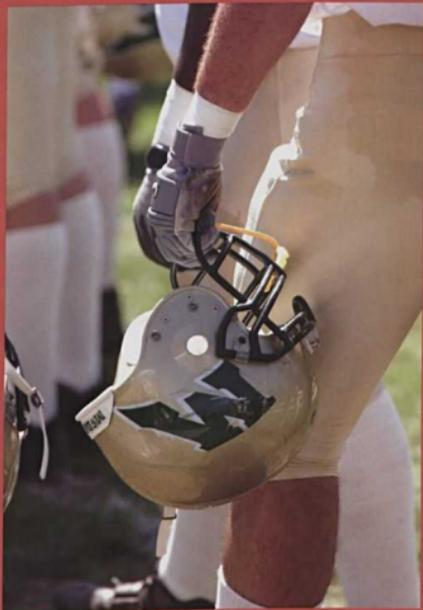
As I write these words, our daughter is preparing to return to Maryland on Memorial Day weekend. We are planning a family celebration of steamed crabs and other local fare to welcome her back. As Heather and her younger sister, a freshman at College Park, continue their preparation for making their way in the world, I find myself trying to balance those competing parental emotions—pride in their accomplishments and a fierce desire to keep them within arm's reach.

I have come to terms with the fact that the opportunities before our children will likely take them far from our Harford County farm, probably permanently some day. But I tell them they can always come home. And they won't need a visa. •

*Dennis Kirkwood '74 is a science educator in Harford County, Md., who looks forward to taking advantage of off-season travel deals when he retires.*

# Helmets On!

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## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**GREEN TERROR SPORTS HALL OF FAME BANQUET**  
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### **ACADEMIC OPEN HOUSE**

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Baker Memorial Chapel and Hoover Library

### **PARADE**

12 p.m., along Main Street

### **ALUMNI HOSPITALITY TENT**

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October 16 vs. Dickinson

October 30 @ Franklin & Marshall

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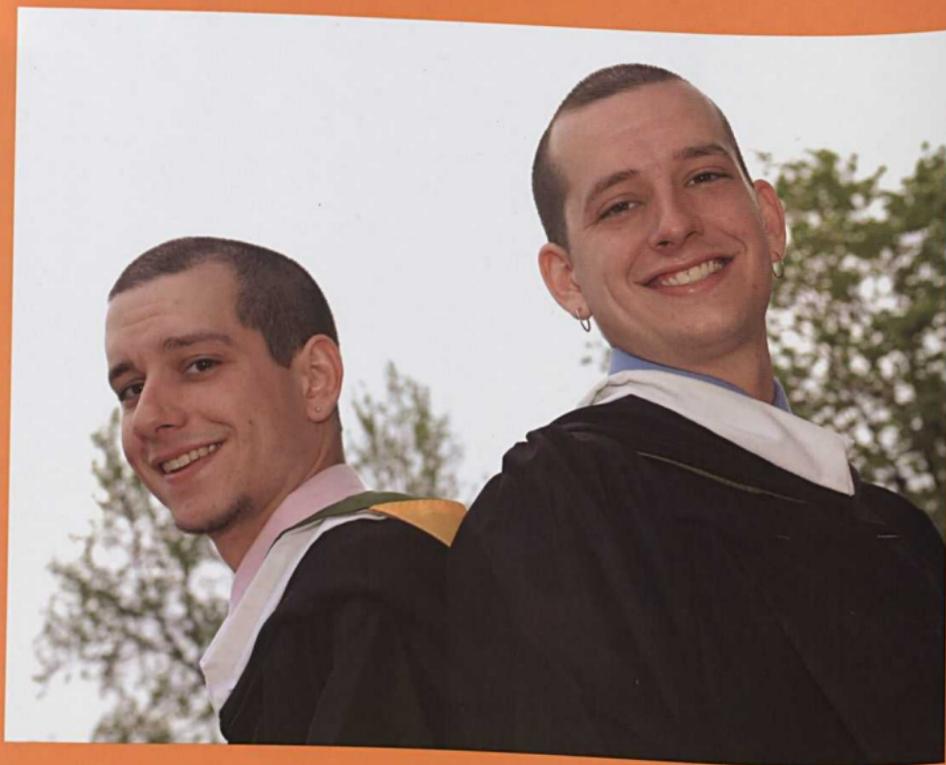
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## TWIN PEAKS

Ed and Thad Gruss, twin biology-chemistry majors from Hampstead, Md., were both inducted into the nation's premier honor society, Phi Beta Kappa, prior to graduation. They both have also started careers at Aerotek, a national recruitment firm.

The College conferred 860 bachelor's and master's degrees during its 134th Commencement ceremony May 22.

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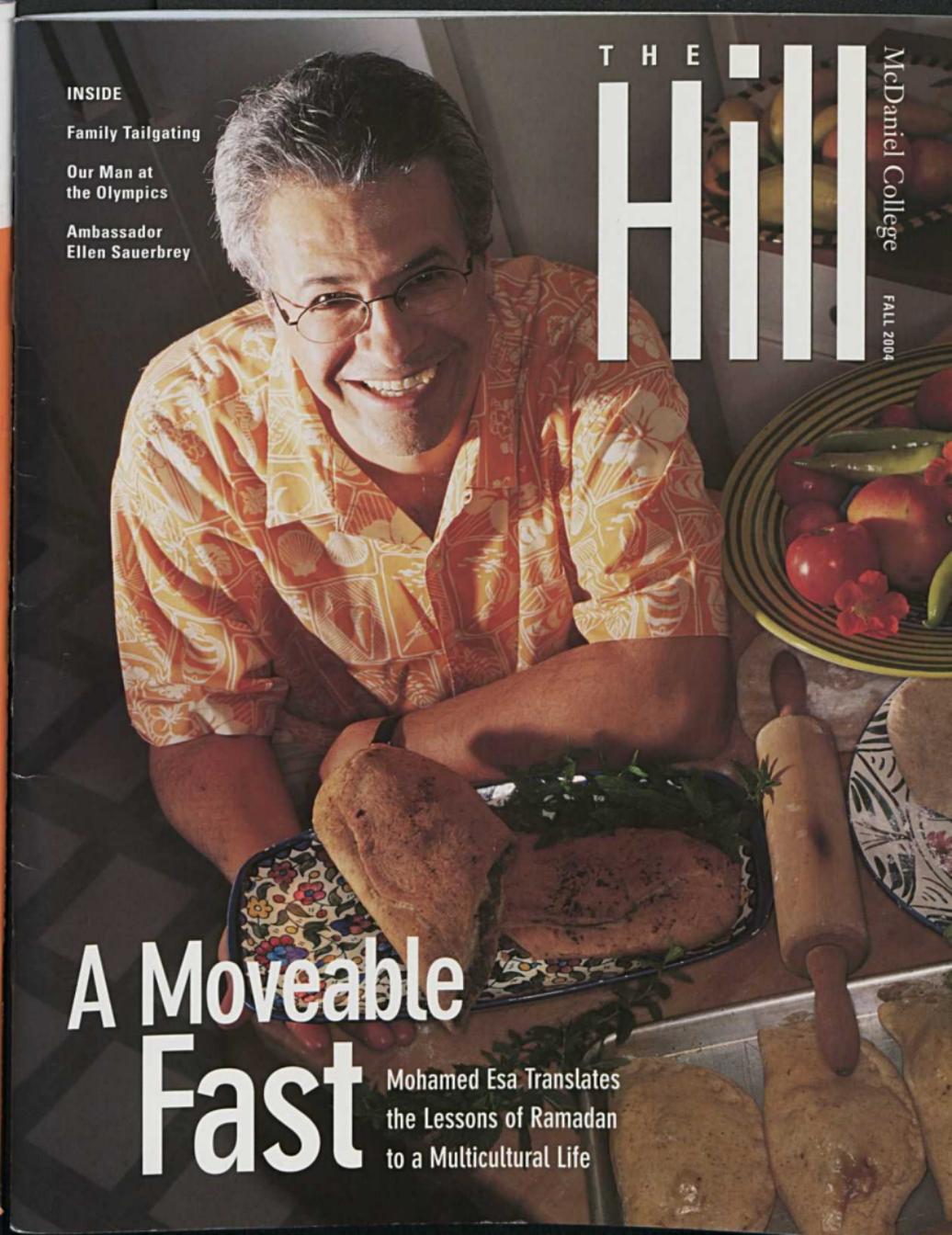
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A Moveable  
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Mohamed Esa Translates  
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to a Multicultural Life

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RHODET BEASLY GORHAM

## It's All Over but the Shouting

Professor of Political Science Herb Smith's course on U.S. Campaigns and Elections helped to inspire a wave of activism on campus this fall, thanks to his requirement that students volunteer in a campaign of their choice.

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from the Hill

## Buildings Can Speak, Thanks to Cornerstone Time Capsules

At the Oct. 22 cornerstone dedication of the new academic building, President Joan Develin Coley spoke of the very first such celebration in College history.

It was 1866, and more than 1,000 people gathered to mark the near-completion of the College's original building, which would come to be known as Old Main. Old Main and its many additions were razed in 1959 to make room for Baker Memorial Chapel.

But its cornerstone still rests in front of "Big Baker," a symbol of McDaniel's strong and lasting foundation.

"We pay tribute to our founders by following in their footsteps to become builders ourselves," Coley said. "Today, as in the past, we celebrate the design and construction of this newest facility that follows a carefully considered plan, one that recognizes how academic buildings shape the ways teachers teach and students learn."

In keeping with tradition, a time capsule was placed behind the newest cornerstone. Included inside were an issue of *The Hill* magazine, a program from the cornerstone



dedication ceremony, a McDaniel diploma, copies of the current undergraduate and graduate catalogs, the most recent issue of the student newspaper, *McDaniel Free Press*, and selected news clippings about McDaniel dated April to October 2004.

"We place this time capsule with hope that it will bear testimony to the energy, industry and culture of our time," said Martin K.P. Hill, vice chair of the Board of Trustees.

Slated for completion by late spring, the academic building will house the departments of undergraduate and graduate education, deaf education and psychology, as well as the Academic Skills Center. Coley said the building represents a major step in the fruition of the 10-year campus master plan adopted by the Board last February.

Indeed, the College continues to grow in size and stature. And the cornerstones tell the story. Documents and artifacts from that very first time capsule inside the Old Main cornerstone are now on exhibit in Hoover Library. Across from the library, in Memorial Plaza are six more historic cornerstones. They form the brick pedestal of the Old Main Bell and commemorate buildings that are gone but never forgotten: Hering Hall built in 1890; Ward Hall rebuilt in 1895; Smith Hall, 1887; Yingling Gymnasium, 1889; Yingling Science Hall remodeled in 1903, and McKinstry Hall, 1907.—J.M.

## Students Send Boxes of 'Thanks' to Iraq

It's hot, dusty, dangerous and far away from a home-cooked meal of turkey with all the trimmings. Thanksgiving in Iraq and Afghanistan will be warm but not very cozy for Americans in the military—including many McDaniel alumni.

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon decided to send some "thanks" to the troops by shipping shoeboxes full of treats and everyday necessities to make their lives a



The new academic building is situated on campus between Hoover Library and Albert Norman Ward Hall.

Dustin Jeter and Karina Havrilla, both juniors, take in the dazzling hues of fall foliage at its peak.

little easier during the holiday and beyond.

"Whether you are for the war or not, whether you are Republican or Democrat, for Bush or Kerry—we have to support the men and women risking their lives over there," said sophomore Christopher DeRose, who came up with the idea to participate in the nationwide effort dubbed Operation Shoebox.

During the last two weeks of October, the fraternity—with help from other campus Greek organizations and the general campus community—collected enough supplies to fill 50 boxes for men and another 50 for women.

Included in the parcels were snacks like lollipops and Twizzlers, Gatorade packets and granola bars. Much-needed toiletries, such as baby wipes, soft toilet paper, toothpaste and "a ton of deodorant," according to DeRose, were also included.

Members of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority burned their own "God Bless America" music mixes onto CDs and slipped those into the boxes, along with pictures and letters. The mailing cost, which DeRose estimated would approach \$1,000, was to be paid by the Inter-Greek Council and contributions from individual fraternities and sororities, he said.—PF.



## Fennell to Lead National Math Council

Francis "Skip" Fennell, professor of education, has been elected president of the National Council of Teachers of

Mathematics (NCTM), the world's largest math organization with headquarters in Reston, Va.

His one-year term of service as president-elect will begin at the end of NCTM's annual meeting in April 2005, followed by a two-year term as NCTM president. The full-time position will require Fennell to take a leave of absence from his teaching at McDaniel.

A familiar and popular speaker at NCTM conferences, Fennell relishes the opportunity to advocate for improved learning and teaching of mathematics. His current consultancy with the National Science Foundation positions him ideally to take on the federal education opinion leaders.

He defines leadership as "having the courage and conviction to know what's important and not being satisfied until it's accomplished."—J.M.



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## AFTER THE FACT

Dumptruck loads of fallen leaves hauled from the Hill between Halloween and Thanksgiving: **44**

Thanksgiving packages shipped to troops in the Middle East by campus Greeks: **100**

Medals Bob DuVall '76 helped the USA Olympic Shooting Team win in Athens, Greece: **3**

Distance in yards of McDaniel's Oct. 16 record-breaking touchdown pass from Brad Baer '07 to Jamie Unger '06: **98**

Pounds of Italian sausage won by Unger's parents, deemed champion tailgaters: **10**

Rank of Baklaawa among the most popular dishes served at the annual Taste of Islam feast: **1**

Year German professor Mohamed Esa, an Israeli of Palestinian descent, became a U.S. citizen: **1995**

Times that Esa has voted for the winner of a U.S. presidential election: **1**

Percentage of students in political scientist Herb Smith's U.S.

Elections course who worked as volunteers in a political campaign this fall: **100**

## Students Help Local Latinos Translate 'Palabras' to 'Words'

Spanish major Michelle Wolff needed to look no farther than the Westminster restaurant where she works as a part-time waitress to fulfill a class assignment to reach out to members of the local Latino community.

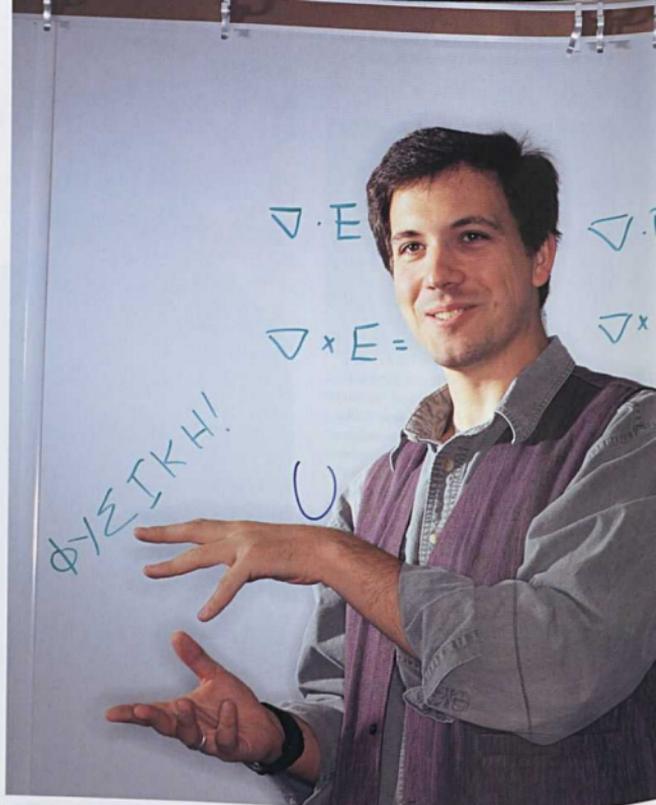
Several of her co-workers on the Olive Garden kitchen staff are native Spanish speakers and "they kept coming to ask me if I would teach them English," says Wolff, a senior who grew up in Westminster. "I really wanted to help my friends, but there are so many and I wondered how I could do it alone."

Wolff pitched the idea of starting an English tutoring workshop to junior Becca Jayne, a classmate in her Cultural History of Latin America course. Though their professor, Amy McNichols, had only intended for her students to interact with a local Latino so they could understand that "Latin culture is very real, alive and right here in America," she encouraged her students to pursue the project.

Together with juniors Natasha Young, Lauren Lichty and Kelly Tawes, and with McNichols as their adviser, they put together a plan and an application for the SOS/Hinge Griswold-Zepp Award, which helps fund students' community service efforts. Their fledgling organization, "Palabras to Words," is this year's recipient of the \$1,500 grant. ("Palabras" means "words" in Spanish.)

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Carroll County is home to about 1,600 Latinos. But McNichols, whose freshman seminar class is putting together a portrait of the area's Latino community, says the numbers have probably doubled.

More than 20 pupils attended each of the Sunday evening workshops held in October. The tutors say the interactions have taught them a lot, too, especially about the difficulties faced by immigrants who don't speak English. "When you put yourself in their place and picture trying to go about daily life, trying to buy something, fill out a job application or spell your name, it puts things in a different perspective," Jayne says. —K.A.



Physics professor Jeffrey Marx, the most recent recipient of the coveted Distinguished Teaching Award, is all action

## Distinguished Teacher Makes Physics Phun

It's tough to get a photo of Assistant Professor of Physics Jeffrey Marx in front of the blackboard because he spends very little time there. He prefers to "actively pursue scholarship" with his students, analyzing and discussing concepts while leaning against a desk or moving around the room talk-show style.

Marx is the most recent recipient of the coveted Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award, and the first to win the award in just four years on the faculty. He is constantly using his hands while he speaks to give shape and form to complex ideas in electromagnetic theory, wave phenomena and quantum physics.

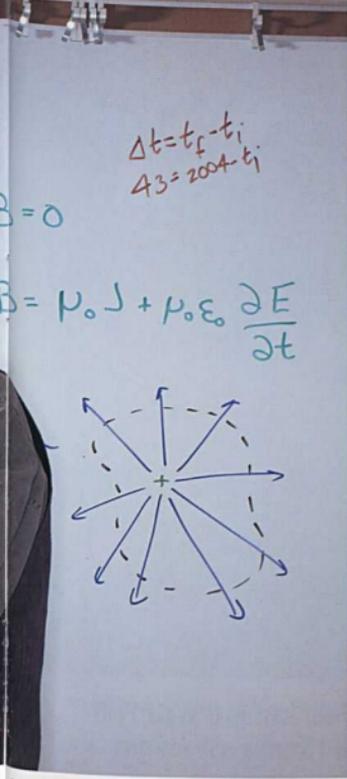
"I am unbeatable at charades," quips the 34-year-old, who earned his Ph.D. from

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1998 and specializes in physics education research. Since joining the faculty in 2000, Marx has introduced student-centered learning methods that include interactive demonstrations, context-rich problem-solving and hands-on activities.

"We really focus on pedagogy," he explains. "We try to give students a really caring and humane environment but at the same time we don't sacrifice content."

Marx is also an accomplished juggler and taught a course on the art of keeping two or more objects in the air this summer at Common Ground on the Hill. The outdoors enthusiast teaches a hiking course, too, during the academic year.

Teaching physics is the most "phun," Marx says. The major has increased in popularity over the past couple of years and the physics department now claims 30 majors, says Marx, adding, "The national average is



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in the classroom.

something on the order of eight per college."

Despite its scary reputation, says the professor, "physics is in some ways the easiest science major because you have to master just a few big ideas that explain just about everything."

Several current students are applying those ideas to their senior projects. Jodi Foss is looking at the physics of earthquake isolation in buildings. Matt Pohlhaus is analyzing different stroke techniques to determine which are most effective in boat racing. And Joe Geiman's project involves chaos theory.

Marx tells them they are pursuing a discipline that will serve them well in life, regardless of what they go on to do.

"Physicists are good at everything," he says. "Physics is cool because you gain the ability to solve complex problems and that skill transfers to just about anything, whether you're talking about money or politics or the mysteries of the universe."—K.A.

## Tidbits

### POWER LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT

Students displayed their best table manners as they nibbled on stuffed chicken and pumpkin cheesecake while seated in the elegant conservatory of the President's House. Their hostess President Joan Develin Coley was equally polite, though anything but formal. Each month, Coley gets together for a friendly chat over lunch with a group of about 20 randomly selected students so she can hear firsthand how well the College is meeting their needs. Joette Wittan '06 jumped at the invitation. "It's a great opportunity to come and discuss issues with the president," she says. "I think it's a unique aspect of this school. Some of my friends who go to larger schools don't even know who their presidents are."—K.A.

### PULITZER PRIZE-WINNER TO SERVE AS VISITING SCHOLAR

Michael Dirda describes himself as a reader who lives in a house with too many books.

*Washington Post* readers know him as a columnist and book reviewer—an acclaimed writer and editor whose vivid writing earned him a Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Criticism in 1993.

In the spring semester, McDaniel students will know him as teacher and mentor to their own adventures in reading and writing as Dirda assumes the position of visiting scholar on the Westminster campus. Dirda will teach two classes next spring: *Love in Literature from Sappho through Lolita and Literary Journalism*.

Dirda is a writer and senior editor of the *Post's Book World*. After graduating from Oberlin College in Ohio, he taught in France as a Fulbright scholar before going on to Cornell University where he earned a master's and Ph.D. in comparative literature.—P.F.



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### STUDY ABROAD IS A FULL-TIME PRIORITY

Few teenagers have the opportunity to immerse in the culture of a foreign country. Rose Falkner, the new study abroad director at McDaniel's International Programs Office, is determined to do something about that. She will devote her energies to increasing the number of students who spend a semester, a Jan Term or a summer abroad.

It's a mission she's well equipped to fulfill. Falkner helped to coordinate and run a study abroad program in Greece and served as director of the international programs office at The College of Wooster in Ohio, where she worked for 20 years, before moving to Westminster with her husband, Provost Tom Falkner.

"If I ruled the world," she says smiling, "I would send every student abroad."—P.F.

### ROBIN ADAMS BRENTON '86 PROMOTED TO AVP

Robin Adams Brenton was promoted to Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. Since 2000, she led the alumni relations programming and in her new appointment will assume responsibilities for the Annual Fund.

As alumni relations director, Brenton developed a long-range plan for alumni programming and reinvigorated the alumni council, whose 20 members act as advisers to administration. She also organized numerous information sessions held in 2002 throughout the region to help alumni understand the importance of the College's name change.

This year's Annual Giving program seeks to raise over \$1.6 million and boost alumni participation.—J.M.



## Passion for Ancient Chinese Art Lands Class in NYC

Assistant Professor of Art History Susan Scott wasn't about to let her students miss a landmark exhibition of recently discovered ancient Chinese art at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

"China: Dawn of a Golden Age, 200-750 AD," opened Oct. 12. Three days later, Scott and a busload of her students studying Chinese art history arrived to feast their eyes on more than 300 works—most of which were excavated in the last 30 years and have never been exhibited outside mainland China.

"When I found out that this show was in New York and it encompassed a big part of the time period we cover in my class, I thought, I can't pass up this opportunity to take my students there," says Scott, who this semester is teaching part one of The Arts of China course, from the Neolithic to 960 A.D. "Sure, I could have ordered slides from the exhibition and shown them in class, but I wanted the material to come alive for students. It's important to get your noses up against the glass cases and to see the scale and dimension of the art with your own eyes."

The exhibition tells the story of Chinese art and culture from the Han to the Tang dynasty, a 550-year period of major transformation in Chinese civilization due to massive immigration from northern Asia into China and extensive trade contacts with all parts of Asia.

Students looked at gold artifacts of the nomadic peoples from Mongolia who occupied North China after the collapse of the Han dynasty at the beginning of the third century. They saw luxury articles of glass

and precious metals imported from western and central Asia during the fourth to the sixth century.

Scott was particularly impressed by works of art associated with the early spread of Buddhism in China, including some of the most famous early Chinese Buddhist sculptures.

"I was astonished by the little tomb figurines covered with fabrics. One is decorated with the earliest known piece of woven tapestry used for a belt," says Scott, who is a founding member of the Beijing-based Chinese Architectural History Society and spent a week there meeting with other Asian arts scholars this summer. "The fact that these things have survived from seventh-century tombs was so fascinating to me."

The trip became something of an interdisciplinary excursion when folks from the history and philosophy departments who also study aspects of Asian culture decided to join in.

Assistant Professor of Art Steven Pearson, who began teaching studio art this fall, brought some of his students, too. They toured the Met, then struck out for a tour of the city's galleries.

The day was full but fleeting, Scott says. The bus left at 7 a.m. and returned around midnight. She remembered to bring bags of chocolate for everyone to munch on the way home. "Several of my students told me they had never been to New York before and that it was a thrill," Scott says. "It was for me, too."—KA



This seventh-century tomb figurine featuring the oldest piece of woven cloth in existence was one of the pieces students got to see up close during their field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.



## From Socrates to Vegas: Profs Get Creative with Jan Term

Just a few months after starting his new job as College Provost, Thomas Falkner has already signed up to teach a class.

Falkner, an expert in Greek language, literature and culture, has conceived a January Term course that will examine the trial and execution of Socrates, an event he describes as "one of the major paradoxes of the ancient world."

As dean of the faculty at a college where teaching comes first, Falkner says it's important to continue in his role as professor of classics. "I think that in order for me to be a full participant and leader in the faculty conversation, I need to stay in touch with the classroom and get to know McDaniel students the way the rest of the faculty knows them."

Falkner spent the bulk of his academic career at the College of Wooster in Ohio, where for 27 years he blended his passions for teaching, scholarship and leadership. Even as he graduated to demanding administrative positions as dean of the faculty and



Las Vegas is sure to provide lots of lively material for two Jan Term courses.

acting vice president for academic affairs, he made it a point to teach at least one class per year.

He plans to continue the trend at McDaniel, starting with his new course, *Why Was Socrates Tried?* It's the perfect subject for the highly focused, three-week format of Jan Term, he says. "According to the ancient sources, a conversation with Socrates was a very intense encounter. I think that by teaching this course in this concentrated time frame we can replicate in the classroom something of that same intensity."

For students, the most difficult aspect of Jan Term will be deciding which course to take. Besides the Socrates course, an array of unusual study tours, interdisciplinary dialogues and creative and physical fitness labs will be offered.

Jean Shin, assistant professor of sociology, will take students to Las Vegas to study the sociology of gambling and consumption. Robert Lemieux, associate professor of communication, will be looking at Las Vegas with students from the marketing angle—the reality versus the fiction as seen on television and movies. Students may also travel

to Belize, the Bahamas, coastal California, England, India and Costa Rica.

Those who choose to stay close to campus won't have trouble finding a unique course. There's Generation to Generation to explore family folklore or Horror in the Postmodern Age for fright fans, as well as courses in weight training, preparation for the real world, United Nations simulation, coping with stress and Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations.

Falkner's discussion-based course will attempt to explain how the philosopher Socrates could have been tried and executed in 399 B.C. Athens—the birthplace of democracy and freedom of speech—on charges of atheism and corrupting the youth.

Students will examine the trial of Socrates against the poetry, politics and religion of classical Athens. They will study the dialogues of Plato, the rhetoric of the sophists and the tragedy and comedy of the Athenian dramatists, as well as modern attempts to explain the trial of Socrates.

The final examination will be in the form of an oral dialogue, "as Socrates himself might have had," Falkner says.—PF

## Hot Off the Presses from Faculty Authors

English Professor LeRoy Panek turns a critical eye to early writings by the author of *The Maltese Falcon* and *The Thin Man* in his new book, *Reading Early Hammett*.

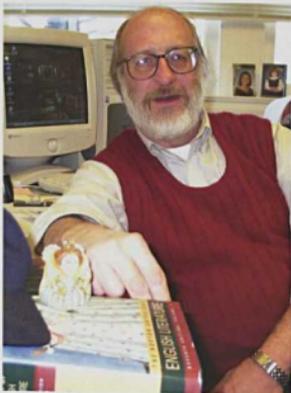
At one time a Pinkerton cop in Baltimore, Dashiell Hammett sharpened his skills and kept food on the table writing both stories and novels about a middle-aged detective named Continental Op before he created his more famous characters, Sam Slade of *Maltese Falcon* and Nick and Nora Charles of the *Thin Man* series.

Panek, an award-winning author who has published several books about crime fiction, says the most difficult part of his latest endeavor was the research—simply finding Hammett's early works to read. Persistence paid off, and Panek was able to look back at the history of this genre and experience its development.

Math educator Francis "Skip" Fennell published a Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley Mathematics series for grades K-6.

Jasna Meyer, associate professor of communication, published *Croatia: The Country and the Language* or *Hrvatska: Zemlja i jezik*, Volumes I and II.

Thomas J. Zirpoli, Jr., Laurence J. Adams Endowed Chair in Special Education, published *Behavior Management: Applications for Teachers*.—PF



Hard-boiled detective scholar LeRoy Panek's most recent book turns a critical eye to the early work of Dashiell Hammett.

# CHILLIN'<sup>A</sup><sub>D</sub> GRILLIN'



**Tailgating is a Family Affair at College Football's Only Drive-In Stadium**

BY KIM ASCH

Bair Stadium is already buzzing even though kick-off isn't for two more hours. Minivans, SUVs and pickups are perched at the top of the slope that rings the gridiron, their tailgates open to an unobstructed view of the action to come. Tents are erected. Tables are covered with platters of picnic foods. Lawn chairs are positioned for sun or shade. The early-September air is alive with anticipation, children's giggles, warm-up music and the mouthwatering scent of real charcoal burning on portable grills. It is the first regular game of the football season and the party has begun.



# TAILGATING 101

## Arrive early

Prime tailgating spots go quickly. The stadium gates open at 11:00 a.m. Parking on the field is \$5 per vehicle. Decorate your vehicle with team pennants and other Green Terror stuff. Visit the college bookstore for specialty items.

## Make friends with your neighbors

Introduce yourself and get to know the football parents. Share your food and swap menus. Good neighbors will watch your stuff while you visit the portable parties.

## Bring food—and lots of it

Peanuts, pretzels, salsa and chips are great snacks, but homestyle fried chicken, 3-foot cold cut subs with extra hot and Italian sausages smothered in onions and green peppers are true tailgating foods. Grilling is acceptable, but remember that hot grills are not good dance partners, so be careful when the crowd arrives, especially if children are nearby.

## Dress in team colors

A true tailgater shows team spirit by wearing green and gold. Team hats and McDaniel sweatshirts are best. Green Bay's cheese heads are really cool, but then you wouldn't be tailgating at McDaniel. Body paint invites special attention—and photographers—to your tailgate party. Just remember to use water-soluble paint. Remnants of green and gold paint in your ears may not impress your boss on Monday.

## Be enthusiastic, not obnoxious

Screaming at the officials, stamping the ground and punching trees will not help the team. Original containers of alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Disorderly conduct will not be tolerated. All law enforcement orders must be followed (penalty: banishment from the Bair Stadium FanZone).

## Leave the area clean

Pick up all litter and deposit in suitable receptacles. Keep our campus beautiful. All fans are asked to leave the stadium area 45 minutes after each game.

## Save these tips for next season

Green Terror Football season will be just about over by the time you read this, so snip around the dotted lines and save for next year. Or, find the same information on the Web on the Alumni page at [www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu).

"Nothing beats tailgating on the Hill," says Donna Myers, who for the past three years has attended almost every game with her husband Paul to root for their son Kyle '06, a Green Terror wide receiver. "I couldn't wait for the season to start."

McDaniel boasts what may be college football's only drive-in stadium in the nation, perhaps the universe. Its unique bowl shape has accommodated cars right on the edge of the field since the 1920s, when automobiles became the popular means of transportation. Fans—a lot of them relatives of the players and cheerleaders who provide the entertainment—make the most of this unique opportunity to grill, chill and cheer on the Green-and-Gold.

"This is a great way to bring the whole family together without having to host them at your house," says grill master Kelly Knight of Finksburg, Md., whose cousin Jamie Unger '06 is a wide receiver. He flips the burgers on and hot dogs, then adds with a laugh, "You still have to clean up afterwards, but you don't have to kick everybody out. Campus police will do that for you."

Knight is with a group of about 25 revelers that includes Jamie's dad and stepmom, Jim and Robin Unger, who live an hour away in Monrovia, Md. Jamie's grandparents who get the long-distance award at this party—they come from Doylestown, Pa., and drive three hours each way to attend every home game. They've been tailgating with the Ungers since their sons' freshman year, when they met while sitting in the bleachers at an away game.

"We were at Susquehanna and noticed this couple a few rows down who had a cooler with 'Unger' written in big letters, so we went over and introduced ourselves," Donna Myers recalls. "We've been friends ever since."

Happily on their home turf today, the whole crew makes camp behind the north endzone, not far from the Western Maryland caboose. A full-size picnic table is draped with a black-and-white gingham cloth. The spread includes the requisite salads, chips, pickles, cookies and condiments. There are four giant coolers, stocked with sodas, bottled water and a modest amount of beer. Alcohol is permitted in the FanZone, but cannot be consumed from the original container.

Every authentic tailgating menu includes a special item, in addition to the dogs and burgers. Last year, one group of zealots actually dug a pit and roasted a pig there. At this party, there's a batch of famous Philly hoagies hand-delivered by the Myerses. A quick detour on their way down to Westminster to pick them up.

"They're hoagies, not subs," Donna says with a mock sternness as she piles them onto the table. On future Saturdays, she'll bring pork barbecue and buffalo wings. For has won 10 pounds of Italian sausage with all the fixings from Giulianova on Main Street. But today she's pushing hoagies. "They're the best, the bread is homemade."

Jim Unger grabs one of the butcher-paper wrapped treasures with gusto. His son at the tailgating party, "All you need is two hands and a mouth," he jokes.

Of course, Jim comes to each game equipped with much more than that. "He's got the radio, the binoculars, the headphones and camera," observes Robin Unger, pointing out that her husband is also wearing a McDaniel football cap and knit T-shirt. If good food, and plenty of it, is essential to a tailgating party—and it is—so are all the props and gadgets that help boost team spirit. Successful plays are often accompanied by the approving cacophony of Green Terror loyalists honking their air horns.

The game remains the central focus, especially for parents and other family members of the players. The Ungers and Myerses holler words of encouragement as their sons trot down the gauntlet formed by fans lining either side of the steps leading onto the field. Together, they exalt in the team's 14-to-11 victory over Bridgewater, the first in four years.

Even though as wide receivers the sons compete for playing time, the parents congratulate each other when either boy makes a great play, Donna Myers says by phone several weeks later. "They each have a claim to fame."





**“You still have to clean up afterwards, but you don’t have to kick everybody out. Campus police will do that for you.”**

**ABOVE:** Jim Unger (holding the dog) and Paul and Donna Myers (opposite Jim in McDaniel Football shirts) bring together a huge group of family and friends to tailgate while watching their sons play football.

Kyle Myers scored the first touchdown after the College’s name was changed to McDaniel in 2002. And Jamie played a key role in the victory over Dickinson Oct. 16 when he scored a touchdown after catching a 98-yard pass from quarterback Brad Baer ’07, breaking a school record for the longest pass reception in College history.

“We were all so excited we were jumping up and down,” says Myers. “Jamie’s dad had tears in his eyes.”

Supporting the Green Terror by coming out to every game has been a kind of socially acceptable way to see her only child each week during the fall semester without seeming to intrude upon his budding independence, she says.

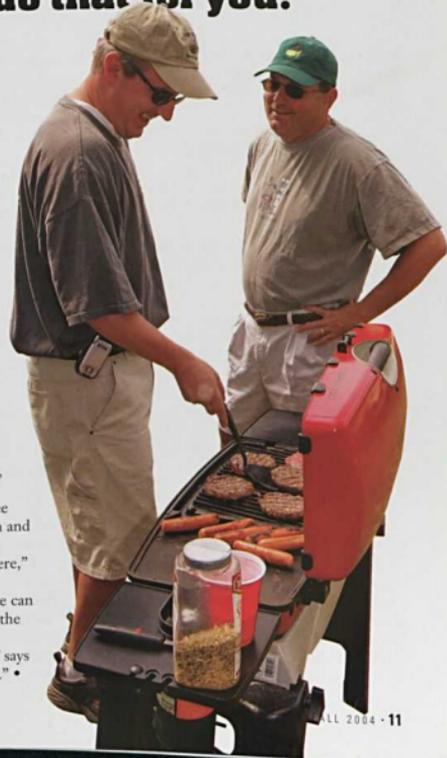
“I wasn’t always a football fan. Kyle’s playing in high school got me into it,” adds Myers, who still faithfully attends high school games and watches the Eagles on TV with her husband. “I missed just one of Kyle’s games last year because my nephew got married. But my husband wouldn’t go to the wedding, because he didn’t want to miss the game.”

The players appreciate their parents’ devotion. “It gets you pumped up to see your family and friends. And you always play harder when you know your mom and dad are there because you want to make them proud,” says Kyle.

“I know wherever I play, my parents would come watch me. I want them there,” adds Jamie.

Sometimes, though, the delicious aromas floating down from the grills above can seem like a tease. The guys go without eating between breakfast at 9 a.m. and the end of the game, around 4 p.m.

“I’m sure I’ll be back after I graduate to tailgate with my parents and friends,” says Kyle. “We’ll keep the tradition alive—and it’s something I’ve never gotten to do.” •



## ROBERT DUVALL '76

Three-time Olympic Games veteran as physical therapist for the USA Olympic Shooting Team; founder of Sports Medicine of Atlanta; doctor of health science; adjunct faculty at University of Maryland School of Medicine's Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science; former national amateur trapshooting champion; Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame 2002 inductee; 49-year-old first-time father.

**IN HIS WORDS:**

**The magnitude of the Olympic Games** is surprising and overwhelming. It's a humbling experience to walk into the stadium with all the people cheering for the Americans, and the number of the American flags waving, and you're officially in a uniform representing the United States.

**One of the more surprising** and memorable things at the entire Games happened with shooting.

**Matt Emmons**, one of our shooters, had a substantial lead and shot very well on his first nine shots of the final.

**So he had a gold medal** in the bag. But when he pulled his rifle up on that shot, the pressure of knowing, "I've got just one shot left and all I have to do is barely hit the target." Well, he crossfired.

**On his 10th shot**, he shot someone else's target. That gave him a zero, which moved him from first to eighth.

**I took him aside** soon after and I said, "A good many people will leave here with gold medals. No one's going to be able to say they've done what you've done, which is actually to have had a medal right there and made just a fundamental mistake." I said, "How you deal with that might make you even more famous and popular than if you would have just straight up won."

**The way you handle losing** is an integral part of the Olympics. How Matt handled that was exemplary.

**This sounds silly now**, but up until my sophomore or junior year I really thought I might have a chance at professional sports, particularly football. Even though I was playing Division III, I still held onto that because sports was my identity.

**I had a really good** high school career. I lettered in five different sports and I got into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. At college, I lettered in three different sports—football, wrestling and track.

**I shot until 1997**. I won six state championships. I won one national championship in shooting. I got to a point that for me to make the Olympic team in 1996, I would have to quit my career and dedicate full time and I wasn't prepared to do that.

**If it wasn't for** [Professor of Exercise Science Emeritus] Sam Case, I really would not have had any of the success I've enjoyed in my career. Here's a guy who was very athletically oriented but he had a Ph.D.

**When I was accepted** into graduate school at Emory, I remember him telling me, "Bob you'll go down there and look around at the other students in the class and say, 'I wonder why I got accepted into graduate school here.' But after a month, you'll look around and say, 'Why are they here.'" He was that confident in the college education that I received and he gave me the confidence to leave the confines of Carroll County.

**I've been to Finland**. I've been to Italy and Germany—all with the Olympic Shooting Team. The most exotic was Egypt, where we worked right at the base of the pyramids.

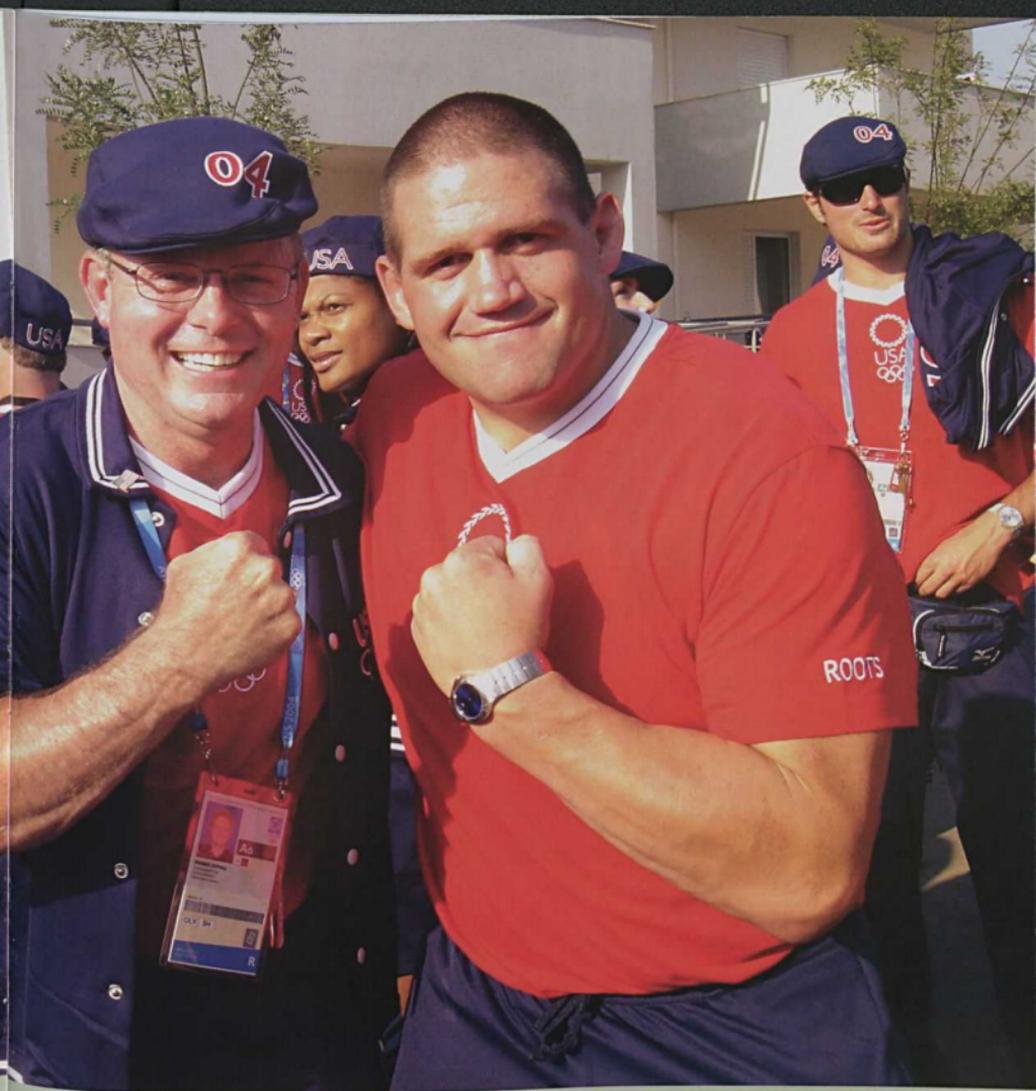
**We, in my business** here in Atlanta, get to work with some professional athletes. I'm the personal physical therapist for Jason Elam, who kicked the longest field goal in NFL history, and he plays for the Denver Broncos.

**Sid Vicious**, the professional wrestler, is another of my clients. He's a very nice guy, not like you see on television. I remember that come 4 o'clock, he was leaving to go get his son off the bus. All 7-foot-1 of him.



**After being married 19 years**, we finally have a child—a biological child from my wife and me.

**His name is Robert Duvall III**—we don't know how the actor got our name.



**You know, my career** was really busy early on and I just think I can be a better parent now than I ever would have been before. I've missed a deadline or two with my research papers. I say, hey, I've got a legitimate excuse, I'm going to put my family first. I never would have done that in my 20s.

**We've now found the fountain of youth**—and it's physical activity. The literature says, parking farther away in the parking lot, using the steps instead of the elevator, will not only make you die healthier but you will live longer.

**You see people fight** for that parking spot by the front door—you won't see me do that.

**Bob DuVall prepares to grapple with Rulon Gardner, the 2000 Gold Medalist and 2004 Bronze Medalist in Greco-Roman Wrestling, just before the Opening Ceremony of the 2004 Olympic Games.**





SHANE HENNING

# Man of Many Ingredients

BY KIM ASCH

**Mohamed Esa is a Palestinian Israeli and a German Professor Who Teaches about the Holocaust, Lectures about Islam and Never Stops Talking About Peace.**

**O**n the fifth night of Ramadan, Mohamed Esa sat down at his broad dining table to break the fast with his wife, two sons and a small group of special guests.

Together they enjoyed a feast that is not customarily served during this most sacred of the Muslim holidays, when the observant refrain from all sensual pleasures between dawn and dusk. On other evenings during the month-long celebration, the Esas might ease into eating with a few dates and some water, followed by a light soup or a traditional Middle Eastern dish, such as spicy Arabic meatballs known as *kufta* or *babaghanouj*, an eggplant spread for warm pita bread.

But on this night, the centerpiece of the meal was an authentic German *sauerbrouten*.

Five of Esa's guests were advanced German students from his course on German women's literature and film, one was the assistant for the College's German immersion house and the other two were German high school students living in Westminster for a year through a foreign exchange program.

"In class we were talking about *Germany, Pale Mother*, which is one of the cornerstone post-World War II movies, and Dr. Esa invited us to his house to discuss it over dinner," says German major Stephanie Reed '06. "The food was just delicious."

If German cuisine for the Muslim holiday seems like something of a culture clash, it doesn't register with Esa. Ramadan is a period of reflection, devotion, sacrifice and generosity. It is a time for reconciliation, for coming together as a community. "And if you

# Multi-vegetable Babaghanouj

Typically, babaghanouj calls for eggplant only and uses tahineh—a high-calorie sesame paste—as a binding agent. It makes sense that the man of many ingredients has incorporated extra vegetables into his version of this traditional Middle Eastern dish. It's delicious and healthy.

- 1 large eggplant**
- 2 medium zucchini**
- 2 large ripe tomatoes**
- olive oil**
- salt, pepper**
- fresh cilantro, chopped fine**
- 3 cloves of garlic**

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease cookie sheet with olive oil. Halve eggplant and zucchini lengthwise and place face up on the cookie sheet. Drizzle with more olive oil and salt. Remove tomato core and cut into four wedges, but don't cut all the way through to the bottom. Add to cookie sheet and drizzle with oil and salt.

Place in upper rack of oven for about 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender and tops of eggplant and zucchini are browned. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Once cool, use a fork to scrape flesh of vegetables from skin. Place in separate bowl, making sure to scrape cookie sheet to get any oil and crusty ridges. Stir well and add salt, pepper and chopped cilantro. Squeeze garlic through garlic press and add to the mixture. Stir well and serve in shallow bowl with fresh pita bread on the side. Drizzle oil over top and decorate with olives, peppers or pickles. Serve at room temperature.

If you make ahead, put dish in microwave for about one minute before garnishing and serving.

don't have the community, you make it," he says.

Esa, a Palestinian with dual Israeli and American citizenship, refuses to be defined by his ethnicity or religion in a post-9/11 world increasingly polarized into groups of "us" and "them." While official America declares, "you're either with us or against us," Esa presents a much more complex perspective.

He is a Muslim who loves Jews and Christians. He equally condemns Arafat, Sharon and Bush as divisive leaders. He is a German scholar with a Ph.D. from the University of Heidelberg who hosts numerous cultural appreciation events, the biggest being German-American Day, held each year during fall break, when 1,000 secondary school students and their teachers come to campus for concerts, lectures and workshops. Yet Esa focuses much of his teaching on the Holocaust and leads twice-yearly field trips to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., where his good friend Rubin Sztajer, a concentration camp survivor, tells the horrific details of his victimization by the Nazis.

For Esa, who is fluent in four languages including Arabic and Hebrew, the path to peace involves "embracing the similarities, instead of focusing on the differences" between cultures. It is equally important, he says, to speak out—early and often—against intolerance, discrimination and oppression.

"We have to raise our voices everywhere in the world against injustice wherever it is happening," he says. "Not just in other countries, but when it's our own government or in our own family."

**E**sa, 45, found his voice while growing up in Kfar Qasim, a small Arab village inside Israel east of Tel Aviv. He spent his early years living under restrictions enforced by the Israeli

## "We have to raise our voices everywhere in the world against injustice wherever it is happening," —MOHAMED ESA

army. Arabs—they weren't acknowledged as Palestinians—could not carry passports and travel was limited.

In 1964, Arabs living within Israel's borders became naturalized citizens with voting rights, but they felt more like second-class citizens with no real identity, Esa says. "You didn't fully belong to the Arab world or with Israel. You were mistrusted by both."

The third of 13 children, Esa watched his illiterate mother working hard at home while his father spent long hours each day laboring at a rock quarry. The family practiced its Muslim faith in a "moderate" way, mostly adhering to the five pillars: belief in one God; daily prayer; almsgiving to the needy; self-purification through fasting, and the pilgrimage to Mecca for those who are able.

Esa riveted on his studies, intent on eventually becoming a doctor, "the most prestigious thing you could do."

As a teen, his intellectual curiosity blossomed. He started a chess club at his high school after teaching himself to play from an instruction book. During the summers, he took classes to learn English. He got a typewriter and began composing poetry and stories after being inspired by a scene in a Tarzan movie he'd watched at his uncle's theater.

"I remember thinking if those white guys who came from Europe could write sitting in a tent in a jungle, then I can too," he says.

Even as a young man, Esa sensed that nothing good could come from the cultural and political divide that existed in Israel—and he sought to build bridges with Jews, starting with a nearby Syrian synagogue. Remembering an Arabic proverb exhorting students to go as far as China to pursue knowledge, Esa reasoned, "I don't need to go to China, I'll just go next door to the Jewish synagogue."

Inside the synagogue, Esa was confronted with the same divided sentiments he'd heard expressed by members of his own community toward the Jews. "One of the guys in the congregation wanted to kick me out because I was a goy," Esa recalls. "Let him stay," the other argued. "He's coming to seek knowledge and we should welcome him."

Esa met more like-minded Jews. He vividly remembers the first time he was a guest in a Jewish home. His uncle had been invited to visit with a Danish immigrant couple who bought clementines and other produce at his shop each Saturday, when the Jewish stores were closed. Young Esa, 10, spoke Hebrew and was brought along to translate. "I still remember the tea biscuits they served," he says.

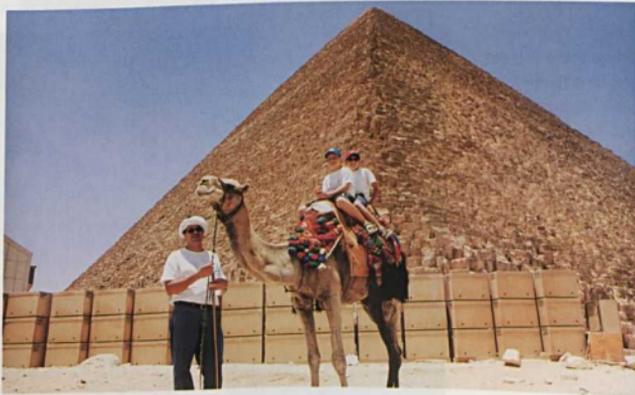
After graduating from high school, Esa turned down an offer to study for free at Bar-Ilan University to become a Hebrew or English teacher. He was still set on becoming a doctor. At the time, he says, only a few spots at Israeli medical schools were reserved for Arabs and you needed "vitamin C," his colloquialism for connec-

tions, to snag one. So Esa went to work at a pharmaceutical plant, where he met Holocaust survivors and a German Jew who had been a college professor. The professor suggested he study in Germany, where tuition was free and visas were not required.

In Germany, Esa felt liberated. He was no longer a second-class citizen but just another international student. He was wait-listed for the medical program. In the meantime, he needed to learn the language and find a way to feed himself. He got a job at a department store, where he was forced to converse with the locals, and began taking courses in German.

As his German improved, he was able to study literature and he gained an appreciation for the country's rich history and culture beyond the dark years of the first and second World Wars. He discovered a play by 18th-century German humanist Gotthold Ephraim Lessing called, *Nathan der Weise* (Nathan the Wise Man), whose message of tolerance among Christians, Jews and Muslims seemed to speak directly to Esa. "It is probably the piece of literature that has influenced me

**"I love to travel, to encounter people, to broaden my worldview," says Mohamed Esa, seen here at the Egyptian pyramids with sons Anwar, 8, and Gibrán, 10.**



**"When I first got a look at him I thought, 'That's strange. He doesn't look like your typical blond-haired, blue-eyed German,'"** **STEPHANIE REED '06**

the most," he says.

Studying proverbs and idioms, German women writers and German novellas at the University of Heidelberg, Esa realized he could become another kind of doctor. "I decided to take it all the way to a Ph.D.," he says.

It was while he was writing his dissertation that he met his wife Andrea, a German-American student doing graduate work in Bonn. She had been interested enough to attend a workshop on "Third World and Identity" and was likewise intrigued—and charmed—by the workshop's organizer, a winsome guy with jet-black curls and a dazzling smile.

"I thought, here's a man with whom I would never get bored," Andrea recalls.

**S**tephanie Reed remembers her reaction when she was first introduced to the professor who would later become her mentor and friend. She was a high school student on campus for Esa's signature event, the annual German-American Day celebration.

"When I first got a look at

him I thought, 'That's strange. He doesn't look like your typical blond-haired, blue-eyed German,'" she says.

Esa gets a lot of good-natured ribbing. A colleague from another department told him he needed a nickname, one that sounded German, and for a while Esa went by the moniker Mo Fritz.

But during his 10 years on the faculty, Esa has done little else to satisfy others' well-intentioned urges to simplify his diverse identity. Together with Andrea, the daughter of German immigrants who speaks the language fluently, Esa opts instead to flavor the campus and local community with his family's multicultural perspective.

He is the adviser for the Multicultural Students Association (MSA), the German Club and the German House, a language immersion residence with an on-site native German speaker. Each year, he works with the MSA to host a Taste of Islam dinner during Ramadan.

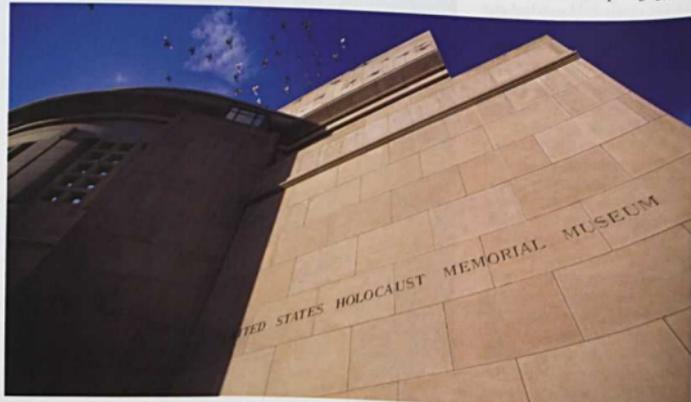
"Food is such a powerful symbol for connecting us with our history and it's a great way to familiarize people with a dif-

ferent culture," says Andrea, who traditionally prepares four large trays of the event's most popular dish, baklaawa, a syrupy-sweet pastry filled with walnuts or pistachios. "It's kind of like, 'Hey, these Arabs really like to eat, they cook a lot, the food is great—they can't be that bad.'"

Beyond campus, Esa is constantly making connections—vitamin C—that benefit his students. An insatiable traveler and the quintessential "people person," he takes them on frequent field trips to Washington, D.C., often in the family minivan, to the embassies of Germany, Austria and Switzerland, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Goethe-Institut, a German culture center. Each fall, they dress up for the German Society of Maryland banquet near Baltimore, where they converse and dance with the mostly senior citizen members. During the January term, Esa leads study tours to German-speaking countries.

"He knows everybody, he really does, it's ridiculous," says Chris Todd '05, a physics major with a minor in math who's taking intermediate German so he can pursue international job opportunities. "Last year, he has this immersion dinner. All different teachers from Maryland came to talk about pedagogy."

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is a frequent field trip destination for Mohamed Esa, who teaches students about the Nazis' rise to power and examines why the fascist, racist agenda of the Third Reich was able to flourish.



People from the German embassy and the Goethe-Institut were there. And it was all in German, all night."

Esa's dedication to teaching, as well as his research with classroom technology and innovative language instruction using music, have been recognized on the state, national and international levels. Most notably, just last month he was elected president of the Maryland Foreign Language Association, the primary professional group for educators. In 2000, he received the Certificate of Merit from the Goethe-Institut and the American Association of Teachers of German for outstanding achievements in furthering and encouraging the study of German language and culture. In 1999, he was awarded The Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award by Jürgen Chrobog, the ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany. On campus, the Office of Multicultural Services named him Most Valuable Professor 2003.

Several years ago, a student introduced Esa and Sztajer, the 78-year-old Holocaust survivor.

They have since become good friends, despite their differences in opinion about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

"Mohamed and I have different backgrounds, obviously. And there are certain things we don't agree on," acknowledges Sztajer. "What that proves is one thing: We can live together as long as we can talk to and respect each other."

Both men are united in their belief that today's generation of students need to hear Sztajer's story. Each semester, he tells Esa's classes about the teenage years he was imprisoned in a concentration camp in Nazi Germany, where he was tortured to the brink of death and where many members of his family were exterminated.

"I made myself a promise that I would continue to tell the story



for as long as my lips will move and my legs will carry me," says the retired salesman who re-settled in Baltimore. "You cannot teach 20th-century history without teaching the Holocaust."

Just as the Jews and other minorities became scapegoats for the Nazis, Muslims are in danger of becoming scapegoats in this 9/12 world, Esa warns. In fact, in the months following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, he was afraid that his own family might be blamed for the acts of Islamic fanatics.

With physics professor Apollo Mian, Esa issued a memo beseeching fellow Americans "not to stigmatize Arab-American and Moslem-American communities and not to blame them for this unforgivable crime." The many e-mails expressing love and support that followed were a comfort to Esa, but they didn't make him feel safe. Because at the same time, friends were offering him their houses, suggesting it might be best for his family to leave home for a while. And one of his students wrote to him, apologizing in advance "on behalf of America" for "any racist idiocy that might befall you in the coming days."

"At first I was afraid to talk. I was afraid going out in public

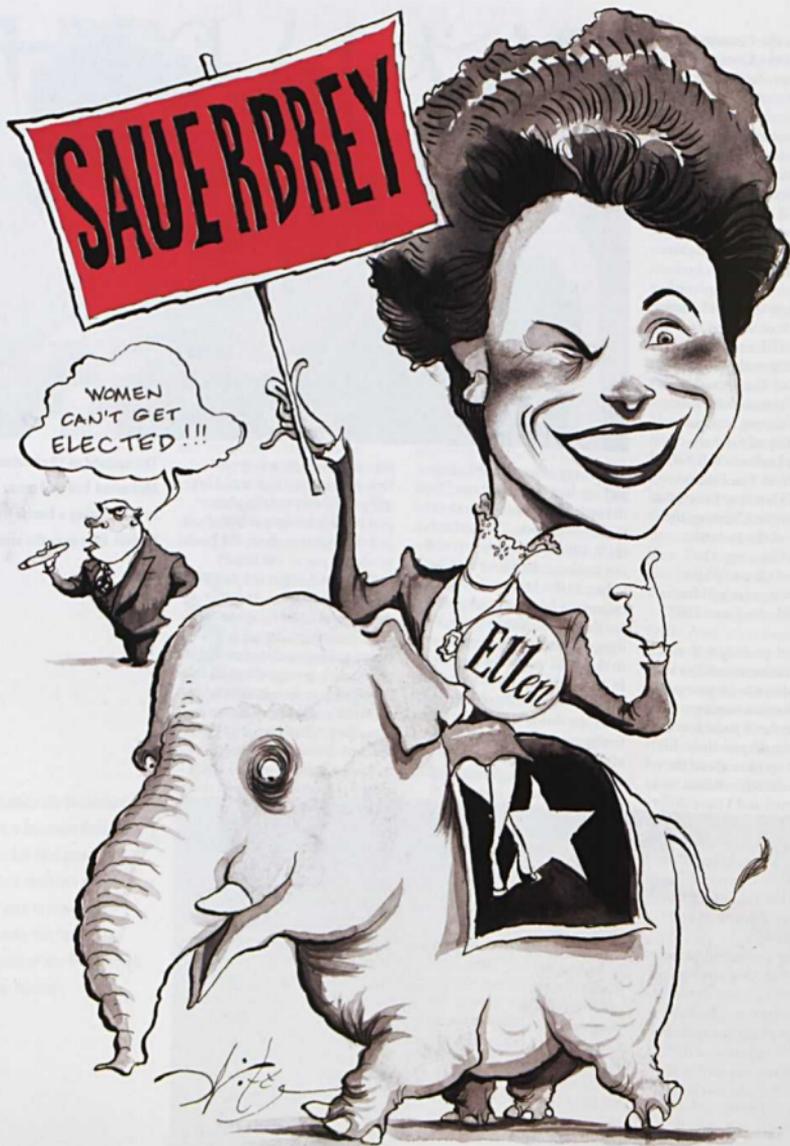
places because people would hear my accent," Esa says. He's still careful not to take photographs with bridges as backdrops and thinks twice about the books he checks out of the library.

But silence is not the tool of a peacemaker. And so, together with Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus Ira Zepp '52, Esa began talking to churches and community groups about all that Muslims have in common with Christians and Jews. Of course, Esa also prepared some Middle Eastern delicacies to share.

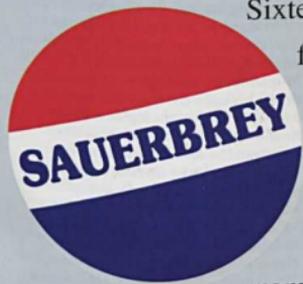
Marj Espenschade '76 appreciated the education—and the cuisine. "After 9/11, you started hearing strange things about Muslims, that they worshipped different gods and were some kind of a cult," says the 63-year-old, who planned to attend the Taste of Islam feast on campus Nov. 10. "He was very brave to come forward and put a face on Islam. He helped to clarify the difference between being a fundamentalist and a fanatic. He's also a very good cook."

Zepp speaks about his colleague with great pride. "Mohamed has achieved a spiritual maturity at a very young age that is able to transcend differences and pain," he says. "That's a real gift." •

**The second of 13 children, Mohamed Esa had many relatives to visit during a family trip to the Middle East over the summer.**



# Winkie's Winning Ways



Sixteen years as a Maryland legislator. Two close runs for governor. Now a White House appointment as Ambassador to the United Nations. Republican Ellen Sauerbrey '59—better known to college classmates by her nickname Winkie—has indeed succeeded in politics. Now she's working with women around the world to make sure they do, too.

STORY BY KIM ASCH / ILLUSTRATION BY MIKE WHITTE



**Y**ou don't tell Ellen Richmond Sauerbrey no. A chairman of the Baltimore County Republican Party tried. He refused to support her first run for public office in 1978 because he didn't believe women could get elected.

"Of course, that just stiffened my resolve," says Sauerbrey, now among the state's most well-known and popular Republicans.

The memory elicits one of those hallmark Sauerbrey smiles. It lights up her handsome face and shows off a set of gleaming white teeth. But the grin is no longer accompanied by a wink.

All through high school and college, Ellen was better known by her nickname "Winkie," due to her playful manner of greeting. She decided to change her name, or rather, to begin using her given name, as she was preparing to launch her first run for public office.

A Republican National Committee representative pointed out that her legal name would have to be on the ballot. Unless she legally changed her name to include the nickname, he advised, supporters wouldn't recognize their candidate when they went to the voting booths. Then he learned that the nickname in question was Winkie and he suggested she drop it all together. He told her it sounded "flaky."

Of course, there's nothing flaky about Ellen Sauerbrey. A former high school science teacher who graduated in 1959 with highest honors in both biology and English and married her high school sweetheart, she is a fiscal and social conservative. In campaign after campaign, her mantra was lowering taxes and reducing the size of government. It resonated with voters, who elected her again and again. For 16 years, from 1978 to 1994, she represented her rural Baltimore County district in the Maryland House of Delegates and was Minority Leader for the final eight years.

That's when things really got interesting. In 1994, Sauerbrey—against all odds—became the Republican nominee for governor of Maryland. With little name recognition outside her district, Sauerbrey tirelessly stumped through the largely Democratic state, her husband Wilmer and dog Hans by her side, gaining legions of supporters with her sincerity and conviction.

She came within 6,000 votes of becoming Maryland's first woman governor and of ousting the Democratic establishment that had presided over Annapolis for a quarter-century since the Spiro Agnew administration. In 1998, she again ran an exciting, solid campaign but was unable to unseat Democratic incumbent Parris Glendening.



**TOP:** A young Ellen Richmond '59 plays up her eagerness to see beau Wilmer Sauerbrey, then a student at Lehigh University, in this *Aloha* yearbook photo. **BOTTOM:** Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. toasted Sauerbrey at her swearing-in ceremony at the U.S. Department of State.

"If our conservative position wasn't against cloning, I'd say I wish we could clone Ellen Sauerbrey."—Charlotte Ponticelli of the U.S. Department of State

Despite the fact that she didn't win, her many successes during both campaigns are viewed as a victory for her party.

"Ellen was instrumental in revitalizing the Maryland Republican party. After her 1994 near-miss, Maryland Republicans were energized and encouraged," says Political Science Professor Herb Smith, a keen observer of Maryland politics. "In many ways, Republican Governor Bob Ehrlich used the foundation laid by Ellen to step into the Governor's mansion in 2002."

The Governor agrees that Sauerbrey's influence—both on his party and him personally—has been significant.

"Ellen Sauerbrey has altered Maryland's political landscape in a manner unmatched by few other women in Maryland history," Ehrlich says. "When I ran for Governor in 2002, Ellen was there for me—lending her own valuable advice, counsel and support."

Small wonder that after the Republicans took the White House in 2000, President George W. Bush tapped Sauerbrey to go to work on behalf of the U.S. government. Initially appointed to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, in 2003 she was confirmed as Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Ehrlich was there to offer a toast at her Jan. 31 swearing-in by Secretary of State Colin Powell.

An unusually warm Saturday morning in April finds Sauerbrey boarding a train at Baltimore's Penn Station. She's bound for Stamford, Conn., where she will be a panel discussion leader at the "Celebration of Women in Development" conference sponsored by the nonpartisan World Affairs Forum. She arrives half-an-hour early, looking every bit the ambassador. Despite the heat and the long commute, she is calm and collected in a smart royal blue skirt and blazer set off by a colorful silk scarf. The smile is "friendliness personified," just as the *Aloha* yearbook described her back in 1959.

Travel is a large part of the ambassador's job, a non-salary position that pays on a per diem basis when she is on assignment. She is often in Washington, D.C., New York, or overseas several days each month, representing the United States at various meetings of the U.N. and working closely with women's groups on political training programs. Over the past year, she's traveled to Argentina, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Mexico and the Republic of Georgia, among other countries.

So the 460-mile daytrip doesn't faze her. In fact, she intends to arise bright and early the next morning to attend her 25th class reunion on the Hill, as does her college roommate Cathy "Cass" Sewell Johnson '59, who has driven up to Stamford from her New Jersey home for the chance to glimpse Winkie—er, Ellen—acting in her official role.

Johnson watches admiringly as Sauerbrey works the room, shaking hands, smiling and offering warm words to many of the 100 or so women who come representing a host of non-governmental organizations, or NGOs, concerned with social, economic and political empowerment of women in developing nations.

"It's so exciting to be here," says Johnson, who laments that she's never had the opportunity to vote for her best friend because she hasn't lived in Maryland since college. "I felt so bad when she wasn't elected governor, but I think, what a background and training for this."

State Department colleagues agree that Sauerbrey's 16 years in a Maryland legislature overwhelmingly controlled by Democrats have honed her skills in negotiation and diplomacy.

"She deals with some very contentious issues, yet she has the composure, the stature and the ability to bring people together," says Jan Smith, special assistant for public affairs to Assistant Secretary of State Kim Holmes. "Ellen got good training in Maryland with building bridges on both sides."

She is also in a unique position to educate women about politics. Her own modest background—the only child of a Baltimore steelworker grew up pinching pennies and worked in the campus dining hall to help pay her college tuition—serves as an inspiration.

"Ellen proves it doesn't matter how you start out. She is a walking, talking, living example," says Charlotte Ponticelli, senior coordinator for international women's issues at the U.S. Department of State. "And, having worked in politics herself, she knows the nuts and bolts so that our lofty goals can actually be implemented."

Ponticelli adds with a laugh, "If our conservative position wasn't against cloning, I'd say I wish we could clone Ellen Sauerbrey so we'd have 100 more of her working for our goals."

Perhaps the loftiest goal Sauerbrey has accomplished thus far is the passage of a U.N. General Assembly resolution on Women and Political Participation, for which she was the key negotiator. It passed in December 2003 with 110 countries signing on as co-sponsors and calls on member nations to increase their efforts to involve women in the political process of post-conflict countries. Including women as decision-makers, "reduces the likelihood of returning to war and unrest," Sauerbrey says.

The beauty of the resolution, she continues, is that it includes "a blueprint" for how to get there. "It goes into the importance of political parties giving women a fair opportunity to compete; the media recognizing the importance of women in the process and giving them fair coverage; the importance of training—whether it is raising money, or organizing a campaign, or identifying issues or knowing how to go out and speak in public to promote them," she says. "Several countries I've talked to since have said they translated the resolution to their language so it can be more easily used back home, which is what we wanted."

On the ground, Sauerbrey draws on her experience to work one-on-one with women candidates. In Belarus, she met with a political novice who had no idea how to get started on her campaign—going door-to-door with fliers was a novel idea to her. When Sauerbrey asked the woman to articulate her platform, the woman said, "It's that I'm better than my opponent."

Sauerbrey shook her head. "What are three things that are important to you, your family and your community? Put that down on your flier."

Political empowerment must go hand-in-hand with economic empowerment, Sauerbrey says. "Women have the right to equality of opportunity—not equality of results, but equality of opportunity. They need to be at the table when decisions are being made in their government if they're going to have any influence on the outcome."

Sauerbrey's two strong gubernatorial races are largely credited for revitalizing Maryland's Republican party. BOTTOM: Long before he became president, Ronald Reagan inspired Sauerbrey to become politically active.

**M**ake no mistake, Ellen Sauerbrey is not a feminist. That's another thing she has always been clear about.

She opposes abortion and supports the Bush administration's controversial decision to cease contributions to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, explaining that Secretary Powell has determined that UNFPA's support for China's coercive programs are a violation of U.S. law. She advocates abstinence education for teens.

Motherhood as a career choice should be valued and supported by every culture, she says. In her view, the job of the



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U.S. government is not to fund daycare centers or impose parental leave mandates on business, but to make it financially feasible, through income tax breaks, for mothers to stay home to raise their children.

This year, the 10th anniversary of the International Year of the Family, seems an appropriate time to talk about traditional values, Sauerbrey says. Especially since few other Western nations are doing it.

“There has been a growing push at the level of the U.N. women’s conferences to demean motherhood as something that holds a woman down and prevents her from contributing fully to society,” she says. “You don’t hear much at all in international documents about the valuable role of a woman as a mother, the service she provides to her community by raising her children to have values, or that the lessons of democracy, respect and responsibility begin in the home.”

The Sauerbrey vision of the ideal American family hasn’t changed since her college days. It is one that includes two parents—a mom and a dad—who are married and involved in raising their children. She says the important roles of both mothers and fathers have been undermined by tax, welfare and no-fault divorce policies.

Johnson, Sauerbrey’s college pal, agrees. “I personally feel like if you don’t have strong families you don’t have a strong nation,” she says. “To us it’s just common sense and gut instinct of what is right, but it doesn’t go with the way culture is today.”

As a mother who also managed the finances for her husband’s industrial lubricants business, Johnson says she never saw herself as a feminist either. “You don’t need to be a feminist to be an achiever. You don’t have to just go out for women, you can go out for everyone, which is what Ellen has done.”

Despite their philosophical differences, Sauerbrey says, liberals and conservatives reach an easy consensus when it comes to the most pressing issues facing their sisters in developing nations.

At the conference in Stamford, there is no trace of that hallmark smile when Sauerbrey stands to speak. She soberly outlines an urgent international problem known as trafficking, in which women and girls are lured by false promises of well-paying jobs, then coerced into lives of prostitution, domestic servitude or other types of forced labor. Passports and other official papers are taken from them. And the victims may be told if they don’t comply, both they and their families back home will be killed.

“It’s really hard to come up with numbers on this because it is such an underground operation, but the best estimate we have is about 50,000 are trafficked into the U.S. and between 800,000 and 2 million are trafficked globally,” Sauerbrey says. “The United States is committed to ending this scourge.”

The ambassador articulates other U.S. government priorities for improving the lives of women, including combating HIV/AIDS, domestic violence and maternal and infant mortality.

“From my perspective, we Americans are very comfortable, we are very blessed,” she tells the room of women, who nod in affirmation. “When I come home from traveling around the world, I literally want to get down and kiss the ground. But we have a responsibility as Americans to try to make sure that these same opportunities are available to women not as fortunate as we are.”

**O**n a clear September day at her pre-Civil War home in Baldwin, Md., a bluejean-clad Sauerbrey is playing catch in the back yard with her new German Shepherd puppy Rolf. Her faithful dog Hans, who was the unofficial mascot for both gubernatorial campaigns, died about a year ago and she and her husband of 45 years are finally ready to raise another one.

“We’ve kind of forgotten how much work a puppy can be. It’s a full-time job, somebody has to be supervising him all the time,” she says.

At 67, Sauerbrey has built an impressive career and a personal life full of longtime friends, many from her college sorority Sigma Sigma Tau and the semester she lived in the home economics management house. But, if things had worked out the way she planned, she would have spent a lot more time on her 43 acres of rolling countryside, raising children and pets and cooking more often than her demanding schedule allows.

It was a summer sojourn with her husband to a Germany divided by the Berlin Wall that planted the seeds of her career in politics. She had taken time off from teaching to try to have children, “which we never succeeded in doing,” she explains.

The couple visited relatives in Bavaria, West Germany and in Thuringen, in communist East Germany. The stark contrast between their quality of life was “an awakening to the importance of personal freedom.”

While West German farmers worked their land at night using the headlights on their huge modern combines, East German workers punched time clocks and rushed home from the non-productive collective farms to work their tiny garden plots with hoes, eager to reap what they could from the only thing they owned.

“I learned that when government deprives people of personal freedom and property rights, it destroys incentive, risk taking, capital investment and economic growth,” she says.

Realizing there would be no children and with a growing motivation to “make sure that freedom and opportunity were sustained in the United States,” Sauerbrey became a Republican activist and one of Ronald Reagan’s earliest fans, when he ran for President in 1968. Before winning her seat in the state legislature, she was elected to the Republican State Central Committee twice, helped found the Maryland Taxpayers Coalition and served in leadership roles for several Republican groups.

Politics is part of her DNA now. That’s why she admits she suffers from “withdrawal” in her role as a U.N. Ambassador, which prevents her from participating in partisan activities.

“We all miss her,” says Gov. Ehrlich. “I’m proud of her, but it’s a little bittersweet. We’re doing a lot of exciting things and a lot of her friends are in positions of authority in Annapolis now. She contributed a lot to this, but she cannot by law get involved to any extent.”

Not yet, anyway. Ambassador Sauerbrey serves at the pleasure of the President. And Bush won’t be in office forever.

“Politics is in my blood and I look forward to participating again,” she says. “In what capacity, I don’t know.” •

## PARTY OF FIVE:

## Heck Family Gift Aims to Keep Campus Lively

BY KIM ASCH

First came one brother, then another, and another after that.

The Hecks—Wade '81, Randy '82 and Drew '86—hit the Hill with both feet running. They joined fraternities (Wade was a Beta; Randy and Drew were Bachelors). They competed in varsity and intramural sports. They made, literally, dozens of friendships that would transcend their four years of college. Indeed, two of those friendships culminated in marriage. Randy is married to Cindy Swezey '83 and Drew is married to Laura Ahalt '87.

Each brother worked almost as hard as he played. And each used his education as a springboard to rewarding careers. Wade, a political science major, serves in Washington, D.C., as chief of staff for Alabama congressman Terry Everett. Randy majored in business and economics and is an investment manager in Darien, Conn. Drew, also a business and economics major, is a bank vice president in Westminster.

It was Randy who first answered the call to give back to his alma mater. "My education helped me get into Columbia (University) Business School and led to my career," he says. "Cindy and I both had a terrific college experience. We have a strong affinity to the school."

The other brothers followed. Each became a member of the Founders Society, the committed group of donors who make gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund.

"Randy got involved first, but it actually boils down to our parents," says Drew. "They were always generous with charitable organizations and taught us the importance of giving back."

Tragically, the Hecks' mom and dad perished in the 1999 EgyptAir plane crash. In their honor, the Hecks recently pledged \$100,000 to establish The Donald and Jeanne Heck Fund for College Activities. The endowed fund will enable the College to bring more headlining performers, recent films and other popular events to campus,

enticing students to stay on the Hill for their entertainment and strengthening the residential aspect of the College's living-learning environment. It will also provide leadership development opportunities for students. In addition, the Hecks gave \$25,000 to endow a scholarship in honor of Sam Frost '85, a gregarious athlete who died of cancer in 2002.

"The social life was a big part of our college experience and we want to make sure it remains vibrant for current students," says Randy, recalling the bull roasts, crab feasts and concerts that kept the campus hopping on the weekends during his undergraduate years. "We don't want McDaniel to become a suitcase school, where everybody goes home on Saturday."

The fund is a fitting tribute to a loving, gregarious couple. They raised seven children and wove together a tight-knit clan of intellectually and physically active offspring whose commitment to community service keeps stride with their success.

Says Wade, "Our parents were both big supporters of McDaniel while we were in school. They liked the friendly, lively atmosphere of the campus when we were

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there, so we'd like to help restore some of that same spirit."

Don's nickname was "Big George," after the earthy character in the syndicated cartoon strip, and even his 16 grandchildren used the moniker. Jeanne went by Bee, or GrandBee.

"She was a saint," Drew says. "Dad was the loud, boisterous one and she got things done."

Big George, a retired Bell Atlantic official, and Bee, a former educator, were the family's epicenter, hosting huge gatherings at their waterfront retirement home in Chestertown, Md. The house remains a family retreat and all the siblings and their children get together there for holidays.

More popular student activities, like bungee jumping, will be possible thanks to the Heck family's recent gift.



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That's when the brothers and sisters-in-law have a chance to reminisce about their days on the Hill. Cindy loves to tell the story about the time the hypnotist performed on campus. "There were football players acting like ballerinas—it was hysterical," she says. Drew's "best and most vivid memory" is of playing golf with his friends and the "putt-off" at the last hole. Whoever lost the putt-off had to carry all the bags up the hill and through the quad to their dorm.

"It was the walk of shame," he says.

Time has mellowed the brothers, who were once fiercely competitive, but now work together as a generous team.

"When I was in college, I thought I could do anything my brothers did, as well or better, but I don't think we're as competitive now," says Drew.

Maybe not, but there's still room for ribbing. "I'm definitely not the best athlete among the three of us," says oldest brother Wade. "But I'm the best partier and clearly the best-looking."

For more information about special gift opportunities, contact the Development office at 410/857-2250.

Enjoying a chat with the Baltimore Ravens mascot are Founders Society members Win Spencer Dulany '53, M.L.A. '78, College Trustee Bill Dulany '50, Jack Tevis, Dave Roush and Jack Barnes.



## Founders are College's Top Scorers

**O**n the eve of the opening home game for the NFL Baltimore Ravens, nearly 250 alumni, faculty and friends suited up in fashionable dress as VIP guests in Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium for this year's Founders Society recognition dinner. The Sept. 18 event recognized the College's donor club, whose members each contributed \$1,000 or more to the College.

Before sitting down to a candlelit dinner, guests enjoyed cocktails in the North Club Level Lounge overlooking downtown Baltimore, toured the stadium, visited the press box and even walked onto the playing field that features the same artificial turf installed in McDaniel's Bair Stadium this past summer.

Both Board Chair James Melhorn and College President Joan Develin Coley welcomed and thanked the guests. President Coley reported that in the past fiscal year, members of The Founders Society provided 87 percent of all support to the College for a total of \$6.2 million dollars.

Next year's Founders Society dinner will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, on the College campus.

Parent Celeste White, Andrea Rutledge, parent Doug White and Rose Falkner, new director of the College's Study Abroad programs.



Joe Faber '90 seized the day with a proposal of marriage at this year's Founders Dinner. His fiancée is Tracy Robey.



## Gift Highlights

**MR. EDWARD E. FOX, JR**  
\$100,000

Made to support the College's Office of Multicultural Services (OMS). This gift will be used to support the development of OMS by providing enhanced programs, attracting prominent speakers and supplementing opportunities for students to attend local and national conferences. In addition to this gift, Fox has also commissioned a painting by Larry "Poncho" Brown, a world leader in contemporary African American art, which will depict multicultural life at

McDaniel College. A limited number of prints will be produced and sold for the benefit of the Office of Multicultural Services.

**MR. & MRS. WILLIAM J. OGDEN**  
\$150,000

Made by Mrs. Nell Hughes '53 and Mr. William J. Ogden to support the construction of the new academic building. Ogden and her husband have been loyal supporters of the ongoing revitalization of campus facilities, including the construction of Eaton Hall, as well as the renovation of the Lewis complex. She died in late October.

## YOUR TIME TO SHINE

When it comes to Class Notes, everybody is newsworthy. We want to hear about what's been happening in your life—and so do your classmates. Class columns scheduled to appear in the Winter/Spring issue of *The Hill* include: 1934, 1940, 1946, 1952, 1958, 1964, 1970, 1973, 1976, 1982, 1988, 1994, 1999, 2000. Remember to send updates to your class reporter. Don't know who that is? Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 410/857-2296 or e-mail [leyley@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:leyley@mcdaniel.edu)

## In Memoriam

**Mr. John A. Mears '28**, of New York, N.Y., on December 7, 1988.

**Mrs. Dorothy Grim Wilson '29**, of Frostburg, Md., on August 6, 2003.

**Mrs. Virginia Scrivener Meade '30**, of Elliott City, Md., on November 4, 2002.

**Mrs. Katherine Leidy Unger '32**, of Hanover, N.H., on February 25, 2004.

**Mrs. Margaret Snowden Nelson '35**, of Salisbury, Md., on June 11, 2002.

**Mrs. Marvel Jackson Simpson '36**, of Solomons Island, Md., on January 18, 2004.

**Mrs. Josephine Dawson Clark '36**, of Lady Lake, Fla., on June 1, 2003.

**Mr. Frederick A. Coe '38**, of Brockton, Mass., on December 27, 2003.

**Mrs. Norma Keyser Strobel '39**, of Elliott City, Md., on January 19, 2004.

**Mrs. Edith Armacost Ernest '40**, of Westminster, Md., on February 15, 2004.

**Mrs. Phoebe Gatchell Denney '41**, of Nacagdoches, Texas, on February 5, 2004.

**Mrs. Madalyn Flickinger Maust '41**, of Hanover, Pa., on March 25, 2004.

**Mr. Howard C. Mackenzie '42**, of Bel Air, Md., on November 1, 1986.

**Mr. W. Walter Carr '44**, of Oviedo, Fla., on February 21, 2004.

**Dr. Viron L. Diefenbach '44**, of Silver Spring, Md., on April 28, 2003.

**Mrs. Frances Hall Judd '44**, of Delray Beach, Fla., on August 25, 2003.

**Mrs. Nancy Hannen McCullough '45**, of Ledyard, Conn., on January 18, 2004.

**Mrs. Virginia Powell Butterfield '46**, of Bethany Beach, Del., on March 20, 2004.

**Mrs. Betty Burgee Bishop '47**, of Palm Bay, Fla., on June 4, 2003.

**Mrs. Mary Davies Carson '47**, of Charleston, S.C., on November 11, 2003.

**Mrs. Helen Lingenfelter Cushman '48**, of Chevy Chase, Md., on December 11, 2003.

**Mrs. Shirley Clark Foster '50**, of Lebanon, Ohio, on March 23, 2002.

**Mr. Clair A. Trout MEd '51**, of Seven Valleys, Pa., on January 5, 2004.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Caskey Clopper MEd '59**, of Hagerstown, Md., on January 23, 2004.

**Dr. Ronald Litto '59**, of Margate City, N.J., on February 19, 2004.

**Mrs. Dorothy Leese Lamb MEd '63**, of Hanover, Pa., on February 7, 2004.

**Mr. Carville V. Earle '64**, of Baton Rouge, La., on October 9, 2003.

**Nan Marie Hamberger '75** on April 19, 2004.

**Mrs. Ingrid Persson Madden MEd '75**, of New Market, Md., on January 12, 2004.

**Dr. Alice Gwathney Pinderhughes**, honorary doctor of humane letters 1986, of Baltimore, Md., on November 16, 1995.

**Mr. Robert J. Keeshan**, honorary doctor of humane letters 1996, of Hartford, Vt., on January 23, 2004.

**Dr. Paul Adrian Jan Janssen**, honorary doctor of science 1999, of Vosselaar, Belgium, on November 11, 2003.

## Marriages

**Jack Smith '45** to Barbara Gibbons on June 18, 2004. They reside in Galensville, Md.

**Joan Durno '57** to John Claybrook on September 20, 2003. They reside in Rockville, Md.

**Jesse Horsman MEd '75** to Mary O'Rourke on May 29, 2004. They reside in Easton, Md.

**Chris Williams '87** to Colleen Donnelly on July 24, 2004. They reside in Austin, Texas.

**Michelle Miller '93** to Mick McGrellis on September 13, 2003. They reside in Woodbury, N.J.

**Nicole Dolan '96** to Richard Casamento on July 4, 2004. They reside in Brigantine, N.J.

**Sonia Stoy '97** to Ryan Chapin on May 1, 2004. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

**Mariene Wagner '98** to Sam Stanton on July 24, 2004. They reside in Easton, Md.

**Jenny Addeo '99** to Charles Bell Jr. on May 1, 2004. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Rick Agnello '99** to Angela Lewis '98 on January 2004. They reside in Levittown, N.Y.

**Matthew Dauphin '99** to Shannon Benson '00 on June 19, 2004. They reside in Pottstown, Pa.

**Mandy Hofstetter '99** to Kurt Ferringer on June 19, 2004. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Kirsten Ann Carroll '00** to James Richard Evans on August 28, 2004. They reside in Shrewsbury, Pa.

**Amy Cipolloni '00** to Christopher Bland on June 5, 2004. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Kristen Rider '00** to Ryan Legge '00 on December 6, 2003. They reside in Elkridge, Md.

**Christina Simms '01** to Michael Blundin '00 on May 30, 2004. They reside in Smithfield, R.I.

**Brooke Joseph '02** to Shawn Talmadge on January 10, 2004. They reside in Towson, Md.

**Erin Collins '03** to Peter Harley on July 18, 2004. They reside in Norfolk, Va.

**Katrina Emerick '03** to Kenny Cooper on June 5, 2004. They reside in Frostburg, Md.

**Amy Michael '03** to Scott Seylar on July 31, 2004. They reside in Greencastle, Pa.

**Holly Smith '03** to Benjamin Liska '01 on December 27, 2003. They reside in Leesburg, Va.

**Chris Wineke '03** to Dana Gardner '02 on July 10, 2004. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

**Julie Thomas '04** to Rob Hughes on May 29, 2004. They reside in Westminster, Md.

## Births

**Timothy Patrick Connor**, on June 18, 2004, to Rick '84 and Liz Goodnow '87 Connor.

**Reuben Wilhelm Goettee**, on June 4, 2004, to Jeffrey '84 and Connie Goettee.

**Nicolas Aidan Kreisa**, on April 6, 2004, to John and Melissa Durley '87 Kreisa.

**Paige Celeste Merril**, on June 9, 2004, to Greg '87 and Claire Merril.

**Lindsay Margaret Morris**, on January 20, 2004, to Chris '87 and Maureen Morris.

**Mia Kathryn Wheatley**, on August 6, 2004, to Robert '87 and Marsha Wheatley.

**Liz Chamberlayne Ikle**, on March 25, 2004, to Keith and Lynn Johnson '90 Ikle.

**Brooks Allan Folio**, on April 14, 2004, to Rick and Tracey Snyder '91 Folio.

**Peter Joseph Cooper**, on June 7, 2004, to Joseph and Deborah Housley '92 Cooper.

**Kayla Rose Musselman**, on October 3, 2003, to Brian and Brenda Christensen '93 Musselman.

**Sophie Ann Snider**, on August 7, 2003, to Mike and Robin Lang '93 Snider.

**Joshua Raymond Brown**, on May 24, 2004, to Robert '95 and Emily Snyder '95 Brown.

**Jenna K. Gest**, on July 3, 2003, to John and Michele Rhoe MS'95 Gest.

**Logan Thomas Hicks**, on May 30, 2004, to Robert and Debra Uricheck MS'95 Hicks.

**Katherine Nicole Ladison**, on April 5, 2003, to Timothy and Kristen Cain-Ladison MS'95.

**Laineyn Ann Oddis**, on May 7, 2004, to Mike and Carrie Schuster '95 Oddis.

**Greyson James Shambaugh**, on March 27, 2004, to Jamie and Kathleen Snyder '99 Shambaugh.

**William Michael Thomason**, on October 7, 2003, to Spencer MS'99 and Jennifer Thomason.

**Douglas Wayne Lindahl Jr.**, on October 5, 2003, to Doug and Allison Hall MS'00 Lindahl.

**Caroline Elizabeth Little**, on January 16, 2004, to Chris and Michelle Bartles MS'00 Little.

**Stefan Enrico Martino**, on March 22, 2004, to Giuseppe MS'00 and Janet Hobbs MS'94, MS'99 Martino.

**Tyler James Redman**, on July 26, 2003, to James MS'00 and Christine Seims MS'00 Redman.

**Sofia Lane Reich**, on February 16, 2004, to Luke and Dana Huggins MS'00 Reich.

**Katherine Nicole Stavarakakis**, on April 3, 2003, to George and Nancy Snyder MS'00 Stavarakakis.

**Jonathan Stebick**, on May 6, 2004, to Timothy and Divonna Mohr MS'00 Stebick.

**Heidi Bronson**, on July 12, 2004, to Josh '01 and Celia Stroope '01 Bronson.

**Hannah Beth Lebo**, on July 29, 2004, to Paul '01 and Lisa Peterson '01 Lebo.

**Madison Elizabeth Barry**, on May 16, 2004, to Ian and Rebecca Crowder '03 Barry.

# CLASSMATES

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Since 1985 when I retired from teaching, the Class of '45 has relied on me as their class reporter to receive news and hear it to our classmates through *The Hill*. For some unknown reason, my library science professor, Miss Wislie Atkins, was haunting me—reminding me to “get your files in perfect alphabetical order.” Ah, an idea for preparing my column. So, let's begin!

**Robert H. "Bob" Adams** leads off our newsy column from a retirement community in vibrant downtown Madison, Wis., where he can still enjoy the activities of UM, the symphony hall, plays and politics (a "Deaneia supporting Kerry"). So many of us have moved all over the U.S., but Bob has remained where he was married in 1950, raised three sons and where his "aging body will be laid to rest again for 2024." An added note: "McDaniel is a great name and a great school, but I liked going to a college named after the great railroad."

**Cecelia Buckner Bouma** and husband John had not missed much when they traveled to China: Beijing, the Great Wall, Kian warriors, Yangtze River cruise, Little Gorges, Kunning, Carlin and a flight to Hong Kong after a typhoon subsided. A three-week time-share near Disney gives them a chance for visits with family and friends.

A move from their long-time home in Catonsville to Charlestown Retirement Community came as husband for **Marian Whiteford Boyer** and husband Sam in October 2003.

**Frances "Fuzz" Brown Crawford** and husband Bill still travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., but since reaching their 80th birthdays decided 80 MPH is not for them. Future plans include retirement home hunting and hopefully attending our 60th reunion next spring.

Someone else is anticipating a future home in a retirement village—**Carroll A. Doggett**. He still tends his garden and orchard in Myersville when he and his wife **Nan Austin '47** return from Harrison M. Langrall M.D. in Paoli, Pa. writes, "I must faithfully report that I am financially and physically disabled at this time and therefore, unfit for a forage to your most friendly frolic at Ocean City on Friday, the 29th of the fourth month—a failure I fear I will forever feel I was unfairly forbidden by the fickle finger of fate. Please convey

Down in Cape Coral, Fla., **Jean Eddy Earl Duff** is enjoying granddaughter Jolie Wagner, 7, who "kicks a mean soccer ball." Jean and I chatted via phone a year ago.

**Mary Webb France** has a new address at the Charlestown Retirement Village in Catonsville, where other alumni also live. I'm sure she has found bridge partners! "No major health problems this year," says **Katherine "Kay" Kaiser Francom**, so she and husband Ted can have their planned trips: a riverboat cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, a return visit to Ireland and lazy days at Ocean City. They looked forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Irvine, Calif., has claimed **Thelma Young Friedel** and **Ridge '43** for so many years. She writes, "Ridge and I are busy trying to make the best of our old age and ailments. His Parkinson's disease and my stroke in July '03 really slowed us down. But we are surrounded by many dear friends, our church family and our four wonderful and supportive children. We are grateful and fortunate. My best wishes to my '45 classmates." Since telephone companies have offered free unlimited long distance calls, I just happened to talk to the Friedel's son when Thelma was hospitalized. After a get-together in July '03 with the Eastern Shore Class of '43, I sent good wishes to Ridge from his classrooms.

**Jeanne Williams Groff** let us know a change of address for her, 5100 Fillmore Avenue, Unit 516, Alexandria, VA, 22311.

"Life is good: church, golf, bridge, husband Lingo planning trips for retired Prince Georges County teachers," quotes **Ann Leete Hudson** from District Heights. This year the Hudsons have witnessed two high school graduations of grandchildren and a University of Maryland grandchild graduate. Two cruises were experienced—inter-coastal waterway from Warren, R.I., to Stewart, Fla., and a Caribbean cruise with five stops en route and a railroad ride to Panama along the canal. In May, they had a trip to Washington State to see oldest granddaughter married.

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my friendship to all and my feelings of fatality for the future failures I am fearful face me." Signed Faithfully Harry, better known to us as Buzz.

**Nell Quirk Levy** and husband Julius in St. Mary's City spent four months in Florida. While there, they lunched with **Jean Andrews Richards** and husband Nell. They have the Home Ec. alumni have another reunion, for she missed the most recent one. The Levys' travels take them to Kentucky and Florida to visit their son and daughter and to their Ocean City condo.

**Ruth Putzel Lowe** wrote from Elkins Park, Pa. She enjoys her activities: bridge, garden club and judging. She wishes all of us a wonderful 60th reunion, but will be unable to attend.

**Dr. Earl W. Morey** and wife **Betty Little '48** are thoroughly enjoying their 56 years together, with the last 12 on beautiful Lake Pinehurst, N.C. Blessings come with three children, 14 "grands" and two "greats." His third book was published in 2003. Earl continues to preach and teach a two-week seminar in Europe along with visiting son and his family in Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Alice "Sis" Kuhn McKinley** and husband are decision-making—to keep two houses distant apart or choose one residence. She thinks it will be St. Augustine, Fla., but so sorry to leave Duxbury, Mass., and friends there. Sis looks forward to our 60th reunion next spring.

In spite of her battle with skin cancer and melanoma on her right thigh, **Ann Froenleiter Palmer** still maintains her lifestyle of many years. A cruise to Alaska and a Rocky Mountain train ride in Canada was shared with an Arizona resident and friend. Ann's second residence in Florida allows her to visit sister **Shirley Fronleiter Moghabe '50**. Boccie (missed the 2004 Olympics), swimming and bridge are Ann's pastimes.

**Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn** is near her kids and grandkids in Annapolis. "I'm learning about plumbing problems, erosion control and starting the lawn mower. While strongly considering downsizing, my chores keep me out of the rocking chair." Fortunately, my own activities allow me to graciously accept invitations to drive down from Ellicott City to attend Naval Academy

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concerts and share my old roomie's grandsons. What fun we have!

Can you just picture Miss Maude Gestner, music professor at WMC, standing over the shoulder of **Janice McKinley Reisman** noting the mistakes on those invoices as she entertains the residents of her retirement home in Indianapolis, Ind. Along with her musical contribution, Janice is also the religious life chairman. "My years at WMC were lovely ones and I have so many fond memories."

Our former director of alumni relations **Donna DuVall Sellman** now posts in a special decree: "2005 will soon be at hand! On this 60th anniversary of our graduation from Western Maryland College, I hope all will make one last effort to gather for our class reunion. Our class started out with World War II and we have known conflicts ever since. Please make a special effort to meet on April 29, 2005."

**John L. Smith** (Snuffy or Jack to us) has retired after 35 years in the retail lumber and hardware business at Galesburg, Md. Jack and his first wife, Marie (who died in 2002) have two children, three grandchildren and two great-grand. Wedding bells rang on June 18, 2004, when Jack married Barbara Gibbons.

During the summer of 2003, a happy group of the '45 class met at Fenby's in Westminster for a gabbing session along with a delicious buffet luncheon. Those members included **Donna DuVall Sellman, Gale Lodge Thiele, Carroll and Nan Austin '47 Doggett, Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn, Mary Spanglo Pfefferkorn, Ann Leete and Luingo Hudson, Jack Smith, Cecelia Buckner and John Bouma**, and myself. What a great time remembering!

**William E. Smith** in Pinehurst, N.C., continues as a life trustee at Ohio Wesleyan University and an emeritus member of the Board of Visitors, Duke Divinity School. In June 2004, Bill and Mary Lou attended the 29th Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio, where he gave the invocation at his college celebration. Lee Trevino and the late British amateur Joyce Wethered were honored. The Memorial is played each year at Muirfield, named after the course in Scotland where Jack Nicklaus won his first British Open. Bill hopes to do one more Memorial in 2005, making it 30 times in all, in his 80th year. (This is back at the invitation of Jack and Barbara Nicklaus. Barbara grew up, and was married, in the church where he was pastor in Columbus, Ohio.)

**Marion "Suzy" Maddox Shorsky** and husband Joe are full-time residents of Vero Beach, Fla., but a visit to daughter Karen's home in Salisbury gave the Shorskys a chance to join their Class of '41 at Denton High School where they met and married. Their newest addition to their family is great-grandson Glen Stewart in Durham, N.C.

**Gale Lodge Thiele** writes, "No big news but all is well. Looking forward to annual family vacation at Stone Harbor, N.J. Also hope to see many of my '45 classmates next April."

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S McDANIEL MATERIAL?

Alumni who encourage prospective McDaniel students to make a personal visit to the Hill can help them apply to the College for free. Under this new incentive program, the application fee will be waived when a prospective student schedules an official visit with the Admissions staff prior to the time of application. The student will need to provide the name of the recommending alumnus at the time of the visit. An official visit includes Summer Information Day, Fall Open Houses, Saturday Information Sessions and Weekday Interviews. Call 410/857-2230 to make an appointment.

Cruises for families seem to be the best way to have a reunion. **Peggy Carter Welkos** and her family of 17 did just that in the summer of 2003—cruising to Bermuda. Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster is where Peggy is among many alumni. She sees **Charlotte MacConney Hall** there often.

Condolences to the family of **Nancy Hannen McCullough** on her death on Jan. 18, 2004, and to the family of **Janet Lee Baugher Covington** who died on May 17, 2004 at the Charleston Retirement Community in Baltimore, Md.

On Saturday, June 12, 2004, in the Lady of the Angels Chapel at Charleston, I witnessed the "measure of a woman"—**Janet Lee Baugher Covington**. Through testimonies from her high school friends, **Ms. Sue Cockey Kiefer '33**, Janet's high school teacher, a god-daughter, and a letter from a colleague of WMAR-TV, where Janet worked, I realized I did not really know my old College classmate. Now I do! Other classmates/friends in attendance were **Marian Whiteford Boyer** and husband **Sam**, **Mary Virginia Webb France**, **Gale Lodge Thies**, **Anita "Neets" Richardson Oswald**, **Wilbur "Woody" Preston '44**. Spouses announced Jack Dawson and June Thorne represented WMAR-TV. Janet Lee's nieces, daughters of "**Bo**" **Baugher '43**, Kim and Kathy, hosted a luncheon following the memorial service where the memories of our friend continued.

This column was written while I was visiting daughter Jeanie and families in Clarksville, Tenn., and attending granddaughter Sierra's high school graduation in Harrisburg, Ark. My families keep me very busy sharing their ceremonial activities. A second nurse in the family received her RN degree. Eleven grandchildren and 10 "greats" can explain why I'm not in a rocking chair. When I'm not out-of-state with kin, I can be found still volunteering at a hospital or hospice care, directing two church choirs, arranging reunions and organizational lunches or just "doing" lunch with friends. To add to **Donna DeVall Selman's** plea, try your best to plan on joining many of our classmates on April 29, 2005 at Fenby's Restaurant in Westminster. Let's make it at least 60 for our 60th! Anna Rose Beasman Anderson 3347-D Chatham Road Elicott City, MD 21042

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Grandchildren (and can you believe it, great grandchildren?), trips, volunteer projects and downsizing were "hot topics" this time. **Barbara Payne Wiley** and **Bob** continue to spend six months at their Florida home and as much time as possible with their daughter and grandchildren. Babs does volunteer work and both are working sporadically on their genealogy. "Just fun being lazy some days."

**Nancy Winkelman** is still living in Florida and went on a Scandinavian cruise in June.

**Phil Kable** enjoyed hosting **Dottie Phillips Bailey** and **Larry**, and **Ed Nordby '50** for a visit in May. In May he traveled to Indiana for a granddaughter's high school graduation as well as a family gathering of three of his children and seven grandchildren.

**Dottie Phillips Bailey** and **Larry** continue to be pleased with their retirement community, "Mallard Landing" in Salisbury, Md., where they enjoy a great activities program with many new friends and some alumni. Their travels this year included a Panama Canal cruise, a riverboat cruise on the Rhine and Mosel and Disney magic with their children and grandchildren.

**Fred Kefer** reported a great time when **Bill Simpson** and wife **Peggy** visited **Fred** and **Susie** at their home in Ft. Pierce, Fla. This was the first face-to-face reunion of the two roommates in 45 years. Both looked older (but should they be different?), but the voices, smiles and personalities were still the same. Both agreed that time had somewhat mellowed their views. **Fred** and **Susie** continue to travel on cruise ships in the Caribbean and Mediterranean whenever the price is right for a retired college professor and RN. They declared their cruise from Athens to London "the trip of a lifetime."

**Peggy Kerns Band** reported her latest adventure with husband **Ray** was downsizing to a smaller home near their former one in Bethesda. They have four grandchildren—two in New York and two in Bethesda who are soon college-bound.

**Marian Benton Tonjes** enjoys staying in touch with old friends like **Peg Kerns Band**, **Henry Christopher '48**, **Phyl Weaver Dahl** and brother **Doug**. **Marian** is still teaching part time at the University. She traveled to Manila, Trans-Siberia (by private train) and London/Edinburgh.

**Roland Layton** is enjoying the typical retiree's life—spending February in Florida, playing lots of bridge, editing the historical society's annual journal, writing book reviews for a local newspaper, winning 11 ribbons for his flowers at the state fair and expecting his first great-grandchild.

**Dottie Klinefelter Earl** while learning to cope with arthritis remains an avid Orioles fan. Time is heavy on her hands but I heard from a mutual friend that she is doing beautiful knitting.

**Paul Beard** reports that he is still going strong—building an office onto his house and taking care of 23 acres of farmland for his sister-in-law. "College days were good but I like these better."

At the celebration of his 50th reunion from the University of Maryland Medical School, **Ed Klohr** visited with **Charlie Hammer '50**. In July he and his wife took their children, Pam and **Steve Klohr '81**, their spouses and four grandchildren to Glacier National Park and hiked into Sperry Chalet. This trip had been planned two years ago but had to be postponed because of Ed's surgery and chemo for lymphoma of the stomach. Thankfully he is doing very well now.

**Mary Bankert Appler** is living at South Mountain Lake in southwest Virginia. She and her husband have traveled to many countries and islands, usually cruising.

**Pat Shear Pylpce** volunteers with Help by Phone and Meals on Wheels. Both election days she could be found at the polls for 16 hours. Last year she gave away 75 books and this year another 30. She enjoys reading good quality non-fiction. Living next to University of Maryland provides her opportunities to attend many concerts. She enjoys her grandchildren, 10 and 3.

**Jean Dennison Smart** is still living alone on the lake on the border of North Carolina and Virginia. Several of the last storms have totaled her ski boat, damaged the roof of her home and felled several large trees. However, she has good neighbors and an active life in the local Methodist Church. Her two sons, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren live in Olney and Gaithersburg, Md., where she visits frequently. Her travels have included a trip to Alaska and an Elderhostel in North Carolina. The rest of her time is spent gardening and volunteering. She appreciates good health and friends since her husband died in 1997.

**Shirley Stevenson Potter** and husband **George** continue to enjoy traveling. Last summer featured a trip to Peru and the Amazon River Basin area. There are still many destinations on the list of "must-dos" including a visit to Australia and New Zealand in 2005. Kids, grandkids, gardening, photography and genealogy keep them busy.

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Travel to England, Arizona, Texas and Utah took some of **Betty Linton Wallace deKeyser's** time in 2003. Volunteering, genealogical research and family gatherings also kept her busy. All of her children reside in Pennsylvania—eldest grandson is off to college this year. A trip to England and Scot-

land is on Betty's agenda for this year.

**Don McShane** retired from periodontal practice in May 1992, sailed down into the Caribbean for five years and went everywhere. His future wife sailed out of Cork, Ireland, and they met in Trinidad. She climbed aboard with a seagull and a guitar and they have been sailing ever since with occasional stops in Exmore, Va. It was great to see **Don** and **Mel** at our 50th reunion. He still misses the old "hill."

Years 2002 and 2003 were very difficult for **Mary Ruth Williams**. Her beloved younger brother **Jim**, who lived next door to her, died unexpectedly on Aug. 19. The next 11 months were spent settling his affairs. Meanwhile, in February 2003, **Mary Ruth** was diagnosed with hepatitis C that was apparently given as an "added dividend" during blood transfusions during surgery in 1989. Having a retired military health plan allowed her to become a part of a special Johns Hopkins hepatitis C study group. By January 2004 lab test results revealed normal readings—a 100 percent cure. While she has not returned to full health each day gets her closer.

**Paul Schatzberg** is volunteering at a local elementary school helping immigrant children learn English as a second language. Most of the children are Hispanic. He finds the experience very satisfying. He is also doing Yoga and Tai Chi, studying recent scholarly findings on the historical Jesus primarily through the Jesus seminar of the Westar Institute, studying prime evolution; teaching hand massage at the Senior Center and writing short stories (nothing published yet). It is obvious he is enjoying good health.

Just typing **Dottie Frizzell Williams**' schedule made me tired. She is still ice dancing every week—not as much stamina but twice as good as 10 years ago in foot work—always a challenge. Two granddaughters, 5 and 10 years of age, also ice skate and can't understand why grandmother can't do "shoot the duck." From June until October **Dottie** planned to return to Maine and her fused glass business that she was considering selling at the end of this season. Anytime traveling to Bar Harbor is invited to stop for a visit at Jonesport, off Rt. 1 North.

**Betty Shivers Hitchcock** moved to a retirement community in St. Louis, Mo., which is near her daughter and granddaughter. She is an active volunteer at the nursing home on the

campus and as a tutor. The many recreational activities and planned trips have made the move a happy one.

**Angie Crothers Zawacki** shared news from classmates with whom she has contact: **Dodie Arnold Callahan** and **Bill** are still living in Catonsville and she is a tour guide for Baltimore City Visitors; **Mary Lou Schanze Stleger** continues to love living in Ocean City; **Kathy Bliss Wassmann** is still living in Columbia and is

currently experiencing some eye problems; **Sonya Wine Dyer** and husband **Manning** moved to a retirement community in Charlotte, N.C., several years ago. After a trip to Eastern Europe in June, **Angie** and **Len '50** were kept busy with family, grandchildren's sports activities, church events and yard work. They are looking forward to Len's 55th reunion next year.

**Mary K. Willis Albrittain** and **Bill** are enjoying retirement by taking short trips on the East Coast within driving distance of Faulkner but are looking forward to traveling to Key West and Reno. **Mary Kay** enjoys quilting, gardening, antiques and 10 grandchildren. Keeping up with the young people while volunteering with the local fire department's ladies auxiliary is a real challenge.

**Dale Townsend** and wife **Millie Mackubin '50** continue to volunteer in their Linthicum community where they have lived since 1958. Dale helps at BWI, Boy Scouts, church, Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross. Since retiring they enjoy traveling—five Elderhostels and an overland and cruise to Alaska in June where they hoped to hook up with **Bob Fraser** in Anchorage.

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**Harry LeFev** retired in 1999 after 40 years as public relations manager at Westaco. He still lives in the "wonderful mountains of Western Maryland" but spends the coldest part of the winter in Ft. Meyers Beach, Fla., with wife Janet. Harry reports he is still active with golf, tennis and monkey business.

Immediately after graduating, "**Bud**" **Dunning** joined the USAF for four years, spending three years as an air traffic controller in Berlin, Germany. After his discharge he obtained a chemical engineering-metallurgical option degree from University of Maryland in 1958 while working part time with the federal government. He retired in 1987 after working 30 years in metallurgy research at the Bureau of Mines. He and his wife **Ann** have lived in Sherwood Forest on the Severn River since 1969. They enjoy having their two daughters and five grandchildren living within walking distance. Bud spends retirement fishing, crab-

bing, gardening and golfing. He had to give up tennis because of three joint replacements. Still an avid Terps fan.

**Rachel Ebert Holmes Cruzan** was very involved with family when she wrote from Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Her youngest son Lawrence and family, including baby Grace Montague Bennett, were arriving for a visit. She was named for God's Grace after their whole family grieved James Bennett's sudden death in January '03. "Montague" was my daughter Julia's middle name. All of this has helped pull the rest of us closer to one another and to God. James is buried next to Julia at God, James Trinity in Churchville," she says. Rachel didn't expect to be in Maryland again until the winter. Rachel now has a record 15 grandchildren.

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Last June, **Jerry Phipps** played in his Fifth National Senior Olympics Games and came away with a silver medal in his age group. This was added to two bronze and one gold from previous competitors. Jerry is quite a golfer, having shot his age 22 times—the latest in the 2004 College Alumni Tournament. Last year he took a tourist/golf trip to Ireland to play different courses. It was very different from U.S.A. golf but unique and fun. The people and the pubs were great as well. In November, Jerry will celebrate his first wedding anniversary with Joan—they eloped to Florida, got fed up with cold and snow in January and returned to the sunny south until March. Jerry continues as a volunteer basketball coach at Dulaney High School in Cockeysville.

**Pat McLaren DiMeo** has had to reduce her teaching schedule as she is the caregiver for Vic who is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. Fortunately they are close to a well-known research facility where they are receiving care and support. This year Pat was able to perform in *Arsenic and Old Lace* on the Alliant University campus. She played Aunt Abby and used "Toby's" (**Elizabeth Bemiller '27**) old script from her performance in that role in the WMC faculty production in the '40s. (I remember that production well.) Daughter Lauren's next book, *The Babylon Manifesto*, is due out in the fall. Daughter Lisa's forensic business is doing very well. At a mini-college reunion in California, Pat won a sports cap and caught up on more news during a visit with **Dolly Dalgleish Darigo** at Christmas. Following her trip to South Africa, Dolly and husband Carl came to Westminster where she got a first-hand report on the College women's basketball team's

winning season from friend and coach **Becky Martin '80**. She also enjoyed a catch-up lunch with **Marty Buchman Brauning** and Gary, and me.

**Gary and Marty Buchman Brauning** continue to help in a small manner on the family farm while Gary II, Kate and their four children assume the major responsibility. Last year while on a bus trip to Maine, Marty and Gary met **Audrey Myers Buffington '52** at I.L. Bear in Portland for a short-but-happy reunion.

It appears that I will have to visit the Reading outlets to have my annual reunion with roommate **Ann Van Order deLong**. For the past several years we have spent a day together on the beach in Ocean City while she was vacationing with a daughter and grandson. Unfortunately that condo was sold and they will vacation elsewhere. My two oldest grandchildren graduated from Westminster High School in June. In August, I enjoyed a trip to Alaska with **Eve** and **John Schaeffer '49** and **Jeanne** and **Ober Herr '49**. I continue to enjoy portraying "The Cox in the Hat" while reading and distributing books to young children as part of the local Woman's Club's literacy project.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of deceased classmates: **Paul Tereshinski**, June 17, 2002; **Lloyd Owens**, July 18, 2002; **Park Ranck**, August 10, 2002; **J. Earl Zie**, August 15, 2003; **Norman J. Slamecka**, August 2, 2003; and **Aloysius J. Skvarek**, March 20, 2004.

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So, let's begin!

**1957** Thanks to all who responded to my plea for news for this column. It's great to hear from so many '57ers. From all the news, it sounds like most of us are really in the travel mode. **Jack** and I finally retired in December 2002, after 42 years in the dental practice in New Windsor, Md. We now understand how all the other retirees say they live such busy lives. Many house projects that were delayed for lack of time are now getting completed and we are doing more leisurely travel. We took our first Elderhostel trip recently, a nine-day cruise on the Intracoastal Waterway from Charleston, S.C., to Jacksonville, Fla. What a marvelous experience! We are now hooked on Elderhostels and survey the catalogs for more trips. It is a great way to travel and keep your brain cells in the "learning" mode while traveling. The grandchild count is now eight and you know what that means—busy days, but joyous ones. Five are close to us, and the other three are in Los Alamos, N.M.—a good excuse for trips.

We continue to see **Paul** and **Mary-West Pitts Ensor** frequently and have season's tickets with them to Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia, Md. **Mary-West** retired from her official position at her church, but still stays

very involved with teaching, flower arranging and all the other many jobs around the church. Paul continues to work for the State Health Department, traveling all over Maryland. They have four grandchildren, two in Maryland and two in Colorado.

**Mary Jane Thorney Wilson** also stays in close contact. She has done many Elderhostel trips from kayaking to birding and has told us for years how wonderful they are.

Cards came in from two classmates who started with us in 1953, but finished at other colleges. What a pleasure to receive their news. **Ann Mackert Smith** writes from Elliot City, Md., that she retired from teaching high school English in Baltimore County, then concentrated on writing. She has just published a book of historical fiction about Maryland's first colony in 1667, *Love Most Foolish, Love Most Wise* and it is available online from PublishAmerica, Borders, Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

**Ann Hershfield Lau** is in South Carolina and reported attending an Elderhostel program in Boston, Mass., this year. In the class with her was **JoEllen Outerbridge DeMarco**.

**Joyce Harrington Stotler** says she will be at our reunion in 2007. She is still teaching literature and writing at Florida Tech and Richard Tankersley (**Don** and **Loanne Manning '59 Tankersley's** son) is a professor in the biology department. She mentioned that **Lynda Skinner Kratochvil** had just visited with her while attending a wedding. **Joyce's** husband said they talked non-stop!

**Karin Schade James** recently returned from a trip to Egypt, gaining a deeper understanding of the rich history and culture of that fascinating civilization—even though their luggage was lost for one week. She also hopes to attend the 50th reunion.

It was good to hear from **Abbott 'Abbie' Wainwright**. His life sounds very active out in Scottsdale, Ariz. He signed onto the interactive alumni directory and found there were seven alumni in Scottsdale, Abbie being the oldest. He visited McDaniel College Budapest last summer and was very impressed with the College's accomplishments there. **Abbott** recently fin-

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ished a book for crossword buffs, *Solving Today's Crosswords: A Manual for the Nerd*, which has a publication date in October. Another author among our classmates!

**Bill Muhlenfeld**, down in Texas, sends his best wishes to all classmates, and will try to attend the 50th.

A major life change was made by **Jean Goodie Stahl** and her husband Bob. Many of you will remember that Jean and Bob were at their son's house in southern Maryland when a tornado ripped through the area, destroying their son's house and all the family belongings. Fortunately, because of the rapid response of Jean's son, they were all herded into the basement and no one was injured. After all that trauma and trying to help their son's family recover, Jean and Bob needed a happy occasion. That came when their daughter gave birth to two grandsons. Now, Jean and Bob are living in the life care community of Willow Valley, Pa., enjoying the security and freedom and new friendships there—and no grass to mow.

**Lynda Skinner Kratovic** and Frank are both retired, although Lynda says Frank does some substitute "judging" around the state. Their son, **Frank Jr. '90**, was elected State's Attorney in Queen Anne's County and **Jim Lightner '99** attended the swearing-in ceremony. Lynda and Frank have seven grandchildren, six on Kent Island, Md., and one in Florida, where her mother works for the United Nations. Her other daughter is an attorney on the eastern shore of Maryland.

**Howard and Janet Perkins Zimmerman** say that it doesn't seem possible we're getting close to our 50th reunion! They enjoy southern living. Howard plays golf and works at the golf course several days a week. Janet reads, plays bridge and works at the bookstore several days a week.

**Vancouver, Wash.**, is home base for **Jean Cline**. She recently moved into a 55-plus mobile home park with views of Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens—spectacular scenery.

**Rev. Dave Bailey** celebrated the 40th anniversary of Ranch Hope in Allway, N.J., on May 8. They are starting an alumni association of their students and are opening a temporary shelter for teenagers on the Alloway campus. Classmates are invited to visit at any time.

**Betty Nicklas Pearce** and **Jim '56** say they are fine and their Tennessee and Spain families are in great shape.

Since our last reunion, **Buddy and Grace Fletcher Pipes** have been following the ancient Celts, visiting Normandy, Brittany, Scotland and Ireland. They enjoyed comparing Celtic cultures there with that of their home in Caledonia City, Vermont. Last summer, **Grace and Jean Warfield '56** spent two weeks in Montana, hiking in Glacier National Park and Yellowstone Park. Buddy and Grace have seven grandchildren. Grace is busy braiding rugs and Buddy has a large vegetable garden. They both benefit from water aerobics, foreign films, an active church and many retired friends in the area.

**Byron Hollinger** is happy to be back in Carroll County after 40 years in San Antonio, Texas.

"Continuing to enjoy family—children and grandchildren in Plano and Austin, Texas and Baltimore," that's the word from **Mike Savarese**. He spends time on the golf course and in the gym and is stepping up plans for more travel and a warmer weather residence.

**Pat Werner Callender** and **George** spent the winter on their lot in Davenport, Fla., and will be spending the summer back in Bel Air, Md. They are pass holders for Disney World, so they spend a lot of time there in the winter. It is also a great place to entertain the grandchildren when they visit. She said they added a sprinkler system to their lot in Florida so they don't have to worry about the plants when they are not there.

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**Audrey Pierce Maberry** and **Barry** also enjoy four months in Florida at Ft. Myers. They head back to Annapolis for the rest of the year. Audrey says that retirement can be very exhausting—not enough time to fit it all in. Their eldest grandchild is graduating from high school in Atlanta and is headed to Smith College, because she will see lots of snow. Audrey is anxiously awaiting the 50th reunion.

Another classmate who does not spend much time at home is **Anna Jarrell**. She mentioned a forthcoming trip to Iceland and is still activities director at a summer camp.

We have another Florida wintertime visitor in **John Kaufman**. He said that he and wife **Jan** returned to Englewood Beach, Fla., for their fourth annual month of February visit. They returned to Maryland three times in 2003—John's 50th high school reunion in Westminster, Jan's 50th high school reunion in Manchester and their annual trip to Ocean City with daughters and families. John and Jan are also Elderhostlers, having gone to St. Simons Island, Ga., in May. John continues as treasurer of his church in Richmond, Va., and Jan still volunteers at the Wayne County Visitor Center and as a "study buddy" at a local elementary school.

**Joan Durno Claybrook** had a year that would fill a book! Joan had met John Claybrook on a trip to Australia and New Zealand and brought him with her to our 45th reunion. They chose Sept. 20, 2003 as their wedding day—just after Hurricane Isabel wrought her wrath. Her saga of the two days before the wedding would fill

at least a long chapter in that book. Suffice it to say that the wedding was lovely and that day was sunshine bright (I know because our daughter also got married that same day—an outdoor wedding). The day before Joan and John's wedding brought some rather tense moments—no electricity, wedding cakes delivered to John and Joan's house because they were melting at the cake lady's house without electricity (John and Joan apparently had their current by this time), a party scheduled for another location had to be held at their house, the caterer was without electricity so all that "stuff," as Joan refers to it, was brought to Joan's refrigerators. Joan and John have done extensive traveling from western United States to Canada to Italy and Germany. In November, Joan had her other hip replaced and she says she now has a "matched pair."

**Ginny Tull Phipps** and **Charlie '55** are grateful for a good year health-wise and travel-wise. Church work fills much time, also, plus time with two daughters and four grandsons. They were to celebrate 20 years at Bethany Beach this year with family and friends. A big hello to all classmates comes from **Ron Strauss**. Ron and his wife are retired and still living in Michigan City, Ind.

The invitation is still wide open to visit **Mary Ellen Weber Mehring** and **Jim** at their home on the Chesapeake Bay, just north of Solomon's Island, Md. The crabs are great! Mary Ellen and Jim cruised around the Hawaiian Islands, went to Victoria, B.C., took the Rocky Mountaineer train through the Canadian Rockies and the train across Canada to Toronto. Mary Ellen still plays the hand bells, sings in the choir and drives the church bus.

**June Wise Winkler** is yet another traveler. She went to Ireland last October, but still works part time for the University of Maryland Medical System. She has been a four-year cancer survivor and looking forward to the fifth anniversary. June also does some volunteer work for FISH of Howard County, Md.

We have a classmate on the Carroll County Republican Central Committee, **Jim Retzer**. Jim survived another tax season, with his office still in Glyndon, Md., although he lives in Westminster. Jim was planning a trip to England and France to visit D-Day sites on the 60th anniversary of the invasions.

**Marilyn Eccleston Boas** was sorry to report the death of her husband Wayne in August, 2003. After 42 years of mar-

riage she says that life has really changed for her, but she is forever grateful to college friends for their comforting support.

**Fred Rausch** and **Cathy** sold their Maryland home and have taken up residence on their 40-foot motor yacht, the "Behind Us." When Fred wrote to me they were docked at the Palm Coast Marina in Florida, but have purchased land and are building a home in Palm Coast. They plan to spend the summers on the Chesapeake Bay, on their yacht, and drive to their Florida home for the winter. All nine children are healthy and employed and 11 grandsons are all healthy.

**Dot Clarke** said her most recent news was a broken ankle, which happened May 7 while in the garden. She said she would be laid up for at least eight weeks, then follow with physical therapy.

Five grandchildren in four-and-one-half years is a pure joy to **Quincy Polk**. The twin granddaughters, 2, had open-heart surgery this past January and Quincy says their scars match hers!

**Carol Bingham Prendergast** almost missed the deadline. She had a problem with my e-mail address. Yes, that is a "q," not a "g," in qts.net. Carol's three daughters are spread from Florida to New York to Vermont, so she does a lot of traveling to visit with them. Her part-time work will probably end in September and she will again pick up her volunteer work with the American Cancer Society. She continues to be a Guardian Ad Litem—"We speak for the child"—throughout court proceedings in abuse and neglect cases. Carol says she started going to the gym three times a week and, much to her surprise, she loves it.

News came in from the "Road Runner"—otherwise known to us as **Ralph "Dusty" Martineil**. Although he is referred to his quintuple by-pass, six angioplasties and nine stents, he counts his blessings each day. He is participating in a study of people with athrothrombosis. He says they want to find out what keeps him "tickling." The Indian Casinos see his money weekly and Las Vegas casinos four to five times each year. Dusty says he will probably be eligible for promotion to third chief loser—a very prestigious rank! His last comment was, "We'll romp 'em next week, right Bob?"

**Pat Patterson** is relishing her friendships in the Pilgrim Place retirement community and the stimulating college town of Claremont, Calif., known for its trees and Ph.D.s. Pat is very active in the peace and justice movement and deeply concerned about our nation and our world.

**Amin '59** and **Peg Simon Jurf** took a College-sponsored trip to California—San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, etc.—in May and said it was a great trip.

It is always sad to relay news of the death of a classmate. My postcard to **Marc Meyers** was sent back to me by his son Lee stating that his father died two years ago after a long battle with cancer.

Also, since our last reunion, we received notices of the deaths of

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**Rowland Daughan** in November 2003 and **Charles Keighton** in August 2003. We send our condolences to all the families.

The Class of 1957 has always been very special, and will remain that way. "College ties can ne'er be broken. Formed at WMC!" Don't forget our 50th reunion, April/May 2007. Mark it on the calendar now. We had a great time at our 45th and this will be even better. We will be the "Honored Class"—can you believe 50 years? Go back and dig out the memorabilia from our years on the Hill. We will most certainly ask you to share these.

If anyone else has news or life-updates, please send it on to me at any time. Here's wishing good health and happy times to all of you.

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Greetings to the Class of '63 from **Janice Mooney Hobart and Jerry Richman**. While we

had high expectations following our record-40th reunion, the epilogue caught each of us by surprise as the number of responses fell far short of those who attended the reunion. Nonetheless we have great news to report and hope that many more of you will respond to our future missives.

**Rich and Judy Callahan Klitzberg** write from Florida of their visit with the **Warfields, Bob '52 and Peggy Hoey**. Rich's son has now moved to Florida to work with him. Jamie and Rich fish together and Jamie golfs. Rich's daughter, Dana, continues her pursuit of her culinary talents in Rome, Italy, as a chef. She recently authored "Fodor's Guide to Rome" and any of you planning a trip should contact either Rich or Dana for recommendations. Judy and Rich both suffered minor health setbacks in the past year, but each has fully recovered. Judy had two surgeries for skin cancer and Rich's back acted up, placing him in the hospital for a brief period. No more b-lah for Rich but he is still a fierce competitor on the tennis court. Richie hopes to see as many bachelors as possible at the October Homecoming party of Alpha Gamma Tau.

**Lance Klein**, of York, Pa., has survived prostate cancer and urges all men to have PSA tests annually regardless of age. His early diagnosis resulted in a successful resolution. He is willing to chat with any of you.

**Paula and Marty Schugam** report retirements from the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services and the Maryland Rabies Lab, respectively. The Schugams moved into Marty's parents' home in Owings Mills, Md., where they are seriously engaged in both interior and exterior rehab work. They enjoyed a three-week cruise to Alaska and celebrated their son Larry's marriage in October 2003. Their youngest son, Lenny, is an environ-

mental engineer with the Maryland Department of the Environment and both Marty and Paula are enjoying their retirement.

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**Geraldine "Jerry" Hopkins** reports retiring in 2000 and does nothing but travel, garden, paint and simply "enjoys life." Good work Jerry.

**Jack Buttmer** retired in June after 40 years serving as a Methodist minister. He and Nancy bought a home in Westport, N.Y., on the shores of Lake Champlain. Jack writes that with two acres of land, he and Nancy have plenty of room for gardening, maintaining their sailboat at the local marina, singing in a regional chorale, worshipping at an Episcopal church in Middlebury, Vt., and enjoying the beauty of their environment. Their children reside in Plainfield, N.J.; Morrisville, Pa.; Plano, Texas; and Portland, Ore.

**Jack and Betty Jacobus Blackburn** write from Charlottesville of their wonderful time as guests of the Hobarts, **Janice Mooney and Don '62**, at our 40th reunion. It was the highlight of their year and a welcome break for Jack who continues to this day as Dean of Admissions at the University of Virginia. Betty and Jack report their four grandchildren make their lives busy by more than a "grand." Daughter Heidi has two boys, Jack and brother Henry. Their son John Jr. has added John III to the clan. Jack was born in 2003 and his sister Abby is 4 years old. While Jack is consumed by his admissions work, our "Betty Jean" involves herself in numerous civic and charitable activities in the Charlottesville area. Betty also utilizes her unique artistic talents in teaching and mentoring other young artists.

**Mary Lee Nuttel James** writes from Aberdeen, Md., that she retired from public school teaching three years ago only to tackle teaching at community college, from which she retired in April. She now understands the phrase "bussier than ever" from a retired individual's point of view. She and her husband are in the antique business, babysit for four grandchildren, travel to California to visit a son, his wife and grandchildren and visit with their other son's family who lives closer. Mary Lee can't find enough time to do everything she wants to do, but she'd love to hear from any antique aficionados at maryleedsam@aol.com.

**Eric Buckner** is still married to Patty, whom we all met at the 40th. (Congratulations Eric and Patty). Eric's daughter got married on May 15, 2004, and Eric was happy about gaining a son-in-law. Eric is still at Merrill Lynch

as a senior member of an investment group.

**Marsha Gellar Berman** and Perry have moved from Columbia to Elkridge, Md. Their big news is their daughter Rachel and her new husband have moved from Atlanta to Howard County and have spent the last four months with the Bermans while their home was being built. Marsha and Perry have recently become real estate agents in the Howard County area.

**Dick Yobst** writes from Vienna, Md., that he continues rehabilitation work on his 1859 home on the Nanticoke River. He's opened an antique and collectibles business in one room of the home and will probably expand to two rooms as well as create a bed and breakfast. Dick also serves as president of the Board of Trustees of Habitat for Humanity of Vicomoco County and has also volunteered for the Waterfowl Museum established in honor of the Ward brothers. He plans to spend additional time carving waterfowl and songbirds. Dick planned to retire from Salisbury University Oct. 31, 2004.

**Bonnie Friesse Dubel** writes from Churchville, Md., that she and her husband Bruce Bruns continue to enjoy traveling, especially on their two Caribbean cruises. Bruce is still engaged at Aberdeen Proving Ground as a division chief and has traveled extensively in the course of his work. Bruce and Bonnie spend a great deal of time in Ocean City at their home on the bay. Bonnie's son and wife are expecting their first child in July and Bonnie is thrilled at the prospect of becoming a grandmother. She looks forward to seeing many of you at our next reunion.

The **Sitters** continue to thrive and enjoy life in San Antonio, Texas. Their business mushrooms. **Maureen Filby Sitter '62** and **Bill** have now established a Web site and present seminars in Texas and Florida that deal with financial issues. They have plans to expand their geographic reach and also appear on Christian TV and radio. They have realized a dream and are currently building a stone-and-log home and report that both business and family are fine. Anyone interested in their endeavors can go to [www.debfree.com](http://www.debfree.com).

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**Glenn Hanna** continues to enjoy retirement. Wife Carol enjoys life as mother of Allison, 2, and also is engaged as a chief financial officer of a corporation. They reside in Bethesda, Md. Aside from chafing after the apple of his eyes, Glenn loves life on the links.

## Keeping up with David Selikowitz is like chasing a hummingbird.

**Jerry Siegel** has now been awarded his third Fulbright Scholarship. Congratulations from all us. Jerry, Jerry will soon travel to Macedonia for the 2004-05 academic year and will be teaching American literature and training junior faculty at the University of Skopje. His wife, Jennifer, has authored a new book, *Are You Ever Going to Be Thin?*, which will be released sometime in July 2004. (Look for it on Amazon.com.) The Siegels both continue teaching in the English and Humanities Department at York College of Pennsylvania.

**Ellen Distiller Heller** continues residence in Miami, Fla., and teaches gifted elementary students at the Culler Ridge Elementary School in Miami. Ellen is raising her 12-year-old grandson and has found a creative release, which involves rubber-stamping and creating altered books. She finds the hobby a wonderful inspiration for self-expression and something she and her grandson, who she reports is extremely creative, can do together. Finally, Ellen trains teachers in how to be more creative, and thus better educators, in their classroom settings.

**Tom and Patty Raver Budd** have finally moved to the great state of Florida. They report that for the past four years they "snow bled" from their home in Lake Tapawingo, Mo., and decided to move as they became more and more like Floridians. They have now bought a home in Boynton Beach and golf, hike, sightsee and play. They also travel since their married daughters and families reside in Kansas and Colorado and about every three months they need to see their grandchildren. Patty's dad, 95, also resides nearby in Florida.

**Howie and Joan Wagner** have also made a move to Del Ray Beach, Fla. While they are still based in Hauppauge, N.Y., those severe winters will be a thing of the past.

Summer of 2003 became an auspicious time for **Bob '62** and **Peggy Hoye Warfield**. After being in the real estate business for 33 years, Bob and partner Hal Glick, sold Moore, Warfield and Glick to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. This does not mean retirement for Bob but new ventures such as the development of Captain's Cove in Greenbackville on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Peggy reports that daughter Claire is Mother of the Year to 3-year-old Maddie. Son Robbie and Real

Estate go together and Robbie has officially moved out of the parental homestead. Peggy and Bob are among those lucky couples who can escape to Florida (Naples) during the winter. She enjoys her art and playing golf, a new sport which she has taken up after so many years of golf widowhood. Bob and Peg have been spending some time on campus with Bob's work on the Board of Trustees.

Keeping up with **David Selikowitz** is like chasing a hummingbird. He can cover just as much ground as well. It's always a treat to hear his voice and Dave is the master of keeping in touch. He has been to Israel twice this year. One trip was pleasure (a wedding) and one as part of the ACPRO group. This group of 17 non-jews met with government and religious leaders, visited Tekoa on the West Bank, and had an altogether moving experience. He spends a great deal of time in New York and Miami, as well. Some of those highlights were seeing *Hairspray*, our own Baltimore claim to fame, the Jewish Museum in Battery Park and the World Trade Towers site which bears the name of Christopher Stewart Gray, son of **Janet Walker** and **Jim Gray**.

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David's mom is 90 years old, has a new car, swims every day and plays bridge, canasta and does crossword and jigsaw puzzles. On the other hand, David reports he is jogging, just barely, but invites us all to join him and his group in Paris for their run every Saturday in room, Rome, Venice, Florence, Berlin and London were also in his itinerary several times this year. He is always willing to discuss political topics such as anti-Semitism in France and why the French hate Americans: not true, he states.

**Charlie Walter** and wife **Mara Dilson '65** spent April in Paris...well a few weeks in April, anyway. They loved it and found everyone quite friendly. Charlie and Mara live in Forest Hill, Md. Son Hugh and his wife live close by and daughter Sarah has a life of adventure working on an international yacht and has attended culinary school in Italy. Charlie, who is really retired, does just a few real estate appraisals and Mara does just a little part-time work for her former employer the Knight of Harford County.

**Arnold and Darlene Heffner Bowles** live in Rockville, Md. Knight is so busy that he missed our 40th reunion but Darlene enjoyed catching up with

everyone. She has a great quote, "I have thought about the 40th class reunion many times and what a joy it is to keep in touch with friends and make more memories." Keep that in mind for our 45th.

**Martha Wirt Davis** does not escape from the wilds of Minnesota very often. How this Baltimore girl lives it up there. Daughter Gill, son-in-law Dave and grandbaby William David live north of St. Paul in Shoreview. Marty's daughter Michele, son-in-law and granddaughter Elizabeth (8 years old) are close by, as well. Marty is not yet among the retired group and reports though she has a new job, still works for an insurance company, five hours a day and no stress.

**Belinda Adams Eddy** and Don are keeping busy in Pelham, N.Y. Belinda continues her career as an education consultant for Carol Gill Associates. She has become an expert with private, day school and boarding school placements.

**Pris Ord** has made the huge leap to homeownership. After all these years she has decided to retire to Westminister, close to some friends and the wonderful activities associated with a college town. Her parents are living in Carlisle and that is an easy trip to check up on them. Pris is on the road several days a week selling books for the company BookPerson, Inc. She is very active in the Children's Literature Association and received the association's first Distinguished Service Award and lifetime membership for helping establish its endowment. If you are needing some books just email her at paord@verizon.net.

More news in Westminister is that **Ned '62** and **Trinka McGibbeny Cueman** are awaiting the birth of their first grandchild. Trinka is the past president of the Westminister Women's Club and is happy to watch others take on all the responsibilities. Ned remains very busy with his consulting business, Mason-Dixon Circuit Rider, which is concerned with land issues. Trinka and Ned have done some traveling with Bud and **Judy Reinhardt Lantz**. Last year Trinka and Judy attended a conference in Pittsburgh on Genealogy.

**Becky Wright** is most happy not to be concerned with the issues of education in Baltimore City. She is seen frequently on the golf courses of Frederick, Md., and is as ever a terrific athlete.

Perhaps among us are those who will never retire: **Jim and Janet Walker Gray** are busy as ever with relatively new jobs. Janet is the Director of Development of St. John Vianney School in Homdel, N.J. She is the consummate go-getter and has brought many new programs to this small private school. Jim (G Ray) is the assistant to the Freeholders, the governing body in Monmouth County, N.J., and has a great time riding around keeping everyone straight...not easy in N.J.

**Jerry and Sara Fran Richman** are enjoying the fact that they have both of their girls finished with those college years. Jodi, a graduate of Colgate,

Lizzie a 2004 graduate of University of Michigan, are both employed in New York City. Jerry has enjoyed some great fishing off the coast of Florida and Ocean City.

**Janice Mooney and Don '62 Hobart** are among the semi-retired, Don as the Director of a Doctor of Physical Therapy distance learning program at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., and Janice as an educational/college consultant in her business College Found. Daughter Dona and husband Shawn are about to adopt a little boy from Nepal. They will travel together, do a few treks and discover the beauty of yet another Asian country.

**Allen Jones** seemed to be handing out his cards to everyone. It's a lovely business card, a couple walking on a sunset beach, but we all kept looking closely for the name of their business. Allen in his typical manner just smiled and said, "that's what Kristen and I do; we just have fun." They are truly enjoying their move from Connecticut to Ocean View, Del.

**Barbara Moon Bentzen** enjoys life in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Several family and community commitments kept her from attending the reunion, but she promises to make it down to the 45th and gather her old college buddies, as well.

**Dagmar Joeres Miller** has had some lovely travel time this year. Before her trip to Paris she took months of French lessons and is now conversant in that language. She is inspired not only by the trip but by the fact that her daughter-in-law and grandchildren are French speakers. Her love of learning did not stop there as she also prepared for her trip to Berlin at Johns Hopkins and took a course about this extraordinary city.

**Sam and Sue Snodgrass '65** Case are looking forward to that retirement mode. Our College will miss Sam's leadership as Provost and Sue as Provostess, but the campus is happy for them to relax and enjoy some well deserved R and R. Sam has been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame, an honor well deserved. This is a great night, filled with memories of high-lights for teams and individuals. Their family of runners, surprise, are doing well. Sarah, Bob and children are in Eugene, Ore., where Bob is a Doc-

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of Infectious Disease. Daughter Lauren and her husband JP are attorneys in Washington, D.C. Sue and Sam are happy to have granddaughter Meredith close by and there is yet another grandchild on the way.

**Claudia Fetrow** and **Wayne Whitmore** still reside in Huntsville, Ala. Wayne is holding on for a few more years as the Chief Operations Officer of the Alabama Supercomputer Authority. Their son Wade has recently married and lives close by. Daughter Chris has recently bought a home in Columbia, Md., and now has the commute to Washington, D.C., where she puts her doctoral study to work dealing with population issues. Claudia's designs (Claire Whitmore Designs) are ever in demand. **Howard Mooney '64** has connected with the Whitmores while on business in the great state of Alabama.

After watching those Olympic Games from Athens, **Ginger Rumrley Ward** has declared our next reunion to be there. She watched the games faithfully going to catch a glimpse of **Mariantny Pappadopoulos Koucos**. Most likely she would have been in Patras for the soccer games as she and her husband have their summer home there. **Ginger** and **Joe** have had several wonderful visits with Mariantny and family. **Joe** and **Ginger** recently had a fun trip to London for two weeks. **Ginger**, **Ann Swomley Harden**, **Marsha Bendemyer Irmer** and **Gwen Short Munzer** were looking forward to their Western High School reunion in Baltimore this fall. It is fun writing this column and noting the trends of our lifestyle and the changes we have made over the years. Retirement homes, lots of grandchildren, transitions to new careers as we end what consumed us for our "young" years, volunteerism and fascinating hobbies are of interest to all. Please don't wait for the postcard to report any of your news.

This year we're pleased to report that **Erin Lucas '05**, a graduate of Rising Sun High School and a resident of Conowingo, Md., is a proud recipient of our scholarship. Erin is now a senior majoring in psychology and sociology and has achieved Dean's List highest honors in the spring semester 2003. Our fondest hope is that more of you will remember the value of your college education and make appropriate donations to better enable students attending McDaniel College.

We've all heard and read about those "unique" once in a lifetime opportunities that other people always seem to take and take advantage of. **Jack Day** is one of those folks. For the past years Jack has been pastor at Grace United Methodist Church on Black Rock Road in Upperco, Md. After graduation, he attended seminary, spent a year state-side in the Army and in 1968 was sent to Vietnam where he was stationed in various places in the central highlands during his year serving with the First Brigade of the Fourth Infantry Division. About 10 years ago he heard from a Catholic priest and fellow veteran who had returned to Vietnam and reported a very positive and healing

experience. Now 34 years later, **Jack** and **Ell** returned to Vietnam and visited areas not seen by him since 1969. On his return trip, Jack had the opportunity to meet three individuals who were former Vietcong.

He opined that "one of the remarkable things about Vietnam is that I never ran into any negative feelings toward Americans, although the people who are running Vietnam now are the people who fought us." Jack's journey to Vietnam helped him put the past in its place. He stated, "when you're involved in something like (war) it may be very intense, very traumatic and your clock that relates to America keeps on ticking, but it just stays in 1969. This trip had the effect of taking that other clock and moving it into the present so that that part of my life doesn't feel stuck in 1969 anymore."

**Bob Klein** reports great enjoyment from attending our 40th. He admits to "almost" forgetting what a "great" group of people he went to school with. Since the reunion Bob and wife have traveled to Belize, Florida, D.C. (where they marched in the women's rights march in April '04), Atlanta and New York. They also visited their kids in Chicago, Cleveland and Baltimore. Finally, Bob reports spending a good deal of time with his grandkids who live in the East Lansing area of Michigan.

**Bob Manthey** tells us he and wife are both retiring (effective June 30, 2004). After attending after teaching pre-school and elementary children for 29 years and Bob after 40 years in ordained ministry.

## Les Caplan's loving retirement; he motorcycled from Las Vegas to several national parks and the Grand Canyon this past summer.

They look forward to travel, civic activities in the Frederick, Md., area, returning to a learning mode, and plain spending time with family.

**Dave Selikowicz** celebrated his 62nd birthday in Miami. Dave visited with **Jim and Janet Walker Gray**, **Jim '62** and **Susan Hogan Lomax '62** and **Meredith Fordham '65**. Dave also spent a weekend with **Glenn** and **Carol Hanna** and then attended the wedding of **Eric Buckner's** daughter.

With age comes sad news. Since our last column we are saddened to report the passing of Virginia "Ginny" **Leo Alexander** who died after a brave five-year battle with cancer. In addition they are further saddened to report that **Diana R. Pettigrew Strickland** has also passed away. Also we extend our sympathies to **Sue Rushton Batson** who lost Marshall this year. Their son, **Alex '93**, wife and granddaughters **Lyndsay '7** and **Marsella '4** live in Ellicott City and

have been a great help to us.

Finally, in an effort to expand our reach, Janice is available by e-mail at [johbart@collegefound.com](mailto:johbart@collegefound.com) and yours truly can be reached at [gmprrlaw@aol.com](mailto:gmprrlaw@aol.com).

Don't be troubled at our request that you bombard us with news of your activities, exciting travel, high achievement and ordinary everyday life activities.

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# 1969

Arriving first was **Bill Dudley's** reason for not attending reunion week. He had a wedding conflict. He plans to retire their Cape May house and build his retirement home there while downsizing his practice in Vineland. Youngest son **Keith**, who graduated last May from Gettysburg, was a lifeguard one more season. **Scott**, 27, an Air Force dentist in D.C. for a year, has assigned to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., for his last two years. **Daughter Robyn** is teaching in Richmond. **Bill** and **Lois** continue to enjoy many outdoor activities.

**Brian Brunске** went to work as a Federal Investigator in Baltimore after a four-year Army tour that included Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Sandia Base, N.M.; Fairbanks, Alaska; Vietnam; and Letcherney Depot, Pa. A year-and-a-half later he went to Martinsburg, W.Va., until July 1996, when the government abolished his job.

With others he formed a company continuing the same work as USIS contractors. As the company was owned through employee stock, he decided to retire when it was sold in 2003. His CPA wife, **Jan**, told him he could. **Jan** continues to work in the Martinsburg, W.Va., Vienna, and Manassas, Va., areas. Daughter **Ashley** is a senior at Gettysburg College.

**Les Caplan's** first grandchild **Noah Michael Caplan** was born in California on January 10 to his oldest son, **Middle son David**, stationed on the USS **Abraham Lincoln**, returned from Iraq last spring and redeployed to the Gulf a few months later. Youngest son **Jonathan** graduated from high school and started his freshman year at Towson University. Les retired from the federal government in February after 35 years. Loving retirement, he motorcycled from Las Vegas to several national parks and the Grand Canyon this past summer. Les "hopes to become the world's oldest ski bum in Colorado (this) winter."

At home on Anna Maria Island, Fla., **Carol Armacost Carter** hosted a niece's wedding. The minister was **Charles Shook '50**, brother of **Ken Shook '52**, "who had married many of us to WMC," and **Carly Shook '63**.

Though the reunion attendance was smaller than he expected, **Ron Clawson**

had lots of fun reviewing notes with classmates he hadn't seen in 35 years. **Ron** and his wife **Jan** Maria use their timeshare in Mexico to escape "from the cold every year for a while." They went to Reno to play in the National Bridge tournament but had more fun playing "Texas Hold'em Poker."

**Patricia Pole Coolson** and husband **Jim** have four grandchildren. With a beach vacation and a 4th of July wedding, they kept busy this past summer. **Jim** plans to retire next June "after a lifetime career" at Shippensburg University.

After the good time at alumni weekend 2004, **Steve Davis** decided to "try to do a better job of staying in touch." This summer he retired from the U.S. Department of Transportation with 33 years of federal service. Steve will now try to lead a more rational life. He attended "Common Ground" at McDaniel. **Walt Michael '68** founded the program and is the artistic director. **Ellen Von Desehn Ellen** taught a watercolor class called "Painting and Hope." **Norm Sartorius** instructed novice wood carvers in fashioning a wood spoon that provides "soup for the soul." During Common Ground, he met up with **Don Elmes** (Ellen's husband), **Gary Shapiro** and his wife **Jane Butterbaugh '70**.

**Stacey Evans Hilder** is in her 10th year as an adult education instructor with Anne Arundel Community College. After 21 years in the Navy, husband **Dave** is an engineering manager with an aerospace manufacturer. What they enjoy most is having their sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren within 25 minutes of home.

The first postcard to arrive came from **Katherine M. James**. She continues working on her doctoral while chaplain at Hospice of the Chesapeake in Anne Arundel County.

**Amy Lewis King** and **Jim** celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last June. Son Andrew is engaged. The wedding is set for April 2005 in Newport, R.I., where he is a partner in a Web-based design company, "squarewave.us." His fiancée **Janet Egan** is a DJ on Boston's WBGN. Younger son **Russ** is in Minnesota with school in mind. **Jim** is head of sales service for **Boehringer Ingelheim**. Family reunions gather, he's an avid duck hunter, fisherman, naturalist and hiker. With the American Heart Association, Amy manages school-based fundraising programs throughout Connecticut, New York, New York City and Long Island. She sings with the Amanda Wong's Choir of Connecticut. She is still surrounded by men since her dad has moved in with them. They vacationed with **Carol** and **Peter Markey**, **Carol Harris '70** and **Art Dietrich**, **Joe** and **Donna Kermer**, **Dick** and **Nancy Higdon Morgan** and **Mary** and **Rick Coburn** in Key West last March. Amy would like to explain **Naked Lunch** and the pub crawl if anyone asks!

**Ira Klemons** and wife **Janet** keep busy as soccer and baseball parents for their eighth-grader **Adam**. Daughter **Stephanie** graduated from Rutgers with majors in genetics, microbiology and

# GET BACK

## Reunions on the Hill 2005

FRIDAY, APRIL 29-SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2005

### WHEN?

Reunion Weekend 2005

### WHEN?

April 29 through  
May 1, 2005

### WHERE?

McDaniel College  
campus

### WHO'S CELEBRATING?

All classes whose graduation year ends in a "5" or a "0" and the first-year-out class. This includes: 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2004.

### WHO'S PLANNING MY CLASS EVENT?

It could be you! Each reunion class forms a committee to organize class-specific events in addition to the weekend's all-alumni activities. Call the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at 410/857-2296 or e-mail alumni@mcDaniel.edu to get involved.

### WHERE WILL I STAY?

It's not too early to make reservations. Rooms have been blocked at the following Westminster hotels:

Best Western  
(formerly Comfort Inn)  
410-857-1900 or  
410-876-0010

Boston Inn  
1-800-634-0846 or  
410-848-9095

Days Inn  
410-857-0500

### WHERE WILL I PARK?

The college annually hosts large events and is adept at handling parking for large groups. Shuttle buses from Westminster hotels will be provided, as will on-campus transportation.

### WHO'S INVITED?

Reunion Weekend is being planned for alumni who are celebrating a reunion. However, any alumnus who would like to attend events is welcome to register.



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Watch your mailbox and the *Alumni Parents & Friends* section of the college Web site ([www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu)) for more details in the coming months. Questions? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at 410/857-2296 or e-mail [alumni@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:alumni@mcDaniel.edu).

Toronto to pursue a BFA. She moved "not to a smaller but to a larger nest," where she acts like a Mama Scott figure to foreign students at Queens University. With her partner Margo, she enjoys renovating the house needed for her new brood. Jean invites anyone coming to Kingston, Ontario (sailboat paradise), or the Thousand Islands area, to give her a shout.

Gary and Ann Scharztman Rader retired but are both still working full time. Last school year she moved to Howard County's newest high school to teach Spanish and start the Latin program. This past summer she was in Italy studying Latin literature, culture and architecture. Ann is sort of the resident technology person in foreign language in the county putting "all those years of programming...to some purpose!" Son Matt is in school in Blacksburg, Va., but is looking to move to a closer venue.

Last May, Linda Newton Reid and Jack traveled to Reno, Nev., to visit daughter Lara and her husband, Dana Hartley. With Lara and Dana, they toured Lake Tahoe, Virginia City and other interesting places. Lara received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the University of Nevada-Reno in April and earned her M.S. in wildlife biology in May. Employed by the U.S. Forest Service, she works in the Las Vegas area. Son Jonathan still lives in Ohio. Grandson Hunter starts first grade and granddaughter "Princess" Kade will be 3.

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Ron Sher is as normal as anyone can be with 16-year-old triplet daughters learning to drive. He also has a 21-year-old college junior. He added, "Meetings with a psychiatrist seem to solve most of the problems."

Sarah Lednum Shockley and husband Gary celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary last August. Son Nick, 27, who got married last June, is an exercise physiologist. Son Jordan, a senior at University of Kentucky, is a mathematical economics major. For the last 22 years, Sarah has been self-employed in the financial services sector.

Ray Simpson works part time as a charter bus driver since he was R.I.P'ed. Since he gets a small pension, he wants everyone to remember to "TIP the bus driver." From Wilmington, he has taken groups to the beach, Great Adventures, museums, Ft. Delaware, even Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Ray remembered that Howard Russock "always said I would make a good bus driver."

In my retirement, I am the English chair at Milford Mill Academy in Baltimore County. The governor appointed me to the Howard County Board of

Elections. Oldest son Rob does IT support for Johns Hopkins University at the Columbia, Md., campus and bought a condo in a building dating from 1901 in Baltimore City. After graduating from Towson with majors in philosophy and psychology and almost another in theology, Mike is trying to find the "right" job. Bill keeps busy with the Chesapeake Region of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club and the Subaru SVX Web site group. The last year has been one of backs for us: August 2003 back to San Juan where we celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary; last Christmas back to Paris and last May back to Las Vegas (we repeated our wedding vows). I am sorry I couldn't go back to the College for the reunion.

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APRIL 29-  
MAY 1

It is quite gratifying that so many of you took the time to write to catch up with our classmates on what's been happening. Some of you even provided news for the first time. It's always great to hear what you and your

families are doing and to find out what's important in your life. Thank you for trusting me with your words and thoughts. I hope I have done them justice and that you enjoy this column.

Bruce Anderson reports that life is great and his law practice is booming. Erin, 25, is living in New York City and working for a large advertising firm, and Bruce loves visiting her and exploring Manhattan. Kyle, 21, graduated from Salisbury University last spring and Bruce found it exciting to follow him and the rest of the Division III men's lacrosse championship. Bruce still surfs in Ocean City.

The rewards have been great, writes Carole Siver Barber, who remains faithful to her family and business.

Tara Ault Baugher has been working on a pomology textbook and interviewing for positions in academics since she and Phil are on their own come fall. Their daughter Alii has plans to attend Susquehanna University and major in biology and music.

Dave Cesky has completed 29 years of teaching in Hartford County—27 of those have been at Fallston High School, where he is the athletic director and head football coach. Diane

McKenna '77 is teaching special education in Baltimore City. Jenna, 26, works for T. Rowe Price and has plans to marry in October; Erin, 24, received her B.S. in nursing and is working at St. Joseph's Hospital; and Michael, 21, has one more year at the University of Delaware, where he is pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. Dave claims the children get all their intelligence from their mother. He also

wants to retire soon, saying he really doesn't like being one of the "old teachers."

**Linda Kephart Coons** is enjoying her position as assistant supervisor of health and physical education for Carroll County Public Schools. Her daughter Brianna, 21, is a senior at St. Mary's College and was named Academic and Athletic All-American. Kelsey, 16, is a junior at Westminster High School where she is an honor student. Brianna and Linda coach a summer swim team and Kelsey swims and helps with swimming lessons.

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Susan and **Bob Cullison** became empty-nesters when both **Christian '03** and **Erin '04** graduated from the college. Bob is still working for Carroll County as principal of Gateway School, working with children who have had difficulty with their comprehensive, local schools. He finds it an exciting challenge, with more successes than failures. He was looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion Weekend.

Living in Germany, **Mike Dallas** is working on a Department of Defense contract in the logistics field. The family plans to remain overseas until their youngest, a sophomore in high school, graduates. Two daughters are in college. They still enjoy traveling throughout Europe.

**Jean Campbell '76** and **Fred DiBlasio** have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their oldest, Andrew, 22, graduated with honors from Towson University and is trying to enter a law program. Kristin, 20, became a senior at University of Maryland Baltimore County, majoring in social work. After graduation, Kristin wants to apply to UMB, where Fred teaches. According to Fred, this will be a unique experience. Michael, 18, is planning to attend from Jean has a master's in social work, completed her 12th and final year of home schooling and just started a career as a reading tutor. Fred is in his 23rd year of teaching graduate social work students and continues to provide therapy for clients. He is conducting research and publishing on the clinical use of forgiveness.

Since forgiveness is central to their strong Christian beliefs, Fred believes he has found his life's calling. After selling their house in Severna Park, Md., they bought a small cottage on the water in Pasadena, Md. Both Fred and

Jean are strong ties to the water, given their years of work at a camp off the South River in Annapolis (years ago). They tore down the existing structure and are in the process of building what they hope will be their retirement home. Fred is doing some of the work himself, with hurt body parts to prove it (hitting the wrong nail resulted in a broken finger bone) and is convinced that he should never quit his day job.

**Norman Downs** owns a home in Parkville near Baltimore. He has been working 28 years in what he describes as a great job in the real estate office of the Maryland State Highway Administration. His father passed away in 2002 but his mother is doing well.

He never married nor had any children. Norm is a health and exercise nut and leads a life of total abstinence. He obtained a master's of theology from St. Mary's Catholic Seminary in Baltimore and converted to the Catholic church where he is actively involved. His hobbies include reading, church retreats, symphony and choral music concerts, dining out, weight lifting, aerobics, yoga, martial arts, line dancing and swing dancing. His heart's desires are to teach the Catholic faith and to help people with drug and alcohol addictions and emotional problems.

Reporting that, "life is good!" **Mike and Debbie Melvin Farrell** still live in Annapolis but have built a new house. The twins, Lindsay and Sarah, 10, are active in Girl Scouts and lacrosse, which Debbie coaches. She has been working part time (one day a week) in the travel agency since Sept. 11, 2001, which gives her more time to volunteer at her girls' school. Last year, she spent her 50th birthday with her husband and four other couples (including **Page Thompson Anderson**) in a Bethany Beach rental.

After admitting that having both her children get married within two weeks of each other was a little stressful, **Sharon Hobbs Fisher** goes on to say she stays busy teaching reading at Middle River Middle School, being chairman of the Student Recognition Committee and adviser for the National Junior Honor Society. She is proud of her daughter Courtney who is a pediatric nurse at Sinai, and of her son Eric, who is a computer engineer at Lucent. Her husband Robert is still an inspector with the State Department of Agriculture.

**Mary Gemmill** reports sad news. Her husband Ollie died after complications from an aorta valve replacement from aortic aneurysm and she is now on disability from muscular dystrophy. It's been a tough year for her, but she's fixed up her house and is thinking of leaving Atlanta and moving back to Maryland.

After 10 years of wandering around in "foreign" lands (Italy and Texas) **Jerie and Linda Seast Guess** have returned to the East Coast (i.e., South Carolina). Jerie retired and decided to rebuild the inside of their house. Linda is teaching kindergarten at a private school. Their daughter Katherine just graduated from Maryville College in

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Tennessee and their son James is leaving Texas A&M and will be a junior at New Mexico Tech.

Still living in Brunswick, Maine, **Sally Dixon Haley** is practicing holistic medicine out of her home office. Her daughter Molly just graduated from high school and is off to college in London and her other daughter Philomina is a high school sophomore. The administrator of her estate notified us that **Nan Marie Hamberger** died on April 19, 2004.

**Paul Harrison** has two children in college. Chelsea is a senior and Mike is a sophomore. Paul continues to live in Severna Park and work as a training program manager at Social Security Headquarters in Baltimore. He also enjoys expanding his music interests—songwriting, performing, and booking other artists at Westminster's Pour House Café (on Main Street). The Web site, www.paulharrisonmusic.com, includes a brief review by Dr. Palmer (one of Paul's favorite professors).

**William and Sandy Stitt Heckler** love living in Cedar Key, on the west coast of Florida, where they moved in August 2003. They have six friends who now live in Melbourne Village and they visited central Florida last May.

"His every word!" says **Bette Gemma Jarcewki**, who had a busy year. Her youngest daughter Beth graduated from high school and will be attending the University of Delaware. Her other daughter Chris will be a junior at Gettysburg College. The family was planning a summer trip to Walt Disney World (Beth's pick for graduating). Larry and Bette still teach for Baltimore County Public Schools and hope to retire in about five more years.

**Julie (Mullen) Johnson** reports that she and her sons, Parker and Evan, are doing well. Two years ago, Julie's husband died suddenly, so now most of her time is spent running their ranches in Bonsall and Palomar Mountain, watching the boys in school and sport activities and working full time as an administrator at an elementary school. With whatever spare time she has, she enjoys walking with the dogs and decorating their new cabin. They had plans to visit Baltimore during the summer with friends of seeing many college friends.

**Joel '74** and **Karen Farina Kehm** survived putting two of their children through college. They also survived another major financial hurdle, their daughter Jennifer's wedding in May 2003. Jennifer and her husband live in Littleton, Colo., where she is finishing a graduate program in advertising management and he is working in the cable industry. Their younger daughter **Danielle '01** moved to San Diego,

Calif., where she worked as a vision specialist for about a year before deciding to join the Peace Corps.

In January, Danielle packed all her belongings, dropped them off with her parents in Elliott City, and headed to Paraguay. She then spent three months training and learning Guaraní, the native language. In April, she was sworn in as a volunteer and is now working in a remote village as a teacher. Karen and Joel are in awe as they read her letters recounting tales of how they get water to wash and find feathers on plates from freshly slaughtered chickens. It's really a different world, but she is learning so much and having an experience of a lifetime and the Kehms are incredibly proud.

Karen is still teaching ESOL in Howard County at Dunlinton Middle School. While retirement has crossed her mind, she thinks it's about seven years down the road. Child number three, David, still has three years of high school and four years of college. Only then will they get to consider taking a rest. In the meantime, they are enjoying watching David play lacrosse and soccer and dreading the day when it's time to put those car keys in his hand. Joel, Karen's "hero husband," has weathered a hideous commute to Chantilly, Va., every day for the past 17 years. About three years ago, they bought a house at Deep Creek Lake, and it has become the perfect place for him to fish and boat and for Karen to "veg out" with a good book.

**Martha Stuart '77** and **Stuart Lehman** have officially joined the empty-nester ranks. Both of their daughters are in the West and consequently, the airline industry loves the Lehmans. Ashley is a senior at Montana State and Amanda is a freshman at the University of Oregon. Stuart is still working at EPA in Washington, D.C., and Martha works for Anne Arundel County Schools.

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**Sherri Sheckler '78** and **Felix Liefci** are still living in Houston. Felix is director of MIS at Imperial Sugar and Sherri still works at the call center for BankOne (soon to be Chase). Their oldest child Nick graduated cum laude from high school. He plans to attend Texas State University and wants to be a high-school algebra teacher who coaches the soccer team. He made the all-district team his senior year. Their youngest son Matt will be a

sophomore and made the junior varsity soccer team.

"Things are great! We are all fine," writes **Jay Markanich**. They have one child in law school, one in nursing school and another in the Marines. Their adopted daughter, 7, was the only one in her private school to win the President's Award for Academic Achievement.

**Larry Matthews** has been living in Annapolis for 14 years and has owned the Jiffy Lube there for 22 years; **Ricci Bonaccorsy '80** has been his manager for 12 years. He sees lots of our 1975 classmates who live in the area and many alumni at Jiffy Lube national conventions. He lives in Eastport, is still single, and has been raising his children since they were 2 and 6. His daughter, Brittany, was the *Washington Post*, State of Maryland High School gymnast two years in a row and hopes to make the team at Temple University, where she plans to enter in the fall. His son, Travis, will be a sophomore at Annapolis High School and plays soccer and lacrosse. Larry hopes to retire soon.

**Curt Mattingly** has been working for the same company since he retired from the Army in 1996. It is an information technology company and Curt is the vice president of the federal practice. Their most notable contract is running the Army's intranet, [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil), the world's largest intranet with 1.6 million users. Curt finds it to be an interesting project, providing an invaluable service to Army service members and their families. Business has also kept Curt in touch with several fellow alumni.

He is working with **Grayson Winterling '66** (his ROTC instructor) who helps them get support from Congress on key projects. One of Grayson's clients is **John Meier '86**. Curt worked a day at Grayson's restaurant, Founders, in Old Town Alexandria. There, he helped Grayson's son Steve brew wheat beer. He found it fun work and a good chance to learn about microbreweries. Curt worked hard enough that Steve gave Curt's son Greg a job waiting tables. While visiting the Hill (the Washington D.C. one), Curt runs into **Harry Malone '74**, a lobbyist, who works for Lockheed Martin. Curt also keeps in touch with **Ned Aull** and has been down to Miami to visit the Lacques.

**Dave Laquement '77**, Kate and their three children are doing well. Curt

## Nancy Dean '77

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recently attended Dave's promotion ceremony to Brigadier General, where Dave included remarks about his fond memories from the Hill. Just as he did at college, Dave's father swore him in, resulting in an emotional event. Dave is the J2 for SouthCom in charge of their intelligence operations. Curt's son Greg will be a senior at University of Virginia next year, majoring in economics. Megan is graduating high school this year and will be joining her brother next year at UVA. She has been accepted to the school of architecture and is very excited.

**Nancy Dean '77** is doing well and they are looking forward to next year when she has the option of traveling with Curt on business trips. Curt bought another motorcycle (like the first one he had in college)—a Honda. They participated in the Rolling Thunder event for the World War II memorial and found it a blast riding into D.C. with 10,000 other bikers from Fairfax. The police even shut down Route 66 to get them into town.

**Mark 'Pearl' Metzger** reports that not much has changed. JoHanna, 10, is an emerging athletic over-achiever. Mark got to coach her fourth-grade basketball team, which went undefeated (despite his coaching, he claims). Emily, 6, is also doing great. Mark wonders if he has the youngest children in our class. While reading about our classmates' children going to and graduating from college, he writes that his wife, Janine, is going to college at Rowan. She'll be teaching elementary school in two years. Mark's restaurant has become a South Jersey institution. Classmates can check it out on the website [www.tabernacleinn.com](http://www.tabernacleinn.com). Mark has increased his presence as a lobbyist for the New Jersey Restaurant Association, which catapaults him into frequent trips to Washington, D.C., and the New Jersey state capital, Trenton.

Mark's disdain for politicians, he says, has not waned from his college days.

**Bruce Moler** and his wife Donna celebrated a huge parental milestone when their daughter Emily graduated from Radford University with her B.S. in nursing. Emily will start her nursing career in the trauma center with Fairfax INOVA hospital in Fairfax, Va. Their son Christopher graduated from Virginia Tech two years ago with his B.S. in computer engineering and has been working for Booz Allen Hamilton in the information technology field.

Bruce continues to work for the government at the Defense Acquisition University located at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he teaches courses, develops new curriculum and provides consulting services to the defense acquisition work force. In his spare time, Bruce continues to referee high school lacrosse and enjoys sailing on the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay with Donna aboard their 31-foot sloop. They continually correspond with **Jack and Jan Thompson '77** Tracey and often try to get them to leave their idyllic paradise in South Carolina to spend time on the water in northern Virginia. Bruce and Donna had a great week last year visit-

ing Jack and Jan at their home on the Isle of Palms, S.C. Bruce hopes to see the class of '75 return to the Hill for our 30-year reunion. Bruce also writes: "Good luck to all and drop us an e-mail when you have time at [djmoler@aol.com](mailto:djmoler@aol.com)."

## Randall Richards

*decided to get out of the research business to pursue a career in medicine. He is now finishing his second year of residency in internal medicine and pediatrics.*

Having lived in North Carolina for more than 18 years, **Julia Kunkel Morrison** keeps busy with her involvement on the Public Arts Town Board, Historic Preservation Commission and with the Friends of Page Walker Hotel. She also volunteers in the attendance office at the high school and is keeping up with her water colors and stained glass. John is still at North Carolina State, doing research in the Galapagos Islands. Together, they went scuba diving and they both have their open water advance certification. Their son Sean, 15, is a sophomore in high school, received his Eagle Scout ranking and spent the summer at camp running the sailing program. Kaitlin will be a senior and is looking at colleges. She went to Georgetown University for a medical forum over the summer.

Still teaching preschool, **Roberta Tall Morton** writes that Dan continues at Huntington Banks, but their children are having exciting lives. Deborah, 24, is a Harvard graduate and is preparing for a short-term mission assignment with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Tim, 21, will be a junior at Harvard. Rebecca, 17, will be a senior in high school and soon will start looking at colleges in earnest.

**Vernon Mummert** reports that his family is doing well in Indiana. Susan (who graduated from Bucknell in 1980) is helping him raise three great children. This year, Lauren, 17, is going into her senior year as number one in her class. Megan, 15, and Matt, 11, played for the Dynamo Soccer Club and each of their teams won the Indiana State Cup Championship. Vernon is entering his seventh year as director of athletics at Walsh College and is waiting for those college tuition bills to appear.

Still living in Mt. Airy, Md., **Anne Maharay Olson** is teaching special education and doing post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. This year, her son, Eric, graduated from high school and her daughter, Jennifer, graduated from Gettysburg College.

**Bob Ramsdell** is still in Lawrence,

Kan., where he practices civil litigation in a five-attorney firm. Stephen graduated from high school last May with a combination of home schooling and classes at Christ Prep Academy during his last two years. Consequently, Bob and **Leslie Williams '78** became empty-nesters. Erin enters her senior year at Hillsdale College in Michigan and Stephen is starting his freshman year at Cedarville University in Ohio. Bob is hoping for a mild winter so they can "eat patches of grass" during this tuition-overlap year.

In 1996, **Randall Richards** decided to get out of the research business to pursue a career in medicine. In the fall of 1998, he entered the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and graduated in May 2002. He is now finishing his second year of residency in internal medicine and pediatrics (a combined residency program that compresses six years into four years) at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C. He's about 90 minutes from the coast, loves the rural environment with beautiful sandy beaches and wide open spaces, and reports that he is a pretty uncomplicated life, alone with his two cats, Duke and Bandit. His plan is to settle in a small rural town somewhere in eastern North Carolina after he finishes his residency.

**Mary Lou Shanze Reed** has been a regional credit manager for U.S. Foods for the past two years. Her territory is the Midwest and she gets to do a lot of traveling. Her youngest son Wesley just completed his first year of college and she has two grandsons, Garrett, 7, and Ethan, 5.

**Bill Richards** is living in Falls Church, Va., with his wife Vera and their children Nina, 19, and Stephan, 17. Bill now works for a contractor for homeland security, customs and border protection. He previously worked as an analyst at First Virginia Banks, Inc.

**Sandy Gordon Rogers** is living in San Antonio, Texas, with her husband and three daughters, two of whom are now off to college. All is quiet on the home front.

Faye and **Thomas Seiffert** continue their practices in Southend, Ind. Their eldest daughter graduated from Northwestern University and is finishing a master's program at Georgetown University. Their second daughter has just finished her freshman year at Georgetown. About three years ago, his parents moved to Indiana after 48 years in Catonsville, Md., making them part of that "sandwich" generation and their empty nest quite so empty.

Following some financial difficulties with their construction company, **Janet Riley Shank** returned to substitute teaching. She usually visits middle schools in her local district and has found that she actually likes that age child. She's teaching everything and goes in almost every day. She still helps with the business by keeping the books and payroll, paying bills and helping customers accessorize their homes. For the last four years, she has been designing and making wedding dresses, which

she has sold to brides throughout the country. Her latest obsession is quilting. Jeff does all the designing, estimating and purchasing for their construction company. Ryan, 21, is at Drexel studying architecture in its six-year program, where during the last four years, students intern with an architectural firm during the day and take classes at night. Sam, 18, is going to Columbus College of Art and Design, and Kenny, 14, is entering high school. Smidgen, their Yorkie, is about two years old and weighs 4 pounds. They also have a cat, Cassio, who was a stray in a blizzard nine years ago.

Still a senior software analyst, **Betsy Sommerweck** is enjoying life in Michigan. Her puppy who seems to think anything with stuffing is a toy, thrives de-constructing pillows and mattresses in the guest room. She's half black lab no big hassles, although Craig does miss his classmates.

**Tom Tresize is now living in Bermuda. Kathy Hamilton '76 is still in Maryland. She is expected to move as soon as they can sell their house in Monkton and she figures out how to manage her professional organizing business, Absolutely Organized LLC, from Bermuda.**

**Jack Tracey** is looking forward to the upcoming 30th reunion and writes that his life is just great. He has been blessed with good health and declares, "what more can an ex-cosmic cowboy from Alpha Gamma Tau hope for?" His wife **Jan Thompson '77** is now working as a concierge at a hotel on their island. Jack's advertising agency is doing well. He has been doing a lot of work lately, primarily in television. He is consulting for an NBC affiliate on an array of projects. Recently, he started working with the Comcast Cable franchise, where he is trying to develop a local show on teen issues for the fall. His daughter Jessica, 23, is in her third year of courses for her master's in architecture at Washington University in Saint Louis. She is spending the remainder of 2004 studying in Spain and Buenos Aires. His son Jason, 26, married for two years, lives in Los Angeles and works in the film and entertainment industry with "The Wheelhouse." Jason's wife, Amanda, is the director of drama development at

Fox.

Craig continues to coach 11- and 12-year-old kids in recreation league basketball. He had a fun season last year when the Island Realty Sparks claimed the league title with a squad that included five 10-year-olds and a 9-year-old. He's going to get nine of his 12 players back. Jack also reports that **Gretchen Godsey '77** and **Steve Brownley** planned a summer visit and he hopes **Bruce Moler** and his wife Donna will visit again soon.

**Craig Stone** is still a clinical instructor for the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Pathology at the University of Maryland's Dental School and has a thriving practice in Baltimore County. His son Craig, 4, is a growing and happy little boy, whom they take everywhere, including a cruise through the Western Caribbean. He and Theresa report that life is grand with no big hassles, although Craig does miss his classmates.

**Tom Tresize** is now living in Bermuda. He began work as vice president for claims, for Renaissance Re Holdings Ltd. in December and moved the first of January. **Kathy Hamilton '76** is still in Maryland. She is expected to move as soon as they can sell their house in Monkton and she figures out how to manage her professional organizing business, Absolutely Organized LLC, from Bermuda. She just celebrated the fifth anniversary for her business and is doing great; so she is trying to add employees. Finding the right people can be a challenge, so they're not quite sure when her move will occur. Their son Greg just graduated from Dickinson College summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and with the departmental prize in history. Their daughter Meredith graduated in the top three in her high-school class from Notre Dame Prep in Towson and will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall on a full Naval ROTC scholarship. The **Schmidts (Linda Loock and Larry)**, the **Higdons (Mark and Patty)** and the **Grabers (John "Chip" '77 and Norma Hamilton '74)** also have had children graduating from college and high school this year, so they have been partying and swapping graduation gifts almost every weekend.

**Johan van der Jagt** is completing his second year of university teaching at Southeastern Louisiana University. He continues to do research and writing. His last article was published in an e-journal in January 2004. He finds life busy but is surrounded by nice colleagues.

**Patty Eyre Volrath** reports that she and **David '74** are doing fine. They were busy helping to plan the wedding for their son Kris over the summer. The wedding was to be held at Wakefield Country Club in Westminster, Md. Kris works for Legg Mason and his wife is a teacher in Harford County. The Volraths' other son Colin is going to college and is studying graphic arts. David is the executive director for secondary schools in Harford County and extremely busy with so many things. Patty is working with new teachers as a

mentor teacher. They still like the beach and have just purchased a new home in Ocean Pines. David and Patty enjoy their trips to the Caribbean where David scuba dives and Patty gets massages and facials. Despite their busy lives, they still find time to play golf and enjoy nice long walks with their dog Toby.

Pat and I still live in Melbourne, Fla. Pat continues to love working with the Air Force as a contractor/bd systems employee. I am still a librarian for the University of Central Florida on their Cocoa campus. Marc and Pam remain in Herndon, Va. We still have two dogs, Bailey and Brandi, who think they own our house, pool and yard. After more than three years of being cancer-free, I became ill again in May 2003, and the recurrence of cancer was finally diagnosed in July. I've been undergoing weekly chemotherapy treatments since last August. We remain optimistic and continue to enjoy the benefits of living in the Sunshine State near family and friends. My brother Michael Elliott is the Christian Critic on *Today's Family*, reviewing movies from a spiritual perspective; my cousin Hunter has moved on to host "Tactical to Practical" on the History Channel; my sister and her family keep us busy with athletic events; and my folks are doing well in the Villages at Lady Lake. I had an article accepted for publication in the *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, which I co-authored with a UCF public administration faculty member and I have plans to make a presentation with UCF's associate vice president for planning and evaluation at the eLearn conference in Washington D.C.

Just because the next column won't appear for two more years doesn't mean you can't write. I would love to hear from you any time. I hope this finds you and your family happy, healthy, and stress-free. Until next time.

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**1981** Hello everyone!  
Thanks to all who responded.  
Let's get right to the news.

**Mildred Artis Alexander** had a tough start for this year with the death of her father in January. Her father was enchanted with the Hill and thought the grounds and atmosphere were exquisite. Mildred was named the Washington Passport Agency's Employee of the Year for 2003. Her children, Blake, 12, and Paige, 6, keep  **Mitch '80** and Mildred busy. Last year they vacationed in Surfside Beach, S.C., and rented a charming home near the beach. This year they were headed to Virginia Beach, Va. Mildred attended the Third Annual Great American Scrapbook Convention in Chantilly, Va., in June.

**Debra Ambrose** spent a weekend with **Molly McLaughlin Quinn, Dotie Scroggs Freeman, Ginni Brown Morani,**

**Fon Bennett MacLaughlin** and **Donna Regner Rizzo**, catching up on old times. She is teaching at Friendship State College. Her sons are 13 and 15 and are doing well in school and sports.

**Steve and Susan Dea Aroff** are now trying to survive two teenagers in the house. Jonathan, 13, and Jacob, 15, keep them busy with activities, including football and baseball. Susan and Steve are both in the pharmaceutical industry, winning a top award and a trip to British Columbia. They enjoyed the whitewater rafting and the glacier waters. They will travel in Hawaii this year. They have recently added two females in the form of black Labradors.

**Steve Awalt** reports that his wife, Debbie, and children Mitchell, 13, Madison, 11, and Meredith, 7, are all well. He continues in the practice of law in Towson and still gets to see **Regan Smith** and **Rich Desser '79** from time to time.

**Becky Cassilly-Borland** heard from a few classmates at Christmas. She has been living in south Florida for the past 10 years, after relocating with her husband, Neil Borland, a urologist she met while working at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Becky "retired" about two years ago from the physician assistant profession. Her daughter Emily is 11 and Becky coaches her soccer and lacrosse teams. Becky was disappointed with the college name change.

**John Blum** is currently the vice president of operations for Chartway Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Virginia Beach, Va., with 33 branches in seven states. He and his wife Leslie have been married for 22 years and have three daughters. Courtney, 19, is entering her junior year at Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tenn., where she is majoring in early education/children's ministry. Ashley, 16, is a high-school junior, active in sports and Young Life. Sarah, 14, is a high-school freshman. They enjoy summers in Nagshead and visits back home to Michigan.

**Lori Frack Bucacink** reports that she is still working as a guidance counselor at Friendship Valley Elementary School in Westminster. Her husband John and she run the kids to all of their activities. They are still enjoying their camper and they try to go camping at least once a month in the spring, summer and fall. Lori ran into **Bob Masimore** and his wife Mary at their daughters' lacrosse practices. **Molly McLaughlin Quinn, Dotie Scroggs Freeman, Fon MacLaughlin,** and Lori visited **Donna Regner Rizzo** to bid farewell to Donna's fabulous beach house in New Jersey. Lots of laughs. Donna is moving back to Baltimore.

**Helen Jane Carstensen** says that life couldn't be better. She is a house manager for Flying Colors of Success in Westminster.

**Nancy Heinbaugh Cummins** is residing in Columbia, Md., with her husband and two teenagers. She quit the graphics world in 2002 and became a full-time real estate agent for Long and Foster. She went to the Phi Alpha Mu reunion at the Rusty Scupper in Balti-

more. She had a wonderful time seeing lots of Phi Alphas from our years.

**Michael Easley**, his wife Wendy and daughter Bridget, 2, live in Mountain View, Calif., and get together regularly with **Scott Lohmann '83**, his wife Lisa and their son Joey. Michael and his wife both work in communications for Hewlett-Packard Company. They are Giant's fans and share season tickets, watch a lot of DVDs, entertain friends, grill out on their deck and enjoy watching Bridget be Bridget. Last summer they spent a few days with **John Spaar**, his wife Patty and their three kids, Kayla, Emmy and Will, in Finksburg, just down the road from the Hill. The Spars are coming out to the Bay Area to visit them this fall.

**Luanne Leatherman Frebershauser** is enjoying retirement in Ocean Resorts, just south of Vero Beach, Fla. They sold their Westminster home to their son and have a small apartment for them in case it visits. Happy retirement, Luanne!

Keeping busy in New Hampshire is **Debi Bessman Funk**. She enjoys life there with her husband, **Jeff '82**, and their four children, Kaitly, 17, Kelsey, 15, Keily, 13, and John Edward, 7. Jeff is the regional vice president of One Beacon Insurance Company.

## Rebecca Weller Holderread is still a workaholic.

**Betsy Walsh Geiger** also attended the Phi Alpha Mu reunion. She caught up with **Barb Forrey Wahlbrink**, **Laura McGinty Kobala**, **Helen Wroe Kline**, **Lyn Keener Totty**, **Nancy Heinbaugh Cummins** and **Connie Thompson Bowman**. Betsy reports that everyone looks "fantastic." She still lives in Cumberland with her husband, Rich, and daughters, Becca, 16, and Tricia, 14.

Spending time last year in Ireland was **Alex Gerus Jr.** He was able to participate in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange. Alex and his family spent two months working and living in Derry, Northern Ireland. He taught students with profound disabilities. His sons, Cooper and Owen, attended a school where Protestants and Catholics were together. He is ready to go back.

**John Hines** moved with his wife Lynn and children, Kelly, 14, and Matt, 11, to an old farmhouse and five acres in Sandy Spring, Md., last year. They are busy with additions and renovations. The kids attend and are thrilled with Sandy Spring Friends School. He is a partner and CEO of Envision EMI, where they create, market and deliver experiential educational leadership and career conferences for about 40,000 students annually. They were recently selected by *Washingtonian Magazine* as one of Washington's "50 Best Companies."

**Rebecca Weller Holderread** is living in Atlanta, Ga. (one-quarter mile from Chastain Park for "Hotlanta") enthusi-

asts). Emma is 8 and Helen is a wild 4! She says she is still a workaholic, logging 60-plus hours a week as CFO for a private company that unloads trucks in food service/grocery distribution centers. Her husband Barry is building a home theater in their basement—so they are living amidst dry wall dust and boxes, as he completes a lot of the renovation himself. She has just completed the first of a three-year term as an Elder in their church and has co-led a civic project to get a sidewalk for their street. Between the kids, work, church, and her sideline project (installation was May 2004), she has little time for anything else. Life is good, but she still misses college days. Rebecca stays in touch with **Ken and Janet Carr Short**. Both seem to be doing well and their two girls are super smart (which surprises no one). Janet manages to assist with Girl Scouts and volunteers at their school, while working a full-time job. Rebecca's brother **Pete Weller '83** is still playing music and living in Orlando. He is designing and renovating his home and it's quite impressive. He works conventions and shows designing and running the light boards. **Stacey Pfeifer '84** is doing well in California.

**Jay and Trish Griffiths Holtzman** live in Parkville, Md. Jay has been with the Defense Security Service of the Department of Defense since 1982. Trish has been teaching part time at Huntington Learning Center in Perry Hall for four years. She secretly years to meet Eminem one day, Jonathan, 11, loves to play football and Allison, 8, enjoys Brownies and gymnastics. They have enjoyed vacations to Minnesota, Connecticut and Rhode Island. They will be traveling to Pennsylvania really soon.

**Scott Kallins** continues to do well in Florida. He and **Steve Asroff** went skiing in Lake Tahoe where "Lucky Steve" continued his "reputation in the casinos." Scott is busy expanding his practice and is coaching lacrosse in the local high schools. He will watch his niece graduate from McDaniel in 2005. **Pam Dawn Leone** continues her job as a pilot for American Airlines out of Dallas, Texas. She also sells real estate. She keeps in touch with **Sherry McCleurg Bukowski**.

After 10 years in California, **Dawn Sweeney Lindsay** reports she still loves it. Her son will soon be on the road driving. Her husband is working in the technology industry and has traveled to many foreign countries assisting with development of new technology. Dawn recently became the dean of academic and student services in the Riverside District. Dawn is excited about this new venture and hopes to use her expe-

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rience in both teaching and student services to bring the two departments together. She hopes that more people come to the 25th reunion.

**Betsy Malkus LaPorch** moved back to Cambridge, Md., after her divorce, with her three sons. She is building a house on the river there and continuing her volunteer work. Betsy sees **Steve Evans '80** who is as fun as ever. He accompanied her to Fairfax, Va., where her brother **Fred Malkus '82** and she celebrated the 40th birthday of their sister: **Susan Malkus Brown '86**. She hears from **Karen Seabrease Mauldin '82** that her husband Michael is enjoying his work in Europe supporting our troops.

**Karen Lyhus McCloskey** is excited about her new career as a personal trainer. A 1980 alum is one of her clients! Her husband **Bill '74** recently celebrated 25 years with Motorola. Their daughter Molly just entered high school and son Colin is in the seventh grade.

**Mary Beth Gibbons McCullough** is living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with her husband and children Rachel, 16, Seth, 13, and Jesse, 9. She is a personal trainer and aerobics instructor when she is not volunteering or helping her husband with his environmental consulting business.

Raising his two boys is a "great time," according to **Carl McWilliams**. Griffin, 8, and Hayden, 5, keep Carl and wife Becca very busy in Laurel, Md. He is looking forward to the 25th Reunion.

**Jill Kortvelesy Mennicken** is residing in Garden City, N.Y. She recently visited with **Lyn Rothacker Dowd**.

**Ginni Brown Morani** also went to the Phi Alpha Mu reunion with **Donna Regner Rizzo** and **Molly McCullough Quinn** last April. Ginni saw lots of her old sorority sisters there such as: **Laura McGinty Kobala**, **Betsy Walsh Geiger**, **Lyn Keener Totty**, **Colleen Kelly Protzko**, **Leslie Mosberg Heubeck**, **Nancy Heinbaugh Cummins**, **Barb Forrey Wahlbrink**, **Connie Thompson Bowman**, **Patty Decola Shaddinger** and **Dottie Taneyhill**. **Molly**, **Dottie**, **Scottrees Freeman**, **Fon Bennette MacLaughlin** and Ginni also visited Donna Regner Rizzo to bid farewell to Donna's fabulous beach house in New Jersey.

I was so sorry when I got the note from **JoAnne Campiell Nelson**. Her husband of 17 years, Bob, passed away suddenly in November 2002. The kids and JoAnne still struggle with that reality. She has much support from her college friends, as well as other friends and family. They were once her whole time and they were there for her through those first few months without them. She still hears from **Janet Trainer Byrne**, **Jan Mosser Heath** and **Dawn Sweeney Lindsay**. JoAnne and her children decided to get away last summer, and they went to visit San Diego and had the chance to visit with Dawn. It was a wonderful trip. JoAnne spends a lot of time just keeping up with the activities of Jessie, Joe and Tony. Combined they have soccer, lacrosse, wrestling, modeling, band and

various other school activities. Work is going well, but the telecom industry has had its ups and downs. Our thoughts are with her during this difficult time.

**Doug Otte** is a lead systems analyst at CareFirst Blue Cross. He lives in Hyattsville, Md., with his wife Stephanie and daughter Devin, 11. He occasionally keeps in touch with **Kathy Sheridan**.

## Todd Sarubin coached his son's baseball team to their first World Series victory in eight years.

Having two active teenagers keeps her busy, says **Jane Garrity Planthoff**. Jane is in her 21st year as a physical education teacher in Harford County, Md. Her husband Bill and she will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this September. Her son Jimmy, 16, is active in basketball and baseball and daughter, Katie, 13, plays field hockey, lacrosse, ballet, tap and jazz.

**Craig Rae** lives in Waunakee, Wis., with his wife **Sherry Bennett '82**, son Chris, 18, and daughters Shannon, 15, and Shelley, 12. Fortunately, they are all avid golfers. He commutes to work in a Minneapolis suburb where he runs SMC-Innovations, which is a manufacturer of several product lines in the hardware, housewares, health and fitness industries. Craig continues to travel all over North America and Europe and can sometimes be seen on QVC. Over the past few years he has gotten together with **Bill and Annette Hearn**, and on one occasion with **Nancy Menefee Jackson '80** for several Corp Springsteen concerts. He reports that for about three hours, they all felt young again and had a lot of fun getting together. Craig looks forward to the 2006 reunion.

Commercial real estate's return to health has kept **Owen Rouse** busy as director of **Manekin, LLC** in the Columbia, Md., office. One of the largest full-service real estate firms in the region, Manekin is involved with development, leasing, management and sales of commercial real estate from Harford to Frederick to Charles County. Owen was glad to see **McDaniel's lacrosse victory (17-7)** over Haverford, but sad as his nephew Pat Barry is a freshman starter for Haverford!

**Laurie Morstein Rovin** reports that she is living in Greenville, S.C., and has become entrenched with the community, working for the United Way of Greenville County as the Success By 6 director. Laurie says, "I'm behind the scenes with other leaders improving early care and education." Her kids are growing. Daniel, 15, just returned from his New York Carnegie Hall debut as an alto sax player with the Carolina Youth Symphony. Hannah, 12, has become quite the little fashion mogul!

She really enjoyed her visit two years ago with the Whiteford First Floor gang in Cape Cod—**Debi Bessman Funk**, **Molly McLaughlin Quinn**, **Fon Bennett MacLaughlin**, **Dottie Scroggs Freeman**, **Janet Trainor Byrne** and **GINNY Brown Morani**.

**Todd Moran** recently married Jules and has four children, ages 2, 6, 14 and 16. He practices dentistry with his father, uncle and first cousin in Woodlawn, Md. He is building a new house in Owings Mills, Md. Todd coached his son's baseball team to their first world series victory in eight years.

Staying home with Christopher, 4, and Madeline, 7, continues to keep **Louise Herrera Scaldi** busy. While not volunteering in the children's school, at her church, and tutoring after school, Louise is enjoying camping with her family. She went to New Mexico for three weeks and hopes to travel to Canada this summer. Her daughter started to play soccer this spring and Louise can't wait for her to take up field hockey.

One of our "older" classmates, **Carla Fifer Staub** continues to advance her education. Already having an MSW, she went on to get her MA from Loyola College in spiritual and pastoral counseling with a membership in the Jesuit Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Nu. She is currently the program director of the Hanover College of Lutheran Counseling Services. She and her husband have been married for 45 years and she has 11 grandchildren.

**Anita Cousins Stonebraker** celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary in Bermuda and loved it so much, they went back the next year! Her sons, Gareth and Gabriel, are both in high school and her daughters, Annellee and Laurel, are in seventh and second grade. They love to camp and will travel to West Virginia to see her sister, **Rev. Vivian Cross McCarthy '74**, then on to Finger Lakes, N.Y., to see other family members.

**Stuart Streit** and his wife Karen are doing well in Cincinnati. They enjoy traveling with their daughters Katie, 12, and Kelsey, 10. They spent spring break in Arizona and will also head to the beach in Florida this year. Of all the places they have traveled, their daughters still love Ocean City, Md., the best. At home they are busy with soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball, piano and horseback riding. Stuart coaches both of his girls' soccer teams and is part of the U.S. Soccer Olympic Development Program Staff for southern Ohio.

**Deanna "Dee" Taylor** resides in West Jordan, Utah, with her husband of three years, Tom King. They were married in October 2001 at their home underneath a cottonwood tree that dates well over 100 years. It was a tie-dye wedding—the bride and groom wore tie-dye wedding apparel, as did all the guests! Her two sons, Greg, 20, and Brian, 18, live with them. Her daughter, Emily, 15, lives with them. Her daughter, Emily, 15, resides in Frederick, Md., with her dad. Dee and her husband have a home with lots of ground for heavy-duty organic garden-

**Deanna "Dee" Taylor** is active as founder of the local radical cheerleading squad, "Pom Poms Not Bomb Bombs," which performs at activist functions and demonstrations.

ing. Tom cultivates many species of orchids as well as hundreds of other types of plants. They grow and cultivate everything organically. She is currently the music and itinerant special education math support specialist at a public charter school in Salt Lake City, called Center City School. Dee also found herself teaching the yearbook class this year because the other staff members found out that she knows a little bit about computers. Tom is a master electrician with a local traffic control engineering company. Dee and Tom are active in Salt Lake City with the three-year-old group People for Peace and Justice of Utah, which advocates for a more peaceful and just world through the development and organization of educational events (panels, films, etc.) as well as local large demonstrations in solidarity with other organizations around the world. They hold weekly sidewalk vigils in downtown Salt Lake City. They also helped to found and participate with Alliant Action Utah. Dee is active as founder of and participant with the local radical cheerleading squad, "Pom Poms Not Bomb Bombs," which performs at activist functions and demonstrations. Dee is very active in the Green Party. In her leisure time, she loves to hike and "primitive camp." She has hundreds of gorgeous digital photos of Utah and its mountains and valleys that she can send to anyone upon request.

Her e-mail can be found via the alumni online directory.

**Keith Taylor** has been seeing quite a bit of the Hill lately due to the fact that his daughter **Emily '07** started in the fall 2004. He has seen many professors such as Dr. Ethan Seidel, Wasy Pali-jczuk, **Dr. Jim Lightner '90** and **Dr. Sam Case '63**. He is happy to see that while some things change, many stay the same.

**Elaine Flynn Toohy** is director of development at her alma mater, McDonough School in Owings Mills. Her husband Phil is a vice president with UBS Financial Services. Her kids, Patrick, 13, and Mary Jane, 12, are both at McDonough. They are all doing so well and she hopes to see the Great Class of 1981 in 2006 for our big 25th!

**Jeff Vinson** tied the knot on April 3 to Vicki. They honeymooned in Hawaii. They both work for Northrop Grumman in Rolling Hill, Ill.

**Barbara Forrey Wahlbrink** states that life is good for them in Rockville these days. She currently has a child in high school, one in middle school, and one in first grade. **Jeff '80** is still bringing the delights of Heavenly Ham to Gaithersburg, and greater Montgomery County. She wants anyone in that area to stop by their store. Barb is still "retired" from the corporate world, working part time at their church and burning lots of fossil fuels as she drives endlessly to drop off/pick up kids for sports and activities all over the place. A highlight of this year was the Phi Alpha Reunion in Baltimore in April.

**Ann Sowers Zimmerman** always likes to read the updates. She is living in York, Pa., with her husband Walt and sons Kyle, 8, and Jared, 5. She divides her time between helping her husband in his chiropractic office, keeping up with her children and their activities as well as doing a bit of community volunteering. If anyone finds themselves in the York area stop by to see Ann.

As usual, it's great to hear from you. **Bernie** and I continue to live in Clarksville, Md. We have been so fortunate to keep in touch with many of our fellow graduates. **Seth Prager** is living in Singapore with his wife, Etry and two daughters, but Bernie was able to catch up with him when he was in Washington recently. **Tim Hackerman** continues to be a successful real-estate appraiser and great dad to Jenna. **Bruce Dummer '82** is also doing well as an appraiser and keeps busy with wife Peggy and their four children. Bernie is still a partner in Weber Merritt Strategies. I am consulting part time as a project manager for Moving On, Inc., a company helping seniors move to retirement homes. I keep busy by volunteering in both my daughters' schools. I was thrilled to see **Caroline Bowman**, daughter of **Rob** and **Connie Thompson Bowman**, win best actress in a musical from the Baltimore Cappies, a group which celebrates high school theater. She was terrific and had the opportunity to go to a workshop at the Kennedy Center this past summer.

Let's hope that more people can come to the 25th reunion.

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Thanks for the great response. I especially enjoyed receiving class news via e-mail.

I have read everything news, I have to say that it's heartening to see how many of our classmates have BIG families—not just three kids, but multiple families with four to five kids. And a special thank you to those classmates who have spent the last few years protecting and supporting our country, here and overseas.

**Sandra Brant Alvey** spent a year on active duty in the Army Medical Service Corps after she was called up for Operation Noble Eagle (the name given to the partial mobilization of the reserves to increase homeland defense

and civil servant missions in response to the terrorist attacks on 9/11) and Operation Iraqi Freedom support. Sandra was assigned as an Ops Officer for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine managing preventive medicine units and rapid response teams. Sandra took her family—husband **Alan '85**, sons Doug, 14, and Greg, 11, and daughter, Sami, 7, on vacation to Sedona, Ariz., and Branson, Mo. She is now back at the Army Environmental Center as a senior government civilian running the Army-wide Installation Pest Management Program.

Having left their teaching position back in 2002, **Liz Fox Beaulieu** is now locking into providing educational services in private practice with three other women in Durham, N.H. She also hopes to become involved in a local adult education school soon. Despite the cold this past winter, Liz and her husband **Tim** skied with their kids Madeleine, 6, Jack, 5, and Thomas, 3, almost every weekend. This past July, she and **Tim** enjoyed a week-long biking trip in Ireland.

**Kathy McNiff Blair** and husband **Randy '86** celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary this year. The Blair children, Tyler, 12, Austin, 9, and Ally, 3, are doing well and keep Cathy and Randy busy with activities and sports. Cathy still works for IKEA U.S. as a learning and development facilitator and enjoys the opportunity to work from her home office quite often. She travels to the U.S. locations periodically and, in the past two years, has also traveled to a few international destinations like Sweden, Denmark, Canada and Holland.

**Sandra Brant Alvey** spent a year on active duty in the Army Medical Service Corps after she was called up for Operation Noble Eagle.

**Ferren DeMore Bolesta** and her family are still living in Frederick, Md. She's a stay-at-home mom for her three boys, now 10, 8, and 5. She "maintains her sanity" with the help of a part-time job as a buyer for an antique dealer in town, which she loves. Ferren enjoyed seeing all the Phi Alphas at their reunion in April. She keeps in touch with **Kim O'Dea Landgraf**, **Julie Bugg Maher** and **Melissa Durley Kreisa**. **Tom '88** and **Kathy Eskut '90** Krach and **Darrell** and **Kris Twiford '88** Guyton also live nearby. She says it's amazing how many alumni she runs into in Frederick.

**Bill** and **Stephanie Wagner Brewster** moved to Manchester, Md., in the summer of 2003. Stephanie continues to work for the Montessori School of Westminster where Sarah Brewster is in sixth grade. Daughter, Kate, 5,

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started kindergarten there this fall. Bill still works for Bristol Myers-Squibb. Besides spending time with the girls and their activities—soccer, karate, dance—the Brewsters see a lot of alumni at work, around town and on their annual ski vacation.

**Margo Engle Burns** and husband Steve love living in Chicago with their four children, Henry, 7, Madeline, 6, Emma, 18 months, and Abby, 5 months. The Burns family spends summers in Ocean City, N.J.

Mr. Airy, Md., is still home for **Liz Goodnow Conner**, husband **Rick '84** and their three boys, Ricky, 12, Clay, 9, and Timothy Patrick, born June 18, 2004. She and Rick enjoy running into classmates on the ball fields with their children.

**Kelly Connor** writes that she is loving life. She is now in northern New Jersey working as the director of Day Camp Sunshine, a non-denominational Christian camp that serves around 300 children, ages 6-15, weekly throughout the summer. She is enjoying the challenges and privilege of working with the camp staff and the campers. Kelly is also involved in youth ministry year-round.

**Dennis DeMatte** and his family moved to a new home in Vineland, N.J. His daughter Kelsey, 6, joined the Vineland YMCA Swim Team, which Dennis has coached for 16 years. He and wife **Lori Perugini '91** enjoy seeing college friends at their annual summer party and while sailing on the bay on their sailboat, "Shearwater."

**Sandy Smith Denmark** is still with Verizon Communications, but is now working part time. She spends her newly found time with her husband Scott and their children, Bryan, 3, and Bailey, 2. Living in Leesburg, Va., Sandy still sees a number of alumni on a regular basis.

## Norm Dahl just graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Ph.D. in educational psychology.

**Norm Dahl** is still living in the suburbs of Minneapolis and St. Paul with his wife Maria and two daughters, Natalie and Anna. The biggest news of recent years is that he just graduated from the University of Minnesota with a PhD in educational psychology. He is currently looking for a job back on the East Coast.

**Dave Douglas**, wife **Maria Fishbe '89** and daughters Carter, 8, and Jennifer, 5, are alive and well in Easton, Md. In addition to the full-time duties of being parents, Doug and Maria manage The Douglas Companies, Inc., which includes divisions that involve real-estate development, property management and project maintenance. They had a mini vacation during the summer at **Robert 'Richie' Wheatley's** resort on Cedar Point and were expecting a visit from **Matt and Tracy Buckman '88**

**Dunne** in July 2004. Most importantly, Dave hopes that some reunions will be moved back to Homecoming weekend so that alumni can more easily attend.

**Matt Dunne** is the vice president/general manager of U.S. Bank Area in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife **Tracy Buckman Dunne '88** stay busy with their children, Courtney, 9, and Christopher, 5.

**Wendy Haug Ensz** thoroughly enjoys her job teaching music to young children as a Kindergarten educator (and co-owner) at the University of Sioux Falls, and as the music specialist at the Citibank Daycare. She loves getting in as much family time as possible with her husband Don and her two boys Dylan, 9, and Corey, 11. The Ensz family enjoys playing sports and games, art, music, reading and watching *Saturday* and football together.

**Brian Felch** works for Baesch Computer Consulting and subcontracts for DOD. He was elected to the Board of Directors for the International Sysbase Users Group and also chairs the annual SIDS golf tournament for the Center for Infant and Child Loss.

**Cassie Schneberger Felch** stays home with Mallory, 9, Grant, 6, and Cole, 1, and spends her free time (ha!) volunteering at church and school.

As director of student community services and service learning at Shepherd University, **Holly Morgan Frye** assists faculty with tying service to the curriculum and breaking the students out of the classroom for real, experiential learning. Much of her inspiration for this position comes from her classes with **Dr. Ira Zepp '52**. (She fondly remembers raising money one night to feed the hungry in Carroll County by charging admission at Ernie's Pub just a few blocks from campus.) In addition to work, her sons Terry, 12, and Donovan, 3, (her big surprise baby!) keep her and her husband Jim quite busy as they continue to restore their old family farmhouse in Shepherdstown.

**Stacey Pucci Gruber** is an extended enrichment teacher in Carroll County. She spends most of her "spare" time watching soccer and lacrosse games. Stacey coaches lacrosse for her 6-year-old daughter Maggie's team and her husband **Rich '88** coaches soccer for both the Gruber boys, Nick, 12, and Casey, 8.

**Lee Holmes** writes that other than his children being a little older, Zack, 13, Sara 11, Josh, 7, and David, 5, his only news is that he and his family have moved to St. Louis. Lee was promoted to vice president and C.F.O. at a sister company in St. Louis where he was living and commuting to his December 2003. In the spring of 2004, he and wife, **Trish Foga '84** sold their house in Maryland and bought a house in the St. Louis area. As of last July, the Holmes family was settling into their new home.

A couple of years ago, **Sandra Cochran Hunt** and family built a house in Boyd, one of the only rural parts left in Montgomery County, Md. They are nestled on a very quiet road where just about all of their neighbors have

working farms. The Hunt family absolutely love it. Sandy's boys, Dylan and Blake, are now 6 and 4. She had a wonderful time on a trip to Las Vegas this past spring, which was a birthday surprise from her husband, Jeff.

**Matt and Denise Pinkerton Jackson** and their children, Morgan, 13, and Kevin, 10, are still living in Catonsville. The Jacksons see **Keith '86** and **Lisa Buscemi '88 Berlin** and **Neil and Alice Schwarzkopf '88 Gwinn**. Denise also keeps in touch with **Wendy Monahan Atkinson**, but misses not seeing her since she lives in Frostburg. Every once in a while, **Mark Wanamaker** comes into town from Colorado Springs and they get to catch up.

**Susan Pinto Keen** is still working part time as a CPA/manager for the same public accounting firm where she's been for 16 years now (which makes her feel old!).

She enjoys every minute of the business of raising her three kids, Bradley, 9, Lindsey and Abby, 8, even though

## Melissa Durley Kreisa has a part-time business creating hand-painted furniture, walls and accessories.

she sometimes feels like they practically live in the car, going from one activity to another. The Keens built a house in August 2002 and are enjoying it as well. Susan had a great time getting away for a Phi Alpha reunion in April 2004 at the Inher Harbor and seeing many of her "old" college friends.

**Melissa Durley Kreisa** is very happy living in northern California with her husband John and three children, Julia, 4, Lea, 2, and Nicolas, who was born April 6, 2004. Melissa has a part-time business creating hand painted furniture, walls and accessories and keeps in close touch with **Ferren DeMoro Bolesta** and **Mary Beth Angus Taylor**.

**Lynn Fangmeyer Lang** teaches religion at her children's school and does technical editing from home on a fairly regular basis. Her husband Paul works at Goddard Space Flight Center. Lynn is grateful that her mom has significantly recovered from severe heart and lung failure aggravated by double pneumonia. Lynn and Paul, along with their children, Matthew, 9, and Maggie, 6, spent the summer road-tripping to Boston, Kitty Hawk, N.C., Bethany Beach, Del., and Paul's hometown in Missouri. Lynn sees her sister-in-law (and Delt sister) **Leigh Filer Fangmeyer '88** frequently with her brother Bob and their kids. She got back in touch with **Leslie Stinchcomb Dolan '86** this past year and runs into **Craig '85 Sarsony** and **Linda Ashburn** occasionally at their kids' karate classes. Although Lynn hasn't seen her since her second son, Donovan, was born, she spoke to **Holly Morgan Frye** (another Delt) this

past Mother's Day.

**Luc Levensohn** still lives in Manchester, Mass., with his wife Sara, son Philip, 7, and daughter Emma, 5, and their boxer, Kita. Luc is vice president of customer solutions for Pro-Track Services in Waltham, Mass. He writes that it was great to see **Kevin '86** and **Karen Scheidt Groner** at the Stone Cat Trail Races and in New Hampshire. Luc is training hard to stay ahead of speedy Karen.

**Michele Fetsko Liston** is married now and has two stepchildren, ages 9 and 7. She's keeping busy with lots of travel and the kids' activities.

**Steve Lutche** and his wife **Lucy Purcell '86** had several enjoyable vacations with their kids (and fellow alumni) in the past year, including a Caribbean cruise, a winter trip to the Dominican Republic and their annual summer trip to the Outer Banks. More than anything, Lucy and Steve enjoy their youngsters and watching them play and grow. Brigitte, 7, plays soccer and lacrosse and Stevie, 4, started soccer this fall. Steve's law practice and recreational coaching duties keep him quite busy, while Lucy is working part time as a paralegal. Additionally, the Lutches are devoting a significant amount of time to the non-profit foundation they helped to establish in memory of a classmate of Brigitte's who was killed tragically last year. They are involved in the Foundation's fundraising and the construction efforts of a wonderful playground for children in Harford County.

**Julie Bugg Maher** and her husband Ed celebrated their 10-year anniversary early in 2004. Their daughter Morgan, 9, takes acting classes and participates in ponies. Mallory, 5, participates in a dance class with Delaney Irwin, who is the daughter of Geoff and Dawn **Erbe-Frances Irwin '90** and Sophie Krach, daughter of Tom '88 and Kathy **Eskut Krach '90**. Julie has enjoyed seeing alumni and their families. The Mahers are in a dinner group with Bob and **Ferren DeMoro Bolesta** and occasionally see **Eric and Kim '01 O'Dea Landgraf** when they're in town.

**Ginger Mahle** is excited to announce that she "finally got married!" to Roger Gauer, whom she met working at an airshow. The couple now has a super happy baby boy named Christopher Ryan, who was born in October 2003. Ginger is still teaching in Howard County and stays in touch with **Linda Ashburn** and **Craig Sarsony '85**, who played the piano for her wedding.

**Greg Merrill** and his wife Claire had their second child, Paige Celeste, on June 9, 2004. Her brother, Parker, turned 3 in August. Greg says Parker looks just like him, except he still has hair!. Greg sold his last company, IT Medical Systems, in 2000 and took a year off to race sports cars full time. He's now having fun building a new company that integrates video games and fitness. Greg invites everyone to check out the website of PowerGrid Fitness, Inc., at [powergrid.com](http://powergrid.com).

**Margaret Miller** is very happy to be living and working back in her home

## A TOAST

to Christopher Englebrake '02 and Jackie Leazer '01, seen here enjoying cocktails and the Baltimore skyline from the exclusive club level at M&T Stadium, where they were special guests at the celebration for Annual Fund donors who are members of the Founders and Carpe Diem societies.

## A PARTY INVITATION

Members of the Carpe Diem society are alumni one to five years out who make gifts of at least \$250 and alumni six to nine years out who make gifts of \$500 or more.

Members of the Founders Society show their commitment to the McDaniel College mission with gifts of \$1,000 or more.

Last year, 87% of all funds raised were provided by members of these select giving clubs. The more money raised, the merrier for students and faculty who rely on the Annual Fund for everything from scholarships to field trips to lab equipment.

## R.S.V.P

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state of Maryland. Since getting married two years ago, she and her husband Rob have lived in Oregon. Last spring, the couple (along with their cats, Jerry and Alley) was able to relocate to the East Coast. Rob is now a lead engineer for Northrop Grumman while Margaret is working for Maritz as a facilitator of organizational development, process improvement and training for 10 Buick and Pontiac car dealerships. She works from home and absolutely loves the change, flexibility and how much she's already learned. Margaret and Rob are looking forward to hosting visiting friends and family at their new place and enjoying their proximity to Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Annapolis.

**Todd Mitchell** remains a "towny" living in Hampstead with his family. He's been with Legg Mason for 12 years now, managing the Westminster office.

Todd enjoys boating on the Chesapeake Bay and just retired from the Army National Guard after 20 years of at least a weekend per month. He continues to try to keep his friend **Paul Maiorano** straight and is happy to report he is doing very well. He misses seeing **Dennis DeMatte** and **Allen Mott**.

**Chris Morris** and his wife Maureen now have a third child, Lindsey Margaret, born on Jan. 20, 2004. In the last year, Maureen completed her Ph.D. in psychology from George Washington University and Chris received an M.S. in real estate from Johns Hopkins University.

After eight years in Chicago, **Don Parker-Burgard** and his family moved to Monroe, Conn., in the summer of 2003. Don works at home as a freelance copy-editor. He writes that he is glad to back on the East Coast, but disappointed that former roommate **Jim**

**Chung** just moved with his family to Orange County, Calif.

**Beth Rudrow Peed** lives in King George, Va., and is still working for the Navy. She's enjoying Little League, soccer and Cub Scouts and all the other activities pursued by Ben, 8, and James, 5. She sends a special "hi" to all her Phi Sig sisters from "Rut-row."

**Dave Reith** and his family have been living in Virginia for two years now. Dave is still the controller of the Newport News Shipyard. Now that she's not teaching, Dave's wife **Sharon Pierce '88** enjoys her time off with JD, 13, Jennifer, 9, and Ben, 4. The Reiths send hellos to **George '85** and **Robin Adams '86 Brenton**, **Tod '86** and **Josie Coliflower '86 Webster** and to **Pat Shank**.

For 10 years now, **Linda Marriott Renner** has taught fifth grade at a private Christian school in Westminster. Her husband **Doug '88** still teaches and

coaches cross-country and track and field at McDaniel. Their son, Colin, 11, just started middle school and the Renner twins, Hannah and Noah, turned 2 in September.

In the fall of 2003, **Suzanne Brazier Rossi** had a blast watching her sister **Barbara Brazier '80** be inducted into the McDaniel Sports Hall of Fame. Suzanne and her husband Chris built a house in Sparks, Md. (it was to be completed this past August). They both enjoy watching and coaching their four kids, Nick, 10, Megan, 8, Jack, 5, and Mallory, 4, in field hockey and lacrosse. Additionally, the family travels when possible to Disney or New York. Suzanne sees **Dawn Deffenbaugh Anderson '88** and **Sandy Metz Borns '89** quite often.

**Bev Kreitzer Shaner** has been happily unemployed since the end of 2002, when her employer, ManagedComp,

# CREATIVE BUZZ

BOOKS

**John Fowles:**  
**A Life in Two Worlds**  
Eileen Warburton '69  
Viking, 2004

While a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, Eileen Warburton read *The French Lieutenant's Woman* and *The Magus*. The experience "turned my world upside down." Next thing she knew, Warburton had changed her adviser and the subject of her dissertation to the novels' author John Fowles.

She wrote Fowles a letter and asked to visit him while she was in England. He agreed to a brief chat. Standing at the door of his imposing Georgian home, she had an "intuition flash" when Fowles and his wife Elizabeth extended their hands in greeting. She knew immediately that Elizabeth was Alison, the passionate heroine of *The Magus*.

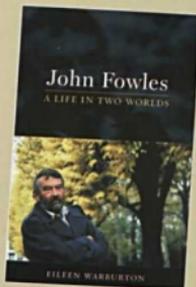
"I realized I was in a life story that had become these books," Warburton recalls. "And it was a love story. And I was hooked."

So were the author and his wife. What was supposed to have been a brief conversation turned into tea and then dinner and a friendship that spanned decades. Warburton knew from that first meeting she wanted to write Fowles' biography, but he didn't agree until after Elizabeth's death in 1990. Then, he "opened the tap" and gave Warburton access to all of his journals, letters, family and friends, advising her to



"just tell the truth."

The resulting 510-page biography that took Warburton seven years to complete "reads like a novel," according to a review in *The Washington Post*. The portrait of Fowles, critic Elizabeth Hand goes on to say, "is not necessarily a pretty one, but the narrative Warburton makes of this prickly author's life is riveting and, in its final depiction of a literary lion in winter... very moving."



**Hungary at War:**  
**Civilians and Soldiers**  
**in World War Two**

Cecil Ely '50  
Penn State University Press, 1998

Hungary's place in World War II has been woefully documented, because until recently any histories of the war years had to conform to the Communist Party line. Originally allied with Germany to defend itself against Bolshevism, Hungary saw its army decimated in 1943 and was subsequently invaded and occupied by the Soviets. Now, the memories of those who endured those years can finally be shared.

Cecil Ely, a retired professor of English at the University of Michigan where he taught for 30 years, was twice a Fulbright lecturer in Hungary in 1982 and 1989. He's compiled

a historical chronicle of Hungary's wartime experiences based on interviews with nearly a hundred people who lived through those years. Here are officers and common soldiers, Jewish survivors of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps, pilots of the Royal Hungarian Air Force, Hungarian prisoners of war in Russian labor camps and a host of others. We meet the apologists for the Horthy regime installed by Hitler and the activists who sought to overthrow it, and we relive the Red Army's siege of Budapest during the harsh winter of 1944-45 through the memories of ordinary citizens trapped there. From these personal accounts, Ely draws readers into the larger themes of the tragedy of war and the consequences of individual actions in moments of crisis.

Available online at [www.psupress.org](http://www.psupress.org)

**Nonviolence:**  
**Origins & Outcomes**

Charles E. Collyer and Ira G. Zepp, Jr. '52  
Writers Workshop in Calcutta, India, 2003.

Many scholars and practitioners will benefit greatly from this work, particularly those who have recently come into this field of study and are developing their own skills as teachers of peace.

Available through *The Ira & Mary Zepp Center for Nonviolence and Peace Education and Common Ground on the Hill*. Call 410/857-2771

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went out of business. Her husband Chuck followed her lead and retired in June 2003 after 34 years of teaching. They both love being semi-retired! Bev is currently playing college student again, studying accounting, and plans to eventually do some part-time bookkeeping. She continues to volunteer at her church, play handbells in the bell choir and sing in the choir, for which she's serving as president this year. Her role as president has allowed her to be involved in planning the choir's tour to Europe in the summer of 2005. Stops in Prague, Vienna, Salzburg (where the choir will sing in the music festival), Munich, and Zurich are planned. Recently, Bev and Chuck have enjoyed vacations in Lake George, N.Y., and Florida.

For the first time since graduation, **Julie-Ann Elliott Sikora** returned to the Hill, for the Alpha Psi Omega reunion last fall at Western Maryland College Alumni Hall. A week later, she returned with her three teenage stepchildren. She was overwhelmed with the changes and the overall experience of being on campus again and was happy to see **Josh Seltzer '87**, Director of Theatre Ira Donmser and his wife Patty. Julie-Ann is still living in the Aspen Hill area of Silver Spring and acting. She's done three shows this year at the Olney Theatre Center. Since Julie-Ann doesn't have a 9-to-5 job, she gets to spend weeks at a time with her fun and amazing twin boys, Nicholas and Cameron, who turned 3 in August. Her husband Paul was on a trip to Aruba—the Sikoras traveled there at the end of April for five beautiful days, courtesy of a Baltimore radio station.

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When her daughter Shimena turned 3 last spring, **Beth James Simmons** made the decision to return to work full time. Making a major career change, she shifted out of her life-long work in the non-profit sector to become a "headhunter" for heavy mobile equipment manufacturers. She says the job is a hoot and refreshing after a grueling five years as a therapist in community mental health. Her husband Scott is happily pursuing a career in 3D graphics in the gaming industry. The Simmons reside in the beautiful Pacific Northwest near Seattle, enjoying hiking and attend a Unitarian Universalist church.

**Andy and Estelle Almogola '86 Stefanelli** are moving into a new house and celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary this fall. Their five children, Carly, 11, Drew, 10, Perry, 8,

Margi, 4, and Jack, 2, keep them busy with their various school and athletic activities. Andy owns and operates four service stations/auto repair shops with his brother, but still finds time to coach youth football for Drew's and Perry's teams. The Stefanelli family vacations annually in the Outer Banks with **Chet '85** and **Sue Maywalt Williams** and also host a bunch of alumni at their annual summer party (a 20-year tradition). A few times a year, Andy gets together with **Pete Wilson, Mark Jantorno '86, Paul Johnson, Mike Murphy, Todd Ewing, and Bill Boyadys '86**.

**Dave Stroud** spent the year or so between December 2002 and March 2004 in Kuwait and Iraq. While deployed, he was able to see **Tim Hanan '89, Leo Schiller '88, Mark Buckley '85**, and **Duane Gamble '85**. He left Germany this past summer for Omaha, Neb., to work as a satellite communications officer for U.S. Strategic Command. On the way, he stopped in Bethany Beach, Del., for a few weeks of sun and fun.

In March, **Mary Beth Angus Taylor** visited **Melissa Ruthing Kreisa** and family in San Francisco and had fun getting to know Melissa's two active little girls. On the same trip, she also visited **Bill Rife Matsui** and family and enjoyed visiting the Monterey and Carmel areas. Beth and Melissa only live 40 minutes from each other and did not know it until Mary Beth planned the key West trip! Last December, she traveled to Key West to visit **Margaret Gutierrez**, who relocated to visit **Mary Beth** frequently there last fall. **Tracy Kennard Inne, Theresa Gimmel Lemon.** This past April, she attended the Phi Alpha Reunion at the Rusty Scupper in Baltimore and was happy to see so many sorority sisters together again. Mary Beth lives in Canton and runs the commercial lending division of Bradford Bank. She's been there three years and enjoys the challenges of creating a new line of business.

**Nicole Gaines Thompson** is still employed at the Westtown Friends School in the Chadds Ford, Pa., area and, for the first time in her career, read his end-of-year essay. Nicole taught the same grade for two years in a row (second grade). Last spring, her son Jerry, 14, graduated from middle school where he excelled in wrestling, track and cross country, and was also one of only two students chosen to full time. Making a major career change, she shifted out of her life-long work in the non-profit sector to become a "headhunter" for heavy mobile equipment manufacturers. She says the job is a hoot and refreshing after a grueling five years as a therapist in community mental health. Her husband Scott is happily pursuing a career in 3D graphics in the gaming industry. The Simmons reside in the beautiful Pacific Northwest near Seattle, enjoying hiking and attend a Unitarian Universalist church.

**Rich Wheatley** is still the manager for the Easton and Salisbury, Md., branch for Chase Home Finance. He and his wife, Martha, now have four children: Claire, 11, Kyra, 9, Jack, 7, and Addie, 3. The Wheatleys continue and Anne, 3. The Wheatleys continue to spend a lot of time with college friends and enjoy downtime in Fenwick Island, Del.

**Kathy Mancini**  
*Williams can't wait to see her old college friends on their 40th birthday cruise.*

**Kathy Mancini Williams** is still living in beautiful New York with her husband and five children: Steven, 8, Emily, 6, John, 5, Teddy, 3, and Mary Kathleen, 5 months. Besides spending time with her family, Kathy does the accounting and legal work for her husband's retina surgery practice. The family is looking forward to the completion of their new home in Clinton, N.Y., and Kathy can't wait to see her old college friends on their 40th birthday cruise.

**Chris Williams** and Colleen Donnelly, his girlfriend of four years, tied the knot on July 24, 2004. The newlyweds went to Hawaii on their honeymoon for two weeks, which was Chris' first decent vacation in years. Chris is still playing guitar and writing songs, but has been a little too busy for a band lately. However, several years ago, he moved from Baltimore to Austin, Texas, for about a year to get a taste of the "Live Music Capital of the World." Since returning to Baltimore, he's been working in the Baltimore City Council President's office as an associate press secretary and the City Council Webmaster. Chris stills sees several of his close college friends on a regular basis. **Scott '85** and **The Bachman '86 Law and Andy Robey '86** and his wife Nancy. **Jon Shipley '86** is living in Germany with his wife Maria and teaching at a private middle school.

**Todd Wolfe** and his family, **Anita Butler '88**, and sons Marshall, 10, and Owen, 7, are enjoying what will likely be their last year living in the cornfields of southern Illinois. Todd is an Army lieutenant colonel assigned as a congressional liaison officer with the U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base. He writes that observing and interacting with the legislative process close up over the past two years has been a great experience, but he'll be glad to head back to the regular Army when the time comes. Additionally, living in the Midwest has been a great experience for the entire Wolfe family, one they'll look back on fondly as their military adventure continues. Todd and Anita haven't had much of an opportunity to see many alumni over the past year, but were hoping to see some during a summer trip back East that was to include stops in Boston, Baltimore and Ocean City, Md.

My life changed drastically soon after our last column was published. In another round of cutbacks, I was let go from my marketing position at AT&T after 12 years. After getting over my shock and sadness at having to leave a job I loved, I decided to take some classes at a local college and cut back

the days my two boys, Christopher, 8, and Gregory, 5, spent in daycare. My husband Ron was also out of work for several months, but found a new position working (ironically) for AT&T. In June 2003, I started my own business that I manage from my house. I am a dealer for Cherubs-N-Chocolates™, a national company specializing in full-color, glossy candy bar wrappers, which I personalize for parties, special events and fundraisers. Although I sometimes miss my old job and co-workers, I really love what I'm doing now and working part time has definitely reduced the amount of stress in my life.

Thanks again to everyone who sent in news this time around!

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Having recently been promoted to majors in the U.S. Army, **Tanya Kabel-Ballard** and husband, **Matt '92**, are completing their tour at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. They have completed their master's degrees and are instructing "Leadership and Management" courses. At this time they are preparing to move from New York to Kansas and hope to find an alumni group to get involved with there.

Becoming somewhat of a world traveler, **Sandra Hoelz** has recently visited Sweden, Switzerland and Malta. She currently lives in San Jose, Calif., and works for the city as an administrative manager in the human resources department. In her spare time, she does space clearing and energy balancing for homes and businesses. Sandra says "Hello" to all her old friends.

**Jennifer Milstein Johnson** recently moved back to the Carroll County area, with her husband Brent and their twin daughters, Hannah and Katie, 3. They've just started a non-profit organization that helps fund trips and equipment for doctors and nurses that go on medical missions. Jen sends her best to all her old college friends.

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**Christine Keiner** is an assistant professor in the science, technology and society department at Rochester Institute of Technology. She's thrilled with her new role.

A stay-at-home mom of two, **Rachel Snyder MacDougal** keeps herself busy.

While not running after Alexander, 2, and newborn Alyson, she's working on her certification to teach Spanish. Last fall, she flew to Texas to visit **Corinne Milligan** and had a wonderful time there.

Enjoying life, church, work, shopping and cars (like her new Jaguar) is **Andrea Mack**. She's a senior mortgage banker at National Family Mortgage in Columbia, Md. She keeps in touch with **Kevin Richardson '92** and **Eric Byrd**, her "old partners in crime."

**M. Michelle Miller** married Mick McGrellis on Sept. 13, 2003, at the Wildflower Inn in Lyndonville, Vt. After an amazing honeymoon backpacking in New Hampshire and hiking in Acadia National Park, Maine, the couple live in Woodbury, N.J. Michelle works as a behavior/program consultant for the Lovas Institute for Early Intervention. She wants her friends, **Karen Murphy Ferguson** and **Cindy Tokar Hall**, to know how much she misses them.

Working as a freelance sign language interpreter for the Washington-Baltimore area is **Trisha Darmstead Montgomery**. She's been married to husband Brian for seven years and has two children, Sarah, 5, and Logan, 2. She keeps in touch with **Kendra Harbaugh Sampson** and wants to say "hello" to all the Omegas.

Loving life in the city of Baltimore, **Dave Miller** recently began a new career in education. He's now working for the Calvert School Education Services helping to implement the curriculum in charter and distance education schools. The work is fun and challenging for him and quite a change after serving nearly 10 years in the Federal Government at the Department of Treasury. Work does have him traveling, and he recently returned from a trip visiting schools in Alaska. Still very much into athletics, he enjoys camping, hiking, backpacking, touch football (in the SoBo Football League) and Ultimate. He keeps in touch with fellow alums: **Adam** and **Suzy Pollard '94**, **Freimans**, **Eric Euler** and **Ed Larkin**. He wishes as a linguist in Iraq.

Welcoming their second child, Kayla Rose, on Oct. 3, 2003, are **Brian** and **Brenda Christensen Musselman**. Kristen, 4, loves being a big sister. The family resides in Libertytown, Md., where Brenda is celebrating her 11th year at Russell Insurance Group as their accounting manager. Brenda stays in touch with **Anna Myers Palmer** and her family.

**Beth Longenecker Norton** is an emergency medicine physician assistant.

**Carlo Castagna O'Neill** loves staying home with her two daughters, Alex, 4, and Abby, 2. She and husband Tom are busy working with their Christmas tree farm that they started four years ago. They have close to 3,000 trees planted and are continually learning about the world of tree farming. Carla is also involved in a number of non-profit organizations in the community and enjoys volunteer work. The family boasts often during the summer and hopes to

## Erin Thompson Strovel completed her post-doctoral training in biochemical genetics at the NIH in 2002.

run into friends on the Chesapeake.

**Cindy Tokar Hall** is busy keeping up with her two children, Sarah, 4, and Rachel, 2. She and husband Brian are hoping to find a larger home. She still visits frequently with **Christy Saksa Dehman '92**, **Sherri Smith Grunberg**, **Kristie Susco Webster '94**, **Amy Lloyd Clayton**, and **Dave '95** and **Stephanie Hosier '92** Weigel.

Happily living back in the Carroll County area is **Wendy Gayo Pardoe** and her family. Wendy and husband Brian celebrated their seven-year anniversary this year with their son and daughter, Max, 4, and Riley, 2. She enjoyed a trip to the West Coast in February when she and Brian spent a week in San Diego, Calif. Wendy works at T. Rowe Price in Baltimore as a training specialist for mutual fund accountants. She was the matron-of-honor at best friend **Jessica Barlow Howell's '92** wedding in September 2003, and is busily planning her baby shower with fellow Omega friends, **Sarah Biggs Warner '92**, **Katie Shepherd Dredger** and **Erin Thompson Strovel**. **Jennifer Justh Patterson** loves living in Medford, Ore., where she has been a stay-at-home mom to Robbie, 4, and Owen, 2, for the past three years. She recently accepted a position as a consultant/director to a large children's sports facility for the creation of a child development center.

**Erica Guenther Steele** enjoys her part-time position as math resource teacher for Spring Garden Elementary School in Hampstead, Md. Her daughter Payton, 3, enjoys animals and dancing. Erica recently celebrated her five-year anniversary in July.

**Meleah Becker Spencer** received her master's in community counseling in December 2000. She currently lives in Boulder, Colo., with her husband Gregory and daughter Adeline Grace. She enjoys being a full-time mom.

**Brian Redding** is currently the men's head soccer coach at Dickinson College. He also opened a soccer specialty retail store in Chambersburg, Pa., where he lives with his wife Julie, daughter Ashlyn and son Griffin.

**Martha Shaver Wester** is working in the Histo-Pat Lab at MedImmune, Inc., in Gaithersburg, Md. She and husband Jamey have three dogs. She enjoys taking landscape and design classes and working in her yard. She recently attended **Tracy Baynard's** wedding where she had time to catch up with **Kathleen Hatcher** this past summer.

**Kourtney Sweeney Purcuro** is busy raising three children, Kyrle, Jack and Sydney. She is a stay-at-home mom while **Keith '92** enjoys his position as an

elementary school assistant principal. They reside in Hanover, Pa., and still frequently visit with **Albert "Burr" Burkner** and **Scott Schoberg '94** as well as their other many college friends.

**Holly Vogel Lea** lives in Maine where she is a stay-at-home mom with two children. She enjoys seasons in Maine, but misses her friends in Maryland. She hopes to see everyone from the Hill soon.

**Laura Maslin Willie** is busy enjoying life with her daughter Georgia and son Davis. She recently celebrated a girls' weekend with **Julia Mignatti** and **Sabra Karr Darr**.

**Dr. Jacqueline M. Fingar** is a board certified family practitioner serving as a LCDR in the United States Navy at ATSUGI Naval Station in Japan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. She and her husband **Thomas Wood Jr.**, a chemistry educator, have one son, Jack Hunter Wood.

**Erin Thompson Strovel** completed her post-doctoral training in biochemical genetics at the NIH in 2002. She passed her boards in clinical biochemical genetics and is currently serving as an assistant professor of pediatrics and the assistant director of biochemical genetics lab at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She and her husband recently moved back to Howard County where they built a house and enjoy their time off work on Jake, 3.

**Dianne Byerly Wisotzky** volunteers at her church, school, in the local crisis hotline and cares for her two children who will turn 7 and 5 this year. Her husband **Todd '94** works at Hershey Foods.

**Kris and Jodi Livingston Pierson** are busy with their careers. Kris works in management and sales for a building supply company and Jodi is a social worker in a long-term care facility. They have been living in Elizabethtown, Pa., for the past 11 years and just celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary. They have two children, Sydney Blake and Lukas Kristofer.

**Jeff Spira** lives down the street from Dan Marino in Weston, Fla. He owns his own business and has two children, Ian Thomas and Kelly Alexandra. This summer, he enjoyed some Jersey corn sent via UPS from **Chris Wess**.

**Brian and Dina Pacchiana Shepherd** are currently living in Bedford, N.Y., where Dina stays home with their children, Brooke, Paige and Will. Brian works in New York City at Smith Barney. They enjoy getting together with **Christie Vanranken Peters**, **Janet McWain Frisch**, **Kerry Meyers Furnari**, **Melissa Manuel Leonard** and **Ed Veprovsky**.

**Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh** is currently practicing law with Martz, Fisher and Drawbaugh, L.L.C. She is active with the local bar association and is currently the president of the Frederick County Defense Bar Association. In her spare time, she enjoys working on their 1900 home in downtown Frederick, where she lives with her husband, Travis, son Brady and daughter Kate. She frequently gets together with her Phi Mu sisters and

their families: **Sherri Smith Grunberg**, **Christy Saksa Dohmen '92**, **Kristie Susco Webster '94**, **Cindy Tokar Hall** and **Amy Lloyd Clayton**.

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# 2003

**Yolanda Hill** reports that life is good and that she misses her college friends and the wonderful times there. During the past year, Yolanda found residence in D.C. and is currently working for the Department of Mental Health as a case manager.

In August 2004, **Sara Hansen** completed her master's degree in deaf education at McDaniel and excitedly looks forward to testing her skills as a teacher. This fall, Sara will be completing her final phase of her education as she moves to Austin, Texas, to spend the semester teaching at a school for the deaf.

**Rebecca Crowder Barr**, of Eldersburg, Md., writes with exciting news of matrimony and a new addition to her family. On Jan. 3, 2004, Rebecca tied the knot and officially became a married. If not exciting enough, on May 16, 2004, Rebecca gave birth to a baby girl, Madison Elizabeth Barr.

**Adel Akhmetshina** has been living in Reisterstown, Md., and working at the Knorr Brake Corporation, where he has been employed since February 2003 of his senior year. More recently, Adel decided to further his education and was accepted into the Sellinger School of Business and Management at Loyola College of Maryland and he will begin his MBA program in the fall of 2004.

**Katrina Emerick Cooper** writes with good news of her recent marriage to Kenny Cooper on June 5, 2004. Following graduation from McDaniel College, Katrina enrolled in the master's of business administration program at Frostburg State University where she has successfully completed two semesters and will return in the fall.

Since graduation, **Donna Anderson Hurd** of Port Deposit, Md., moved to Bear, Del., where she teaches English at Fairwinds Christian School. Ever since graduation, Donna says, "Life has been filled with many blessings." On February 7, 2004, she married and is now eager to start a family.

**Samantha Bain Cook** of Baltimore, Md., reports that her first year out of college has been great, especially at work! Working at Curves Fitness Center for Women in Arbutus, Md., Samantha has taken the role as assistant manager/driver trainer and loving it!

**Monica Davis** reports that she currently lives in Germantown, Md., and works in Bethesda, Md., as a journal coordinator for the Biophysical Society. In August 2004, Monica looks forward to continuing her higher educational studies by pursuing her master's of art

degree in publications design at the University of Baltimore.

**Any Michael Seylar** was married to Scott Seylar on July 31, 2004. Any reports that life as a newlywed is going well and she and Scott enjoy their new home in Greenacres, Pa. Any hopes that all members of the class of 2003 are doing well and looks forward to another great year!

**Frank Wright, an octogenarian, continues to take classes, not because he has to, but for the fun of learning.**

**Chris McDonald** is currently stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and will be moving to Fort Holliston, Texas, where he will begin training as a medical lab specialist. Additionally, Chris' unit is attached to Walter Reed Medical Center in D.C. As for his future plans, Chris has been accepted at Johns Hopkins University where he will obtain his bachelor of science in nursing beginning fall 2005.

**Chris Wines** writes from Owings Mills, Md., of his wonderful marriage to **Dana Gardner '02** on July 10, 2004. After the wedding the couple flew to Jamaica for an exciting honeymoon filled with wining and dining around the island. After their honeymoon, Chris and Dana bought a new house in New Town in Owings Mills, Md., where Chris is also employed by IFE North America as a program coordinator.

Good news from **Matt Mauriello**, of Hagerstown, Md., who reports his marriage to Misty Smith on Sept. 28, 2003. A few months later, Jan. 6, 2004, Matt and Misty gave birth to their first child, a beautiful baby girl, Amelva Danae Mauriello. Matt is currently employed as an eighth-grade math teacher at Western Heights Middle School and taking great pride in his work.

**Christina Walter** lives in Spring Grove, Pa., and in the fall of 2003 began her graduate studies at Widener University in the master of social work program. While not working at school, Christina holds another full time job as a therapist for autistic children at a counseling center in Hanover, Pa. When Christina can find time for fun, she makes the trip to Owings Mills to visit her boyfriend **Brian Wingert '04**.

**Tara Dellafrazia**, writing from Chalfont, Pa., is currently working as a publishing associate at Xeirris Corporation in Philadelphia, Pa. Her senior seminar paper on the subject of music was recently published, influencing Tara to pursue a writing career. Keep an eye out on the bestseller's list as Tara begins writing her first novel exploring the Arthurian legend from a new perspective.

**Katie Odo Brown** reports a lot of happenings since graduation. On July

18, 2003, Kate married Steven Brown and they have since celebrated their one-year anniversary. In July, Katie and Steven moved to New York with their son Ethan Zachary who will be celebrating his second birthday on Nov. 6, 2004. When not taking care of Steven, Katie enjoys her full-time job of watching Ethan grow everyday.

**Frank Wright**, native to Westminster, Md., expresses how honored he is to be a part of the class of 2003.

Frank, an octogenarian, continues to take classes, not because he has to, but for the fun of learning. Frank reports that his education didn't stop at McDaniel but only paved the way for the classes he took over the summer in Baltimore City and the classes he will take at Carroll Community College in fall 2004. Frank sends his best and wishes the best for years to come to the class of 2003!

**Wesley Winters** of Westminster, Md., is working at Winters Mill High School as a special education teacher. At the school, when not in the classroom, students know him as Coach Winters of the wrestling and softball teams. Wesley enjoys his job, especially working with the former McDaniel wrestling coach **John Lowe MED '61**.

**Kevin Kozak**, of Shenandoah Heights, Pa., reports having one of the best and most fascinating jobs of all as a graduate. Working in Arlington, Va., Kevin got a job as the assistant brewer at Capitol City Brewing Company. According to Kevin he has no problem making beer for a living and would recommend it to anyone interested.

Congratulations to **Erin Collins Harley** who recently got married to Esignt Peter Harley on July 18, 2004. After their honeymoon, the couple moved to Norfolk, Va., where they currently reside in their new home.

It's been a busy year for **Jaime Rosenberg** who is currently employed by McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, as an adult associate. When not working, Jaime is studying to pass the CPA exam. Jaime and her boyfriend are in the midst of buying a house.

**Ed Schultheis**, of Reisterstown, Md., writes that since graduation he has gone back to his alma mater high school, St. Joseph High School in Baltimore, to teach religion to both freshmen and junior students. Ed enjoyed his first year. This summer, while on vacation from school, Ed moved in with his best friend **Matt Hurff** who is also back in school.

Immediately after leaving McDaniel, **Matt Hurff** enrolled in law school at the University of Baltimore and has completed his first year. Matt currently holds an internship at a prestigious law firm in the city and hopes to work there upon completion of his schooling.

**Holly Smith Liska** recently married **Benjamin Liska '01** on Dec. 27, 2003, and they are currently renting an apartment in Herndon, Va. Using her economics degree from McDaniel, Holly is now working at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as a financial analyst. More recently, she

and Ben are very excited about the move to Leesburg, Va., because it means more space and no rent!

A little more than a month after graduating and receiving his commission as an Army aviator officer, **Second Lt. Joseph Miller** was ordered to Fort Rucker, Ala., to begin his Initial Entrance Rotary Wing (IERW) training to become a helicopter pilot. On May 26, 2004, Joseph graduated as an honor graduate from the combined Aviation Officer Basic Course and IERW and was given the opportunity to choose his own aircraft. Joseph chose to work with the AH-64D, the world's premier attack helicopter, and over the summer was deployed to the Republic of South Korea to serve as platoon leader in an attack helicopter battalion. Joseph sends his thanks for all the support from friends and family and looks forward to a safe return.

**Erin Beemer**, of Bel Air, Md., is working as the human resources assistant at Oisris Therapeutics Inc. Over the past year, Erin has been living at home, but with some luck will be moving into a new house very soon. Erin loves her new job, but states that she wishes she had more time to keep up with all of her friends locally and internationally. Erin states, "It is a job in itself to try to keep in touch." So if you haven't talked to Erin, make a phone call and save her some time.

**Laura Sagle**, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been keeping herself very busy with her two new jobs. Her first job is working with young children as a summer camp counselor for Paxton Township and her second job entails working with autistic children learning to master everyday basic skills.

Exciting news from **Jamie Cascio** who most recently moved to Boston, Mass. Jamie is working with AmeriCorps Vista, which entails volunteering for one year, in a place determined by AmeriCorps, while only receiving a small stipend to cover living expenses. Currently, Jamie is working with Read Boston, helping after-school programs implement literacy initiatives and training staff members in new ways to get children interested in reading.

This past year has been quite exciting for **Michael Piles**. While still pursuing his musical aspirations with fellow band mates **Bill Deavers** and **Matt Schwanger**, as well as current McDaniel student **Chi Sukosi '05**, Michael has also found time to pursue his interests in freelance writing. Per-

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haps what is most interesting about his year since graduation is Michael's current path to becoming an inventor. While bartending and waiting tables, Michael found the need to invent a sheath-like accessory that food service personnel can wear down the back of their pants, thus providing a barrier between server and the customer's check. Michael is considering calling his product, "The Check in the (Fe)Male," and is very excited by the most inventive process.

**Andrew 'Whitey' White**, of Westminster, Md., is working as a mortgage broker out of a firm in Owings Mills called American Continental Mortgage. In his spare time, when not working, Andrew enjoys spending time with his girlfriend Colleen and hanging out with his housemates **Brad Widner**, **Tiffany Saylor**, **Colby Goodrum '04** and **Bill Deavers**.

**Susan Rehner**, of Silver Spring, Md., recently finished her first year teaching kindergarten in Montgomery County. This summer Susan continued her work for the county working as a camp counselor for both elementary and middle school children. In the fall 2004, Susan will return to McDaniel College to begin the B.E.S.T. program where she will work to earn her certification and master's in elementary education.

**Andy Ewing** has begun his second year at the University of Washington with only one year remaining for his master's in economics and three years for his Ph.D. Over the summer Andy was afforded the opportunity to teach a new course at the college, one which he helped to create. Andy is very proud of his accomplishments in the past year and awaits the new challenges before him. While living on the West Coast, Andy has been able to take advantage of the fact that his good friend **Sean Carroll**, who recently finished his first year at the University of Oregon, is only one state away.

Sean is studying ecology and evolution and also hopes to have his Ph.D. in about five years. When not hitting the books, Sean and Andy have been seen playing in a few ultimate Frisbee tournaments, and most recently took a road trip to Vancouver, B.C.

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# Fresh Popcorn and Memories

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**A** former usher at the old Carroll Theatre eagerly shared with me his most tantalizing memory from his rounds in the aisles. "I remember picking up ladies' unmentionables after an Elvis movie," he said, laughing as he recalled how passionate young women had offered up their panties to "The King" on screen.

Quirky reminiscences like these were especially inspiring to me as I led the first major renovation project of my career, that of revitalizing the old theatre in downtown Westminster. Through stories like these, I realized that this historic building on Main Street just down from College Hill had a heart and soul that had etched its way into the memories of thousands of people in this community—and generations of alumni.

Now that the renovation project is complete, I feel like I know every nook and cranny of this building like the back of my hand. However, I always feel a slight twinge of jealousy when a patron comes in with a story to tell me about the old theatre. As a relative newcomer to the area, I had no personal understanding of what this beloved theatre meant to College students and Westminster residents.

I have heard stories of first jobs, first dates and unforgettable movies. Some locals speak of sneaking in to see a "risqué" title before the rating system began. Others talk of cringing as the great white shark from

"Jaws" seemed to leap off the screen. And everyone seems to savor memories of penny candy from the Treat Shop across the street.

Of course, many alumni like to remind me of the previous prices—just 50 cents. Former ushers have reminisced about popcorn fights in the lobby, sneaking buddies in through the back door and waiting for the "dots" on the end of the film that meant it was time to change the reel. Perhaps the only thing that hasn't changed is the never-ending job of changing the outdoor marquee letters.

These nostalgic tales help me understand why the public rallied around this renovation project with such enthusiasm. We all wanted to recapture the spirit of a bygone era and relive some of our favorite movie memories.

Let me report that a "sequel" to that era is now underway. Since its grand reopening in April 2003, the building has been visited by more than 15,000 people. While movies are still a major offering at the new Carroll Arts Center, the multi-purpose facility now also includes a spacious art gallery, well-equipped art classrooms and state-of-the-art stage equipment for live performances and concerts.

We've hosted everything from foreign films—a big hit with Hungarian Marton Galambos '03 and many other of the College's international students—to bowling ball jugglers, classical music concerts and talent contests. Hundreds have filled the seats for movies such as "Casablanca," "Grease," and

"Gone With the Wind." (And no, there weren't any unmentionables left behind this time, just a child's orthodontic retainer after "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.")

We've had many moving experiences in our theatre, including our own brand of quirky. Perhaps the most unusual was the open-casket memorial service for Carroll County's own Ray Corbin, better known as Ray-Mond the Magician, a Magicians' Hall of Fame inductee who performed on the same stage more than six decades earlier. Scott Grocki '95, a Las Vegas performer who goes by the stage name Scott Alexander, was among the magicians, fans and family who filled the seats for the tribute, aptly titled "The Final Curtain."

I had never stage-managed a funeral before and, while up in the lighting booth making sure our leading man was properly lit, it occurred to me that I now had a story to beat the former usher's.

My hopes and dreams for this facility will be fulfilled if generations from now, McDaniel College alumni are sharing memories of their Carroll Arts Center. Already, we have successfully partnered with the Deaf Studies department to present Rathskellar, a performance group that combines sign language with dance and mime. Common Ground on the Hill hosts a monthly international music series in this space. And the College's Theatre department is always willing to lend us expertise or a costume for one of the many live productions on our stage.

Entertainment has changed dramatically since the theatre originally opened in 1937. But there's nothing that can replace the smell of popcorn and enjoying the collective experience of a movie on the big screen or a live performance by a talented new artist.

The potential for new memories is endless and is just down the Hill—just like always. Enjoy the show.

*Sandy Oxx is executive director of the Carroll Arts Center. She's seen her favorite movie, "Big," six times and has taken to eating cocktail corn like Tom Hanks did in the movie.*



Opening Night, Todd Shaffer, Oil on canvas, 2000.

## Show and Tell

At McDaniel College, those who teach also do. The extraordinary work of the art and art history faculty was featured earlier this month in a special exhibition on campus in the Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall. Eight professors contributed a range of work, including sculpture, digital paintings, acrylic paintings, ceramic bowls and cups, watercolor and ink painting, jewelry, oil on canvas and more. The artists are Susan Ruddick Bloom, O. Kenneth Hankins, Michael Losch, Gretchen McKay, Katya Dovgan Mychajlyshyn, Steven Pearson, Susan Clare Scott and Linda Van Hart '68.

"Fifty/Fifty," an oil on canvas by Assistant Professor of Art and Art History Steven Pearson, illustrates the evolution of his painting from June, 2003, to today. It reflects his growing interest over the past five years in using common objects—"disregards from our consumer history"—and giving them new vitality and purpose by putting them together with other objects.



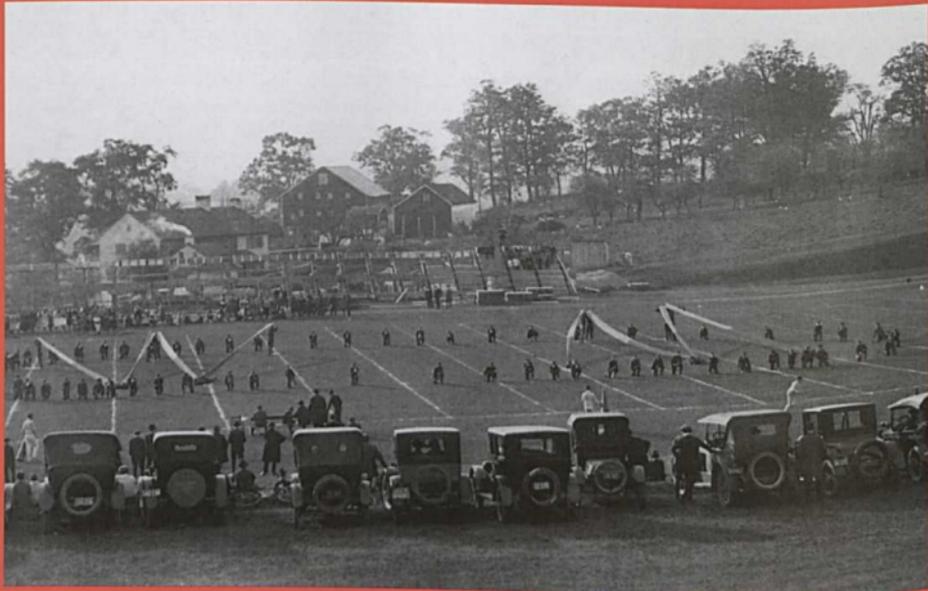
Art lecturer Linda Van Hart '68 calls her heart-armor pieces, "visual symbolism for the personal act of will it takes to pull yourself together in times of stress, tragedy, loss or terror."

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Hoffa Field, circa 1920

## FROM MODEL Ts TO SUVs

As long as there have been cars, there have been cars overlooking the gridiron here on the Hill. Boasting the only "drive-in" stadium in all of college football, McDaniel invites fans to enjoy their tailgating parties while watching Green Terror action unfold.

(See page 8 for more about Grillin' and Chillin' on the Hill.)