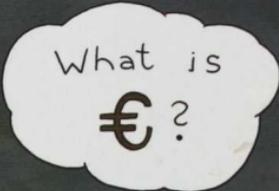
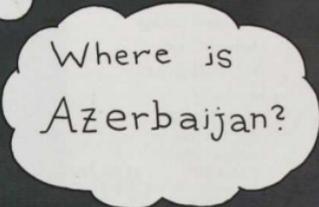
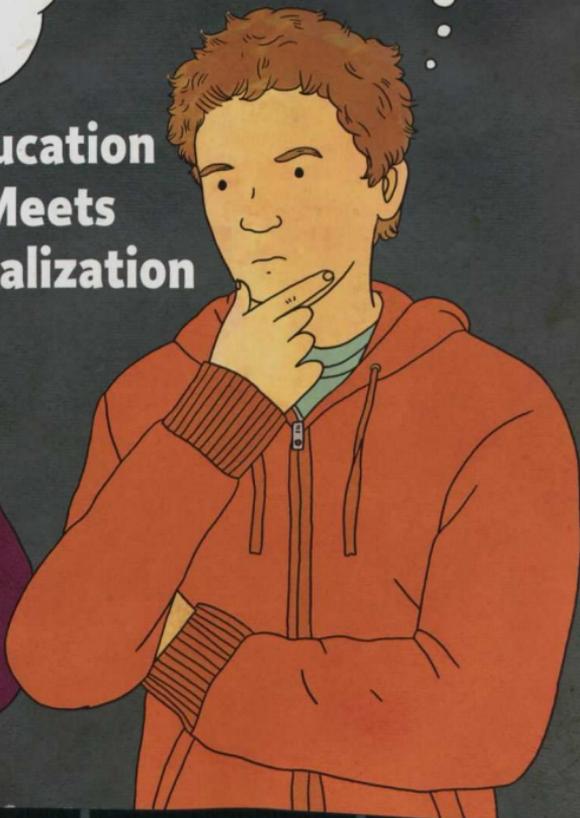
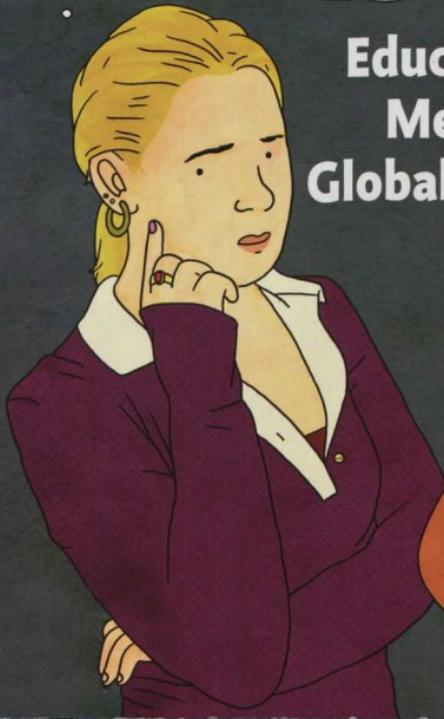


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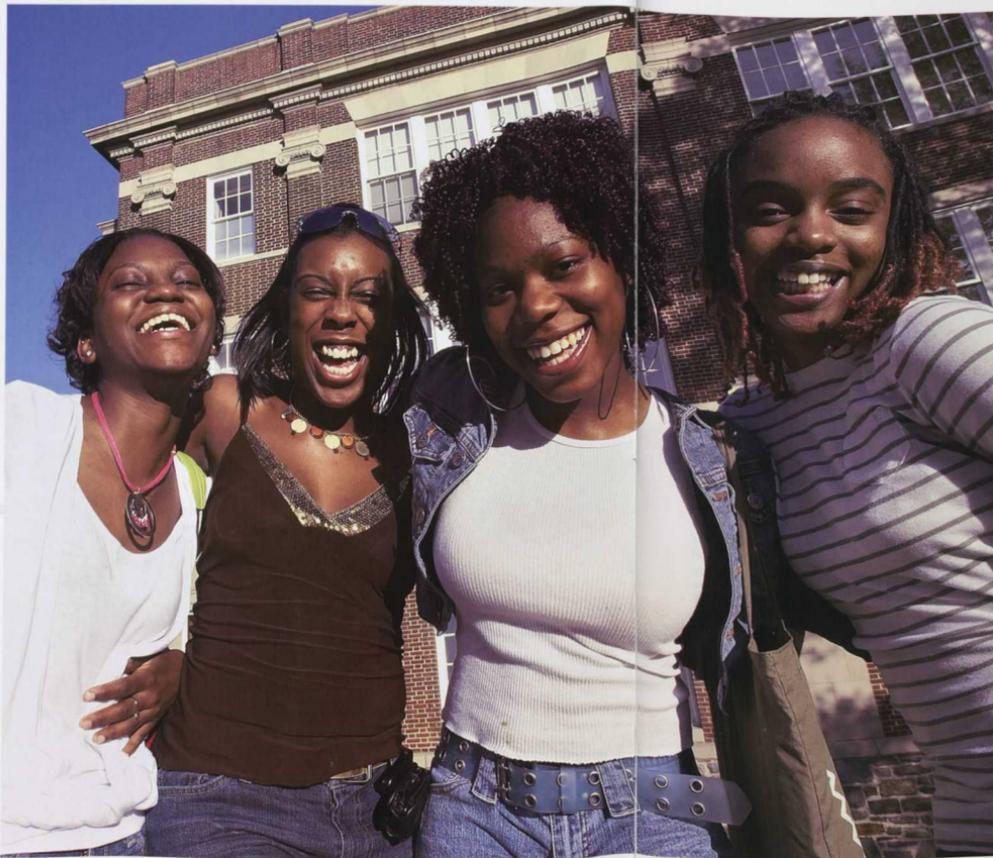
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on the cover:

That's the symbol for the Euro,
the currency for the European
Union. And Azerbaijan is in
Southwestern Asia, bordering
the Caspian Sea, between
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Sophomores Kayon Williams, Yvonne Pearson, Isata Kallon and Sierra Hall are all smiles.

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Class Noted

Guess who's assistant curator at the Philadelphia Zoo tending to giraffes, antelopes, elephants and hippos? See the class of 1981, page 50.

We also
want to
acknowledge
what we've
known all
along – that
readers turn
to Class Notes
first. Yes,
they eat
dessert first.

New Look for an Old Friend

We know that there are 23,000 of you – alumni, parents and friends of McDaniel – who read *The Hill*. Two years ago, an unusually high number of readers answered a questionnaire sent with *The Hill* by the Alumni Relations office. You told us that the magazine is your number-one preferred means of communication with the College.

As the primary print ambassador for the College, *The Hill* was in need of a makeover. At the same time, we realize readers already love *The Hill* and we wanted to stay true to its smart and friendly feel.

With our new design completed, we are excited to welcome you to this debut issue of *The Hill* magazine's new design. Let us give you a tour.

We've freshened up the look of the cover with new typography and made the size of the magazine slightly wider. This larger format allows us some room to breathe by leaving more white space between photos and stories to enhance legibility.

The **Table of Contents** is the menu for the feast of stories about to come. It is designed to be inviting and easy to navigate, and lively enough to tempt readers to dig in. We also wanted to acknowledge up front what we've known all along – that readers turn to Class Notes first. Yes, they eat dessert before delving into the meatier news and feature stories. In "Class Noted," we tease readers with a taste of their dessert right on the Table of Contents page.

Departments are the sections that appear in the magazine in each, or nearly each, issue. They shape a magazine's identity by defining the editorial content that will regularly appear. Right now, you are in the **Mail** department, our interactive area where we'll print Letters to the Editor (or e-mails) from readers reacting, both positively and negatively, to stories in

previous issues. Here, we'll also report results from the **Contest** we feature in every issue on the inside back cover, and the occasional message from the editors (like this one), as well as reminders of other ways to stay connected to the College.

The **Carpe Diem** department will serve up a variety of "appetizers," such as brief news and sports stories, faculty and student accomplishments and an "Ask the Expert" column, in which professors will answer questions from readers. **Insights** celebrates the "aha" moments in learning, either through a story about a class, a student project, faculty research or alumni who are involved in education.

The **First Person** department introduces members of the extended McDaniel family and allows readers to get to know them, in their own words. **Double Take** features an amazing photograph that brings readers "home" with a sensational campus image or takes them on location to a Jan Term trip or thrilling internship setting. **Invested** is our space to share news of big developments on the advancement front.

We are especially proud of the work we have done to enliven **Class Notes**. The department now kicks off with a big photo of alumni taken way back when, or here and now. We've enlarged the type in the first few pages for the benefit of the older classes. And weddings, births and deaths are now grouped together in a special listing within **Class Notes** called **Families**.

Finally, **Back Story**, appearing on the final page, allows the subject of a photograph to share what he or she was thinking and feeling at the time the photo was taken.

We hope you like what you read.

Joyce Muller, Editor
Kim Asch, Managing Editor

Send Us a Letter

The Hill welcomes letters relating to what you've read in the magazine. Letters should include your full name, class year, address and a phone number or e-mail address so we can contact you for confirmation. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Send to Kim Asch, Managing Editor, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157, or e-mail kasch@mcDaniel.edu.

Karate Confusion

I am not a McDaniel alum, but my mother is, and I happened to see the Summer '06 issue of *The Hill*, featuring a cover story on McDaniel's Soo Bahk Do club. The cover, inside cover and article all refer to it as a "Korean karate club." I am a practicing, cross-training martial artist. In the interest of accuracy, I wanted to advise you that Soo Bahk Do is not karate. The term "karate," or "karatedo," typically refers to a subset of Okinawan and, to a lesser extent, Japanese martial arts, though many credit Chinese influence. Soo Bahk Do is a renaming of a substyle of the Korean art of tang soo do, which — though it shares many elements in common with karate, and many claim that it is based on or at least influenced by karate — is distinct in stylistic technique and in philosophy.

Many people lump all of the Asian fighting arts under the umbrella of karate, even some schools teaching other arts refer to their curriculum as karate, when it is not. To use the term "karate" to refer to a style that is not, in fact, karate does a disservice to both styles and further generalizes the term and the arts.

*Robert Brooks,
Lutherville, Md.*



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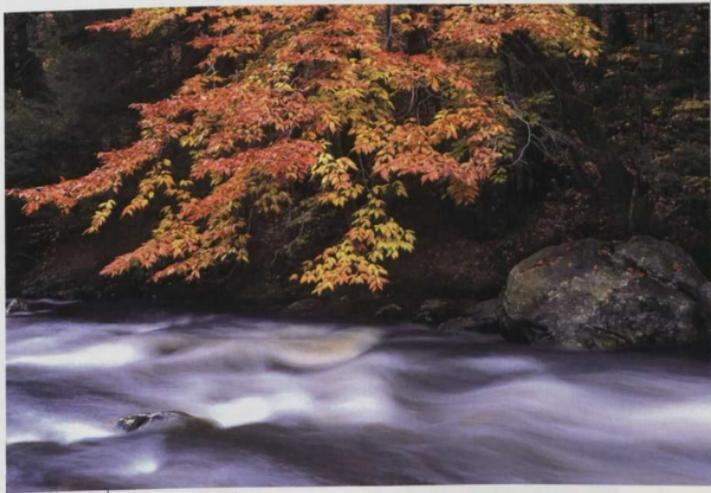


Photo Contest Winner

In the Summer issue of *The Hill* we invited readers to join the "Images of Home" photo contest. Rick Matheny '68, a director of public health who lives in Granby, Conn., is our winner. He says about his photo:

"Home is a warm fall afternoon, with the aroma of leaves giving out their last gasps of life, and the rhythmic sound of a nearby stream; it is an environment that stimulates all your senses and begins the memory machine.

"This scene brings me back to my boyhood in Allegany County, Md., hiking and pretending to hunt on nearby Dan's Mountain. It reminds me of my days as a romantic undergraduate enjoying the patch of woods near the 'old seventh green,' and of my time as a graduate student in New Haven, Conn. For the past 30 years, I've made my home in Connecticut's Farmington River Valley where this picture was taken."

carpe diem

News around campus and beyond



MARK SWINDEE

Key to the Castle

As a pre-med neuroscience major, Teri Hamer '07 doesn't delve into history very often. She joined an archaeological dig of a medieval castle in Belgium for the chance to try something different while satisfying a basic liberal arts requirement.

It never occurred to her that she would actually uncover something significant.

The Egg Harbor Township, N.J., native spent four weeks last summer in a trench at Walhain Castle in the town of Louvain-La-Neuve. She sifted dirt, cleaned cobblestones and marked the layers of soil as part of a course offered to Honors students across the country through Eastern Illinois University. Dubbed the "trench doctor" by her dig-mates, who were archaeology and art majors from other colleges, Hamer hit a hard chunk two feet below the surface that needed a second opinion.

"It looked like a clump of dirt and I realized I found something," she says. When she cleaned the rusty object with dental picks and toothbrushes, Hamer realized she had unearthed the key to the castle — an ornate 6-inch key with designs around its edges.

Hamer also uncovered a 15th-century bronze coin, while her classmates found rosary beads, pottery, a grenade and a cannon. During off hours, she gathered with locals in the town square to watch World Cup soccer and developed a taste for French fries with mayonnaise, flavored beer and authentic Belgian waffles.

The experience exceeded her expectations.

"I never thought of history as its own science before," says Hamer, who is more accustomed to dissecting sharks and mudpuppies. "But I learned how important it is to look at and learn from the past."

For the near future, Hamer has interviews scheduled at several medical schools, including University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, New Jersey Medical School and Mayo Medical School. ■



SUSAN DAVIS

Lights Up for Theatre on the Hill

Come next June, Theatre on the Hill will be back at McDaniel with Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Elizabeth van den Berg as its new producing artistic director.

The season's theme is "Seen any good books lately?" Among the shows being planned are *Oliver*, which opens July 13, and a new children's version of *The Jungle Book*: Rudyard Kipling's *India* opening July 7. Late-night post-show revues include *Heard Any Good Books Lately?* with songs related to literature, opening June 22, and *Singing the Bard*, composed of scenes and songs based on the works of William Shakespeare, opening July 20. All shows will be family-friendly.

Theatre on the Hill, founded in 1982, is the only residential professional theater in Carroll County. The company takes a traditional summer-stock approach, drawing acting professionals nationwide. Rising stars from every aspect of theater come to Theatre on the Hill to lend their talents to these per-

formances. The compelling quality of these productions thrills audiences regularly, and reinforces the company's reputation as "the springboard to Broadway." WMC Alumni Hall, home to Theatre on the Hill, was refurbished in Summer 2006 with new seats and carpeting.

Theatre Arts Professor Ira Domser led Theatre on the Hill from 1982-2005. Van den Berg has served as an actor, director and voice coach in previous Theatre on the Hill productions. A professor at the College since 1998, she has worked at theaters in New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and beyond. Earlier this year she received the Kennedy Center Gold Medallion, the highest honor bestowed by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, for her service to students.

"Theatre on the Hill is a vital part of the arts community in Carroll County and a vital part of what McDaniel does over the summer," says van den Berg. "I'm honored to take on this role." ■

Down

down it came	watch- ing
down from	then?
the autumn	in the broken earth?
sky	in the wounded air?
down it came	in the fractured fire?
down & every- one	in the shattered sea?
rose	where were you
& wept in the	listen- ing
city (my city)	watch- ing
and some were fly- ing	then
& some were fall- ing	when every- one rose
& some were run- ning	& look at the sky
& some were burn- ing	look at the sky
where were	where they stood
you listen- ing	in my city
& wept ?	& wept ?

—By Jesse Glass '79, written after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and published in his latest collection, *The Passion of Phineas Gage & Selected Poems*. Glass is a tenured professor at Meikai University in Tokyo, where he lives with his wife and two children.

Newsmakers

- Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies **Christianna Nichols Leahy** participated in "International Humanitarian Law and Current Conflicts: New Challenges and Dilemmas," a Harvard University program held July 16-21, designed to address humanitarian challenges in conflict zones. Leahy, an expert on armed humanitarian intervention, serves as a delegate for Amnesty International, and is a member of the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.



Christianna Nichols Leahy



Greg Alles



Uriel Quesada

- Scholar and former Fulbright recipient **Greg Alles** received the Mircea Eliade Jubilee medal from the President of Romania at a Sept. 20 ceremonial dinner in Bucharest. Also among the 16 recipients was David Carrasco '67, professor of the Study of Latin America at Harvard University. The award, named for the pre-eminent Romanian-born interpreter of world religions, was given in recognition for contributions in the study of the history of religion. Alles, a professor of philosophy and religious studies at the College, said, "It was really quite memorable and totally unexpected. You pinch yourself and say 'Is it really me up here?'"

- A short story by new Assistant Professor of Spanish **Uriel Quesada**, *Spoken Portrait*, was translated into English by Nadia Reiman, and published in *The Iowa Review*. Quesada is the author of five books and numerous short stories that have been featured in more than 50 anthologies and periodicals. He recently won the Ancora Prize in Literature, given by the national newspaper of Costa Rica, for his collection of short stories, *Lejos, Tan Lejos* (Far, Far Away).

- Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich reappointed Associate Professor of Education **Margaret Trader** to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. She will serve a three-year term. The Professional Standards Board will receive briefings as the Maryland State Department of Education develops program-approval criteria and proposed teacher-certification requirements. ■

Ask the Expert

I've heard that if you fill one ice cube tray with cold water and another with warm water, then put both into the same freezer at the same time, it's possible that the warm water freezes first. Can this be true?

Associate Professor of Physics Jeff Marx:

The short answer is yes. The long answer is that it's a very complicated problem and it is very difficult for scientists to predict which will freeze first.

There's a great story that goes with this problem. In the 1960s, a Tanzanian high school student named E.B. Mpemba was experimenting with making ice cream and he observed that, under the conditions he was working with, warm water froze faster than cold water. He asked his teacher to explain this counterintuitive result and the teacher rebuked and teased him. The historical record has this teacher insulting the kid in class and adopting the phrase "Mpemba science" to describe any classroom experiment that failed, as in "Oh, that's Mpemba science."

Well, the teen took his question to a university professor. And then the story gets even funnier, because the story is that the professor gave this



problem to one of his research assistants and the research assistant did the experiment three or four times and went back to the professor and basically said, "Well, we still haven't got the right answer, yet, but I'm going to keep doing the experiment until it comes out the way we expect."

Interestingly, this extremely complicated problem has no set solution. It was recognized in Aristotle's time. It is very difficult to predict, given a new set of conditions, if the warmer water or colder water would freeze first. There are a lot of variables that affect the freezing time, such as evaporation rates, convection rates and particles within the water. For example, in cold water, if a layer of ice forms on the surface, it really inhibits conduction and convection within the little pool of water below the ice so the cooling rate may actually drop. If the water has first been boiled, that diminishes oxygen in the water and affects freezing rates.

The biggest moral of the story is that science is ultimately determined by experimental result. In this case, it is an experiment you can try at home in your own freezer. And as a final note, when discussing this phenomena today, scientists around the world refer to it as the "Mpemba effect" in honor of that young man in Tanzania who didn't let the voice of authority overrule his own observations. ■



I LIKE GETTING
DRESSED UP.
I FEEL
SNAZZY.



—Tom Quackenbush '08, an intermediate accounting student who wore a pinstriped suit to interview for internships with several companies invited to campus by Economics and Business Professor Susan Milstein.

Getting Wise About Old Age

A \$150,000 start-up grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund will help the College establish a Center for the Study of Aging.

The Center will provide both degree and continuing education opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, service providers, community leaders and policy makers. It will serve as a central location for members of the local community and the region to work collaboratively in response to and support of the area's aging population.

McDaniel currently offers a graduate-level Gerontology Certificate for students interested in the interdisciplinary study of aging from a physical, mental and social perspective.

"Gerontology is ideally suited to a liberal arts environment like McDaniel, as it can be approached from many perspectives: psychology, physiology, sociology, anthropology — even literature," says Provost Tom Falkner.

The College will initiate a search to name a full-time Director of the Center, appoint a community-based advisory group and adopt an evaluation plan to track and assess the effectiveness of the Center's programs and offerings. ■

By 2020 there will be:

123% more adults
over 60 in Carroll County

160% more adults
over 60 in Frederick County

Getting Serious About Comics

By Kim Asch and Michele Leiberman

While an undergraduate at Vanderbilt University, Kate Dobson took a course in comics with a professor who knew Carl Barks, creator of the classic *Donald Duck* stories. She was fascinated by what she learned about comic books as a literary form, says the assistant professor of English, but adds with a laugh, “I sure didn’t tell my parents what I was studying that semester.”

This semester, here at McDaniel, there was no way to hide the fact that first-year students were into comics — after all, the graphic novel *Persepolis* was required reading. Freshmen were given the assignment to read the critically acclaimed memoir by Marjane Satrapi prior to their arrival on campus for orientation. The story, told through a powerful interplay between text and bold, black-and-white images, is an insightful, moving and, at times, humorous account of a young girl’s coming of age in Iran during the overthrow of the Shah’s regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution and Iran’s war with Iraq.

During orientation, professors presented three academic perspectives on *Persepolis*. Dobson discussed the graphic novel as literature and showed how Satrapi combines the literary elements of the medium of comics and the genre of memoir to help Western readers connect with Iranian history. Stephanie Madsen, assistant professor of psychology, spoke about child development and family dynamics within the Satrapi family during the turbulent political time. And Christianna Nichols Leahy, associate professor of political science and international studies, examined the politics of Iran and the Islamic Revolution.

“The revolution was always pitched as fundamen-



This is a book that reshapes our relationship with a religion and a culture.

talist extremism, but this was also a progressive broader revolution to get rid of imperialism and monarchy," Leahy says. "This simple graphic novel hits some big points."

And so, the Class of 2010 collectively learned that weighty issues and serious lessons can come in surprising — and unusually entertaining — packages.

"I think this has been a shock to the system to some students that they've had to read this graphic novel for school. First of all, it's comics taken seriously. And the story itself is really dark. It's not an inspirational story about triumphing over adversity," says freshman Max Robinson. "Hopefully, this shows people that comics can be a valid way to tell a story."

A fan of comics since middle school, Robinson also eagerly enrolled in Dobson's first-year seminar course, "My Life in Pictures: The Graphic Novel." His own taste in the medium has graduated over the years from simple stories about superheroes, like *The Flash* and *Green Arrow*, to more sophisticated works, such as Alan Moore's *Watchmen*, which was among the first superhero comics to rise to the level of serious graphic literature and won the prestigious Hugo Award for science fiction. He'd also already read *Persepolis* and another of the first-year seminar texts, *Maus*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning story by Art Spiegelman about his parents' survival of the Holocaust. In it, Jews are depicted as mice and Germans as cats.

"The way I look at it is that the superhero kind of stuff is like the Tom Clancy novels. You read it for enjoyment. But *Maus* is more like *War and Peace* or *Of Mice and Men*. It's a lot more difficult, but there can be more to gain," says Robinson, who is already thinking about becoming an English major with a film studies minor. "In this class, I'm really gaining a much better understanding of these works."

Reading graphic novels can be taxing; there's a lot of visual and textual information to navigate at once. Dobson directs her students to slow down their reading pace and focus on a few panels at a time. The second reading can be the most productive, she tells them, because the initial reading is more about following the

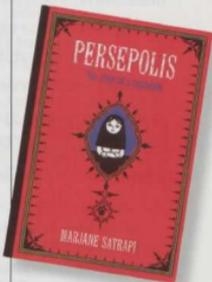
story line. Subsequent readings allow a closer inspection of the interplay between image and words. Notice the way one moment in time can be depicted within a single panel or over a series of 15 panels, similar to the way a camera may linger on a scene in a movie. Notice the use of page breaks to create suspense.

With *Persepolis*, Dobson says, there is an effective tension between the almost childlike images and the complicated content. Satrapi, the intelligent and outspoken only child of committed Marxists and the great-granddaughter of one of Iran's last emperors, recounts with candor the details of daily life under a repressive regime, from bearing witness to relatives who are tortured and executed, to being forced to don a veil, to being denied the ability to listen to rock music.

"Here you have black-and-white, simple, clean line drawings and yet Satrapi gives us a real insight into the emotional and spiritual life of this child during a time of great strife," Dobson says.

That's a big accomplishment for a little comic book — which is why Dobson is proud of its selection as the first-year summer reading assignment.

"We live in a country where rhetoric turns individual human beings into a 'them.' And there's also a phenomenon in the West of 'Orientalism,' or seeing the East as a very mysterious place. So most Americans have a hard time understanding Iranians as real people," says Dobson. "This is a book that reshapes our relationship with a religion and a culture." ■



Excerpts from *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi courtesy of Pantheon Books

first person

In my own words

Driven to Abstraction

Steven Pearson

Assistant professor of art history

He was raised in upstate New York, served in the Navy and earned his M.F.A. from the Maryland Institute College of Art. He did teaching stints at The College of Saint Rose, his undergraduate alma mater, and Iowa State University before joining the McDaniel faculty three years ago. An abstract painter with upcoming exhibitions of his work in Baltimore and Frederick, Pearson teaches studio courses in drawing, color, painting and printmaking. As founder and faculty adviser to the Art Club, he recently judged the annual pumpkin-carving extravaganza.

My first commission

Even before kindergarten, I was good at copying things. By third grade, I was making money doing drawings of Gene Simmons, from the band Kiss, for a quarter. I'd draw him and Donald Duck and that would pay for lunch once in a while.

Old Masters I love

- I've always loved Rembrandt because his paintings are very meaty and very textured and built up.
- Caravaggio for his boldness and use of light and shadow.
- Rubens because I love his compositions. They just have a lot of movement and repetition and rhythm.

My favorite contemporary artist

Terry Winters is probably one of the best abstract





BOB HANCOCK/ART

painters we have right now. He really builds up these dense compositions with line and color — he's bringing space back into abstraction.

It's not as easy as it looks

That abstract painting is easy is a common misconception. It's not just throwing paint or slapping paint or dripping paint. In a still life, the objects are there to mimic and the colors are there for you to mimic, but with an abstract painting, you have a blank white canvas in front of you and you have to come up with the way the colors are being used, the forms that are in there and what you're trying to say.

My journey to abstraction

I started as a figurative painter and did still lifes for years. But the abstraction is a more appropriate way for me to convey what I see around me in the world. It's just like driving down Route 140 and seeing all the billboards and all the colors and as you fly through there it's just an abstraction of all these things that are layered and built upon each other.

And so when I build a painting, I'm building these layers of histories. One color or shape may go down and be important to the painting for a while but as I continue to compose, that color may no longer be as important and it might get buried. But you can see the texture of that shape underneath the next layer. It's the same way we retain memories, certain things come in vivid focus, other things are just kind of fuzzy.

How I know my work is done

All the colors are working the way they should. Everything's happening in each quarter of the painting I want to happen — it feels balanced and harmonious.

Average gestation period

I've been working on a painting since the middle of June and I was just getting to the point when I'm thinking it's done, and here I am still working and it's almost October. I've had some paintings take six months and some almost three years.

What I have against Norman Rockwell

When I grew up I had Norman Rockwell calendars all around me and that was it. So in high school I just

copied Norman Rockwell calendars. We're expecting our first child and I don't want to have that be his or her only entry into art, looking at calendars. The child will be inundated with art, plays, symphonies — and the occasional football game.

The place to see art in New York

I take my students every semester. We get dropped off at the Met and go in and see whatever show might be relevant to what I'm teaching. But then we hop on the subway and go down to Chelsea. It can be harrowing bringing 30 students on the subway, but luckily I haven't lost anyone yet. We hit the Chelsea gallery district where there's more than 300 galleries in a few blocks. They get to see the diversity of contemporary art — from installation to video to representational painting to abstract painting.

How to make the world a better place

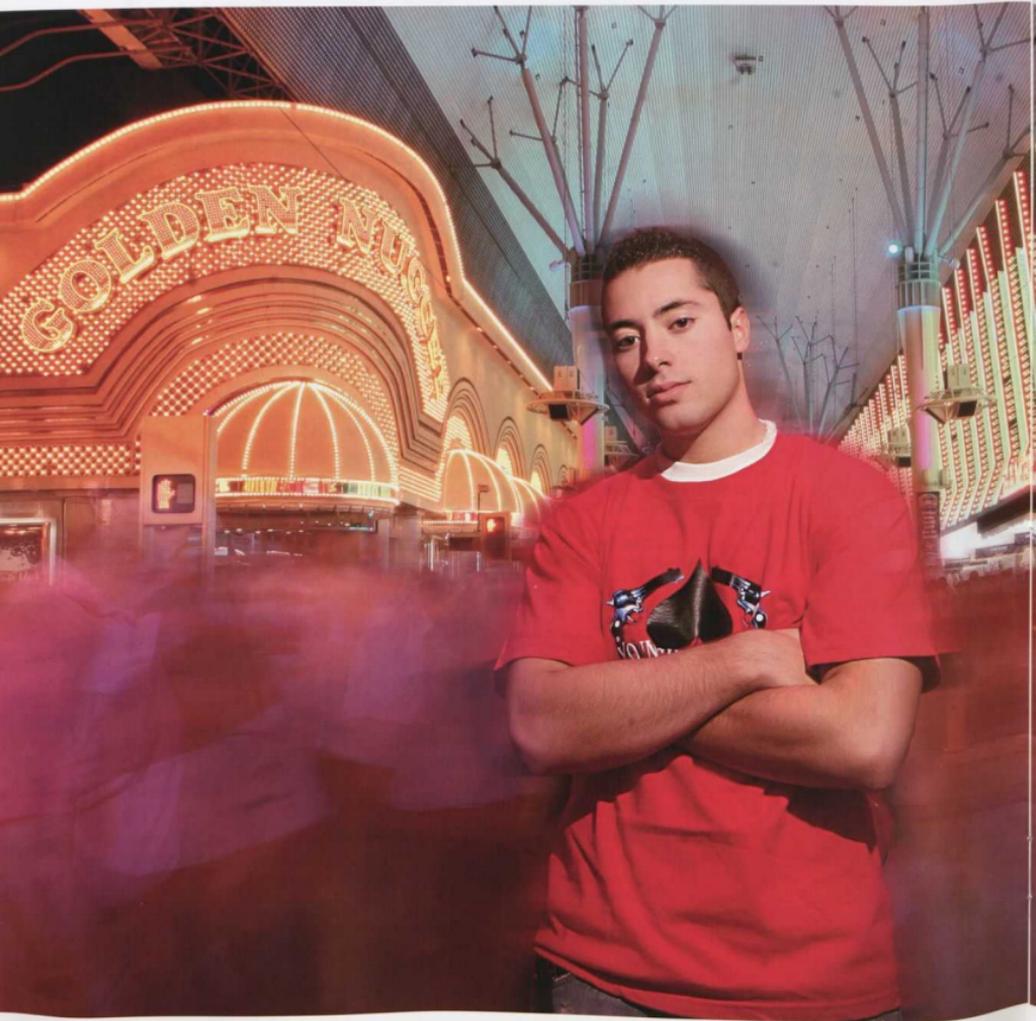
Buy more original art. For some of the prices you're paying for those framed prints, you can buy original art from artists who are just starting their careers. So if you find galleries that show original artists, you can buy a painting or an etching or a lithograph or a silkscreen for under \$200. It supports those young artists, lets them eat for another week, and it keeps the gallery's doors open.

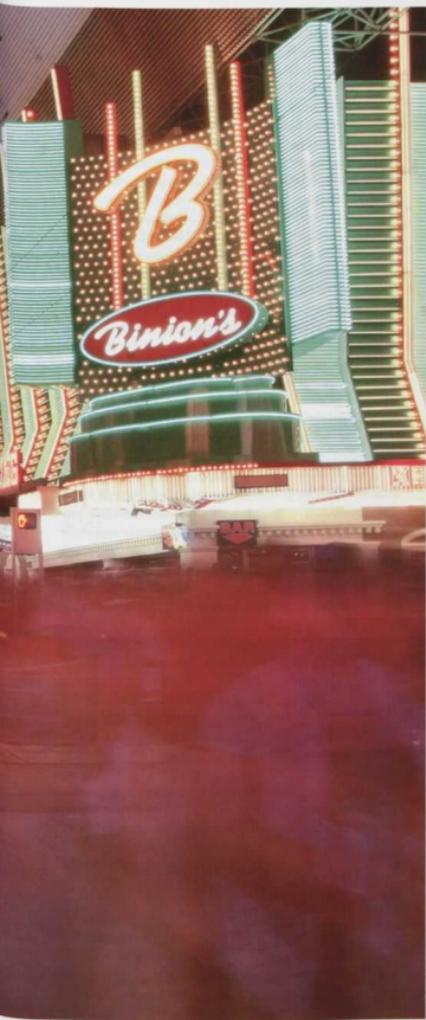
Please — don't buy art to match your couch

That's bad. As bad as it can get. You should buy the painting based on your reaction to it. When you walked into that gallery did this painting hit you in the stomach and make you react to it and if you love it that much then it will fit in whatever color scheme your living room is.

Make art not war

After my first six months in the Navy, I knew that I was not going to do career military. During those three years — 1986 to 1989 — the USS Stark was attacked when I was in gun school. The USS Iowa had the turret blow up; I had good friends I went to gun school with get killed in that. But I finished my time and got money to go to college. That experience made it even more important for me to pursue art because I realized how important it was to me. ■





Educated Bet

Online poker champ Peter Calvo's Las Vegas gamble paid off. He just didn't win much money.

By Bill Ordine



It was 115 degrees. The Rio casino, a shimmering tower of blue and red against a cloudless Las Vegas sky, didn't look all that far away to Peter Calvo '07, an Internet poker phenom who defied conventional wisdom and won \$60,000 last year playing cards online. He had just stepped off a city bus onto the scorching Vegas Strip, and the Rio, where the World Series of Poker was about to begin, beckoned irresistibly.

So Calvo, fresh from celebrating his 21st birthday and newly eligible to play inside casinos, started walking. It didn't take him long to learn that distances — like many other things — are deceiving in Sin City.

Several miles later, he finally escaped the pizza-oven heat of the street for the meat-locker cool of the casino and walked into the Rio's poker arena. Stretched in front of him was a savannah of green felt bristling with players, dealers and media. The sound of poker chips being riffled and tossed and stacked was like the chirping of thousands and thousands of crickets. Within an hour, Calvo was in the middle of it all, playing in his first live tournament in Las Vegas.

The adventure was on.

Calvo, an athletic guy with a wide grin and dark good looks, and college buddy Thomas Dunn '07, his even-keeled, sandy-haired impresario, were to spend much of the summer in Las Vegas. Together, the two had formed a game plan. Calvo's lofty ambition was to win one of the World Series of Poker's 45 events, and in the process become the youngest player to ever win a WSOP championship bracelet.

Dunn's job was to promote their business and website, Young Gunz of Poker, in souvenir shops and at the tournament. The website spotlights Calvo and peddles original-design shirts and hats featuring a rakish logo of six shooters and aces.

Much of their strategy hinged on the fortuitous timing of Calvo's birthday. He turned 21 on June 20, just a week before the start of the poker World Series. The reigning youngest winner going into the 2006 World Series had been just a little more than 21 years, 3 months old. If Calvo could win any World Series event, he would lay claim to the youngest-ever title and have a website all set to cash in on the resulting publicity.

And if the odds were really in his favor, Calvo thought, the summer would mark the beginning of his career as a professional poker player.

"It turned out to be a lot different than I had ever expected," Calvo says. "It was a lot more challenging."



By the time he and Dunn headed

West, Calvo had already gained confidence and a reputation around campus as an online poker whiz. Local media picked up on the story about the college kid who sometimes played in as many as eight games at a time, animated poker tables filling his computer screen as he calculated split-second decisions to fold 'em or hold 'em and the dollars piled up.

While cautionary tales about college students whose online poker-playing habits get them deep into debt and sometimes legal troubles — a Lehigh University student even robbed a bank to cover his substantial losses — Calvo spent the past year or so beating the odds.

By June, he had a bankroll of about \$60,000 from his online play. He spent some of it on a giant-screen TV for the off-campus house he shares with Dunn and some other buddies, and on a white Mercedes-Benz convertible. At his father's insistence, he also paid estimated taxes on the winnings and invested in stocks and bonds.

The money helped pay the rent on a condo in a gated community on the east side of town for his two-month stay in Vegas.

That's where he and Dunn headquartered. Rising late, Calvo would immediately report to the casinos and log up to 10 hours a day at the poker tables. Dunn would pound the pavement pushing Young Gunz wear. In the evening, the guys grabbed drinks at their favorite hangout, Hooters casino, the closest gambling hall to their Tropicana Avenue condo.

For Calvo especially, Hooters, with its casual recroom decor, laid-back atmosphere and signature service staff of attractive women, was a welcome break from the tense, high-stakes games he played during the day at much tonier casinos, such as the Rio, the Bellagio and the Wynn Las Vegas. There, he and Dunn could play \$1 and \$2 poker where the game was about fun rather than financial survival.

"It was great to go there after being at the Bellagio

where people are coming into the game with thousands and thousands of dollars," Calvo says. "One time at Hooters a guy went all-in on me and said, 'I'm all-in for the whole \$65.' I tried not to laugh but I had to say, 'Wow, you sure? The whole \$65?'"

But in some big tournaments at the Rio, it was Calvo who was in over his head.

"I was in this \$5,000 tournament and I was wondering why there were so few players," Calvo says. "All the other no-limit hold 'em tournaments had, like 1,500 or 2,000 players."

With a pricy buy-in of \$5,000, that particular tournament had a comparatively small field of 622 players. And it was also the reason most of the entrants were seasoned professionals, which was news to Calvo.

"So when the tournament starts, I'm sitting at my table and the seat to my right is empty," Calvo says, "and I'm looking for whoever it is that might wind up in that chair."

That's when he spotted a familiar face making his way through the crowd toward the table. It was Johnny Chan, winner of 10 World Series of Poker bracelets, each one emblematic of a WSOP title, and the last person to win back-to-back Main Events. Chan's celebrity was sealed in the Matt Damon poker movie *Rounders*.

And now the poker legend was on Peter Calvo's elbow. Also seated at the table were Rafe Furst and Mark Seif, both WSOP bracelet wearers, and colorful pro Jean-Robert Bellande, who plays aggressively and chatters nonstop, offering unsolicited commentary on his own and everyone else's play.

It was Bellande who eventually knocked out Calvo, who chalked up the defeat to a learning experience, albeit an expensive one.

"I just liked watching those guys. I like their consistency. They're such good, solid players," Calvo says. "I hung in there for a while."

That particular tournament's highlight came for Calvo when he was dealt an excellent hand — pocket aces — which he skillfully played to knock out an aggressive opponent and earn some words of praise from Chan in the process.

That time, Calvo finished in the middle of the pack, not bad, but not nearly good enough to cash in (about 10 percent of a tournament field gets any payoff at all and usually it's the top 2 percent or so that make big money). The experience became one aspect of a valuable, if unexpected, real-world education



In fact, the entire summer was to be an ongoing education.

As it turned out, the young card player found the going rocky in the more aggressive style that tournament rules impose on players, and he was forced

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to keep returning to cash games to make back some of his money. In cash games, a player can be patient. A careful competitor can toss away hand after hand, waiting for the right cards and just the right situations. Calvo excelled at those games.

But the World Series, as well as most other poker events that are on television, has a tournament structure. In poker tournaments, players are required to make, in turn, forced bets called blinds. At certain intervals, say every 90 minutes or so, the blinds increase. If a player waits too long to make a move, the blinds will erode his stack of chips to almost nothing and eventually force him out of the tournament.

Hands he would play one way in cash games demanded an entirely different approach in tournaments. "I had higher expectations than what turned out in these tournaments considering the success I had [online]," Calvo says. "I knew I was a good poker player and I figured a good poker player would do well in tournaments. I didn't comprehend how much of a difference there'd be in the game."

Meanwhile, Dunn was not faring much better. With boxes of Young Gunz T-shirts in tow and fistfuls of pamphlets, Dunn soon learned that ambition and perseverance, as admirable as those qualities might be, don't always produce an immediate payoff.

"I thought we'd just set up a shop somewhere and go from there," says Dunn, standing on gaudy Fremont Street in downtown Vegas where street performers, strip-show barkers and neon signs advertising cheap food and booze all vie for the attention of passersby.

"I thought these little booths and shops would help you out, maybe say, 'You're young, you're ambitious, just set up and do your thing.' But I found out that money talks in Vegas. They're looking at it just for what's in it for them," he says.

Calvo and Dunn weren't in Las Vegas

long when their original strategy unraveled. Hopes that Calvo would become the youngest player to wear a WSOP bracelet were just about dashed when in mid-July Jeff Madsen, a film student from the University of California-Santa Barbara, won a World Series event at the age of 21 years, 1 month, 9 days. Madsen was a few weeks older than Calvo and he went on to become one of the stars of the 2006 poker World Series with an incredible run. He earned a second bracelet and finished third in two more tournaments for combined winnings of about \$1.5 million.

"I liked seeing Madsen win because I like seeing the young players do really well and get some respect," Calvo says. "So when he won and then won again and then made the other final tables, I was like, 'Man that's awesome. He's real young, he's real good, and he's go-

ing to get noticed.'"

The trip wasn't without its financial triumphs. Some losses in tournaments were offset by Calvo's strong play in the mid-range, no-limit cash games at the Bellagio and the new Wynn Las Vegas that draw well-heeled players. There were days when Calvo had \$2,000-plus wins in those rough-and-tumble cash games. He did manage a cash-in in one World Series tournament when he finished 193rd out of 2,050 entrants and collected \$1,632.

Both Calvo and Dunn say they still came home feeling like winners after gaining some valuable experience and learning some tough Vegas lessons while still college students.

The effort made Calvo, a communications major with minors in business administration and film and video studies, a popular blogger, thanks to an invitation from the *Frederick News-Post* to report on his time in Vegas. And both of the guys kept notes and shot video so they can make a documentary about their marketing, public relations and merchandising strategies in order to parlay the summer's adventure into independent-study credits.

"Did they hit any homeruns? No. But did they learn a lot? They sure did," observes Joe Carter '73, a senior lecturer in business administration and adviser to Dunn. "From Thomas's perspective, he's learned a lot about how to create a buzz."

There are things Calvo and Dunn will miss about Vegas, such as the all-you-can-eat gourmet buffets at the Bellagio and the Wynn Las Vegas.

"The crab legs," Dunn says wistfully.

"The teriyaki salmon," Calvo adds.

Both students say it has taken some adjusting to get back into the routine. Dunn reports to a 9-to-5 internship several days per week at a marketing research company in Baltimore. Calvo, who formerly interned with Morgan Stanley, is lining up another internship with Ferris Baker Watts.

Poker — either online or in person — is best left as a hobby, Calvo has learned. "I'll probably be looking to get a job in the finance industry," he says. "You know, my strategic skills as a poker player will probably help me at the tables of the financial industry, as well. It's all about the pyramid of risk." ■

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Full deck: Peter Calvo (top left) and Thomas Dunn (front center) say Vegas was great, but they're glad to be home with their buds.



Small
World
Bold New
Curriculum

Redesigning the
General Education Requirements
for the 21st Century By Kim Asch

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Long before *New York Times* columnist and three-time Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas Friedman famously declared in his book by the same title that “the world is flat,” the McDaniel College faculty began examining how best to prepare students to become successful citizens of the hyper-connected, hyperkinetic global community.

In May, after three years of careful consideration, the faculty unanimously approved a redesign of the general education curriculum that puts increased emphasis on the intellectual skills that will be crucial to graduates if they are to thrive as Friedmansque flatlanders: critical thinking, cogent writing, analytic reading, persuasive public speaking, effective collaboration, the ability to adapt to change and bridge cultural differences.

At the same time, says Provost and Dean of the Faculty Tom Falkner, “The new curriculum will offer abundant opportunities to provide our students a base of genuine knowledge about the world they will enter. It is a world that few of us could have imagined and for which we have not been well prepared.”

Technological advances have dramatically improved transportation and communication, connecting individuals, institutions and countries. People can travel more easily to distant parts of the globe; satellite broadcasts bring world events to a growing and increasingly global audience; and the Internet links individuals from Azerbaijan to Alaska. The globalization of

the past two decades presents new possibilities — and perils.

“If it is a cliché to say we live in historic times, one need not be an alarmist to suggest an urgency to the events to which we are witness today,” says Falkner, who goes on to list some of the top concerns. Global warming may cause environmental catastrophe if nothing is done over the next decade to stop the trend. The death toll in the war in Iraq surpasses 3,000 Americans and 100,000 Iraqis, and membership in the nuclear club of nations ominously includes North Korea and Iran.

“Other urgencies are less apocalyptic, but no less serious,” Falkner continues. Katrina was a grim reminder of the scandalous divisions in our society that separate affluent from poor, black from white, powerful from powerless. The war this summer between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon was a reminder that the causes of conflict in the Middle East remain unresolved.

In the developing world, there is debt, political instability, an AIDS pandemic, ethnic and religious hatred



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and horrific acts of genocide. At home, the issues that threaten our well being as a people include oil dependency, health care, social security, immigration and concerns about not just our security, but our civil liberties and constitutional rights. Issues of values and morals, like abortion, stem cell research and the rights of gays and lesbians, continue to divide our nation.

"The world, and the challenges of our times, are more related to what we do as educators than ever before," says Falkner. "This is an historic opportunity to reaffirm the exceptional value of a McDaniel liberal arts education."

The McDaniel Advantage

As college costs continue to rise, families are understandably more concerned than ever about getting value for the dollars they spend on private higher education. This year, tuition, fees, room and board total \$33,180. And while 85 percent of McDaniel students receive financial aid, rendering the bill for most families much lower than the official price tag, their investment is still significant.

McDaniel delivers value for this investment in myriad ways. Small class sizes. Committed faculty, the vast majority of whom are full time and have earned the highest degree available in their disciplines. A culture that inspires intellectual curiosity and in which challenge and success thrive alongside compassion and integrity. A gorgeous campus with modern facilities.

But it's the general education curriculum — the program common to all students, regardless of major or choice of electives — that is the advantage of a McDaniel education. "It is the single most powerful academic expression of what a college is, who its faculty are, and of what kind of students it

wants to graduate. There's nothing more important that a college can do," Falkner says.

About once every decade, the McDaniel faculty — as do the faculties at most peer institutions — takes a hard look at the curriculum to discover areas where it might be improved. The current process began in spring 2003 with a grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation that prompted the faculty to examine the curriculum in tandem with faculty development efforts. Over the course of a two-year conversation, faculty worked diligently to identify key concerns and come up with solutions.

They concluded that the curriculum lacked coherence. It seemed to consist more as a number of individual requirements, known not always so affectionately as BLARs, based on somewhat arbitrary divisions by department and discipline. Students, it seemed to them, were approaching the general education requirements as a kind of a checklist of obstacles between them and their degree.

Instead of this distributive — sometimes called the "Chinese take-out menu" — model for the curriculum, faculty members were intent on constructing a program geared to student learning goals. The course requirements in the new curriculum fall not under subjects or departments, but under categories that describe distinct approaches to knowledge: scientific inquiry; quantitative reasoning; social, cultural and historical understanding; textual analysis; creative expression; global citizenship; foreign languages; physical activity and wellness.

"One of the curriculum's defining features is that this a program in which no department 'owns' any of the student learning goals," says Falkner. "It is a curriculum in which any department can offer courses in fulfillment of any requirement. We can have philosophers teaching courses in scientific inquiry, physicists teaching courses in creative expression, psychologists teaching courses in textual analysis."

Jan Term, with its many opportunities for travel study, will continue as a hallmark feature of the general education program. And because good citizenship involves the communication skills required for public discourse, the new curriculum will place a special emphasis on student writing each year and will also challenge faculty to take more responsibility for teaching writing.

Another key aspect of the new curriculum is its developmental approach, meaning that the general education program becomes more intensive and integrated each year as



students evolve in their scholarship. The first-year seminar program, already in place, will do an even better job of helping freshmen transition from high school to college. Class sizes average 15, professors also serve as advisers to these students and peer mentors provide additional support, both inside and outside of class. Innovative courses focused on a topic distinct from regular department offerings provide the framework for strengthening discussion, writing and study skills, while field trips and other activities add interest and fun. Examples of First-Year Seminar courses include "Horror in Film and Fiction," "America's Game: Baseball," and "Radioactivity and its Social Consequences."

A new sophomore interdisciplinary colloquium is designed to help students understand how seemingly discrete disciplines cross-fertilize and shape each other. A course on "Madness" might investigate the cultural meanings of madness by viewing it through the lenses of literature, music, history and psychology. A course on "Color" might inspire a collaboration between scientists and artists to see how the perception of light can be explained as a physical, biological or aesthetic event.

An additional writing requirement in the junior year will be taught within a student's major discipline. Since the content of the course is tied to students' field of study, they will be more invested in the importance of improving their writing. The history department, for example, may offer a seminar on a topic like "The Fall of the Roman Empire" to help students develop the writing appropriate to an advanced major in History. Or several of the science departments may join forces for a course on scientific writing.

And the senior capstone experience will round out students' college careers with an internship or faculty-directed research or creative project in which they apply their scholarship in a real-world setting.

From Concept to Classroom

With its debut scheduled for autumn 2007, starting with the Class of 2011, the new curriculum is now in its pre-implementation phase. The faculty is hard at work creating course proposals to fall within the new categories and computing schedules that will bring the bold ideas of the new curriculum from the incubator to the classroom.

There are challenges. Staffing the new curriculum — despite additional faculty positions in cognitive psychology, environmental policy and science, Spanish, German, deaf studies, molecular biology, communication and sociology — will be a stretch for some departments, who must develop models that will balance the demands of the major against the need to contribute to the new requirements.

Some tweaking may be needed for the short term.

For example, the new sophomore colloquium may need to begin as an optional experience and be gradually phased in as a requirement after more courses are developed and fully staffed.

"The sophomore colloquia are especially exciting, but also especially challenging because they are utterly unlike anything in the current curriculum," says Falkner. "We will have to offer between 18 and 22 sections each year to meet student need. Faculty from all of 20 departments will need to at some level participate in it. Maybe most important of all, faculty are asking of themselves to do something that they haven't done in the past and that is to teach truly interdisciplinary courses."

Support and incentives will also be needed to help faculty who teach in the program. How does one effectively teach a discussion-based first-year seminar? How does one plan and teach an interdisciplinary team-taught course? In global citizenship, how do faculty deal with concepts and materials that are difficult and sensitive? How do faculty trained in chemistry or computer science or business or theatre arts gain the competence and confidence to contribute to the writing program?

As it was three years ago, back when the conversation began, the curriculum and faculty development are "inextricably linked," Falkner says. And so, this year will also see the establishment of the Center for Faculty Excellence, a new space in Hoover Library where professors can talk, plan and train together with the help of materials and workshops.

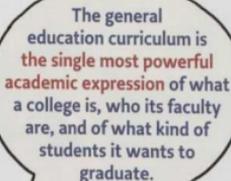
Ready, Here We Come

Already, McDaniel students are learning to become at home in the world during their years on the Hill. A record 157 undergraduates studied abroad during the last academic year, some staying a semester at the College's Budapest campus, others joining Jan Term travel tours to places as diverse as Belize and Cameroon, while still others spent months away with affiliated overseas programs.

Over Jan Term and spring break, 17 students headed South to help with the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort.

And increased diversity on campus — where 13 percent of students are American minorities — also allows students to better learn about perspectives other than their own.

Ready or not, globalization, as Thomas Friedman writes, will continue its inexorable pace. McDaniel College is ready. Says Falkner, "There is, literally, a world to teach." ■



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**Drew '04 and Dave '77 Reinecker
improve on tradition.**

Farmers Dave '77 and Drew '04 Reinecker plow through stereotypes with the same efficiency as they navigate the commodities market via satellite feed, track vitamin and feed allotments for their livestock with Excel spreadsheets and fertilize 220 acres of crops with a computer-enhanced New Holland TL90 tractor.

Seeing them here together on the farm in York Springs, Pa., where both father and son were raised, it would be easy to make the erroneous assumption that theirs is a career more committed to continuity and conservation than to innovation.

Over there, beyond the sturdy white main house and large English walnut tree are undulating fields of fertile soil where each first learned as boys to work the land and drive a tractor, tend to livestock and predict the weather by watching the vast expanse of sky unfurling in great swaths above their heads. A couple of miles down the country lane is Bermudian Springs High School, where each in his generation earned honor-roll grades and competed on sports teams. Nearby, too, is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, where both were baptized, confirmed and grew accustomed to a Sunday ritual of observing the Sabbath.

It's true that both father and son have deep roots here and that each felt something akin to a spiritual calling that prompted him to return to this family enterprise upon graduation from college, the elder with a degree in chemistry and the younger with a dual degree in chemistry and exercise science.

But neither was interested in conducting business as usual at Reinecker Agricultural Products.

"My father, Ray, used to say that if you're not moving ahead, then you're falling behind," says Dave, who at 51 is a commanding presence, with his presidential posture, solid build and confident manner of speaking that suggests he can more than hold his own in front of large crowds. "Farming is the ultimate entrepreneurial endeavor and a wonderful way to utilize the problem-solving skills we developed at a liberal arts college."

In the old days, the Reineckers would be referred to as hog farmers. In 2006, they are called producers, and what they produce is now known far and wide as "The Other White Meat," thanks to a wildly successful advertising campaign Reinecker helped launch through his work with the National Pork Board. He and several other producers appointed to the Demand Enhancement Committee are responsible for recommending allocation of a portion of \$60 million annually for promotions aimed at increasing demand for the product.

"Our goal is to establish pork as a commodity item that families feel they can't do without," he says, explaining that chicken and beef are still the most popular meats in the United States, but that pork is catching up thanks to his industry's "demand enhancement" efforts. "We want folks to think about substituting boneless

pork every time they see a recipe for boneless chicken."

His extensive consulting at the national level — not just on ad campaigns, but at conferences held all over the country with the head buyers of big grocery chains and representatives from the restaurant industry — is Dave's macro approach to improving business. He's been equally creative on the very micro level, so that his own operation doesn't just survive, but thrives, in an era when small and medium-sized family farms are failing in the face of competition from gigantic corporate farms nationwide.

Farming High on the Hog

"Back in the 1990s, we had to make a decision to go bigger or better, and we decided to go a little more high-end with what we produce," he says. "Our niche is our ability to deliver exactly what customers want. If you want a pig with blue stripes, I'll sell you a pig with blue stripes."

That last statement may be a bit of a stretch, Dave concedes, "but not by much." He says he once filled an order placed by the Marriott Corporation for 23-inch roasters. "It had to be 23 inches, no larger, because they wanted to feature roasted suckling pig as the centerpiece for their brunch buffets and their ovens are 24 inches wide," he explains. "So, I went out with a measuring tape and hand-picked 23-inch pigs."

Each year, the Reineckers buy about 1,500 pigs supplied by a cousin's business and raise them into grown hogs ready for market at between 250 and 280 pounds. About half of the hogs are sold to various farmers'-market retailers whose customers clamor for locally produced meat. "People want to see where their food comes from," Dave says. "And they say they like the consistency of flavor we are able to provide because we grow, harvest and prepare all of the feed ourselves."

Another 25 percent of the hogs are sold to roasters right off the farm. An increase in the area's Latino population has fueled demand for this type of hog, which is typically cooked over a pit fire at weekend fiestas. Some of the hogs go to scientific research institutions, such as Johns Hopkins. One medical research supplier requested that the pigs be completely bathed before delivery, "So we scrubbed them all down with soap and water," Dave says. Any hogs not sold to those higher-paying customers go to the commodities market through Hatfield Quality Meats in Philadelphia.

The Reineckers also raise about 100 head of cattle per year to be sold into the certified Angus Beef market for upscale restaurants. In addition to feed corn, they grow soybeans as a rotation crop to replenish nitrogen in the soil. The

Innovation keeps a family business bringing home the bacon

By Kim Asch

Photos by Mark Swisher





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soybeans are sold to a local plant that makes an alternative fuel called biodiesel. Dave predicts alternative fuels, especially ethanol made from corn, may be another potential revenue stream with lots of positive outcomes, including increased demand, which will bring higher prices for corn, as well as every other farm product up the food chain.

“It’s a win-win-win,” says Dave. “It’s a win for the farmer because we won’t have to rely as much on government payments and we will get a higher percentage of our income from the marketplace. It will help solve the problem of our dependency on oil. And, at the same time, it will help to control pollution, because ethanol burns much cleaner and is better than crude oil for our environment.”

Thanks in part to new technologies — Dave says he invests about \$50,000 per year in equipment upgrades — he and Drew are able to run the operation themselves, with the occasional assistance of Drew’s younger brother Jonathan, who graduated last year from Penn State with a degree in agricultural systems management and, for now, is pursuing a career with an equipment manufacturer. Reinecker Ag Products/Reinecker Farms grosses several hundred thousand dollars per year, Dave says, but overhead is high and the men are perpetually seeking ways to “work smarter” to bring down expenses and increase their bottom line.

Dave goes an extra step in this effort by trading on the commodities market to try to stay ahead of the kinds of unpredictable forces, like weather, that can eat into a farmer’s profits. If, for example, Dave decides after gathering information from *Pro Farmer* and other industry journals that there is likely to be a long summer drought, which will deplete the corn crop and drives up prices, he may call his broker and direct him to purchase corn contracts while the prices are still low. That way, if his own crop is insufficient to feed his animals through the year, the higher price he ends up

paying to buy extra corn will be offset by the profit he turns from selling those contracts. Outside his office, right next to the hog building, sits a satellite dish that receives constantly updated reports, within seven minutes of real time, from the Chicago Board of Trade.

“It’s risky. You have to watch the market and you have to know what you’re doing. It’s brought grown men to bankruptcy,” he says of this strategy. “Because every time you take a risk there’s always an opposite position. What if there is no drought and the price for corn falls? Then I’m stuck having to pay thousands of dollars for those contracts. It’s Economics 201 with Dr. Ralph Price, ‘there is no such thing as a free lunch.’”

Drew takes this lesson to heart. From the age of 8, he worked on the farm and saved more than \$1,500 of his earnings each summer to help pay for college. At McDaniel, he was a conscientious student and hard-working athlete who played football and won three Centennial Heavyweight wrestling championships. During junior year, his dad asked him what he wanted to do and he confessed he wasn’t sure.

“I guess I could teach,” Drew said.

“Wrong answer,” Dave remembers telling him. “We’ve always taught the boys to pursue their passion. I didn’t hear that passion coming from him when he talked about teaching.”

Dave drew up a job proposal with his wife, Cheryl Collins Reinecker ’79, who besides being an economics and government teacher at Bermudian Springs High School (both sons took her class as seniors) serves as secretary for the farm operation. They offered Drew a salary commensurate with that of a first-year teacher and a schedule that would allow him to pursue another passion, coaching football and wrestling, at his high school alma mater. He would also have the opportunity to buy into the business.

“We wanted to make sure it was a business partnership. We didn’t want him getting into this simply out of respect for his parents,” says Cheryl, whose own childhood was much more transient than Drew’s. Her father, Ashby Collins ’53, was an Army officer and she attended 10 different schools in 13 years while the family moved from post to post. “Small-town life was an adjustment, but I have come to love it. And I was very pleased about the prospect of Andrew returning to this community.”

Dave describes his eldest son’s reaction to the proposal: “He lit up like a light bulb.”

Now in his second year on the job, Drew is still smiling. “I love being my own boss and doing something different every day,” he says one morning in late September while taking a break from chopping corn. “This is not one of those jobs that’s just about showing up. It’s about getting things done.”

Dave nods his head in the affirmative. ■

Founders Treated to New View

Their gifts, totaling just under \$10 million, helped enhance the McDaniel skyline

More than 250 members of the Founders Society attended a dinner held in their honor Sept. 16 on campus. Guests traveled from 12 states and the District of Columbia and represented alumni from every decade from the 1940s to 2003 to enjoy the formal event held in a spacious clear-topped tent that afforded Founders a spectacular view of academic buildings along the campus ridge (see *DoubleTake*, page 31).

Thirteen students from the Student Alumni Council presented talks about new academic projects and gave golf-cart tours along the just-opened loop road that connects North Village student apartments to the athletic fields and the Leroy Merritt Fitness Center,

currently under construction at the front entrance of Gill Center.

"Our campus has changed," said President Joan Develin Coley in her brief remarks at the dinner. "Today's student chooses a college not only on the quality of its academics, but also on the amenities of lifestyle. As we renovate and build new residence halls, as we create places for students to gather to study, to learn, to 'work out,' to eat and to play, we move ever closer to the living-learning community of our vision."

In the fiscal year 2006, gifts to the Annual Fund and to the broader capital objectives from members of the Founders Society totaled just under \$10 million.

Clockwise from upper right:

- College Trustees Charles Moore '71, who was named Alumnus of the Year at Homecoming, Oct. 7, and Bruce Preston '75.
- Dr. Chitrachedu Naganna, Tom Scott '53, Dr. Vimala Naganna, Bill Dulaney '50 and Winifred Spencer Dulaney '53.
- President Joan Develin Coley, Judy Ellis Rembert '60 and Donald Rembert '61. On Oct. 7, the Remberts presided at the dedication of Waldorf way, a new pedestrian walkway connecting North Village to Gill Center named in honor of former Green Terror football coach Robert J. Waldorf. The Remberts' gift of \$500,000 made the handsome brick path possible.
- Steve Kousouris '79 and Mary Lou Payne Kousouris '81.



MATT BENSINGER (ALL)



class notes

News and views about life since college





C. GARY THOMAS

1945

I do believe I have been the luckiest, happiest alumna from the Class of '45. This year especially, for the first answer from my cards came from one gal I have never heard from. Her information was not on a return postal card, but a typed, two-page letter. She made me promise not to include her "bio," so here is news from:

Mary Ellen Thomas Batten writes, "I am healthy and happy, keep busy with gardening, writing, and reading." She sends warm regards to the class members. I must add, even though she did not graduate from WMC, Mary earned a BA degree from the University of North Carolina and a master's from George Washington University and WMC. Being married to a Navy man, she and Hugh traveled worldwide, managing to have and rear two children who have given them six grandchildren and one "great." Mary, a widow, lives on her father's farm in Taneytown. Thanks, Mary, for getting in touch.

Gale Lodge Thiele answered my card via a phone call. She says, "All's well — swimming pool, weight room, visiting shut-ins, and antiquing along with keeping in touch with **Marian Whiteford Boyer**, **Leucia Venable**, **Donna DuVall Sellman**, **Marion "Suzy" Maddox Suhorsky**, **Margaret Waugh Siemon**, **Jeanie Eckhardt McWilliams '44** and **Margaret "Peg" Thompson Simmons**." **Marian Whiteford Boyer** and husband are residents at Charlestown Retirement community. She also connects with college friends **Anita "Neets" Richardson Oswald** at Carroll Lutheran Village, **Gale Lodge Thiele**, and **Peg Thompson Simmons**. Marian says **Sally Moffett Dwyer** and **Janet Baugher Covington** are missed.

Mary Virginia Webb France's residency at Charlestown keeps her busy with bridge games and social gatherings with other residents. Driving a car is limited, but she's fortunate to have her daughters nearby. A postcard from **Margaret "Peg" Thompson Simmons** from Oregon was so welcome. Peg writes, "Hi old roommate, I have had a very happy and interesting life, many years of living in California."

From California, **Ethel Stevens Arter** highlights a trip she and Wayne had to Israel. Two mishaps made it possible to see more than the scheduled tour. Their 747 plane running low on fuel in a storm caused them to land safely at a small airport with the loss of lug-

Photo:

George Gebelein '64 spices things up with the "Crab Guys" in the Homecoming parade. For nearly two decades, the guys have been getting together every month for lots of crab picking and trash talking.

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gage. After a few days visiting their granddaughter, Wayne's heart problem extended their visit by a week.

After his departure from WMC in 1942 and discharge from the U.S. Air Corps in 1946, **Hy Miller**, of Fayetteville, N.Y., was married in 1947 in San Antonio, Texas. Hy and his family moved to New York where he began a long, political career. He was elected to the New York State Assembly from 1970-89. From 1990-2000, Hy was appointed as commissioner on the New York Power Authority. Sadly, his wife Anne passed away in February '03 due to Parkinson's disease.

Other retirement community residents are quite happy since our last column. **Ann Leete Hudson** and husband Lingo have been at Riderwood in Silver Spring since October '05. They both enjoy the "new life," especially Ann with only one meal a day. Her oldest granddaughter was married in 2004, two granddaughters graduated from college, two granddaughters and two grandsons are in college, one grandson in high school and another granddaughter completing her senior year of West Virginia University in Wales.

Donna DuVal Sellman has a new address in Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster as of October '05. Unfortunately she is there without Russ, who died on March 7, 2006, after suffering 11 years from Pick's disease. She appreciated the many expressions of sympathy from classmates and friends.

Homewood Retirement Community in Hanover, Pa., has welcomed as residents **Frances Brown Crawford** and her husband. Frances says, "Reasonably good health makes living here very enjoyable."

Carroll Doggett and wife **Nan Austin '47** are awaiting a cottage at Homewood in Frederick, Md. Nan was a faithful Methodist minister for 43 years and they are looking forward to years beyond his 18 years of retirement.

Another pastor of congregations includes **Robert Adams**, of Madison, Wisc., where he has been comfortable in a retirement community for seven years. Bob was widowed twice. He says, "My closeness to a local church offers me to agree or disagree over coffee and cookies concerning the capture of the U.S. government by an oligarchy unconcerned about people and the planet. My greetings to any who may recall me."

From Pinehurst, N.C., Methodist pastor **Dr. William "Bill" Smith** says, "Bless you Anna Rose for keeping in touch. We were cleaning out a storage area recently and I came across my 1945 diploma. We've hung it up in the den for all to see. Life is never dull in Pinehurst where most of us are retired but active. We are planning to visit friends in California — that's quite a stretch for an Eastern Sho' boy. God bless all in all ways."

Saratoga Springs, N.Y., must have the best medical

library in the world for along with the fully-staffed facility of only volunteers, **Jean Andrews Richards**, co-director, is so happy working with such wonderful people. The Richards enjoy activities at Skidmore College and keeping in touch with their four college-graduate grandchildren. Jean and Don visit with her WMC "roomie" **Nell Quirk Levy** and Hank in Florida.

"Aging has a way of saying, slow down!" says **Ann Frounfelzer Palmer** of Arizona. She tells of medical problems — cancer and hernia surgery with post-surgical repairs. But she hasn't slowed down completely. She was off to Florida to visit her sister, **Shirley Frounfelzer Megahee '50**, and to Pinetop in the White Mountains. She continues to play bocce and bridge.

Roommates **Hope Stewart Ward** in Pittsburgh, Pa., and **Alice "Sis" Kuhn McKinley** keep in touch. Hope and husband celebrated their 57-year marriage and share the lives of three children and two grandsons. Sis and husband in St. Augustine, Fla., enjoy their life together in the Sunshine state, but their doctor daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, is encouraging them to move near her. Their other daughter is a junior high school teacher; both have two lovely children.

Thelma Young Friedel, in Irvine, Calif., reflects on her blessings: her marriage of 61 years to **Ridge '43** and their four children. Thelma reflects, "But new life has changed because dear Ridge died on April 9, 2006 of Parkinson's disease. My sincere thanks to our college friends, to President Coley, and the Alumni Association for their cards and notes of condolence."

Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn in Annapolis writes, "I can start my lawn mower — just plug it in and drag the cord along. Technology keeps us in action." Luciene has her first great-grandchild, Lucy Claire.

From **Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn**, in Long Corners, Md., we have learned that this classmate of ours and her husband, Louis, have certainly been a beneficial influence on their heirs in honoring, respecting and loving our "natural world." Mary says, "Our five grandchildren and a great-grandson, 5, afforded us marvelous moments." Four are environmentally connected. Timothy is a federal government firefighter based in Colorado. Kelly, an environmental scientist, recently married a naturalist at Piney Run Nature Center in Carroll County. Chris and Candace, well-acquainted with our natural world, lend their support by caring for it. Jennifer is the mother of Mary's 5-year-old great-grandson. Grandmother Mary continues to enjoy eight art classes a semester. The Red Hat Society offers (for \$1.50 dues yearly) fun and worthwhile gatherings. She is still with the Volks-march trips. She says, "Louis and I give attention to claims of various independent living facilities simultaneously adding touches to our home. And Louis is

attentive to the coffee bean industry. We take a few pills and count our bountiful blessings. Cheers and blessings to all of you."

Lucinda Holloway Clifton says her "windows on the world" are Great Decisions, League of Women Voters, bookmobile, watercolor painting, a book of her best poems and watching her grandson grow into manhood. Her fond memories of WMC include her classmates, drama and "eloquent" essays in Dr. Wills' class.

Jane Kimmey Sumner, in Bowie, Md., writes that her fingers get very tired from "hanging in there." Travels are limited to doctors' visits, because of arthritis.

Vero Beach, Fla., lays claim to residency of Joe and **Marian "Suzy" Maddox Suhorsky**, but their daughters and families go to them — good reunions. Luck followed the Suhorskys during three hurricanes — no damage to property.

Last year, 2005, was our class's 60th reunion. We had a great group who gathered at Fenby's Restaurant in Westminster. I had as my guest Debbie Higgs, my private secretary, who for the past 20 years has transposed the handwritten column to the required typed pages. She was so pleased to meet some of the dear folks she has known only through our column. In attendance were **Madeline Myers Hiatt** and her husband, **Bill, Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn, Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn, Donna DuVal Sellman, John "Snuffy" Smith** and Barb, **Ann Leete Hudson** and husband Lingo, **Carroll and Nan Austin '47 Doggett, Gale Lodge Thiele** and her niece, **Jane Kimmey Sumner, Charlotte MacConney Hall, Peg Carter Welkos, Jean Andrews Richards** and **Kay Kaiser Frantum** and Ted. What a time we had!

From Elkins Park, Pa., **Ruth Putzel Loew** is thankful to be back home from Nashville, Tenn., where she had an aortic valve replacement. She says, "Lucky to be alive."

Anne Winters Tait in the town of Westwood, N.J., surely has felt needed in her golden years. As the elected treasurer of her church, she realizes the tremendous flow of cash is helping to remodel and upgrade facilities, hoping to have a Barrier Free Church. Within the town, there is a building housing 180 residences through HUD. Anne is the elected secretary on their Board of Trustees.

After 51 years of residency in Annapolis, Md., **Katherine "Kay" Kaiser Frantum** and Ted will be joining other WMCers at Carroll Lutheran Village. A trip to Scotland is in the planning before the big move.

Jeanne Williams Graef and husband Harry are residents in a retirement home in Alexandria, Va. He is in assisted living with Alzheimer's and she is in a

nearby apartment.

Nell Quirk Levay in St. Mary's City, Md., has taken up quilting and finds it most relaxing. She and Hank spend three months in Florida, but still visit son John and family in Salisbury, Md., and daughter Ann and family in Louisville, Ky.

Two of our classmates made their homes in Westminster and stayed there. **Madeline Myers Hiatt** and husband Bill keep close touch with daughter Mary Elizabeth and their son-in-law, Jeff, in Frederick, Md. Both are business employees, she in charge of a marketing group for Earth Data and he as a consultant for Booz-Allen for Global Security. Madeline sees Bill once in awhile — he has accumulated more volunteer hours than anyone has ever had at the Westminster Library. Madeline's niece **Sarah Marie Lantz '06** graduated with honors in music from McDaniel, rendering a wonderful recital.

Aileen Bair Barnhart, also a Westminster resident, in her sweet manner just thanked me for my loyalty to the Class of '45 all of these years. She had very little to say except, "I wish the very best to each of those in our class who are still surviving and that I am thankful to be among them. May we all rise each new day to the best of our abilities, treasuring all of them as a remarkable gift. Much love to all."

I can't give credit to any particular battery like the bunny commercial, but something surely keeps me going. Call it what you want, but the Good Lord has His reason for my 81 years of pretty good health. To continue my many volunteer jobs which I love, to fly to Nashville to visit daughter Jeanie and her two little families there, to drive or help to drive to Wilmington, N.C., to see Laurie Phipps and my two "great-grands" and grandson Marine Al who joins us there, to enjoy unlimited phone calls to and from Steve's daughter, Sierra, in college in Arkansas, and to share the many good times in Shepherdstown and Hedgesville, W. Va., with George's and Mike's families. All total 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grands and one more in July. A very prolific family from the Beasman/Anderson genes!

You won't hear from me formally till 2008 — the next column for *The Hill*, but my phone number is 410-461-5295. I would love to hear your voice.

Always at the end of our column, we must bow our heads and remember some of our classmates no longer with us: **Charlotte Ann Wilkins Hausler** died May 2, 2005, **Margaret "Peg" Carter Welkos** died September 30, 2005, and **Marian Stiffler Blenke** died December 30, 2005.

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Fifty-five years since our graduation from WMC! It seems like only yesterday — well maybe the day before yesterday. On April 23, classmates and guests gathered in the President's Dining Room for brunch and for a celebration of that momentous occasion. Good food, good fun and good fellowship were the orders of the day. There was no formal program but we welcomed College President Dr. Joan Develin Coley who brought greetings. A class reunion directory was printed and distributed to all who had forwarded information.

I thought you might like to compare your "prof preference" list with those who responded to the questionnaire for the reunion directory. Twenty professors were listed as favorites by the 54 classmates who responded. — Drs. Earp, Makosky, Marshall and "T" (Isanogle) each received two or more votes. Our classmates have 137 children; 154 grandchildren, and five classmates have 11 great-grandchildren.

Larry Loper stayed close to farming and gardening after retiring from a 40-year career in manufacturing and purchasing management. In 2005, he sold his farmette and moved to Plum Creek, a retirement community near Hanover, Pa. A son, **Richard Loper '75**, a grandson, **Ian Loper '05**, and a granddaughter, **Jennifer Bruce '03**, continued the family tradition of graduating from WMC/McDaniel.

Betty Mae Shepter Papirio has combined houses with her son's family after being involved in a trauma auto accident. Even life

moves more slowly now that she and her daughter, Susan, a disabled adult, are being lovingly cared for. After years of community service with Special Olympics, special-needs programs and church activities everyone wants to step in to assist them now. Betty received awards from Special Olympics, Red Cross Hall of Fame, Girl Scouts Leadership and honor societies at Columbia University. "The Lord has taken unbelievable care of us all."

Leo and Barbara Pfoutz Lathroum report that they are well and enjoying each day as it comes, particularly with their family and the seniors at the Trinity Assembly of God Church. Grandkids are 9 to 26 years so there is still babysitting to be done. "God is good."

Betty Shivers Hitchcock has moved to a retirement center in St. Louis to be near her daughter and her family. In May she enjoyed an Elderhostel program in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M.

Doris Joine Hancock returned to the campus last year to hear Elie Wiesel's inspiring message. Traveling is almost a full-time job for Doris and her husband. They met many Baltimoreans (none from the Hill) while crossing the Atlantic on a sailing ship from Lisbon to St. Thomas. This year's travel plans include trips to Durango, Colo., for camping and fishing; a week in Tucson, where they lived for many years; a week in the Smokey Mountains with friends; a two-week cruise up the East Coast from New Jersey to Quebec; and two weeks in Malta with Doris's sister.

Doris invites classmates to visit them in Sedona (that is if you can find them at home). **Richard Cohen's** wife of 52 years died in

2003. On May 18, 2006, he remarried. He is still operating his group practice in psychology.

Jerry Phipps is enjoying retirement in Seven Springs, Pa., traveling (playing golf a lot and taking up fly fishing ("the fish are still safe"). Son Michael was recently released from Walter Reed after treatment for some health issues that developed while serving in Iraq as a national guardman. The family enjoyed a recent visit from daughter Leslie and family from Washington.

Patricia Shear Pylpke moved to West Virginia in June '05 to be near her daughter and family. Not one to sit idly by, Pat is the pianist for two senior groups that perform at nursing homes and senior residences. She also delivers meals in the rural area.

Peggy Timmons Smith was married to **Guy "Smitty" Smith '50** on July 14, 1951 in Little Baker. Seventeen days later Smitty left in Korea and Peg remained in Westminster, living on New Windsor Road with **Char Janney Mellott** and **Babs Payne Witsay** while they were teaching in Carroll County. After 30 years in the education system in Montgomery County, Md., they traveled through the 50 states, Canadian Rockies, Caribbean, Europe and the Baltic States. St. Pete Beach, Fla., was a good home for 14 years. Now they are enjoying their family in Columbia and Ellicott City, Md.

Roland Layton retired from the history department of Hiram College, Ohio, in 1989 and moved to West Virginia in 1993. He is very busy doing volunteer work for the local historical society; plays a lot of bridge, writes book reviews and gardens. Does he ever gar-

Get Back

Reunion Weekend 2007

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 -
SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Watch your mailbox and the College website (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.

Who's Celebrating?

All classes whose graduation year ends in a "2" or a "7" and the first-year-out class.

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 reserved 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, all alumni who would like to attend events are welcome to register.

den? He and his wife have won 60 ribbons for their flowers in the last few years. A second great-granddaughter was welcomed on April 7.

Robert Kettels reports from Safety Harbor, Fla., that after Doris endured open-heart surgery and he underwent radiation therapy for prostate cancer they are doing very well. Bob is golfing twice a week, does his own yard work, sings in the choir and does church visitation. A favorite memory is playing varsity soccer against Navy in overtime. "We are both greatly blessed." (Maybe we should have our next reunion in Florida since so many classmates are living there.)

Angela Crothers Zawacki and Len '50 have traveled to many countries and continue to follow their 10 grandchildren's football, soccer, basketball, field hockey, softball, baseball and swimming. Isn't it great to live close to those special people? Angie remains active at Trinity Episcopal Church. Angie and Len were back on the Hill for their granddaughter's graduation from Winters Mill High School. All Carroll County Schools use the Physical Education Learning Center for their graduations. A vivid memory was the cold in McKinstry freshman year where the ink froze in the bottle. "Ink in a bottle!"

Gil Clough is living in Boynton Beach, Fla., during the winter and in Ocean City, N.J., during the summer. That is except for two months which they spend on their daughter's horse ranch in New Paltz, NY. While there, Gil continues as a volunteer educator for the Mohonk Preserve. His favorite college memory is selling ice cream in the dorms with Jay Egley.

Nancy Winkelman moved from Sun City Center into a continuous care community in Bradenton, Fla., when she was declared legally blind. She has done some traveling, done such wild things as start a Red Hat Purple Dress group and is now president of the Resident Council. It turned out to be more than just presiding at meetings. (Don't miss who's turn out that way?) Nancy says, "I enjoy where I am living, like my apartment and feel safe and secure even with hurricanes."

Dottie Kinsletter Earle enjoyed a week in Bermuda in March. Since being blind for more than three years she has done a lot of knitting, much of it for hospital lab robes. She attends monthly meetings of the Rotary Inner Wheel. Next year she will have two grandsons at College Park. **Homero "Ho" '50** continues his marketing work.

Pat McLaren DiMee is no longer the solo caregiver for husband Vic since their son, Vince, moved in with them. Vic's Alzheimer's was diagnosed in 1999 and gradually Pat has given up sub-teaching, acting, and some social activities. They do attend plays and play readings which Vic really enjoys.

They visit their daughters who live locally and good friends and occasionally a jazz concert. Listening to music is one of their favorite pastimes. Vic gave up being a musician to study psychology. A lot of time is spent reminiscing about the places they have lived: Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York City, College Park, Md., and now San Diego. Among others, Pat has stayed in touch with **Toby Isaacs '50** and **Paul Schatzberg**. **Peg Kerns Band** and **Dolly Dalgleish Darigo**. Pat says, "I doubt if I will ever return to WMC...one can dream though."

Gus Trottles and **Mary** continue to spend the winters in Venice, Fla., with the exception of the Christmas holidays when they return to Baltimore. Due to health issues Gus is no longer flying his Cessna. One grandchild just graduated from Villa Julie and another is a sophomore at Towson University.

Bill Rosenberger continues to practice veterinary medicine full time (you'd think right after 50 years he'd have gotten it right?). He has been married to **LaRue Colbents '50** for 48 years. They have one son, a daughter and three grandsons. Travel experience, according to LaRue, "We toured the Gettysburg Battlefield one Sunday afternoon."

Marty Buchman Brundage reports that she and Gary continue to enjoy living on the farm. The second and third generations have assumed the milking, field work and paying all the farm bills. Sounds like a good deal to me! They enjoy having all the children and grandchildren living close by on the farm. A first for them will be the marriage of their oldest grandchild, Brian Evans in September. Two granddaughters graduated from Virginia Tech last spring and a grandson graduated from Westminster High. There are five more grandchildren attending middle and high school. "The Lord continues to bless our family each day."

Bill Simpson (Ph.D.) and wife Peg, are for the moment, out of retirement. Bill has assumed temporary leadership of an inner city church and Peg responds to calls from the hospital. They are active in the Rotary and Lions Clubs and serve on community and church boards. He recalls with fondness competing on TV with other college groups. They continue to enjoy travel.

Evelyn Hoyle Higbie and **Jo Kohner Zukav**, roommates at WMC, had a mini-reunion at Ev's home in Mt. Airy in June.

Rachel Holmes Ebert Cruzan, her sister and niece bonded while traveling to a graduation and wedding. There was much laughter especially when her sister refused to wear her hearing aids and thought that a vendor said "cheeseback" instead of "cheesestick." **Robin Adams Brenton '86**, associate vice president for the office of alumni relations, put one of Bob Ebert's Latin School friends in touch with Rachel.

Bob's positive influence led this fellow to become both a lacrosse player, coach and teacher at the Peddie School. Rachel learned that he married one of her high school friends.

Dolly Dalgleish Darigo has three daughters and five grandchildren. She volunteers at the Missouri Botanical Garden with husband Carl (22 years for her and 16 for Carl). Both have been members of St. Marie's Lutheran Church for 44 years which means they have many jobs there. For 27 years, Dolly has worked on used book sales for the Jewish Community Center. For these volunteer efforts and extensive travel have been accomplished despite eight operations and many hours of physical therapy.

Janice Benson Paulsen reported that husband **Doug** passed away. We send our sympathy to her and her family.

Marian Benton Torres has served six years as trustee of the White Mint School in New Hampshire and as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico as well as a Vantage International travel adviser. The fifth edition of her college text is just out from Kendall Hunt (*Integrated Content Literacy*). She keeps in touch with **Peggy Kerns Band**.

The following news was sent for inclusion in the 55-year Reunion Directory:

Mary Barker Apple lives in Huddellton, Va., has seven children and 10 grandchildren. She volunteers at the park at Smith Mountain Lake as well as Habitat for Humanity and serves on the library board. Her favorite memory is the corn roasts on the golf course during summer school.

Doris Phillips Bailey reported the death of Larry, her husband and a fellow classmate of ours, following a short illness. The Baileys moved from Pittsburgh to Salisbury into a retirement community in 2002. Memories are too numerous to list. "It was a wonderful time in my life."

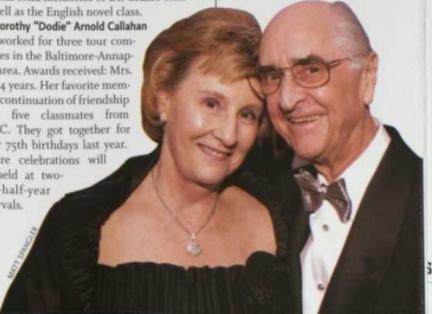
Eleanor Nettleship Bowersox has been active in the United Methodist church in Frederick, president of the United Methodist women and council on ministries as well as offices in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. She sings in two choirs and participates in recreational therapy. Eleanor has fond memories of Dr. Crain's class as well as the English novel class.

Dorothy "Dodie" Arnold Callahan has worked for three tour companies in the Baltimore-Annapolis area. Awards received: Mrs. for 54 years. Her favorite memory: continuation of friendship with five classmates from WMC. They get together for their 75th birthdays last year. Future celebrations will be held at two-and-a-half-year intervals.

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OVER THE MOON

She reads the newspapers in bed, littering the floor with undesired sections. He reads online and avoids the mess of newsprint. She prefers literary novels; he scours the latest about string theory. Experts proclaim it's natural for opposites to attract, so there's no mystery that alumnus Lee Rice '48, a semi-retired rocket scientist, fell over-the-moon in love with McDaniel President Joan Develin Coley. Their passion for the College is unequalled (Lee has served on the Board since 1980) so finding common ground is a cinch. They married August 18 in Staunton, Va. Their rapture is evident, their friends delighted.



Beverly Milstead Carow resides in Front Royal, Va., and teaches piano, theory and harmony in her home studio.

From Pasadena, Md., **Betty Linton de-Keyer** reported that best events since graduation are the arrivals of four children and four grandchildren. Her favorite memory: "Not anything I'd want to publish."

Anchorage is home for **Bob Fraser** and wife Shirley. Bob received his M.D. degree in 1955 and served as director of health, State of Alaska, retiring in 1995. They are the parents of two sons and a granddaughter.

Rachel Anne Early Green and **Ernie '53** are the parents of two children and five grandchildren. For 25 years Rachel has taught outdoor education (geology) to fifth-graders in Rocky River, Ohio. She sang in church choir and participated in community activities. Annapolis is home to the Greens now.

Nancy Philippe Hunter is the proud mother of two, grandmother of three and great-grandmother of two. (We aren't old enough to have great-grandchildren are we?) Nancy is an eight-year breast cancer survivor and nearly a four-year survivor of pancreatic cancer. Great news! Nancy remembers wonderful carefree days on the beautiful campus in the spring.

Philip Kable, who resides in Bridgeville, Pa., has four children and eight grandchildren. He is retired and keeps busy volunteering and traveling.

Betty Bachtell Kelly and **Bernard "Buck"** reported from Mercer Island, Wash., that they are parents of four children and five grandchildren. Betty has retired from teaching music and piano. The Kellys have traveled in Europe, Australia and New Zealand, and circled the U.S. celebrating their 50th anniversary three years ago. Betty has fond memories of writing the Junior Follies with Lou Pietroforte in 1950.

Joe Keenan hoped to share his news at the reunion but his wife, Jackie's, health prevented their making the trip from Venice, Fla. He would have told you they have five children, eight grandchildren and two dogs. Since his retirement Joe works as a ranger at a golf course.

Dr. Edward Klobb is living in Baltimore. He and Louise have two children and four grandchildren. Ed worked in Yellowstone National Park several summers and volunteered at Oregon Ridge Park and managed to find time for two transcontinental rail trips. His favorite college memories include going to the recreation hall in Old Main after dinner, homecoming celebrations and someone blowing up a toilet in A.N.W. (Wonder who?)

Tom Lang retired in 1991 following 33 years of teaching middle school. Tom keeps busy with reading, gardening, com-

puter, piano friends, church, family (three children and eight grandchildren) and Kiwanis. He received the Hixson Award from his Kiwanis Club. His favorite memory is a ferocious water fight in A.N.W. that was thankfully terminated by Dean Free before anyone drowned.

In the last 10 years **Betty Crosswhite Leclercq** has enjoyed nine years of retirement from being a government secretary. She would like to see and share stories with **Pat Shear Phipps**, **Dolly Dalgleish Darigo**, **Nancy Philippe Hunter** and **Jo Kohner Zukav**. She has fond memories of **Sonia daSilva '52** from Brazil and **Taeko Kamiyama** from Japan. While attending her 50th reunion in 1992, Betty's sister took pictures of Taeko who was attending her 40th.

Harrt Lefew reported working hard until 1999 retirement. Since then some travel, continuing civic activities plus playing lots of tennis and golf. He and Janet claim three sons and five grandchildren and a dog, Josie. Harry has received numerous business and civic awards.

Joseph Luperini lives in Timonium with wife Gloria. Their family consists of three children and five grandchildren. Joe has a law degree and reports that what he has done in the last 10 years is "enjoy retirement." Memories of the Hill include Alpha Gamma Tau and sports.

Donald McShane claims that what he has done in the last 10 years is "miraculously lived." He is a periodontist living in Exmore, Va., with wife Melanie. Who could argue with his best experience since graduation? — "spent five years living and sailing in the Caribbean."

Keith Radcliffe Jr. is living in Tarpon Springs, Fla., with wife Barbara. Reported his advanced degree was 101.6° F, flu, 1962. His favorite memory was the "entrapment of two Hopkins 'Raiders' in the fall of 1947." Hadn't we just arrived on campus as freshmen?

Bill Rhoads maintained a private physical therapy practice until his retirement within the last 10 years. Now he enjoys fishing, crabbing and Chincoteague, Va. His favorite memory is meeting his "dearest June."

Carlton Shea wrote that he and **Mariana Remsburg '52** have three children and eight grandchildren. He too reports that the best thing that has happened in the last 10 years is "retirement." His favorite memory is "pledge night downtown."

Jean Dennison Smart's husband, Don, died in 1997 after 45 years of marriage. They have five children and four great-grandchildren. Jean has traveled, attended Elderhostels, served as United Methodist Women president and treasurer and financial secretary of her church. She enjoys Bible studies, gardening and camping. She has fond memories of Iota

Gamma Chi activities and friends made.

Alice Yearley Snyder and Bill have two children: **Sue Snyder Lahatte '77** is an alum and Bill a Georgia Tech graduate. Alice taught high school biology. They have enjoyed traveling, grandchildren and volunteer work. Her favorite memory is the Junior Follies.

We send our condolences to the families of deceased classmates **Norman Williams**, Sept. '04; **Stanley Fieldman**, December '04; **Jane Birch Wilcock**, November '05; and **Lawrence Bailey**, January '06.

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It was great to see 40 members of our class and many of their spouses attend our 50th reunion. Some classmates attended three days of events and some chose to come for one. The weather was beautiful and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as they reminisced about way back then. This was all made possible by the reunion committee: **John Batista**, **Mary Bond**, **Nancy Pempacker Howard**, **Howard Hunt**, **Jean Wantz Lawyer**, **Raymond "Skip" Merkle**, **Bill Tribby**, **Jack Turney** and myself with the help of **Katie Crowe Wood '00**, the former associate director of alumni relations and annual giving, and her team at the college. We particularly want to thank **Bill Tribby** who put together our 50th reunion directory and felt it was a special thrill to be with the group who assembled for our 50th.

A lot of news about each of us was in the directory, but as Bill reminded with several former dining hall employees they laughed about how they used to wait tables during WMC's alumni weekends and how those reunion classes looked. They were so relieved to find no correlation whatsoever to our current appearances.

We are also grateful to **Pat Ellis Marti** who accepted the challenge of designing the directory cover. The weekend was enjoyable and well planned, from lunch with President Coley on Friday to the memorial service and brunch following the service on Sunday. Being at a cocktail party at **Phil '55** and **Jean Wantz Lawyers** on Saturday afternoon brought back memories of past reunions and catching up with people that classmates had not seen for a long time — some 50 years ago. We appreciate Phil and Jean opening their house to us for so many reunions. Many comments have been received that there just didn't seem to be enough time to catch up with everyone. Time goes by fast when you are having fun!

I understand that the Sunday morning worship service that the class of '56 was in charge of in "Little" Baker Chapel was

lovely with **Fairy Frock Flickinger** playing the organ and **Mary Bond**, **Bill Tribby**, **Helen Prettyman Hickam**, **Marilee Hodson Quesada** and **Janet Wauz Lawyer** participating in the service. At this time 33 people who were part of our class and had passed away were memorialized along with members of other classes whose deaths had been reported this past year. Since the last column I received information that **Richard Betters** died Nov. 24, 2002, and that **Walter Gentry** died in 2000. The custom of ringing the bell from Old Main when a member of a class dies was originated with **Phil Myers '16** in the year of his 50th reunion and has continued as part of Reunion Weekend. This service was a beautiful way to end our 50th and we thank **Nancy Pennypacker Howard** and **Katie Crowe Wood '00** for their help in planning this very special service.

Coming the longest distance for our reunion was **Howie Shores** and his wife, **Maria**, from California. **Russell** and **Joan Hutter Weigle** came from Michigan; **John** and **Suzanne Dorsey '55 Batista** from Ohio; **Jack Morton** from Pennsylvania; **Helen Prettyman Hickam** from Delaware; and **Gene** and **Claire Gates Hedgcock** from Florida. **Jan** and **David Balcom**, **Agnes** and **Gary Mason**, and **Lois Wilson Turnbaugh** came from Virginia. Traveling from South Carolina were **Bob** and **Lyn Hazelup '59 Green**, **Heard** and **Marilyn "M.W." MacLennan Baumeister**. **Don '53** and **Barbie Hoot Stanton**, and **Bill Tribby** came from North Carolina. **Ruth Allen Higbee**, **Howard Hunt** and **Hank Willen** came from New Jersey. The rest of us were from Maryland: **John** and **Mary Jane Davison Anderson**, **Frank** and **Lillian Fowler '57 Benson**, **Charralene** and **Stan Bice**, **Mary Bond**, **Anna Lee** and **Ralph Close**, **George '57** and **Marle Upperre Douglas**, **Joanne Seihler Durst**, **Bob** and **Fairy Frock Flickinger**, **Dorothy Rach Frech**, **Janet** and **Robert Garrity**, **Nancy Pennypacker Howard**, **Phil '55** and **Janet Wauz Lawyer**, **Nancy** and **Mike Leftwich**, **Charlie Luttrell**, **Bruce** and **Pat Ellis Marti**, **Nadine** and **Raymond "Skip" Merkle**, **Nancy Reter-Stocksdale Metrick**, **Marilee Hodson Quesada**, **Jack Turney**, **Jan Warfield**, **Charles '54** and **Charlotte Davis Wheatley**, **Andy** and **Barbara Sheuberts Wilcox**, **Joseph** and **Janet Reck Wunderlich** and myself. I apologize if I have omitted anyone, but this is the list the Alumni Office gave me.

Nancy Reter-Stocksdale Metrick is still living close to McDaniel and has served in the Maryland House of Delegates for the past 12 years. She finds that it is very rewarding to realize that she is representing the people in Carroll County to the best of her ability. She was running again in the September primary. Daughter **Linda Jo Stocksdale '80** and husband **Robert '77 Hulbard** and family live in Ocean Pines, Md., where their daughter graduated from Steven Decatur High School in Berlin. She will attend Vanderbilt University in Nash-

ville, Tenn. Her youngest daughter, **Tami Maerten**, lives with her family in Taylorsville just 20 minutes away. She has four children. All three of Nancy's sons live in Florida. In June '06 her entire family went on the Disney Cruise. Last summer Nancy traveled for eight days in Italy and 10 days on a cruise from Rome around the Greek Isles.

Bob and **Lyn Hazelup '59 Green** thoroughly enjoyed the 50th reunion. They had debated whether to make the long trip from Hilton Head, S.C., but were happy they did. It was a real treat for them to talk with former classmates about years past and then learn what had transpired in the intervening years. They were sorry to miss the Saturday evening dinner but used the opportunity to spend some time with their son in Richmond. Their next adventure will be in Eastern Europe where they will visit countries that were members of the Warsaw pact.

Marilee Hodson Quesada enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion and missed seeing those who were not there. Chatting with them seemed to melt away 50 years since we were at WMC, at least in her mind. She retired 20 years ago as a research biologist, but works part time as her schedule allows. She travels as much as time and energy permits. In May she was driving up the West Coast from San Diego to Seattle to take in some of the spectacular scenery in that area. Sometimes in her travels she runs into alumni such as **Nancy Kemmer Learey** and her husband in the Key West, Fla., post office.

John Batista had a great time at our reunion and the weather was perfect. He enjoyed visiting with "old" friends and hearing about what everyone had done these past 50 years. With it was a sad note to know we had lost so many classmates, especially his roommate **Nick Rausch**, plus hearing about the struggles some have endured with their families. It was good to see **Jack Turney**, fun for **John**, **Gene Hedgcock** and **Howard Hunt** to reminisce about their football days on the field. He said the women looked great! **John** and **Suzanne Dorsey '55** had a second reunion for going to his reunion in that they were able to visit their son, **Michael**, and his family who live in Sykesville, Md. They spend a lot of time visiting their children and attending many performances and activities that their grandchildren participate in. **John** continues to be active in the docent program at the Dayton Art Institute. Many of you may not know that **John** does beautiful pen and ink drawings, many of them from his travels, and some of us have been fortunate to receive beautiful Christmas cards with his talented art work. **Suzanne** is very active with her volunteering at church, tutoring and local clubs. Son **Jay** recently moved to Springfield, Mass., from Atlanta so they are planning a trip there in the fall. Daughter **Elizabeth** lives in Westerville, Ohio, and they

see her family often. **John** and **Suzanne** spent the month of February traveling in Florida to visit friends and neighbors then on to see his brother in Hilton Head, S.C. Plans were set for July to be with their total family at the beach. At that time **John** and **Suzanne** would celebrate their 50th anniversary at Cripple Creek Country Club in Bethany Beach, Del. Included on the guest list were the organizer, **Mary Lee Younger Schmall '55**, and bridesmaids **Betsy Bowen Rogan '55**, **Carol Coleman Carter '55** and **Pattie Hamersley Church '55** and **Suzanne's** sister **Mary Lou Dorsey Urquhart '58** who was her maid of honor. Sadly they will miss **Jim '55** and **Harriett Cooley '55 Whitehurst** and **John's** best man **Nick Rausch** who are all deceased.

Jack Morton is still enjoying the retired life and spending the winters in St. Pete Beach and the summers in Pennsylvania. His health is excellent and other than looking 72, he feels great and still enjoys biking 25-30 miles a day mainly in Florida, rollerblading, and lots of walking on the beach. Otherwise he and **Judy** still take at least one trip overseas having done the European River cruises twice and this fall they were heading to Nova Scotia and then to Cape Town over the winter to visit their daughter. That is an 18-hour flight from Dulles and just short of torture although they have found that business class makes it a little more enjoyable. **Jack** enjoyed the 50th and looks forward to the 100th in 2056.

Our 50th reunion was the last one **Barbara Sheuberts Wilcox** had attended since graduation. She wondered why she had waited so long as she had a great time. **Andy** and **Bobbie** are still in Ocean Pines, Md., enjoying the slower pace and good times of the "shore." They keep busy volunteering and **Andy** plays golf and **Bobbie** swims. She hopes to see classmates before another 50 years go by.

Jan Warfield taught English and journalism for 30 years then retired to take care of her elderly parents and relatives. During that time and now, she plays the organ at the Methodist church nearby; traveled the world, visiting all the continents except Africa; traveled all the major oceans; visited "only" 49 of the 50 states, missing North Dakota; played golf; read and enjoyed concerts. She just returned from a visit to **Buddy '57** and **Grace Fletcher '57 Pipes** in Vermont — she and **Jan** have done most of the traveling together.

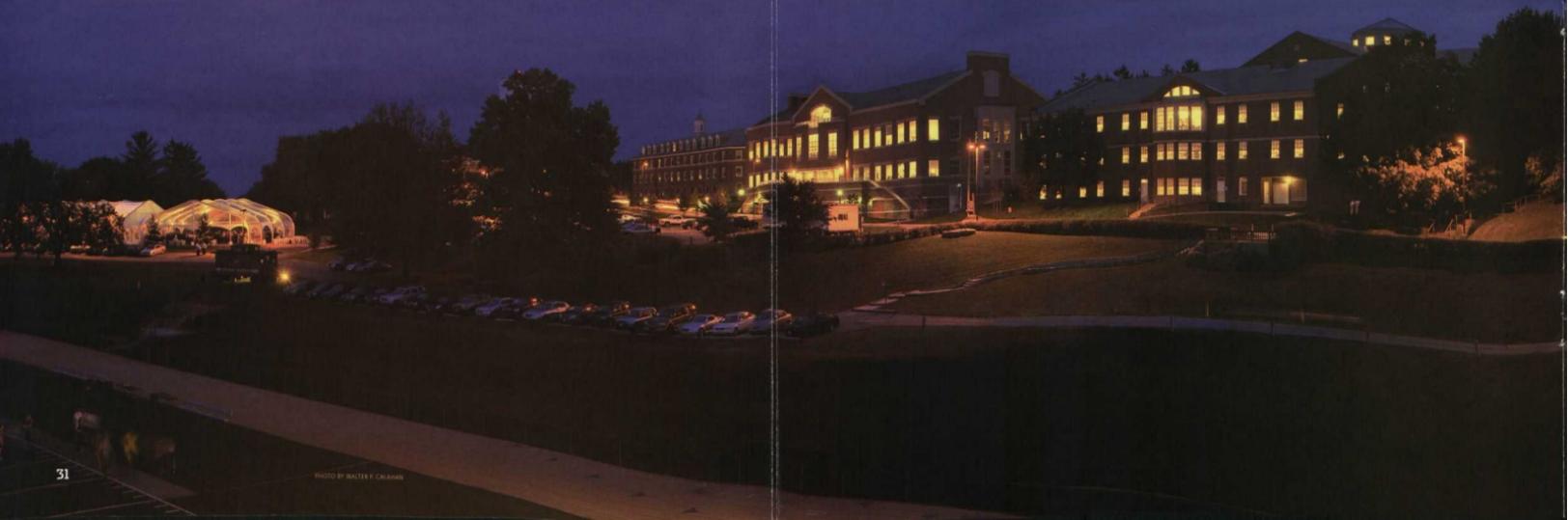
Nancy Walton Singleton wrote that her two years at WMC were very precious to her and that the relationship she had with the girls in the dorm was as close as she ever had to true girlfriends. When attending the University of Maryland she did not get the experience, making her years on the Hill even more meaningful. Those girls know who they are, but all of those on the third floor of **Blanche Ward** were part of that wonderful world. I think many of us

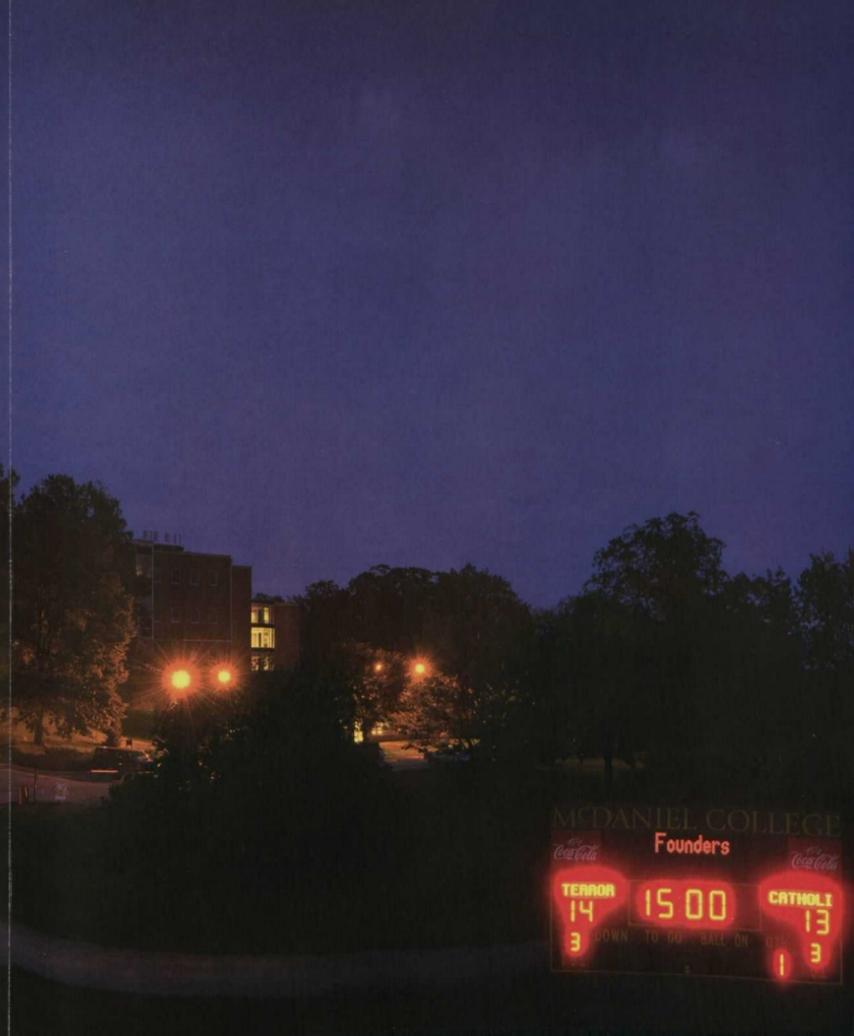
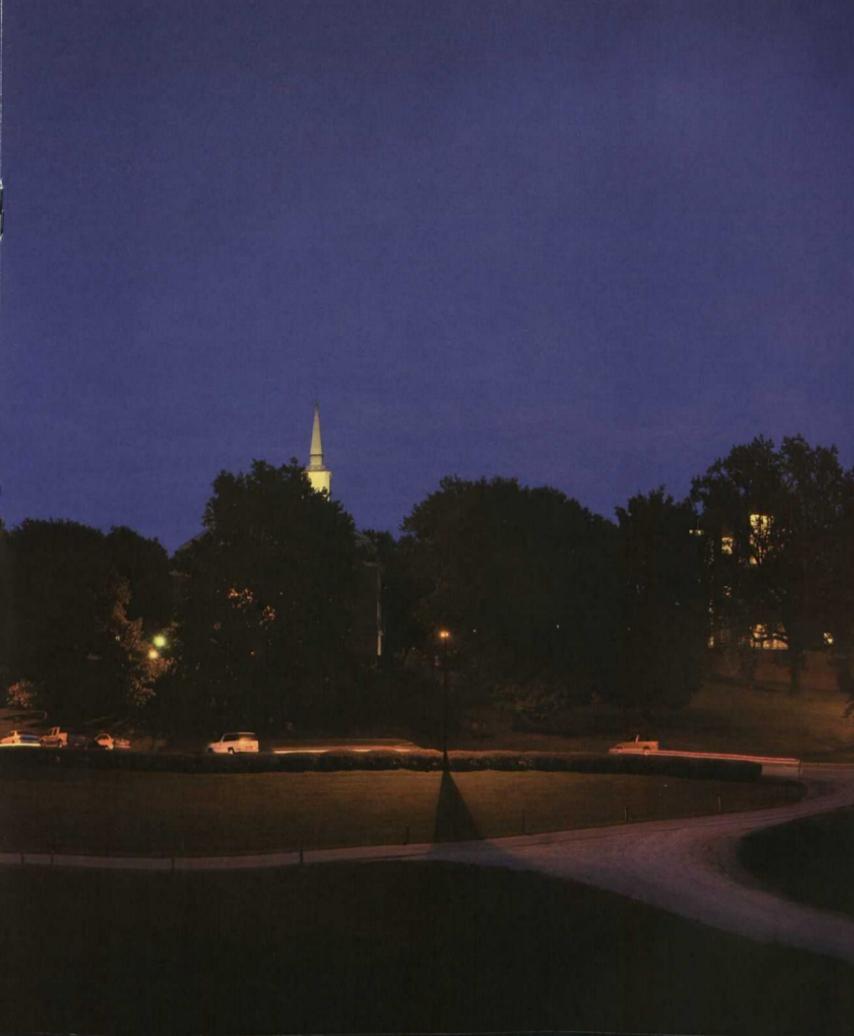
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Sights worth a second look

McDaniel's skyline was aglow on this Saturday evening in September when members of the Founders Society were welcomed back to campus to celebrate the College's many successes over the year — including a Green Terror victory earlier in the day.





Stackhouse Hall will be the first of the North Village residences to be officially named and will honor Margaret Stackhouse '52, whose generous bequest supports the College's initiative to enhance the campus living-learning environment. Margaret's sister, Dorothy '53, contributed a gift in honor of her sister. Construction of the \$6.3 million second phase of the North Village project is slated to be completed for the fall 2007 semester.

who lived there during those years can agree with her. Life moves on and she has gotten involved in genealogy and she is also involved in helping to set up a family group which resulted in a huge family reunion in 1987 celebrating the arrival of the four Walton brothers in northeast Philadelphia. About a year-and-a-half ago her oldest son, Alan, and his wife, Kelly, went to China and adopted a darling little girl, Rachel Rose. In May Alan, Kelly and Rachel came back from China with little sister Hannah Joy. They all live in Marshall, Va., and Nancy and family were looking forward to their first visit with Hannah. Nancy says, "Hello to all who remember her."

Brad Jones was sorry that he could not make the reunion, but he enjoyed reading about everyone. Sandy and Brad are doing great. They spend two months in Naples, Fla. in the winter, having fun and playing a lot of golf, and summers in Surf City, N.C. Their kids and grandkids spend a lot of time with them at the beach. Brad is retired and does some volunteer work.

Bruce and Pat Ellis Marti enjoyed so much the short time they could spend with classmates the first day of the reunion. Nothing much has happened to them lately except that in October '04 Pat fractured a hip. She mentions this especially to reassure anyone who fears this happening. Nowadays thank goodness the story's a different one: within a week after surgery she was put back on her feet and began the physical therapy that got her the rest of the way. Bruce continues to enjoy going to regional league baseball games, working two days a week for a government employees' professional association, and attending meetings of the National and Retired Employees Association. In the future the Martis hope to resume their travels.

Kay Mehl Miller writes that she really enjoyed the "yearbook." She felt right at home reading about everyone and she was sorry that she couldn't be at the reunion. Last fall she went to Spain with a girlfriend – great experience. She learned a little Spanish before she went and was thinking about taking a full class sometime, if she ever gets time. Kay is busy on the board of Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays, actively seeking equal marriage for their offspring. They nearly had it in California, but Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed it. They are looking forward to a new governor this year.

Elle Lawson Ellington was sorry to miss the reunion but she and her husband were still in Florida at the time. They spend seven months there and then come to Pennsylvania for five. Last year they took a three-week trip to Australia to attend her youngest son's wedding. He married an Aussie girl and now lives there. They're coming to visit them in Florida this Christmas. Last spring they went with three other couples to Puerta Vallarta, Mexico, where they lived like the rich and famous for one week in a fabulous villa overlooking the Pacific with their own cooks, bartender, driver and maid. Her only other news is that she was getting a new knee. It had been driving her

crazy for three years so she thought it was time she had it done.

Rheda and **Jerry Fader** celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 11. They have three children, Steve, Bruce and Scott, all in business. They have five grandchildren and two are in college. Jerry is president and CEO of Atlantic Automotive Corporation with 50 dealerships in the Baltimore, Washington, Virginia and Pennsylvania areas.

Joanne Sieher Durst took her granddaughter, Bethany, 13, on a two-week Med cruise last October. **Dick '55** had knee surgery in Florida last February and Joanne played nurse "Jane Fuzzi Wuzzy" for two months as there were complications. They sold their beach house in Bethany Beach so no more bridge crossings for them for awhile. Jo said it was fun seeing so many people at the reunion and everyone take care and enjoy.

Charlie Luttrell feels not much happening in his life; he feels all his slow down in retirement. It was great seeing classmates at the reunion thanks to the committee.

Fairy Frock Flickinger was appointed to The Commission on Aging for Carroll County. "Our reunion was quite nice and it was wonderful to see so many people after 50 years. Some of us have made many changes and others have not."

Ruth Allen Higbee had a great time at the reunion along with her daughter Denise Faust who managed to take some good pictures for posterity. Last September Ruth and Sam hosted a Marine Corps reunion in Philadelphia for Korean veterans that got together once a year around the country.

Howard Hunt said it was a joy to share time with colleagues. Life is changing at the Hunt residence. His wife, Barbara, was admitted to a Friends Meeting Village where she is benefiting from excellent care for a very critical Alzheimer's condition. Howard devotes most of his time helping her to be happy in the transition to her new environment. The remainder of his time is devoted to his extended family and focusing upon what necessary changes are needed for a typical senior over 70. Until the next time Howard wishes everyone the very best.

Nancy Ripple Fredrick was sorry to have missed the 50th, but she heard all about it from her four-year roommate, **Ruth Allen Higbee**, and fellow first-year teacher, **Charlotte Davis Wheatley**. "It sounded like a good time was had by all!"

Chris and Carol Marker Lockard celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends with a party at the Cumberland Country Club. Even though their anniversary was in September she had the party in July when their daughter, Christa, and husband and their three children were visiting from Colorado. She had a chance encounter with the daughter of a long-lost friend and alum when she had to have unplanned surgery in the fall of '04. The woman was her wonderful nurse.

Mollie Hargett Williams thought the reunion was in September of 2006. She's always busy

traveling and in June visited Minnesota, Canada and North Dakota. She was also in Washington, D.C. to see the World War II memorial.

Stan Rice thought it was great being together for our 50th reunion. In June '02, he retired after 44 years in the ministry. Stan and his wife moved to Annapolis where he grew up. November '05 they moved to Ridenow Village, a continuing care retirement community, in Silver Spring, Md. In December '05 Stan had an eight-hour surgery to eliminate severe back pain and correct his posture. With a back brace and a lot of physical therapy it was possible for them to fly to San Antonio in April for their youngest son's wedding. Their oldest son and wife live in Annapolis.

Jan Wantz Lawley's oldest granddaughter, Amy, was inducted into the Honor Society at North Carroll High School last spring. After our reunion she had a scare as some tests **Phil '55** had taken showed some problems with his heart. Fortunately, after some more follow-up tests it was found that Phil would not need to have stents at the present time. As usual Jean received much moral support from her children at this anxious time. Almost every correspondence that I received for the column stated how much classmates appreciated Jean and Phil opening their home again for a cocktail party. They appreciate the many terrific thanks you for hosting the cocktail party.

Marilyn "M.W." MacLennan Baumeister writes good news for those who would like to clean up the back of the 50th medallion. After using his black crayon to tone down the brightness of the inscription and scraping off the excess, the back was clean.

Bill and Marilyn Coombe Stewart are back in New Jersey after spending three months at their villa in Venice, Fla. While there last winter they bought a Havanese puppy, Chloe, before they left and she is the love of their life right now. Their children and grandchildren are wonderful. Bill IV just graduated from St. Joseph's in Philadelphia. Kelye is a junior at William and Mary and Summer is at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Their other four grandchildren are fine. In July Marilyn and Bill went to Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon and in September they traveled to Ireland. Marilyn still loves to garden and their garden was in another magazine. Both love to golf and in September '05 Bill had two knee operations. They very kindly invited me to their home in Florida last February and it was the perfect place for me to be after losing **Gus '55**. While there I also got to see **George '57** and **Marie Uppercro Douglas** and **Dick '54** and **Doris Tucker '55** Linton.

Jan and David Balcom thoroughly enjoyed the 50th reunion and having the opportunity of visiting with so many classmates. David stated that it is too bad that we do not have mini-reunions between the five-year milestones. They continue to be extremely active in a number of organizations. David has been a member of the Board of Governors of Wesley Seminary since 1987 and currently serves as a member



of the academic and personnel committee. He is also in his 20th year as a member of the Virginia Annual Conference Board of Higher Education. Jean and David are in their third year as co-presidents of ARMS, the Association of Retired Ministers and spouses of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church with 1,700-plus members. They are involved in many more activities and if you refer to the reunion directory you can read more about them. Jean and David celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 16 with their three daughters, their husbands and seven grandchildren.

This past year was especially meaningful for **Don '53** and **Barbara Hoot Stanton** as they celebrated their 50th anniversary. They married just before her senior year and although Barbie had to live in the home management house for six weeks, she was always grateful to Daisy Smith for allowing her to go home to Don at night. In February '05 they enjoyed an exciting trip to beautiful Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands. "Our 50th reunion was great with delicious food, stimulating workshops and warm friendships."

Lillian Fowler '57 and **Frank Benson** celebrated their 50th anniversary in September, but celebrated with their family while vacationing in Ocean City, Md., in July. Daughter **Kathy Benson '82** teaches three days a week as a computer science teacher in a middle school. Kathy's son is attending college at Lehigh University and her daughter will be a senior in high school this year. Son Frank lives in California with his wife and three children and is director of marketing in the oil industry.

Jeanne Lewis is enjoying retirement and living in Atlanta, Ga. She plans to continue traveling and was looking forward to a trip to Belgium and Holland with a singles travel club in July '06.

George '57 and **Marie Uppercro Douglas** are still enjoying their condo in Venice, Fla. On June 12 they became great-grandparents to sweet Carly. Their four granddaughters and now great-grandchildren are a delight to both of them. "The 50th reunion was a fun filled, outstanding weekend enjoying renewing all the sweet friendships of my '50s."

Charles '54 and **Charlotte Davis Wheatley** had a great time at their '50s. "It was such fun seeing everyone and none of us has changed a bit!" They had a busy summer going to Idaho to see their son, **Craig '83**, and daughters-in-law **Elaine Lippy '83 Wheatley** and two grandsons, Tyler and Travis, then to Colorado and Oregon for a conference. Charles was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals in Carroll County.

Jan Chase Springer was really sorry that she missed the reunion, but they were getting ready to tour and cruise New England and Canada. They took a chance on doing this trip as husband Gene has really had a time with health problems. They did fine until the last day when he caught a cold. They feel

lucky to have their four kids and their children (9 grandchildren), who live in Virginia, North Carolina and Florida. Their youngest lives in Florida with her husband and two boys and near them. **Clair Gates Hedgcock** sent her pictures with names on each and Jan didn't recognize any one except **Clair Gates Hedgcock** and **Bobby Sheubrooks Wilcox**. "Old age?"

Frank and **Helen Prenteman Hickam** go to Florida the first week of December and stay until the first week of April. They always enjoy being there with many good friends. They bought a new motor coach and gave up the Airstream — much easier for their old bones. It's 37-foot long and very comfy. "The reunion was absolutely terrific. I know some classmates had some previous plans, but the others? Wow! They just don't know what they missed. We were such a close-knit group it's hard to believe they just don't care." **Jan Wanz Lasher** wrote herself as always, what a great party!

Howard Shores outside that it was great to revisit WMC and see all the changes. "Students are different from our time, but still have that enduring quality of everyone saying hello to others as they passed. I always enjoyed that during our era. Was good to return to Maryland in the spring. Had forgotten how beautiful and enjoyable the countryside is in spring — dogwoods and azaleas are favorites. The weather was great and I enjoyed seeing all that gathered. Really enjoyed seeing past friends and having a chance to update lives. Hope some will stop by here in California as they wander around the world." If all goes well, Howie and Maria were going on a vacation to Brazil and Argentina in August. They have been to 58 countries so far and this will make 60.

Walt Sanders really wanted to attend the 50th reunion. But a major medical scare prevented him. "Something or other caused the processing of the Coumadin through my system to be disrupted and remain in the stomach area. Thus the stomach bleeding that caused the pain and discomfort. I was on IV for blood (5 pints in all) and saline — a total of eight units to get my system back in shape. During the process my heart stopped and they were forced to resuscitate and ventilate me. So it was kind of touch and go for a while. I had a DNR agreement with my son so that made it rough for him but he decided to go ahead with heroic measures — and here I am!" Walt has been gradually improving the farm operation with 75 head on his pastures in the summer and about 55 in winter. **Jack Turney** helps out on his property when he can but he has about 65 to 75 contiguous acres to Wals that he leases to the same cattle farmer. Walt's kids are fine — all are working parents — a fireman, a Capitol Police Officer in D.C., and one who works with handicapped children, while the ladies do interesting work and contribute significantly to the family income. **Peg Artigiani Sanders**

daughter, Carol, and family are headed to India where her husband will take a position for two to four years. It should be interesting and exciting for them.

As I close I would like to dedicate this column to my husband **Jay '66 LaMar '55** who passed away Dec. 18, 2005, from complications of diabetes. I enjoyed gathering the news, but he did most of the typing and editing, making it easy for me. We met at WMC in 1952 and were reunited 30 years later and had 23½ years of a very happy marriage. Because of Gus I traveled to areas of the world that I only dreamed of seeing and he made each trip special. He had not been well since the by-pass surgery in March '03, but he never complained and always remained positive and cheerful. I was grateful for each day we had together and I miss him very much.

My WMC friends have been so supportive and I have been so blessed. In 1952 to 1960 attended his memorial service and they brought so much comfort to me. Many more have called, sent flowers, cards, notes, e-mails, and memorials in his name. They have meant a lot and I appreciate your kindness so much. Gus was loved and respected by so many and condolences have come from around the world. So many have mentioned his friendly smile. (I can just hear him saying, enough Priscilla!) I have tried to stay busy by taking some courses, attended a six-week grief support group for spouses which was offered by Hospice and I highly recommend it. I have been on several short trips and a longer tour with neighbors traveling from San Francisco to San Diego in the fall. My daughter, Susan, and husband Terry celebrated their 10th anniversary in June with a trip to Annapolis. Son David purchased a vacation home in Crisfield, Md., in the spring '05 and in the summer he enjoys all the water activities of the area and the crabs, too.

So many of you have thanked me for my service to the class and I appreciate it so much. I want to thank all of you who sent news for this column as we celebrated our 50th year. I can remember way back when it took me all summer to personally write and address all the post cards. They were handwritten from Towson, Md., Okinawa, Japan, etc. Next the College did the addresses and I had my part printed here locally. It is much easier now as the college prints the labels and my message. The computer has made it much easier receiving news by e-mail and writing the column. We have come a long way in so many areas of our lives. I wish all of you good health and happiness until our next column in two years.

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The 'fidgeting '50ers' are still on the move — nearly 50 years after our graduation date of

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Wedding vows exchanged this season:

- Greg Olwell '93** to Lauren Lyle in October 2006. They reside in Oakland, Calif.
- Elizabeth Schnoor '01** to Andrew Cunningham on July 22, 2005. They reside in Hampstead, Md.
- Alice Litsinger '03** to Jonathan Speert on April 29, 2006. They reside in Gaithersburg, Md.
- Kathryn Boone '04** to Brian Gleason on April 23, 2006. They reside in Harrisburg, Pa.
- Holly Armacost '05** to Michael Grothe on May 12, 2006. They reside in Hampstead, Md.
- Katie Etherton '05** to Ryan Hoffman on July 30, 2005. They reside in Absecon, N.J.
- Stacy Groomes '05** to Jay Buehrle on May 13, 2006. They reside in Frederick, Md.
- Myfanwy Jacob '05** to Steve Smith on November 26, 2005. They reside in New Oxford, Pa.
- Randy May '05** to Kerry DeBusk '06 on June 10, 2006. They reside in State College, Pa.
- Matthew Pohlhaus '05** to Danielle Martin on July 1, 2006. They reside in Westminster, Md.
- Emily Vance '05** to Aaron Taylor '06 on June 24, 2006. They reside in Nashville, Tenn.
- Brooke Weimer '05** to Kevin Crawford on August 5, 2006. They reside in Williamsport, Md.
- Natalie Brown '06** to Mark Olson on May 28, 2006. They reside in San Diego, Calif.
- Tara Lester '06** to Brad Carman '06 on June 23, 2006. They reside in College Station, Texas

class notes

June 3, 1957. 50 years? Yes, that auspicious occasion is almost upon us. I do hope you have the dates of April 27-29, 2007 on your schedules. The plans for our golden reunion are well under way and you will not want to miss all the exciting festivities. We will be the honored class. We need to show everyone that we are still proud of our bonds to each other by gathering the largest group ever at a reunion. Get all your friends to join you and the rest of us for reunion weekend.

The newsv post cards and e-mails that I receive from classmates are such a pleasure. They are a lot more interesting than all those ads and catalogs that fill the mailbox! This time I got replies from some classmates that have not sent information for a long time — some of them not in 50 years — and it has been wonderful to read about their lives since those days at WMC.

With the approach of our 50th reunion we have a number of classmates who have reached, surpassed, or are getting close to 50 years of marriage. **Betty Ely May** and **Tommy** celebrated 50 years on June 9. Her son and grandchildren are fine and they have a new daughter-in-law and a step-grandson. I am the grand prize, however, goes to **Richard Buterbaugh** and his wife, **Jeanne** — 65 years of marriage. Richard reports that their beloved, caring daughters have declared them "Snow Birds." They are not allowed to travel alone any more, at 88 and 83, so Dorothy flies north in October and accompanies them to her home in Pasadena, Texas, for the winter. In April, she flies back to New York state with them. He is hoping that they can coordinate next year's reunion trip with our reunion. Richard and Jeanne's service to others now mainly consists of riding with others from their church to visit shut-ins. What a wonderful service that is. Their daughter, **Bette**, and **Bud** live just two miles from them in New York, allowing them to stay in their own home while in New York. Daughter **Jeanette** visits from New York City a couple of weeks while they are "back up north."

Also residing in Texas are **Bill Muhlenfeld** and **Barbara Zepp Bieberbach**, both in San Antonio. Bill says, "No news from down here in Texas, but I will be attending the 50th reunion, barring something unforeseen." Barbara says her education continues. "Did you know that a 70-year-old can survive 20-plus trips climbing up the tower and tubing down the loops of the Cobra at Splashdown? Or that a 4-year-old grandson will beat you every

trip? Was it the head start, the relative weights, or the 'drag' securely wedged into the hole in my tube?"

Jan Cline has resided in the great northwest for the past 5 years and can't imagine why anyone would move south for retirement. The weather is great, the scenery magnificent and all sorts of things to do. She still bowls two or three times a week. She is only 90 miles from the Pacific Ocean and casinos. Life is good. She keeps in touch with her college roommate through e-mails. "Ain't science great," says Jan.

Another West Coast resident is **Pat Patterson**. She is in Claremont, Calif. During the past year she has been working on a study guide for the United Methodist Women's study book called "Shalom, Salaam, Peace" by Dr. Allison Stokes. The focus is interfaith peacemaking. Also, in mid-June she was to be a leader of the study at the Pacific Regional School of Christian Mission near Portland, Ore. She says that education for peace and interfaith cooperation are priorities in these mean times. Pat is also hoping to make the 50th reunion.

On the opposite coast, and in the far northeast, are **Buddy** and **Grace Fletcher Pipes**. They are enjoying the 11th year of retirement in their rural Vermont log cabin. Last summer they took their oldest grandson, **Justin Larson**, on an intergenerational Tauck tour of the Canyonlands. Horseback riding was the highlight of the trip. They plan to take each of their seven grandchildren on similar trips throughout the world in the years to come. In October, **Mary-West Pitts** and **Paul Ensor** visited them to view the spectacular foliage. **Jan Warfield '56** is also a frequent visitor. Their daughter, **Miriam Pipes Krummer '90** and her family come for Christmas skiing. Their son, **Lt. Maj. Daniel Pipes '89** is an entrenched Vermonteer, serving in the Army as well as the Vermont National Guard. Son **David** lives in Columbia, Md., with his family, and works for Sun Microsystems, usually visiting during the summer. Grace keeps busy braiding rugs and Buddy enjoys his vegetable garden. Both participate in water aerobics. They would enjoy hearing from classmates.

Stan Greenberg is another Vermonteer, in the summer months. During the winter months Stan and his wife, **Kay**, live in a town near Tampa, Fla. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Stan worked in the phonograph record industry during his first career and in human services as an executive and fundraiser in the second part. He retired from regular employment in 1996 and has been consulting and on various boards and action groups since then. Music, social activism, and being a sports fan are still large parts of his life. There is a high-level community theater in Burlington, Vt., and this fall he will be music director for their production of "Fiddler on the Roof," his 11th show for them.

The south remains a favorite spot for many of our '57ers. **Fred Rausch** and his wife, **Kathy**,

sold their Maryland home and now reside permanently in Palm Coast, Fla. They still have their boat and maintain a slip at the Palm Coast Marina. All their children and grandchildren still live in Maryland, and four grandchildren have now graduated from college.

Gene and **Patsy Jenkins** plan to attend next year's reunion. Patsy is still helping Gene in his office. As of April, Gene completed 35 years as senior pastor at Grace Church of Tallahassee and will continue for several more years.

Pat Werner Callender and husband **George** still enjoy traveling in their motorhome, but just completed an addition to their Florida house. Pat said that the new hurricane codes required many more braces and hurricane straps to be attached to each stud. Since George was the general contractor, he pounded many more nails than he even thought existed! Their church lost its choir director, so Pat took the job as interim director. She plays the piano for the first service and directs the choir at the second service. They were to return to Maryland in July and August, heading for Vermont at the end of September to attend the International Rally for motorhome owners. They will return to Florida in October.

In Panama City, Fla., is **Carol Bingham Prendergast**. Carol and her friend, **Joe**, do some sporadic traveling and really love the Asheville, N.C., area. They vacationed there last October and rented a cabin in Burnsville, N.C., (just north of Asheville) for this summer. Carol's three girls and Joe's three boys are spread out all over the country, so they spend lots of time keeping up with them. Only Carol's oldest, **Alison**, lives in Panama City. Carol stays active with Guardian Ad Litem work and she sings with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. She has a few familiar aches and pains and is anticipating knee surgery before long. Carol has already reserved a place at **Pat Dixon Bloomer's** house for the reunion.

Just got a card from another Floridian, **Joyce Harrington Stettler**. She has been retired from teaching at Florida Tech for a year, so should have plenty of time. Not so! She is still playing "catch up." The backyard borders the Intracoastal Waterway and she is two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean. They are still putting themselves back together after the hurricanes of 2004. They escaped major damage, but lost several trees and needed a new roof. They planned to meet with their three kids and five grandkids in July in upstate New York. She says she will see us next spring.

Harriet Stevens Sahlmann doesn't have much news from the "sunny South" but wanted to say hello to the Class of '57. Go WMC! **Quincy Polk** resides in Asheville, N.C., so, hopefully, Carol and Joe can make a contact with her while in the area for the summer. Quincy says things are green and cool in Asheville. Her three sons, who started late, are now providing her with grandkids. She was expecting a second set of twins this sum-

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mer. This will make seven grandchildren in seven years. She loves being a grandmother.

Bob and Helen Boardman Radcliffe are still living on the North Carolina coast and were expecting the family's 15 members on July 4, which is also Bob's birthday. Bob had both knees replaced and is doing great. They are looking forward to the 50th reunion.

Home base, for the past 19 years, is Southport, N.C., for **Richard Graham**. Richard and his wife travel a lot and also lived in El Salvador for five years. Their blended family includes five sons, all grown, and a 12-year-old daughter, who thinks she is all grown up. His wife, Marilyn, is a bilingual teacher and translator to the growing Hispanic population in the county, and a full-time college student herself. She intends to graduate from the University of North Carolina in Wilmington, N.C. A son, Albert, completes his senior year in August at Mannheim University in Germany. Two other sons, Paul and Scott, are at various levels in college. **Bruce '81** lives in Maryland and Brian lives near Richard. Richard is an "all-around handyman," running the household and trying to keep his '78 MGB running and his fishing/ski boat floating.

Earle and Sara Price Finley have been in North Carolina since 1958 and in the Raleigh/Research Triangle area since 1968. They have four children and 18 marvelous grandchildren. Earle stays busy in the real estate business and Sara is a busy homemaker and grandmother. They are also looking forward to the reunion next year.

Howard and Janet Perkins Zimmerman are in lower Alabama. They survived the horrible hurricane season last year and are hoping that it does not repeat itself in 2006. Howard is still a "ranger" at one of the golf courses and Janet still works part time at her favorite book store. They don't know if they will be able to make it to the 50th.

Still in Indiana, **Ron Strauss** and his wife are looking forward to attending the reunion. They are still both active, enjoying the family and three grandchildren, as well as staying active in the community and volunteering regularly.

John Kauffman, also in Indiana, still enjoys retired life and spent the month of February in Englewood Beach, Fla., with wife Jan. Jan is active in volunteer work as a study buddy at the local elementary school and works at the Wayne County Visitor Center. John has been treasurer at the Lutheran Church for 15 years. For the first time in 35-plus years his family will not go to Ocean City this summer. The daughters and families want to try Emerald Isle, N.C. Daughter Janene is still in Lynchburg, Va., and Jill is in Westfield, Ind. Five grandkids are growing up fast. John says their health is reasonably good, he works out at the gym five days each week. They are hoping to make the reunion.

Now to the Mid-Atlantic region. **Byron Hollinger** and wife, **Chaltee Heagy '50**, moved

to the new section of Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster in June. He said they "simply wanted to get there while we are still upright." They look forward to travel in their RV and in simplifying their lives.

Pat Richter and Skip Amass are also in Westminster, both retired, but both very active and doing a lot of traveling. Skip recently was honored by McDaniel College with the "Alumni Community Service Award," and the American Cancer Society's "Award of Excellence for Advocacy" and the Maryland Pharmacists Association's "Bowl of Hygieia." He also plays golf twice a week. Pat is active with Bonds Meadow Rotary Club, the Senior Singers musical group, and has recently become a certified lay speaker for the Methodist church. They have traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Russia, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and did the Lewis and Clark Trail from St. Louis to the Pacific Coast of Oregon. This summer they were to travel, via safari, to Tanzania and Zanzibar. Whew! Their grandson, Jordan, spends a lot of time with them and is looking forward to being a member of the Class of 2019 at McDaniel. They look forward to the reunion.

Anne Gettings DeCoursey is in Jarrettsville, and stays busy with reading, traveling, spending time with their granddaughter, a family and friends. Looking forward to the 50th.

June Wiese Winkler was "mostly recovered" from a broken hip last December and is still working 20 hours a week. She is enjoying family, friends, and travel and was planning a trip to Italy in September. Last summer she celebrated her 70th birthday by going on a hot air balloon ride.

Mike Savarese, of Columbia, Md., says to "check the last 1957 column." Not much going on — keeping it simple, enjoying family and friends.

During the four winter months, **Audrey Pierce Maberry** and Barry go to Florida, returning to their home in Annapolis, Md., for the other eight months. They got through two hurricane seasons with just a little damage, their park in Ft. Myers, Fla., was hit two times, but not their house. Because April is still Florida time, they are not sure if they will make the 50th. She says that travel in their '70's is a bonus, so they spent two weeks in Alaska and British Columbia last year and three weeks in Europe this July. She says that Barry put the trip together and would just "point her in the right direction." She visited with **Harriet Stevens Sahlman** in May. Their friendship goes back 65 years! She said she is sorry that Harriet decided to become a "southerner." Audrey also sees **Betty Nicklas Pearce** every now and then. That friendship goes back to junior high school. At least she stayed in Rockville.

Lynda Skinner Kravilov does not have any great news — she is fully retired, so is her husband, but he "subs" as a judge around the

state. They are also doing traveling with family and friends — Nicaragua, South Africa, France (where her UN daughter is still living). Their son **Frank '90** and daughter live on Kent Island. He is state's attorney with an election coming up in September '06 and November '06. Connie is an attorney in private practice. Seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls, keep them busy with all their sports, but they enjoy watching them and seeing the discipline and good sportsmanship. Lynda says it is hard to believe that 50 years have passed, but she is glad to be alive, well and enjoying life, wrinkles and all.

Ginny Tull Phipps and **Charlie '55** are fine. They are getting ready to see their four grandsons during the summer and fall. They had a nice visit with **Don '54** and **Diane Radcliffe** the first part of June.

I received a wonderful note from the long-missing **Bob Chesney!** He practiced dentistry in Chestertown, with **Dale Wood**, for 10 years, then in Odenton (until now) with another dental school classmate. He says that his partner in Odenton retired, but Bob says he will never retire. He still works seven days a week. He had been married for five years, but his wife died from a "two-pack-a-day habit." His old partner's son-in-law was professor of art at WMC and kept him informed about the college. Bob is still very entrenched in music and hears almost every concert of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and sees every opera in Baltimore and Washington.

Mary-West Pitts and **Paul Ensor** continue to live in Glenwood, Md. Mary-West is retired, but Paul continues to work for the State Health Department. One of their joys is attending the American Theater Organ Conventions which are held all over the country.

I can tell you that Paul has a gorgeous theater organ in their home. Their daughter, **Carol Jean Ensor Ceval '96** lives in Hagerstown. Carol's oldest daughter, Ashley, is getting married in October. Son David and his family have moved from Denver to McLean, Va., bringing the two youngest granddaughters much closer to them.

Brant Vitek is well and still in Annandale, Va. Brant and Elinor live on their boat six months every year, avoiding winter. But, they still enjoy the charms of the D.C. area in the summer.

Mary Jane Thorne Wilson didn't really have anything terribly exciting for the column. She says we all know about those mundane matters of "body maintenance" at our "golden years," but she still travels with Elderhostel and to see her family. The highlight of the summer will be the return to Penn State University with **Marian Scherer Goettele** (that's me) for the Fred Warder Church Workshop. We enjoyed it so much last summer that we immediately signed up for it again this year. Last summer, Mary Jane and I did two piano duets for the "talent show" portion of our final concert. Although we have known each other since 1953, and knew that

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Family additions this season:

Tayte and Karyl Swenson, on June 20, 2006, to **Kurt and Tracey Serrattelli '85 Swenson**.

Sarah Angell, on May 5, 2006, to **Michael '87 and Jill Angell**.

Robert Theodore Dearing, on November 11, 2005, to **Steve and Nancy Fones '87 Dearing**.

Tobias Fletcher Seabold, on April 8, 2006, to **Dan Elston Seabold '88 and Gillian Elston**.

Angela Gardner Jones, on December 27, 2005, to **Bill and Julie Biddinger '90 Jones**.

Hannah Howell, in July 2005, to **Robert '94 and Jessica Barlow '90 Howell**.

Hannah Dredger, in April 2006, to **Robert and Katie Shepherd '93 Dredger**.

Meredith Lent, in February 2005, to **Matthew and Michelle Metzger '93 Lent**.

Matthew MacDougal, in December 2005, to **Michael and Rachel Snyder '93 MacDougal**.

Declan Thomas McGrellis, on September 30, 2004, to **Mike and Michelle Miller '93 McGrellis**.

Jackson Scala, in July 2005, to **Peter Scala and Danielle Fox-Scala '93**.

Luke Strovel, in April 2006, to **Jeffrey and Erin Thompson '93 Strovel**.

Madelin Anne Betson, in May 2006, to **Scott '94 and Elizabeth Wagner '93 Betson**.

Chloe Anne Buckley, on May 3, 2006, to **Jon '94 and Stacey Scanlan '93 Buckley**.

Cooper Roy Crossguth, on September 26, 2005, to **Jay and Heather Roy '95 Crossguth**.

Elijah Anthony Buettner, on March 27, 2006, to **Kevin and Corie McFaul '99 Buettner**.

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**Dick Hersh '57
says that his
wife determined
that he was
too young to
retire, so he
was "recycled"
as an insurance
sales representa-
tive for about
16 years.**

we were both pianists, we have never played duets together. It was such fun that we decided to do two more numbers this year.

John Durno Claybrook always has a long plate when it comes to describing their travels. Joan is another Elderhosteler and now takes John along on these wonderful trips. They have been to Sanibel Island, Fla., New Orleans, Fort Benning, Ga. (with John's battalion from Viet Nam), Norway, the fabled and North Cape, took a river cruise from Amsterdam to Bucharest, transited Canada via rail from Vancouver to Toronto, visited the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake, sailed on the Queen Mary II for five days in London seeing plays and attending concerts. Not all these trips were with Elderhostel, but the ones that were with Elderhostel were spectacular. In November, Joan had knee replacement — now she is a truly bionic woman with two hips and one knee. John was busy working on his 55th reunion from West Point to be held in 2007. Joan continues to work with the local children's theater and is secretary of the Board of Directors. She also works occasionally at a standardized patient at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Her role is a patient with the onset of Alzheimer's. Joan says it is sometimes difficult to discern acting from real life.

I had a telephone conversation with **Joanne Parrish** because she had not answered the request for news. So many of you have asked about her that I decided to make a personal phone call. As you may remember, we were roommates for all four years. She had moved to Salisbury, Md., a few years back and has had a series of health problems and was in a serious auto accident two years ago. But, she is doing OK and will be at the 50th reunion. I reminded her that she made this promise 25 years ago. It was good to talk to her.

Littletown, Pa., is just a few miles from my home, and **Herb Sell** is living there, as he has for years. He finally retired from directing the Carroll County Choral Society after 35 years. But, Herb is still active with church work, serving as choir director and organist on occasions. Jazz piano is still his favorite pastime and he is busy making lectures and playing for many festive parties.

John Goode Stahl and **Bob** moved to Willow Valley Retirement Community in January '04 and have been very pleased with their decision. The community and the city of Lancaster, Pa., offer many amenities and cultural opportunities that are appealing to them. They now have six grandchildren whom they see often, either at Willow Valley or in their homes in Maryland and Ohio. **Bob** and **Joan** were to spend a month in Europe in the fall, touring eastern and central Europe. They also do many group trips through Willow Valley, both locally and nationally. **Mary-West Pitts** and **Paul Enzor**, and **Karin Schade James** have visited them and they welcome others.

Dick Hersh is in Waynesboro, Pa., and end-

ed his 30-year career as a high school teacher at Waynesboro High School in November '88. He also coached football and baseball for several of those years. He says that his wife determined that he was too young to retire, so he was "recycled" as an insurance sales representative for approximately 16 years in her State Farm Insurance office. They closed the office in December '03 and are now both retired. He serves as treasurer of the Benbow Institute Board, and on several church committees. In addition to visiting with their children and grandchildren more frequently, traveling is a highlight of their retirement. They recently took a riverboat cruise of the Netherlands and Belgium, seeing the spectacular display of blooming tulips. They cruise to the Caribbean in the winter months and have a trip to Italy planned for November of this year.

Also in Pennsylvania is **JoEllen Outerbridge DeMarco** and her husband, **Charlie**. They also spend some winter time in Florida. She says that the day after they arrived in Sarasota in his past winter, she broke her foot. The last time she broke anything was her other foot, when she fell down the outside steps of Lewis Hall in 1957. She traipsed around with a big black boot on for six weeks. Two weeks after her mishap, she raced Charlie to Sarasota Memorial Hospital for emergency bypass surgery. He had no symptoms of heart disease, and came through the surgery very well. Once they returned to Pennsylvania he started cardiac rehab. They had to postpone Elderhostel trip to Australia and New Zealand in April, but are now scheduled to go in October. JoEllen said they met up with **Joan Durno Claybrook** and **John** last year in Venice, Fla. They have their normal routines of golf, volunteering, music, movies, family and friends. Looking forward to the 50th!

Dave Bailey is another classmate who is looking forward to our great reunion. **Dave** and **Eileen** will celebrate their golden anniversary this September and were taking their children and grandchildren to Alaska for a cruise in June. **Ranch Hope** is still growing. **Dave** is now director of development and **Dave Jr.** is the executive director. The **Ranch** just started its 43rd year.

Not long after the last column came out I received a card from **Jack** and **Judy Corby '58 Osborne**. Hopefully, the news is still current. They were enjoying good health, grandchildren and fishing, not necessarily in that order. Summers were spent in Cape May, N.J., and winters in Florida.

Marlin Roser has been in very poor health and is now residing in a nursing home in Hanover, Pa. I keep up with Marlin through his sister, who is a member of my church.

Our class President, **Don "Tank" Tankersley** says to all that they need to attend this reunion — we may not be around for the 50th!

Now, what are we doing at the **Cottee** household? Well, I guess, other than putting this column together for all to read, we stay

very busy and very active, just like most of you classmates. In fact, it seems that the theme of this column is family, friends, travel and grandchildren. That is always good news to relate. Since retiring, we have both done much volunteer work. **Jack** mows the grass at the church and the parsonage, and helps with many of those maintenance jobs. We still own the building that houses the dental office plus three other rental units, and we have one other rental, so we are landlords and that is a job in itself. We do all the maintenance except the plumbing and electrical work. Of course, the house also has a lot of requirements. But, as long as we have our health and pretty good stamina, we will continue. **Jack** is also a trustee at the church.

I have been busy with various church duties, including making coffee and having pastries available at the 8 a.m. coffeehouse on worship every Sunday. I still substitute as organist and as substitute pianist at the local Presbyterian church. I am in charge of the library, too. One of my desires in retirement was to do speech/language therapy on a volunteer basis. I maintain my license so I can do this, but I can choose the people with whom I want to work. This has been very satisfying. I also have always wanted to be a tour guide at a place like Williamsburg. Well, that is a little too distant, but the Shrine of American Methodism is about five miles from my home so I am a volunteer tour guide there.

We have three buildings, plus a small visitor center, and the history is very interesting. Of course, there are the grandchildren, nine of them. Six are not too far away and the other three are in New Mexico — a great place to visit. I do see **Mary Jane Thorney Wilson, Anna-West Pitt** and **Paul Enzor, Anna Jarrell, Pat Dixon Bloomer** and **Mary Ellen Weber** more frequently. We often try to "do lunch" whenever we can and our table conversations sometimes sound as "giddy" as some of those at WMC. But, it's that great **Mary-West** and **Paul**, and **Jack** and I still go to **Toby's** Dinner Theater on a regular basis — being season's ticket holders — and we also all belong to the Free State Theater Organ Society. We take in organ concerts monthly in the Catskills area. We, too, continue to travel, many of the trips with Elderhostel. We have been to such places as Brasstown, N.C., Elkins, W.Va., the Grand Canyon, Intracoastal Waterway and Rehoboth Beach, Del. We are taking an Elderhostel to Nova Scotia this fall, taking **Mary-West** and **Paul Enzor** on their first Elderhostel trip. We are, of course, anxiously awaiting our big 50th reunion and getting back together with all you wonderful 57ers.

I want to thank everyone who corresponded with me, either via e-mail or post card. I enjoy getting all of it and putting together this column for all the others to read.

It is always a note of sadness when I have to relate to you the names of the classmates who have passed away since our last news

column. **Flora Jane Weiss Moore** passed away in May '04. **Ginny Quinn Lesnock** passed away in July '01. **Richard Tinkler** in September '04. **Millie McDonald Morrison** in December '05. **Beth Crompton Granger** in March '06. **Peg Whorton Evely** in April '06 and **John Hall** in March '06. We send the sympathies of all of us to all their families.

Make those plans for April 2007 — big times on campus. Enjoy good health, happy travels, and pleasant times with all those family members.

If you have any other news to relate, send it to me at any time and I will hold it until the next column.

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Thanks to all of you who have responded to the e-mail blast and small mail cards. We are always open to receiving news at any time of the year. Since some classmates have dates on their 2008 calendar please put May 2, 3, and 4, 2008, on your calendar to save the date. We will celebrate for the entire week-end on the Hill. Let's make our 45th reunion even more fun than the 40th.

Les and Lois Alperstein are busy as ever in Potomac, Md. Les is the president of Washington Analysis, LLC, and can be seen around the world on CNN. Many of our classmates have reported feeling at home in a foreign country when Les appears on the TV front and center with his analysis of economic news. In that regard, we have asked him to prepare a lecture for our reunion. This will be a not-to-be-missed activity as long as he has **John Warman** and **John Oppel** in the audience. Las Vegas has its Rat Pack, but the Class of 1963 has its Price Pack. They had entirely too much fun. Les states, "I never send anything for the column because I have nothing to say." Don't travel with college friends, don't see them except for a few college functions. Only thing that changes is my young kids getting a year older each year but I do not. Our son is 20, daughter 16, plus the Burmese Mountain dog (who should run away before he eats my house and garden), an African parrot who talks more than me, one tropical fish which hasn't been fed in three years and first wife Lois...guess I played around a lot more than the others. I'm still working at the same gig and enjoy it, afraid to retire to golf and tennis for fear of getting a tennis/golf rebound the first day and then would be reduced to fishing for the next 35 years."

King Smith states that as long as the hands don't shake and the heart keeps beating retirement is not yet in the picture. That is great news for his dental patients. Oh yes, he did mention the brain cells are in good working order as well. In July he began his 38th year as an oral maxillary surgeon in Bel Air.

He also is teaching ethics/jurisprudence at the University of Maryland Dental School on a volunteer basis and loves being around the young docs. Daughter Dana and her family (ages 7, 10, and 16) live closely in Rising Sun. Daughter Carla and her family (age 1) are in Cairo Egypt for three years. Joyce works three days a week as an operating room nurse for Union Memorial Sports Medicine. King wants us to consider a cruise for our 45th.

Ellen Distiller Heller is still teaching children in Miami, Fla. Ellen and her husband are enjoying a 2-year-old grandson, and another one on the way. They are also raising their 14 year old grandson, which "keeps me young." They had just returned from a family wedding in California where they enjoyed a month of sightseeing. Ellen plans to retire in three years and spends her spare time scrap booking and rubber stamping. That keeps the artist in her going, as well as creating altered books and art trading cards. **Larry Brown** has been retired since 1996. After 32 years of social work he became a part-time truck driver (44 hours a week) and is now looking forward to the second retirement. He says that he and his wife, Diane, will either move to the beach or the boonies. Daughter **Laurie Brown Dulaney '05** and husband have moved to Long Island. Daughter Linda is working on her doctoral thesis at Johns Hopkins, son Matt is "finding his school" and Tim will graduate from high school.

Sue Rushton Batson is still living in Ellicott City. It has been a tough two years of transition to living alone. Marshall died in 2004 from Parkinson's. But on the bright side she has son Alex close by and two young granddaughters, Lyndsay, 9, and Marcella, 6, who bring her great joy. Sue is planning a cruise to celebrate her 65th.

Alex and Jan Engle Med'98 Ober are celebrating their 42nd anniversary this year and wedding bells have rung for daughter **Cara M'98**, who was married in July. Alex has completed his 36th year at the College and seems to be going like the Energizer bunny. Their son, Alex Jr., is working at NIH in Bethesda and lives in Washington, D.C.

Richard Jones has written about a grand family affair that was a college reunion of sorts. Rick, wife **Sandee Kneifers '66**, daughter Jill and other family members flew to Pensacola, where they celebrated the marriage of Sandee's brother, George "Bud" Kneifers, daughter. Rick said it was a beautiful setting at Bud's home and the food was so elegant he wasn't sure what he was eating except for the several varieties of grits. Rick and Sandee still live in Gambrills, Md.

St Augustine, Fla., was the scene of some wild parties this winter. **Fran Burnell and Hunter '62 Kirkan** spent time with many College friends golfing, dining and just having lots of fun in the sun. They even had a few white sightings off the deck. **Rhea Ireland '61** and **Tony '61 Wiles, Joanne Carscaden '64**

and **Fred '62 Nicoll, Clark '60** and **Marion Kirkman** were among the party animals. Fran and Hunter are now the proud grandparents of 13. **Betty Tibbs Callahan** has been married to Robert for 42 years. They are retired and have the best of both worlds. They winter in Punta Gorda, Fla., and summer in Chincoteague Island, Va. They enjoy time with their three sons and five grandchildren, ages 6 to 16.

Among the new retirees will be **Wayne Whitmore**. When the state information system in Alabama crashes they will be calling him back to service. To celebrate the end of his awesome career he is taking a Windjammer cruise out of Camden, Maine. **Claudia Fetrow** will stay on shore and tour the lobster pounds and art galleries. After the cruise they will head off to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Claudia and Wayne have been touched personally by the tragedy of Katrina, as Claudia's mother lost her home in Louisiana and is now living with them. **Judy Reinhart Lantz** and **Becky Wright** took a trip south to visit Claudia and Wayne recently. They had not seen Claudia's mom since our graduation and it was a nice reunion of fond memories. Judy writes that they had lunch in Tennessee at Miss Bobo's adjacent to the Jack Daniels distillery. Claudia is still doing juried craft shows and making her exquisite quilts.

"When I look around and think about life I somehow equate things with good health. I guess we are at that stage of life," a quote from **Howie Wagner**. His family is well but not like your granddaughters. 4, was operated on for a brain tumor. She has had an amazing recuperation. Joan and Howie celebrated their 43rd anniversary this year and marvel at how quickly these years are flying by. They enjoy those bad winter months in Del Ray, Fla., and return home to Hauppauge, N.Y., for the summer.

Carolyn Hoecker Gassaway has given us an update on her busy life. She recently retired as co-manager of the Oregon Transportation Plan and manager of the Oregon Highway Plan at the Oregon Department of Transportation. Her husband, Sandy, died in 1999. Son David manages the Oregon Red Cross emergency response planning and lives close by. Carolyn is delighted to devote Fridays to her lively 10-month-old granddaughter. Son Jon, who is with Intel, lives in Latvia where his wife is a Fulbright exchange teacher. Carolyn will be taking her second trip to China in the fall of 2006.

Joyce Creamer sends regards and best wishes — always a woman of few words.

Bob Manthey has captured the thoughts of many of us. "We are enjoying so much the freedom retirement has brought. Days are full with traveling, volunteering, square dancing, winter months in Florida, gardening, bridge, sharing with children and grandchildren. We hope for continuing health, energy and sound mind."

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Emelia Elizabeth Crown, on April 26, 2006, to Erik and Cindy West '99 Crown.

Benjamin Hartley Ferringer, on July 6, 2006, to Kurt and Amanda Hofstetter '99 Ferringer.

Emily Grace Ford, on April 11, 2006, to David and Susanne Ames '99 Ford.

Samantha Grace Grabowski, on April 25, 2006, to Raymond and Laura Watson '99 Grabowski.

Anna Redwin, on February 2, 2006, to Jeff and Melissa Shurtle '99 Redwin.

Bella Hummel, in October 2005, to Nate '99 and Erin Hummel.

Carter Davidson Smith, on December 23, 2005, to Brian and Natalie Groff '99 Smith.

Karly Ruthann Tice, on May 11, 2006, to Michael '99 and Jennifer Tice.

Noah James Evans, on August 11, 2006, to James and Kirsten Carroll '00 Evans.

Olivia Marie Nottingham, on November 16, 2005, to Eric '00 and Cynthia Hess '99 Nottingham.

Eric Buckner has just returned from a great trip to the Pacific northwest. He is among the not retired going into his 41st year with Merrill Lynch as senior partner in the BBW Group. Eric and Patty are enjoying their grandchildren and life in Baltimore.

Ginger Rummer Ward is close by in Frederick. She says reunion committee meetings are so much fun some of you might want to fly in for a meeting or two. They were looking forward to a summer vacation at Rehoboth Beach with their lively grandsons. Most grandchildren in this column have been referred to as lively. Is there an energy level connection there? Ginger is in touch with all of those Chandler House Gingers. Ginger is in charge of bringing **Marilyn Pappadopoulou** back into our lives.

Peggy Hoey and Bob '62 Warfield were having a busy fun summer with lots of wedding plans. So Robby married on the beach in Marco Island, Fla., in June. Daughter Claire was to marry on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay in August. This part was not written by Peggy, but what a wonderful time we had at the dedication of the College's new Warfield Tennis Courts. The courts are just wonderful and Bob's speech at the dedication left no one with a dry eye. It was an especially fun Homecoming with visits from **Don '62 and Carol Westerfield '60 Rabush**. Don received the Alumus of the Year Award, which many of us celebrated at the Hobarts'.

This is the news from **Marty Schugam**. "Both Paula and I are enjoying retirement from the state. We are busy renovating our house in Owings Mills, Md., (formerly my parents' house), bird watching and exercising in the gym. I continue to serve on the board of directors of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center, and in September Paula will serve on the board of the Baltimore Bird Club. Our older son, Larry, and his wife gave us our first grandchild, Arthur Edward Alvin Schugam, now 15 months old. Since they live in Owings Mills too, we are babysitting on a regular basis. Younger son Len continues working as an environmental engineer with the Maryland Department of Environment. After several months of study, in March '06 I passed my technician's HAM radio license. My main purpose of doing this was to keep my father's call letters in the family. My father had been an amateur radio operator for many years, and after his death, his call letters would be reallocated to someone else. After I passed the exam and got my license, I was successful in getting his call sign. Now, I am busy learning Morse code so that I can pass my next level."

The **Sharkeys, Stan '62 and Carolyn Emmel**, are semiretired and still Carroll County residents. Stan is back to work again and has retired three times. He might get the prize. Carolyn is happily retired, enjoying her "grandgirls" and a new chocolate poodle puppy. They are leading a group to France and Italy in July '07 and invite anyone to join

them. Their e-mail is caes41@hotmail.com.

Marian Emery Ward has retired as a reading recovery teacher in June '04. She is still "Marian the librarian" at heart but the school system was trying to save money so they converted teacher librarian positions to library tech positions. So she became a teacher. She was very pleased to be able to teach children to read who would have been left behind. Marian still lives in the same farm house in Nova Scotia with her husband of 14 years, Clark Morris. Son Benji Ward married Clark's niece, Susi, and they have two lovely daughters, Allegra and Aria. They live in Jackson, Mich. One of the benefits of retirement is the freedom to travel. They went there recently to see the girls perform in their end of year dance recital and celebrate the milestone birthday. On the way back they literally whipped downtown between planes to see *The Color Purple* on Broadway. Daughter Lucy McKee lives and works in Halifax, Nova Scotia, so Marian sees her more often.

After a long, long time we have heard from **Edna Bent Price**. She continues to administrate **Downey's 62** ophthalmology clinic in Conroe and The Woodlands, Texas. They both work full time in the clinic they started in 1972 with Downey as the only doctor and three staff members. They have grown to four doctors, a full-time optical dispensary and finishing lab and 30 employees with lots of clinic and surgery. The medical field is continuously evolving with multitudes of challenges keeping them inspired.

Most of her volunteer time is invested in the Third World work Downey and Edna initiated in 1974 with a trip to Haiti. They continued there until it was too unsafe to go and now work in Belize, El Salvador, Fiji, American Samoa and, when it is safe, Bolivia. This is through Benevolent Missions International, www.eyemissions.com, a nonprofit they founded for this work. Edna's role is administrative in the organization and preparation of the 7- to 10-day ophthalmology mission trips, the overall financial administration and general daily operation. A busy life.

They have three sons and two granddaughters, Maddie, 5, and Olivia, 3, who live in California. Two sons live in Houston and Austin. They do spend time in the air and on the highways and treasure the times they are all together. Edna's original family remains in Maryland and Delaware, so of course, they travel there also. She still loves to read and write and continues her fascination with science and especially astronomy. Downey and Edna recently celebrated 44 years of marriage...and they work together, too!

Trish Webb Hendershot has sent a great update on her life. Jim and Trish will celebrate their 43rd anniversary on July 20, this year. Their two sons both married, and Steve, 38, provided them with their one and only grandchild, 3. He is a commander in the U.S. Coast Guard, and lives in Seattle with wife

Terri, and Holt, the apple of their eyes. Mark, 40, and wife Katie, live in Fredericksburg, Va. Mark commutes to the Pentagon daily working for a civilian contractor. Jim retired six years ago, and in December '00 they relocated to the lovely mountains of western North Carolina. They have a comfortable home, and a pool, and Trish swims daily. May through September. They have done a good bit of traveling since retirement, to the British Isles, twice to Israel, to Italy, Peru and the Galapagos and to Alaska. Jim has gone to Guatemala, Dominican Republic, and this year to India, on mission trips on United Methodist mission teams. Trish was a glass artist for more than 30 years and since moving to Hendersonville, N.C., has not done much glass.

Marsha Hoover Silverman promises to make our 43rd reunion even though she could not make it to our 40th. They are still in Worcester, Mass. Marsha is semi-retired — loving those social security checks! She quit her (more than) full-time job as a greeting card sales rep in November '02 and now has two flexible part-time jobs — substitute teacher and merchandiser. She says, "It's great working when I feel like it. That's usually two or three days a week. I plan on keeping this schedule for the next 30 years." Her husband is still working but loves to travel and manages to get away several times a year. Their favorite trip by far was their safari in Tanzania last summer. They were packing for a trip to the Canadian Rockies and Alaska. Their son and daughter are both living in San Francisco. She's been there seven years and loves it but he's been there six months and hates it but loves his wife. Marsha liked it better when they were in the Boston area but at least has a nice place to visit when they see them. Her free time is spent reading, playing tennis and trying to get rid of all the unnecessary "stuff" they have collected in the house these many years. She keeps in touch with **Marsha Gellar Berman**. They get together at least once yearly.

Here is what is new with **Dagmar Joeres Miller** in her own words. "Blessed with a new grandson, Owen Lloyd Marzolf Miller, on May 5, 2006 to my son, Erik Paul, and Natacha's family. They have two other children — Louise, 5, and James, 4. They live in College Park vicinity, are so busy, but are close enough for us to get together. I am really planning to retire soon, either by the end of this calendar year, or by April '07, which is my anniversary month as a State of Maryland employee. I have fact finding on my agenda for the month of August to reach a decision. And for fun I traveled to Barcelona for a week in the spring, which was fabulous. I am healthy, always trying to keep up with my other son, Tyler, a wanna-be actor living in New York City."

How can we be turning 65 and most of us still remember Rat Kitty Canary? This is the latest from **Kitty Canary Entwistle**. Stan '57 is deceased. Kitty's oldest daughter, Sister Elena

is a sister at the Community of Jesus on Cape Cod. Kitty stays busy in Annapolis being a happy, busy grandma with seven grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Four of them live five minutes away. Kitty's kept busy with daughter, Victoria, and son-in-law Bob, twins Jenna and Jacob, 5, and Allie, 2; son Ted, daughter-in-law Paige and David, 15 months. Daughter Julie and son-in-law Jay live in Canton, Ga., with their three boys — Jared, 15, Timothy, 14, and Andrew, 11.

Most of Kitty's traveling is to Cape Cod and Georgia. She went on a wonderful trip to Israel in May '04 with Aglow International. She keeps busy on the home front and is active in church and Women's Aglow International. We have a promise from Kitty as well to make it to our 45th.

Pris Ord is still enjoying the fun of being a relatively new home owner. Those of us who reside in Westminster actually thought we would see her quite a bit. She, like our wonderful **David Selikowitz**, is more like a hummingbird, flying quickly over great distances. Her travels take her to various locations for her professional interest in Children's Literature, Name Society, and several other organizations. She retired from the book business, Book Person, Inc., recently and is now back into the academic life teaching three sections of freshman English at McDaniel. Going back to grading freshman compositions almost sounds like putting needles in one's eyes. Pris says at least she will be driving only two miles instead of all over the state of Virginia with the Book Person. As an editorial comment, there is no better person to teach freshman English. Our alma mater is lucky to have her. Her many friends in Westminster will continually check on her mental health.

Carey "Dean" Herdman has been retired since 2003 and writes to us from Monroe, N.C. He served in the Army from 1966-1973 and was a commander in the U.S. Power Squads. Wife Ingrid is still employed at BASF Corporation. Daughter Carrie is owner of Geological Resources, Inc., along with her husband, Terry Kennedy. Daughter Inga is a recording artist for SMA Records and her husband is Eric Brittingham, who is a member of the multi-platinum selling recording artists, Cinderella. Dean enjoys golf, grandchildren, touring the country with family bands, volunteer work, and gym workouts.

This is all the news from **Dick Nebel**. I retired in October '03 after 41 years of state service (36 years at Salisbury University and five years in secondary education in Wisconsin County). The finishing touches on the restoration/renovation of an 1859 vintage house on the Nanticoke River in Vienna, Md., are still in progress. My second three-year term as president of Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin County ends in January '07. My time is filled with golf (still don't play well), fishing, wildlife carving, antiquing and sitting on the porch watching the river

flow. Anyone traveling to the Eastern Shore has an open invitation to drop by and relax."

The report from Forest Hill, Md., is that **Charlie Walter** is loving retirement, especially the troutfishing he regularly does at gun clubs throughout the region with son Hugh, **Mara Dillon '65** and Charlie had a nice visit with **Fran Sybert '65** and **Jerry '64 Baroch** recently, which included some golf. Recently they also enjoyed some Maryland crabs with **Billy Myers** and his wife, Betty. He enjoys regular workouts at the Bel Air Athletic Club, where he sees several alumni who are also trying to stay young and healthy. "You're losing. And of course we always love going to Oriole games with dear friends **Janice Mooney** and **Don '62 Hobart**. Charlie and Mara are travelers at the drop of a hat. This year they have celebrated their anniversary on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, Calif., and this week are off to the Canadian Rockies.

Ellen Wheelstead Bell has sent an update from beautiful Easton, Md. "I hope you are enjoying our 'mature' years as much as my husband, Jerry, and I are. Our newfound freedom is worth the price of the little aches and pains that have come with time. Traveling here and there as much as possible is a primary priority for us, with highly anticipated yearly 'kid tours' to visit all our kids who are scattered to the winds.

"My son Nathan and daughter-in-law Kate are the reporter/photographer team for NBC's **KXAN Firstcast** in Austin, Texas. They love it there — even the heat! My son Phillip and family are mainstays in the fabric of life in Williamsburg, Va., where grandsons have grown from babies to young adults overnight. We still live in Easton, Md., but are plotting our next move to an even smaller home with even lower maintenance. I've traded consulting for quilting and am a happy person. We wish sunny days for all."

Marsha Gellar and **Perry Berman** moved to Elkridge, Md., two years ago, and love their new house and are still near four out of five of their children. Last summer they welcomed two babies, so now have seven grandchildren. They did a wonderful Elderhostel trip in France in April. It was a large cruise down the Seine with emphasis on the Barbizon artists. With only 16 passengers, they had a wonderful experience and learned a great deal. They have been to France almost every year in the past 10 years and really love it. After Perry retired, he began his land-use consulting and put his many years experience to practical applications. Marsha closed the last of her stores in 1996 and now keeps busy with her online cookbook business and grandchildren.

Jerry Siegel and his wife, Jennifer, have returned from Macedonia and Jerry's third Fulbright. "I was teaching American Studies and consulting on curriculum and faculty development at Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and Southeast European University in Tetovo, in addition to speaking at

different locales in the country, publishing articles, and doing English editing of two books. One of those, which I worked on with Jennifer, was especially interesting; it was a biography of the late Macedonian president, Boris Trajkovski, and it led to our having dinner with the former first lady. While I was teaching in Macedonia, Jennifer was doing research on the 1960's for her latest book and surprised me by running across a Vietnam War poem by my former roommate, **Jack Day**. (She had no idea I even knew him when she found the information.) While we were living in Europe, we also had a chance to visit Athens where I spoke at the Fulbright Association conference, and Rome, where I spent a week lecturing at the Rome Seminars. The year was great, and we've stayed in contact with many of the friends we met there. Back here in the home front in York, Pa., I continue as professor of English at York College, teaching American and popular literature and coordinating the secondary education-English program. Rhia Brown, our latest granddaughter (number four, including two step-grandchildren) arrived in December '04. Son David continues as a recreational therapist for ManorCare in Dallas town, and stepson Eric Brown is an architect here in York. I keep busy in my spare time by, among other things, staying active in the international Fulbright Association and serving as a volunteer with the York Little Theater. I can be reached at this email: gisegel@yc.edu. Best wishes to everyone from the class of '63."

Joe and Pat Downey are living that wonderful life of retirement staying warm in the winter, and cool in the summer. "After retirement of the Dow Chemical Company six years ago I bought a classic car, a red 1972 Olds 442 convertible, that I enjoy tinkering with and driving during the summer months. My wife, Pat, and I are enjoying traveling, golf, grandchildren and escaping the harsh Michigan winters for warmer climates. Our travels for the past few years have taken us to France, China, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe/Vermont and Branson in addition to cruises to Alaska, the Panama Canal and the Caribbean. We will be spending four weeks in Italy this October. Pat and I both enjoy golf, playing two to three times per week. And I play tennis twice a week. We have four grandchildren whom we enjoy immensely. Our younger two grandchildren are 6-year-old boy/girl twins who live in Midland so we see them frequently and relish helping out with babysitting and sleepovers. They're in kindergarten this year and lots of fun. We spent three months this past winter in Tucson, Ariz., and a similar time period the previous three winters in Vero Beach, Fla. Our plans are not set for next winter but we're likely to return to Vero Beach."

Jim Brooke has sent a wonderful update from the Heartland of our country. "Marie and I moved from Arlington Heights last

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Those who will be missed:

Mrs. Elizabeth Corkan Smith '23, of East End Park, Md., on July 2, 2006.

Mrs. Blanche Ford Bowlsbey '27, Ed'66, of Finksburg, Md., on July 18, 2006.

Mrs. Sarah Lynch Bass '31, of Wilmington, Del., on December 29, 2004.

Mrs. Irvin L. Gue '31, of St. Petersburg, Fla., on October 26, 1996.

Miss Serena A. Robinson '33, of Rahway, N.J., on July 5, 2004.

Mrs. Zaida McKenzie McDonald '36, of Encinitas, Calif., on May 14, 2005.

Mrs. Mary Patterson Shipley '36, of St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., on March 6, 2006.

Mrs. Louise Raver Lauffer '36, of Finksburg, Md., on June 21, 2006.

Mrs. Annie Sansbury Warman '31, of Friendship, Md., on June 7, 2006.

Col. (Ret.) Clayton N. Gompf '38, of Alexandria, Va., on May 12, 2006.

Mrs. Anne Brinsfield Simmons '38, of Morgantown, W.Va., on June 7, 2006.

Mrs. Ailene Williams Hutchins '39, of Prince Frederick, Md., on June 23, 2006.

Mrs. Jane Cowperthwait Read '41, of Frederick, Md., on August 16, 2006.

Mrs. Nellie Itneyer Lytton '41, of Hagerstown, Md., on January 26, 2005.

Mrs. Doris Lubking Bechtel '41, of Baltimore, Md., on July 2, 2006.

Col. William O. Prettyman Jr. '43, of Woodlawn, Tenn., on August 16, 2006.

Mr. Harry D. Gruel '43, of Owings Mills, Md., on April 15, 2006.

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class notes

Bob Kleine '63
said that he
was just
appointed
state treasurer
of Michigan
by Governor
Jennifer
Granholt.

year to Rockford, about an hour's drive "farther out," and where I've gotten re-acquainted with **Ray Baker '65**, who is head of the economics department at Rockford College, a small, liberal-arts college of about 800 students, just about evenly divided between men and women, on the far-far-out fringe of a major metropolitan area. Sound familiar? Have always been impressed by the reports of our classmates and contemporaries, and have probably kept a lower profile than most.

"Since before retirement, I've been involved in a few very gratifying things. I've done some prison ministry work, most recently in Stateville, home of many of the beneficiaries of Governor Ryan's mass commutation. I do get to see the good sides of some people in very trying circumstances. "Getting away from it all" means going out to South Dakota with Habitat for Humanity, which does some meaningful work on a Sioux reservation close to Wounded Knee. Have done some work with the homeless. Give blood every now and then. Assorted other activities. All we can do is try." Also Jim writes that he does keep in touch with our own **Harris Feldman** who lives in Chicago and has also heard that **Ed Clawsey** gets the best tour of Ft. Greynburg.

When **Jill Fredholm** and **Ken Porter** were here for our 40th reunion they were talking about moving from Long Island to someplace in retirement, maybe South. Well they are still in Yankee territory. They relocated to Manchester, N.H., in 2004, and live in a new community in a lovely wooded area, right down the road from a retirement home in case they ever need it. This location has brought them closer to both of their sons and their families in Rhode Island. Son Bill and his wife, Alice, have a son, Jonathan, who was born March 28, 2005. They adore him and are able to visit everyone about once a month. Ken is busy with a second antique car, an MGA '57, Summer '06 will take them on a cruise tour to Alaska. They look forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion. This could be untrue but we think Jill and Ken have never missed one.

Belinda Adams Eddy continues to work as a college and educational consultant. As part of 2006 Maryland College Crab Crawl Tour, she recently visited 11 colleges in five days, including McDaniel. "It was fun to see it through a counselor's eyes instead of a student's!" She recently received a letter from Social Security about applying for benefits but states they must have sent the letter to her by mistake! In August '04, she and her husband went to Argentina and Chile with the Yale Alumni Chorus; as usual, he sang and she carried the bags.

Keeping up with **Sam** and **Sue Snodgrass '65** Case is another task that makes one's head spin. Recently, they took Sue's mom to the Netherlands and France to celebrate Mrs. Snodgrass's 90th birthday. Their travels were full of fun and beauty. The tulips were

in bloom and then they wisked off to Paris to visit **David Sellikowitz**, who was as usual the host extraordinaire. That was after Sam's trek in Nepal, a gokm race in Alaska, Oregon, Grand Tetons for snowshoeing and skiing. And now Sam is on his way out West for more hiking. It is exhausting just writing about these adventures.

On April 21, the Board of Trustees elected **Otto Guenther** to serve and how fortunate we are to have him on board at McDaniel. His update states, "Jan and I will start another phase of our life in July '06 as we retire from Northrop Grumman Corp. I have been the VP/IMG for tactical systems division for the past five years. It has allowed me to use my skill sets in information, command, control and communications, as well as acquisition. It is a division that has supported the Army primarily, therefore I have felt like I never took the green suit off. There have been many, many proud moments for me in leading this great group of folks, but one really stands out that I will share.

"Just before the war in Iraq kicked off we were asked to equip over 1,200 vehicles in less than 120 days with Blue Force Tracking Capabilities. This meant building a Satellite Communications backbone system, building installation kits for a wide variety of vehicles for the Army, Marines and the British units (they were the lead units when the fight kicked off), and providing support to train and sustain the equipment. My folks got the job done, and in the process contributed immeasurably to mission accomplishment. More than that we saved many lives.

"I have been very fortunate to have two wonderful careers, a great family supporting me and a lot of help from God. My wife, Jan, has been supporting over the past few years both pastors in our church. We plan to spend January to April starting in 2007 in Sarasota, Fla., where we have a place we purchased at the end of 2003. In fact, this year we had a nice visit there by **Bob** and **Nancy Manthey** while they were vacationing. The remainder of the year, except for occasional visits to Florida, we will spend in our home in Fairfax Station, Va. What Jan and I will do in retirement remains to be seen. Both our girls are teachers living in their own town homes in Fairfax (20 minutes from us which is great). Tracy, 34, teaches second grade at Falls Church, and Debbie, 31, is a professor at Montgomery College teaching health education. Both Jan and I feel we have received many blessings in our life and plan our retirement to include a lot of giving back."

After all this to-do about retirement **Bob Kleine**, in a very short note, said that he was just appointed state treasurer of Michigan by Governor Jennifer Granholt. He has been working as a private economic consultant half time for the past four years and anticipates this new appointment to change his lifestyle. Congratulations to Bob.

Denise "Dee" Dehne and **Jay Shaplow** re-

port that they are retired but you all decide. They are living in Naples, Fla., and soon will be moving a little north to a new condominium in Estero, Fla. Jay is selling real estate and enjoying it; it keeps him just busy enough. (Anyone interested in southwest Florida, please let them know. Use the Internet to find them.) They recently purchased a co-op in Manhattan which allows them to see daughter Peri more frequently. Jay had a major scare last August when a tumor in his foot was diagnosed as cancer; three operations later he is cancer free. Dee's mother, who has dementia, lives with them now. She celebrated her 90th birthday on Saint Patrick's Day. Dee says, "I am so glad that I can monitor her care. It is not easy but it is worth it." Dee is also using her creative talents, trying her skills with fused glass and she's become an avid beader. They love Naples, where the outdoors is magnificent. They spend time at the beach or thinking about the beach and ask anyone visiting the Naples area to get in touch with them.

Glenn Hanna is sorry to report that he and **Carol** divorced last year. He is now living on the beach, literally, in the town of St. Pete Beach, which is a barrier island on the Gulf of Mexico, about 40 miles west of Tampa, Fla. Glenn states, "All are welcome within the area. Proper dress is cut-offs and flip-flops, as the sun shines 340 days a year." He plays a lot of golf, does volunteer public relations for his church and soaks up the sun. Daughter Allison, 4, is the love of his life. He sees her four or five days every month and talks to her every night at bedtime.

Since many of us are working on a genealogy, **Jackson Day's** work that topic is very interesting. Many of you have asked to "condense" your updates but we find that this information is well received and for those of us with a little more free time on our hands it is a joy to catch up with everyone. "Since July 2003, I've been pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Hampstead, Md., barely a dozen miles from campus. After 30 years in health care projects, this is my first parish appointment since the early 1970's, and it's a nice change. Fran and I continue to live in Columbia, so I commute. I continue to "collect cousins" with my genealogy hobby and almost proved most members of the congregation were my ninth cousins. While that fell through, it does seem that Vice President Cheney is a ninth cousin. (At four generations per century, figure that the common ancestor of a ninth cousin is back in the early 1700's!)

"I continue to be a consultant for Health Care Advocacy with the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society and appreciate the opportunity to link theology and public health issues. I also continue as a vice president of the International Conference of War Veteran Ministers, which now includes clergy veterans of more recent conflicts than Vietnam, and will hold its annual

meeting in Menlo Park, Calif., in October. I did have a chance to return to Vietnam in 2004 and visited many of the areas I had served in the Army in 1968-1969. Photos and narrative are up on my Vietnam Chaplain website. In February '06, *Risking Connection in Faith Communities: A Training Curriculum for Faith Leaders Supporting Trauma Survivors*, was published. I'm one of four co-authors who began work on the book in 1999, so it's been a long time coming. **John Warman** was one of those from whom we sought prepublication review and comments.

"This June 28, I'm locking forward to briefly being an official marriage officer for Bermuda, where my son, James, and his fiancée will tie the knot at the midpoint of a week-long cruise. A number of us in the family will be on the cruise or fly in for the wedding itself, including his mother, **Martha Taylor Dzioba '65**."

The **Cedmans, Elizabeth "Trinka" McGibbeny and Edmund "Ned" '62**, keep busy in the summer with trips to Bay Head, N.J., and are also enjoying their grandson, Reid. Daughter Carrie lives close by in Hampstead and daughter Jennie is still a Jersey Girl. Ned is among the retired but has his own consulting business concerning land use. Trinka (she did not write this) is the best knitter on the East Coast and enjoys her garden and reading.

The 2006 edition of the **Sitters, Bill and Maureen Fiverly '62**, of San Antonio update letter arrived just in time for the column news. Their family is fine. Son Chris is in his 30th year at their retained executive search firm, Jordan-Sitter, He, Theresa, David, 12, and Abi, 11, live close by. Daughter Cassidy still lives San Diego and works at a small law firm. Maureen and Bill have moved into their new log-and-stone home, which is complete with its own fire pole. Sanctuary is a home built with ministry and hospitality in mind. They have hosted finance ministry leader training, a finance graduation brunch (breakfast tacos for \$5) and a weekend marriage retreat. Financial Freedom in Seven Weeks Plus is their Bible-based ministry which continues to grow steadily.

Just in the nick of time came news from **Betty Jacobus and Jack Blackburn**. They are in their 27th year in Charlottesville and feel year 27 was as rich as the first. Their four grandchildren keep life full of fun and a bit crazy. They spend time with the entire family on the rocks in Maine each summer. With the grandkids in Lexington, Va., and Louisville, Ky., they sing the song "On The Road Again" quite frequently. Jack, still dean of admission at The University of Virginia, has traveled to the Middle East this year. They spent a real vacation in Oberammergau, Vienna and Prague.

As we are wrapping up this column the cards keep pouring in. It has been the best response ever. **Patti Raver Budd** says no way, impossible, to be thinking of having our 45th reunion. She and husband Tom not only live

in Boynton Beach, Fla., but this year have a new 39-foot motor home with many new addresses. They have spent six months in the Rockies. With children and grandchildren living in Loveland, Colo., and Manhattan, Kan., they travel a lot. They love hiking and just enjoy life in the mountains.

Barbara McMatham Fultz is looking forward to retirement and spending more time with their seven grandchildren. They plan to leave New Jersey to winter in Florida and summer New Hampshire. It seems we could start an information agency among our classmates concerning prime retirement locations.

It is yet another exhausting experience just to write about the goings-on of our classmate **David Selkowitz**. His holiday letter of January '06 was his 42nd. He started his first letter upon our graduation and has not missed one since. Most of us take a few years off, don't we? He was in Norway for his cousin's birthday and has a wonderful picture of three Selkowitzes in Oslo. He reconnected with many old friends including Jonas Stone, newly appointed Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs. Jonas was on David's Committee des Quinze from year one by. He was soon off to Edinburgh and can give us all the best tips on travel to Scotland. During a rare snow event in Paris David fell, broke his leg and spent many months in pain. He then fell in a pothole in New York and thus the saga of Dave's running is slowing down.

He was then off to San Francisco soon to be followed by his annual trip to Israel in May. While in Israel the group had the extraordinary chance to meet the president of Ben Gurion University. Dave says that Avigat Ilbraverman is a most charismatic guy who will, no doubt, be a future leader in that country. Dave is always in Florida in August country. Dave is his mother's birthday. Mr. Selkowitz, 92, is still swimming, driving, doing crossword puzzles, living on her own and enjoying life. We can see where Dave gets his energy. We doubt the retirement word is soon to be printed about him. Winding down the year he was off to Marrakech, Morocco for just a short trip. Catching up with him on Bastille Day was a treat, if only by phone. He was so happy to have **Sue Snodgrass '65** and **Sam Case** visit in April and is always happy to hear from classmates. **Fred Wooden '64** had just completed a recent visit. David has the reunion date on his 2008 calendar, which already has many travel itineraries.

Janet Walker and Jim Gray are having a small college reunion on their trip to Alaska this summer. They are traveling with **Sue Hogan '62** and **Jim '62 Lomax** on one of those delightful cruise ships. Janet and Jim are among the working folks in our class. The "R" word does not seem to be a part of their vocabulary. On the other hand Sue and Jim are enjoying their retirement and travel extensively when they are not on grandparent duty.

Tom Warner has just sent his updated information to catch the tail end of the col-

umn. He has a new address in Reston, Va., and is still active in the world of HVAC, plumbing and emergency electrical generators, Utility Service Express.

Dick Esker is still working at the U.S. Department of Labor and living in Arlington, Va., with his wife, Dolores. They often visit with their daughter, Alison, her husband, and three children who reside in the Richmond area. Their son, Rick lives in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On the **Hobart** home front, **Don '62 and Janice Mooney** have had some intrigue and adventure in their lives. Their trip to Aruba was awesome and totally relaxing. It came at the end of a hectic summer of Don teaching every day at University of Maryland, Baltimore. Janice was semi-busy with her college consulting and volunteer activities. Life was in a holding pattern waiting for the word to go to Nepal to assist daughter Dona and son-in-law Shawn in bringing home Ajaya, 2. Finally the word did come and they were off to help bring this little tyke home.

On the way to Kathmandu, they took a detour to India and the Golden Triangle, New Delhi, Jaipur and Agra. After four safaris in Ranthambore Park and no tiger sightings they were off to the Taj Mahal. Its beauty is beyond words and life in India is frenetic to say the least. Nepal was found to be a beautiful country with the Himalayas standing majestically overlooking the valley of Kathmandu and beyond. Unlike **Sam Case**, who trekked into the mountains of Nepal to view Mt. Everest, Don and Janice took a plane. And among the "it's a small world stories", waiting in the air to take this flight they met **Jon Myers '62** nephew.

Ajaya's adjustment to his new parents and grandparents went perfectly. They found Ajaya's orphanage was small, clean, and full of loving caregivers. After weeks of red tape, inaccurate documents, Maoist terrorist warnings that shut down the cities and airports, they finally were on their way home with a wonderful little boy and a much more clear sense of what it means to be free. Summer '06 they were to take yet another adventure with Kim, Mike and their family. After a return trip to the Grand Canyon, not having been there in 28 years they are renting a house boat and touring Lake Powell.

As a reminder, our support of the Class of 1963 Scholarship Fund is very important. This year our recipient is **Ms. Emica L. Boutlier '08** from Buxton, Maine. She is a junior majoring in communication with a minor in film and video studies. She is a member of Alpha Psi Omega (honor society in theater arts). We have received a delightful thank you from her. She landed an internship for the summer '06 working at Paramount Studios in public relations. You may send your donations to celebrate an occasion, or a memorial, to the College.

It is with sadness that we report that **Gerard Petrick** passed away in June. Ger lived in

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Mrs. Mary Jackson Hall '43, of Frederick, Md., on May 13, 2006.
Mrs. Margaret Rudisill Quynn '44, of Frederick, Md., on July 8, 2006.

Mrs. Ruth Broadrup Hauff '44, of New Albany, Ind., on July 13, 2006.

Mrs. Janice McKinley Reisman '45, of Indianapolis, Iowa, on December 12, 2004.

Mrs. Lillian Gillis Mowbray '47, of St. Michaels, Md., on October 30, 2002.

Mr. Willard B. Donley '49, of Wyomissing, Pa., on May 15, 2006.

Mr. Robert H. Rhodes Jr. '49, of Irvington, Va., on May 10, 2006.

Mrs. Wilma Steele Alban '49, of Towson, Md., on January 23, 2005.

Mr. Aloysius W. Malone '49, of Parkville, Mo., on June 20, 2006.

Mrs. Alice Pitchford Nicholson '50, of St. Augustine, Fla., on April 8, 2006.

Mr. Norman E. Webb '51, of Bristol, Va., on June 9, 2001.

Mr. William T. Bartgis '52, of Baltimore, Md., on February 19, 2006.

Mrs. Barbara Baumgardner Malone '53, of Coral Gables, Fla., on December 23, 2002.

Mrs. Margaret Whorton Everly '57, of Hagerstown, Md., on April 27, 2006.

Mr. John H. Hall '57, of Baltimore, Md., on March 30, 2006.

Ms. Eileen Galvin Gilmore '56, of Rutland, Vt., on March 2, 2006.

Ms. Susan Davidson Euler '56, of Goshen, Conn., on February 26, 2006.

Mrs. Jaqui May McSparrin '58, of Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., on September 2, 2005.

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Towson, Md.

It is a privilege to write this column. As authors, it is a revelation of our diversity in interests, careers, activities, and passions. However biased this opinion, we are an outstanding class. Please contact us at any time with more news or questions. A very special thank you to Linda Elyer who has the patience of Job when it comes to this class column. Deadlines come and go and she still greets us with a smile. What a joy to have such wonderful, competent people in the Alumni Office.

Please put these dates on your calendar now: May 2, 3, 4, 2008. Stay safe and healthy.

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Debbie Schumacher Allen spent the last two years living in Hawaii with her husband, Bob. They love the outdoor life and are busy hiking, whale watching and playing tour guide for all the family and friends who visit. They're both long-time employees of the Department of Defense and went to Hawaii to support the U.S. Pacific Command. Bob retired in March and Debbie has two years to go. They're working on their house and haven't decided yet if they will sell it when they return to Maryland next year or keep it and become Hawaii snow birds after retirement.

Carole Siver Barber reports that she is blessed; she's been married for 33 years, and a devoted mother and grandmother, as well as president of Carole's Services, Inc. She also is replacing her knees and hips, one "beautiful joint" at a time.

The family of **Tara Auxt Baugher** continues to enjoy living in Gettysburg and spending time (when they can) on the Chesapeake. Alli will be a junior at Susquehanna University where she is studying music and religion. Phil is pleased that all three of Alli's cousins came back to work with the family orchard/nursery. Tara loves being back in academics as a pomologist for Penn State.

Joe Carrico is a CPA/managing partner with Carrico & Sump, LLC in Easton, Md., 2006 was his 28th tax season. **Becky Horsch** rejoined the workforce in the fall of 2005 after being a stay-at-home mom for 25 years. She works for the Historical Society of Talbot County three days a week. In June, they had plans to travel with their daughters, Brooke and Lauren, to China to see the country and attend their son Kevin's wedding. Kevin is marrying Lijia Yeh, from Nanjing. The two of them met while Kevin was a student at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Nanjing,

China. Brooke was to graduate from the University of Richmond in May with hopes of entering the workforce soon thereafter. Lauren is a sophomore at Easton High School, where she plays softball and field hockey.

The report is that all is well with the **Farrall** family, who send their best to all. **Debbie Melvin** is still working part time at the travel agency: one day selling, one day travel, and one day doing bookkeeping. Her new passion is golf. If she could, she'd play everyday. Debbie and Mike are proud of Lindsay and Sarah, who just finished sixth grade, were on the honor roll all year and are playing field hockey in the fall. They also picked up golf, making it a family thing. Mike is still with Sandy Spring Bank in their mortgage division in Annapolis. After their two-week vacation out West last summer, the Farrells were going back to their regular South Carolina beach in 2006.

Fred DiBisio continues teaching at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. This year he had the honor of hooding his daughter, Kristen, 22, who graduated with her master's in social work. His counseling flourishes with a focus on healing marriages and promoting forgiveness. He has been involved with several film companies, creating documentaries on forgiveness. But, more importantly, he snagged a 42-inch, 24.75-pound rock fish! The family enjoys fishing, boating, crabbing, and playing at their new home on Gray's Creek. Fred's wife, **Jan Campbell '76**, has established a private tutoring practice for students with dyslexia and other reading issues. They are still "full nesters." Andrew, 25, is going into his second year of law at UB. Kristin, with a new low-paying social work job at Catholic Charities is living at home to save money. Michael, 20, is majoring in computer science at Towson but comes home on the weekends and over the summer. So, the DiBisio household is still bustling with activity.

Sharon Hobbs Fisher says that you realize time has flown when you reach another milestone. She has been blessed with two beautiful grandchildren. Her son, Eric, had a daughter, Olivia, and her daughter had a son, Connor. She doesn't feel older (except for the usual aches and pains) but she does enjoy being a grandmother immensely. The house is full of toys again and she gets to look at the world again through their eyes. The rest of her life is about the same. She is still teaching English at Middle River Middle School. Her husband, Robert, still works for the State, and she still lives in the same house, about 31 years now, and she was looking forward to her first cruise over the summer to Bermuda.

Mary Gemmill worked at Emory University for 25 years in ophthalmology as chief technologist and then as program director of a two-year master's degree training program in ophthalmic technology (which she developed, and it's the only one of its kind, so far). Over the 10 years, she thinks she had 37

graduates. In 2000, Mary developed Multiple Sclerosis; she continued working with the support of her husband, Ollie, and her department chairman's support, although she did telecommute several days each week. Unfortunately, Ollie developed bacterial endocarditis in April '05 and after aortic valve replacement the same week, died on June 30, 2005. Mary became permanently disabled on September 3, 2005.

She writes that this double whammy on her identity was pretty hard to get through, but she was lucky to have the support of lots of friends and neighbors in Atlanta who did her shopping and came to visit. Early on, she made the decision to move home to Maryland with the encouragement of her sister and sister-in-law. After two years of planning, hiring and firing architects and contractors, she realized in September '05 that she just needed to get up to Maryland to oversee the project of building an addition to her mother's farmhouse. Mary then slept in her mom's living room for five months while the builder worked. She is thrilled with the results.

Maryland's weather is much better since the Atlanta heat exacerbated her symptoms. **Laura Lane Middleton** has come to visit several times and helped with unpacking. She also traveled with Mary back to Atlanta in February for a follow-up with her neurologist. They had great fun and Mary got to meet Laura's youngest. Mary finds traveling alone very difficult. She is often left alone in a wheelchair at the gate, finding it impossible to get help to get to the bathroom if there are any delays. Mary is fortunate to have health insurance through Emory for the rest of her life (as long as they don't change the rules). Since her weekly injections cost \$1,500 per month, and she pays \$44 for three months, that is pretty important. She's been in touch with **Fred DiBisio** via e-mail. For those of you who are regular followers of this column, you realize that Mary's catch-up equates to about 27 words a year since graduation. She doesn't write very often.

Reverend Jerry Grace and his wife, **Jackie Andrews** Grace participated in a ministerial exchange with an English Methodist pastor last summer. They lived for seven weeks in Biddulph, England, near Stoke-on-Trent, swapping houses and vehicles with the English pastor and his family. The experience of a lifetime, they made many close friends in England. One family plans to stay with them for a month this summer. Jerry serves Greenmount United Methodist Church in Hampstead, Md. Jackie has given up teaching special education and is writing a novel.

Sally Dixon Haley reports that life is good in Maine, where she lives with her two teenage daughters, Molly and Phloimia, and their four dogs. She practices holistic medicine out of her home office and absolutely loves what she does.

Paul Harrison is continuing his career at the Social Security Headquarters in Baltimore

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where he currently manages leadership training and professional development activities. He is also busy as a singer/songwriter, having recently released his second CD, *New Blend*; two more CDs were due out in the summer, one original Christian songs and one instrumental.

After living and working in Pennsylvania for more than 30 years, **Sandra Stitt Hecker** moved to Florida with her husband, Bill. Bill had been working for a Land-O-Lakes Company and his plant was being closed. They offered him a job in their sales department and told the Hecklers that they could live anywhere in the Southeast. They were not ready to retire yet but since Land-O-Lakes was going to pay for the move, the Hecklers thought they would look for the place where they would ultimately like to retire. Their two main criteria were near the water and near major college spots.

Some of Bill's family lives in Florida so the Hecklers went online to see if there was a place for them. They found Cedar Key and made their first visit in October '02 and came back in March '03 to make an offer on a townhouse soon after. They have been in Florida about three years and still think they live in paradise. Cedar Key is a small island on the Gulf coast. The population is around 900 to 1,000 depending on whether the "Snowbirds" are still in town. Cedar Key used to be a fishing village, but since commercial net fishing has been banned it has become the largest clam producer in the U.S. They like to say that when you cross over the last bridge onto the island, you are on "island time." The island is small, there is no major grocery store or a pharmacy, no fast foods, no traffic lights. What they do have is great wildlife, great kayaking and, of course, being on the west coast, magnificent sunsets. They are not only near the water, they are close enough to throw a clam shell in it. They live right on the water with a western exposure and an unobstructed sunset every evening. As for major college spots, well, there's the University of Florida, the current NCAA Basketball Champs and where Urban Meyer is starting his second year in the "Swamp."

After a number of years out of education, Sandra has returned, but at the other end of the system. She is an aide in a small (about 100 students) Charter Elementary School. "Wow! What a challenge!" she declares. Most of the kids have not succeeded in a regular classroom so they come to that school because of the small ratio and unique approach to discipline. So life is great for the Hecklers these days (except during hurricane season). They love living in their little piece of paradise and highly recommend it to anyone who wants to visit Florida.

The Hills are still living on their farm in West Virginia. They've been there so long, the orchard needs to be replanted. **Marcie Ellithorpe** raised three boys and now has three grand-children. **Rowland '71** and she are

still working hard. He and son Jamie run a woodworking business and Marcie teaches students with learning difficulties in the public schools. With 28 years in she is seriously looking at retirement. (Wow, the class of '75 is talking about retiring.) She returns to Westminster now and again for Common to Ground, a wonderful art-filled week. Rowland and Marcie also have been doing some travel. They most recently liked a volcano in Guatemala and also have been doing some in California. Life is grand for the Hills.

Julie Mullen Johnson along with her sons, Parker, J.3, and Evan, 11, have been visiting this summer from California and plan to stop by the College so the boys can see that mom really had a life outside of teaching and farming. She also will have the joy of showing them D.C., the U.S. Naval Academy, and visiting with family and friends.

At the time the postcard was sent, World Cup Fever had hit the **Kehms**. **Karen Farina** just finished her 22nd year of teaching in Howard County. She is looking forward to relaxing over the summer, both at home in Elliptic City and in Deep Creek Lake where they have a vacation home. She was also planning a trip to Denver in August to visit her daughter, Jennifer. Daughter **Danielle '05** just completed her Peace Corps year in Paraguay. She returned in May and is looking for employment. David, 17, is starting to think about college (making Karen feel somewhat old). He is still having a ball playing soccer.

The big news from the **Korbonits** is that they were planning a trip to China over the summer. Their daughter, Amy, 13, was born in China. They have been planning for years to return when she was old enough to enjoy it. **Dave '74** is still studying Chinese language so he will be able to help the family get around. **Karen Gilbert** still works for Social Security and Dave is the meadow gardener at Mr. Cuba, a native plant shop near Wilmington, Del. Amy keeps them very busy with all of her school and social functions.

Martha Shurtz '77 and **Stuart Lehman** are living in Annapolis. Stu works in the field of water quality management for the U.S. EPA in D.C. and Martha is a special education administrator for the Maryland Department of Education, working in the Baltimore City School System. Their daughters, Ashley and Amanda, were planning to work near each other in the Colorado mountains over the summer. Ashley finished college at Montana State and Amanda is in her second year at the University of Oregon. The Lehmans remain in close touch with Adrienne and **Jim Day**, and **Larry Matthews**, enjoying the Chesapeake Bay and family adventures.

Jane Massey Licata (who hasn't written in awhile) says her life has been a bit of an adventure. After graduation, she earned her Ph.D. at the University of Hawaii and then went to law school (Rutgers). She is a biotech patent and FDA lawyer. For seven years, she

has been working with a wonderful group of working moms (folks call them the "Mothers of Invention") and teaching patent and FDA law at Rutgers Law School. She has four children (two boys and two girls ranging ages 10 to 20). She is a U.S. rowing referee and cox for Rutgers Master 8. Her children row and run. There are lots of unexpected twists and turns, but life has led Jane to a good place.

Richard Loper has worked as a social worker for 30 years; he's going strong and loving life. His wife, Sue, is still teaching at Liberty Christian School. Their daughter, **Jan Bruce '03**, finished her master's at McDaniel this year. Their grandson, **Richard**, starts kindergarten in the fall. **Jan '05** is in medical school at Maryland. John and April are at Towson — Zach is in eighth grade and Alex is in the sixth grade at Liberty Christian. They are still living in the 230-year-old log cabin and barn. Richard is coaching lacrosse, brewing beer and mead, paddling kayaks and exploring the country in their VW bus.

Sherrí Shекler '78 and **Felix Licéfi** are still in Houston. Felix has joined Quest Diagnostics as the Gulf Coast IT director. Sherrí celebrated her 25th anniversary with Chase Bank. Nick is a junior at Texas State University and Matt is a senior in high school.

The **Markanics** are doing fine, although taxes and traffic are grinding **Jay** down (his property taxes have gone up 70 percent in two years!) They are considering a move to the South. Their oldest son is still in law school, their oldest daughter is still in nursing school, their youngest son (a U.S. Marine) just got back from Iraq, and their youngest daughter has just earned her orange belt in Tai Kwon Do and keeps Jay young. She's in third grade and came in second to an 11th-grader in a school spelling bee.

Life has been continuing along for **Curt and Nancy Dean '77 Mattingly**. Their son, Greg, graduated from University of Virginia in 2005 and is now working for Ameriprise as a financial advisor. Their daughter, Megan, is in her second year studying architecture at UVA. Nancy and Curt are doing well. Nancy and Megan were planning a tour of Europe over the summer before Megan headed north to teach at a summer camp in Boston. Curt gets to see **Ned Aull** at least once a year, usually for a Ravens football game in Baltimore. Curt still works at the same company since retiring from the Army, although the name changed to CherryRad Technologies. He is the vice president of federal programs and says that business in the defense sector continues to be good.

There have been some big changes in the **Metzger** household. After 30 years of being a restaurateur, **Mark** sold his restaurant, the Tabernacle Inn. He opened a consulting firm for the restaurant and wine industries. He is doing a lot of traveling and attending a lot of seminars, but he's home on weekends and holidays for the first time since college. His wife, Janine, went back to college and was to

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Mr. Jack D. Martz Sr. MEd '59, of Timonium, Md., on July 4, 2006.

Mr. Paul H. Coleman '67, of Edgewood, Md., on February 25, 2002.

Mr. Ernest H. Leap Jr. '49, MEd '63, of Worton, Md., on May 11, 2006.

Dr. Gertrich '63, of Phoenix, Md., on June 18, 2006.

Mrs. Valerie Godfrey Stanley '65, of Arlington, Va., on May 22, 2006.

Mrs. Patricia Shamberger Baisden '67, of Southport, N.C., on April 8, 2006.

Mr. Charles H. Dameron MEd '69, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., on January 8, 2002.

Ms. Susana P. Fenoff '70, of Baltimore, Md., on October 24, 2005.

Mrs. Crystal Quinn McDonald MEd '71, of Rockville, Md., on February 19, 2004.

Mr. Peter J. Ervin MEd '77, of Tampa, Fla., on April 10, 2005.

Mr. Isaiah Jackson Jr. '82, of Gardena, Calif., on October 6, 2001.

Mrs. Barbara Verspore Burns MEd '85, of Temple, Texas, on August 6, 2006.

Mr. Walter L. Wahlen, honorary alumnus 1993, of St. Petersburg, Fla., on May 7, 2006.

class notes

**Larry "Hondo"
Schmidt '75
is proud to
report that he
successfully
defended as
winner of the
Walker Cup,
the annual golf
competition by
a number of Phi
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graduate from Rowen College in May. She plans to teach art or music in an elementary school. Their daughters, Johanna, 12, and Emily, 8, are wonderful athletes and scholars and Mark happily coaches basketball at their school. He often talks to **John Tuthill** and his wife Beth, who still reside in Cumberland, Md. (all three of their children are in college or graduate school).

Jeff Middleton is still very busy in his dermatology practice in Baltimore. He also serves on several committees where he helps to keep a physician's view of the ever-changing health insurance industry. He serves as associate clinical professor at the University of Maryland Medical Center where duties include Grand Rounds, aiding and teaching dermatology residents at the dermatology clinic in the local VA Hospital and teaching medical students from the University of Maryland Medical School. **Laura Lane** has begun spending more time at the office to help Jeff, as well as from home (thanks to telecommuting) as the business manager. Her spare time is spent with her 13-year-old niece, her sister (and her horses), friends and gardening. She has enjoyed renewing a friendship with classmate, **Mary Gemmill**, since her return to Maryland after 20 years there in Atlanta. Laura is happy to report that her health is great and every trip to the doctor is ending with good reports! "I'll take it!" she exclaims. David, 23, and Scott, 21, are set to graduate from college in May '07. David is a mechanical engineering (with a co-op degree) from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Scott is kinesiology from the College of Health and Human Performance at the University of Maryland. Both are working on plans for post-graduate work.

Bruce Moler sends greetings to the Class of 1975. A highlight for him last year was our 30-year class reunion on the Hill. He thought the Class of 1975 was well represented and that everyone enjoyed a fantastic day and evening celebrating old times, talking to old and new faculty members, and just mulling about campus looking over new facilities and reconnecting with those old, special places vested in memory. He did find it hard to accept that some of our classmates are grandparents. A real treat for Bruce was seeing and chatting with **Dr. Sam Case '63**. He knew he had retired and wanted to shake his hand again before he launched off in retirement on another one of his expeditions into the limits of human performance in some remote corner of the world. For more details on the reunion, Bruce is deferring to dear friend and college roommate, **Jack Tracey** (appears Bruce threatened him with another freeloading visit if he doesn't write to our class this year). Things on the Moler home front haven't changed much. Donna and Bruce still live, commute and work out of Woodbridge, Va. Their two children are out and successful in their chosen careers, so now they are both trying to figure out the answer

to that proverbial question: What next? They've looked around for places to build their dream retirement life, and they've decided on New Bern, N.C. They recently purchased a lot there and hope to build a house and sail the Pamlico Sound someday soon.

After 20 years, the **Morrison**s are leaving Cary, N.C., and North Carolina State and moving to Wilmington, N.C., where John is teaching at the University of North Carolina. They are now a mile or so from the beach in a home that will be perfect for retirement. Julia's daughter, **Kaitlin**, is at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and loving it. Her son, **Sean**, is a junior in high school in Chapel Hill and will finish there next year. They are working an apartment in Cary so Sean and Julia can commute back and forth. Julia is involved in the town-appointed Public Arts Advisory Board and is president of the Friends of Page-Walker (an organization involved in Historic Preservation). Their first project was the Page-Walker Hotel. The commute to Wilmington is keeping her quite busy. She couldn't wait until the summer started so they could all be at the beach together.

Dan and Roberta Tal Morton are finally empty-nesters as their youngest, **Rebecca**, 18, went off to Davidson College, N.C., this past fall. Their son, **Tim**, 22, graduated from Harvard College this spring and plans to start in a graduate program in astrophysics at CalTech. Their eldest, **Deborah**, 25, is a short-term missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators in West Africa right now. **Dan** and **Roberta** are at the same jobs - he's an attorney at Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio, and she is still teaching 3- and 4-year-olds in a local preschool. She also works in a couple of after-school programs for children, as well. They are still trying to stay active in their church, although things have slowed down with some of those activities.

Vernon Mummert is in his ninth year as director of athletics at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind. Their football team went to the second round of the 2005 NCAA Division III tournament. His oldest daughter, **Lauren**, is attending the University of Notre Dame majoring in biology and making the dean's list and dance team. **Megan**, 17, is a senior at CHS, playing centerback on the Indiana U-17 Olympic Developmental State Select Team and Indiana State Cup Finalist for her Dayton F.C. soccer team. **Matthew**, 13, is an eighth-grader who also played soccer for his State Cup Finalist U-13, Dayton State Team. **Vernon's** wife, **Susan**, substitute teaches. Their life is good.

Life is also good for **Pat and Bob Peckham**, who have been retired since July '05 and are now full-time Florida residents. They love the sunshine and hope to avoid the hurricanes. They have been traveling. They recently returned from an Alaskan cruise and tour of the Pacific Northwest. They are now planning a cruise to Hawaii and to the Panama Canal. Bob recently broke 90 in golf and he

rides his cycle whenever he can.

Bob Ramsdell continues to practice law in Lawrence, Kan., primarily in the area of civil litigation. He also became a principal in Thompson Ramsdell and Qualsett, P.A. After home-schooling both Erin and Stephen from K thru 12, Leslie went back to school for a "Return to Nursing" course and is now working full time as a medical-surgical nurse at Shawnee Mission Medical Center after a 23-year hiatus. Erin graduated from Hillsdale College in Michigan in May '06 with a BA in history and plans to remain in the Michigan area. Stephen is now a sophomore at the University of Kansas.

Larry "Hondo" Schmidt continues in the practice of law in Baltimore with Gildea and Schmidt, which specializes in land use/zoning and development law in the Baltimore area. He retired as Baltimore County zoning commissioner in October '04 after 13 years and re-entered private practice. **Linda Lock** teaches kindergarten in the Baltimore County school system. Their oldest daughter, **Kelly**, graduated from Mary Washington College in 2004 and works for a publishing company in Towson, Md. Their middle daughter, **Jackie**, is a sophomore at Dickinson College. She loves college life, sorority fun and runs cross country and track. Their youngest daughter, **Caroline**, is a junior in high school and is starting the college search.

Larry is proud to report that he successfully defended as winner of the Walker Cup, the annual golf trip by a number of McDaniel/Phi Delta alumni. This was their 19th consecutive year and the winner holds the "Walker Cup" for one year, named in honor of **Larry "Chet" Walker '74**, a former participant who suffered an untimely death in 1999. This year's trip was in the last week of March to the Tampa, Fla., area. The group included **Charlie Moore '71**, **John "Chip" Graber '73**, **Randy Dove '74**, **Don Dulaney '74**, **Mark Higdon**, **Tom Trezise**, **Steve Vaughan '76** and **John Barnes '77**. Plans for the 20th trip in 2007 are in the works. The Schmidts were looking forward to a family vacation this summer in Jackson, Wyo., and a couples trip to Ireland later this year with **Mark** and **Patty Higdon** and **John "Chip" '73** and **Norma Hamilton '74 Graber**.

Craig Stone is now in a full-time dental practice, having left the faculty of the University of Maryland Dental School in July '05. Little **Craig** turned 6 in April and will be starting first grade. Life is wonderful and he is so grateful for all the gifts he has received. His mid-life stage is exemplified by a current advanced open-water scuba diving certification and a private pilot's license.

All is well with **Linda McHale** and **Bill '74 Thomas**. They still live in Westminster and enjoy the rural countryside of Carroll County. They still pastor a church in town and are busy raising their "second wave" of children: **Jacob**, 5, their "surprise baby," and **Jeremiah**, 3, adopted from China almost two years ago.

Jordan, 16, and Joshua, 20, are in high school and college, living at home. BJ lives in Annapolis. Joy '01 just moved to Santa Maria, Calif., and Julie Thomas Hughes '04 lives with her husband, Rob, in Westminster, attends the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and student teaches in Baltimore. They're going back to China in the fall to bring home another child and Linda keeps busy quilting to help raise money for the adoption. Bill no longer runs, but bikes an 114-mile plan to ride in a 62-mile charity ride with Tom Brown '72 during spring '06. (Bill is also looking to buy a school bus for their next family outing!)

Jack Tracey reports that all is well in the big empty nest by the sea on the Isle Of Palms. Their son, Jason, 28, is writing for television out in Los Angeles, now on the staff of his third Jerry Bruckheimer project as a story editor on a new fall show with the working title of "American Crime," after stints writing on "Just Legal" and "Cold Case." Currently, he has two movie scripts in the works with big producers. Jason's wife, Amanda, is the head of drama development for Fox Television. They enjoy their lives as up-and-coming Hollywood insiders. Daughter Jessica, 26, has also made the move out West. She now lives just on the other side of Beverly Hills from Jason, 10 minutes away. Jessica graduated from the master's in architecture program at Washington University in St. Louis last fall and is an architect working for Michael Maltzan. This past January, she took a three-week trip to England, Spain and Italy with Jan. "Yes, we're still together!" he exclaims.

Jack and his "very pretty, patient, sweet wife Jan Thompson '77" will celebrate their 30th anniversary in August, and they've been together as a couple now for approximately 11,900 days – ever since the wee morning hours following the Christmas dance (after she ditched her date) back during junior year at WMC. Jan continues to work at the big resort hotel at the end of their island and is now the head of concierge services. Jack is still working in advertising and media consulting with a variety of clients based in the market surrounding Charleston, S.C. He is still coaching girls' recreation basketball where his team, "The Sparks," won their third consecutive league title this past season. He also is still doing sand sculpture and was actually getting ready to head up to the beach the morning he wrote to practice for an upcoming exposition.

He is still tied to WMC friends, hearing often from TR Barnes '72 who is still out in Tahoe Paradise. He corresponds regularly with Bobby Cahill '76, who is up in Seattle, and also often shares e-mails with ACT brothers Felix T. Cat, now a Texan, and dear old Scuzzo A. Mahtzuck back in Maryland and living large. And, of course, he remains in nearly weekly contact with Bruce Moler and Steve Brownley, the two greatest guys he knows. The Traceys were expecting summer visits from each of those rapidly aging brothers

accompanied by their still luscious spouses at the Casa Del Mar.

John van der Jagt is still an assistant professor at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La. He went to Grenada, Spain, last summer to give a presentation at the International Conference on Learning. He lost a little damage from Hurricane Katrina, losing some trees near his house, but rode out the storm at home (he lives in a badly hit parish). He has been enjoying the students more now and is enjoying pretty good health.

Bruce John Walz continues to live in Mount Airy, Md. He has been serving as chair of the department of emergency health services at University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) for the past 11 years, and will be continuing in the position. Bruce is recently promoted to full professor. Outside of work, he has returned to boating after an eight-year hiatus, but this time his new craft is a powerboat instead of the sailboats he previously had.

Courtney B. Wilson remains the executive director of the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore. He was recently elected president of the Greater Baltimore History Alliance, a consortium of 50 historic sites and museums in the Baltimore area. He was also recently appointed colonel, chief of staff of the Maryland Defense Force, Maryland Military Department.

Sitting in the Boston Airport waiting to board a flight to Ireland, Janet Zimmerman Wolfing wrote that they plan to meet Jessica in Shannon Ireland. Emily was going along so they could enjoy one last family-of-four vacation. Jessica had plans to get married in August, so the family is growing. Emily is living and working in Arlington, Va. Bob is teaching math at Westminster High School. The teaching Wolfings are happy to see the summer come. Janet is still teaching physical education at Mt. Airy Elementary School.

Michele Swain Corley is finding her 50-plus years to be the best ever with a semi-empty nest. She still lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and still teaches elementary school art. Her oldest daughter, Lauren, lives nearby, working in public relations/graphic design for a non-profit agency. Lindsay just graduated from the University of Florida and is serving as a missionary in Lesotho, Africa. Youngest daughter Kristin still resides at home and just graduated from high school. In her spare time, Michele is devoted to the beach and Florida Gator football and basketball.

Linda Kephart is enjoying the challenges of her position as supervisor of health and elementary physical education for Carroll County Public Schools. She is also an adjunct professor at McDaniel. In her travels around the county, she sees Robin Armstrong Townsend, an elementary school principal, and Janet Zimmerman Wolfing, a physical education teacher. Brianne, 23, is teaching social studies in Carroll County. Kelsey, 18, is a freshman at the University of Maryland.

Linda and her daughters coach the Westminster swim team and run the swimming lesson program. Last fall, Linda and Brianne ran the Baltimore half-marathon together.

Pat and I are even stronger believers of miracles and the power of prayer now. For those of you who contributed, I can never thank you enough. When I left Johns Hopkins in August '03, I was short several body parts, which were removed to make room so a cancerous tumor could expand. Other measures were taken to delay the onset of extreme pain. The plan was to undergo chemotherapy and try to keep the status quo (a softball size tumor located near my pancreas) as long as possible. However, by December '05, there were no more signs of the tumor remaining and I was taken off chemo. I still receive herceptin treatments and feel very grateful that I am one of the 20- to 25-percent who benefit from this antibody drug. It will be awhile before I get over the side-effects of being on chemo for two-and-a-half years but Pat picks up the slack. He received two more outstanding achievement awards for the work he does for the Air Force's Atlas V program through BD Systems. He continues to work around the house and recently supervised the more extensive hurricane damage repairs. It took us two years to get a contractor but we still have blue tarp in our neighborhood so I guess we shouldn't complain.

I'm highly involved in teaching library instruction online and have given several presentations on the topic. Recently, I got to participate in helping students set up and maintain corporate – like blogs as a librarian-consultant. And I guess now that we're getting a new football stadium and medical school, more of you know where UCF is on the map. Marc and Pam are still in Virginia but do make it down for some sun and fun. Bailey, 12, still catches a Frisbee but would rather swim in the pool, and Brandi is 5, but still acts like a puppy. And we are fortunate to be near my entire family. I have so much to be grateful for. And hearing from all of you is just one. Please write whenever the urge hits you. Wishing you all well.

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Greetings from central Florida. As you read this column, ask yourself, "Where was I 25 years ago today?" For many of us we were working at our first "real job" for only a few months or we were starting graduate school. Some of us were married and had started that new chapter in our lives. No matter where we were or what we were doing, we were all probably thinking, "It seems weird not to be in Westminster at Western Maryland College." Time goes by so fast it is hard to believe. It has been fun hearing from everyone and reading about what they have done with their lives. Life is too short to

Bruce John Walz '75 has served as chair of the department of emergency health services at University of Maryland, Baltimore County, for the past 11 years.

class notes

wear tight shoes. Enjoy it. Here is what everyone has been up to.

First, we had our 25th Reunion in April. About 60 people from the class attended. I wasn't able to make it but I heard from several people that it was truly a lot of fun seeing everyone and reminiscing about college days. **Barb Forrey Wahlbrink** sent me several pictures. It was fun to look at them and I have to be honest, it was hard recognizing some people too. If you want copies of the pictures, e-mail me and I will send them to you.

Mildred Artis Alexander tells us that she and **Mitchell '80** had a busy month in April. First they were off to Orange, Calif., to visit with **Kathy Gault Peterson**. Both families went to tour a Buddhist Temple, visit the arboretum at California State University at Fullerton and did a day in the desert. Back on the East Coast they then went to Rehoboth Beach for Easter. At the reunion, she and a bunch of friends reminisced about "Sounds of Silence" and talked about how often they currently use their sign language skills.

Sue Dean-Aroff can't figure out how we could have had a 25 year reunion since, she says, she is only 20 years old. She and **Steve** are doing fine. After 17 years, Steve changed jobs and is working for a small biotech company. She is still with SGP and has recently won her fourth national award. They moved farther north in Illinois but everyone has made the adjustment well. Their sons are busy with football and baseball.

Chris Bartos has changed jobs. After more than 20 years at the Baltimore Zoo, she has moved and is now working at the Philadelphia Zoo as assistant curator of ungulates and small mammals. She now lives in South Jersey, which she has found to be surprisingly rural and quite delightful. Much of her free time is spent training and competing in dog agility competitions. She also trains her dogs in tracking, and she is working on some conservation projects that use dogs to locate traces of various species by scent. She went on a wonderful trip to Kenya last fall, and hopes to return again soon.

Becky Cassilly-Borland is finally calling Jupiter, Fla., home after 12 years. She is still missing Maryland though (I know how that feels — I, too, miss Maryland). She is a retired physician — a urologist and a full-time mom to her daughter, Emily, 13. Her husband, Neil, is a urologist with a very busy practice. She lives on the Loxahatchee River and is five minutes from the beach. Spring Break anyone? She is in her fifth year with a girls' recreation lacrosse program that she started. Floridians are slow in picking up lacrosse.

Lisa Potocki Brown has been working at a Social Security Administration as a computer specialist for 24 years. She is divorced and has her own place in Catonsville.

Nancy Casey is as busy as always. Her investment business continues to do well, and like so many of us, she is trying to find ways to better leverage her time. She has set aside

4-8 p.m. as her quiet time. She takes no phone calls and does quiet work with her two younger children — Samantha, 11, and Spencer, 8. Joshua, her oldest son, runs his own consulting business that caters to the Charter School movement. Michael is pondering college. The family spends one month out of the summer in another country, Iceland and Italy were in the past and this summer it was Ecuador. Time in the countryside and then off to the Galapagos Islands they went. In December '05 they went to Baja. Back home in Maryland, the family is busy with their organic vegetable garden and orchard. They hope to grow enough vegetables, fruits and herbs to supply their own needs. Spencer is the nature lover behind this adventure. Sadly in January '06, Mary, Nancy's younger sister, lost her battle with MS and passed away. They participate in the Walk-a-thon for MS each year and this year, Samantha raised over \$1,000 on her own.

Phyllis McMahon Christopher is still in Perry Hall and is celebrating her 20-year wedding anniversary to Denver. Her sons are 18 and 15. Her environmental consulting business is doing well and all is well with her.

Elinor "E.D." Phillips Dickchinski has been living with her husband, Dave (brother to **Laura Dick Sweett '82**), and three children: Tim, 16, Ben, 13, and Hannah, 11, in Waldorf, Md., since 1997. Recently she received her master's in pastoral counseling from Loyola College. Now certified by the NCC, she is able to counsel from both a secular and spiritual perspective. After five years of craziness to complete her degree, the family insisted she participate in the formal graduation ceremony. They had the honor of having Bob Costas deliver a very funny commencement address. Multiple Sclerosis hit she remains quite active. She is involved in her church with music and youth ministries. Her disease has progressed to a new stage, so she now requires a cane (a bright teal colored one) and a scooter to navigate distances like the mall and super-sized Target. She feels happy and is richly blessed.

Michael Easley and his wife, Wendy Tabane, continue to enjoy a California lifestyle: working for Hewlett-Packard, enjoying the culture and weather of the Bay Area and raising two kids, Bridget, 4, and Liam, 1. In April, he and his family visited **John Spaar**, his wife, Patty, and their three kids, Kayla, Emmy and Will in Finksburg, Md. Both clans took a trip down memory lane touring the Hill, exchanging boasts and stopping to snap a photo of the gracefully aging fraternity brothers on the steps of the "Section" of ANW.

Jan Elliott has been at Virginia Tech since 1999. After 19 years in sports information, she has jumped over to university relations. The hours in sports were a bit crazy but she had the opportunity to see many arenas and coliseums all over the country and even in Japan because of her travel with various college

teams. Her "beat" in HokieLand is the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. She covers activities, research projects and faculty/student news in 15 departments plus the School of the Arts and the School of Education. In her spare time she likes to kayak, fish, hike and enjoy the beautiful scenery in southwest Virginia. She is also choir director/pianist at the local UCC church.

Betsy Malkus Evans married **Steve Evans '80** Oct. 15, 2005. Both of them were single and after not seeing each other for almost 25 years, it made for a pleasant, though surprising, reunion. Things worked out better than they could have guessed and they got married in a very small ceremony at her family's farm. Their new home is on the Blackwater River, south of Cambridge. Their combined four sons and a daughter are keeping them young.

Colonel Mark Franklin and his wife, Cathy, had been living in Manassas Va., where he worked various assignments at the Pentagon. In December '04, he was made a colonel. In May '05, they moved to Okinawa and served as the chief, Okinawa Area Field Office for U.S. Forces, Japan. It is a great job; he works in a Marine Corps headquarters and lives on the Air Force base where they are enjoying the island life. Mark is studying Japanese and as a result, his Korean language skills have improved. Both of their children, Tara and Matt, are attending school in Virginia. He and his wife headed to Beijing in April, thus missing the reunion. He would like to hear from old friends and his address is PSC 80 Box 12972, APO AP 96367.

Luanne Leatherman Frebrtshouser is still on the Hill employment-time in the health care department. She and husband Bob spend eight months of the year in Florida near Vero Beach on North Hutchinson Island. She can walk across A1A to the ocean. Three hurricanes in the past two years destroyed lots of neighbor's homes but they had very little damage, thanks to good construction on their home. Summer months are spent in Westminster where she spends lots of days at the College helping prepare for freshmen arrivals come August.

Betsy Walsh Geiger is still teaching high school English and plans on doing it for quite some time considering she has two daughters to put through college. She visited **McDaniel** last fall with her oldest daughter, Becca. She was amazed at how things have changed. She sends good luck to all of those who are facing college tuitions.

May Hoyle Gottlieb is working for the comptroller of the currency in Washington, D.C., as a regulatory specialist. Life as a widowed/single parent is rough but she is surviving with daughter Julia, 12. The Jersey Shore is her escape.

Mary Louise Griffin is still living in Madison, Wis., where she's been for more than 20 years. When her youngest children (twins) started kindergarten, she went back to school and is now teaching elementary students

with severe emotional and behavioral disorders. Her oldest child will be in middle school this fall. Her husband is semi-retired and maintains a private arbitration practice out of their home. They spend as much time as possible boating, fishing, swimming and relaxing at their lake house in northern Wisconsin. They recently traveled to Cozumel to celebrate her parents' 50th wedding anniversary and hope to take the family to Ireland and England when they're a little older.

Marie "Maggie" Mules Herman's family enjoys downhill skiing and mountain biking. She joined the National Ski Patrol and volunteers for RADAR, which is a local group that teaches skiing to people with special needs. Her client is blind. The family took a trip to Grand Marais (northern Minnesota on Lake Superior).

Rebecca Weller Holderness is living in Atlanta about a quarter-mile from Chastain Park for those who know "Her Lanta". Her daughters are 10 and 6. Her husband is building his own consulting business and Rebecca has decided to change jobs, too, and find something closer to home. Besides the usual kid, home, and work stuff, she has finished her third year on the Church Session — something that has been very fun and fulfilling for her.

Scott Kallins is in Bradenton, Fla., and waiting for everyone to retire and move to Florida near him. He is a board certified civil trial lawyer, one of only four percent of all the lawyers in Florida. He has five other attorneys in his practice and they do mostly trial law. He is busy in the community as the president and chairman of the board of the Manatee County YMCA, chairman of the City Merit Board and the head coach of the Sarasota Military Academy varsity lacrosse team. He is still a single guy, and is referred to as a bachelor — but he is still a BETE through and through. He has finally learned Spanish for real — not just for a grade — and speaks it fluently. South America is where he has been traveling lately. Every summer he goes skiing in Argentina.

Dawn Sweeney Lindsay is still living in southern California, single with a 17-year-old son. He is a senior this year in school and a huge Elvis fan. In April they went to Memphis and did all the "Elvis stuff." It was their first vacation with just the two of them and she found it to be an incredible bonding experience. She is a dean of instruction at a community college and believes that all of her social experiences at WMC make her a better dean because she is able to relate and understand the complexities of things with the students better. She is searching right now to become a vice president with the goal of president of a college within the next five years. Southern California has great weather and a great need to take care of yourself. She works out with a trainer on a regular basis and says she still feels like she is 23.

Karen Lyhus McCloskey says there is nothing new to report. She is still a personal

trainer at the Colosseum Gym in Columbia, Md. Her kids are in high school — Molly in 11th and Colin in 9th.

Frank McCullin has just finished his 21st year of teaching math at West Middle School in Westminister. He sees lots of WMCers. The new school principal is **George "Tom" Hill '80**. He has two daughters in college already and the third is talking about McDaniel. Right now, Fran's contribution to McDaniel is sending his boys' soccer and girls' tennis players there from Westminister High School.

Beth Gibbons McCullough is keeping busy with her three children. Rachel is in college, Seth in high school and Jesse goes to middle school. The family went to Hawaii this summer for two weeks to visit friends and neighbors from when they lived there 10 years ago. Beth is still a personal trainer and aerobics instructor.

Bernie and Nancy Marlowe Merritt's daughter Caitlin will be attending James Madison University this fall as a freshman. Their other daughter, Casey, will be a freshman in high school. Bernie continues to work in public affairs/public relations with Weber Merritt Company. Nancy purchased a company, "Moving On..." which helps seniors relocate to retirement homes.

Ginni Brown Moran and Rick's '82 oldest daughter just graduated from high school and will go to St Mary's in southern Maryland in the fall. Their other daughter just finished her sophomore year in high school and keeps Ginni busy running around to sports and work and the all-important social activities. (She will hopefully get her license next week.) Rick is busy running two companies. Ginni says she works around the house but nothing for money these days. They try to get out to play golf when they can. They get to play in tournaments with other alumni. July took them to San Francisco and Lake Tahoe for vacation.

For 16 years, **Mary Morningstar** has been a corporate lawyer with Lockheed Martin. She and husband, Wilder, a former military officer, who is also an attorney, compete in triathlons. She says they are a ton of fun. Her new passion is mountain climbing. She has climbed the Grand Teton in Wyoming and over this past summer she was headed for another summit.

Cindy Myles Rhodes lives in Columbia, Md., with her husband, Jon Rhodes, and their three sons, twins Ethan and Seth, 4, and Avi Benjamin, 6 months. Cindy is a consultant with BearingPoint, Inc., working in real estate and technology.

JoAnne Campitelli Nelson is still with Ciena Corporation as director in order management. She has completed putting on an addition to her home and the family loves the extra space. She spends most of her time with her three children: Jessie, 16, Joe, 12, and Tony, 9. They are busy with soccer and lacrosse. JoAnne got in to the soccer thing, too, and coached some recreational teams.

She loved it. She is starting to look at colleges for her daughter — hard to believe — as so many of you had said. A cruise to the Bahamas last year for the family, the first for JoAnne, and she loved that too.

Doug Otte is the lead systems analyst at CareFirst Blue Cross in D.C., where he's worked for more than 21 years. His wife, Stephanie Thompson, is a contracts specialist at the US OPM. His daughter, Devin, is almost 13. In addition to school, she's on a WACS soccer team and plays basketball for the school team. She also plays piano. They still live in Hyattsville, Md.

Pam Owen Leese is still flying for American Airlines, however she has moved back home to Florida and is based in Miami. She is in the process of building a home in an airport community. She loves the sun and beaches.

Michele Pierdock is the executive director of the Tucker Snopark, a recreated maritime village in Teckon, N.J. It is a project of the Barnegat Bay Duckery and Baysmens Museum. After being in Newark, N.J., on September 11, Michele decided it was time to get out of the New Jersey government. Prior to the Seaport, she was the CEO of a Jersey Civil Scout Council — she got the uniform and all. No kids for her but a significant other.

Jane Garrity Plantholt's son is off to Washington and Lee University in Virginia for college this fall. He is an extremely good baseball player and excellent student so there were a lot of offers to sign through. He was Harford County Player of the Year and graduated in the top five percent of his class. Their daughter is a sophomore in high school, busy in sports, keeping Jane and husband Bill very busy. They will be celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary this fall. Jane has taught at Southampton Middle School in Bel Air for 23 years and still loves it. She has been teaching so long that some of her students are now teachers and principals. She has also taught the children of some of her WMC classmates. This winter, one of her former students became an Olympian.

Craig and Sherry Bennett '82 Rae are in Hudson, Wisc. He runs SMC-Innovations, which takes him to Europe and Asia. Their son attends college at Catawba College in North Carolina, and plays golf. Their two daughters are active in the band at school and also play golf. Craig says the winters in Wisconsin are long and cold but the "other two months of the year are nice." Guess that is why his son went to North Carolina. Smart young man.

Owen Rouse and his wife make their home in Ruxton, Md., where he continues to make an honest living in the commercial real estate world as a partner in the real estate development/brokerage firm of Manekin LLC based in Columbia. You may have seen one of his projects if you follow the LPGA. The LPGA championship was held for a second year at the Manekin-owned Bulls Rock Golf Course in Havre de Grace. There's a good

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News from our Master's Alumni

Charles Neri

ME'82, a counselor at Bermudian Springs Middle School, was awarded the Middle School Counselor of the Year by the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association.

Cynthia Johnson Ingraham

MS'88 has been regional representative for the Helen Keller Center for the Deaf-Blind for 16 years. She is also a doctoral student at Lamar University and has authored numerous publications on deaf-blindness.

Beth Daigle-King

MS'94 is teaching deaf children in Hawaii.

Dwayne Piper MS'95

MS'95, assistant principal at Liberty High School for four years, has been appointed principal at Eldersburg High School.

Laura Kuntzman Oswald

MS'98, head of the English department at Walkersville High, was recently named Frederick County Middle Schools 2006 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher.

Brian Vasquez

MS'00, assistant principal at Thurmont Middle School, has been promoted to principal at Brunswick Middle School.

Jonah Knight

MS'02 is the artistic director of The New Play House, a nonprofit theatre production company, which he co-founded with his wife, Lisa, in 2004. He was interim manager for the Frederick Arts Council from May to July.

Todd Sarubin '83
is celebrating
20 years of
practicing
dentistry
with his
father,
uncle and
cousin.

chance some alumni may be purchasing one of the 2,100 home sites he's developing around the course.

Life in Greenville, S.C. is terrific for **Laurie Morstein Rovin**. Greenville has become an amazing town, and she is thrilled to be a part of the community development. She is working at United Way and is actively involved in improving early care and education in South Carolina. This year, she won the YMCA Women of Achievement: Dream Achiever Award. The award is given to everyday women in the community who make a difference in the local community. Her husband, Paul, is building Judaica Artwork, most recently an Ark for an Atlanta Synagogue. Daniel, 17, is a budding jazz musician and is determined to be a professional saxophonist, and Hannah, 14, is just having fun with life.

Todd Sarubin is celebrating 20 years of practicing dentistry with his father, uncle and cousin. He has been married to Jules for five years and has a total of four children—the oldest is 18 and starting college at a university of Tampa and the youngest is 4.

Luise Herrera Scalzi is busy with kids and life like the rest of us. She wonders if it will ever slow down. Soccer with her son, 6, and daughter, 9, kept her busy this past spring. She volunteers at her kids' school and also teaches for home/hospital program. She volunteers with the Carroll County Community Conference Association. She sees several alumni and appreciates the bond that connects them. Vacation took them to Long Island and New England camping this year. The whole family gets in to planning the itinerary and route. Now that the kids are older camping actually feels like a vacation.

Janet Carr Short has been at the Department of the Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground for 24 years. She does things with vehicles and rockets and the war is keeping her very busy. In 2004 she was appointed as the U.S. National Point of Contact for Mobile Land Targets. She meets with representatives from Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. This has led her to be able to travel to England and Quebec to City. **Ken Short** took a job with Howard County Planning Department. He had his own consulting business in historic preservation for seven years prior. He is using that knowledge with Howard County in documenting historic structures in the county. Hopefully he is able to do this before they demolish the property. He is co-authoring a book on Maryland architecture, which will serve as Maryland's entry in "Buildings of the U.S." series. Their oldest daughter is a sophomore at Towson High and has McDaniel College as one of her top five picks for college. Monica is in seventh grade and has already decided that McDaniel is for her. In August '05, the family went to Rome, Florence and Venice for three weeks. This year vacation is closer to home. A trip to Virginia to celebrate her mother's 80th birthday — she too is a

Western Maryland alumna. **Mary Kennedy Carr '47**. The family took classes at Common Ground on the Hill this summer while Ken was an instructor for the program.

Regan Smith is still practicing law in Ocean City and is busy raising his three kids with his wife, Julie. Soccer, basketball and lacrosse are keeping them busy. Surfing and boating too. Driver's education is coming soon and that brings a panic to Regan.

Carla Fifer-Staub and her husband Mike will be celebrating 46 years of marriage this December. Carla writes that is probably longer than most of her classmates' age. She is the program director at Lutheran Counseling Services at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Hanover, Pa. She is lessening her hours and looking towards retirement. Her husband is having some medical issues and she wants to be with him more. In April she went to the American Association of Pastoral Counselors Conference in Louisville, Ky. While there she got to see her grandchildren. They have a total of 11 grandchildren.

Life is good in Cincinnati for **Stu Streit**. He has survived all of the downsizing (so far) and is still with Quest Communications as a senior sales engineer. His wife, Karen, is a stay-at-home mom with Katie, 14, and Keley, 12. They stay busy with soccer, lacrosse, softball, volleyball, basketball, piano, clarinet, fencing, chorus and band. They went on a houseboat trip in Kentucky. They had a great time water skiing and tubing and Stu only got the houseboat stuck once.

Deanna Taylor is still in West Jordan, Utah. She and her husband, Tom King, have four children, ages 16-27. They do a lot of camping, backpacking, hiking and biking. They are very active in the Green Party Politics and the peace and environmental movements. Dee is busy teaching music, yearbook and special education and she is the service-learning coordinator for City Academy, a public charter school in Salt Lake City for grades 7-12.

Debbie Taylor Meagher lives in Monkton, Md., with her husband, David, a software engineer and lead singer of Alive-n-Kickin. They have adopted two kids from Korea, ages 2 and 3, who keep them very busy. She is also still playing tennis and will be competing in the Mixed Doubles District Championships later this month. Her business before kids was designing custom clothing for private clients and she hopes to ramp that up again once both little ones are old enough for school.

Mike Turner has been living in Chino Hills, Calif., since 1990 and has two children, Devin James, 17, and Alexandria Rose, 15. He got re-married on June 4, 2006, to Josie Martinez of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. The wedding took place in Laguna Beach, with a honeymoon on Maui. Coming from a liberal arts college, he sometimes finds it a bit hard to believe his career path, which has been concentrated in defense and commercial aerospace. He supported the B-2 Bomber Pro-

gram from 1983 until 1998, first as a buyer, then as an industrial engineer at Northrop Grumman. This was followed by four years as a requirements analyst at Northrop Grumman/Vought on the Boeing 747 program. He has now been with Tecolote Research, a contractor for the Air Force, since 2002. He provides project management and scheduling support for the Global Positioning Satellite System or GPS.

All is well with **Barb Forrey Wahlbrink**. Barb says that having two girls in high school this fall will make them feel a bit older, but the one in elementary school keeps them young. **Jeff '80** is still busy with HoneyBaked Ham Gathersburg and enjoys occasional surprise visits from old friends who stop by the store when they are in the area. Come by anytime to see him; at the holidays you'll find the whole family up there slinging ham. Barb is working part time at their church, busy at home and trying to savor the joys and blessings of the years that seem to be flying by too fast.

The sad news from our class is that two classmates have passed away. **Brett Randall Schurmann** on December 29, 2004, and **Howard Lester Wallace** on October 27, 2005.

Lester died from a heart attack. He was a Bishop in Bel Air, Md. He was married to Tanya Wallace for 24 years and had three children, Courtney Marie Wallace and Lauren Ashley Wallace and one son, the late Brandon Stephen Wallace. He had two grandchildren. Brett was case manager for the State Department of Safety and Correctional Services. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis at age 25 and died of pneumonia. He married **Judith Caldwell Schurmann '80**.

As for me, I am in Altamonte Springs, Fla., just outside of Orlando. I am about 30 minutes from the attractions. I have opened a mental health practice here with four, soon to be five, offices in the Greater Orlando area. I have about 10 therapists who work for my practice. Mental health is certainly being the times in Florida as compared to Maryland. Building the business and developing programs is keeping me busy. I am a chairperson for Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society in Altamonte Springs. I am engaged to a man who has a daughter, 17, and a son, 14. The son lives with us. Having no children of my own, becoming a "step mom" sure has been a learning experience—especially to teenagers. He is from Canada and hopes that we will retire there someday. Just a little weather issue we need to work out. Getting everyone's e-mails has been fun. We really have a diverse group of people that have graduated from WMC. If anyone heads to Florida to do the Disney or Universal thing, give me a call and let's get together for lunch. I would love to see everyone.

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The year 2005 was a milestone year, as many of us turned the big 4-0. Among the classmates who took the time to write to me, there were many celebrations held and exciting trips made to commemorate the occasion. Thanks to everyone who contributed their love for this column!

Life for **ITC Sandra Brandt Alvey** has been extremely fast-paced. In May '04, she became the USAEC Pest Management Program team leader (in charge of all installation pest management issues for 66 CONUS Army installations). After serving as vice chair of the Department of Defense (DoD) pest management program, she was promoted to chair, the highest civilian position in DoD. Along with her civilian government career and her U.S. Army Reserves career, Sandra stays busy with her family: Douglas, 16, Gregory, 13, Samantha, 10, and husband, **Alan '85**, who is now a DoD GS15. The Alveys have vacationed in Orlando, Fla.; Bethel, Maine; Puerto Vallarta; the Great Smoky Mountains, and Melbourne, Australia. Sandra's new hobbies include Harley riding with Alan, caring for 45 acres and spending lots of time with both sides of the family.

Michael Angell lives in Brighton, Mich., and is an associate professor in the biology department at Eastern Michigan University, where he teaches microbiology and immunology and also serves as the pre-med/vet adviser. Mike and his wife, Jill, welcomed their daughter, Sarah, on May 5, 2005, while their son, Greg, entered sixth grade this fall. While he is still active as a firefighter and EMT with his local fire department, Mike's new hobby is sailing on the many lakes in the area.

Liz Fox Beaulieu lives in Durham, N.H., and teaches at Newmarket Junior/Senior High School. Last spring, she was the seventh grade special education teacher, but beginning in the fall, moved to the sixth grade language arts position. Her winter weekends are spent skiing with her three children; summers are spent at their place on Conway Lake. This past summer, Liz's family spent eight days in Ireland for a big family reunion with her relatives there.

Ferren DeMore Bolesta and family are still happy in Frederick after 14 years. Ferren's sons, Mason, 13; Gage, 10; and Logan, 7, are in school full time and she has truly enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom. Ferren is lacrosse manager for Mason's team, volunteers at the boys' school and works part time buying and selling collectibles for several stores around Frederick. She enjoyed a trip to St. Maarten this past January and a 40th birthday celebration for **Kim O'Dea Landgraf** in Atlantic City last November. She also saw **Alums Chris '89** and **Karen Kinningham Morris, Drew '86** and **Laura Ahalt Heck, Tom '88** and **Kathy Eskut '90** Krach, and **Darrell and Kris Twiford '88** Guyton at Julie Bugz Maher's 40th birthday celebration. Ferren is looking forward to see-

ing everyone at the reunion next year.

Ken Brignall lives in York, Pa., and celebrated 14 years of marriage to wife Jeanne this year. He is a proud dad to Kyle, 11, and Christopher, 8, and enjoys coaching their soccer and basketball teams. Ken has been in pharmaceutical sales for over 12 years. In the last four years have been with Pfizer, working exclusively with Johns Hopkins and University of Maryland, as a senior therapeutic specialty representative for neurology and pain management.

Debbie Karr Codd retired after 12 years from Colliers Pinkard, a commercial real estate firm headquartered in Baltimore, where she was a vice president. She says she is happy to now be able to spend more time with her daughter, Casey, 9, and is looking forward to continuing her volunteer work. She and her husband, Tom, live near Towson, Md., and spend a lot of time in Bethany Beach, Del.

Last spring, **Martin Conover** and his partner of 17 years, **Jeffrey D. Kirkwood, MS '88, MIA '00**, moved to a condominium on Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis. This meant taking their business, Conover-Kirkwood Nonprofit Consulting, to new clients in the Twin Cities while maintaining East Coast contracts. Martin is proud that, at the five-year mark, the firm is a success and that (so far) he and Jeff haven't killed each other working together. From Minneapolis, Martin and Jeff make regular weekend treks to their bungalow in Spooner, Wis., where they spend time with Jeff's parents, siblings and their 6-year-old niece. In October, they were to travel to Tuscany and Rome, and in January '07 hope to make their second trip to New Zealand to visit friends, Martin and Jeff see **Katie Hailstone-Besche '86** and **Lori Hayman**.

After 10 years in Minnesota, **Norm Dahl** moved back to the East Coast this past summer. He is now living in Malverna, Pa.

Nancy Fens Dearing sends a hello to all her friends from Connecticut, where she lives with her husband, Steve, and their infant son, Robert Theodore "Teddy," born Nov. 11, 2005. Nancy wrote that Teddy was the best 40th birthday gift she could ever ask for. Coincidentally, only a week later, her college roommate, **Kim Holtzinger Whiteley**, also gave birth to her first child, a boy named **Dennis Marcus "Marc."**

Bryce DeMatte, and his wife, **Lori Perugini '91**, have been enjoying time with their daughter, Kelsey, swimming, playing soccer and softball. Last spring, they attended the wedding of **Todd Mitchell** in Hampstead, Md. **Allen Mott, Paul Maiorano** and **Bleke Austensen '88** all had a great time enjoying Maryland crabs and pit beef. Dennis sends his best wishes to Todd and his new wife, Karen.

Kelly Connor Dietsch is the director of Day Camp Sunshine at the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, N.J. The challenging job includes supervising 60 camp staff and working with 300 campers, ages 5-15, weekly

throughout the summer. Kelly writes that she truly loves it. In September, Kelly celebrated her first wedding anniversary with **Andrew Dietsch**, a local farmer.

In April 2005, **Nicollé D. Gaines** completed a series of cake-decorating classes and started her own cake designing business. Also in 2005, she completed a marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, as a member of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program. It was her second experience race walking in the rain. This past spring, Nicollé celebrated her 40th birthday by going on a western Caribbean cruise where she enjoyed helmet diving, kayaking, jet skiing and hiking. In the spring of '06, Nicollé was thrilled to get back on the stage in several local productions, including "The Life Story of Marvin Gaye" and a tap-dancing performance at her church, where she is a member of the choir and the praise team. She is also a leader in deaf ministry as a sign-language teacher and interpreter. Nicollé has been teaching second grade for more than five years. Her children, Jerry, 16, and Nicalia, 14, are now in high school.

David Grodnick and his wife, Lori, spend most of their time chasing after their daughter, Sloane, 5, who loves playing golf and tennis, and swimming at the New Jersey shore during the summer. In 2005, David was promoted to senior vice president and counsel. His company, General Land Abstract Co., Inc., is now a wholly owned subsidiary of First American Title Insurance Company (a Fortune 500 Company). David is the director of the National Commercial Services division in New Jersey. He keeps in touch and often gets together with **Eric Hummel, John Chesock '88, John Giza '88** and **Steve Knight '88**.

Margaret "Margie" Gutierrez is a licensed attorney in Maryland, but relocated to Key West in 2003 for the island life. She is currently studying to take the Florida and Massachusetts bar exams as she also lives in Provincetown during the Florida hurricane season. Margie is still in touch with her sister, **Theresa Gutierrez Battaglia '88, Melinda Milburn Palmeri '88, Mary Beth Angus Taylor, Sarah Kimmel Lemon, Beth Riffey Matsui, AnnMarie Brannan Thacker** and **Tracy Kennard** Lim. Last year, this group traveled to Cancun to celebrate turning 40—of course, they reverted to their Old Skool ways and had a blast.

Laura Ahalt Heck has been teaching in Mt. Airy, Md. for 18 years, both as a first grade and second grade teacher. This year, she moved to a new primary building, Parr's Ridge Elementary. She stays busy watching youth sporting events. Her sons, Corey, 15, and Logan, 10, play baseball, soccer and basketball. Laura also enjoys spending time with **Drew's '86** siblings and their families—**Wade Heck '88, Randy '82** and **Cindy Swezey '83 Heck**—on the Eastern Shore.

Dawn Heiges Hoffman is still living outside

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member of
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and Lymphoma
Society's Team
in Training
Program.

class notes

**Steve Lutche '87
and his wife,
Lucy Purcell '86,
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anyone who is
traveling in
Harford County
with children to
stop by Annie's
Playground, a
spectacular
public park they
helped build.**

of Gettysburg with Adam, her husband of 18 years. Adam works as a journey lineman with Metropolitan Edison. Their daughter Samantha, 15, and sons, Kurt, 12, and Mitchell, 10, are all involved in sports and thriving in school. Dawn has been teaching at Emmitsburg Elementary School in Frederick County. Dawn started the Emmitsburg Scholar Bowl event, which is a celebration of knowledge, dinner and music. She is also the multicultural representative for the school, and is working towards her 60 credits as a reading specialist. The Hoffmans vacation yearly on the Outer Banks and occasionally at Emerald Isle, N.C., spending time with friends Denny and Donna White. Denny was often the DJ at Alpha Nu Omega parties back on the Hill. Dawn keeps in touch with **Ann Rice Dunn** and her husband, Rick, and daughters Suzanne and Madeline.

After working in the alumni and development office on the Hill for nine years, Laura Russell left to pursue other options. She works as the operations manager in the major gifts office at Catholic Relief Services in downtown Baltimore and still lives in Westminster. She enjoys having a great group of friends in the small town, many of whom she met through the alumni network. "I'm still single and only have three cats for children. I enjoy volunteering my time for various local charities and planning events."

C. Lee Holmes Jr. sent in his update from the "warm woodlands of Camp Shelby, Miss.," where he was mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom last spring. Lee and his family moved to St. Louis, Mo., in July '04 when he took a promotion to an affiliated company. Currently, he is the human resources manager with Sunnen Products Company. His wife, **Trish Feag**, is busy raising Zach, 15, **Ara**, 13, **Josh**, 9, and **David**, 7, while Lee is serving in southwest Asia. He's not sure when they'll get back to Maryland to stay hi, but with family there, they do make the trip from time to time.

Derek Howatt admits that this is the first time he's sent in news for *The Hill!* Derek reports that he has been in the landscaping/grounds keeping industry for over 15 years. As the current supervisor of grounds and athletic complexes for Charles County Public Schools, Derek spends most of his time working on athletic fields. Before that, he was head groundskeeper for the Bowie Baysox, the Orioles AA team, and from 1999-2003 was the assistant groundskeeper for the Orioles. Derek keeps in touch with **Doug Hitchcock '89**.

Tracy Kennard Iann is the director of corporate communications for Constellation Energy in Baltimore, Md. She still lives in Reisterstown with her husband, Donald, who is a graphic designer. In June '05, she and a group of college friends, **Sarah Kimmel Lemon**, **Mary Beth Angus Taylor**, **Beth Riffey Matsui**, **Margie Gutierrez**, **AnnMarie Brannon**, **Theresa**

Gutierrez Battaglia '88, and **Melinda Milburn Palmeri '88**, celebrated their 40th birthdays by going to Cancun. She is happy to report there were no arrests and that Team Old Skool dominated the poolside activities competitions.

Steven Johnson and his wife, **Maritree**, have three wonderful children, one in high school, one in middle school, and one in elementary school. They live in Westminster, where Steve is the director of curriculum and instruction for Carroll County Public Schools. In his spare time, Steve officiates high school and college football. He writes that even though their kids' hobbies and sports take up most of their time, they were looking forward to vacationing in Cancun this past summer.

Susan Pinto Keen is on the go every night with her soccer-playing kids, **Bradley**, 11, and **Abby** and **Lindsey**, 10. In addition to playing soccer almost all year long, they also play baseball and softball in the spring. Susan still works part time at the same CPA firm, giving her the flexibility she needs. In the summer '06, her entire family, 11 in all, traveled to Maine for vacation. She writes that while life is crazy, but, she does miss seeing her friends from college.

John Lambeth is the vice president of information technology at Blackboard in Washington, D.C. He and his family, wife **Tenna**, daughter **Annell**, 14, and son, **Ian**, 8, love to travel and recently made a trip to Belize, Honduras and Mexico.

Luc Levensohn is still living in Manchester, Maine, with his wife, **Sara**, son **Phillip**, 9, daughter **Emma**, 7, and boxer **Kita**, 5. He and his family had an excellent visit with **Karen Scheidt Groner** and her husband, **Kevin '86**, last year and hoped to see them in New Hampshire this past summer. Luc is swimming with the Feders, practicing Bikram yoga and also coaches his son's lacrosse team. His day job is as vice president of operations for Pro-Tect Services (a company that provides national residential property valuations).

Steve Lutche and his wife, **Lucy Purcell '86**, are grateful for the fun bunch of alumni and their families that they see regularly. Their get-togethers include annual treks to the beaches of Maryland and Carolina, and a trip last year to the Hyatt in Cambridge for Steve's 40th Birthday. Steve believes that turning 40 with friends like **Darrell "Van Halen" Guyton** and **Hanes underwear model Richie Wheatley** has rejuvenated his spirits. On a serious note, Steve's law practice located in Bel Air is busier than ever, and the firm is continuing to grow each year. Lucy is now brokering mortgages for Charter Funding on a part-time basis, giving her a more flexible schedule to be with their children, **Brigitte**, 9, and **Stevie**, 6. When not playing sports, **Brigitte** and **Stevie** are running around their Fallston, Md., neighborhood with friends and cousins, including the daughters of **Chris '89** and **Laurie Lutche '92 Scannell**, and **Mike '88** and **Barb Raynor '89 O'Connell**. The Annie's Playground

project that the Lutches are involved in was completed in the fall and is now open to the public. They encourage anyone who is traveling in or near Harford County with children to stop by the park, which he says is truly beyond description and unlike any creative playground in the area.

Big news for Vera Strotzman McMurrin. She was thrilled to write that she had recently welcomed her husband, **Sterling**, home from his deployment in Iraq. In the spring of '05, Vera accepted a transfer to the Wal-Mart home office in Bentonsville, Ark. She and her son, **Drew**, 14, managed the move together, and **Sterling** came home to a new house in **Bella Vista, Ark.**

Margaret Miller and her husband, **Rob Laura**, moved from Portland, Ore., to Millersville, Md., more than two years ago. They settled into a new home almost a year ago, renovating 80-percent of the house. Margaret works for **Maritz, Inc.**, as an organizational development facilitator for General Motors. Her territory ranges from Delaware to Maryland to Virginia to North Carolina. She recently began work toward earning a master's in organizational development at American University-N.T.I. in Washington, D.C. Being in Maryland again has brought her closer to family, but she misses her brother, **Billy**, who passed away two years ago.

Beth Rudow Peed and husband **Mark** enjoy living near the Potomac in King George, Va. They enjoy boating, camping, and baseball (of course, they are Orioles fans) with their sons, **Ben**, 10, and **James**, 7. Beth is still a civil servant for the Navy.

Amy Ratcliffe is still living in Venice, Fla., but in a new home. She has been busy with all the fun (and not-so-fun) things home-ownership brings. Amy is under contract to the Federal Reserve as a freelance editor/project manager for their *International Journal of Central Banking*.

Dea Reith, who lives in Smithfield, Va., has been the controller at the Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipyard since the fall of 2002. He and his wife, **Sharon Pierce '88**, spend their time enjoying the activities of **JD**, 15, **Jennifer**, 11, and **Ben**, 6. Jennifer keeps them the busiest with her singing "career." She auditioned for the Virginia Children's Chorus and will travel to England in the summer of '07. The newest member of the Reith family is **Sadie**, a sheltie puppy. This summer, the Reiths enjoyed a Disney Cruise and swam with dolphins in Nassau.

Linda Marriott Renner's life continues to be crazy with twins **Hannah** and **Noah**, 4, and eldest son, **Colin**, 13. She is in her 12th year of teaching at Faith Christian in Westminster, and this past spring was preparing for Colin's last year and the twins' first year at FCS. Linda's husband, **Doug '80**, has been coaching Cross Country and Track and Field at WMC/McDaniel for over 20 years.

Suzanne Brazis Rossi loves teaching. After enjoying 10 years "off" as a stay-at-home

mom, she is now working full time as a physical education teacher for first- through fifth-graders at Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills, Md. Additionally, she coaches the school's field hockey, basketball and lacrosse teams and works in the admissions office as the admissions-athletics liaison. Nick, 13, Megan, 10, Jack, 8, and Mallory, 6, are all busy with sports, too. Suzanne and her husband, Chris, traveled to Las Vegas to celebrate his 40th birthday. She says **Dawn Defabugh Anderson '88**, **Maureen Kilroy Bagwell '86**, **Julie Biddinger Jones '90**, and the Phi Sigma Sigma Thirsty Thursday Group.

Kate Sampsel-Willmann met Douglas Willmann while teaching in Turkey; the couple was married in 2003. Kate accepted a faculty position in American history at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, Doha, Qatar, and has submitted a book manuscript (under contract) to the University of North Carolina Press. She's taken up scuba diving and is growing fond of underwater photography. She also enjoys deep driving and spends a lot of time traveling around the world, in search of green hills, running fresh water for paddling purposes, and the perfect noodle dish — so far Thailand tops her list with Scotland as a close second. Kate and Douglas have a black Lab/Dalmatian mix named Karl who likes the desert but is not terribly fond of water. Visit their website at <http://homepage.mac.com/kswillmann/Menu.html> to keep track of their adventures.

Margaret Gernski Schatz is the U.S. K-12 segment manager at Microsoft, which she says is the perfect fit for her love of both marketing and the education industry. She's continually telling people "I've got skin in the game" since she's the proud mom of three, Jenna, 6, Spencer, 3, and Jackson, 1. She can't imagine what their classroom experience will be compared to hers of 35 years ago. Although now firmly planted in St. Louis with their house, dog, and many activities with the kids, Margaret misses the East Coast and the Atlantic Ocean — she's negotiated (with her husband, Mark) to live out her retirement in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Beverly Kreitler Shaner has been a dealer for Cherrubs-N-Chocolate personalized candy bars for over a year now. Not only does she enjoy creating customers' designs, but she also likes the bookkeeping side of the business, which is putting her accounting courses to good use. Bev has taken up ballet as a way to stay in shape, and has found that it also exercises her mind. She and her husband, Chuck, are both active in the choir and bell choir at their church. Last spring, the bell choir played at a wedding that was filmed by The Learning Channel, the segment was aired as part of a special show called "A Day of Weddings." Traveling remains the Shaners' favorite pastime — in 2005, they toured Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Munich and Zurich with their choir and also enjoyed a great cruise to Bermuda with Bev's

family. When Bev sent in her news, she and Chuck were eagerly anticipating a two-week trip to Greece planned for July '06.

Andy Stefanelli and **Estelle Almagosa '86** live in Darnestown, Md., with their five children, Carly, 13, Drew, 12, Perry, 10, Margi, 6, and Jack, 4. Andy is president of Stel Management Corporation, which owns and operates four service stations and two independent auto repair facilities in the Bethesda and Potomac area. He enjoys being the head coach of Drew and Perry's youth football teams each fall. His daughter, Carly, just began high school this fall, attending Andy's alma mater, Good Counsel. In addition to the big party Andy and Estelle host every July that is heavily attended by alumni, they also vacation each summer in the Outer Banks of North Carolina with **Chet '85** and **Sue Maywalt Williams**. Andy gets together with **Pete Wilson**, **Mark "Duke" Jantorno '86**, **Paul "PJ" Johnson**, **Todd Ewing**, **Bill Boyadjis '86**, and **Mike Murphy** a few times a year for a steak and to catch up with the boys.

Dave Stroud sends his regards from Omaha, Neb., where he is working at U.S. Strategic Command on future communications satellites for the Department of Defense. He spends his spare time doing Cub Scout activities with his two boys, James and Sean. Dave lives with **Dennis DeMatte** and his wife, **Lori Perugini '91**, last fall and planned to see them again this past summer at the Jersey shore. Dave will be retiring from the Army next year, but is not sure where his family will move or what exactly he will do — he just knows it is time to try something new.

Not much has changed for **Robert "Richie" Wheatley** since we last heard from him. He and his wife, Martha, enjoy parenting their five children, ranging in age from 2 to 13. Richie has worked for JP Morgan Chase for more than 15 years as a mortgage banker. The Wheatleys embrace their Eastern Shore life of boating and spending weekends with family and friends. This past summer, they again vacationed in North Carolina's Outer Banks with families of alumni **Darrell Goyton**, **Mike Murphy**, **Steve Lutche**, **Rich McCaughey '90**, **Jeff Rink '88**, **Chris '89** and **Laurie Lutche '92**. **Scannell**, and **Mike '88** and **Barb Raynor '89** O'Connor.

Aaron Zajic is now daddy to Ethan, 2, who is a "ton of fun." Aaron has been working for the Department of Justice since 1990 and still finds it interesting after all these years. He keeps in touch with **Greg Merrill**, **Mike and Suzanne Meadows Hogan** and **Henry "Hank" Honick**, along with **Karen Saar '88** and **Mia Winter '88**.

Whiger Mahle Gauert and her husband live in Columbia, Md., with their two children, Christopher, 3, and Heather, who was born just after Thanksgiving 2005. Ginger is in her 20th year of teaching in Howard County (she has only 10 years until retirement). The Gauerts are building a log cabin in Urbana, Va., and will hopefully get it done by the end

of 2006. Ginger hasn't seen or heard from any alumni lately, but does send out a hello to Dr. Fennell.

Wendy Haug Enst teaches music to young children in Sioux Falls, S.D., both as a Kindermusik instructor and at the Citibank Family Center. She is also co-director of the Kindermusik program. Wendy shares the exciting news that both of her sons were successfully nominated and invited to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program. This past summer, Corey, 13, went to Europe, while Dylan, 11, traveled to Australia, where they lived with host families, saw the sights of major cities and enjoyed unique outdoor activities. Most importantly, as Student Ambassadors with People to People delegations, the boys had the opportunity to share information about the American culture and learn about other cultures. Since they traveled with teachers from the area and no parents went along, the boys also learned plenty about responsibility. Wendy wrote that it was very challenging for her and her husband, Don, to have them gone for those weeks, but they did enjoy some rare time together.

Beth James Simmons moved from the Northwest back to Plano, Texas, so her family could help with childcare. Her daughter, Shimea, started kindergarten this fall. Beth started a career with Sally White and Associates as a job coach consultant back in July and is thrilled because it uses both her counseling and recruiting backgrounds. She has also taken up beading and has had several people tell her she should open a business on the side, but just doesn't have time for it right now. Beth sends hellos to **Elaine Pappas** and **Lea Herndon Smith**.

In February '05, I celebrated my 40th birthday with five other couples at a "Chocolate Lovers Weekend," held annually at the Manchester Inn, a bed-n-breakfast in Ocean Grove, N.J. It was so good, we went back again in 2006. In November '05, during New Jersey's Teachers' Convention Week, my husband, Ron, and I took our two sons, Christopher, six, and Gregory, 7, to Walt Disney World for the first time. It has now been four years since I was let go from ATR! This past year, I did some freelance writing for a local publishing company, became more involved at the boys' school, and spent more time on my hobbies — digital photography, scrapbooking and reading. Although the transition from working full time to being a stay-at-home mom was a little rough, I can truly say that I enjoy it — just in time for me to start looking to go back now that my youngest son is in first grade!

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Dave Stroud '89
sends his regards
from Omaha,
Neb., where he
is working at
U.S. Strategic
Command
on future
communications
satellites for the
Department of
Defense.

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Andy Coultts has been living back in Maryland for the past five years and is currently in Catonsville with long-time girlfriend Jill Joseph. He works as a sales process trainer for Tradesmen International in Baltimore and was recently back on campus visiting the career center trying to court a new sales representative.

Ron Chesney and **Kourtney Sullivan '96 Chesney** currently live in Mount Airy, Md. They have three children: Alyssa, 6, Carter, 4, and Lauren, 1. Ron is an adviser for Smith Barney and still actively plays soccer. He keeps in touch with **Albert "Burr" Burkner**, **Keith '92** and **Kourtney Sweeney Purcaro**, **Scott Schoberg '94**, **Craig Eik '90**, **Denise Sarver Smith**, **Eric Resh**, **Matt '95** and **Sarah Strickland St. Jean**, **Steve West '96**, **Russ Weber**, **Colin Fraser '89**, **Denny Snyder '89**, **Chris Kaplan '95**, **Rick Estes '96**, **Brian Redding '93**, **Tommy Long '02** and **Dave Long '97**, **Thomas Kane '02**, **Andrew Wu '06**, **Todd Knepper '06**, and bunch of the younger college soccer players.

Katie Shepherd Dredder took a leave of absence from her job with Calvert County Public Schools to spend more time with daughters Loretta, 3, and Hannah Louise, born in April. She enjoys opportunities to spend time with my Omega friends, **Jessica Barlow Howell '92**, **Sarah Biggs Warner '92**, **Wendy Gajo Pardee** and **Eric Thompson Strowl**.

Jen Hill Buczyk and husband Jeff will celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary this year. They have two kids, Hallie, 7, and Joshua, 3. They built a home in Manchester three years ago and Jen manages her family's land development businesses. Life is great!

Life is good in Asheville, N.C., for **Matt Cook**. Son John Aaron turned 7 in May. He and wife Nicole swim with the Asheville Masters Swimming Samurais. They have been getting up at 4:30 a.m. every morning, six days a week to train. It is paying off, though, because he qualified for the state meet in Raleigh in April and the national meet in Coral Springs, Fla., in the beginning of May. He is looking forward to doing the long course this summer and some open water swims too. Matt is now a full-time small business owner; CEO of Newton Aquatics LLC, which teaches Asheville how to swim. He also just completed construction of his own indoor Endless Pool at home, which he feels sure beats teaching eighth-grade language arts by a long shot. He's also in his second year as the head swim coach at Carolina Day School. Matt spent the previous four years coaching for a large public school but prefers the private school due to its great facility, supportive staff, parents who beg to help, and lack of a football team. Matt wonders how the former occupants of 66 Pennsylvania Avenue and the Garden Apartments chapter of Delta Iota Chi are doing. If any of you feel like heading for higher ground, let him know.

Leslie Shimkus Biederman and her husband,

Andy, of four years moved from the Lake Tahoe, Calif., area (after 14 years) to just outside of Reno, Nev. They love it. They live on a couple of acres and have wild horses walking through their front yard daily. Leslie sells real estate in both California and Nevada, and she and her husband are busy developing property in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Currently, they're building a small condominium complex close to downtown. It's great because it gives them an opportunity to get down there quite often, and they look forward to retiring there hopefully sooner rather than later. Leslie knows she's been out-of-touch with WMC (McDaniel) classmates, but says hi to her Phi Alpha friends and would love to hear from all friends from those days.

Matt Gebhard has been called back to active duty with the Army again. This time with the special operations command Pacific. He sends a hello to all the former ROTC and swim team people, especially Kim Easterday and family. He's still in touch with **Rob Newman '99** who says hi from New Orleans.

Jacqueline M. Fignar-Wood '02 and **Thomas O. Wood Jr.** celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary May 30. LCDR Fignar is currently stationed in Atsugi, Japan, and is serving as a board-certified family physician in the U.S. Navy. Her naval obligation will be finished October '06 and she has taken a job in Meyersdale, Pa., as one of three family physicians in the area. Tom will be teaching high school chemistry. Tom and Jackie have two children, Jack, 3, and Josephine "Josie," 14 months. Jackie and Tom would like to say "hi" to **Barry Hoopengardner**, **Cristine Keiner**, **Jen Disney** and **Skip** and Emily. They have thought about you guys over the years and hope you are all doing well.

Ed Buzzzi lives in McLean, Va., with wife Sue Clabby and daughter Landrigh. He still works in Arlington education for a private company in Arlington, and runs his expanding side business, Buzzzi 3 Construction, Odds-n-Ed's on the side. They enjoy spending as much time as they can relaxing and improving their beach house on the coast of Rhode Island.

Nancy Despres Dryden and her husband, Cameron, celebrated 11 years of marriage in March. In 2001, they relocated from Maryland to Leesburg, Va., and purchased their latest house in August '05. Nancy opened a dog training and daycare facility, Doggy Do Right, in November '03; it was recently mentioned in the *Washington* magazine. They have no two-legged kids but enjoy their two four-legged kids, Bjerk and Nando.

Sheri Smith Grunberg enjoys their minute of her busy life in Columbia, Md., with husband Tom '95 and two little girls, Alyssa and Carly. She just started her seventh year in private practice as a pediatrician in Catonsville. Sheri loves catching up with former roommate **Valerie Heinlein Clark** at her restaurant "Julia's" in Centreville and also still keeps in touch with **Wendy Bollinger**

and hopes to visit her one of these days in Chicago. Every few months she gets together with **Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh**, **Amy Lloyd Clayton**, **Cindy Tolk Hall**, **Christy Saksa Dolhnen '92** and **Kristie Susco Webster '94**. Within minutes all are laughing about their many adventures on the Hill.

Alicia Moore Brady and her husband are still running their agency, A.M. Moore Insurance, Inc., in Reisterstown, Md. They specialize in financial services and business insurance. Mark, 4, just earned his white belt in Tae Kwon Do. They also recently hosted their fifth annual Lzau to celebrate stepson, Matt's, 12th birthday.

Life has been busy for **Stacey Scanlon Bleckley** and husband, **Jon '94**. They welcomed their daughter, Chloe Anne, on May 3, 2006. She joins big sisters, Ava Rose, 17 months, and Grace Elizabeth, 4. In December '05, they moved into the new home they had built in Newtown Square, Pa. Nancy recently had dinner with **James Bugg**, **Stacy Zazzaro**, **Pajae Grubis Speno**, **Andrea Sweeney Richards** and **Carolyn Lew Spicer**, who says hi from touch with **Sarah Kephart Ochoa '94** and **Alicia Moore Brady**. Stacey loves catching up with everyone and hopes the rest of the class of '93 is doing well.

Tracy Bynard is currently in the last stages of finishing her Ph.D. in exercise science at Syracuse University. She has been there for five years after completing her master's at George Washington University. Her next plans include moving to Champaign, Ill., to join husband Bo Fernhall and start a post-doc in the Kinesiology Department at University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in early 2007. Tracy keeps busy running and traveling, but also tries to get home to Maryland to go fishing as much as she can. She's still able to keep in contact with **Tony Petrocchia '92**, **Martha Shaver Wester** and **Kathleen Hatcher**.

Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh, husband Travis, and two children, Brady, 5, and Kate, 3, recently moved to Lovettsville, Va. Mary is a partner with Martz, Fisher and Drawbaugh in Frederick, Md., where she practices criminal defense and family law. She is currently the president of the criminal justice coordinating committee, is on the board of directors for the 4-H Camp Center, and is active with her church and all of her children's activities. She enjoys getting together with Phi Mu sisters and friends: **Sheri Smith Grunberg**, **Christy Saksa Dolhnen '92**, **Jonelle Leth Jozwiak '92**, **Carla Castagna O'Neill**, **Amy Lloyd Clayton**, **Kristie Susco Webster '94** and **Cindy Tolk Hall**.

Dan Dias returned to Sri Lanka in 1999 after spending 10 years in the U.S. In September 2000, he got married and is now the father of a daughter, Binaara, 3. Soon after getting home, he joined, as head of marketing, a multinational company called DPL, which specializes in manufacturing hand protection for industrial, medical and household use. On official capacity, he has been

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Howdy, Partner

NAME: Coleen Klasmeyer '93

ADVANCED DEGREE:

J.D., magna cum laude, from the Boston University School of Law (she graduated first in her third-year class)

OCCUPATION: Attorney based in Washington, D.C., with a practice specializing in food and drug law.

BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT:

On July 3, a few weeks shy of her 35th birthday, Klasmeyer was named a partner at Sidley Austin, among the world's largest law firms with more than 1,600 lawyers and 15 offices in North America, Europe and Asia.

OTHER IMPRESSIVE POSTS: Special Assistant to the Chief Counsel of FDA from 2002-05; attorney specializing in food and drug law in the Washington, D.C., and London offices of Covington & Burling.

MINOR DISAPPOINTMENTS: "I'm still a bit behind the eight ball. I had established what is apparently a ridiculous number of life goals for myself. By 35, I really wanted to be married, have a kid or two, make partner and be a millionaire," she says, noting that she has been happily married for six years. "I've not had any kids, which there's no way I could have done and still made partner. The millionaire thing hasn't happened yet, but we're getting there. Oh, and I also wanted to be one of those women, like Madonna and Demi Moore, who are hot when they're 35. But I also learned it's impossible to go to the gym when you're trying to make partner."

WHAT I LEARNED WATCHING ALLY MCBEAL: It's completely unrealistic.

FUNNIEST FLAW ON MY TRANSCRIPT: My lowest grade, I don't think I can forgive the College for this, was in either water aerobics or golf. I got a B-plus. It ended up as an asset when I was interviewing at law schools. People thought it was kind of funny.

NEXT BIG DREAM: My new thing is I'm going to retire in five years and go start an alpaca farm.



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three beagles.

Elizabeth Wong Betson and husband, **Scott '94**, are looking forward to celebrating their upcoming 10th wedding anniversary. They welcomed daughter, Madelin Anne, in May '06. Big brother Andrew, 3, is doing a terrific job with his new baby sister. Elizabeth has taken time off from teaching to stay home with the kids. Scott is a specialty sales representative for Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

Rachel Snyder McDougall has moved to Wisconsin and owns a farm, although there are no farm animals yet. She is a Montessori teacher at a local school and just gave birth to her third child, Matthew, in December. Alex, 3, and Alyson, 2, are thrilled with their little brother.

Cynthia Tokar Hall lives in New Market, Md., with her husband, Brian, and their three beautiful girls, Sarah, 6, Rachel, 4, and Abigail, 18 months. She works as a stay-at-home mom keeping busy with all of their activities. Brian and Cynthia celebrated their 11th anniversary in May. Cynthia has been lucky enough to stay in close touch with many college buddies, including **Stephanie Hoiser '92** and **Dave '95 Weigelt**, **Christy Salza Dohmen '92**, **Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh**, **Kristie Susco Webster '94**, **Sherri Smith Gruneberg** and **Carla Castagna O'Neill**.

Coleen Klasmeyer is a partner at Sidley Austin LLP, practicing FDA regulatory law from the Washington, D.C., office. She's been married for six years to Cass Lawson, a writer and photographer. They live in Adams Morgan.

Michelle Metzger Lent is doing well. She had a third daughter, Meredith, in February '05 and she has truly completed her family. Michelle is looking for **Brenda Dorsch** from the class...any word from her?

Andrea Medke has her own mortgage company in Beltsville, Md. She also has a health and wellness website called Juice Plus.

Meg Gebrecht Miller has been working for the Maryland State government for about eight years as a traffic safety editor, a job she did not know existed while attending school. She loves it and gets to do lots of writing, including grant applications which she finds really interesting, working with the media, teaching and event planning. She and her husband, Jeff, just celebrated their fifth anniversary. They live in Glen Burnie with their dogs, a Lab mix and a Great Dane, who pretty much rule the household.

Greg Olwell was married in October '04 to Lauren Lily Olwell. She is a private chef so life is extra sweet. They have a dachshund named Lucy. After renting in San Francisco for 10 years, he and Lauren bought a house in Oakland, Calif., last May. Like all homeowners, they are always working on something in the house. Currently, Greg is restoring things in the kitchen in his spare time. Despite all these recent changes, one thing has remained in that Greg is still working at *Bus Follower* magazine. He started there almost 10 years ago and is now the managing editor.

visiting the U.S. for the past five years and made a point to meet up with **Malin Jonsson '94**, **Linda Choi Thomas**, **Carrie Schuster Adiss '95**, **Mark Long '94** and **Julie Biddinger Jones '95** whenever possible. There are so many others he would love to hear from. He also extends an invitation to anyone who would be traveling to his part of the world to stop by their beautiful island, which would also give him an opportunity to rekindle his experience at WMC (McDaniel College) as a tour guide. Dan plans to visit San Diego in November '06 and will try to meet up with as many alumni as possible. He extends his heartiest gratitude and appreciation to all the professors, staff and special guys and gals for the most memorable four years of his life. Cheers.

Karen Murphy and **Anthony Ferguson** now live in Churchville, Md. Tony works for Dell, Inc., as an on-site systems engineer at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Karen has moved on to a second career working for Aflac. They both love working on their new "old" house, while their three big dogs, Luke, Sam, and Sophie, love the three-acre yard.

Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney received her Ph.D. in political science from the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York in 2002. She is currently an assistant professor of political science at Winthrop University. She has received several accolades since leaving the Hill, including the American Political Science Association Women and Politics Best Dissertation Award in 2003; the New Political Science Best Paper Award in 2003; a Science Learning Faculty Award and Community Service Award from Winthrop University in 2006 for her work as president of the board of directors of "A Place for Hope," a local community nonprofit. In February '06, she returned to the Hill as part of the Great Decisions Foreign Policy Associates Lecture Series to give a talk in Little Baker Chapel on Brazil; what an honor that was!

Danielle Fox-Scala went on to earn two master's degrees, in psychology and social work, and now has a private psychotherapy practice in Montclair, NJ. She married Peter Scala in December '03, and welcomed their first child, Jackson, in July 2005. They currently live in Warren, NJ.

Enjoying the often chaotic day-to-day adventures of staying home with two sons, Nathan, 2, and Peter, 1, is **Rebecca Caves Inell**. Husband Jim has an environmental consulting company that keeps him busy. They still live in Reading, Pa., and Rebecca looks forward to visiting the Hill again soon.

Jennifer Dean was elected to partnership in the law firm of Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP in February '06. She practices intellectual property law in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. Each March, she acts, sings and dances in Hexagon, Washington's only original political satirical musical comedy revue. Jennifer and husband, Peter Schleck, have

class notes

Michelle Miller McGrellis and her husband, Mick, happily announce the arrival of their first child, Declan Thomas, on Sept. 30, 2004. Michelle received her board certification in applied behavior analysis in June of '05 and worked at the Lasvas Institute in Cherry Hill, N.J., until June of this year. She and her family are currently in the process of relocating to Frederica, Del., where she will try her hand at being a full-time mom for awhile. It will be an interesting adventure. Hello to **Karen Murphy Ferguson**, **Cindy Kotz Hall** and **Maria Laferty Hopkins** — she misses you all.

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at Winthrop

University.

Trisha Darmstead Montgomery and husband Brian live in Elliccott City, Md. They have two children, daughter Sarah, 6, and son Logan, 4. Trisha works as a freelance sign language interpreter in the Baltimore area. She ran into **Tricia Duffy** at a Howard County function and it was great to see her again. She also keeps in touch with **Kendra Harbaugh Sampson**.

Maria Laferty Hopkins is still living in Hagerstown and staying busy with her three children, Isaac, 5, Asher, 2, and Natalie, 16 months. She has her own business with Arbonne International and is home schooling her children. Asher just finished treatment for Stage V Wilms Tumor, a childhood form of kidney cancer, and is doing well. Aaron, Maria's husband, is a local high school art teacher. Maria and Aaron are also on staff with Young Life of Washington County.

Chris Lynch and wife **Heather Bailly '95 Lynch** reside in Forest Hill, Md. Heather is happy at home spending time raising the girls as well as lots of time at the beach and visiting family and friends lush enough to live by the ocean, which includes brother **Scott Bailly '90** and sister-in-law **Kristin Brantthover Bailly '92**. Heather's brother **Steven Bailly '87** and his family just moved not too far away as well. Chris has been busy working with the family insurance brokerage, as well as maintaining his growing DJ business. Chris recently received a patent for his invention and will be developing the prototype in the spring/summer of '06. His new email address is chris@johnlynchagency.com

Bob Kirkendall married Julie Baker in 1999 and in 2005 moved from Baltimore to Connecticut, where Julie works as a nurse practitioner in oncology. Bob is in his 13th year of finance for what is now St. Paul Travelers Company. He and Julie have a daughter Georgia, 2, and two Pugs. Bob also has his pilot's license and they enjoy taking day trips to small airports along the coast and sometimes back to Maryland.

Christine Keiner is an assistant professor in the science, technology and society/public policy department at Rochester Institute of Technology. She is also completing a book on Maryland oyster conservation politics.

Carla Castagna O'Neill sends greetings from Lancaster, Pa. She and Tom have two beauti-

ful little girls, Alex, 6, and Abby, 3. They just purchased an auto body shop that Tom has managed for 13 years, so now they are business owners and learning the ropes each day. Carla loves getting together with her Phi Mu sisters and all the kids for a new adventure every couple of months.

Jeremy Kenney lives on Capitol Hill and golfs with **Brett Young '94** twice a week. Jeremy was featured in the New York Times in 2004 for his online game, "John Kerry: Tax Invaders."

Wendy Gato Pardoe is thrilled to be living back in Carroll County with her husband of 10 years, Brian, and their two kids, Max, 6, and Riley, 4. Wendy is now a training consultant for T Rowe Price and recently celebrated her 10th anniversary with the company as well. She was thrilled when her division moved from the Baltimore location to Owings Mills, cutting her daily commuting time considerably. Although, all that extra time now goes towards taking the kids to their sporting events. The family spent a fun-filled week in Disney last Thanksgiving. Brian and Wendy are looking forward to a trip to the Cayman Islands in January. Wendy loves to spend time with her closest friends and Omega sisters: **Jessica Barlow Howell '92**, **Sarah Biggs Warner '92**, **Erin Thompson Strovel** and **Katie Shepherd Dreger**, and all their children. Most recent additions include: Hannah Howell, July 2006; Luke Strovel, April 2006; and Hannah Dreger, April 2006. She also recently caught up with high school and college friends, **Teri Warehime Johnson and Brian Redding**, and hopes to see more of them soon.

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Crystal Zagory Terhune got married to Jonathan Terhune in December 2001. She received her master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland in 2000. Crystal worked for the Caroline County Department of Social Services in Child Welfare, and then in Adult Services as the investigator for Adult Protective Services until July 2006. She has recently been hired as faculty for the University of Maryland, College Park as the extension educator for Family and Consumer Sciences for Caroline County. She is very excited about this career shift, and will be focusing on the financial needs of the residents of Caroline County. Crystal keeps in touch with **Jan Koch Mediolina**, who lives in Pennsylvania and **Kim Bloch-Rincan**, who lives in Maryland. They usually try to get together for the Maryland Wine Festival every September in Westminster.

Mat Mathias keeps busy with both of his jobs as an equipment maintenance manager and personal trainer for LifeBridge Health

and Fitness in Pikesville, Md. He is married to **Laurian Brooks '98 Mathias**, a first-grade teacher at Elmer Wolfe Elementary. They reside just a few minutes from McDaniel College with their two daughters, Bailey, 5, and Ally, 1. Mat fondly remembers his days as a Green Terror football player and still supports the team.

After graduation, **Amy Hanna Steiner** received her M.A. in legal and ethical studies from the University of Baltimore. She currently serves as a litigation paralegal in Bel Air, Md. Amy and her husband, Todd, brother of **Patt Steiner '98**, got married in 2004 on the porch of their new home. Amy's family includes her dog, Buddy, and eight cats. Amy and Todd grow fresh market produce and cut flowers on their farm and hope to make this a full-time operation in the near future.

A teacher at Clarksburg Elementary in Montgomery County, **Heather Bell** received her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from McDaniel College in the spring of '06. She lives in Damascus, Md., with her cat and three ferrets.

Melissa Schalte Gredelein and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their daughter, Anna, on February 2, 2006. They are busy at home with their newborn.

Just completing his first year at the ES-ADE Business School in Barcelona, Spain, **Laszlo Farkas** is one step closer to earning his MBA. He is looking forward to his three-month internship at Deutsche Post World Net as an internal consultant.

Nate Hummel celebrated the birth of his daughter, Bella, in October '05 with his wife of five years, Erin. Nate and his family live in York, Pa., and he is currently the vice president of Worden and Shewell, a mechanical contractor.

After a year working as a production supervisor at Estes Lauder, **Kelly Stevenson** recently returned to Foomies as a quality engineer. She also just bought a second home in Delaware County, Pa., and is busy renovating it. When she is not working, Kelly loves spending time with her two nephews, Shane, 8, and Landon, 5 months.

After six years as a financial consultant for Morgan Stanley, **Timothy Herb** moved to Ferris, Baker Watts in Towson, Md. to become a vice president last year. On the home front, he lives in Towson and has been busy maintaining a few investment properties in the area. Timothy often meets other alumni through his business interactions and enjoys getting to know other members of the McDaniel family. He continues to keep in touch with old football friends, **Joey Garrison**, **Tom Lapato**, **Rory Maher '00** and **Ryan Smith '01**.

Since graduation, **Joey Garrison** has been working in Columbia, Md., for Strategic Wealth Management Group LLC, providing financial planning and investment advice. Joey and his wife, Kim, reside in Odenton, Md., with their dog, Rocky, and cat, Toby. Joey and Kim were married on Valentine's

Day 2004 at the Antrim 18&4 with **Tom Lapato** and **Tim Herb** serving as groomsmen. In their free time, **Joey** and **Kim** enjoy traveling to Florida, New York City and Hawaii. They went to Chicago last summer for **Justin Sheridan's** wedding. **Joey** looked forward to seeing fellow classmates at this year's Homecoming game.

Elena Boyzinski lives in Fallston, Md., with her husband, **Dave Cole**, and their daughter, **Isabel**, who was born in January '05. She continues to work at Loyola College and just celebrated her fifth anniversary there. **Elena** looks forward to earning her MBA from Loyola by the summer of '07. She also enjoys spending time with her sister, **Stephanie**, who is now in breast cancer remission.

Laura Watson Grabowski is recently undergoing many exciting life changes. At the beginning of 2006, **Laura** and her husband moved to Columbia, Md. Then on April 25, 2006, she gave birth to **Samantha Grace**, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce. After completing a master's program at Johns Hopkins University, **Laura** started a new career as a fourth-grade teacher in Silver Spring, Md. **Laura** enjoys keeping in touch with many of the Omegas and saw many of them at **Jen D'Acchi's '07** recent engagement party.

Tracie Browning Toothaker and **Shane Toothaker** are always on the go with their daughter, **Lindsay**. **2. Shane** is working as a sales analyst at Cambres in Walkersville, Md., and **Tracie** has been a stay-at-home mom since **Lindsay** was born. The family resides in New Market, Md., and spends most of their free time remodeling their home. They also enjoy visiting family in Pennsylvania and getting out on the river in their new boat.

Currently working in his third year as an educator for Keiser Permanent's educational theatre program, **Ryan Keough** is a road manager for the company this year. He is also playing the role of **Judd Fry** in the musical *Oklahoma!* at the Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre in Woodbridge, Va.

Natalie Groff Smith is living in Wilson, N.C., and is working for BB&T in the life insurance department as an underwriter. She recently celebrated the birth of her son, **Carter Davidson**, on Dec. 23, 2005. **Natalie** and husband **Brian** are in the process of looking for a bigger house since they are quickly outgrowing theirs. She hopes everyone is doing well from the class of 1996.

Justin Sheridan and his wife, **Kristen**, were married on July 2, 2005 in Lake Geneva, Wis. The wedding celebration was quite the **McDaniel** reunion, with **Tom Lapato**, **Joey Garrison**, **Matt** and **Shannon Benson '00** Dauphin, **Tyler Grant '04**, **Ryan Legge '00**, **Ryan Smith '05** and **Jeff Garza '05** all making the trip to the Midwest. **Justin** is the director of football operations at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. The couple currently resides in Chicago and enjoys life in the windy city. Go Green Terror.

Living in Swan Point, Md., with their beautiful daughter **Madeleine**, **1. Laurie Jones**

Schmidt and husband **Chris** are enjoying their new home. **Laurie** is working as an art director on contract with the Air National Guard at Andrews Air Force Base. In December '05, **Laurie** and **Chris** flew to Las Vegas to attend the wedding of fellow alums **Jaime Moser** and **Sean O'Connor**. **Laurie** enjoyed hanging out with Phi Mu sisters **Joanna Gurbada**, **Maggie Kolman '00**, **Kim Tooms '05** and **Christy King Glickstein**. **Laurie** looked forward to catching up with sorority sisters and other alumni at Homecoming this year.

Rob Newman married **Heather Vay** in July '04. He completed his Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from Johns Hopkins University in June '06. The couple resides in Forest Hill, Md., and is active in their church, especially with the senior high fellowship. No kids as of yet.

Currently living in Las Vegas, **James Reddan** serves as the director of choral activities at Arbor View High School. He finally finished graduate school at the University of Oregon, earning two master of music degrees in choral conducting and music education. **James** is gearing up to start a doctoral program this summer at the University of Arizona. When he is not busy teaching and performing music, **James** spends time with his former miss, **James Reed**, of five years. They enjoy fixing up their new home and taking care of their animals.

Things are going well with **Rae Cordrey Murphy**, who is teaching preschool and recently started a new career in children's photography. **Rae** and her husband, **Michael**, celebrated their two-year anniversary in May. The couple has two boys, **Cole**, **6**, and **Luke**, **1**. **Rae** keeps in touch with classmates **Cate Trego**, who is dating **Rae's** brother, and **Corie McFaul Buehler**.

In December '04, **Robin Kinney** earned her master of library science at UMCP, while working full time for Howard County Library. **Robin** married **John** in May '05. She is working on growing her **Shaklee** business, while her family also opened The Family Game Store.

Josh Jenkins was recently promoted to MIS manager at a home care agency in Silver Spring, Md. He and wife **Jessica Lewis** enjoy their two young sons, **Ramsay** and **Rylan**.

January Scott Vaughan lives in Chesapeake City, Md., with her husband, **Drew**, and son **Jake**. **1. January** has been teaching elementary physical education for six years and loves her job.

Michelle Quigley keeps busy as the medical director, as well as a full-time veterinarian, at Coolidge Animal Hospital in Camp Springs, Md.

Currently **Meghan Joyce Maher** and her husband, **Jim**, reside in Virginia Beach, Va., with their daughter **Anna Cate**, **2**, who keeps them on the go.

On November 16, 2005, **Cynthia Hess Nottingham** and husband **Eric '00** welcomed their second child, **Olivia Marie**.

Michael Tice has a new addition to his family. On May 11, 2006, **Karly Ruthann** was born.

In November '05, **Jeff Ciesla** and wife **Quinn** moved from Baltimore to Bel Air, Md. The couple has a daughter, **Isabella**. **2. Jeff** enjoys staying active by playing intramural sports with the Baltimore Sport and Social Club.

Eryn Althouse Willard recently moved to Thurmont, Md., to enjoy the country setting. After moving, **Eryn** decided to quit working for other entrepreneurs and became one herself. She opened a graphic design firm, **Studio 22**, in January '06. **Eryn** has been working for clients along the East Coast, as well as in Mississippi and Colorado.

Melissa Powell is a world traveler. Since she is an elementary school guidance counselor, **Melissa** spends her summers off visiting the beach and seeing the sights. She will be traveling to Jamaica and Vermont for upcoming weddings and will soon catch some baseball games in Pittsburgh, New York, Texas and Florida.

Amy Sheridan is working as an outpatient orthopedic physical therapist and site coordinator for HealthSouth in Pennsylvania. She just moved to the Philadelphia area. **Amy** enjoys keeping in touch with her old roommates **Stacey McIntyre**, **Kathi Snyder Shambaugh** and **Mandy Hofstetter Ferringer**. She also finds time to visit with former teammates **Lara Henderson '00** and **Alethea Desrosiers '05**.

In addition to working as a senior financial advisor for Keller Financial Group, **Kathi Snyder Shambaugh** loves spending time with her son, **Greyson**, **2**. **Kathi** and her husband, **Jamie**, are in the process of building a new home for their family in Shermans Dale, Pa.

Things have been busy for **Cindy West Crown**. She gave birth to her daughter, **Emelia Elizabeth**, on April 26, 2006. **Cindy** and husband **Erik** live with their new bundle of joy in Hampstead, Md. **Cindy** is a social worker for Villa Maria and plans to return to work in the fall as a school consultant for an area parochial school. In addition, she will continue to work at a private practice one night a week as a family and child therapist. **Cindy** enjoys catching up with old classmates **Amy Baxter**, **Kerie Wille**, **Christy-Ann Brown Cuswa**, and **Suzanne Weatherly-Berner '00**.

Dierdre Derbis Crow is working as a marketing coordinator for KCI Technologies, Inc. in Hunt Valley, Md. She enjoys the opportunity to use the construction knowledge she gained in her last six years volunteering with Rebuilding Tomorrow, formerly known as Christmas in April. **Dierdre** lives with her husband, **Tom**, and son **Cameron**, **12**, in Westminster, Md.

Janet Keymett made a big move in October '05. She relocated from Massachusetts to North Dakota and is currently working as a paralegal for a law firm in Bismarck, N.D. **Janet** hopes to earn her third law license after taking the bar exam in North Dakota this summer.

Justin Sheridan '99
is the director of
football operations
at Northwestern
University in
Evanston, Ill.

**Henry Streaker '99
has been doing
three-dimensional
architectural
renderings for
Sanders Designs
Architects in
Timonium, Md.**

It's been a wild year for **Susanne Ames Ford**. After marrying in April '05, Susanne and her husband welcomed their daughter, Emily Grace, into the world on April 11, 2006. Susanne is taking a break from the world of physical therapy to enjoy being a mom.

Brian and Lori Noel Billman celebrated their five-year anniversary in August '06. They live in McSherrystown, Pa. with their daughter Ella, 2.

Mark and Sandra Geiman Ruby have been busy with their three kids, Blake, Anna, and Carter. Sandra graduated from medical school in the spring of '06 and began her residency in neurology at University of Maryland.

Living in York, Pa., **David Seydel** works part time for M-NCPPC and has also started his own company. David is owner of October Forest Real Estate Investments and has recently closed on his first two properties. He enjoys spending time with his wife, **Teresa Addeo '00 Seydel**, daughter Kaitlyn, 2, and Nutmeg, the family's Newfoundland.

Paul Luse is a software project manager in Hunt Valley, Md. His wife, **Jaime Walker Luse**, works as an attorney for a law firm in Baltimore. They love spending time with their kids, Ernie. In 2004, Paul and Jaime had a blast on the Style Network reality show, "Love's a Trip," and won a vacation to Aruba.

For the last two years, **Henry Streaker** has been doing three-dimensional architectural renderings for Sanders Designs Architects in Timonium, Md. Henry still owns his 1989 Mustang convertible with 315,000 miles on the odometer. Luckily, he lives close enough to work that he does not need to drive often. Henry attended the wedding of fellow classmate **Janine Zawadzki** in June '06 and enjoyed catching up with other alumni friends.

Since moving to the Los Angeles area last year, **Colin Forman** is pursuing his acting career. He lives close to the beach in Venice, Calif. and enjoys spending time in the California sunshine.

Nicki Katsolis Herdson lives in York, Pa. with husband, Scott. After receiving her MFA from the University of Baltimore, she embarked on a new career, teaching college. She just completed her first year as a professor at both Villa Julie College and the University of Baltimore. In the fall, Nicki will be returning to McDaniel as a part-time English teacher.

Jay Fratta is enjoying his job as a special education teacher at Southampton Middle School. He is living in Bel Air, Md., with Melinda and their cat, Annie.

Aaron Glickstein '01 and **Christina King** were married in July of '02. Chrissy has pursued her career in secondary education, specializing in gifted education, while Aaron has served as benefits manager for a private contractor, supporting the Department of Defense. The spring brought an exciting change as Aaron accepted a position with Circuit City to run their international benefits department, leading to a relocation to the suburbs of Richmond, Va.

Dinal Jayasinghe married to Ruwan Rajapakse in December '01 and her son, Venuk, was born in September '03. She is working at the UNDP/GEF/SGP office in Sri Lanka (United Nations Development Project) and is attached to the environmental field. She is currently pursuing a master's in economics. Dinal says, "I really do have some fond memories of WMC. Please give my regards to all over there."

Nicole Mchaly got divorced and took back her maiden name. She was living in West Virginia for five years, but last summer moved back to Maryland and in November she bought a house in Maryland. She is working at Sinai Hospital as a physician assistant in the Department of Surgery.

Kristen Kurtyka Reilly is a transplant to Ft. Collins, Colo., with Gabe, her husband of five years. In December '05, Kristen received her master's degree from Colorado State University. She also passed the CPA exam and works as a tax accountant for EKS&H. Kristen and Gabe love being parents to Giovanna, their 4-year-old Bernese mountain dog. They also enjoy camping and hiking in the Rockies whenever they have the chance.

Your class reporters have been busy well. **Mandy Hofstetter Ferringer** lives in Perry Hall, Md., with husband Kurt. We welcomed our first child, Ben, on July 6, 2006. I will be taking a year leave of absence from my job as a first-grade teacher in Harford County to spend time with the new addition to our family. I enjoy working part time as a group exercise instructor for Brick Bodies health clubs in the Baltimore area.

Stacey McIntyre continues to work in private practice as a behavior analyst, providing consultative services to families with children with developmental disabilities. When she's not working, she enjoys keeping in touch with college friends and traveling. She was looking forward to catching up with everyone at Homecoming this year.

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Since graduation:

Kristin Lagana landed a vocalist spot in Mood Swings Big Band, and also the house band for our state governor. She works in D.C. at the lobbying firm of Parry, Romani, DeConcini and Symms.

Megan Partner graduated from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She is a labor and delivery nurse at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Md.

Mark Denis accepted his commission into the army and moved to Ft. Knox, Ky., where he completed the armor officer basic course. He then moved to Ft. Carson, Colo., where he took over a heavy tank platoon in Dragon Company, First Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. He deployed to Iraq in March of '05. He arrived back in the States after a year-long tour in combat and then moved to Ft. Hood, Texas, to serve as Dragon Company's acting commander.

Kathryn Boone Gleason married Brian Gleason on April 22, 2006, and is working at RE/MAX as an assistant to the broker/owner.

Heather Sinclair has been working for T. Rowe Price the past two years in retirement plan services and was recently promoted to a retirement plan coordinator. She is active in McDaniel's Young Alumni Committee and has recently accepted the position of class news reporter at McDaniel. She sends love to her Phi Sig sisters.

Katie Foster is seeking a master of science degree in exercise science at Barry University in Miami, Fla., with plans of working in corporate fitness, as well as personal training.

Katie Frost moved to Florida and is now back in school to become an invasive cardiology technician. She hopes to be working in an interventional lab by this time next year.

Mary Lee Pence is seeking a master's degree in criminal justice at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa. She has been working as a construction manager for a company in Beach Haven, N.J., for the past two years.

Alice Sizemore Cains moved to Roanoke, Va., after graduation to raise her three children and gave birth to her third daughter, Dora Ann, in July of 2005.

Kimberly Ratliff is working for the Carroll County Youth Service Bureau in the Safe and Stable Family Preservation Program as a case manager. She is attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work in pursuit of her master's degree.

Lee Gerard is attending medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Carrie Vivian finished her master's at Hopkins. She is now a fiscal and policy analyst for the Baltimore County Auditor's Office.

Kate Priddy spent most of the year after graduation traveling and volunteering in Asia. When she returned home in the spring of '05 she started working as a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association helping to run the local Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon and working to organize school awareness activities on disabilities. She is working as the director of religious education at the Unitarian Church in Lancaster and tutoring children struggling with literacy.

Jason Heavner is in his third year at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in the doctor of medicine program.

Lyndsay Bare is a third-year dental student at the University of Maryland Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. She published two novels and had a course (coauthored with Dr. Dundes) published in the *Journal of Dental Education* on dental patient anxiety.

Marton Galambos went back to Hungary to work as an editor and journalist on a magazine called "Kreativ." He is finishing his master's in sociology.

Katie Hancock is a Westminster Elementary fifth-grade teacher and is continuing her graduate education at McDaniel.

Ina Puleri is in her third year at Virginia Tech as a Ph.D. candidate in biochemistry.

Andrew O'Carroll is in his third year at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech and will graduate in 2008. He plans to work as a small animal private practitioner in Maryland after he graduates. He and **Ina Puleri** were wed in July.

Deshawn Y. McNeil is a night auditor for Hyatt Hotel.

Melanie Pulley is residing in Pendleton, Ind., where she bought her first home. She is a swim coach for Southeastern Swim Club, and is working for Kist-a-way Swimwear in Indianapolis, Ind.

April Brown had a daughter June 8, 2005. She hopes everyone in the alumni office is doing well.

Megan Reid moved to York, England, to study for her Ph.D. in women's studies at the Centre for Women's Studies at the University of York.

Julie Thomas Hughes wed Rob Hughes a week after graduation in Fenwick Island, Del. Julie is working on her master's degree in special education/elementary at The College of Notre Dame of Maryland and student teaching in Baltimore. She expects to graduate in May.

Andy Burrows is commissioned in the Army through ROTC and was promoted to first lieutenant. He is in Iraq in the 4th Infantry Division and will return to Fort Hood, Texas, in November.

Christina Bandula is a second-grade teacher at Cranberry Station Elementary in Westminster. She was nominated as a Carroll County Outstanding Teacher as a first-year teacher. She will be the head varsity coach at Winters Mill High School, along with **Jobi Laricks '05**, for the 2006-'07 school year. She misses all her Phi Sig's.

Amy Huffer Deavers is teaching music at Green Valley Elementary in Frederick. She married **Billy Deavers '03** on July 23, 2005. He teaches guitar lessons at Coffey Music.

Tara Morris Baldwin married Sean Baldwin; they reside in Hanover, Pa. **Laura Albaugh Bitto, Kelyanne Rose, Eliza Wick, and Meghann Butler** were in her wedding. She is a health and wellness coordinator for Verizon Wireless.

Katie Champion is a reporter for *The Gazette*, a subsidiary of *The Washington Post*. For the past two years, she has been covering the Skyline/Eldersburg area as well as Carroll County government, the Carroll Board of Education and Maryland General Assembly. She was promoted to copy editor of *The Gazette's* Frederick County bureau which publishes four community newspapers.

Julie Ogyroski was being working for T. Rowe Price's investment operations division for the past two years.

Amanda Bannigan graduated from McDaniel with her master's degree in education in December '05. She is teaching modern world

history and sociology.

Libby Wallace Gorman wed **Mark Gorman**. They moved to Atlanta, Ga., where Mark attended Emory University. He recently graduated with a master's degree in organ performance. Libby is a teacher at a public library and is pursuing her master's degree in librarianship at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. They recently moved to Durham, N.C.

Beth A. Chaney is working for the Patterson Park Community Development Corporation, where she is the financing specialist. She wed **Noel Schively** and they bought a PCCDC rehabbed row home in East Baltimore. **Jen Pullen** and **Carrie Vivian** were in the bridal party. She recently completed her master's degree in public policy. She was named a presidential management fellow and was formally appointed as a fellow to the Social Security Administration.

Donna Smith Carpega works for Keystone Services of Maryland. She oversees the PATH program which offers case management services for people who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless and who have a serious mental illness.

Karin Kaufman is a third-grade teacher for Anne Arundel County Public Schools. She is enrolled at the University of Maryland earning a degree in teacher leadership.

Rob Wingfield graduated with a master of arts in school psychology from Towson University. He is a school psychologist intern in the Prince George's County Public Schools system. He wed **Dinah Pyles '06**.

Megan M. Norris is in her second year of medical school at Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sarah Voskuil and **David Proffil '03** were married and are residing in Hartford County. David works for the Department of Defense as an applied research mathematician and Sarah is a high school math teacher.

Dan Waeger is a lung cancer survivor. He was diagnosed May 18, 2005. The past two years he has been Division 1 golf coach at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y. He spoke at McDaniel's relay for life in the spring to benefit the American Cancer Society. He started a non-profit organization called National Collegiate Cancer Foundation. The website is: <http://www.collegiatecancer.org>. Live strong moved.

Christopher Dupreski moved to Charlottesville, Va., where he now attends the University of Virginia. He is in his third year of work towards a Ph.D. in mathematics. He feels fortunate to have been given the opportunity to lecture freshman calculus the past two semesters.

Lauri Kane is working for the Department of Social Services as a case manager.

David Maskeroni is a first lieutenant in the army stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y., and currently deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, with the 10th Brigade Support Battalion of the 1st Brigade Combat Team. He is the platoon leader

for his battalion's newly formed Convoy Security Element.

John J. Reagan Jr. ran the Chicago Marathon in October '04 then qualified and ran the Boston Marathon in April '05. He worked for Rebook for a year-and-a-half and now is working for AIG.

Gergely Hamar has been writing poetry, novels and short stories, with a variety getting published in anthologies in Europe and here in America. He signed a book deal last year. His new book will come out this year. It is titled *Lovers*. His official writer website was just launched in English/Spanish/Hungarian at www.gerwood.us.

Brian Martinenza and his new wife, **Katie Wolf**, recently bought their first home in Wilmington, Del. **Janin Bartolomeo '03** and **Brian Wingert** were groomsmen in the wedding. He is working for Service Unlimited Inc.

Rachel Taylor completed a year-long internship with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at Loyola College and moved to Nyack, N.Y., in August '05 to begin her master's of divinity at Alliance Theological Seminary.

Lindsay Laird is working at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine as a senior lab technician for the oncology and surgery departments and is taking classes in the biotechnology master's program at Hopkins. She began veterinary school at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

Guy DuBeck earned his master's in marine science from Savannah State University and is working for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in Savannah.

Chris Seibert is teaching physical education at Edgewood High School in Harford County and coaching baseball at McDaniel. He spent this past summer coaching a college baseball team in New Jersey, and preparing to move to Tampa Bay, Fla. with two of his best friends.

Ryan Melhorn is teaching social studies at Century High School in Eldersburg.

Linda Bady started a successful piano teaching business in the Westminster area. She is also continuing with her piano career, playing at various coffee shops, weddings, parties, etc.

Lauren Wilson is living in Arlington, Va. and working in downtown Washington, D.C. for Spectrum Science Communications, a health-care public relations firm, as an assistant account executive. In May '05 she graduated from American University with a master's degree in public communication. In October, she was the maid of honor in **Liz Bryan's '03** wedding (she married **Zachary Walderk '03**) and **Emily Seal '05** and **Julia Kacala Zimmerman '03** were her bridesmaids.

Brandi Thayer Bollinger is working at McDaniel as the outreach coordinator in the office of alumni relations and annual giving, where she has been for over a year. Right after graduation, she married **Robert Bollinger** in Little Baker Chapel. They honeymooned in Jamaica, came home to live in Taneytown,

What's up, Doc?

Recent grads who will soon become M.D.s or Ph.D.s

Christopher Dupreski '04 is in his third year of work towards a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Virginia.

Megan M. Norris '04 is in her second year of medical school at Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Meghan Reid '04 moved to York, England, to study for her Ph.D. in women's studies at the Centre for Women's Studies at the University of York.

Ina Puleri '04 is in her third year at Virginia Tech as a Ph.D. candidate in biochemistry.

Andrew O'Carroll '04 is in his third year at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech and will graduate in 2008.

Lindsay Laird '04 began veterinary school at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

Lyndsay Bare '04 is a third-year dental student at the University of Maryland Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.

Jonathan Hardy '04 is in his third year of dental school at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.

Jason Heavner '04 is in his third year at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in the doctor of medicine program.

Lee Geraci '04 is attending medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Elena

Grumbacher '05

works with

Children and

Families First

as a foster care

and adoption

social worker in

Wilmington, Del.

and had a baby girl, Natali Morggan, on Oct. 29, 2005.

Sam Boardman is enrolled in graduate school at McDaniel College and is also helping out the men's soccer team as a volunteer assistant coach.

Kristie Weis is working as an assistant to the executive director for the National Journalism Center in Herndon, Va. Also, she has been volunteering on various political campaigns in Maryland and Virginia.

Tyler Grant is in Iraq working as a contractor to the department of defense, specifically the department of the Army. He is working for ManTech Telecommunications and Information Systems Corporation. He works with counter remote-controlled improvised explosive device warfare systems.

Sarah Campbell is working for the Johns Hopkins University as a development coordinator for special volunteer leadership groups in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences development and alumni relations offices. She ran the San Diego Rock 'n Roll marathon last summer to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She has personally raised almost \$5,000 for cancer research. She ran in the Virginia Beach Half Marathon in September and in the Baltimore Marathon in October.

Julia Keene graduated from Brandeis University with her master of science degree in genetic counseling and is working at Genzyme Genetics in Westborough, Mass., as a genetic counselor.

Lauren Day-Lewis Tone got married and is expecting a baby boy.

Sylvanus Adenake is working at T. Rowe Price for retirement plan services. He is also working for BMC Business Group.

Amanda Messis is a technical writer for Annapolis Micro Systems Inc.

Elizabeth Wants Chaney wed Jeff Chaney and is teaching first grade at Taneytown Elementary. The couple purchased their first home in Westminster.

Megan Jordan is working at Stepping Stones Cottages, LLC, with mentally retarded and developmentally disabled individuals.

Erin Duffy is a print and advertising coordinator for American Settlements. She also teaches at the Maple School of Irish Dance and tutors English.

Jeff Dyke completed his master of science degree in education at McDaniel.

Carah Medill is working at the Kansas School for the Deaf. She is a coach and director for the Blue Valley Soccer Club.

Eric R. Bass is making Pedvax, a spinal meningitis vaccine for infants.

James Diller is going into his third year of grad school at West Virginia University.

Courtney Federoff moved to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands where she works as a waitress and spends her free time island hopping.

Katherine O'Neal is working at a bed and breakfast as a housekeeper in her home town village in Clinton, N.Y. She is looking forward

to going back to school and pursuing a career in art therapy.

Stephanie Smith is teaching fourth grade at a private school in Elliccott City. She is also working towards her master's in educational technology at Loyola.

Kate Hartman is teaching middle school Spanish and French on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Jonathan Hardy is in his third year of dental school at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.

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Jenni Utz is proud to announce a new addition to her family, Tyler Jacob Leppert, born May 6, 2006. While keeping busy as a new mom, Jenni also works as a member of Team Utz with her sister and father. Together, the three work as realtors for RE/Max Advantage, Westminster, Md. Although she has her hands full, she still is able to maintain close bonds with her Phi Sig sisters, all of whom are excited to have a new adorable nephew.

This fall, **Emily Vance** was to begin graduate studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. She will earn her master's degree in nursing with future plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

After graduation, **Julie Palmer** moved to London, England, where she is currently working on her master's degree in intelligence and international security through the war studies department at King's College London University of London. After graduation from that program this summer, she was to begin at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Vienna, Austria, where she will be working on nuclear policy with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Since graduation, **Erin Shinholt** has begun working at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County as an assistant community director for residential life where she is busy co-managing RAs and the desk staff for two communities on campus. At the same time, she is attending the school's graduate program for her master's in applied sociology. This past February, she enjoyed herself back on the Hill while performing again, only this time as an alumna, in McDaniel's third annual production of *The Virginia Monologues*.

Lauren Stout has been working full time toward earning her master's in public and community health at the University of Maryland, College Park. After completion of the program in May '07, she hopes to work for a government agency in the field of bioterrorism and emergency preparedness.

On Nov. 26, 2005, **Myfanwy Jacob-Smith** married Steve Smith at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in New Oxford, Pa. Currently they reside in Hanover, Pa., where she teaches piano at Kramer's Piano Shop in New Midway, Md.

After graduating, **Denny Wilderson** moved to Arbutus, Md., and works in UMBC's athletic department as the assistant to the sports turf manager. So far, he really enjoys living and working there.

Since graduation, **Christina Carbonetto** has moved back to her hometown of Toms River, N.J. She has just completed her first year of graduate school at Monmouth University where she is earning her MA in psychological counseling. Currently, she is working at a mental health agency where she is a clinician/case manager for emotionally disturbed children who are in the foster care system. Although she is very busy, she still keeps in touch with many of her Phi Sig girls and others from the Hill.

In the fall, **Felicia Donelson** will start her first year of graduate studies at American University School of Public Affairs. She is pursuing her master's of science degree in justice, law, and social treatment. She is busy working with the National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking as the senior intern.

Back home in Bradenton, Fla., **Geneve Kallins** has been coaching tennis at the Bollettieri/IMG Sports Academies. This fall, she will begin a graduate program at Troy University in Troy, Ala., where she will be working towards her master's in international relations.

Tiffany Norquest has completed her first year of graduate school at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology towards her MA in industrial/organizational psychology. She really is enjoying the program and living in Chicago. When not in school, she works as a human relations assistant for the Ritz-Carlton Chicago.

Elena Grumbacher has been working full time with Children and Families First in Wilmington, Del., where she also has been living since graduation. At the end of August, she was to stop working in order to begin school as a full-time student at Bryn Mawr College, in Bryn Mawr, Pa. There, she will be earning her master's degree in social work.

As a benefits specialist for the Baltimore County Government, **Kristen Morrison** has been busy looking forward to an early retirement. She plans on going back to school to earn CEBS certification (Certified Employee Benefits Specialist) through the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania-Maryland campus.

Sarah Lithicum has been enjoying the sun down in Treasure Island, Fla., where she moved after graduation. She is working for Raymond James Financial Services as a marketing coordinator. She is doing great and really loves living in her little beach town.

Back home in Bowie, Md., **Farzin Farzad** has been doing research for a professor at John's Hopkins SAIS. This fall, he started the American University School of International

Service for Comparative Regional Studies, concentrating on the Middle East. He still remains close with many of his SigEp brothers and often gets together with them.

Living in Germany, **Ursula Frischmann** started her studies in "Foreign Languages in Adult Education," a master's program at the University of Siegen in Germany. With hopes to graduate next year, she has plans to return in Germany and find a job as an English teacher for adults. Although she is so far away, she still manages to keep in touch with a few close friends from the Hill.

Tyler Stewart enjoys living in Fell's Point with **Tyler Wright '04**. There, he works for T. Rowe Price as a mutual funds accountant. On the weekends, he is a waiter at Red Fish in Canton.

Since graduation, **Heather Nichols** has lived in Wilmington, Del., where she works at WSPS Bank as a staff auditor. She was about to begin studies at the Widener University School of Law in Wilmington.

Back at McDaniel, **Jobi Larrick** is enrolled in the graduate program for school guidance. When she is not in class, she is busy coaching varsity cheerleading and working as a special education instructional assistant.

While preparing for her wedding to Jay Bureau on July 1, 2006, **Stacy Groomes** was busy teaching chemistry at her alma mater, Urbana High School, in Ijamsville, Md.

Living in Washington, D.C., **David "Wiggy" Wight** has recently been given a position doing part-time research at Marcus and Millichap.

Kelly Grubb has been living in Winchester, Va., where she keeps very busy as a full-time student at Shenandoah University working on her master's of physician assistant studies. After graduation in December, she will start her clinical rotations training in emergency medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, etc. Although it keeps her schedule completely full, Kelly really enjoys it.

Cara Miller has recently completed her first year at Villanova University where she is studying community counseling. She has plans to graduate next spring and then pursue a career in the field.

After graduation, **Jessica Heckerman** student-taught art classes both at South Carroll High School and at Carrollestown Elementary School. In February, she traveled to Costa Rica for three months with a volunteer program called Cross Cultural Solutions (CCS). There, she volunteered with deaf children, learning the sign language of Costa Rica. Jess is excited to start Gallaudet University's master's program in school guidance counseling for the deaf this fall.

Katie Ewertson Hoffman married her high school sweetheart, Ryan Hoffman, shortly after graduation on July 30, 2005. She took a year off, working as a tech in maternity at the local hospital. This fall, she began Temple University's four-year pharmacy program.

Jess Zimmerman has just completed her first year of her master's in public health pro-

gram at Drexel. After grad school, she plans to travel around Europe for three weeks, then jump right into the workforce before entering a Ph.D. program.

Working at the FBI in the behavioral science unit, **Devin Collins** has been keeping very busy. She soon will be applying for the special agent position with the FBI. In the fall, she was to finish her last three classes to earn her master's in sociology at Howard University and start a job with the National Institute of Justice as a researcher.

Aaron Christman and his wife, Jenny, are currently serving in the Peace Corps in Madagascar, in the environmental and language area. They returned in February '06 and will be serving for 2½ years. Their service will be completed in May '08.

Michael Vysokil achieved publication success this summer with three articles published in national magazines, including *Grit*, *She Knows Diet and Fitness and Home Cooking*. Michael is also the writer for the topic, "Recipes" on the Suite101.com website. He recently celebrated his one-year anniversary of employment at Hoover Library.

Christopher Todd recently completed his first year of graduate school at the Institute of Optics, University of Rochester. He is currently living in Rochester, N.Y., with his fiancé. He is doing research in theoretical optics, while also preparing to take the preliminary exams for the Ph.D. track at the end of the summer.

With a wedding date set for August 5, 2006, **Brooke Weimer** will be living in Hagerstown, Md., with soon-to-be husband Kevin Lewis Crawford. She works as physical education teacher at Tuscarora Elementary School in Frederick City, Md.

Zach Schneider currently works as project manager for Buch Construction. He is a volunteer fire lieutenant in his spare time and loves helping everyone in the community. On the weekends, he enjoys spending time at his home in Dewey Beach, Del.

Kerry DeBusk '06 and **Randy May** recently celebrated their wedding on June 10, 2006 in Elkton, Md. They currently reside in State College, Pa., where Randy is continuing his study in acoustics at Penn State University.

Amy Conaway started a business selling crafts and supplies, ALC Unlimited. In addition, she also has started a Westminster Chapter for the Weston A. Price Foundation.

Karen Tull has been since graduation working as the associate editor of *LocumLife* magazine, located in Salisbury, Md.

Heather Kirkwood is currently pursuing a master's in Latin American studies at the University of Texas-Austin. She had enough spare time to be able to do some spring break traveling through Spain with roommate **Lizzie Musar**. Next fall, she will spend a semester studying in Costa Rica and interning with a United Nations program for restorative justice in Latin America.

Kristen Schmor teaches middle school math and science in Anne Arundel County

while also pursuing her master's in counseling or education back at McDaniel.

Caitlin Burns finished one year of teaching sixth-grade ancient civilizations in Anne Arundel County. Eventually, she plans to earn her master's degree, but is taking time off from being a student so she can get her feet on the ground with regards to teaching.

Since June '06, **Rusty Haak** has lived in Hilton Head Island, S.C. He is a marketing consultant/account executive for Adventure Radio, which has a cluster of seven radio stations in the Hilton Head Island, S.C.-Savannah Ga. market. He enjoys his new job and all that life has brought him, especially since he lives only steps away from the beach.

After graduation, **Jannine Lewis** began working for Pulte Homes in the sales division where she works as a sales associate. She resides in Baltimore.

Jessica Watson is using her creative and artistic talent working as a graphic artist with Solo Cup Company in Owings Mills, Md., where she absolutely loves her job. In addition to that she is still doing freelance design projects and hosting art shows locally.

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back story

What they were thinking

April 20, 2006:
Kaha Hashi '06
(center) takes
the stage
during Live Band
Karaoke night
in the pub.



Rebel Yell. We were singing that Billy Idol song, "Rebel Yell." That night was my first time up there — it was the end of the year and I wanted to do something different. It was fun, like three minutes of being a rock star. I didn't want to sing some cheesy music. I listen to a lot of '80s rock bands and I listen to a lot of country music. We actually did Guns 'N Roses next.

I was born in Somalia and I've lived in Kenya and Syria. I speak Somali and Arabic and started English when I moved to Falls Church, Va., at 14 for high school. I hang out with a lot of Americans, so I just learned. I try, but I can't do slang. That's why I speak in a sort of sophisticated style, so I sound like I'm smart. Dean (Henry) Reiff used to think I'm like a valley girl, but I'm not a valley girl.

I'm Muslim and I wear a scarf to cover my head because of my religion. People asked questions sometimes, but not very often. Everyone got used to me.

—Kaha Hashi '06

Photographic Memory

Does this photograph jog your memory sufficiently to correctly answer the questions below?

We challenge you to complete this quiz and submit it to us at The Hill magazine, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD, 21157.

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1. This is an architectural detail on which campus building?
 - a. Western Maryland College Alumni Hall
 - b. Hill Hall
 - c. McDaniel Hall
2. In what year was construction of this building completed?
 - a. 1923
 - b. 1913
 - c. 1938
3. This building first housed on campus:
 - a. men's dorm
 - b. women's dorm
 - c. dining hall
4. The cost of construction totaled:
 - a. \$63,000
 - b. \$520,000
 - c. \$340,000
5. Where in this building is "Onion Hall" located?
 - a. first floor
 - b. basement
 - c. second floor



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Our story about online poker phenom Peter Calvo '07
(*Educated Bet*, page 12) chronicles his summer
at the World Series of Poker tournament in Las Vegas
and the valuable lessons he learned there.

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Kickin' Things Up a Notch

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Kaitlin McLean gets a kick out of the Korean karate club.
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Letters



Scott Sows Many Smiles

I thoroughly enjoyed reading your recent article profiling Dr. Bob Scott ("The Farmer in the Doc," Fall 2005). An alumnus of the Dental School, Dr. Scott is an excellent role model for both of our institutions. You conveyed the many qualities that make him an asset to the dental profession and in our community. His outreach and generosity inspires all of us to work harder and do more for society.

Thank you for providing your readers with an excellent article.

*Christian S. Stobler, DMD, DrMedDent
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More on the Math Quiz

The math quiz ("Alumni Ace Math Quiz," Winter/Spring 2006) is quite easy for someone who has studied math; I was a student of Dr. Spicer's in the early 1950s. As others have commented, the test can even be done without pencil and paper. Imagine my chagrin when I looked at the answers after completing the test and discovered that one of them was wrong: the very first one, and supposedly the easiest.

Let me tell you why I disagree with the answer. If the first addend, 5.89, can be assumed to have been the result of rounding, its original value could have a range of 5.885 to 5.894. Adding each of these extreme values to the second addend, 7.064, results in 12.949 and 12.958, respectively. Rounded to two places, these are 12.95 and 12.96, respectively. That is, if we assume the first addend, 5.89, was itself the result of rounding, there are two possible solutions to this simple addition.

At the University of Miami, my fellowship in graduate school required me to be the lab assistant in statistics. It was I to whom students came with their questions for six hours each week. If one of my students had come to me with this problem, the first thing I would tell him or her would be to discard the "4" in the second addend, as it is not significant. One does not add a "hundreds" decimal to a "thousands" decimal, for the reason stated in the paragraph above. There is no indication in the text that 5.89 is 5.890 or the result of rounding any number between 5.885 and 5.894.

In my humble opinion, the answer is not "b," but "a," 12.95 instead of 12.954.

Abbott Wainwright ex'57

Math Proficiency Director Carolyn Boner responds: Mr. Wainwright is getting a different result because he is assuming these numbers, 5.89 and 7.064, are approximate or rounded numbers. We are considering the numbers theoretically as exact numbers, not as approximate numbers, such as those often encountered in statistics.

Caption Contest Winner

Roger Rideout, a Latinist and music professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, is the winner of the cartoon caption contest. He is known around his department for having a quick wit and abiding affection for smart cartoons. A colleague passed him a copy of *The Hill*, and he couldn't resist entering several captions. He will receive a print of the cartoon by Sidney Harris—and an honorary McDaniel College T-shirt.

Judges' Reports:

College Provost **Tom Falkner**, also a Latinist and a classics scholar, says of the winning caption: "This is priceless because the captioner 'gets' the common denominator of the three plays: all are stories of women who avenge themselves in bloody ways on men. In *Agamemnon*, Clytemnestra kills her faithless husband, Agamemnon. In *Electra*, the heroine murders her mother, Clytemnestra, and her lover, Aegisthus. And Medea avenges the husband who has abandoned her by killing their two sons. Since to the best of our knowledge only men were allowed to attend Greek tragedies, these productions must have been unsettling for husbands on their way home from a long afternoon at the theater."

Pam Zappardino '71, past president of the Alumni Council, explains: "Seems I like the concept of guys being startled (and maybe a wee bit scared) by the ladies' somewhat shocking behavior. Guess I'm a recalcitrant feminist at heart!"

Zap also liked this one, saying she wasn't

exactly sure why but it made her laugh out loud, from Dr. Boyd Myers '63, of Annandale, Va.: "My Gods, It's Helena!"

Howard Orenstein, associate professor of psychology emeritus whose research interests include the psychology of humor, also

gave honorable mention to this one, from Jean Andrews MEd'76, "It's a catchy title, but the story will never last." And, he had to mention this "sentimental choice" that pays tribute to a theatre department legend, from Dr. Jim Leonard '49: "Which one is the Esther Smith Production?"



"You know, Epicurus, it's getting so I'm afraid to go home."

"This is priceless because . . . all are stories of women who avenge themselves in bloody ways on men." —Tom Falkner, college provost and classics scholar

FROM THE HILL News

Author Tom Wolfe Continues the Conversation

Just before writer Tom Wolfe appeared on stage at Baltimore's historic Lyric Opera House, President Joan Develin Coley issued a disclaimer from the podium: "Believe me that McDaniel College and our students were not part of Mr. Wolfe's research for the fictional Dupont University of his latest literary triumph, *I Am Charlotte Simmons*," she said, eliciting a good laugh from the audience.

Wolfe's most recent novel draws on his observations of the party rituals, social rules and sex lives of contemporary college students. "Fourth base used to mean going all the way," he said, while delivering a critical but hopeful commentary on American culture at the May 11 "Headlines and Biographies" lecture, which McDaniel

President Joan Develin Coley shares words with author Tom Wolfe.



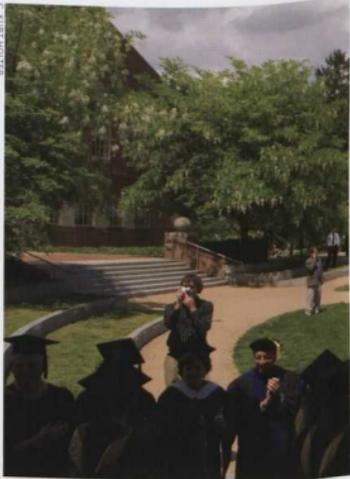
co-sponsored. "That's now third base. Fourth base is exchanging names."

The master social chronicler has written 12 novels and numerous essays over the past three decades, delivering insights into the life and times of America. He wrote about the brotherhood of astronauts in the early space program in *The Right Stuff*, the masters of the universe who drove the money-maniac 1980s in *Bonfire of the Vanities*, and deflated male egos and racial tensions at the turn of the new millennium in *A Man in Full*. His next book, expected out in February, will examine the lives of immigrants in 21st-century America.

Citing Paris Hilton's televised escapades and the Enron debacle as two examples of the nation's moral slide, Wolfe said, "Now there is a very influential segment of the population which no longer believes in religion or God." He urged new thinkers to step forward, adding, "I feel that this is the moment for some great individual to offer a new explanation of life."

Wearing his hallmark white suit, Wolfe appeared every bit the Southern gentleman as he amiably answered questions from the crowd. He agreed with one member of the audience that *A Man in Full* ended abruptly, joking that he had simply run out of time. Then, as if thinking out loud, he outlined

an alternate ending that involved—what else?—a sexual dilemma.



Science Guys Conduct Retirement Experiment

For biology professor Sam Alspach and chemistry professor Dave Herlocker, each with about four decades of teaching experience on the Hill, retirement looms as an exciting experiment involving travel, research projects and, of course, more teaching.

In the fall, Alspach will be back to lead his freshman seminar, Introduction to Oceanography, and he will also teach a course in nutrition for the graduate program. Still, he says he looks forward to joining the club of retired faculty who gather each month for breakfast in Glar and undertaking new projects, such as building a small sailboat from scratch and volunteering for an environmental organization.

Looking back on his 38 years at the College, he says, many highlights come to mind: Jan Term trips to study tropical



AFTER THE FACT

Legacy graduates with alumni parents or grandparents: **26**

Graduates with not just one, but two, alumni siblings: **3**

ROTC graduates who placed within the top 20 percent of all cadets in the nation: **2**

Graduates with GPAs of 4.0 or higher: **11**

Rank of biology in list of most popular majors: **3**

Ph.D. programs Katie Smith, a biology and chemistry major, turned down after accepting offer from Yale: **9**

marine biology in Florida, Belize and San Salvador; involving students with his grant-supported research into ways to restore local oyster reefs; and the many backpacking trips and races he's completed with faculty friends.

Serving as pre-med adviser has also been rewarding, he says. "I've seen great people go into the medical profession. I've seen an equal number go into wonderful careers and lives."

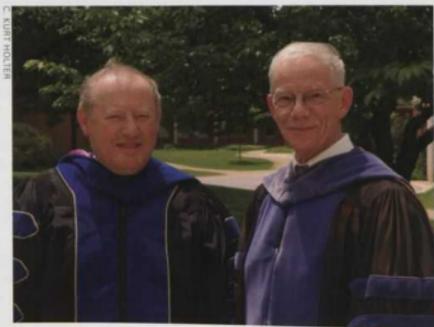
Herlocker says he is proud to have played an integral role in a department on the advance. Since he arrived in the mid-1960s, the chemistry program has doubled in size, moved into high-tech labs, founded a chemistry honor society, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, and graduated "many really talented students" who have gone on to impressive graduate schools and careers in industry and the medical field. "We've got students at Yale right now and one of our students, Heather Huffer, got her dental degree from Harvard. We in the department like to think we helped with that," he says. One of Herlocker's favorite courses was

one he developed in radiochemistry, the chemistry of materials that are radioactive. He combined the science with lessons in history, from the discovery of radioactivity in the 1890s to the development of nuclear weapons and power plants. He also enjoyed participating in the campus community as a member of the curriculum committee, the standards committee, the admissions committee and the Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

Herlocker, who walks an hour each day with dog Badie, will travel to Iceland in July with Jim Lightner and some other McDaniel cronies. He has no firm teaching plans right now, but expects to take over an occasional course. "I figure one day someone will call up and make me an offer and if it sounds good, I'll go

with it," he says. Meanwhile, he looks forward to breakfast in Glar and attending evening lectures and concerts without having to worry about getting up to teach an 8 a.m. class.

Dave Herlocker and Sam Alspach look forward to joining the retirees' table in Glar.



Digital Fine Art Blooms in Professor's New Book

Professor Sue Bloom's latest work of art is also her largest and, perhaps, the most daunting of all her creations. It is her first book, *Digital Collage and Painting*, published by Focal Press, which took two years to write and weighs in at 608 pages.

Inside those pages are more than 150 examples of the art and art history professor's work as a high-tech fine artist. There are richly colored digital paintings, fanciful collages and breathtaking panoramic photos taken in exotic locales while she was on Jan Term, sabbatical and summer tours around the globe.

Designed as an instructional guide for professionals and serious hobbyists and marketed worldwide, the book's chapters are full of useful information about making fine artwork on the computer with programs like Photoshop and Painter.

"There are lots of tools now available digitally that are much like traditional art tools, it's just we're not smelling the turpentine and getting our hands dirty," explains Bloom, who earned both her BFA and MFA at Maryland Institute College of Art and has been a courtroom illustrator, traditional painter and photographer. "Instead of pushing pigment I'm pushing pixels."

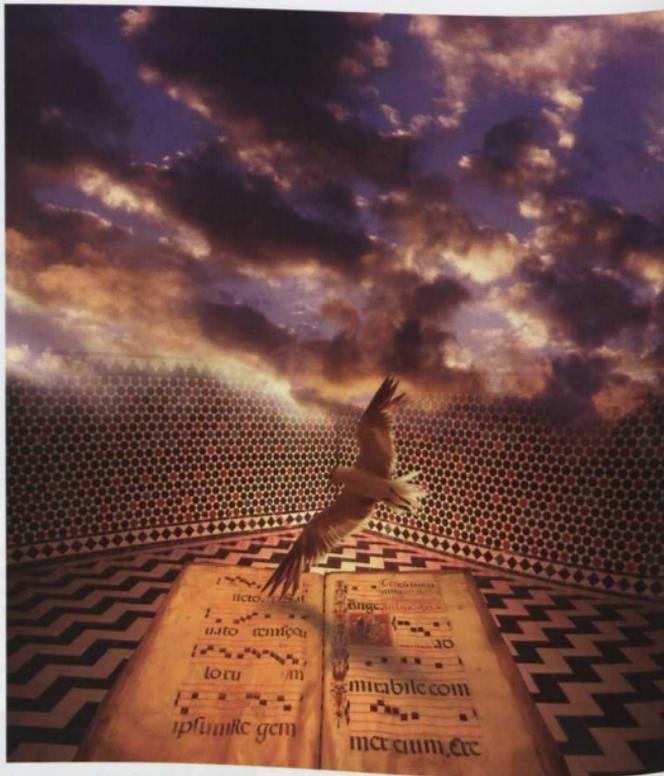
Since buying her first Macintosh computer in 1984, Bloom has dabbled with digital imaging while also experimenting with combining mediums in the "wet" darkroom. Because she was never really satisfied with the photographic pieces that were available, she would hand-apply various emulsions onto watercolor paper or charcoal paper, create the photographs and then go back and draw and paint into the images. "Only in the last four or five years has the quality risen so dramatically that I have jumped the digital divide—I hardly

ever shoot film anymore," says Bloom, who teaches a range of photography and graphic design courses on campus, as well as at selective summer photography workshops in Maine and Palm Beach. "It's an exciting time to be involved in photography."

In addition to her own work, Bloom also solicited pieces from around the world by 21 digital artists, along with descriptions of their techniques.

"I asked them all sorts of nosy questions everyone wants to ask, like, 'What kind of computer and software are you using?', 'What's your printer like?', 'What's your favorite paper?', 'Who inspires you?' And then I had that artist walk viewers through their creative process," she says.

Digital Collage and Painting is available at local bookstores or at www.barnesandnoble.com.

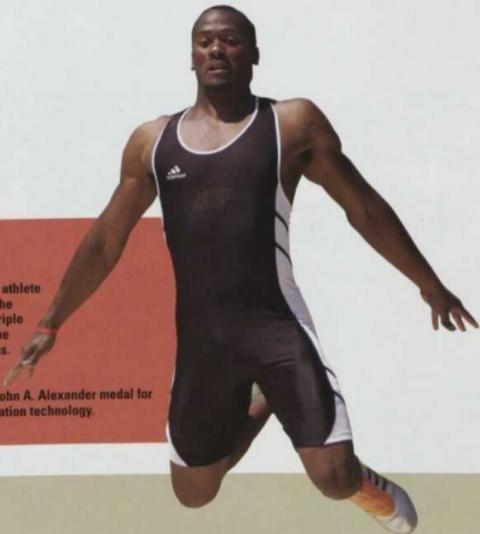


"Grace Descends," a digital collage that graces the cover of Susan Ruddick Bloom's new book, combines photos of a gull in North Carolina, mosaic tiles in Morocco and a giant hymnal in the Spanish church where the tomb of Christopher Columbus rests.

All-America All Over Again

Two days after becoming the third four-time All-America athlete in Green Terror history, Broderick Maybank '06 became the College's first five-time All-America, placing fifth in the triple jump. Maybank posted a mark of 48 feet 3.25 inches on the final day of the NCAA Division III National Championships. He took fourth in the long jump.

The communication major from Baltimore received the John A. Alexander medal for top senior male athlete and is looking for a job in information technology.



Faculty Feats

\$10,000 Prize and Top Teaching Award Go to Orza

Julia Orza was elated to learn she'd won this year's Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award, a recognition that is to the faculty what the Oscars are to actors. Then, the associate professor of education found out she would also be the first recipient of a \$10,000 prize, thanks to an endowment for the award funded by Carol Hoerichs Moore '70 and Charles Moore '71.

"It was a total shock," said Orza, adding that she looks forward to using part of the \$5,000 earmarked for professional development to attend an academic conference in Australia. She said she'll be happy to pay off debts with the \$5,000 in prize money designated for personal use.

Orza serves as chair of the education department and, since joining the faculty in 1995, has been both architect and director of the counselor education program, which prepares counselors for all types of work and offers courses that are both provocative and current. She also created and teaches the undergraduate first-year seminar course, Learning in a Diverse Society.

"Julia has virtually everything going for her as a professional," Professor of Education Skip Fennell wrote in his nomination for Orza. "She is well-



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respected as a teacher, is involved in campus and community activities and has a solid record as a scholar in her field."

German Peace Research Institute Picks Franke

Volker Franke, associate professor of political science and international studies, has been appointed research director for peace building and conflict transition at the Bonn International Center for Conversion, one of Germany's leading peace research institutes. He will take a two-year leave of absence from the College in order to fill this prestigious post.

Clark, Sapora, Singer Retire

Professors Jack Clark of the mathematics department, Bob Sapora of the English and communication department, and Sue Singer of the economics and business administration department retired after long and accomplished teaching careers.

Clark arrived on campus in 1978 and inspired passion in his students for problem-solving, music, outdoor cycling and mountain climbing, as well as the Japanese game of Go. He transported countless students to performances of Bach's B Minor Mass and Mozart's operas in Baltimore, D.C. and Philadelphia.

Sapora joined the faculty in 1971 as a medievalist, teaching such critical courses as Chaucer, Beowulf to Mallory, and Linguistics. In the mid-1980s, his dual skills in script writing and filmmaking led to his being selected for a joint appointment

in both the communication and English departments. As the founder and director of the Filmmaking Apprenticeship at McDaniel in 1998, he supervised nearly 50 student apprentices in film and video production.

Singer joined the faculty as a professor of Economics and Business Administration in 1983 after working as an accountant and tax specialist. Singer led the first group of students to study in Budapest in 1998. She has served as adviser to the Jewish Student Organization. In 1996 she was appointed by Gov. Parris Glendening to the Maryland State Board of Public Accountancy, which oversees certified public accountants practicing in Maryland.

Off to Africa on a Fulbright

Debora Johnson-Ross, assistant professor of political science and international studies, won a Fulbright Scholar Grant from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board.

She will spend 10 months lecturing at the University of Buea in Cameroon, West Africa, where she will teach three courses. Johnson-Ross' teaching interests focus on comparative and African politics, so the timing of her stay in 2006-07 prior to a presidential election couldn't be more perfect. She has visited Cameroon several times, and most recently took six students in January as part of a three-week course, Culture and Politics of Cameroon.



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PRE-MED STRESS KICKER

She is a biochemistry major in the pre-med program with aspirations of working as an emergency room physician. She plays the flute in the College Band, the College Choir and the Flute Quartet. The Delaware native dotes on 7-year-old twin brothers, but also spends time with the elderly in Friends Through the Ages, a student service club that hosts programs for residents of a retirement community in Westminster. McLean has learned to punch and kick away college stress since becoming a member—and recently the president—of the club that practices the Korean martial art of Soo Bahk Do.

IN HER WORDS:

- **Soo Bahk Do helps you relax** and get rid of some of the stresses of your life. You're not thinking about other things, you're focusing your personal energy on that one kick, that one punch, and it really helps to clear your mind.
- **I've been hitting the books** and it's hard to get to the gym. Biochemistry is that kind of major. And this past semester I took three labs and that was pretty hectic. So I use karate as my main workout.
- **We don't call them karate chops**, we call them breaks. To get my stripe on my green belt, I had to break four boards. I did two together and then I did two singles. So I had to hit three times, one after the other, basically to show fluidity in my movements.
- **It's very empowering** when the board breaks. It makes you realize that you're stronger than you think. If the board doesn't break, it does hurt.
- **Our instructor always tells us, if you don't think you can break the board you won't.** He says, "You all have the strength to do it. You have to have the confidence." You have to hit it knowing you're going to break it because you have to accelerate through the board and if you slow down before you hit you're not going to break it. And that's a confidence issue.
- **I was very shy** in high school and I have seen a major change. I feel a lot more confident in a group of people and I think it's because the leadership roles I've taken here at McDaniel have forced me to go outside my comfort zone. Now I don't feel shy anymore at all.
- **I particularly enjoy the self-defense** aspect of karate. I don't feel unsafe at home or at college, but it's a concern for any young woman.
- **We practice sparring**, we have mock fights. We also learn how, if somebody's grabbing your hand or if somebody throws a punch at you, how you avoid getting hit and make it so that person won't come after you again.
- **I definitely feel like I can defend myself** quite well should I get into a situation where that needs to happen.
- **Last semester, we had 10 regular members** and then we always have a couple people who come when they can. We do three practices per week that are an hour and a half long. If you want to test in order to move up you have to come to two practices per week.
- **My twin 7-year-old brothers** absolutely love watching me do karate. My brothers are awesome. I miss them a lot. When I came home for Easter they posted 50 homemade signs all around the house.
- **Last summer, I worked at Alfred I. duPont Children's Hospital** in Delaware doing research into a disease called Pelizaeus-Merzbacher, which is a genetic disorder. It causes symptoms similar to cerebral palsy because it interferes with the myelin wrapping along neurons, slowing neural impulses. It's caused by a duplication on the X chromosome. I looked at how much of that chromosome was duplicated in patients, and from that work I hope to look at a mechanism for the duplication and possibly why the duplication happens so maybe we can start to see how to prevent it in the future. Hopefully this will become a future publication, which is very exciting.
- **My plans for this summer** are to do research at Dupont developing insecticides that aren't harmful to the environment.
- **I'm a big fan of Stephen King** so I also want to do some pleasure reading this summer. I just finished *The DaVinci Code* and I'm looking forward to reading more of Dan Brown's work.
- **I enjoy all I do.** It definitely leads to a hectic lifestyle, but at the same time I couldn't imagine giving up anything.

Phil's New Refrain

A former college dropout and record producer
sings the praises of a good education

By KIM ASCH

If you knew Phil Blackman back in the late 1980s, then it will come as no surprise that on this Thursday night in April he returned undergraduate is chillin' in the Pub. The differences in both the man and his surroundings, however, are striking.

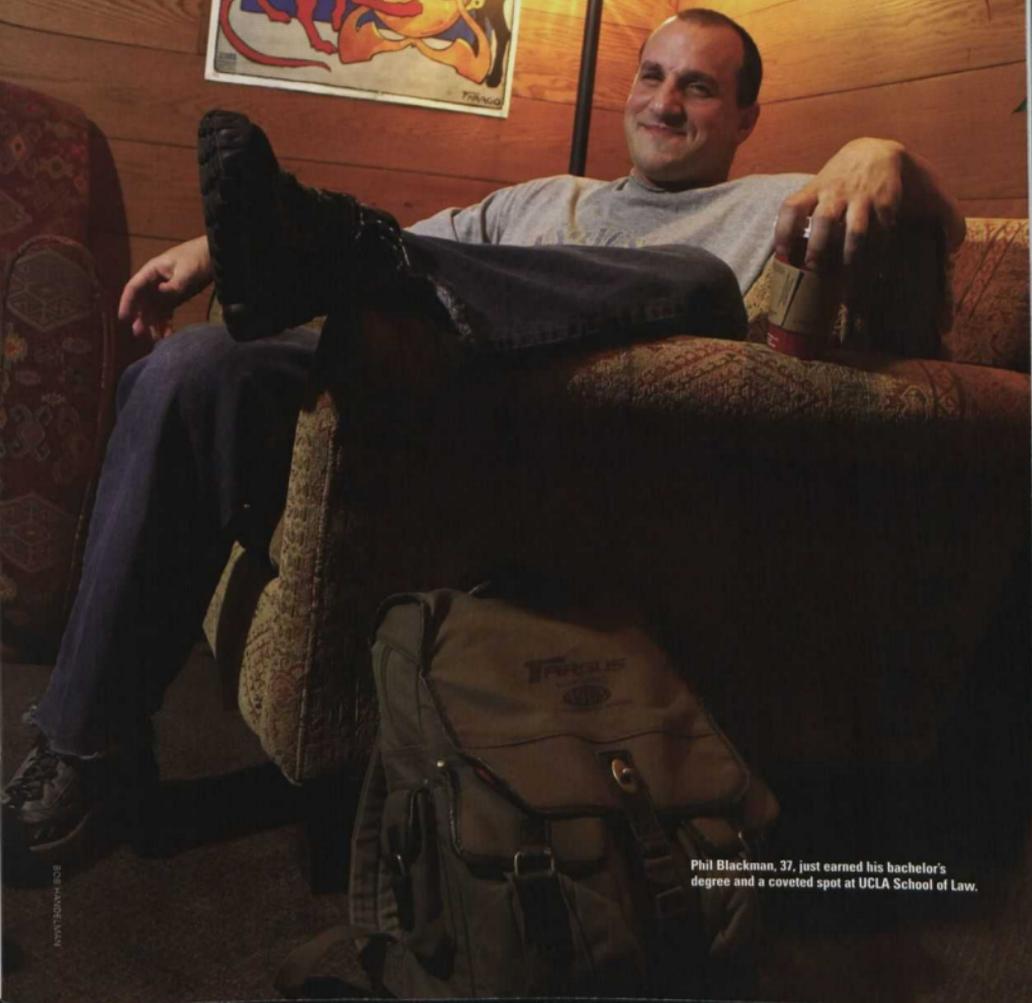
For starters, this popular campus hangout, once crowded with dark booths and students thirsty for 50-cent beers, has been transformed into a contemporary coffee bar, complete with bistro tables, cozy reading nooks and an unlimited selection of frothy, caffeinated concoctions served at appropriately chic prices.

And then there's what Blackman's holding in his hand. The ubiquitous beer that was his constant companion during his first attempt at college has been replaced by a grande cup of java. Make that many cups.

"This place is much more refined, more mature," says the 37-year-old Blackman while taking a break from a late-night study session in the library. Though his hairline has receded, the crooked smile is as bright as ever. "It's emblematic of my life. It was perfect for me then, and it's perfect for me now."

The now—the new—Phil Blackman returned to McDaniel in the fall of 2004 to make things right 15 years after he was academically dismissed, or as he more candidly puts it, "after I drank my way out of college."

The years that followed were, to borrow a phrase from his all-time favorite band the Grateful Dead, a long, strange trip. He confronted and conquered alcoholism, then moved to Philadelphia and again to Los Angeles to cut a career in the music business as a recording engineer. Along the way he got the chance to work with, among others, Macy Gray, the Fugees, Aaron Neville and Billy Idol. He earned credits on platinum albums. He attended the Grammy Awards twice. But he ultimately became disenchanted by the capriciousness of an industry in which one year he pulled in six figures and the next he was living on a shoestring. Without an undergraduate degree, he realized, he would never find his way to more stable, consistently lucrative and satisfying work. So, with his sights set on gaining admission to law school, he placed a call to his alma mater.



Phil Blackman, 37, just earned his bachelor's degree and a coveted spot at UCLA School of Law.

Henry Reiff

was immediately intrigued. Yes, said the associate dean of academic affairs, it was possible to return. They set up a face-to-face meeting and sat down together in Reiff's office, where Blackman delivered an unflinching account of his troubles on the Hill.

The Westminster native joined the class of 1991 as a sophomore philosophy major after completing a year at Carroll Community College. His brother Pat Blackman '91, just 10 months and three weeks older, also transferred in, from University of Maryland. Both were big bright thinkers, but Phil was the gregarious one, a Deadhead who crisscrossed the country to attend dozens of live shows and who regularly ran sound for his musician friends at house parties. The previous summer he'd had an epiphany at dawn following a particularly raucous night. "I woke up and saw the most beautiful sunrise of my life. I was so ashamed of myself because the only reason I was up early enough to see it was to throw up."

He abstained from alcohol the first few months on campus and thrived, earning a 3.25 GPA for the fall semester. But over spring break, Blackman resumed drinking, mostly beer but also cocktails. His life as a student began to unravel, starting with the courses outside his major; his chemistry grade plummeted from A to F.

For a while, he kept up with his favorite classes and professors. "I actually had Pat in class first, so I expected that Phil would be intelligent and he was," recalls Christianna Nichols Leahy, associate professor of political science and international studies. She was new on the faculty, just shy of 30, and found she could relate to the Blackman brothers' idealism and commitment to social justice. "I remember Phil being so affable and very engaging, but directionless at that time. There was also this party guy, laziness factor."

By junior year, he was having trouble keeping up; in fact, he didn't have enough credits to earn junior status. He sometimes drank alone between classes. A few times, he got mean after he got drunk, and once, while bar-hopping in Georgetown, he punched and broke his roommate's nose.

That's when Blackman realized that his drinking was no longer just a fun, extracurricular activity to do while socializing with classmates; it was a problem, "and there were real ramifications for the actions I was taking."

Friends turned away. Bad grades outnumbered the good. He was put on academic probation.

His adviser, Bob Hartman, now emeritus professor of philosophy and religious studies, tried to counsel him. "I would go to his office and tell him what was going on. We'd sit in his office for two hours, literally, at least once or twice a week, and he'd talk me through getting through the alcoholism," Blackman recalls.

Pat and big sister Susan Blackman '76 also reached out, but to no avail. "Everybody knew what was going on. They all wanted me to quit drinking. But I wasn't, so there's not much they could say," Blackman says. "All of my professors were supportive. They also all failed me when they needed to fail me."

By the spring semester of 1991, what should have been his senior year if he'd kept up with his studies, Blackman—who by this time was sharing a house off campus with some other guys—stopped attending classes altogether. "I failed every class that semester," he says. He'd already flunked six courses previously, including two of his friend Professor Leahy's. Notice of his academic dismissal drove the point home—he was an alcoholic. In retrospect, Blackman told Dean Reiff at their first of many meetings, getting kicked out of college "was the best thing that could have happened to me."

Reiff was impressed with Blackman's candor about his past, with how he'd picked himself up and made a career in music, and with his new ambition to not just finish what he'd started, but go on to law school.

Typically when dealing with ex-students who want to return, explains Reiff, he allows that 10 years or more is time enough to turn around. "Was I a different person in my mid-30s than I was at 18? I hope so. And I want to give that benefit of the doubt to anyone," he says. "But Phil was particularly impressive because he was very planned-out, very clear, very goal-oriented."

Blackman was determined to create a second career that he could count on, one that would be both personally and financially rewarding. Completing his education was the key to this plan. He didn't realize his first career in the music industry would actually open the door.

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—PHIL BLACKMAN

Blackman's star

began to rise about five years after his academic dismissal from college. He'd been working a series of

depressing, dead-end restaurant and manual-labor jobs. And he'd gotten sober. "Once I hurt everybody in my life it was easy to quit," Blackman explains, repeating the phrase like a refrain. "Once I hurt everybody in my life, it was easy to quit. Because I disappointed everybody."

He still loved running live sound for his friends' bands and it occurred to him that people actually got paid, that he could make a living, working on the production side of music. He interned at a studio in Falls Church, Va., for a couple of years before a friend in New York referred him for a job in Philadelphia with Joe Nicolo, the hip-hop engineer and producer who co-founded Ruffhouse Records. Soon after he was hired to do engineering and mastering, Blackman worked on a re-make by the Fugees of Roberta Flack's "Killing Me Softly," a wild success that went on to sell more than 15 million copies. "It was a huge, lucky deal but in a way it was sad because I thought every record you put out is supposed to blow up—that that's how the business works," Blackman says. "It's exactly the opposite."

Blackman did score more hits. After a couple of years in Philly he went out to L.A. for a job as a second engineer at A&M Records, then went on his own as a first engineer. He earned an outrageous \$7,500 for the week he recorded the single, "Ghetto Supastar," for the Warren Beatty movie "Bulworth." That segued into a gig for Macy Gray. He did projects with David Crosby, Beck, the Wallflowers, Billy Corgan.

He also experienced the downside of this wild rollercoaster ride.

"It's not that glamorous. You spend at least 16 hours a day inside of a room with no windows," says Blackman, adding that for two years he actually lived at the beach but never got a tan. "You don't have time to date. You don't have time to play golf. You don't have time to do anything but go to work."

The impossibly pretentious Hollywood hierarchy got tough to stomach, too. "There's this whole egocentric attitude that my [stuff] is the best and no one else can touch me. It inevitably places value on people and creates a class system within the industry," Blackman observes, sounding more the philosophy major than the former mix master.

"So the producer's more important than the engineer; the engineer's more important than the second engineer; the second engineer's more important than the runner; the artist is always right, except when the producer tells them they're wrong; the label president's the king; the manager is important, the lawyer is always listened to.

"And it's men. There are very, very, very few women on the production end. These kind of classist, egocentric attitudes are enforced by a bunch of macho guys."

Blackman wasn't immune, he confesses. "I let it get to me. I sent a runner to get me a cup of coffee on Melrose on a Saturday afternoon, which sucked for him because he had to drive down there and park on Saturday afternoon and that's impossible. Meanwhile, there was a Starbucks only a block away from us, but I preferred the Coffee Bean on Melrose."

When illegal music downloading became all the rage, "the recording industry went into the toilet," Blackman says. "I went from a six-figure income for two years running to no income for six months."

Midway through

his first semester back on campus, fall 2004, Blackman was getting his own coffee at lunchtime in Glar. He was eating a burger and chocolate pudding—and marveling at the relative ease of college life.

Compared to the 90-hour workweeks he survived in L.A., Blackman's schedule was heavenly. Still a bachelor with no wife or children depending on him, he shared a new North Village apartment with three other students that first semester and worked as a resident adviser to help with the bills. This time around, he was the guy enforcing the rules regarding alcohol consumption and playing the role of big brother to teens and 20-somethings who sometimes lose their focus.

If at first some of his younger, traditional-age classmates were wary, they soon warmed to the ever-affable, if more worldly Blackman.

"Even though he wasn't going out and partying every night, he could relate. He knew what was going on with music and the culture because that's the kind of business he was in," says Jay Maier, a sophomore exercise science major with a minor in business administration who first met Blackman in a philosophy class. Once they became friends, though, Maier couldn't resist a little ribbing. "I'm always calling him old man. I try not to tease him about the hair because that's bad karma."



Blackman enjoyed getting to know other students, but he kept a laserlike focus on his studies. He had gotten the chance for a do-over and he was intent on making all the right choices this time around.

He worked hard. Despite the fact that Blackman's disastrous spring 1990 semester was expunged from his record, he still had six classes with Fs on his transcript. So on top of the additional credits he needed to earn in order to graduate, he had to retake all the courses he'd flunked and earn As in them if he wanted to get into law school.

Essentials of General Organic and Biological Chemistry was his crucible. Blackman studied 20 to 25 hours per week and pulled off an A-minus. "He's not a natural chemist, but he worked extraordinarily hard. He always sat in the front row. I could count on him to always ask a lot of good questions," reports chemistry professor Michael Rosenthal, who counts himself among Blackman's fans. "Phil possesses a natural charm. He's assertive without being aggressive. He never missed a class—and I would have missed him in class."

Leahy, too, was impressed. Blackman came back to earn a better grade in her class, Comparative Politics of Communist & Post-Communist Political Systems, which he'd taken the first time when there was still a Berlin Wall and a Soviet Union. "It was really great to have him there because he had a personal memory of what we were learning about—he lived through this stuff—and because he's smart and raised the bar for the entire class," she says.

Often, Blackman could inject personal perspective to class discussions. "You guys don't remember this because you were one year old at the time," he remembers saying once while discussing the arms race during the Cold War. "But we lived through the fear of nuclear annihilation."

So much has changed since Blackman was first in college. There's now the Internet for research, and Instant Messaging, e-mail and cellphones to connect students to one another, their professors and the outside world. Most of the major classroom buildings on campus are renovated and there are impressive new ones, like Eaton Hall of Science and Academic Hall. Half of the Pub's square footage is now a chic coffee bar. But much remains the same about the campus and its culture. Alcohol still plays a role on the social scene. In fact, here in Decker Center on this very Thursday night late in the spring semester, a large crowd of juniors and seniors has gathered to enjoy live band karaoke and beer. "I have to decide not to drink every day," Phil says, sipping at his coffee. "I've made that decision every day for 14-plus years."

Blackman has made other good decisions these past two years. He chose to volunteer at his old elementary school after a substitute teaching stint showed him "how much a little bit of attention means to a kid." His fourth-graders call him "Dr. Phil" and he's decided that, once he's established in the practice of law, he will dedicate pro bono time to working on cases dealing with equal access to education.

After his 78-year-old mom fell ill over Christmas, he chose to move into the Westminster homestead to help with her recovery. His sister Susan, who lives in Pittsburgh, says her little brother has matured during this do-over.

"It's been really neat watching Phil being such a wonderful nurturer and advocate for Mom," she says. "We all grow up in different ways and at different times."

Leahy, Blackman's former and current professor, concurs. "He did a special-topics paper on Title IX that was unbelievably well-researched and well-written. I told him, 'Don't take this as patronizing, but I am completely proud of you and this amazing turnaround,'" she says.

Blackman put as much energy into the law school application process as he did his course work. He completed about 15 practice LSATs before sitting for the real thing. He assembled recommendations from Rosenthal, Leahy and adjunct lecturer Marc Rasinsky, a Carroll County district court judge. He carefully thought through his personal statement and realized he could parlay his experience in the music

business—the ups and the downs—into a case for his admission to study entertainment law.

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—Professor Christianne Michaels Leahy



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"I pointed out that I don't have this kind of naïve misconception of a perpetually glamorous lifestyle being one big hit away, because it's not," he says. "And as an attorney, I'll be in a much better situation to defend myself and others against the kind of scumbags that exist out there. I actually put that in my personal statement, too."

The strategy worked. In April, he got the news that he'd been accepted to his first-choice program—UCLA law school, rated among the nation's top 15.

"I didn't think that perennial smile of his was capable of enlarging any more, but it did. I was equally psyched," says Leahy, who cooked Blackman a steak dinner to celebrate. She says she has high hopes for the good work he will do in the future. "You can do a lot more by being in the system than outside the system."

On a cloudless afternoon in May, Phil Blackman marched before an applauding faculty with the Class of 2006—his class—to shake hands with President Joan Develin Coley, accepting a diploma that took him 20 years to receive.

A couple weeks later, "Dr. Phil" surprised the kids at William Winchester Elementary School by showing up for their annual play day so he could be there for them one more time.

By mid-July, he'll be back in L.A., this time as a full-time graduate student at one of the most prestigious law schools in the country.

This is not the Phil Blackman you thought you knew in the late 1980s. Phil Blackman is a new man. He is jubilant, filled-up, proud.

And he has a new refrain:

"The 15th-best law school in the country is pretty damn serious," he says with obvious pride. "I feel really lucky. I don't know if everybody realizes what a great opportunity an education is, but you can really change your life significantly by doing well in college." ■



Words to Live By

Freshman Finds His Voice, and an Audience

BY MICHELE LEIBERMAN

Clayton Rosa '09 nearly closes his eyes and half-reads, half-raps one of his poems before a captivated audience in Decker College Center. The rhythm is soothing, but the meaning of the words—strung together in a rush of riotous rhymes—is just the opposite. There is violence, and encounters with racism and hatred, but there is also hope and love.

Rosa, who has written more than 300 poems about growing up in the city of Boston, has seen far more than most of his peers at McDaniel. But his soft voice and the frayed maroon bible he tucks poems inside reflect a quiet determination to share his message of multiculturalism with others.

"I want to be able to leave an impression on people who meet me," Rosa says. "I want them to know I'm going to do something with myself that's greater than me."

Tonight, Rosa is here to introduce the spoken-word poetry group El Grito de Poetas (Scream of the Poets) he helped bring to campus to celebrate Diversity Week. A cold spring rain snarls traffic and the group from New York, which uses spoken-word poetry to advocate for Latinos, is running an hour late. So Rosa does his best to entertain the crowd.

Sporting baggy jeans and tightly coiled braids, Rosa stands on the stage area and unfolds a white piece of paper printed with a newly penned poem. As he reads, the audience of students, professors, kids and community members sit rapt. They whoop, cheer and clap when Rosa finishes. He smiles self-consciously at the group, willing to bask only briefly in the spotlight of this success.



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Finally, travel-worn El Grito de Poetas arrives and the crowd explodes in applause. Casually dressed in ripped jeans and work clothes, they are teachers, parents and neighbors. The poets burst into verse. One, two, three at a time they shout out lines and chime in as each of the others speaks, turning a single verse into a collective voice. They perch in various places in chairs meant for the audience, injecting the room with energy. They jump up at different times, hoot and holler at one another, and run up to the stage to take a turn as leader.

A poet in a yellow shirt and baseball cap expresses a great appreciation for women. He says he wishes he was born a woman so that he could know what it is like to be a mother. Another young man runs his hand through his wavy dark hair as he imagines the life of his little girl, who was never born because she was aborted. The group's founder Lilah "High Priestess" Mejia and her young daughter perform a poem together about their encounters with racism. The little girl's squeaky fresh voice brings an air of lightness to the heavy topic.

"I need to have my people's voices heard just like everyone else's," says Mejia. "We're all Latino but we're all very different, and we each tell poems dedicated to our different cultures."

In his poems, Rosa tells the story of his life growing up as a black Latino in Boston, where he constantly heard blaring police cars and ambulances. His father, a barber, taught him about the value of hard work, and from his mother he learned sacrifice. But it was his older brother who taught him one of the greatest lessons about life by coming close to death.

"I heard three shots. It sounded like firecrackers. My brother fell into the house when I opened the door. My mother's tears flooded the room and her tears flowed together with his blood and in the reflection I saw myself."

Rosa didn't know what to do but write. His poetry filled the pages in a composition notebook, and it was weeks before his brother, shot in the chest and back, began to recover. The attack was one of the reasons Rosa became determined to try something new. McDaniel was the only college he applied to.

"After I got here one night, I sat on a bench by the football field and looked up at the sky and I have never seen so many stars in my life. It took me out of myself and the city I grew up in. I had to call somebody and say 'I didn't know there were that many stars in the universe.'"

Rosa hopes to start a spoken-word poetry group on campus and widen the scope of awareness about the art form.

"Poets love admiration from other poets," he says. "But they really want to touch those that are most unaware of the craft." ■

Road Less Traveled

Marty O'Connell takes a new turn along the unconventional path of her career and life

BY KIM ASCH

Admissions maverick Marty O'Connell forged her way to college. The act of deception, she still believes, was the lesser of two evils. Her Irish immigrant father worked as a chauffeur and an old-school domestic servant for a wealthy woman in rural Maryland and even if he could have afforded the tuition, he told his fifth and youngest child, he didn't believe his family was of the right class for college.

O'Connell understood that following in the footsteps of her father's fear—fear of being perceived as “overstepping” one's place, fear of daring to dream—would doom her to a life of subordination. Her aversion to lying was powerful, but she could overcome it to get to Rutgers University and a better future.

She found the family strong box, retrieved the tax forms and other documents necessary to complete her financial aid application, and traced her father's signature at the bottom. With a quick lick of the envelope and a silent wish, O'Connell took her first bold step along an unconventional path to a rewarding, challenging, and ultimately redeeming professional and personal life.

In work, this path led her to a career in admissions counseling—emphasis on the word “counseling”—in which she's become an outspoken critic of the frenzy surrounding the college search process and the high-stakes game of rankings and ratings. College admissions, she tells prospective students and their families, is not a competitive sport where only those admitted to big-name institutions are winners.



Marty O'Connell prepares to step into the national spotlight as spokesperson for The Colleges That Change Lives consortium.

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always have the opportunity to have an education."—Marty O'Connell

In love, her path led to Irish-American and fellow Rutgers environmental science major Patrick O'Connell, who was raised by a struggling single mother and never got to know his father. Together, they made a pact to overcome the legacy of their difficult childhoods by raising their own son and two daughters with much hands-on attention and hope. Marty gave birth to each of the kids at home during a time when this was considered radical. They defied the 1980s yuppie trend by deciding that it was also at home where their children would grow up—not in daycare. For good measure, the couple reversed traditional roles, with Pat as full-time caregiver and Marty as sole bread-winner.

Now, after 16 years on the Hill and a recent promotion to the newly created position of vice president of enrollment management and dean of admissions, O'Connell's path is taking another turn. Later this summer, she will step into the role of ambassador and spokesperson for The Colleges That Change Lives, a consortium created by former New York Times education writer Loren Pope, who identified and wrote a book touting 40 private liberal arts colleges, including McDaniel, where teaching is the primary focus and individual attention is the norm, not the exception.

This new gig will put O'Connell in the national spotlight, where she can stand and deliver her anti-establishment message to the masses.

"It's a very, very important and timely message for parents to hear. They think there's more opportunity and more diversity at a big school when actually just the opposite is true," says Pope, who described big universities like Harvard as "gyp joints" during a speech he made after accepting an honorary degree from McDaniel in 2001.

"Every university is a gyp joint for the undergraduate because they don't deliver what the small colleges do in terms of attention to the individual," he says again during a phone interview in June. Noting O'Connell's passion and her powerful stage presence, he explains why he chose her to assume the mantle of his life's work:

"Marty was made to be a torch-bearer," he says. "She's a tremendous person. I've never known anyone like her."

Not long after starting her job at the College, O'Connell found herself at a meeting with a trustee who was a frequent dinner guest of the wealthy woman that employed her parents. As a young girl, she'd been taught to step aside to allow members of the boss family to pass by her if she encountered them at the grocery store. So, it was thrilling to sit across the table from this trustee as a well-respected professional with bachelor's and master's degrees and a strong track record of success in her field.

She called her father to tell him about the encounter. His reaction was to worry that his daughter's working-class roots had finally been found out. "*Jaysus!* Now you're certain to lose your job!" O'Connell shrieks, imitating her father's response in a frightened Irish brogue.

Look closely at her otherwise elegant Carroll Hall office and you'll find her desk and bookshelves decorated with playful reminders of how she's exceeded her father's tragically low expectations for her. Her collection of tiny toy pigs is a way of making whimsy from another of his gloomy assessments: "You can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear."

In retrospect, O'Connell says, her difficult upbringing made her stronger. Because she grew up being told she wasn't beautiful, she became determined to be successful. Staying in her place was just not an option, but that place has fueled all of her subsequent accomplishments.

"I'm never going to forget what it's like to polish other people's silverware. I know what it feels like to be judged based on a lack of money or who your parents were or what they did for a living," she says. "What it does is make me want to fight to make sure students always have the opportunity to have an education."

O'Connell turned 51 this year, although you'd never know it. Tall, slender and stylish, everything about her exudes youthful energy, warmth and confidence.

In front of an audience she is awesome to behold, whether in Alumni Hall educating stressed-out families engaged in their college search, or at a monthly faculty meeting reporting on student applications, or at a meeting of the Board teaching the trustees about the nuances of financial aid and student yield.

During her tenure at McDaniel, she's enrolled 7,000 students—nearly one-third of its living alumni. And under her leadership, the College has nearly doubled its applicant pool, strengthened its academic profile and, most significantly, increased diversity from a mere 3 percent to 13 percent minority enrollment.

"I really admire Marty's dedication to increasing diversity on campus. She's made real, tangible progress," says sociology professor Roxanna Harlow, who often invites O'Connell to speak in her class, Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S. "It makes a difference for students of color—and certainly it makes a difference for faculty of color—to have a critical mass of minorities in this community."

Even at this tuition-dependent college, where the pressure to bring in a full class of students each year is at its peak, O'Connell refuses to reduce applicants to mere numbers. Instead she spends countless hours reading every application, looking beyond test scores to discover more details about a person's potential to thrive in and contribute to the community on the Hill.



"The SAT was meant to predict success for the first year. It was never meant to predict success through to graduation and it certainly is not meant to predict success in life," she says. "So we do spend the time really picking through all those application pieces and calling students in if they haven't come for interviews and we feel there's an untold part of the story that's going to help us decide that this person should be admitted.

That is what we feel as an admissions staff reflects the philosophy of this institution since its founding."

On every acceptance letter—2,000-plus this year—O'Connell writes a personal "p.s." note so students can tell she has taken the time to get to know about them. This personal approach also means counseling some students that they may not be ready for McDaniel's rigorous academic program and it would not be a good idea to apply. Discouraging applicants does not do much to enhance the College's perceived selectivity—since that is determined by the percentage of applicants who are denied admission—but it stays more true to its educational mission.

O'Connell often tells the starfish story to illustrate the importance of honoring each and every student applicant. It goes like this:

Thousands of starfish washed ashore. A little girl began throwing them in the water so they wouldn't die. "Don't bother dear," her mother said, "It won't make a difference." The girl stopped for a moment and looked at the starfish in her hand. "It will make a difference to this one."

Heidi Snyder Reigel '97 is in her 10th year as an admissions counselor at her alma mater. After 15 years, Julie Biddinger Jones '90 resigned her position only because she got the one job that could take her away: stay-at-home mom to infant daughter Angie. Gina Rende '01 left a few years ago in search of more lucrative work in business, but missed the sense of mission in her job at the College and came back.

Jake Doll, the newest addition, celebrates two years in July. He says the "ethical standards" at the heart of McDaniel's admissions effort are what attracted him to his position and he expects a long tenure. "I don't plan on leaving the joint—this is a wonderful home," he says. Adds five-year veteran Jill Morsberger, "There is such a synergy in our team; it's like our second family."

Longevity of this kind in an admissions office is almost unheard of. Typically, admissions counseling is considered a burnout job for young adults because of the late nights and hectic travel schedule. But staffers here say they stayed because of O'Connell's careful mentoring, because she made it fun and because she was always attentive to their needs. Even during the busiest recruitment season in the fall, she made sure her counselors got back to the office at least one day each week. This not only allowed them to reconnect at home, but with campus going-ons, which in turn provided fresh stories to share with prospective students.

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O'Connell's own family has grown up on the Hill, cheering Green Terror sports teams, taking in theatre and grooving to Jazz Night riffs. For several years, she sang in the Gospel Choir.

In her new position with Colleges That Change Lives, O'Connell will travel the country speaking on behalf of McDaniel and 39 other colleges that share this sense of community. "Be calm," she will tell prospective students and their families. "Forget about rankings and find the school that's right for you. Follow your own path and enjoy the journey."

Because that's just what O'Connell has done. And it's made all the difference.

Admissions counselor Heidi Reigel '97 (second from left) has thrived in her demanding job for the past 10 years, thanks to Marty O'Connell's careful mentoring and emphasis on ethics and fun.

Hand to

Teaching babies to sign for their supper —

BY KIM ASCH

Five-month-old Preston was not happy. In fact, the chubby, brown-haired baby wanted his mother to know he was distinctly unhappy. He let out a beseeching, wildcat whine.

Since naptime was fast approaching, Melissa Yost assumed her son must be tired. She picked him up and headed for his bedroom. Then she noticed

Preston's hand. It was opening and closing, over and over again. She understood that he was approximating the squeezing motion that in American Sign Language means "milk."

Adrienne King makes the sign for "bear" with one of the children in her Baby ASL class.



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Mouth

and a whole lot more

"Ahh, so that's it. He's hungry," Yost realized. And sure enough, the boy ate with gusto when she sat down to nurse him. Seems he was entering a growth spurt and his feeding schedule had accelerated accordingly.

"On a regular basis, I feel I'm pretty much in tune with Preston's needs, but when he's teething or growth-spurting I'm less sure," Yost explains. "That moment was great reinforcement to continue with the baby sign language classes."

Preston and his parents have been learning "Baby ASL" through classes taught by Adrienne King, who received her master's in elementary deaf education from McDaniel in the fall. King became a part-time instructor for an agency in Frederick, Md., that offers community ASL and interpreter training after she failed to find a course she could attend with her own infant daughter, Adelaide.

The class is geared to hearing caregivers of hearing children ranging in age from newborn to 2 years old, the age by which most hearing children are speaking. King, who has been signing with Adelaide since birth, says equipping babies with basic words in ASL allows them to communicate their specific needs, eliminating their frustration and strengthening the bond between them and their caregivers.

"Some people still worry that their hearing babies will have speech delays because they will have no incentive to learn to speak," says King, who aspires to teach at Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick once Adelaide is older. "Every bit of research I can find says exactly the opposite, that babies who learn to sign will speak sooner and with larger vocabularies."

Besides, adds Yost, the classes are a lot of fun. She was among the first to raise her hand when King asked who would be interested in taking "Baby ASL II." ■

Adelaide King first opens, then closes her hand to sign "milk."



"mommy"



"ball"



"sleepy"



Digging into History: A Shovel's Story

By the time it dug into the earth at an April 21 ceremony to launch construction of the new Merritt Fitness Center, the official groundbreaking shovel had already done the dirty work to commemorate some 13 other campus construction projects spanning 84 years. This historic implement has been handled by some of McDaniel's most distinguished alumni, and it made its debut in the hands of William Roberts McDaniel at the groundbreaking ceremony for McDaniel Hall on April 22, 1922.

Two forerunners to this shovel, both featuring painted scoops, are stored in the archives. The first shows a painting of a river running through the woods with a cottage at its banks and was used at the groundbreaking ceremony for Smith Hall in June of 1881. The second was used for the groundbreaking for Yingling gymnasium in 1889.

The current shovel may not be as pretty, but it gets the job done. Not every modern campus building began with an official groundbreaking, but every official groundbreaking on record over the past century began with this shovel.

—History prepared by College Archivist Barbara O'Brien

Gift Highlights

A MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 1971—\$375,000

Made to the Ralph and Annette Johnson Fund for unrestricted endowment support.

N. ROBERT "BOB" BEGLIN '43 AND EDNA "PERK" BEGLIN '46—\$325,000

Made to establish a charitable gift annuity to be designated in the future.

A portion of the gift will also support the Annual Fund and capital projects.

ELIZABETH N. SMALLEY '54—\$125,000

Made to support construction of the new Merritt Fitness Center on campus and the Annual Fund.

MARGARET STACKHOUSE '52—\$456,204

A bequest made by Margaret Stackhouse's estate to be used to support the College's educational mission.

C. KURT HOLTEN



Leroy Merritt '52 wields the official 84-year-old shovel at the April 21 groundbreaking for the new fitness center that will bear his name.

McDaniel Hall:
April 22, 1922

Blanche Ward Hall:
Aug. 1, 1934

Albert Norman Ward Hall and Gill Gym:
Dec. 9, 1938

Avenue Apartments (now Garden Apartments):
Jan. 7, 1974

Decker College Center:
Dec. 2, 1976

Scott Bair Stadium:
March 26, 1981

Gill Center: July 20, 1982

College Conference Center:
March 11, 1986

Hoover Library Addition (and renovation):
July 10, 1989

Eaton Hall of Science:
April 18, 1997

College Square Shopping Center:
Oct. 2, 1998

Residential Village:
May 4, 2002

Merritt Fitness Center:
April 21, 2006

In Memoriam

Mrs. Gloria Thornburgh Evans '30, of Ocean View, Md., on March 5, 2006.
Mrs. Virginia Merrill Meitzner '30, of Old Bridge, N.J., on April 10, 2006.
Mr. William H. Pyle '31, MA42, of New Park, Pa., on February 15, 2006.
Mrs. Melva Martin Willis '32, of Hunt Valley, Md., on June 22, 2005.
Mr. Brady O. Bryson '35, of Westminster, Md., on February 9, 2006.
L.Col. (Ret.) Daniel K. Moore '35, of Atherton, Calif., on February 1, 2006.
Mrs. Dorothy Berry Tevis '35, of Westminster, Md., on February 10, 2006.
Mr. Joshua H. Cockey III '36, of Hamilton, Va., on January 26, 2006.
Mrs. Janet Smith Wampler '37, of Westminster, Md., on February 20, 2006.
Mrs. Virginia Cooper Cruik '38, of Aberdeen, Md., on July 25, 2005.
Rev. William C. Durrett '39, of Phoenix, Ariz., on September 26, 2005.
Mrs. Della Dunty Stewart '39, of Cocoa Beach, Fla., on February 20, 2005.
Mr. Robert D. Faw '41, of Salisbury, Md., on March 31, 2006.
Mrs. Helen Garey Banfield '42, of Tacoma, Wash., on October 22, 2005.
Mr. Marvin F. Evans '43, of Apollo Beach, Fla., on March 29, 2006.
Mr. A. Ridgely Friedel '43, of Irvine, Calif., on April 9, 2006.
Mrs. Martha Hodgson Honeman '43, of Westminster, Md., on January 28, 2006.
Mr. Russell A. Sellman '44, of Westminster, Md., on March 7, 2006.
Mr. Robert W. Baker '45, of Timonium, Md., on March 23, 2006.
Mrs. Ruth Hausmann Thomas '45, of Sun City Center, Fla., on March 5, 2006.
Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman Gummer '46, of Baldwinville, N.Y., on May 14, 2005.
Dr. William J. Holaway '46, of Wilmington, Del., on March 5, 2006.
Mr. Kenneth E. Burdette '47, of Monrovia, Md., on January 30, 2006.
Rev. Donald E. Lewis '47, of Pearey, Ark., on November 22, 2005.
Ms. Dorothy I. Gamber '49, of Media, Pa., on December 23, 2005.
Mr. Wilton O. Harman '49, of Point, Texas, on December 23, 2005.
Mrs. Janet Carrico Hitchens '50, of Haddonfield, N.J., on April 6, 2006.
Mrs. Nancy Burdick Marston '50, of Los Altos, Calif., on February 24, 2006.
Mr. Norman E. Williams '51, of Martinsburg, W.Va., on September 8, 2004.
Mrs. Jane Birch Wilcock '51, of Hagerstown, Md., on November 28, 2005.
Mr. William I. Saunders Jr. '52, of Baltimore, Md., on April 7, 1997.
Miss Betty S. Harding '54, of Germantown, Md., on February 23, 2006.

Mrs. Margaret Patterson Smith Keigler '55, of Monks, Md., on July 1, 2005.
Mrs. Irma Lee Hohmann Seek '55, of Largo, Fla., on March 6, 2006.
Mr. Richard R. Batters '56, of Silver Spring, Md., on November 24, 2002.
Ms. Elizabeth Crompton Granger '57, of Foggelsville, Pa., on March 14, 2006.
Mrs. Mildred McDonald Morrison '57, of Williamsport, Md., on December 26, 2005.
Mr. Keith P. Robinson Med '58, of Bernville, Pa., on January 26, 2002.
Mr. Theodore L. Farrow '60, of Woodbury, N.J., on March 4, 2006.
Mrs. Harriet Whitmore Ziegler '60, of Bedminster, N.J., on October 20, 2005.
Mrs. Lee Pastor Cohen '64, of Towson, Md., in January 2003.
Mr. Murray E. Davidson Med '66, of Sanford, N.C., on April 5, 2006.
Mr. Philip I. Miller '72, of Baltimore, Md., on May 31, 2005.
Mr. Robert J. Decker Jr. '73, of Deer Park, Md., on January 26, 2006.
Mr. A. Steven Bjornberg '77, of Barnegat Light, N.J., on January 13, 2006.
Mrs. Linda West Dilis Med '77, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 17, 1998.
Mr. Philip Pear, honorary doctorate of law 1977, of Bethesda, Md., on May 31, 2005.
Mrs. Teresa Norman Walden '83, of Street, Md., on February 22, 2006.
Mr. Michael O. Terry '88, of Columbia, Md., on October 20, 2005.
Mrs. Jennifer Evans Skowronski '86, MS'97, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 10, 2006.
Ms. Valerie L. Pearson MS'99, of Accokeek, Md., on January 13, 2005.

Marriages

Laura Walker '92 to **Yong Pak** in September 2004. They reside in Centennial, Colo.
Mark Newman '97 to **Renée Jeremiah** on August 20, 2005. They reside in Cockeysville, Md.
Janet Hosford '98 to **Tim Lamb** on July 17, 2004. They reside in Gaithersburg, Md.
Heather Huffer '98 to **Steve Charchut** on August 14, 2004. They reside in East Lansing, Mich.
Andy Kalisperis '98 to **Faithé Rassias** on July 31, 2005. They reside in Berwyn, Pa.
Janna Malachorn '98 to **Jason Wack '98** on May 14, 2005. They reside in Cherry Hill, N.J.
Karen Miller '98 to **Chad Kellner** on October 15, 2004. They reside in New Oxford, Pa.
Cody Northcutt '98 to **Brian Snyder** on November 11, 2004. They reside in Westminster, Md.
Charlotte Saylor '98 to **James Ritter** on October 29, 2005. They reside in Medfield, Md.

Lynnae Stoehr '98 to **Jeff Nelsen** in August 2005. They reside in Lake Forest, Calif.
Justin Shewell '99 to **Anastasia Cimino** on December 17, 2005. They reside in Melbourne, Fla.
Stacy Lynn Brobst '03 to **Steven Zile** on November 26, 2005. They reside in Taylorsville, Md.
Jessica Fitzgerald '03 to **Clinton McKay '01** on October 15, 2005. They reside in Elkridge, Md.
Jessica Ursin '03 to **Brian Steedman** on April 7, 2006. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.
Katie Tomarelli '04 to **James Thompson II** on December 17, 2005. They reside in Tacoma, Wash.
Ronnette Casson '05 to **Troy Mason Jr. '04** on August 6, 2005. They reside in Edgewood, Md.

Births

Brooke Denmark, on September 7, 2004, to **Scott and Sandra Smith '87 Denmark**.
Heather Elizabeth Gauert, on November 29, 2005, to **Roger and Jennifer Mahle '87 Gauert**.
Julia Mack, on December 20, 2004, to **Gilbert Mack '87 and Angela Harden-Mack**.
Mary Williams, on January 24, 2004, to **Steven and Kathleen Mancini '87 Williams**.
Ryan Christopher Dominici, on August 23, 2005, to **Michael and Kelly O'Shaughnessy '92 Dominici**.
Jack Spencer Krevolin, on July 12, 2005, to **Andrew '92 and Sarah Krevolin**.
Brendan James Lavallee, on February 10, 2005, to **Steven and Cynthia Ricketts '92 Lavallee**.
Brynn Elizabeth Mahurter, on June 4, 2004, to **Lawrence Mahurter and Shannon Bray-Mahurter '92**.
Kyle Robert McAuley, on January 22, 2005, to **Paul and Valerie Funk '92 McAuley**.
Melina Joy Pak, on December 3, 2005, to **Yong and Laura Walker '92 Pak**.
Kathleen Rose Potts-Hendry, on June 29, 2004, to **Joseph Hendry and Jacqueline Potts-Hendry '92**.
Anna Marie Ruggiero, on November 19, 2004, to **Dominick and Maja Strager '92 Ruggiero**.
Sara Mackenzie Stamp, in September 2005, to **Scott '92 and Nicole Stamp**.
Diana Paige Utter, on April 8, 2004, to **Gary '92 and Charlotte Strickland '92 Utter**.
Katherine Brooke Warner, on January 17, 2005, to **Steven and Lea Stanley '92 Warner**.
Hope Reese Zacher, on July 2, 2004, to **Gio and Debra Shockley '92 Zacher**.
Jeffrey Thomas Cleveland, on August 1, 2005, to **Tony '94 and Ali Quigley '92 Cleveland**.

Alexis Kay Herchelroath, on January 24, 2006, to **Bryan and Debbie Milstein '94 Herchelroath**.
Cameron Alec Lee, on January 28, 2006, to **Christopher '96 and Becky Earley '98 Lee**.
Nathan Payne Benjamin, on March 26, 2005, to **Matthew and Kristen Olsh '97 Benjamin**.
Carolina Alexia Ferronato, on February 27, 2006, to **Fabrizio Ferronato '97 and Sophie Charalambous '98**.
Nora John, on April 11, 2005, to **Ryan '97 and Shelby John**.
Emma Renee Komatz, on January 18, 2005, to **Ronald '97 and Jacquelyn Komatz**.
Meredith Arlene Maloney, on January 29, 2006, to **William Maloney and Tiffany Urbansky-Maloney '97**.
Riley Aiden Morsberger, on January 31, 2005, to **Scott '97 and Jill Morsberger**.
Jacob Silver, on January 17, 2006, to **Matthew and Bobbi Leister '97 Silver**.
Madelyn Joy Wilson, on February 10, 2004, to **Joshua '97 and Gwendolyn Wilson**.
Ethan Frederick Henry, on September 13, 2004, to **Nate '98 and Christine Henry**.
Caitlin Elizabeth Boden, on February 16, 2006, to **Matt and Julie Backof '98 Boden**.
Haley Grace Boyarski, on February 10, 2006, to **Robert and Jenny Spahr '98 Boyarski**.
Joshua Brown, on April 18, 2005, to **Tony and Amy Allen '98 Brown**.
Julie Hope Demoss, in May 2005, to **Matt and Cori Lawrence '98 Demoss**.
Ashton Michael Ellender, on December 15, 2005, to **Kevin and Courtney Boden '98 Ellender**.
Sophia Marie Mace, on January 18, 2006, to **Drew and Laurie Giorno '98 Mace**.
Molly Steiner, on April 20, 2004, to **Matt '98 and Mary Cannon '98 Steiner**.
Brady Andrew Glackin, on February 12, 2006, to **Peter and Melinda Virts '99 Glackin**.
Grayson Blair Benson, on February 27, 2006, to **Chad and Michelle Hughes '00 Benson**.
Thomas Sladen Hydorn, on February 21, 2006, to **Christopher '00 and Jennifer Hydn**.
Dominic Allen Jenkins, on December 14, 2005, to **Brad and Sarah Amas '01 Jenkins**.
Keira and Colton Mercer, on 2006 April, to **Tyler '01 and Tiffany Lucas '02 Mercer**.
Vincent Alexander Barahona-Levin, on July 5, 2005, to **Jeffrey Levin and Alicia Barahona '02**.
Michael Wilson Davis, on April 27, 2006, to **Heath and Rebecca Staub '03 Davis**.

Notes

Master's Column

Rev. Beth Firnhaber Lockard MEd'82 is project coordinator for deaf ministries for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. She worked as a parish assistant at St. Philip's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Philadelphia from 1982 to 1987 and then began teaching full time at Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. She was the coordinator for deaf ministry with the National Council of Churches from 1995 to 2003.

Bucknell secondary coach **Vanel "Steve" Perry MS'99** was named to the coaching staff at Montana State. While working on his master's in athletic administration at McDaniel he was an assistant coach at Gettysburg College.

Denise Dunn MS'95 was chosen from 13 teachers to be named Prince Georges County Public Schools' Teacher of the Year.

1930 Thanks so much you wonderful classmates who have responded to my plea for news. I requested that you narrow it down to one specific activity you could say has been the most rewarding over these many years. And guess what! Each life has proven so full, it is impossible for most of you to limit any part of it.

Heleen T. Armstrong, of Kennett Square, Pa., was first a librarian in public libraries, which was most enjoyable. Then she discovered children's work at the Free Library in Philadelphia and went into elementary schools in Vineland, N.J. Helen says, "It was very rewarding helping children dig up knowledge or find the perfect book for pleasure reading. But the most fun of all was watching their faces come alive as I told stories in 'The Story Hour.'"

Allie May Moxley Buxton, of Damascus, Md., finds her lifestyle in recent years drastically changed. Her husband died in 2001, her daughter in 2004, and her mobility has lessened. Her assistant is a son who lives with her. Other family members are nearby. Granddaughter, husband and three children live on the right, while widowed son-in-law is on the left, and a grandson with his son left in Frederick. "So I am not alone and the fact that my family are all Christians is what I am extremely grateful to God for."

Samuel Baxter, of Timonium, Md.,

types a note to me as his vision is extremely low due to macular degeneration. He no longer drives but the retirement center furnishes transportation for most medical and shopping requirements. Wonderful neighbors and family help too. "Our staff arranges daytime and overnight trips, cruises, theater, sporting events, and bring in local musical groups. Older strag means limitations but life still is not so bad!"

Kirk Fallin went to Hawaii last August '05 for the reenactment of the surrender, ending World War II, aboard the Battleship Missouri.

E. Worthington Belt, of Bedminster, N.J., writes that about one year after wife Calla died, a church member called saying, "We have a need for a singles organization in this area and Ed Belt is the person who can make it happen." After some thought Ed took on the assignment. Concerns banished when 86 people came to the first gathering. Soon had a full slate of officers, monthly newsletter, 150 dues and interesting activities. "I remained at the helm for 15 years. The most well attended event was the clam-shrimp fest held in my backyard every August. Attendance averaged 170. Mission accomplished!"

Alden Church, of Jacksonville, Fla., writes that his wife died five years ago after 52 wonderful years of marriage. Isabelle and I were quite happy raising two girls and one boy. All are college graduates—Duke University, Florida State University and University of Tennessee. Two years ago daughter Ruth, whose husband of 31 years died, and son David, divorced, decided to move to Florida. "We three brought a house and find life together is great. Also one granddaughter has joined us!"

Virginia Smith Colburn, of Havre de Grace, Md., writes that most rewarding is a combination of a close-knit family, long devotion to work in her little church, nearly 30 years of involvement

with printer's ink in a local newspaper and the experiences of many European trips and cruises. She hopes that all of us 'survivors' of the class of '38 can agree with that famous quote, "Only at evening can we see how magnificent the day was."

Caroline Smith Dudley, of Hanover, Pa., writes that a music degree allowed her to sing in various church choirs, teach music in high school and have private piano students. She also directed church choirs. "In my sunset years I continue helping with music in Homewood at Plum Creek Retirement Center in Hanover, Pa. My most rewarding endeavor in my lifetime has been marrying **Allen '36** and successfully raising three healthy, competent children."

Kirk Fallin, of Manchester, Md., says, "We keep busy with clock meetings, church and senior activities." He and wife went to Hawaii last August '05 for the reenactment of the surrender, ending World War II, aboard the Battleship Missouri. "I am expecting my 20th great-grandchild in June, and my first great-grandchild in July. The Lord has blessed me abundantly and all my life has been great."

Alfred Goldberg, of Falls Church, Va., says he has had a number of rewarding experiences. He enjoyed and felt enriched by four years at Western Maryland College and his years of graduate school at Johns Hopkins. "Then my experience during World War II, particularly the years in Europe, made a deep impression on me and did much to shape the rest of my life." He has spent the last 32 years as chief historian of the Department of Defense and found it exciting and satisfying. "Life is having useful things to do. I have been fortunate thus far."

Temple Morris Madjeski, of St. Inigo, Md., is still living on the farm where she was born and is feeling great, thanks to the Lord. She drives and enjoys Bible studies with five friends, 57 to 88 years of age. They also celebrate birthdays. Granddaughter Emily has recently given her a great-grandson. Son Greg is close by and a little dog keeps her company. Her family, a party of 27, went on a cruise in 2004 in the Gulf area. She finds rewarding her children, being a reading teacher and doing volunteer work in the county. "Life has been so good. Will try to get to the next reunion."

Alvan N. Moore, of Sterling, Va., writes, "In reviewing errand endeavors in my life span it is difficult to pick a single most rewarding one. I had an enjoyable childhood, gratifying college tenure, satisfying military career from 1938-1971, two superb marriages and an ideal retirement." Most rewarding was his service in the Army Airy Corps and U.S. Air Force. During this time he experienced a very gratifying atten-

dance at the National War College.

Dolly Taylor Moore, of Denton, Md., writes, "Charlie '35 and I are still hanging in there, living alone and getting along pretty good. Can't believe so many years have passed; Charlie is 90 and I 88 in February. Daughter Vikki lives in Virginia, Randy is here in town."

Anne Brinsfield Simmons, of Morgantown, W.Va., writes, "My life has been one of many geographical moves within the United States, Japan, and Europe. These experiences evolved because of my marriage to the love of my life, a classmate at WMC, **W.J. 'Jerry' Simmons** with a career in the army."

In the States, Anne taught in high school and colleges. In Wuerzburg, Germany, she had the opportunity to use her previous Red Cross training received at Fort McClellan, Ala. In uniform she worked as a volunteer in the Regional Hospital. Also in Germany she chaired various projects to support an orphanage in Schweinfurt. This was so rewarding as it received publicity in the *Stars and Stripes*. "While in Tokyo I connected with **Tane Takahashi Matsumura '41**. It was so great to see her again. She was secretary and interpreter for the U.S. tutor to the Crown Prince. An invitation to Jerry and me was extremely interesting as their home was not located among American living quarters." Losing Jerry suddenly in 1996 changed her life. However, Anne maintains her own home, still drives and has a daughter and two engineer grandsons, her pride and joy, close by.

R. Eleanor Taylor Smith, of Goldsboro, Md., says, "Most rewarding in my life have been my children. All six have been successful and they take good care of me." Eleanor has several health problems but still lives alone with help. She enjoys crafts—rug hooking, card making, and scrapbooking. This past spring she was looking forward to a month with her sons in California.

Stanley Benjamin, of N. Halwick, Mass., writes that he played major league baseball from 1939-42. He also found rewarding being a baseball scout for many years with the Philadelphia Phillies, Baltimore Orioles and Houston Astros. In fact, he worked for Houston over 35 years.

Charles R. Ehrhardt, of Sun City West, Ariz., writes, "I am still breathing, aided by oxygen; and sleeping, aided by a Cepap machine; and greatly aided by wife Mitzi in all respects."

Over the years four children, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, life in general, his vocation, years of travel, 75-plus years in Boy Scouts of America, 23 happy years of retirement, and the four wonderful years at WMC—rewarding? "I answer with what a non-English speaking elderly gentleman said to me as he left a

church service. He grasped both my hands in his and said, "Thanx Gott, Thanx Gott."

As for me, I must say I am proud to be a part of this class! In reviewing my own life I shall include these valued rewards. Yes, my very happy life with **Ray '36**, including numerous trips abroad with him as group tour guide; three successful children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Then in recent years, I have been honored by both the town of Mount Airy and McDaniel College for volunteer community and church work. However, my original thought was the most rewarding all through the years has been my ability to sew. Mother was my early instructor. I was so proud of that first dress made when I was 12; I can see it now. High school training was followed by four years in Miss Laurie Brown's home economics class in WMC's Old Main. Senior project was my original design, pattern, and finally the tailored outfit; black wool dress with checkered bolero jacket. Sharp! Later years found me sewing for my children. Then costumes for the Mt. Airy Players (attic full) and Biblical outfits for church drama (room full) assuring colorful performances. And the latest request came from a young mother at church, "Could you help my Melissa with her first dress pattern?" My answer of course was yes. You see, for me, "Sewing satisfies the soul!" Thanks again for bringing a breath of fresh air to the column of oldies.

Condolences have been sent to the families of the following: **Doris Phillips Snow**, March 21, 2004; **Louise Shafer Shafer**, February 28, 2005; **Elizabeth Erb Buddell**, September 9, 2005; **Charles E. Millard**, September 20, 2005; **Virginia Cooper Cruit**, July 25, 2005; **Charles Osborne Spang**, November 25, 2005; **Henry Bradford Reckord**, December 18, 2005.

See you at our reunion in 2008. Our 70th. Awesome!

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1944 Memories abound. Our college years, 1940 to 1943, and, for those remaining on campus 1944,

were the best years of our lives. Western Maryland College provided us with a superb academic atmosphere— with excellent faculty, a varied liberal arts curriculum and small class sizes.

Our social lives were monitored by the faculty and administration, but we had a "blast." There were less than 600 students on campus and we all knew each other on a first-name basis. We were a church-related school then, and no alcohol was permitted on campus, the coeds had to be in their dorms by 10 p.m. (9 p.m. for the frosh) and "return from weekends attendance"

was taken via a mandatory Sunday evening chapel service in alumni hall.

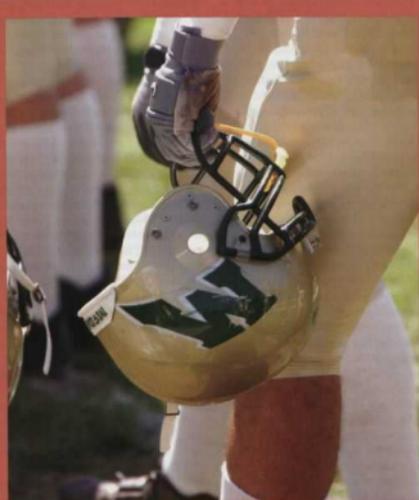
On July 12, 1943, the male population on campus expanded greatly with the arrival of 300 young, bright soldiers from the 3308th Army Specialized Training Unit to begin a two-year course of study which would allow the cadets to emerge as army specialists in civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical, sanitary and marine engineering—a few members of the class of 1944 were among those assigned. As I perused the 1944 yearbook, I noted that **Bill Pennington**, **Ed Mogowski**, **Art O'Keefe** and **Wilbur "Woody" Preston** were members of the 3308th basketball team. (Of those mentioned, only Woody survives.) **Fred Kullmar**, who was killed during the European invasion, was the Homecoming queen's military escort.

In February of 1944, the war department found it necessary to drastically reduce the ASTP program in order to meet the immediate need of the armed forces. So, on March 31, 1944, the ASTP disappeared from the Hill as dramatically as they had arrived nine months earlier.

While at WMC we were part of one big happy family, and the words of our alma mater, "College ties can ne'er be broken formed at WMC," have continued as part of our heritage. Many of our colleagues keep in touch and in fact continue to meet informally on a regular basis. To wit, **Tom Tereshinski**, **John "Nemo" Robinson '43**, **Lee Lodge '43**, **Josh Ensor '43** and **Wilbur "Woody" Preston** (when in town) along with **Don Honeman '41** and **Bill Adolph '41** meet each month for lunch at the airport inn in Westminster. **Ed Mogowski** was part of that group until his demise in 2005. Once yearly, **Don and Marty Hodgson '43** **Heneman**, **Bill and Margaret "Mickey" '42 Adolph**, **Ellen Piel '46** and **Arlie Munsberger and Lester and Norma "Nicky" Nicodemus '41 Knepp** have enjoyed a luncheon together at the Augusta Country Club in Augusta, Ga. The table is adorned with Western Maryland College steins, WMC napkins, a green-and-gold floral arrangement and other Green Terror paraphernalia. Marty and Don did not attend this year and as I was typing this report, the phone rang and informed me that Marty had passed away this morning, Jan. 28, 2006.

It is my understanding that **Jean Diefenbach Smith**, **Rebecca Larmore Griffith**, **Margaret Ann Smith**, **Jean Eckhardt McWilliams** and others in our class have a special annual weekend at Ocean City, Md., and there are alumnae residing in Baltimore who "keep in touch." See report below regarding **Beverly Slacum Agnoli**.

Yes, we have strong ties that have not been broken. We retain fond memories of our alma mater and it should not be a surprise that alumni of our years were concerned regarding the



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Alumni College Service Award: Jack Baile '62 Med '73,
Pam Zappardino '71
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name change. But as our French professor Margaret Julia "Moxie" Snader would say, "C'est la vie."

I am pleased to be your class reporter, and the following responses to correspondence are presented in the order in which they were received.

Katherine "Kay" Clemson Turner grew up in Westminster, the daughter of Chas. Clemson, a lawyer in Carroll County, and Mary, a local newspaper reporter. Her father was a WMC graduate, 1898. While in Westminster, Kay attended plays and concerts in Alumni Hall, games at Hoffa field and took piano lessons on campus from Professor Mabel Harris. She finished her last two years of college, attended the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing as a cadet nurse in the U.S. public health service and became an R.N. She then became a faculty member at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing until marrying Arthur Turner and moving to Washington, D.C., where they raised their three children until later moving to Baltimore. In March she will be in Las Vegas, Nev., at the meeting of the International Society of Photographers, where she has been nominated as amateur photographer of the year. She mailed me a copy of the photo, a sunset seen on the water ways of Southern Maryland. The photo is absolutely beautiful.

Marjorie Strickland Green says, "Life goes on. We're still serving a church in Newberry, S.C. Walt has been under the Episcopal appointment for 62 years—never missing a Sunday. I still play piano and organ and sing in the church choir. Between Sundays, I read, do crossword puzzles, mend clothes and keep the household going. At Christmas, all of our family was here—thats 25, including children, in-laws, grandchildren and great-grand. Marjorie says that she had laparoscopic surgery on a knee after her 83rd birthday and that healthwise "we're hanging in there."

Beverly Stacum Agnoli, of Baltimore, reports that she and husband Art celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 8, 2005. She says, "We are blessed with three wonderful children and four wonderful grandchildren. Grandson Brad is studying for his doctorate in cancer research.

Granddaughter Anne, a chemistry major, just graduated from St. Mary's College with honors. Grandson John is a geology major at West Virginia University. Granddaughter Caroline is a music major at Lebanon Valley, Pa. Beverly and **Alan Meeth Kingman**, **Margaret Daughton** and **Bertha Hall Malroy** still stay in "close touch" always with happy memories of college.

Wilbur "Woody" Preston and wife Lucy now spend most of their time in Naples, Fla. Their residence there is 120 Bears Paw Trail. Woody states that their grandson, Gibbs Preston, will

begin his college life at McDaniel next fall. He proudly states that Gibbs was a member of the nation's number-one lacrosse team in high school and is looking forward to playing at McDaniel.

Alan Meeth Kingman writes, "I live in a lovely retirement community in Columbia, Md., have a wonderful dog named Rosie, who takes me for walks every day. I can't keep up with my three grandkids. Beth is getting her master's in psychology at Loyola and is volunteering to translate for Hispanics at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Nick received a Marshall scholarship from the British Parliament to pursue his doctorate in meteorology at Reading University in England and Marianne, a junior at Swarthmore, studies in Greece."

Phoebe F. Johnson Rutherford tells all that she lives a very quiet life going into what will be her 26th year on Cape Cod, Mass. She still lives in her own home, but says she is limited somewhat since she will have her second knee replacement in July '06. Her daughter will come to help her during her recovery. She says that she has one classmate with whom she still keeps in touch, **Alan Meeth Kingman**, who was a classmate at Catonsville "way back when." She doesn't get back to Maryland much anymore since her brother, who lived in Maryland, died last year.

Elizabeth Billingslea Scott relates that after 50-some years of living across the road from the Hill, she and her husband, Dave, have moved 3 miles down the road to Carroll Lutheran Village and that there she has found many alumni. She is enjoying their companionship, especially that of **Jeanne Diefenbach** and **Ben '43 Smith**.

Jeanne Diefenbach Smith, after residing for more than 49 years in Salisbury, Md., has moved to Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md. She and husband **Ben '43** love it there, especially with the company of so many other WMCers. She says all is well except for the usual aches and pains.

Tom Tereshinski says that he and **Mary Ruth Woodfield '48** are fine. He says, "We didn't do much this past year, but all is well in Galesville, Md." He further states that he does attend the once-a-month WMC "old timers" get-together at the Airport Inn in Westminster. He invites anyone to attend the last Wednesday of the month at noon (except for the months of July and August).

Mary Turley Gipe thanked me for taking on the job as the '44 news reporter. She is anticipating hearing a lot of news "good and happy news from a lot of our classmates." She says she personally does as little as she can because she believes that "at my age health is first, right up there with happiness." She states that her main jobs are cooking for Paul and reading magazines.

Rebecca Larmore Griffith, of Salisbury, Md., and formerly of Livingston, N.J., died peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. As you recall Becky was our class's perennial representative on the May Court and in fact was the Homecoming Queen in 1944 as well. She reigned as the May Queen for the class of '44. The Yearbook describes her as radiant, alluring, stately and gracious. The information was supplied to your reporter by McDaniel College and the obituary was published in the *Salisbury Daily Times* on Jan. 10, 2006.

Reece Scott writes from New Providence, N.J. "All is well. As Jane and I grow older, so do our 13 grandchildren who have occupied a lot of our time and support. The eldest, Kristen, is a grad student at Iowa University. We also have two graduating in May, Brian, from Rowan University in mechanical engineering, and Vonelle from Messiah College in environmental science. Michael is a sophomore at Rutgers, my alma mater. Additionally, Meghan is a senior at Ridge High School in New Jersey and will enter college in September. I keep abreast of McDaniel events through brother **Fraser '43**. Otherwise, I am an active elder in church, still play tennis and in February, June and I celebrated our 57th anniversary." Robert is one of many who left WMC for the armed forces.

William Keefe, of Concord, N.H., informs us that he keeps busy, in part, with Elsie's sacred dance group. He is apparently still somewhat busy with ministerial duties and is scheduled to conduct his granddaughter's wedding in March '06. He says that they expect their four children to be there for the event—one from New Mexico and another from Tennessee, as well as the two who live nearby. William says, "We rejoice in our two great-grandchildren. Life is good."

Virginia Salerno Olsen, of Medfield, Mass., says she has done for the past 34 years, is still selling real estate. She says it's better staying at home to sit by the fireside. She sees her sister, **Gloria Salerno Adams '42**, often. Gloria lives on Cape Cod. Virginia's husband is retired and plays golf as often as possible. She says, "We have three cats and 40 wild turkeys on our land. I'm an animal lover but I only feed them when snow covers the ground."

Margaret Smith Cussell, of Salisbury, Md., reports that her good friend **Rebecca Larmore Griffith** passed away in January of this year. Margaret said that she had nothing to report regarding herself and added a clipping which she relates, "Says it all. It states, 'By the time you're 80 years old, you've learned everything. You only have to remember it.'" (George Burns, 1896-1996)

Anita Rue White, of Fort Pierce, Fla., writes, "I really haven't any news, but it

was good to see WMC class of '44 instead of McDaniel College. Lived in McDaniel hall for four years but definitely am not a graduate of McDaniel College."

Paul Mannino lives on a large farm in Oriskany, Wash., with wife **Phyllis Hess Mannino**. Paul tells me that all is not going too well. Phyllis has Alzheimer's disease and that he has renal failure and goes for dialysis three times each week. However, the farm is still productive growing fruit, mainly apples, and that he is blessed to have his son, Paul, to manage the orchards. He was glad that we all still kept in touch, said to say hello to all and thanked the College and me for publishing our class's comments in *The Hill*.

Jean Eckhardt McWilliams, of Naples, Fla., was her usual vibrant self when I reached her by phone. Jean and I waited on tables together when we all used to eat in one large dining hall. **Husband Clarence "Mac" '43**, who had been on dialysis for a long time, died of renal failure in early 2005. Jeanie said that at Christmas, she had 20 for Christmas dinner—a baker's dozen of grandchildren and seven adults." Jean and Mac were married for 60 years and had eight children and 25 grandchildren. While we chatted she asked if I would like to speak to another Western Marylander and I expected to talk to one of her children, since six of the eight also went to WMC. Instead, much to my surprise **Nelda Kalar Bisci '41**, who was our infirmary nurse, and also a WMC student came on the line and she and I reminisced. She and husband, **Irv '41**, had been married 63 years at the time of Irv's death in 2005. Jean was one of the group of alumnae who had a reunion in Ocean City, Md., each summer.

Olive Cook, who resides in Wilmington, Del., sends greetings to all of her friends in the class of '44. Olive informs us that "I have moved to Methodist Country House as of May 25, 2004, shortly following the death of my sister and her son. I am still singing in the church choir and so find it easy to say that they (the choir) are my family. I found an old friend from WMC, **Elen Widdoes Harper '53**, who has lived at Methodist Country Home for about nine years." Olive says she would like to hear from some of her classmates from '44. Her address is 4830 Kennett Pike, Apt. 4206, Wilmington, DE 19807-1859.

Arlie Mansberger and wife **Ellen Piel '46 Mansberger** are survivors. Just before the Christmas holidays, Arlie had a ruptured aortic aneurysm and Ellen survived a coronary cath which was dissolved and left her without cardiac damage. Both are more than five years post-malignancy operations and are currently doing well. They play golf two days each week and travel whenever possible. They are proud of their

children and grandchildren. **Jack '75** is a surgeon and also chairman of the department of alternative medicine in Thomasville, Ga. Leigh Mansberger Joseph, also a surgeon, has a master's degree in public health and is public health consultant for several of the North Shore of Massachusetts communities. Grandchildren: Sean Mansberger Forbes is a corporate lawyer in Houston, Texas. Will Mansberger has a degree in recording, but presently is into paintball sports—he owns a paintball equipment store and is coach of the Florida State University paintball team; Luke Mansberger is in the health food industry and has just signed a professional contract with a pro paintball team.

Sigurd L. Jensen, of Colorado Springs, Colo., our WWII ace bomber pilot who was greeted by **Coach Charlie Havens '30** at the English Air Strip after each mission, relates, "I lost my brother, Bill, in late August of 2005 and that, coupled with **Ed Mogowski's** passing, made for a tough personal period. I am on 100-percent oxygen all the time but, no big deal. Wife Edith is in great shape and leads the little old grey haired ladies. We have two grandsons who got married in February, and two others were married in October '05. We love living in our retirement town house (across from the air force academy) and have met many great new friends. It's a great life." Sig sends greetings and fond wishes to all of his "old" classmates.

Anne Covington Kidd, of Waynesboro, Va., starts off by saying, "Nothing has changed except that I am one year older. However, I do enjoy sitting down jobs, especially counted cross stitching and I like to write. I have published a book entitled, *An 1850 Census of Queen Anne's County, Maryland*, which backs up my interesting hobby, genealogy." Anne was a music major and says that with husband **Wilbur "Capp" '42**, who led our college dance band, the children and grandchildren have all had an interest in music teaching, learning or performing. One son, now retired, was a composer and arranger for the U.S. Navy Band in Washington, D.C., for 25 years. Anne was chairman of history and genealogy for friends of the local library, which included teaching classes in genealogical research.

Walter Lovett Bean, who resides in N. Dartmouth, Mass., and his wife, Christine, celebrated their 60th anniversary on Dec. 26, 2005. The couple has three sons. Charles is with the Library of Congress, but his first love is music. Jim, the second son, teaches music, and John, the youngest, is an expert in computer science. Wife Christine is an accomplished artist and teaches painting two days each week. The Reverend Bean "Beanie" is writing a book regarding growing up in the

hills of West Virginia, going to seminary after college and the transition to a life of religious counseling. The Rev. Bean, who was 84 on Feb. 12, 2006, enjoys good health, except for an eye infection, which occurred as a complication of a cataract operation. The infection is clearing up and "things are looking up again."

Mary Louise Shuckhart Bricker and husband **Robert '42** moved to a retirement community, Normandy Farms, in Blue Bell, Pa. **Son Robert '62** is a lawyer and their daughter, Barbara is a graduate of Albright College with a degree in home economics. Mary Louise is in relatively good health. Bob, a college trustee emeritus, has had two knee replacements and has developed some problems with rheumatoid arthritis, requiring a spinal fusion of the lumbar area.

Charles Wright Irwin, of Bel Air, Md., has the distinction of being the oldest member of our class. He was 88 in November '05. He is also unique in that he still competes (and wins) in that competitive athletics. Charlie, up until two years ago, competed in as many as eight or nine track meets. This year he will reduce that to just two meets, competing in the 85-90 age group in meets at Salisbury and Towson universities. His events include the high jump, the long jump, the triple jump and discus. He has decided to forego the javelin and shot-put this year. His second pacemaker is holding up very well. Charlie and wife Jackie have traveled all over the world. Jackie, a former show girl and dancer at the Copa Cabana in New York City, has unfortunately developed adult onset diabetes. Charlie's competitive motto is, "If you can't beat 'em, outlast 'em."

Virginia Lee Horine Harris, of Frederick, Md., reports that she and husband **Charles '45** are doing well. Ginny was originally in the class of '45 but with accelerated classes during the war, finished in September of '44. At the time the Ginny, a perennial member of the Homecoming and May Courts, was engaged to Charles when he went away to be a pilot in the air force. In December of 2005, the two of them celebrated their 61st anniversary. Virginia has survived a cancer operation for over 20 years.

Emily "Ciddy" Billingslea Wirth is another Western Marylander living at Carroll Lutheran Village. She resides in a cottage there at 221 St. Marks Way. She says she likes that number since her son attended School 221 in Baltimore. Emily was amused by her son's reaction (Tim just turned 50) when he received a letter from AARP. Tim is still very active, lives in Front Royal, Va., and works on the auto train covering the territory between Lorton, Va., and Orlando, Fla. Her eldest daughter, has an educational background in gardening and landscaping.

The youngest, Leigh, is a social worker and has spent significant amounts of time working with and counseling young people who have and have had problems with drugs. Ciddy has lived at Carroll Lutheran Village for three years, enjoys the company of other Western Marylanders, but says she and others miss **Peggy Carter Welcos '45**, who, while alive, was a real "sparkplug" at the village. Emily is another of many in our class who expressed disappointment with the college's name change.

Donald Stockton Woolston, of Rockport, Maine, stated that the last contact that he had with WMC was for the 50th reunion of the class of '44. Don had gone in the Army Air Corps from WMC and served for three years. Don returned in 1946, graduated in '47. While there, he married the school nurse Edie Justice and the couple had a daughter in 1965. Edie suffered a stroke in 1973 and died. Don later married his current wife, Nina, whom he met through church activities. Nina too had been widowed and also had a daughter from her previous marriage. Both of their daughters now live in California and there is one granddaughter. Don contacted **DeWane Bills** for me and sent me the following information regarding DeWane.

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DeWane Bills lives in Union, Maine, about 15 miles from Don Woolston. Don said that he sounded great on the telephone, and they talked about getting together for lunch in the near future. Don also said that DeWane will be the first Western Marylander that he has seen since 1994. DeWane is having knee trouble and may have to have a replacement. Don said that he really appreciated the contact with WMC, which resulted in his communication with DeWane and hopes that he will continue to contact him regarding his alma mater in the future.

Mortality report:
Howard Hall, "Red Dog" as his friends knew him, was a tobacco farmer from Southern Maryland. While at Western Maryland, Howard was on the track team and the boxing team. Called to the military he returned to college in the ASTP program, not to WMC but to Yale University. From there, he went

to medical school at the University of Maryland, and graduated in the class of '47. He practiced in Sykesville until his retirement. He retired in Florida and in 2004 returned to Sykesville where he resided at Fairhaven Retirement Community. He died peacefully in 2005.

Edgar Lee "Peck" Bond while at WMC was a head waiter and President of the Hospitans, a Kappa Phi Alpha brotherhood formed at WMC during the war years. Peck was a pre-veterinarian major. Returning to Westminister in his later years, Peck was active in Westminister's civic affairs. He died in 2005.

Rebecca Larmore Griffith passed away January 7, 2006. Her death is included in the body of this report.

Edward Mogowski, one of the legal eagles of the class of '44, received his law degree from the University of Maryland Law School, a classmate of **Woody Preston**. Ed was in the private practice of law.

Phyllis Green Schaeffer, of Quincy, Pa., died on May 2, 2003. Her obituary was published in the *Hagerstown Herald Mail*. Phyllis was an English major with secondary education certification and a member of Phi Alpha Mu.

Russell Sellman died on March 7, 2006, at Carroll Lutheran Village following a long and courageous battle with Pick's Disease. Russ returned to Western Maryland after WWII and graduated in 1948. In WWII he was with the 7th Division Trailblazers, and was a camp commander of a POW camp in Salzburg, Austria. Russ also served during the Korean War as an army captain and was awarded the Bronze Star. He had a career in banking and was president and CEO of the Carroll County bank until 1977. Russ was active in community and church affairs in his hometown of Westminister prior to his illness.

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1950 Virginia Armacost Kirchner, of Akron, Pa., and her husband just returned from a fruitful four-month mission trip to Asia, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Indonesia, Philippines and Taiwan. They have three grandchildren who graduated from high school in 2005. They thank God for having led a very rewarding life. Their granddaughter, Susie, will be getting married in June.

Leonard J. Zawacki, of Elkton, Md., recently traveled to the Irish Republic for an 18-day tour and saw some spectacular sights in Northern Ireland. He and his wife, Angela, attended the 55th reunion luncheon last spring. He was sorry to see such light attendance due to illness and other commitments.

Charlotte Hye Bright Hollinger is excited about moving to the Wakefield

Overlook at Carroll Lutheran Village this June with her husband, **Byron '57**, due to the expansion of new houses and apartments. This will give them the freedom to travel, have more leisure time with family and friends and enjoy their hobbies.

Edward "Ed" Wright and his wife, **Libby Schubert Wright '52**, are both retired as United Methodist pastors in the Virginia Conference and now reside in Hampton, Va. They have four children and 14 grandchildren. Ed now serves as a part-time pastor with English-speaking members of a Korean United Methodist Church in Suffolk, Va. They are preserving an 1860 chestnut log cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Miriam L. Simmons is still working part time for a regional library. She is the treasurer of her United Daughters of Confederacy chapter and active in volunteering and other activities in her community.

Priscilla Lankford West is living in Nelsonia, Va., with her husband of 53 years. They have three married children and seven grandchildren. They enjoy visiting family in Florida, Richmond and St. Michael's. Priscilla does not get to see many of her classmates, but wishes them all well.

Homor "Soss" Campbell and his wife, **Esther "Es" Goup Campbell '54**, continue their relaxing retirement lifestyle in south Florida. It is filled with warm breezes, sunny days and beautiful sunsets. They enjoy volunteering, as well as side trips to visit their children and grandchildren in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, keeping them busy and happy. They take pleasure in hearing from old college friends.

Charlie Hammer recently spent a pleasant evening renewing an old friendship with **Bob and Barbara "Babs" Jolley Douglas** in Lexington, S.C., on a trip east last summer.

Ned Masenheimer and his spouse moved from Raleigh, N.C., to the Masonic Village, a continuum of care facility in Elizabethtown, Pa., in November. They are just across the Susquehanna River from York near Lancaster, Harrisburg and Hershey. It is a beautiful facility that is located closer to their four children and four grandsons. They have had reasonably good health, for which they are extremely thankful.

Ernest Burch has been pulled back out of retirement by Physiotherapy Associates, the company who bought his private practice when he retired. He is now currently doing Medicare audits for them, which keeps him busy. He and his wife, **Carol Sause '54**, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in August.

Harry Bush was inducted into the Ridge High School Hall of Fame, which is where he coached for 23 years. He was already in the New Jersey State

Hall of Fame and the WMC Sports Hall of Fame, of which he is most proud. He has been retired for several years and is in reasonably good health. His three great daughters threw him a surprise 80th birthday party in March. He keeps busy trading stock options on the Internet and helping some friends reasonably active, walking several days a week in a nearby mall. His son, Steve, is a football coach, just like his dad was.

Martin R. Mettce, of Lutherville, Md., turned 81 in January. His youngest son, Richard, gave up his racing stable in Hollywood Park, Calif., and is now North America manager of racing and assistant trainer for Go Dolphin Racing Stables in Belmont Park, N.Y.

Anita Rowan Townsley is living happily, well and busy with her husband, Ed, enjoying three great-grandchildren and many activities. They were so happy to attend the 55th class reunion and to see many classmates, along with the beautiful campus. They also celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this past December.

In the year 2005, **Dave Myers** and his spouse had to Westminister, Orlando, Nashville, Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge in Tennessee and in Branson, Mo. They plan to be in Arkansas and Branson, Mo., again this spring as well as Westminster, Washington D.C., and Williamsburg, Va. This is in addition to visits with their children in South Carolina and southern Mississippi. Their family is well and thriving.

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Harry Walker and his wife, Mary, live in a retirement community in the foothills of the mountains of western North Carolina. He enjoys playing golf, editing his monthly newsletter and having a wonderful volunteer job sorting and pricing donated books in a local thrift shop. He and his wife have traveled overseas in the past five years, but they feel ready to cut back and

relax.

Thomas Shaw and wife Christy celebrate five years as residents of the Villages, a large Florida retirement resort for seniors. Located in north central Florida between Ocala and Leesburg, this resort of 56,000 residents boasts a myriad of recreational activities including 19 golf courses. The Villages has hosted the Florida Senior Olympics during which Tom has been a three-time gold medal winner at pickle ball, a racquet sport similar to deck tennis. Fully retired as director of the Avalon Hill Game Company, Tom also enjoys life with golf, photography, music, cartooning and bridge. Tom has a son, daughter, and granddaughter living in Towson, Md.

Alfred Truit Jr. has nothing really new to report but hopes that everyone is in good health.

Marion Auld Geyer moved to Carroll Lutheran Village and enjoys the amenities of the new Wakefield Overlook section. Her life is busy trying to keep up with bridge, the Senior Singers at church, water aerobics, and children and grandchildren. She is also involved in several committees and many activities at the Village. She believes that life looks good and hopes her good health continues.

After a 35-year career in social work, **George Seymour** retired in 1987 as chief of social work at Eastern Shore Hospital Center in Cambridge, Md. He previously served as executive director of Boys Home of Baltimore, Big Brothers of Baltimore and Big Brothers of National Capital Area. He served as the chairman of the Social Work Board of Examiners from 1986-1987 and was awarded Maryland Social Worker of the Year in 1987 by the Maryland Chapter, National Association of Social Work. He has been married to Betty Radcliffe Seymour for 53 years and has two sons. He currently lives in St. Michaels, Md.

Chris Nikalopoulos and his wife, Katy, managed to come to the U.S. from Greece to visit their daughter, Marcena, and three grandchildren in Ardsley, N.Y. They plan to take a cruise in the Caribbean and a stopover in Madrid, Spain, before returning home. While in America, they tried to contact many classmates. They are both in reasonably good health and plan to take more trips and cruises in the future. Travel, books and music are the mode of their lives. They wish all their classmates well and continued good health.

Betty Robbins Seiland is truly sorry to give up her position as news reporter. She discussed and decided with her daughter, **Robin Seiland Tresser '79**, that she would no longer be able to keep up with the job. She enjoyed it very much. She is still living at Fairhaven receiving excellent care. The alumni office would like to

thank **Betty Robbins Seiland** for her many years as class news reporter. If someone would like to take over the duties of class news reporter please contact the alumni office at 410/857-2296 or email alumni@mcDaniel.edu for more information. The following two reports were sent to Betty after she submitted her last column. Hopefully the news is not too old.

Lu Rae Coblent Rosenberger's husband, **Bill '51**, still works full time as a veterinarian in Reisterstown, Md. Their son, **Dave '90**, who lives in Newport Beach, Calif., was recently married. Their daughter, **Bonnie**, is married with one son and lives nearby.

Dot Alexander Bickley spent most of September in South America, visiting relatives of friends in Ecuador, and then went to the Galapagos Islands. From there, she traveled to Quito, Lima, Cuzco and Machu Pichu. She then flew to Rio, followed by a flight to see the long falls in the world. She had an amazing time and says, "Life is good".

Written by the Alumni Relations Office

1962 I received over 40 responses to the e-mail blast and snail mail cards; thanks to all those who responded.

Ray Albert is busy as ever in the commercial real estate business. Ray lives half of his time in New Jersey and half on Tilgman Island in Talbot County, Md. A grandson and new granddaughter keep Ray and Linda logging the miles to Chese Chase and Randallstown. The Alberts are searching for another home on the western shore to reduce Bay Bridge traffic. Ray says life is good and he and his family are richly blessed.

Good to hear from a fellow Virginian, **Harry Bacas** says that his daughter, Brooke, graduated from the University of Delaware this past May. An excellent student and leader, she is now in graduate school at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. Son John is a second-year student at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. As a graduation gift for Brooke, Harry and family took a trip to Greece. He writes that the trip was a memorable one—each day more gorgeous than the previous and not a single day spoiled by rain. They visited all of the major sites, enjoyed a cruise that included seven islands, and gained more insight into their family roots. Donna and Harry are busier than ever and are looking forward to becoming empty-nesters.

Jack and Carole Richardson '64 Ballo are still going back and forth between Ocean View, Del., and Westminster. They've enjoyed seeing many alumni friends this year. Last year the Balloes traveled to Rome, Ga., to visit with **Joe and Judy Firestone '64 McDavid**; then

Joe and Judy visited in Delaware. Jack and Carole also enjoyed a road trip with **Dave '61** and **Nancy Roelke Sullivan**. Starting in Phoenix they visited National Parks and monuments in Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. Along the way, they stayed with **Fred Wooden '64** near Aspen and then with **Jim '60** and **Mil Dickey Thomas** in Littleton, Colo. The Bailes enjoy being grandparents and are happy to have both of their daughters living near them. Jack and Carole are planning a cruise to the Western Caribbean with the Thomases and then in September will travel on their own to Ireland, visiting the coastal towns and staying out of major cities. Jack is looking forward to driving on the wrong side of the road. After Ireland, the Bailes will visit Scotland before heading home.

Nancy Turner Berigold writes that she is getting ready to retire sometime this year and **Nelson** is already retired. Nancy says she doesn't want to be bothered with the new complicated computer system her company is installing. The Berigolds have two grandsons, ages 7 and 4, that they spend a good deal of time with. Daughter Amy is teaching French and Spanish in Baltimore County and daughter Margaret (mother of the two boys) is at home. Nancy took her retirement trip early and went to Ireland in May. She also travels to Arizona each year to visit with many extended family members.

Diane Gardner Biddinger writes that she spends her time enjoying her granddaughters, traveling with her husband, Bob, and coordinating a group of seniors. Her son, Dave, and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of Kathleen, 11, and Rachel, 5. Daughter **Julie Biddinger Jones '90** and her husband, Bill, are the parents of Maddie, 10, and Angie, born in December '05. Julie has recently resigned her position at the College as senior associate director of admissions after serving in the position for 15 years to care for her newborn daughter. In March, Diane and Bob and several friends cruised Ft. Lauderdale to visit the Panama Canal. Also on the trip were **Amin '59** and **Peggy Simon '57 Jurf**, and **Brenda Stevens Mayer Cornwell '61**. Diane was also involved in a mini reunion of the Chandler House Gang in October '05. Included with Diane and Bob were **Jim and Mary Frances Holman Quinlan**, **Bo and Peggy McIntyre Bowman**, **John '63 and Janet Pricer Worman**, **Homer "Hap" '63** and **Patty Har Kinsley, Don '58** and **Lucy Tucker Lot**, Bill and **Brenda Stevens Cornwell**, and **Billy and Nancy Davis Deibert**. Diane and Bob spent two weeks in Thailand in February '06 and are planning a two-week European River Cruise in August '06.

Tim Bowling has been retired from the Bank of America for over three years as a network engineer, and

presently has a part-time job with Communications Electronics. Tim and his wife, Karen, have been married for 37 years and have three children and one grandson. In addition to working part time and staying busy with his grandson, Tim is active in his church, singing in the choir and chairing the evangelism committee. He has been taking courses for a certificate in evangelism at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Carolyn Mitchell-Boxwell and husband Ed just returned from Kenya on an Elderhostel safari. Carolyn writes that she was pleasantly surprised to hear from **Christine Lewis Lipps** and hear from **Christine Mae East**, she and Carolyn had a reunion with **Mary Bess Wood Keeney** at Baughers and then took a nostalgic walk around campus.

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Fay Carmichael is starting her eighth year as band director in Troy, N.Y., after 12 years of teaching in Baltimore City/County and 10 years of playing trombone professionally. Last year Fay had some sixth-graders who were the best students of her career. This experience was very satisfying as was conducting the All-City Jazz Ensemble. In August, Fay's church in the Adirondacks celebrated its 125th anniversary with trumpet fanfare, a lecture on the history of the area and their annual Vespers Service. Fay extends an invitation to anyone who may be in the New York area on the first Sunday of August to join in the anniversary celebration. There is a great deal of history associated with the building and the whole area.

Judy King Cole and I enjoyed a long telephone conversation catching up on our families and activities. Judy retired from Montgomery County Maryland Public Schools in July '03. She spent the last 20 years of her teaching career at Magruder High School in the English department working with ninth- and 10th-graders, primarily with composition writing. Husband **Jim '59** has retired from the Environmental Protection Agency of the U.S. Government and is presently teaching part time at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University. Judy and Jim enjoy their seven grandchildren and feel blessed to have them all relatively close by. The Coles' highlight of 2005 was a 12-day trip to France with their friends **Tom '59** and **Fran Giove MS '85 Miller**. They spent three days in

Paris, visited Le Louvre and Versailles, took a trip on the Seine at night and watched the Eiffel Tower sparkle. The main part of the trip was spent taking a motor ship for six days down the Rhone River visiting Dijon, Lyons, Arles and Avignon ending with a bus trip through the wine country arriving in Nice. Since Judy was a French major in college and taught French for several years, she said the trip to France was indeed a highlight of the year.

I usually kept updated on **Helen Buehn Crumpracker's** activities through our Christmas cards. Helen writes that her husband, Harry, is retiring this year. The Crumprackers will be able to spend more time with their granddaughter. Last spring Helen and Harry celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to American Samoa, where Harry had lived as a boy. Helen says that she looks forward to seeing everyone at our 45th reunion.

Bill Deaner and his wife, Suzie, are retired and have moved to Williamsburg, Va. The Deaners have entertained several WMC friends: **Bob and Peggy Hoey '63 Warfield**, **Don and Janice Moore '63 Hobart**, **Don and Carol Westerfield '80 Rabush**, **Don '61 and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert** and **Fred Nicoll**.

Bill plays golf and works out every day. He does volunteer community service through Kiwanis Club, including reading to preschool children and numerous fundraising projects. He also volunteers for event staff at the College of William and Mary football and basketball games and is on a Virginia State Golf Association course rating team. Bill and Suzie play bridge, both social and duplicate, play golf together and socialize frequently with neighbors. I enjoyed seeing Bill and Suzie along with some other alumni at the Hobarts' last fall.

Another soon-to-be retiree, **Dave Eckman**, says that he is in the process of retiring from his painting contractor business. Wife **Mary Ellen Hemmerly '64** is still working at Rider Library. Dave and Mary Ellen enjoy visiting their daughter and grandchildren in Indiana. Dave is president of his United Church of Christ congregation and president of the Old Fellows' Cemetery in Burlington, N.J. The Eckmans enjoy traveling and have been on several cruises. They spent three weeks in Turkey and Greece and are planning to visit Peru in July and August. Dave says hello to all his classmates and P Alpha Alpha brothers.

Kit Reese Hartzler wins the prize for the most condensed news: "In a nutshell—hair gray, body a bit heavier and moving slower, still working full time, remain active in church, trip to ski out West each year, have three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, will be married to Dan 44 years in August!"

Don Hobart, on the other hand,

wrote a complicated account of his and **Janice Moore '63 Hobart's** trip to Delhi and Kathmandu with daughter Dona and her husband Shawn to pick up Dona and Shawn's adopted son, Ajaya. What an experience they had with red tape, government bureaucracy, Maoist terrorists, transportation shut downs and cancelled flights. After several weeks they finally returned with Ajaya in tow. The Hobarts did manage to see the Taj Mahal and Mt. Everest and even saw **Jon Myer's '61** nephew in the Kathmandu airport!

Diane Kanak Holter and husband **John '61** are enjoying their lifestyle in Florida. The Holters are 30 miles north of Tampa and are happy to be near two champion golf courses. Diane and John are on several committees and stay busy entertaining guests and their children, who, Diane says, have officially declared the Holters' home a B&B. Daughter **Tracy Holter Zirlas '90** and her husband live just south of Tampa. Son Scott and his wife and two children live in Colorado. Their youngest son, Stuart, is in Charleston, S.C., and is getting married in November. Diane writes that she and John see **Al '61** and **Nancy Smith '61 Stewart** once or twice a year.

Among our classmates still working full time is **Mary Lemkau Horn**. Mary is a psychologist in Florida, south of Gainesville. She and husband Charles travel often to California to see their grandsons and continue to stay very busy.

Juanita Hall Hyson retired from her job as a social worker for hospice in 2002 and for a while enjoyed some bicycle trips and tennis games. Sadly, Juanita's husband Bob was diagnosed with prostate cancer and after battling surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, died in May of 2004. Juanita is adjusting to the changes in her life and says that her children have been wonderful. She has moved out of the parsonage that she and Bob had lived in for 29 years and has bought a small home near her church. Juanita has three grandchildren in New Hampshire in whom she delights.

Several of our class are involved with the College. **Dave Martin** was accepted the position of Chairman of the Green and Gold Committee, the group that raises funds for sports teams. Also he is trying to recruit basketball players for the College from his old neighborhood in Anacostia. Dave actively supports a ministry there so he can contact with the high school principal and coach. When not working for the College,

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In this issue, we invite you to enter our photo contest. See page 49 for details.

Dave is busy practicing law, staying politically active in the conservative movement and chairing the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund that defends police officers that are unfairly charged for actions taken in the line of duty. The list of members of this organization is impressive, and includes a former Attorney General, a former Assistant Attorney General and a former Administrator of the U.S. Department of Justice among others. Dave's wife, **Dianne Briggs Martin '65** is in Dubai, UAE, for two years to be the Dean of the College of Information Systems at Zayed University. This past year Dianne won the Ada Lovelace Award, a national award recognizing outstanding women in computing and she also won two outstanding teaching awards from GW. The Martins have two grandchildren, Ruby age 3 and Bud age 1.

It was good to hear from **Courtney McKeldin**. She and Ted are quite involved in the community. Courtney was re-appointed to the Baltimore City Zoning Appeals Board by Mayor O'Malley in 2004 for a four-year period; this is Courtney's fourth term on the Board having been first appointed by Mayor Schaefer in 1974. Courtney is the first woman to ever be appointed to the Board. The Zoning Board is a quasi-judicial body and she is the "minority" member on the Board as a registered Republican. Courtney and Ted have been married 45 years and have two grandchildren, Claire, 5, and Charlie, 3, who live within a mile of the McKeldin's house. Daughter Caroline is a stay-at-home mom and her husband, Peter Warner, writes computer books. Son Ted is a Major in the Marine Corps and is assigned to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence at the Pentagon.

Courtney leads trips abroad for adults for her high school, Roland Park Country School. She has taken trips to Prague, Budapest, and Provence. This year she is planning to lead a trip to Alaska and then in 2007 to Tuscany. In addition to leading trips and serving on the Zoning Board, Courtney also serves on the Boards of the Center for Talented Youth at Johns Hopkins University and the Kiplin Hall Foundation. She is the Governor of the Society of the Ark and the Dove whose members are direct descendants of those passengers who came to St. Mary's City in 1634 in the Ark and Dove, ships from Congo, England, thus discovering the state of Maryland. Husband Ted is an assistant attorney general for the State of Maryland; he continues to work full time with no immediate plans for retirement. In her spare time, Courtney plays tennis, both summer and winter.

Carleen Ritter Minor writes from Oregon that she is still teaching music and keeping busy in real estate, manag-

ing eight rentals. Carleen is co-owner of a mental health center and loves working with the staff. Her recreation is enjoying her second home by the ocean. Retirement is not in the picture for Carleen; she's enjoying her granddaughter, 5, and staying involved with music state competitions.

From Charlotte, N.C., **Mary Sue Trotman Mendorf** writes that she and her husband are enjoying an active retirement. They serve in their church, dig and plant in their vegetable and flower gardens, travel and visit friends and family.

Nancy Singer O'Malley and Tom '63 are living in Newport News, Va., where Nancy works as a senior program manager for a large defense contractor, Computer Systems Corporation (CSC), and has no intention of retiring at this point. Tom retired after 30 years in the Army where he served as a military police officer. Their three sons are doing well. Scott lives in Kansas City and has two children. Todd lives in Atlanta and has two step-children and Patrick, still single, lives in Hampton, Va. The O'Malleys enjoy getting together as a family as often as possible and enjoy visiting with their many friends from the army as well as fellow alumni.

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Marlene Zimmerman Petry continues to lead, which earned her a glorious trip to Hawaii in June '05. Husband Larry is retired and the Petrys' three sons, Trevor, Troy and Trent and three grandchildren, Tori, Tori and Tyler, are the light of their lives

Carol Philpot-Jensen and husband Tom are enjoying retirement. They took a road trip from Florida to California and back with stops in Biloxi, New Orleans (before Katrina), Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Tucson, Scottsdale, Las Vegas, Riverside and Palm Springs. They also went with some of their grandchildren to Mackinac Island. They spent some time in Cleveland with Carol's daughter and in northern Minnesota with Tom's family. They took their boat up the St. John's River where they saw alligators, birds, manatees and other wildlife. The Philpot-Jensens continue to play golf and bridge. They are living in a brand new condominium built to hurricane standards. Last year they survived four and

this year one.

The past two years have been challenging for Dale and **Dick Phoebus**. Dick had triple bypass surgery in 2005 and Dale had a full-hip replacement in 2004. Last year Dale and Dick became grandparents of Kiera. Kiera's birth was a special blessing since the Phoebus' son and daughter-in-law had had an unsuccessful in vitro try the first time. Rich is a pilot who will be joining Cathy Pacific Airlines in April and moving to Hong Kong. Daughter Paige and husband Rick live in Gainesville, Va. Rick, also a pilot, is a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps currently posted at the Pentagon. Dick and Dale will be spending a lot of time traveling from their home in Hagerstown to visit family. Dick is still pursuing a second career as CEO of a local community development company after retiring from more than forty years in banking.

Contrary to what **Manetta Willett Pusey** reports, the Puseys lives are not dull. Manetta and Jim became grandparents in August '05 when their daughter, Allison, gave birth to a son, James Daniel Lynch. Manetta still works full time; she's thinking about "double dipping," drawing Social Security and continuing to work. Jim works seasonally from February to October. When he isn't working he gets projects like painting done around the house. In 2005, Manetta and Jim saw many of their friends from high school and college. In August **Charles "Chuck" '61** and **Carol Foard Hamilton** visited on their way from North Carolina to New Jersey. Daughter Leslie, 21, will graduate from Salisbury University in December and is thinking about graduate school. At the annual Management House reunion of **Louise Loffler Dean**, **Nancy Gardner Gaston**, **Louise Styche Rainis** and Manetta, Nancy, this year's hostess, invited **Marie Black Sasse**. Marie was widowed recently and everyone was glad to see her. Also invited were Gail Shaivitz Opper and **Jerry '63**. Manetta has joined the ranks of breast cancer survivors and attends and volunteers for a local breast cancer support group.

I spoke with **Don Rabush** as he and **Carol Westerfield '60** were entertaining in California. Don related that the Rabushes had had an event-filled year. Their fourth grandchild, Evan, was born with a genetic deficiency called Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, which causes liver failure in little kids and lung and liver issues in adults. Three months later they found out that Carol has the same genetic makeup but is asymptomatic. Don says it looks like Evan has dodged the bullet too, but in the search for information, he and Carol found a need and started a foundation, Alpha-1 Kid.org. The purpose of the organization is to help provide young parents with information. In August, Don joined the national Alpha-

1 Association Board. In September, the Rabushes went to Ireland and England with **Jim '60** and **Mel Dickey Thomas**. Don said that Dean Howery and Evelyn Wenner would be proud! Don and Carol recently saw **Jim '60** and **Peggy Herring '61** Goldring. We can be very proud of Don for being selected Alumnus of the Year. A number of us enjoyed a mini-reunion at the Hobars during Homecoming to celebrate with Don and Carol.

After retiring for a short time from Virginia Tech in 2002, **Ken Reifsnider** took the position of director of the Connecticut Global Fuel Cell Center at the University of Connecticut. In 2004, Ken was elected to the National Academy of Engineering and in 2005 to the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering. Ken and his wife, Mary, have four grandchildren and children in North Carolina, Texas, and Oregon. Ken has published one book since 2002 on *Damage Tolerance and Durability of Material System*. Driving around the Hill brings back fond memories to Ken of his beginnings there.

Ray and Kay McKay Ward Rongley are still living and working in Fairfax, Va. Ray is a marketing consultant for American Turbine Products and Kay is an executive associate at George Mason University Foundation, Inc. They spend as much time as possible in their second home at Lake Placid, Fla., and traveling to Europe and South America. Their children and grandchildren live within reasonable distances, bringing great joy and entertainment to the Rongleys. Ray and Kay continue to love dancing, opera, golf and parties at home. They extend an invitation to friends who might be in the D.C. area to stop in for a visit.

The prize for the fastest response goes to **Harry Rumberger** who e-mailed me on January 6. Actually Harry tied with **Ken Reifsnider** who also contacted me that day. Thanks, guys, for being so prompt. Harry and Janie are still in Dallas where they have lived since 1976. In March '05, Janie had open-heart surgery to replace a heart valve. As a result Harry says she is perkier than ever and hard to keep up with. Harry still teaches a beer and distilled spirits course at the University of Houston. In between times he tries to capture beautiful images as an amateur photographer. This June, **Charlie Snyder** and his newly graduated daughter, Sara, will visit the Rumbergers. Janie and Harry visited the Snyders in Colorado Springs in their crosscountry trip to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks in September 2005. Harry says that he's looking forward to our 45th reunion in 2007 and in his words, "Life's too short to miss this one."

Nancy Anthony Schmidt writes that she is still enjoying her retirement with various volunteer activities, travels and spending time with her family and

eight grandchildren. Two of Nancy's grandchildren are attending the University of Maryland, one of whom just pledged a sorority. Nancy took just very different cruises last year, one to the Caribbean with 20-plus family members and the other to the Amazon in Peru. She says that she would love to hear from any WMC classmates who are in the Gaithersburg area.

Charles "Pete" Shaeffer is still active in the investment brokerage industry. A member of the Shaeffer Team, he is approaching his 47th year in the industry. Pete has three children and three grandchildren. He remains active in his favorite charities serving as chairman of the board of the Baltimore Washington Medical Center Foundation. He is also a member of the finance committee of the UMMS Foundation and president of the Board of Trustees of Gibson Island Country School. In addition, Pete is also president of the One Hundred Club of Anne Arundel County whose mission is to provide supplemental benefits to the families of firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical service personnel, both paid and volunteer, who lose their lives in the live of duty to Anne Arundel County.

Many of us share the sentiments of **Barbara Meineke Strain Schutte** who writes, "I don't know how I had time to work!" Barbara and Bill have now been married for four years and Barbara says life just keeps getting better. The Schuttes spend a lot of time on the road visiting grandchildren. Two live in Ohio, two in Atlanta and two live nearby. Barbara and Bill made two trips in the past two years, one to Alaska for three weeks and another to the American Southwest for three weeks. One week of each was with Elderhostel. They also try to get to their beach condo for long weekends. In addition to their travels, the Schuttes stay busy in church activities and lobbying their General Assembly for gay and lesbian rights. For exercise, Barbara swims and Bill plays tennis.

Nancy Roelck Sullivan writes that she and **Dave '61** traveled with **Jack** and **Carole Richardson '64** Baile on a 3,000-mile trip through several national parks. They started in Canyon De Chelly in Arizona, which, Nancy says, is better than the Grand Canyon for pure scenery. To tour the canyon you need a Navajo guide. They went to Durango, Colo., and took the train to Silverton, Colo. They toured Monument Valley, then on to Moab, Utah, via Natural Bridges National Monument and then Canyonlands and Arches National Parks. Both were breath-taking parks. They visited **Jim '60** and **Mil Dickey Thomas** and ended the trip with several days in Santa Fe. For more about this trip, read Jack Baile's news. Nancy is still singing in two groups. She is "trying" to play golf

and still plays lots of bridge.

It appears that several of us have been cruising. **Mil Dickey Thomas** writes that she and **Jim '60** were on a Caribbean cruise with 27 people including **Jack** and **Carole Richardson '64** Baile. The Thomas' big news this year is that they are waiting for two and maybe three new granddaughters to arrive. Their son and daughter-in-law in Washington state are expecting a baby who will join their Danielle, 6. Mil and Jim's daughter and son-in-law will go to China sometime late spring or early summer to get their daughter or maybe two daughters. They have signed up to meet twins or siblings and have been approved. Mil is playing the organ for a Church of Christ until Easter after a four-year stint as organist at a Presbyterian church. Jim is working at the Legislative Council while the Legislature is in session. Mil is working two days a week at DenUm, a social service agency that helps the homeless and working poor. The Thomases sold their place in Bethany Beach and visited the Bailes when they were back East. At home Mil and Jim play bridge and work around the house. They invite anyone who might be traveling through DenU, S.C., come greetings from **Barbara Walker Van Denburgh**. Barbara and Robert are being in South Carolina for two winters of beautiful weather and two summers of hurricane threats. They love living on a golf course, but have NOT taken up golf. Robert has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease so they stay close to home and feel blessed that their home has no steps and a level yard. Barbara gets out to play cards and attends club meetings. She also participates in a book club. Recently several of her pieces of art/work were displayed in a show at her church.

Greetings also arrived from Pelican Reserve in Fort Myers, Fla., where **Carolyn** and **Jim Waddel** have been staying since a severe lightning fire damaged their Laurel, Del., home last September. The Waddels are looking forward to a European River cruise and a tour of South Africa during Jim's words, "Pandemics, alien invasions or weather problems." Jim's son brought him frozen Baughers' cider at Christmas.

Peggy Hoey '63 and **Bob Warfield** have been wintering in Florida and enjoying the 80-degree weather. One of the highlights of their year was a trip to central Europe—Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Their traveling companions were **Tony '61** and **Rhea Ireland '61** Wiles. In Budapest they had the opportunity to meet the students and faculty of McDaniel College. Bob and Tony and **Lori Grimes Horton '77** spoke to the student body about the value of a liberal arts education and were applauded. I enjoyed seeing Peggy and Bob at the

College this fall when the new tennis courts given by the Warfields were dedicated. Many thanks to the Warfields for their generous contributions to the College.

Last July **Janet Pricer Warman** took a two-day course in jump rope offered by the U.S. Jump Rope Association at the College. Janet received a Jump Rope Instructor's certificate. Since then, she's attended several other jump rope clinics in other places. Her inspiration came from a jump rope competition she saw on ESPN. Now Janet is teaching a small jump rope club at the middle school from which she retired last spring. She has to demonstrate all of the jumps to the kids before they can learn them. Janet writes that some parts of her body are always a little achy. Most of her jumpers are 12 years old and Janet's not. She says that explains things! As if jumping rope weren't challenge enough, Janet has signed up to take eight non-credit courses in biotechnology. She notes that the biology that she is seeing has come a long way since 1962.

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Warren Watts writes that he still lives in Clear Brook, Va., and remains director and supervisor of Tri-County Pastoral Counseling Service in Martinsburg, W.Va. He has served as the mental health expert for the 23rd Judicial Circuit and has appeared in court over 1,475 times. He is still ethics investigator with the West Virginia Attorney General's Office and Board of Examiners in Counseling. He continues his private practice of 35 years in marriage and family and writes a weekly newspaper column on marriage and family for the *Martinsburg Journal*. He has no plans to retire for the present as he is enjoying his work in counseling, investigating and writing. I was sad to receive Warren's news that Patricia, his wife of 42 years died of liver cancer in October '05 after a short illness.

Rachel Wentz is still teaching part time at Carroll Community College

and McDaniel. She does some tutoring and enjoys traveling; she spent two weeks in Hawaii last summer. Rachel lives close to the College and frequently visits the campus.

The past four years have been exciting and very busy for **Linda Limpert Willey**. In 2002 Linda's husband Tom retired from the Department of Defense. In 2003 their first grandchild, Elise Marie, was born and in 2004 her sister, Emily Nicole, arrived. The girls are children of Barbara and Tom's oldest daughter who lives in San Antonio. After many trips to Texas to see the girls, the Willeys moved to San Antonio in June '05. Their youngest daughter, Janice Lynn, lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C., a suburb of Charleston. Tom and Barbara love San Antonio, especially having a house all on one floor. The weather has been great and there is no snow so far.

Jon Williams sent a short note to say that he is still working full time as a pediatric radiologist at the University of Florida. He has three grandchildren and says everyone is well.

Pat Fox Olsson and husband have moved to Williamsburg and love the area. They visited after Christmas with their son, Scott, and daughter-in-law, Paula.

Ann Meding Gillespie and I had a nice telephone conversation last fall. I hadn't talked to Ann in many years but keep up with her and her family through Christmas cards. Sadly, Ann's husband Dick died last year. Ann has traveled a good deal to Florida to visit with her sons and grandchildren and is contemplating moving there.

While I was in Salt Lake City in January, I had lunch with **Carole Gordon Smith**. Carole and husband, Ken, are busy with church activities and visiting their three children and seven grandchildren. We had a great time catching up on old WMC friends.

I had an e-mail from **Downey Price** last year. What a shock! It was so good to hear from Downey. I saved the e-mail so I could include his news in this year's column, but I got a new computer this winter and unfortunately, my e-mails were lost. If I remember correctly, Downey and **Edna Bent '63** are still working and have done a great deal of charitable medical work. They are still in Texas and it didn't sound as if Downey had slowed down at all.

Barbara Wolozin Craig writes that 2005 was an eventful year for her with the birth of her first grandchild, Rachel, daughter Susan's child. Beth will be married in July '06. Barbara and John spend half of their time in Chestertown, Md., where Barbara is active in the garden club, book club and bridge. The other half of their time is spent in Florida, where they enjoy ballroom dancing, walking, bridge and reading. Next year the Craigs are planning to travel to St.

Petersburg, Russia.

The big news for **Betty Beall Rommel** is the expansion of her family. Two more grandchildren are expected. The Rommels have purchased a winter home in Palm City, Fla., where they are playing lots of golf and enjoying warm winters. Betty says their health is good and they are loving retirement.

Susan Morton Lohman says that she and Dick enjoy yearly vacations in Florida, Las Vegas and Ocean City. In June they toured the Hawaiian Islands by cruise ship with friends. Susan keeps in touch with WMC friends through mail, but doesn't often see them. Her daughter, Brenda, has followed in mom's footsteps with master's in social work. Son Rick is a plumber. Susan reports that all the family is healthy.

Judy Lorry Murphy retired from teaching last June and is doing substitute work in grades K-3. She finds substituting much more relaxing than the everyday hassle of teaching full time. Both of Judy's boys are on their own working hard. Judy continues to try different hobbies looking for the one which will keep her interested for longer than it takes to buy new supplies to fit the task.

From Annapolis, **Judith Meredith Reichard** writes that she had just returned from a month's trip driving around New Zealand and a bit of Australia. This is her second trip Down Under and Judy believes New Zealand is the most beautiful country in the world. Judy and her husband are planning return trips to Greece and San Diego in the next few months. Judy lives on the water in Annapolis and enjoys family and grandkids who live nearby.

It is sad to hear of so many losses among our classmates. Our sympathy to **Ann Medling Gillespie**, **Juanita Heil Hyson**, and **Marie Black Sasse** on the deaths of their husbands, to **Warren Watts** on the death of his wife, and to **Lucy Tucker Lotz** on the death of her daughter.

Here on the home front, I have finally retired from all teaching. It's been four years since I retired from public school and after teaching three years at Germanna Community College, I decided that teaching was getting in the way of my social life. In January I visited my daughter, Holly, and son-in-law, Doug, and my two grandsons, Brandt, 6, and Rex, 4, in Salt Lake City. We went tubing in the canyons and attended a gymnastics meet in the Olympic Stadium which now belongs to the University of Utah. Holly and I attended the Sun Dance Film Festival in Park City and had a great time celebrity watching. The films we saw weren't bad either! After two weeks of babysitting, I met a friend I had taught with for many years in Long Beach, Calif., and then she and I went to Las Vegas for five days.

Daughter Wendy, who lives in Richmond, is planning to stop teaching for a while and become a stay-at-home mom this summer at the end of the school year. She and husband Aaron are expecting a sibling for daughter Lane Aug. 2. I'm planning to take a "Luther Tour" in June with several members of my church visiting Wittenberg, Berlin, Meissen, Dresden, Prague, Budapest and Vienna. We will see the annual Luther Wedding Re-enactment Festivities and visit the Castle Church with its historic "Theses Doors."

I look forward to our next reunion in 2007. Make plans to attend while we still remember who each other is! Take care.

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1968 After years of wandering the hills of Harford County in search of meaning, **Hanns Vandrey** has settled down to his 13th consecutive year with EAI Corporation as executive director, Emergency Preparedness Support. He denies any knowledge of or connection with Katrina, New Orleans or FEMA. **Pat Wilkinson '69** has retired from the dental office and plays bridge. Son Ryan just earned his Ph.D. in psychology (with help from **Steve Pound**) and is now post-doctoring at JHU School of Medicine in behavioral pharmacology. Lots of sking and tennis for mom and dad. And Dan Night.

Some tough news from the **Hartsocks**. **Jim** is suffering from Pick's Disease, something rare and similar to Alzheimer's. Wife **Sandy Johnson '74** tells me he's in the early stages and they're praying the medication helps. So am I. She's working on her 18th year with the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division, where she hangs out with David Caruso, wears hot outfits, is always on the crime scene site, breaks cases wide open with only a speck of dust as a clue—just like on TV. Sandy also teaches forensics at Harford Community College. Oldest son Jonathan is in between opportunities in Internet and multimedia technology. Josh is a certified auto mechanic in Harford County, and Jimmys is keeping his degree in massage therapy in his back pocket while working in a machine shop that makes robotics.

Habitat for Humanity has become **Mike Ward's** third career. In February '05 he recruited wife **Anne Read '69**, **Jim and Chris Connelly '67 Resau**, and brother **Albert Terp '61** for a trip to Guatemala to build two houses. Last fall, Jim and Chris Resau plus **Rick and Cathy Boswell** traveled to Keano, N.H., to join Mike for the World Famous Pumpkin Festival. Mike won

third place with a pumpkin he carves that looked just like **John Makosky '25** (deceased) smoking his pipe, while **Jim** got honorable mention with one depicting **Fern Hitchcock '47** spitting tobacco. Honest. The Wards got together with **John and Sue Mawby '69 Heritage** in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in October '05. In February '06, Mike and Jim went back to Guatemala for some more construction.

Richie Matza is chief orthopedic surgeon at the Arthritis Center of Connecticut, doing the unique job of

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computer-assisted joint replacement. I like working with female assistants better, but to each his own. Son Brent is getting his medical sciences master's degree at BU Medical School and Mark is a junior at Yale, playing number one on the golf team.

Western Civ specialist **Wayne Laesig** is in his 10th year as consultant for the Corps of Engineers. He keeps the juices flowing with work on Vietnam reunions, camping trips to Alaska, family reunions, Disney World, elk hunts in Oregon, plus deer and fossil hunting in Montana. Also some strength training for SWAT teams on tracking night watchmen through libraries of small liberal arts colleges, after dark.

People in Connecticut refer to themselves as living in the "land of steady habits" (or "land of the living dead"). **Rick Matheny** feels he is finally beginning to fit in after 37 years—35th wedding anniversary (to the same woman, even), 28th with the same house, and 29th as director of public health for the Farmington Valley Health District. In May '05, he became a granddad to little Jack. Rick plays golf badly, takes good pictures and is on the executive committee of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Really, Rick—"the land of steady habits?" Do they give you souvenir bowl charts? No way.

Jim and Chris Connelly '67 Resau continue to put on sunscreen in case the sun comes out in Grand Rapids, Mich. He's a researcher for the Van Andel Institute and Chris is a speech pathologist with NHA Charter Schools. Jim's vaccine for cellulite is awaiting FDA approval as it is field tested at various Horn and Horn buffets. They've been grandparents the last three years. Daughter Laura's first book was published this spring—*If But the Moon Were*. Jim and **Rick Boswell** did a minor league fantasy baseball camp together last summer in Grand Rapids and Jim got a deer with the last fall in West Virginia. He's a frequent Crab Guy as well, the 10-hour drive is not an issue so long as he can sleep in the car at rest stops and listen to NPR. **Dan and Cathy Arick Stout** are all a-twitter anticipating the senior discounts that have always been just out of reach. They bought their dream house—an 1880's Victorian twin in the small borough of Phoenixville, Pa. They've got their three grown-up children, a grandson, 3, a nice size garden and a koi pond, plus lots of music and volunteer duties to keep themselves off the streets.

Pat McNally Ellis is almost on her 20th year at Villa Julie College, where she is coordinator of accelerated business management. Not bad for a Latin major. She's singing in the church choir and some students' weddings, as well. **Bob Wall** is figuring six more years until retirement—he's been reappointed for that many more years as a judge. Then more time for the four grandchildren.

When he's not the premier substitute teacher at Catonsville High, **Steve Pound** has put his years of practice on the guitar to good use. He's into doing Tiny Tim imitations, complete with wig, full costume and ukulele. Steve's available for parties, bar mitzvahs and dunking booths at county fairs. When he does his acoustic version of "Tiptoe through the Tulips" it brings tears to your eyes.

True to his name, **Les 'Townie' Carlson** and wife Gail moved back to Westminster after years in Manassas. They're in semi-retirement from 21 years in Tupperware and just as fresh as when they were put into Tupperware. Senior daughter Gretchen and husband Harry live with their three daughters in their 1860 stone house in Union Bridge, and they're in Tupperware, too. Jocelyn has her master's in forensic science and is with the DNA unit of the Baltimore City Police Department. They keep the evidence in, what else?—Tupperware. Les is on the lookout for **Mike Ward**, who he claims to have messed up his Doberman's teeth. **Nola Marvell Arnold** has hit the 20th year mark with Wor-Wic Community College as dean of community and continuing education. She and Joe have

traveled all over Europe and Canada, plus Nola maintains her pilot's license and instrument rating. More plans to visit southern Maine in the future.

After retiring as a warden in the Texas prison system two years ago, **Bob Hibbard** and wife Becky have started a theatre in Quitman, Texas. Their first play is "Steel Magnolias," with Becky playing Claire. The rest of the time is spent building decks and docks, with some fishing and a nap.

Dan and Lyttne Gottlieb are living south of Leesburg on Catocin Ridge, where they continue to raise goats. They've got an active business going, selling all natural organic radiation sterilized goat products over the internet. Sorry, no live animal sales to Preachers.

Sherry Redinger Whitt and husband Leon are still living on their boat on Stoney Creek in Anne Arundel County and enjoying life. She's been retired from teaching mathematics for nine years and has no plans to return to the classroom. They're seeing the country in their bus, guided by their two dogs,

Jim and Mary Benson

have retired to Kailua, Hawaii. He still does contract work for the Marine Corps after his retirement in 1997.

plus participating in missions that serve the homeless and less fortunate.

Some of us are retiring, some are just beginning. **Jeanne Black Festa** is in her fourth year as one of the pastors at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in Arizona. She raised her kids in this church so being called to be a pastor was quite a thrill. Jeanne just bought a get-away house near a lake in a national forest, plus a pick-up truck w/gun rack. A nice spot to entertain the three grandchildren.

John Evler is in his 14th year with the Seton Healthcare Network in Austin, where he's president/COO of a division. Wife Mesal is an executive editor with textbook publisher Holt Rinehart. Son Chip is in his second year of law school at McGeorge Law. John added to his watch collection with two trips to Zurich, plus adding to his handbags with golfing in Ireland, Hawaii and Vancouver. He was even back on campus for '05 Homecoming.

After splitting up with **Ron Wood** some years ago, **Kathie Watson Helfrich** figured she was finished with WMC. Not so! She remarried two years ago and became a "McDaniel Mom." Her youngest stepdaughter is a social work

major there, plus her youngest daughter, Caroline, enrolled in McDaniel's counselor education grad program. Feeling left out and wanting to go to some Preacher parties, Kathie then enrolled in a graduate course at McDaniel. Full circle.

Barbara Linton Morris is still teaching French and Spanish, while **Bob** is active in the Sierra Club. They traveled a lot last year—Vermont, Breckenridge, Frankfort and Cinque Terre, Italy. Bob took her to Key West this spring to celebrate her 6-0. They keep in touch with college buddies **Trish Euker** and **Guy King, Mary Ann Julia** and **Nick Kavessi, Gail Lentz** and **Ed Gratzick** and **Charlotte Hannemann Bennett**.

To celebrate his 60th year, **Paul Lewis** got himself a golden retriever puppy and named it Ralph Price. It seems that Dean Laidlaw was taken. Life in San Diego is good, with Paul in his 11th year as CEO of a credit union.

Linda Berry vanHart teaches it and does it—and both well. She's got six courses going at McDaniel, plus the jewelry business at Toll House Studio (a great place to buy presents for your wife). This spring Linda was in Switzerland, Italy and France, with future plans for North America, with her in the Northwest. Along with her work for the Visual Arts Program for Common Ground on the Hill, she'll be seeing **Eileen vonDehnen Elmes '69** and **Norm Sartorius '69**.

After only two years, **Steve Jones** has gotten the knack of retirement living—he only drives partway to the old office before he turns around and goes to Starbucks. Their second grandchild arrived this spring. Steve is currently writing a book on the adventures of Nurse Stoner and Nicky Nightcheck. Anyone with credible stories of this electrifying duo should contact Steve immediately.

Jim and Mary Benson have retired to Kailua, Hawaii. He still does contract work for the Marine Corps after his retirement in 1997. One daughter is at Moravian College, the other in France planning her wedding. After the summer nuptials, they'll be traveling in the countryside and Jim plans to visit his Hildebrande French. Take my advice and pack a lunch. Hildebrande French is not a spoken language.

Sam '67 and **Patty Waki Phillips** decided it would be "nice" if they could play golf all year round. The only way to do that was to buy a house in an active adults community near Tucson so they can do a six-month split between Arizona and Virginia. They just got to be grandparents last year to Darien Bryden Phillips.

Since Hurricane Katrina, **Bob Speth** has been chainsawing every weekend to keep the main line of the Koscusko and Southwestern Railway open. He's now CFO of the KSRy, which beat being the FNG by a mile. The daytime

job remains as director of the Peptide Radioiodination Service Center and chair of the pharmacology department at Ole Miss. He's taken up the Mississippi version of skiing—extreme lawn mowing. It involves riding on a lawn tractor that is more horsepower than your first car, balancing six-packs on each fender, drinking both six packs, and yelling "EEEEEE-HA" as you mow.

John and **Marianne Cordyack** are alive and well in Reston, Va. After 27 years with the U.S. Geological Survey, John's hung up his hammer in favor of the two grandchildren.

The progeny of **Ray Woolson**, "Blues from the Red Rooster Lounge," celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. This also marks the 10th year of doing the blues at Common Ground.

After a long run of good health spanning 60 years, 2005 was a year of injuries and slowdowns, but "The Pope" is now back in fine form with lots of skiing and biking to bone the edge. He and Nancy have been married 34 years, the union surviving a massive house remodeling involving the kitchen, dining room, living room and porch. They plan to celebrate with a trip to outer space, or possibly to Italy.

The free beers are a thing of the past as **Alice McGrew Lasher**, whose husband Tom retired from Anheuser-Busch after 31 years. They're switching to National Bohemian. Alice just retired from William & Mary this spring, and they plan to follow their trip to Tahiti with a lot more traveling. Son Kevin and his wife, Katie, are both veterinarians, while daughter Kim teaches third grade and her husband, Chris, is a chiropractor. Needless to say, lots of grand pets.

Terry Walters goes on trial this fall for spray painting the word "College" on 68 different Western Maryland Railroad freight cars at the Enola Train Yard in Pennsylvania. His lawyer, **Combread Earl**, suggests that they go "judge shopping." Call **Bob Watt**. Meanwhile, he's out on bail and still running the web site for the ABC network affiliate in Harrisburg. He's also launched a Phillies memorabilia site, which is quickly becoming a favorite site of Justice Alto, another sad lifetime Phillies fan.

Manager of product documentation and training for Pilgrim Software by day, mad gardener by the weekend, **Trudy Omansky Diamond** is having a fond of fun. She gets the Goldie Hawn Honorary Marriage Resistance trophy for being happily unmarried to the same guy for 15 years. She spends a lot of time with her 66-kids. **JoAnn Henkle McCann's '68** kids.

Peggy Howser Drenning gets to the point—"Still working! Same job! Visited Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Czech Republic in October! Visited Arizona in January! Daughter Alex

getting married in May; receptions in Maryland and Oklahoma in May and June! Husband Dah! going back to work soon!" She's entering an exclamation aversion therapy program in the fall.

Being a History major at WMC has finally renewed its grip on **Bill Betts**. He's restoring his 180-year-old house and teaching U.S. history at two community colleges in Virginia. Dr. Whitfield is smiling or spinning in his grave.

Charlotte Hannemann Bennett and her extended family had a huge reunion at Rehoboth Beach this spring to celebrate various birthdays and graduations. Drew and wife Brandy bought an 1850s house and 11 acres near Charlotte, forever anchoring her in the Midwest.

Preparing for his summer retirement, **Barry** and **Candy Ellenberger** bought a trailer plan to see the other half. Both kids graduated went down to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina and helped rescue dogs for about two weeks, barely managing to not adopt any of them. She's still doing public relations and marketing for the Anne Arundel Community College.

She considers herself retired, but **Paula "Polly" Tarbutton** still works as a supplement instructor in business management at Chesapeake College,

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and runs her knitting business, Polly's Patches. There's also substitute teaching in foreign languages in Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Her vacations this year include Santa Fe, Estes Park, Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan.

Joan Dowell Willing has an amazing family. She's executive director of the International Association of Women Judges, while Jim continues as professor of political science and international relations at Augustana College. The kids are international too. Their son and his new wife are working at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo while the daughter is a grad student at the London School of Economics. Family reunions require some planning.

Will Davis is still living in Bellingham, Wash., "the town of subdued excitement," and running his eclectic gift shop "The Lucky Monkey." His first grandchild arrived in May. Always willing to try again, Will got engaged this year to Sweet Laura Brown, mother of four young ladies. He won Sweet Laura in a poker game, and here's how: Will placed an SLB (sturdy little bet) in a high stakes game, and collected an IOU from a guy just passing through from Hoboken via Scranton. Then Sweet Laura's landlord, who owed her money, bought the IOU from Will in exchange for her phone number, the key to the love of his life. And the rest is history. And I didn't make this one up.

Bob and Kathy Moore Ritter joined the ranks of grandparents this year with grandson Sam. They visited children in North Carolina over the summer, then took a trip to Alaska. Kathy's been a school counselor for 34 years now and is looking toward retirement.

After 59 years of renting sub-standard housing at various beaches, **Walt Michael** is the proud owner of his family's vacation cottage on the Chesapeake, built by his father, **Walter Michael 27**, in 1927. He catches a few fish and baits in some crabs with chicken necks that Barney Rice gave him. Both **Josh 08** and **Wesley 09** are students at McDaniel, with Walt doing his best to make sure they are as good a student as he was. Common Ground on the Hill has moved to new offices in Thompson Hall, Nurse Stoner's old stomping ground. He wears the place is haunted with the ghost of **John Makosky 25**.

Geary Med 72 and **SuHelen Warner Myers** just celebrated 38 years of marriage and have eight grandchildren. She's retired from public school teaching and teaches part time at Liberty Christian School.

As twilight settles in on **Harvey Broodno's** career with the Philadelphia Adult Protection Department, he can't help but realize the contribution his years as a history major at WMC has made, and reflect on the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588. Harv's only

reason to retire is that he has run out of clients. The City of Brotherly Love having finally lived up to its name. His retirement plans consist of sitting on a nursing home porch and sucking on his gums. **Bob appetite.**

Mary Barbara Reeves Sykes had some good news when she turned 60—the Army started paying her retirement pay. She and Earl visited son Jonathan with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Lewis last summer, then took an Alaskan cruise to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Jessica is working on her master's in early childhood education at Old Dominion University. Those aches and pains have stopped Mary's tap dancing, but the oriental painting and quilting have filled in, minus the aerobic part.

They're missing the East Coast and their friends there, but **Tim and Barbara "Zimmi" Zimmerman Jolly** love their 55-plus retirement community in Santa Cruz, Calif. Lots of beaching, birding and watching their granddaughters grow up.

Joel Smith feels that all psychological problems are caused by imbalance in the ratio of aroma therapy, wardrobe malfunction, and primal scream theory. He's searching for a unifying concept to harmonize the relationship into the sound of one hand clapping. That's meant to be inter-

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preted in Jungian terms.

I've known a lot of clowns in my life, but **Pat Kelly Schaeer** is the real thing, a professional. She was recently widowed, and with daughter Carrie and two grandchildren from another daughter now living with her, she's not alone.

Another California retiree is **Louise Ramsey Andres**, living in La Jolla. She and Steve declare their first granddaughter to be the cutest in the world, and although she lives in North Carolina, they've visited her every month so far. Louise retired from IBM in 2005 but is busier than ever, volunteering in a surgical ward, teaching disabled kids how to ride a horse and at cooking school. Her Rotary Club recently built a girl's school in Afghanistan. Steve's retired this spring and lots of travel plans are emerging.

Jackie Rush Naughton lives nearby and we meet for lunch every month.

Pam Gebhard Wicklein just retired from her church music position and **Jerry 65** is doing the same after 40 years as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. Daughter Sarah and her family have moved to Wrentham, Mass., where Russ is a Coast Guard JAG Officer. **Abbi Wicklein Bayne's 36** family lives in Lutherville. The Wickleins look forward to traveling in their 1977 MGB Roadster.

After more than 19 years, **Barbara Payne Shelton 70** made the difficult decision to leave Villa Julie College, where she was professor and program coordinator for Early Childhood Leadership. She's planning to enjoy a bit of time off and to continue to work to improve the quality of early care and education. I'm still trying to find a way to unify my life passions as a dentist and itinerant god herder. Dianne presented us with our first grandchild, Brent, in 2004, meaning I'm now married to a grandmother. Wade married a lovely lady, Lisa, in 2005 and they're now living in Baltimore. And finally, Drew's an environmental engineer and working in Boston.

Thanks for all the information, it's a lot of fun for me to hear from all of you. I never met a finer group of people, and for once I'm serious.

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1974 Greetings Classmates, I hope that 2006 is treating you well. As always, I consider it a privilege and pleasure to write about your lives. Thank you for your willingness to share and for your kind words of support and appreciation.

"Life is good" per **Kathy Rigger Angstadt**. Her son, Brett, graduates this year from West Virginia University and her daughter, Amanda, is getting married in October. Kathy will be her maid of honor. Her job at Padonia Park Swim Club is going well. She still enjoys managing 70-plus teenagers in the summer and the varied responsibilities the rest of the year. She plans to do some traveling—and still enjoys seeing **Chip Rouse** and **Linda Wooten Hutchinson**.

Nellie Arrington is about to become an empty-nester, so she is celebrating by going to Rome in October. Business continues to be very good—a lot coming from her websites. Elyse is entering the last year-and-a-half of her music education program at Maryland. She is in the marching band and pep band. Meredith has been accepted into the interior design program at Philadelphia University where she will play field hockey and is being recruited for lacrosse.

Paul 51 and **Bernice Talbot Beard**

continue to enjoy traveling on both long and short trips in their 38-foot Holiday Rambler diesel motor home. They have remodeled their house to make it more user-friendly as they mature. Bernice has now written four books on RVing. She also writes columns on the subject for a national magazine and a newspaper syndicate, maintains a Web site www.rvay-outourwpace.com, and writes a bi-monthly RVing newsletter. She is also presenting the history of "Roop's Mill" to local groups and serving as a deacon at church.

Larry "The Cheese" Bocchese is retiring from the Vineland Public School System after 31 years in July of this year. He says that he is looking for something else to do since Bev won't let him sit around the house drinking beer. Steven is a junior in high school, playing basketball and golf. Matthew is an eighth-grader playing basketball, soccer and his guitar.

Joe and Sharon Spainhour Booker have a lot going on in their lives. Joe has been teaching in middle school for 30 years. He also coaches chess—his team went to the nationals three times. Their two oldest sons are married and the Bookers have a new granddaughter—their first. Their third son did a church-planning internship in France, will possibly return there after graduating from college this May, and plans to marry in September. Their fourth son is a freshman at CCBIC studying business and enjoys coaching JV basketball. Becky is a sophomore in high school and loves playing volleyball, basketball and lacrosse. Three of their kids had ACL surgeries this year and Sharon had her gall bladder out. So their family spent a lot of time in physical therapy recently.

Marla Weinstein Bowman is staying busy in the Carolinas. She is actively competing her Pembroke Welsh Corgis (Robin and Coal) in agility, herding, obedience and tracking. She is enjoying her new home and backyard agility field. She hasn't retired yet. She is a study manager for the pharmaceutical industry.

Joe 73 and **Mary Conner Carter** celebrated 34 years of marriage on March 24, 2006. Their youngest daughter, Meredith, graduated from Bridgewater in May '05, so they are finished with college payments, Meredith works for Wantz Distributors as a salesperson for Microbrews. Their oldest daughter, Kate, bought a home in Wilmington, N.C., where she works as a claims auditor for Nationwide. Erin lives in Tampa, Fla., where she is a software trainer. Mary is still a guidance counselor at Francis Scott Key and Joe is still at McDaniel. She says they are planning retirement now.

Nancy Fishpaugh Cassell started in June '05 of working as a business analyst on a project for the State of Colorado.

Working as a contractor has allowed her to keep her work week's hours to around 40 so that she can continue to grow her Creative Memories business. She is hoping to get hired as a State employee with full benefits in 2006.

Wayne's 73 work, Casell Graphics, is doing well. He continues working on his 3D model of the USS Arizona and building his first wooden ship model.

According to **Bill Corley**, "It was the best of times and the worst of times." His daughters, 24, 21, and 17, continue to enjoy life. Lauren has moved back from Tampa to Jacksonville and is going to take another degree at University of North Florida. Lindsay graduates from University of Florida spring '06. Kristin graduates from high school spring '06. Bill says that they all believe that she is enjoying "surfing." Unfortunately, Bill and Suzanne are no longer married. He is still living at the beach outside of Jacksonville and has been practicing law for 24 years with the same firm.

Jackie Deaknye Cowan's son, Brett, got married July 8, 2005 to a wonderful woman who is a high school guidance counselor. Brett works in Baltimore for a financial services company. Jackie's daughter, Jameson, graduated from Mary Washington College in May '05 and is working for APEX Systems in Columbia.

Mary Catherine "MC" DeRosa continues to run her Gyn practice, The Independent Woman, in Rhode Island. She has one partner now and is hoping to grow to three. They gave up OB a few years ago; they mainly have a perimenopausal practice. Mary Cat says that she and Paul are fine and that they hope to move to New Hampshire in retirement. Her stepdaughter is happily married; they are hoping for grandchildren. MC is getting into fiber art—she loves knitting. She mentioned that **Tina Liv Ests** not only knits but spins her own yarn, too.

Randy Dove is in his 18th year at EDS. He is still running the congressional and international government affairs group. He has been traveling to Brazil, Geneva, Calgary and Hong Kong on business. And he claims that he doesn't know Jack Abramoff. In March '06, Randy heads to Tampa to play golf with Brothers **Larry Schmidt 75**, **Tom Trezise 75**, **Mark Higdon 75**, **John "Chip" Graber 73**, **Charlie Moore 71**, **Steve Vaughan 76**, and **Don Dulaney 74**. His son, Alex, starts high school in the fall.

Carol Enzor 73 and **Don Dulaney** still live in Miami and survived Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma in 2005 with less damage than most people. Don started his own actuarial services consulting firm, Dulaney and Company, in 2002, and works for various organized labor groups. Their oldest son, Denny, works in New York City. Middle son Patrick is at Florida State. Their youngest son

is a senior in high school. Don still coaches 12- and 13-year-old Boys' Club basketball teams. This is his 33rd team since 1994.

Alian Engel is still practicing law and running a title company. **Aegis Tye Associates, LLC. Pam Furness 75** is teaching biology at Glen Burnie High School. Greg graduates from Oberlin this year. Tim is a sophomore at La Salle. Meredith is a high school junior. **Ann and Tina Liv Ests** have set up a "second home" in Tallinn, Estonia. They bought an apartment and hope to be spending more time in Europe. They are waiting for their son, Taivo, to return from Iraq in March '06. USMC 2nd Lieutenant Annis has been in Fallujah with the Anti-Terrorism Unit since October. Their daughter, Marika, is spending the year studying in Tartu, Estonia. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Muhlenberg College and went to Tartu University in August. Their daughter, Hilleri, is a sophomore at Salisbury University. Tina is still translating and loves the travel she does with her interpreting.

Glenn Fell and family are enjoying the good life in Boca Raton, Fla. Son Brian started college this year at Florida State. Daughter, Julie, is a junior at Central Florida. Glenn still works as the director of computer applications for a group of hospitals in the Ft. Lauderdale area. He spends most of his free time playing golf on what there are no kids' sports teams to coach.

Bill Geiger is enjoying his practice as a psychologist and living and working in two cities—Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Sandy Johnson Hartsock is very busy at work, working 12-plus hours days, five and six days a week. She also teaches in the fall and spring at Hartford Community College as well as substitute teaches in the Forensics' Graduate program at Villa Julie College. Her husband, **Jim '88**, was diagnosed with Pick's Disease in September '05. Picks is an illness similar to Alzheimer's. Their oldest sons, Jon, 25, and youngest, Jamison, 21, are still living at home while Josh, 23, moved out several years ago. Jon lost his contractual position at Aberdeen back in late September '05. Josh continues as a car repair technician and has moved to a part-time position. **Ed Humphries** still has dealership in Bel Air. Jamison still has not gotten certified in massage therapy but has picked up a full-time position in a machine shop where he likes using his hands to put together all sorts of robotics for companies like Domino Sugar and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

Ed Humphries still works for CUBIC Defense supporting the U.S. Army Combat Training Center programs. His oldest daughter, Jennifer, is engaged and plans to marry after graduation in 2007. Katie is doing well as a sophomore at Pittsburg State in Kansas. Matthew is a junior at Lancing

High. He competed at State in debate. Ed has gotten into Geocaching, a modern-day treasure hunt using Global Position System receivers. He said there are over 30 cache locations within about 12 miles of McDaniel.

Pete and Linda Wooten Hutchinson have plans for a trip to Romania in May '06. They also plan to take Erin to England this summer or fall. Erin has enrolled in Queens College to get her master's in library science. She is making a major career change and very excited about it. She is still in New York City and plans to stay there. Kyle has been in Central America since November '05. He went to Costa Rica with a friend for some surfing and has continued traveling alone up the West Coast. The Hutchinsons love where they live in Salisbury since it is very close to their families.

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Nora Waugh Jones finished a second master's in spring '05—this time at Hopkins in school administration and supervision. She is currently the staff development teacher at an elementary school in Montgomery County. She enjoyed a lovely trip to Paris in July '05. Her son, Andy, 28, a graphic designer, is married and lives nearby. Casey, 25, is active in community theatre and voice-over work in cartoons.

This is the first time that **Jane Moment Jordan** has sent in any news. I am thrilled that she did. Larry (Jane's husband of 27 years) and Jane have lived in California for 12 years. He is a freelance video editor who teaches the subject area and has books and DVDs to his credit. Jane has been a critical care nurse for 30 years. She works at their local community hospital. She puts in way too many hours in the recovery room where she works with great people who make standing on her feet for a 12-18 hours more or less fun. Their son, Paul, 24, is a grad student in information science at the University of Michigan and is a fencer. Their daughter, Julia, 21, is living in Madison, Wis., and is applying for transfer to four-year college from a community college. She said that empty-nesting is growing on her—but she does miss the kids.

Dennis Kirkwood is still the supervisor of science at Hartford County. He plans to retire in two or a-half years. He works with **Dave Volrath** and **Sarah Snodgrass Morris 73**. His daughter,

Heather '05, graduated from McDaniel and is in grad school at University of Texas at Austin. He says he is a very proud dad when he hears her on the radio for one of McDaniel's advertisements and has seen her once in a newspaper ad. Dennis' other daughter, Kristin, is a junior at University of Maryland and is studying in Seville, Spain, this semester. Dennis and his wife plan to visit her this April.

Scott Krieger just hit his 28th year at Mercantile Bank and Trust. His wife, Becky, is still nursing at Franklin Square Hospital. Their daughter, Kelly, 25, works at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as a research analyst and is finishing her graduate degree in International Security at American University. Their son is a site technician at Geo. Technology Associates and is considering going back to school full time to get his master's and certification in teaching. Becky and Scott took some wonderful vacations last year including going to Texas to see Big Bend, Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns National Park; Yosemite with the family; and New Orleans prior to Katrina. They also took a cruise of the Western Caribbean from the New Orleans port.

Karen Gallagher Lauhkar shared some very sad news. Karen's sister, **Rosie Gallagher Welsh 77**, who roomed with her during our senior year, died of complications of breast cancer. Karen urges all of the women in our class and those who read this column to do regular breast self-examinations and get annual mammograms.

Kathy and Steve Muench moved from Steamboat Springs, Colo., to Idaho to open a new business. They are just beginning their third year publishing a real estate magazine for the area. It has been a very busy startup but has been well received. The Muenchs still find time to enjoy the beautiful area—skiing, hiking, fishing, etc.

Maria Petrucci and family moved to Mt. Airy in the summer of 2004. She's enjoying being near WMC/McDaniel. Her chiropractic practice in Columbia, Md., continues to evolve. She is happily playing a positive role in people's lives. Her daughter, Erin, will start Mt. Airy Middle School in September '06. Last year she won a couple of medals in Special Olympics cross-country events. Her husband, Jay Seaborg, continues to teach at the middle school level, now in Frederick County. He has written a fantasy trilogy, complete with magic and adventure, appealing to adolescents and adults. Now that JK Rowlings is winding down, they hope Jay's books will take off and fill the gap. Maria's stepdaughter, Kristin, started teaching in an elementary school in Montgomery County in September '05.

Cheryl Nelson Price writes that she and Paul enjoy life in coastal Maine. Their nest is empty, with Caroline, 26,

and Scott, 23, off pursuing careers and grad school. Paul's two environmental consulting firms are in their sixth year. Cathy is still writing, editing and performing.

Chip Rouse is entering her 22nd year teaching at Villa Julie—mostly journalism—and chairing the business communications department. She does **Kathy Rigger Angstadt** a lot. She recently saw **Linda Look Schmidt '75**, **Kathy Hamilton Trezise '76** and **Patti Higdon** (wife of **Richard Higdon '75**). Chip's son, Bryan, will graduate with honors in May from Hofstra University in athletic training. He plans to go to graduate school in June '06 for a master's.

Leon and Judy Gardner Salzman are doing well in Williamsburg, Va. Their son, Matt, graduated from high school in 2005; he's now at Christopher Newport University. Rebecca graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design. Jessica is enjoying stellar success in her second year at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Leon was able to take time off from his normal Ben & Jerry's responsibilities to help Hurricane Rita victims in Florida as a Red Cross volunteer. After a brief setback due to a broken shoulder suffered in mid-September, Judy has had a great year. She is still teaching English and American Studies at Lafayette High School.

Rich Benitez is alive and well in Sidney, Australia, where he has been in the philosophy department of the University of Sidney for 13 years.

Linda Sixx Shields and her wonderful husband have been married for 29 years. Their daughter, **Rebecca '06**, will graduate from McDaniel in May with a degree in psychology. Their son, Jeremy, will graduate from Towson University with a degree in electronic media and film. Linda will finish her 32nd year of teaching vocal music at New Windsor Middle School in June. Bob and **Karen Georg Quillin Sirian** were married at Antrim 1844 on December 26, 2005. They are living in Taneytown. **Monika van der Berg McConnick '73** played the piano for their ceremony and sang for their first dance. Karen's daughter, Kelly Swain, had a baby boy in 2004 making her a grandma for the first time. Her son, Andrew, was married in 2004 on the beach in Galveston, Texas. Bert, Karen's older son, lives in Pennsylvania.

Despite occasional sports injuries, **Rick Spink** is still active at indoor soccer and plans to resume being player-manager at fast-pitch softball (this will be his 26th season). He claims to have become more judicious when making diving plays! Horshoes and disc golf are becoming his physical pursuits of his declining years. Additionally he has been consulting relatives to update his family history. He keeps up his chess game by email with **Bob Noland's** son, Derek. Rick's sister, **Diane Spink Czars '76** eldest daughter, Kate, graduated *magna cum laude* last year from Millersville University. Rick likes to think she takes after her Uncle Rick.

Floyd Twilley says, "Life is good!" He works as office manager for Berry Van Lines - Bekins Agent on the Eastern Shore. He said they do a lot of military and corporate business. He had a delightful visit with **Iran Izzi** and **Mary Dodd '82 Zapp** at a New Year's gathering hosted by **Coach Ron Jones '85** in his home. **Coop Berry**, age 92, also attended.

Barbara Brown Vollmar spent a 10-day vacation with her sons Nick, 23, Andrew, 19, and daughter, Sarah, 13, in Hawaii visiting her brother stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. They enjoyed the sites and even tried surfing. Barbara was very busy as a nurse in the hospital with flu season when she wrote to me. Sarah, in seventh grade, is involved with cross-country, basketball and the Quiz Bowl team.

Donna Herbst Watson graduated from Catholic University in 2003 with a master's in library science. They moved from Northern Virginia to Chapel Hill, N.C., for two years with **Bob's '73** job, and Donna worked as a children's librarian. Last June, they moved back to Northern Virginia when Bob took a job with United Healthcare. She is now the librarian for a large Catholic school, teaching everything from preschool ABCs to Internet safety. She says that most days she is having so much fun she can't believe that they pay her. Their oldest daughter, Hana, works for Jefferson Hotel in Richmond and is working on a degree in public relations. **Chloe '09**, their youngest daughter, transferred to McDaniel this year to major in medical illustrating. Bob and Donna are really enjoying viewing McDaniel through their daughter's eyes and experiences.

Loch von, Drew, is a sophomore at the Raven High School. He is still in Scouting and active with our church youth group. He also plays in our bell choir and sings in our senior choir. He loves playing guitar and has a band—hopefully you will hear of them one day. **Abestoss!** It's been fun watching him listen to and appreciate the bands we used to party to—The Rolling Stones, Led-Zeppelin, the Doors, Deep Purple, I am still working two part-time jobs—one at my dentist's

office and one for a friend I used to work with at Verizon who owns his own company, ICR, maker of Discovery Cars. I also do volunteer work at the high school. It's enough to keep me out of trouble.

Thank you again for your responses. I hope I typed all of your information correctly! Enjoy 2006!

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1980 I did not take notes on our 25th reunion. My husband **Mike Cantrell** and I arrived late, a function of our daughters' schedules. The evening was a great time. Highlights for me included **Sue Gilson** showing pictures of her young daughter, **Becky Martin** and **Kathi Hill** talking about the challenges of teaching at the college, and **Lee McIntire Widmann** discussing her work with Governor Ehrlich. Some of you had further comments on the reunion. And everyone did a great job of responding to this year's requests for information (I think we've set a class record! And I know we've heard from some people for the first time in decades). Clearly the combination of an e-mail and a postcard works well. Thanks. Here is all of the latest news.

Mitchell Alexander continues to work on the Hill. He and his wife, **Mildred Atris '81**, and their children, Blake and Paige, live in Catonsville.

Wade Anderson made me laugh when asked if it was true that the College is presently considering renaming "The Hill" to "The Mound," "The Swale" or "The Natural Raised Part of the Earth's Surface, Rounded and Somewhat Smaller Than a Mountain." Wade is still practicing law in Birmingham, Ala., although he and his wife, Jennifer, are considering a move to central Virginia. They have two children Drury, 2, and Martha, 1. Wade has lunch with **Bruce Downs** at least once a week and says they had a recent visit from fellow Bete **George Klieb '81** with whom you enjoyed a "Late night pickin' session." Wade says that aside from music and changing diapers he is designing and building furniture and spending as much time as possible in the woods.

Gayle Annis-Forder writes that this is her 10th year as pastor of Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Winfield (12 miles from Westminster). **Debbie Tull Paulsgrove '78** and **Susan Fairchild Sager '79** are members of her congregation. Susan's son, Dan, and Debbie's daughter, Valerie, have accompanied Gayle on two mission trips to Bosnia to assist in rebuilding after the war as part of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Gayle had a three-month Sabbath leave this last summer, a sabbatical of sorts during which she read,

took tennis lessons and learned to cook Indian foods. She also took a month-long trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji with her husband, Dick. Highlights included a hot air balloon ride and sunset in the Australian outback. Like many of us, Gayle enjoyed seeing old friends at the reunion last spring.

Tom and Patrice John '79 Baugher live in Ft Wayne, Ind. They celebrated their 25th anniversary this year and are looking forward to a Western Caribbean cruise on the Norwegian Jewel. Tom works for Raytheon as a system engineer on a large Naval project. Still loving football he qualified as an Indiana high school football referee this year. He continues to referee youth soccer as well. Their oldest son, Christopher, graduated from Butler University this summer and was commissioned into the United States Army as a second lieutenant. Middle son Bryan is a junior at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and vice president of student foundation, and Andrew, their youngest, is in ninth grade and won the conference for middle school wrestling and was named MVP by both his wrestling and soccer teams. Like his dad, he loves football and had a great season as a running back his freshman year at Homestead High School. Tom has been able to visit with two Bachelor brothers—**Bruce England '80**, in Ocean City last summer, and **Don Enterline '78**, who also lives here in Ft. Wayne.

Rich Benitez writes that he is alive and well in Sidney, Australia, where he has been in the philosophy department of the University of Sidney for 13 years. After serving as chair of the department from 2001-2004, Rick took a much-needed sabbatical in 2005. The year started off with a great performance in the city-to-surf 14K fun run, with Rick clocking in at 59:45. The rest of the year was occupied with academic research in Hong Kong, China and Korea. Rick works on Ethics and Anesthetics. His two sons, Zachary and Justin, are studying at Sidney University in engineering and computer science.

Lynn Knouse Brinker reports that her husband continues his contracting business and she continues as a part-time social work consultant and volunteers at the local elementary, middle and high schools. She and her husband have three sons ages 15, 12, and 8 who, Lynn says, are in just about every sport there is. Her two older sons play ice hockey and do lots of traveling including a trip to Michigan in January. Lynn says she's turned into a real ice hockey fan because of the boys.

Glenn Cameron still works with Ohio Casualty Group as a litigation specialist handling litigation primarily in Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Suzanne, are adjusting to life as empty-nesters as both of their daughters, Melissa and Sarah, are attending Millersville Uni-

versity. They enjoy seeing the girls often in the fall and spring semesters while they participate on the women's soccer team. Glenn is still living near Harrisburg, Pa.

Charlie Der and **Kris Bova Der** write that Charlie does a lot of traveling and plays golf whenever he can. Kris is within Chesterfield County Public Schools working as an instructional assistant and has a home-based embroidery business. Son David graduated from JMU last year and now works for the Federal Reserve. Bryan is a sophomore biochemistry major at the University of Richmond. Mathew and sister Katie are both in high school and busy with sports and extracurricular activities.

Mike D'Andrea writes that since his last submission, he has found a steady state—still at NJ as a principle scientist, head of target validation department for past 10 years, married to Patty for 20 years—but his kids are the active ones. Michelle is now a junior and Michael is a sophomore at Mike's old Bishop Eustace Prep High School, where some of his old teachers remain on faculty! Both good students, Michelle is looking into a PharmD program when she graduates, while Michael is inspired in the math/sciences. Stephanie, in fourth grade, keeps Mike and Patty young at heart (Santa Claus, etc.) and is very active in sports and the like. Mike writes about friends **Steve Evans**, **Jack Maxwell**, **Rick Fulton**, **Jeff Walbrink**, **Jeff Maxwell** and **Phil Delt** brothers that he sees every year.

Bruce Downs says that the last year has been an interesting one. His wife, Sallie, has joined him in his accounting practice; he says they work and live together and are still fond of each other. Two of their three sons have graduated from college: Josh from Auburn and Matt from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, with Jacob to graduate from the University of Arizona this spring. Bruce has been active in the Over the Mountain Democrats, a group formed after the 2004 elections; he says that it has been rewarding to work as the organization's treasurer. Bruce sees **Wade Anderson** on a regular basis. Bruce says that with the kids gone, he and Sallie are semi-empty nesters with two-and-a-half golden retrievers (the other half is questionable lineage but great in character).

Steve Evans writes that he reconnected with **Betsy Malkus '81** in 2004, picked up a friendship from 24 years ago and then tied the knot in October '05. They are building a new home in Cambridge, Md., for their combined family (four sons and a daughter). Steve socializes with **Wayne Winterling** on a regular basis and enjoys connecting with some Phi Delt brothers at Homecoming '05. Steve also looks forward to

his yearly pilgrimage to "Camp Count" with **Mike D'Andrea** and the gang, noting that there are always some awesome memorable times to add to this legendary annual event.

Gretchen Frye currently lives in Columbia, Md., with her husband, Tom White, and sons Elliot, 15, and Adrian, 10. Gretchen recently celebrated her 25th service anniversary with IBM but says there is no retirement in her immediate future. She will, however be retiring from pinewood derby cars and polar bear coupons after her youngest son's Cub Scout Den bridges to Boy Scouts later this year. Gretchen is also struggling through the second semester of Calculus so that she can get into the graduate program in computer science at Johns Hopkins. Gretchen isn't worried, though; she says if it is too hard she will just wait a semester and then her eldest son can help her through it.

Kathy Smith Gambino writes that she is going to start her doctoral studies this summer while husband **Rick Gambino** is awaiting the restoration of his 1951 Chris-Craft Sportsman. Rick is looking forward to trailering the craft to Tennessee to trailering the craft to Lake. Kathy says someday Rick would like to complete the "Great Circle," circumnavigation of the East Coast (but in a bigger boat of course). Son Christopher was one of 400 students to receive a research grant through NASA last summer; he has been studying osteoporosis. Daughter Laura is the pianist for her middle school jazz band and also plays the flute and the vibraphone.

Jim Griensing writes that lots has happened in the last 26 years, and (like his parents told him) each year keeps getting faster and faster. Jim and his wife, Maggie, are still living in Connecticut and both are still working at The Hartford. When he was hired there 19 years ago, he set a goal on being vice president of sales for property and casualty—and now he has actually achieved that. Not bad for an English major! (Although Jim has a masters' in business from University of Baltimore.) His daughter, Shannon, is in 11th grade and starting to look at colleges. Despite hearing about the rising cost of education, it is still a bit of tricking shock. The Griensing do a lot of traveling in their work, but also try to travel on vacation using some of the frequent flyer miles. Most recently they were in Ireland and Hawaii, both were lots of fun. They had a kid from the local AHL hockey team live with them for the past three years, he had made the Rangers but got hurt. So they are feeling like empty-nesters with him back living in Canada. Jim sees **Joe Della Badia '81** and his family in Vermont where both have vacation homes. **Vince McDonald '81** and **Tim Duffy '81** pop in on occasion.

Jon Hackbarth writes that things are

pretty status quo for him. He is beginning his 11th year at Villa Maria Continuum in behavioral health care and special education as associate administrator. He and his wife and 12-year-old daughter still live in Monkton. They are planning family trips to California and Tennessee this summer after John trudges off alone to Oregon for his annual hiking trip to photograph wildlife in May.

Bob Holcombe continues to work at the General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. His oldest daughter, Janis, got married in July, while youngest daughter Amy graduated from high school in June. Bob writes that he had planned a trip to Cancun in the fall but had to take a hurricane-related detour to the Dominican Republic which he reports was still an excellent vacation. Bob, who remains in touch with **Doug Renner** and **John Kehler '81**, says he is thoroughly enjoyed his 25-year reunion.

Sam Hopkins has been in research triangle park for the past 22 years. He recently accepted a new position as the chief scientific officer for Synexis Inc., where he will focus on infectious disease research. Last fall Sam was in Westminster and lectured to the biology and chemistry majors on the topic of HIV drug development an area that he has been involved with for the majority of his professional career. He was also inducted into Gamma Sigma Epsilon at that time. Sam says that that it took 25 years after graduation to be inducted into the chemistry honor society. His thanks go to Rick Smith who still teaches organic chemistry to this day.

Dennis Hoy and **Nancy Bowers Hoy** are doing well in southwest Virginia. They just returned from a wonderful skiing weekend at Snowshoe where they skied through a Nor'easter. The snow was absolutely beautiful. Dennis, son James and Nancy spent their vacation this past summer, along with a few of Nancy's students, in Peru making the climb to Machu Picchu, a spectacular and magical place which they recommend to all. They spent time in Lima and Cusco and whitewater rafted the Urumbamba River. They enjoyed the local cultures and even dined on cuy, guinea pig, and it didn't taste like chicken! More like smoked turkey. Dennis continues to travel quite a bit with his job, mainly to China to work with furniture manufacturers. He does practice with an "over 30" soccer team when he's home. Daughter Colleen is at Dickinson College and expects to major in psychology and biology. She has created an internship program through the psychology department working with athletes and their sports-related injuries, as she continues to nurse a torn ACL herself. James is in 9th grade and into sports, primarily soccer and basketball, though soccer is

really his sport. Nancy continues to teach Spanish at the private school in town. It's a neat little school with a very high academic standard and it's a lot of fun (and work) being part of this and seeing what kids can accomplish. Otherwise Nancy says it's life as usual in small-town America.

Ronald Jones has been working as a copy editor at *AARP The Magazine* since the fall of 2003; he previously worked for 11 years at *The Washington Times*, also as a copy editor. Ron got married in October '04 to Mary Frances Sheppard in her hometown of Columbus, Ohio. She is a graduate of Duke University in Durham, N.C. Mary, stepson Tyler and Ron now live in Gaithersburg, Md., in a townhouse he bought in the spring of 2004. In October '05, Ron's first professionally produced play, a one-act piece called "The Hospital," was performed by the New Play House in Frederick, Md. Ron says he actually got paid tens and tens of dollars for it, so he can now be called a professional playwright. He is now working on two new plays.

Sue Fowler Katz writes that her husband, LeRoy, continues to work for Nestle. He is helping to coach a recreational lacrosse team of middle-schoolers. Their son, Alan, is in his second year at college, majoring in drama-turgy/directing at Carnegie Mellon University. Sue coordinates an after-school tutoring program and a summer program for a non-profit organization.

Kim Kost Berliant writes that WMC memories and college in general are on her mind as her daughter, Sterling, a senior at Lincoln-Sudbury High School (near Boston) goes through the application process. Kim and her family will repeat this next year with son Taylor, a junior. Kim remains an active volunteer in her school and town. She and her husband, Allan, just celebrated their 31st anniversary and can't believe they will soon be empty-nesters. Maybe she says they will actually have time to catch up with their WMC friends.

Phyllis Landry and her kids made a major move last summer from the Eastern Shore to Western Maryland when Phyllis accepted a great job as the executive director of the Arc of Washington County. They bought a wonderful old house which was built in 1860 and is located outside of Hagerstown. Phyllis says that her daughter is a high school junior at Clear Spring High School who is taking two AP classes and is on the cross country and track teams and her son, 18, works at the Radio Shack distribution center. In their spare time, Phyllis and her family hike, bike, run, picnic and enjoy the mountains.

Robin Lee Lawson writes that it was great to see everyone who came to the 25th reunion. She particularly enjoyed seeing **Nancy Bowers** and **Dennis Hoy**,

Julia Logan Kearney and Scott and Martha Hooper '79 Wheeler. Robin also enjoyed a wonderful summer trip to Australia and New Zealand, which she says may be their last family trip together as oldest son David heads off to college in the fall of '06. David, who is working on his Eagle Scout project and a portfolio for architectural school admission also plays high school lacrosse. Younger brother Chris plays lacrosse, too, as well as soccer with a classic level team. Robin is a substitute teacher and also volunteers at her sons' high school while husband **Keith '79** continues as a lawyer/lobbyist with a mutual fund association in D.C. Robin and Keith are celebrating their 25th anniversary in June.

Mary Lennon Pollard, who says that she started in 1963 with the class of '67, got married, had two children, **Ted Pollard '94** and **Susie Pollard Freeman '94**, and finished with in '80. She was teaching math for the past 17 years. Mary lives in Alexandria with her husband, Carl, a banker, and they are celebrating their 40th anniversary in April. Mary says she has fond memories of WMC as a student and the mother of two students.

Melanie Keafes Lower says she had a great time at the Phi Alpha reunion in April '04. She is currently living in West Chester, Pa., where she is in her 18th year with Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals. Her son, Geoff, 16, is very involved with sports including football, wrestling, baseball and snowboarding; Melanie says it is great to hear Geoff and his friends playing and singing songs from our era. Her daughter, Hayley, almost 12, is into horseback riding and is the epitome of "teen-ness" somewhere between baby dolls and the salon. Melanie has joined an adult Irish dance class and is taking flying lessons and working on her pilot's license. She wonders if anyone else is having a mid-life crisis.

Leslie McDade Bowen writes that she and husband **Ron Bowen '79** are fine and enjoying the kids as they grow, even though it still feels strange to have their oldest two go off to college. Brett their oldest, 21, is a senior at Salisbury University and will graduate in May with a degree in finance and accounting and then begin his M.B.A. in the fall. Matt, 18, is a freshman at the University of Maryland majoring in engineering and having a great time. Mickey, 15, is a sophomore at Fallston High School and loves playing football and hanging out with his buddies. Samantha, their baby girl, is 8 and in second grade and loves gymnastics. Leslie says she is all blessed with good health and each other.

Nancy Menefee Jackson was pleased to learn from her daughter, Lizzie, who is a freshman at Lynchburg College, that students still swipe cafeteria trays and go sledding when it snows. Daugh-

ter Maddy is a freshman in high school. Nancy still finds it hard to believe that she has been listening to "Born to Run" for 30 years now.

Lisa Roberson is living in Bluffton, Ohio.

Suzette Scheffler Burgess just completed her 25th year of teaching music in Cecil County and is currently the choir director at North East High School where daughter Emily attends 11th grade. Suzette's son, Keith, is in eighth grade and a daughter, Alison, in fourth grade. On Sunday mornings, Suzette is seen (and heard) as part of the Choral Scholars at Saints Andrew and Matthew Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Del. The rest of her time is consumed by musical theater. Recent appearances include Mrs. MacAfee in *Bye Bye Birdie* at the Thesaurus Little Bakers Dinner Theatre and Mrs. Potts in the Tidewater Players production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

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has joined an adult Irish dance class and is taking flying lessons and working on her pilot's license. She wonders if anyone else is having a mid-life crisis.

Jim Slack and his wife, Gemma, live in Potomac, Md., with their children Madeleine, 8, and Sam, 7. Jim practices ophthalmology in Fairfax, Va.

Sue Robinson Tandy writes that with both her girls in college now she is adjusting to her empty nest. And that sometimes it is actually rather nice to be able to do things on her own time schedule. With Robyn on Staten Island she has been able to visit the city but always enjoy getting back to the country. She's still teaching first grade and enjoys most of her kids most of the time. Singing in the church choir and playing in the community bands keeps her "musical sweet tooth" satisfied. She recently enjoyed a visit to Baltimore to help **Sally Stanfield '78** celebrate the big 5-0. Sue is seeing an incredible man and enjoying many new adventures with him. Overall, life is wonderful.

R. Paul Roecker is living in Heathrow, Fla., where he recently became chief operation officer and general counsel of Heathrow Land Company.

Curtis Rook writes that he is living in Owings Mills with his wife, Stephanie,

and two daughters, Kristina and Rebekah, 13 and 11. He has been working at SAIC in Columbia.

Ellen Sartorio Lawrence continues to work with two local unions affiliated with the Florida Education Association, representing teachers and education support personnel in all aspects of union work and organizational development. She has been with FEA for about 24 years. She lives in Pensacola (for 15 years now) with her husband, Curtis, and two children, Taylor, 15, a high school freshman, and Emily, 12, a sixth-grader. Taylor played varsity football and soccer this year. Emily studies piano and is active in all kinds of things. They visited Ellen's parents in Maryland this past Christmas.

Fred Smyth is working in the psychology department at University of Virginia doing research on unconscious attitudes and biases. Away from work, Fred and his wife, Kathy, are busy with their son, 7, and daughter, 10. The family took a recent trip to Costa Rica. Their long-term summer project is a great tree house.

Susan Thornton writes that she sold her Dinner Theater to give herself more time to perform in shows; she is still at Way Off Broadway managing and directing the Children's Theater. Susan hosts the local Cable 10 entertainment program "Artscape," teaches dance classes at Dance Unlimited and directs shows for Middletown High School. She sounds like she is having a wonderful time.

Steve Timchula is still practicing in Westminster and is serving as a settlement conference master for the Circuit Court from time to time. The house that he and his wife bought just outside Westminster remains a work-in-progress, but what home is not. Steve is playing softball in two separate leagues during the summer but not at all in shape the rest of the year. His son, Brian, played in the fast-pitch one last year and showed up his dad; Brian is planning a move to Arizona in the spring to go to ASU for architecture. Steve's youngest son, Alex, graduates high school in South Carolina this year and plans to get into computers in college. Son David is a manager at Sunny's in Parkville and he and his girlfriend are moving to their own place. Daughter Emily is trying to finish college in South Carolina and is to have a baby in April. She and her boyfriend are moving into a place that they hope to buy within the next year.

Susie Tucker Taylor writes that her daughter, **Emily '07**, is now a junior at McDaniel, majoring in history with a minor in elementary education. Her son, Zachary, is a high school junior who will soon be looking for colleges. Susie continues to work in the virology division at the State Lab where she is counting down to retirement.

Ginger Wilson Remian enjoyed a

recent visit to the Hill with her daughter, Katie, 16, and reports that the campus is still beautiful 25 years later. Ginger's son, Jake, goes to Montgomery College in Germantown. Ginger continues to commute to Washington, D.C., for her job as a real estate developer. Ginger and her family took a wonderful vacation to Cancun over the holidays.

Mike Cantrell and I continue in our same jobs—Mike with a Baltimore law firm which represents mortgage lending companies and me working with individuals with severe mental illness at the University of Maryland. Our daughters, Caitlin, 15, and Molly, 11, seem to spend most of their time dancing and thus taking us places we had not quite imagined. Our family traveled to Paris last summer and enjoyed the city immensely.

A few weeks after the reunion Mike and I again found ourselves with more difficult circumstances. We were deeply appreciative of the fact that **Kim Baugher** phoned us to let us know that **Katherine McMahon Struck** had died after having lived for a decade with breast cancer. Mike and I were privileged to attend the viewing for Katherine. We talked at length with Kim who had been there for her friend throughout everything and with **Bill Coolahan** who had put together beautiful collages of pictures showing Katherine's life. Mike and I were amazed by several things; the first was Katherine's spirit, evident in story after story, photograph after photograph, her remarkable and inspiring ability to live life with grace, with humor and to its fullest in the face of a lethal illness. The second was the strength and intensity of the relationships, the bonds formed more than 25 years ago at Western Maryland. It was very clear that Kim and Bill had been essential parts of Katherine's life, and her death. I see those same strong relationships formed decades ago on this Hill reflected in many of your notes. And I hear a passion and enthusiasm for parenting, for creativity, for adventure, for new experiences. As has been noted, it has been 30 years since we started on the Hill. Time has accelerated somehow and is not nearly so infinite as it once was. So I think we should walk in the woods, run marathons and perform in musicals, should jump out of airplanes, climb mountains and travel to Peru, or Fiji or Paris. We should enjoy those soccer games and tennis matches and dance competitions and most of all the people we care about. I know this is a class letter and not an advice column, but still. Thanks to all who contributed; it is very good to maintain these contacts.

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"There is life after banking. I'm happy to say," writes **Lori Gladhill Mark**, who works as a senior implementation manager for the Online Resources Corporation in Chantilly, Va. Lori and husband Scott, who have been happily married for 17 years, have two daughters, Emily, 13, and Sarah, 8, and live in Adamstown, Md. A special "Hi to Jennifer Proost Moulder." "Let's get together soon!"

Andy McGill lives in the suburbs of Philadelphia with his wife, Molly, and three children. He is the vice president for Human Resources and Organizational Strategy for the Kennedy Health System. As an Eagles season ticket holder, Andy spends his free time enjoying the many ups and downs that come with the territory, and notes the Ravens good fortune of not landing TO!

Homeschooling her three children keeps **Cindy Raspberry Minnich** busy. Additionally, she has been teaching a weekly marriage enrichment class with her husband, Scott, who continues as associate pastor in Mechanicsburg, Pa. They celebrated 15 years of marriage with a southern Caribbean cruise last year. Cindy keeps in touch with **Nairy Ohanian** and **Liz Henry Bennett '87**.

Cindy notes that she and Nairy attended the Central Pennsylvania alumni night at the Harrisburg Senators baseball game last fall and had a blast.

Linda Strandberg Morrison is still enjoying being home with children Mary, 8, and Ben, 4. Linda went on a Christian retreat with **Linda Bancroft Pyle** last fall. Linda and her husband are active at their church, and have enjoyed trips to the Thousand Islands and Rehoboth Beach.

"Twenty years—we have much to celebrate and be thankful for," wrote **Stephanie Shantz Myers**. "Twenty is a magic number for Stephanie as she and husband, Jeff, and have been married for 20 years and she celebrated 20 years in the real estate business last year. Besides being completely overwhelmed with the recent real estate market, Stephanie treasures her two wonderful children, Nicholas, 17, and Lauren, 16, who attend Delone Catholic in Hanover, Pa. "It is amazing to see your children grow and now to see them starting college," she adds. The Myers family resides in Westminster.

Sharon Emmer Noll never thought she'd enjoy living in the country, but the hot tub on the back deck with no neighbors around is great, she writes. Sharon practices law as a public defender for the City of Lynchburg, Va., and says that after all these years, she still loves the courtroom practice. Her twins, Ryan and Sydney, 5, attended their first concert when Sharon and her husband, GW, took them on their annual trek to see Jimmy Buffett.

Nairy Ohanian is completing 17 years of missionary service overseas so she missed the reunion. Nairy notes her missionary work was the hardest but greatest adventure of her life, and thinks she has visited 40 different countries. If you are looking for Nairy this summer, she should be back in Maryland (if she's not in Hawaii).

Nicki Pesik MD works as the senior medical officer for the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program (BPRP) at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and is also an assistant professor in the department of emergency medicine at the Emory School of Medicine. In 2004, Nicki worked as an advisor to the Department of State and Greek Ministry of Health in Athens, Greece, during the Athens 2004 Olympics. Despite working, she was able to watch a few Olympic events. In September, she led a CDC team that was deployed immediately to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. When not traveling for work, Nicki plays tennis and attempts hitting her three cats around the house. She is grateful to have gotten back in touch with her roommate **Meag Packard-Motter** after two many years.

Tim and Linda Bancroft Pyle have been married for 19 wonderful years, writes Linda. They have 10-year-old twins, Jerry and Will. Besides volunteering, Linda keeps busy with her Community Association and as the assistant director for the junior choir at her church. Her biggest volunteering activity is with P.E.O., a women's organization that helps to educate women through loans and scholarships. Tim is a franchise consultant for Kidz Academy Day Care Centers and frequently travels to New York on business. He is also on his third year as president of the men's club at his church. Tim and Linda had a great time on New Year's Eve when they saw **Omar** and **Diane Hauser '87**, **Cabrales**, **Dan Gardner '87**, **Leo Ryan '87**, and **Mitchell Alexander '80**, director of college activities.

John Robinson is still living on the north shore of Long Island and teaching at Stony Brook University. Wife **Alice Cialora '85** works at Brookhaven Laboratory on a global climate change project. Their daughter, Zoe, 7, is enjoying second grade.

Rick and Kathy Boyer Rockefeller moved last year—but not out of Ellipton City—just to a neighboring community (school re-districting strikes again, says Kathy). Their three girls do good well, with one starting each school level this year (high school, middle school and kindergarten). Rick continues as part-owner of Rock's Auto Parts in Silver Spring, Md., and they opened a new store in Rockville this year. In addition to that, he is a regional manager for Quaker City Motor Parts, a Delaware-based com-

pany that owns NAPA stores and Distribution Centers. Kathy is trying her hand at meditation and is working at becoming certified and gaining some volunteer experience so that she can be ready to work more hours when their youngest goes full-day next school year. After all, they have college to pay for in just three years.

It was nice hearing from **Penny Edwards Rockwood**. Penny writes that their daughter, Laurel, is a freshman at the University of Delaware, majoring in English/journalism, and still playing rugby. Son Chet is in eighth grade, and involved in football, wrestling, lacrosse and rugby. Husband **Brad's '85** plumbing business continues to prosper, and allows him the flexibility to coach high school and youth rugby. Penny and Brad had several opportunities to travel to England, Ireland, Wales and Canada with the boys' and girls' teams. The Rockwoods still keep in touch with **Rick and Loei Benish Romeo, Charlie '81** and **Tina Rodgers Brown, Tim '81** and **Melissa Stump, Frank '84** and **Jan Freeman, John and Mary Hattery**.

"Where does the time go?" writes **John Rosenquist**. John had a humbling experience when he was visiting the campus for an employee's wedding in Big Baker about a year ago. John and his wife were walking across campus and some young coeds came out of ANW Hall. At that moment he realized that these nice young ladies were not even born when we were there! John writes, "My beautiful girls, ages 10 and 7, are growing up fast. You blink and they grow another inch." John got to see the **Colin McCollough** and family and **Jonny Rose** and family this fall at the Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. John also has the pleasure of seeing **Martin Voss '84** for lunch about every other month. John notes that he was not looking forward to the "kitchen chaos" that comes with redoing a kitchen, but the ends justify the means or so they say.

Wendy Zerwitz Schenker and family are still living in Owings Mills and Wendy is still practicing law with her father in Dundalk. Most of her free time lately has been spent looking at high schools for her son Robbie. "Now, if that doesn't make a person feel old..." says Wendy.

Renée Dietz Schaffner lives in Louisville, Colo., with her husband, Peter, and their children, Liesel, 13, and Otto, 11. Renée stays busy running her business, Health Insurance Advisors, taxing kids about and skiing as much as possible. She stays in touch with all of the "old" party squad members, all of whom are pretty much the same and still awesome fun to be around.

"All is well in the Stern household," says **Amy Farrell Stern**. Her boys, David and Drew, 8, are in a Chinese Immersion Program and love it. Amy stays in

touch with **Evo Al-Arnasi Angers**, **Josie Collofflower Webster**, **Chris Gray Aiello '85** and **Nora Kane Graham**.

Judy Koest Sullivan writes that she and her husband, Paul, and daughter Chelsey live a half-mile from the beach in Ponte Verda, Fla. Their daughter, Casey, is a sophomore at University of Central Florida in Orlando. Judy teaches language arts at Pace Center for Girls in Jacksonville, Fla., an at-risk school for girls. Judy will be an employee next year at this time as Chesney is looking to transfer to Flagler College in Saint Augustine, Fla.

Lots happening in the Thomas household. **Joe Thomas** and his wife, Leslie, will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this year. Their kids Joe, 7, and Amanda, 5, are involved in many athletics. It's no wonder as Joe is the athletic director at Long Reach High School in Columbia, Md. Joe still has his jerk chicken and pork stand in Prince George's County, but may open it up less since they have property in Mandeville, Jamaica, now. Joe writes, "I want to say to all my friends—Yeah Mon, who Gwaan."

Mike Toner is still living in Wilmington, Del., with his wife, Kristen, and kids, Rachel and Colin. Mike is a stock broker for Smith Barney and says life is good.

Living in Towson, Md., and working for the State Highway Administration is **Fran Ward**. Two years ago Fran was promoted to district community liaison, doing public relations work for state road projects in the Baltimore metro area. In the past year, Fran says that she has been reconnecting with friends and traveling a lot, up and down the East Coast, from Lake Placid, N.Y. to Wilmington, N.C. It was great to see former roommate **Susan Wallace** and Omega friends **Amy Barnes Elliott '84**, **Heleen Potter Curry '85**, **Mary Miskelley Kelley '85** and **Carrie Miller Parker '85** at their annual "Chicks Weekend" in Gettysburg, Pa. Also enjoyed a recent visit from **Lisa Pelton Marroquin '85** who now lives in Burbank, Calif. Fran still stays connected to campus and is currently serving a second term on the Alumni Council and is on the Class Reunion Committee.

Tod and Joanne "Jissie" Collofflower Webster moved to Atlanta, Ga., in June '04 because Tod's job at Overnite moved him from the Special Services (Truckload division) to run the Southeast Region—just in time for the record-breaking year of hurricanes in the area, writes Josie. Josie has kept her job working with Virginia's private schools, traveling to Richmond several times a year. The advantage of living in Atlanta, says Josie, is that many of their friends fly in or through Harrisfield-Jacksonville, including **Amy Farrell Stern**, who met Josie for lunch last fall. And although **Beth Erb Follett** and the Web-

sters are practically neighbors, so far they've only talked on the phone. Aside from traffic-induced psychosis, they are doing well, Josie quips. Their girls are 14 and 12 and Josie is officially the shortest in the family. You knew that was coming, Josie!

Lisa Abbey Wilking writes that daughter Caroline, 3, is a high-energy child that likes to keep her mom busy. Lisa is still at home full time and loves it. "I don't think I ever want to go back to work," she adds. Lisa also keeps busy with two mom's clubs and her hobby of scrapbooking. This past year the Wilkings traveled to Cancun and to Topsail Island, N.C.

It had been a long time since we had heard from **Susan Richardson Yurcisin**. Sue is still working as a school nurse while husband **Glen '84** is now in the mortgage business. With their daughter in high school this year and their son in middle school, the Yurcins are busy with all of their activities. Recently at **Rick Donley's '84** wedding, Sue and Glen saw **Joe '85** and **Ronna Loli '85** Cobuzio, **Ray Thompson '84** and family, **Carol Gurney Sanders '83** and family, and **Bill and Lisa Wark '84**.

Twenty years. Whew. Can't believe it either. I hope everyone who attended the reunion had a great time and was able to renew friendships and just have fun. Life is much the same. I am still in Rockville, still working for Association Research Inc. on a part-time basis (now up to 30 hours a week). My girls, Molly, 9, and Annie, 7, are both students at St. Jude Catholic School in Rockville, a school my husband attended as a child. My husband continues to work in radio at MIX 107.3 in Washington, D.C. Aside from being very active in my daughters' school and our church, I enjoy keeping in touch with **Michelle Fetsko Liston '87**, **Robin Williams Pollock Dugan, Eric Cubberley**, and most recently, **Brett Rock**.

Please be sure to keep my e-mail address for any future correspondence and feel free to contact me at any time. Happy 20th Class of 1986!
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1992 Jack Spencer Krevolin has been the joy of **Andrew Krevolin** and Sarah's lives since his birth on July 12, 2005. Andrew is working as a physical therapist in Natchez, Miss.

Maija Strenger Ruggiero and her husband welcomed their third child, a daughter, **Anna Marie**, on Nov. 19, 2004. She is fitting in well with older sister **Helena**, 5, and brother **Paulie**, 2.

Hello to everyone from **Dianne Bankard Hann**. Dianna and her husband celebrated their 10th anniversary

in July of 2005. She is currently teaching kindergarten at Reisterstown Elementary School in Baltimore, Md. Their son, **Ryan**, is now in kindergarten himself at Manchester Elementary School.

Selling software for Citrix Systems as the D.C. metro sales rep. and keeping up with his wife, **Allison**, and their two bull terriers keeps **Bowie "Van" Lutton** busy these days. They were married August 7, 2004 and are currently living in McLean, Va.

Tom Quirk is married to Siri Svaeren and has one son, **Teddy**. Tom lives in Catonsville and works for Smith Barney as a financial planning specialist and chartered retirement planning counselor. He still keeps in touch with **Brett Cohen** and **Nic Amodeo**. He also talks with Professors **Herb Smith**, **Ethan Seidel** and **John Willis** (former assistant faculty). Tom is president of his community association, serves as chair of the Economic Development Committee and Board Directors for the local chamber of commerce, sits on the board of the Community College of Baltimore County Foundation and serves on the board of the Academy of Finance. He continues to enjoy politics, racquetball and quality time with his family and friends.

Kelly O'Shaughnessy Dominici celebrated the birth of her son **Ryan Dominici** on August 23, 2005. His sister **Gabrielle**, 3, is very happy to be a big sister.

Meg Arnold received a second bachelor's in communication sciences and disorders in '98 and a master's of science in audiology in 2000 from Towson University. Meg traveled across the country for three months (in a VW bus, of course) and highly recommends it to anyone who can fit it into their lifestyle. She lived in Baltimore until 2000 then moved to Florida for three years but missed Maryland and her friends too much. She now lives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with her husband, **Derek**, and loves it there. Although they still have busy schedules she tries to see **Beth Waldron '91** and **Susanne Page Conway '93** as much as possible. She also tries to keep in touch with **Felicity Tucker Lacomis '93**, **Jeanne Laurence Timmins** and **Laura Walker Pak**. Here's wishing everyone a great 2006.

For the past seven years **Buck Hartzell** and his family have been enjoying Alexandria Va. He's been working at The Motley Fool since 1998 and can honestly say that it's the best place in the world to work. In this past year **Tiffany** and **Buck** welcomed their third child, **Grant**. His sister, **Parker**, 3, and older brother, **Cal**, 5, are overjoyed to have someone else to play with.

Adjusting to life with three kids under the age of 2 is going well for **John Rapp** and wife **Kerri-Ann Wagner**

'94. Their twin daughters, **Grace** and **Caroline**, were born in June and life has been a big adventure. John is still working at St. Paul-Travlers-Insurance and enjoys keeping in touch with **Todd Leskoski**, **Paul Borynek '91** and **Rick Callan**. Their son, **Jack**, enjoys hanging around **Jim Milstein Johnson's '93** twin girls, **Hannah** and **Katie**, and **Shana Burdick Hospelhorn's '95** son, **Cole**. John and Kerri-Ann hope to get back to Homecoming one of these days.

Meg Arnold traveled across the country for three months (in a VW bus, of course) and highly recommends it to anyone who can fit it into their lifestyle.

Jennifer Sheeder Hurley and **David Hurley '91** are still living in Ellicott City and had their first daughter, **Brooke**, on Feb. 17, 2005, so it has been a very busy year. Jennifer decided to retire and become a stay-at-home mom, which is much more fun.

Gina Sciarra Haas and her husband are currently residing in Ellicott City having moved from Philadelphia in 2004. They have two daughters, **Sophia**, 6, and **Juliana**, 3. They love their new home and she can now be a stay-at-home mom. She recently ran into **Mary Mahoney Pearce** in a nearby park one day and now they get to do a girls night out once in a while.

After leaving Pricewaterhouse Coopers in 2002, **Bob Pick** became executive director of technical services for Condé Nast Publications, splitting time between New York and Wilmington, Del. In addition to *Vogue*, *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker* and the other magazines, they also support other New-house family-owned companies including 26 newspapers nationwide and a large cable TV system in the south (BrightHouse Networks). His department handles the data centers, networks, system architecture, messaging and server administration for North America and a few sites in Europe. Bob says, "I still look forward to getting back to Architectural History at some point so all my years in grad school aren't wasted. We'll have to see... My wife, **Heather**, our daughter, **Reagan**, and I moved from our home in Westminster to a house in Fallston, Md., two years ago. We plan on building our "final" house starting sometime in 2006, in either Carroll or Harford counties, and then will look forward to not moving again for 20 years or more.

Reagan just turned 3 and is enjoying pre-school and enjoying remotely related to SpongeBob."

Elizabeth Emanuel lives in Memphis, Tenn., and is a production manager for a Retail Eyeglass Manufacturer.

Laura Walker Pak was promoted to manager of state and federal reporting for the Colorado Department of Labor, UI Program in May '05. She had a great time catching up with **Jeanne Laurence Timmins** at **Felicity Tucker's '93** wedding, in Boulder, this past July.

Laura married Yong Pak in September '04. They moved into a new larger home in August '05 and have been busy decorating ever since. They just became parents of a little girl, **Melina Joy Pak** on Dec. 3, 2005. Hello to **Beth Waldron '91**, **Meg Arnold**, **Valerie Shearer Overton** and **Susanne Page Conway '93**!

Melissa Denney Haack and her husband, **Jeremy**, still live in Parkville, Md., and are enjoying life with their daughter, **Jordan**, who turned 3. **Melissa** started a new job in May '05 with a medical service company in Cockeysville and **Jeremy** is currently in his 10th year of teaching and is the science department chairman at Kenwood High School in Essex, Md. They often get together with **Tina Fleming Warren '91** and her family and **Melissa** continues to keep in touch with and occasionally see **Jane Miskelly Hartlove '90**, **Amy Krug Marts '94**, **Jen Ashbrook Clarke '91**, **Sue Thomas Bell '91**, **Lisa Seaman Himpele '91** and my former Juniper Road housemates **Valerie Shearer Overton**, **Susanne Page Conway**, and **Felicity Tucker Lacomis**.

For the past five years **Sandy Vogel** has been the principal of a special education middle and high school at The Arrow Center for Education. She has a son **Jacob Ezra Vogel**, 3, born July '03. She still keeps in touch with **Ann Holmes Bracco**, who is a new mom herself and a lawyer in Georgia. **Sandy** finally bought a little townhouse, and it definitely keeps her busy. **Sandy** says, "I never thought I would enjoy moving my home so much! My new hobby has been making hand-made cards for over a year now since I got hooked on Stampin-Up. My husband and I have been together for over 10 years now, which still amazes me. He changed his last name to Vogel before our son was born."

Kristine MeisJohn Camburn is mom to two children **Colleen**, 4, and **Joshua**, 2, and wife to **Steven**, an old high school love. In her spare time she teaches middle school in Brick, N.J. They have a home in Waretown, N.J., that her husband built, and she says life couldn't be better.

Debra Shockley Zacher has been married since Oct. 16, 1999 to **Joe Zacher**. They had their first daughter, **Sydney Paige Zacher**, on Feb. 16,

2001, and their second daughter, Hope Reese Zachar, was born July 2, 2004...Dexter's birthday! They currently live in Raleigh, N.C.

For seven years **Tim Butz** has been working for Cingular Wireless as a global account executive (corporate sales). He and his wife, Diane, have three children, Justin, 13, Andrew (stepson), 10, and Brett, 3. He stays busy coaching his oldest sons in basketball and baseball.

Tim hangs out with **Clark Hospelhorn** and speaks with **David George** and **Ron Chanski** who are fellow Bachelors. Ron recently moved to St. Louis, Mo., to accept a promotion with his employer. Tim has Ravens season tickets and has met up/navigated with **Dreg Long '91**, **Mike Sabo** and **Kent Pearce '91**. Tim's cousin, **John Giza '86** was in town recently from California. John has purchased some real estate on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and will be returning to Maryland in the near future. Tim enjoyed visiting **McDaniel College** with his sons during the Baltimore Ravens training camp in the summer. During the past Ravens season he met College President **John Devlin** Coley and spoke with **Professor Joe Carter '73** in the owner's box.

While living in Dallas, Texas, where he teaches high school math in the Dallas Public Schools **Andrew Brown** keeps very busy. He has a daughter, 3, whom he adores. He returned to school (University of Texas at Dallas, graduated 2001) and studied electrical engineering. During the summer time he teaches electrical engineering (Digital Signal Processing) classes at SMU. He just began working towards a master's in math from the University of Texas at Dallas. In his spare time, he trains for mixed martial arts competition. He won his last tournament, which was probably his final one, in December '05. However, he plans to continue training with the Dallas Police Department and other local agencies in self defense, tactical fighting and ground fighting techniques.

Three daughters and his two sons keep **Scott Stamp** on his toes these days. He married Nicole in April '00, and they have twins Emma Mae, and Avery Martin, 4, who just had a younger sister, Sara Mackenzie, born in September '05. Nicole recently left her job of 10 years at Newtown Savings Bank to stay at home with the kids and Scott is employed at Dale Carnegie Training of Western Connecticut as a training consultant. Scott sends good luck to all the classmates of 1992.

Scott Gregorio has been married since April 1, 2000, to his wife, Gail Herbert Gregorio. They have two kids, Gianna Isabella Gregorio, 5, and David Scott Gregorio, 2. They live in Montauk, N.Y. For five years Scott has been working as an officer in the Merchant Marine, sailing for American Maritime

Officers Union and Maersk Line Limited. He'd like to say hello to all of his Phi Delta Theta brothers out there and wishes you all well.

Glenn and **Kristi Towers Schmidt** will be celebrating their 10th anniversary in June. They just returned from a trip to Banff, Canada, where they enjoyed numerous winter activities in the pristine locale of the Canadian Rockies. Kristi enjoys staying home with their two children. Tyler, 8, keeps them busy while he excels in his academic activities as well as the athletic ones, soccer, basketball, lacrosse and swimming. Daughter Julia, 5, is in kindergarten. She is also a soccer player and swims year-round for the UMBEC Retrievers. They enjoy spending time with fellow WMC alumni and Phi Sig. **Jennifer Sheeder Hurley** and her husband **Dave '91** and daughter Brooke, who live in their neighborhood. **Sue Parker Weaver** and her husband, **Dave '91**, and family, who live a few minutes away; and **Kim Potter Miller** and her husband, **Brian '89**, and family.

Deayne Johnson recently moved from Colorado to Georgia with her husband, Paul Troiano, and their boys Kavi and Gyan. They are happy to be in the humidity and warmth of the South. Deayne is enjoying being a full-time mom and says it's the best job that she has ever had. Deayne sends greetings to **Michael '90** and **Laura Brown Cleveland '90**, **Mariele Ainsworth '94** and **Phil Heaver**.

Scott Gregorio has been working as an officer in the Merchant Marine, sailing for American Maritime Officers Union and Maersk Line Limited.

Norris Garrison is currently working with SunGuard as a consultant in their higher education division. Norris and his partner, Gare Allen, had a huge party last fall at their home in Tampa, Fla., to celebrate their 10-year anniversary, and **Sierra Akselrod Hurr '93** and her husband traveled all the way from Philly to attend, as well as celebrate their own anniversary. Gare and Norris have three incredible dogs, Sobek, Nanook and Gideon, who keep them entertained and active. They took their annual trip to Vegas to celebrate New Year's and had a blast. Norris recently attended an annual WMC reunion event on Martin Luther King weekend in Baltimore with his wonderful friends, **Nona Green '91** (the fabulous hostess), **Janet Alcorn Yankovsky**,

Melanie D'Amore Phillips '91, **Carolyn Moller Smith '91**, **Julie Byrd Dixon** and **Melanie Tul Conley '91**.

In February 2006, **Grant Dishoroon '93** left his job to enter the exciting world of self-employment; he gets to spend more time with their kids and is enjoying it immensely. Their daughter, Adah Jane, was born March 22, 2005, and her big brother Elijah, 5, is very pleased with his sweet-tempered sister. Their house building project was completed in April, and they're settled in. **Leona Sevik** started her new job at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore in June, where she's assistant academic dean. They spend time with lots of friends from WMC.

After a recent move to St. Louis for his job at ARAMARK in November '05, **Ron Chanski** is considering having a "Bad Bones Bash" this summer. His son Derek, 2, keeps the family very busy. It's their first time away from family and friends, so if any Bachelors find themselves passing through Missouri, Ron would be happy to hear from you.

Rick Callan and wife Amy still live in Eldersburg, Md. Rick works as an insurance underwriter. Rick is a father of three great kids and coaches them in soccer and softball. He still ventures up to the Hill for swim lessons for his kids and an occasional Green Terror football game or wrestling match. Rick would like to say "Hi" to all the Sig Eps.

Gary and Charlotte Strickland Utter live in Stewartstown, Pa., with their daughters Ansley, 4, and Paige, 2, and their 15-year-old cat from college days, Romeo. After four years in the Army and four years in retail loss prevention, Gary finally landed his dream job in 2000 and is now a police officer with Springettsbury Township Police Department in York, Pa. Charlotte earned her master's from Auburn University and is in her 11th year as a school counselor, currently at Central York High School (also in York, Pa.). Life with jobs and small children and tons of incidental activities have kept them too busy to keep in touch with too many college friends, so they look forward to hearing about everyone's exciting lives in *The Hill*.

After a promotion to the rank of major in the Army Reserves in June '05 **Stephen Harlan** relinquished company command in April and now works in the operations section of a brigade headquarters. He still works for Citigroup, but changed jobs last April and is now working as a business analyst for the Equities Division. He was also accepted into the graduate program in history at Rutgers-Newark. He is in his second semester of the master's program and hopes to walk in spring 2007, and enter a doctoral program by that fall. Thanks to Professor Herb Smith for the recommendations. Other than

that he and his wife, Michelle, spend time on home improvements and travel. Still living the life of a Double Income, No Kids couple...

Steve Lane is living in Cincinnati, Ohio, with his wife and three kids and working as an environmental planner for an engineering firm.

Jeanne Laurence Timmins and her family and moved to New Port Richey, Fla., about three years ago and they are loving the beautiful "Suncoast." She is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys spending time with her energetic son, Jack, 5, and her husband, John. She keeps busy with various community volunteer activities and keeps in touch with **Susanne Page Conway '93**, **Beth Waldron '91**, **Laura Walker Pak** and **Felicity Tucker Lacomis '93**. Jeanne would love to hear from her long-lost college friends.

Danna Reid Lamarca and husband Mike are still living in Camp Hill, Pa., and are trying to keep up with their kids Madison, 7, and Evan, 4. Danna would love to hear from Phi Alphas.

As a neighbor of Martha Stewart's, **Kelly Schoen Dean** is spending her time making jewelry and dabbling in real estate. Her husband, Ben, is doing stone sculpture and landscape design. Their daughter, Sydney Stonewall Dean, will celebrate her 4th birthday in March '06. Kelly would love to hear from anyone who remembers her from college days.

Currently, **Claudia Henemyre-Harris** is a major in the U.S. Army, working at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense in Edgewood, Md. She married Steve Harris in 1998 and they have a son, Nathan, 4. Claudia coached Nathan's soccer team and is now teaching a toddler dance and music class called "Twist and Shout," the kids twist and the parents shout. In October '04, **Leslie Mulendore Chaney** and Claudia went sight seeing at the Grand Canyon where the eight-hour mule ride down the canyon was the highlight of the trip.

Putting physical therapy on hold for a while does not keep **Jonelle Leith Jozwik** from staying busy. She has taught some college courses while taking some time off. Her husband, **Mark '90**, is still coaching O-Line and Thromers at Walsh College, they were 11-1 overall this season and were the state champs. She has been recruiting an athlete from Coak Sprague in Illinois. Their son, Wes, is attending pre-school and keeps the family on its feet. She still keeps in touch with **Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh '93** and her family. **Shannon Bray-Mahurter** and her husband, Larry, were married eight years ago this July. They had a little boy, Brayden Matthew, on May 21, 2001. Their daughter, Brynn Elizabeth, was born on June 4, 2004. Shannon quit teaching special education when her son was born almost five years ago. She

see **Cindy Ricketts-Lavallo** a couple times a year; they live only an hour-and-a-half way from each other. She also keeps in touch with **Cary Mahoney-Pearce** and **Crisis Cinda-Dahl**. They've gone down for Homecoming a few times since graduation.

Jessica Barlow Howell and her husband, **Rob '91**, welcomed their first child, Hailey Elizabeth, on Aug. 6, 2004. Jessica is now working part time as a reading teacher in Fairfax County, Va., where she coaches teachers in best practices in literacy. Rob is still working for the U.S. Army. Jessica gets together often to scrapbook with fellow Omega **Sarah Biggs Warner**, **Wendy Gay Pardee '93** and **Erin Thompson Strovel '93**. This past summer she spent a ladies weekend in Delaware with fellow Omegas and had a blast dancing the nights away and sunning on the beach. She also keeps in close touch with **Katie Shepherd Dredger '93**, **Christine Contri Fabio**, **Kendra Harbaugh Sampson '93** and **Cheryl Dishon**.

While teaching first grade in Carroll County and chasing after her two daughters, Emma, 5, and Abby, 2, **Sarah Biggs Warner** finds time to get together with Omega friends monthly to scrapbook and of course, for all those kids' birthdays. Yearly family dinners with **Katie Shepherd Dredger '93** and other scrapbooking friends are wonderful. Sarah and her husband, Mark, have made several renovations on their home in the past seven years in between trips to the beach and mountains with family.

Keep sending in those updates, we love hearing from you!
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and
Jessica Barlow Howell
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1998 **Christiana and Laurie Cicero Abildso** recently purchased their first home in Morgantown,

W.Va., near the West Virginia University (WVU) campus. They enjoy spending much of their free time doing home improvement projects.

Christiana is working on his doctorate in sport and exercise psychology at WVU and expects to graduate in the spring of 2008. Laurie is on the staff of WVU's Health Research Center and is currently working on a National Institute of Health-funded project on cardiovascular disease detection. The couple is enjoying their time in West Virginia. They find that the people are friendly, the scenery is breathtaking and the university setting provides for many entertaining activities and events. They are avid fans of WVU's football and basketball teams. Laurie and

Christian invite anyone who is passing through Mountaineer country to visit with them. They recently enjoyed a visit from **Jessica Haller Coats '99** and her husband, **Brian**.

Amy Allen Brown and her husband, Tony, live in Bristol, Va., with their two children, Faith and Joshua. Faith was born on Aug. 22, 2003, and Joshua was born on April 18, 2005. Amy is a working mother teaching special education for Fairfax County Public County Schools at Hutchison Elementary School in Herndon, Va. Amy reports that life is busy with two small children but she and Tony love it.

Laurina Hendricks Anderson is a personal life coach and has owned her own practice for the last four years. Laurina was trained by Debbie Ford, who is the author of five books and a workshop/seminar leader. Laurina is certified to provide one-on-one coaching and conduct workshops that help people to understand and embrace who they are so that they can utilize their own wisdom in fulfilling their dreams. In addition to being a life coach, Laurina sells real estate in Orlando, Fla. She has been in the real estate business for two-and-a-half years working with individuals from around the world. Laurina is the proud mother of two daughters. Her oldest daughter, Lisa, 31, is a pharmaceutical sales representative living in Washington, D.C. Her youngest daughter, Michele, 29, is a multi-tasker living in Freeport, Ill. Laurina believes that the education she received at McDaniel College has significantly advanced her career. She stated that people seek her services because of her credentials. Laurina has received a master's in social work, advanced standing from Aurora University in Illinois, a master's coaching certificate, a certification from the Graduate Realtor Institute and a certification as an international property specialist.

Mike Archer recently moved to Annapolis, Md., from Olympia, Wash. Prior to his return, he and his fiancée were traveling across the country taking three-month contracts. The two lived in Texas, Colorado and Washington. Ironically, when Mike was living in Colorado, he ran into **Matt Olley** while playing football in a bar. Mike underwent a significant career change about a year ago due to a car accident that injured his back. He now works for First Horizon Home Loans in Severna Park, Md., as he can only perform "desk jobs." Nevertheless, Mike reports that life is going very well and he would love to catch-up with some of his friends from McDaniel.

In 2005, **Julie Backof Boden** and her husband, Matt, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary and also welcomed their daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, on Feb. 16. Julie works as a supervisor for

Verizon, with which she has been employed for the past six years. In her spare time, Julie enjoys playing softball, soccer and basketball with fellow McDaniel alumni, **Erin Murphy Forman '97**, **Karen Miller**, and **Katie Haley '99**. Julie and her family live in Hampstead, Md., with their 3-year-old Boxer, Tyson. Her proximity to McDaniel allows her to attend several sporting events each season at the College.

Tasha Berry Christy and her husband, Edward, built a home in Hanover, Pa., in November '04. Tasha reports that they absolutely love it. The couple has two children Mackenzie, born in 2002, and Andrew, born in 2004. Tasha finds that being a stay-at-home mother is more fulfilling than she ever dreamed. Tasha finds time to keep in contact with her good friends from McDaniel, **Jill Forsythe Boniface '97**, **Stacey O'Brien Bickling** and **Carolyn Buzanoski Heiger '97**. Traditions run deep in Tasha's family, whose members have a long history of basket-weaving. As a result, Tasha has embraced the tradition and started weaving baskets herself. She is hopeful that she can turn it into a profession or at least a fruitful pastime.

On Aug. 14, 2004, **Courtney Boden** married Kevin **Ellender** and on Dec. 15, 2005, the couple welcomed their first child, Ashton Michael. Courtney and her family live in Buffalo, N.Y., where she is an elementary school teacher.

Since she graduated from graduate school in 2000, **Sophie Charalambous** has been living and working in New York City. She is the director of marketing for a New Media Company. On Feb. 27, 2006, Sophie and her husband, **Fabrizio Ferronato '97**, welcomed their first child, Carolina Alexia. Sophie remains close with many of her classmates from McDaniel, especially her Hungarian classmates, whom she visited in Budapest in August '05.

Michele Croci Feracci and her husband, **Nick Feracci '99**, welcomed their daughter, Madison Elizabeth, on June 24, 2005. The family is going well and is living in Alpharetta, Ga.

Jason Dare is proud to report that he is a New Jersey State Trooper. He recently bought a house in Vineland, N.J., where he lives with his fiancée.

Julie Dietzel-Glair and her husband, Doug, live in Frederick, Md. Julie continues to work as a children's librarian in Frederick. The couple recently bought a new boat, on which they spend most of their summer weekends. The couple also vacationed in Europe in May '05.

Becky Farley Lee and her husband, **Christopher Lee '96**, are still living in Adamstown, Md., with their two Chow Chow dogs, Stuart and Toby. On Jan. 28, 2006, she and Chris welcomed their son, Cameron Alec. Becky contin-

ues to enjoy her job as a physician assistant in a large family practice in Frederick, Md., where she has been working for five years. Becky and Chris travel and vacation as much as possible. They intended to travel to San Francisco, Calif., in May '06.

Sophie Charalambous has been living and working in New York City. She is the director of marketing for a New Media Company.

Kate Ensor is back on the Hill serving as McDaniel's website manager. Kate is doing well and finds her job to be both rewarding and meaningful. Kate is currently living in a house that is over 100 years old. As a result, Kate and her boyfriend enjoy spending much of their free time doing home improvement projects.

Since graduating from McDaniel College, **Rachel Harrison** has taught social studies at two high schools in Carroll County, Md.—North Carroll High and Winters Mill High. In November '04, she moved to Front Royal, Va., to work as an event coordinator with Potomac Youth Ministries. As an event coordinator, Rachel plans the Ministries' Fine Arts Festival, Youth Convention, summer camps and various other events. She is currently working on her pastoring credentials with the Assembly of God Church, ministering in the adult discipleship and youth ministries at her church. In addition to working full time at Potomac Youth Ministries, Rachel teaches part time at Sylvan Learning Center in Winchester, Va. In the future, Rachel hopes to marry and have a family, as well as continue to minister in the church setting.

Much has changed for **Nathan Henry** since he left the Hill in the spring of 1998. Nate and his wife, Christine, live in Richmond, Va. Nate received his master's in education from Old Dominion University in the summer of 2002. Since then, he has been teaching high school history and coaching football and soccer outside of Richmond, Va. In 2004, the football team that Nate coached won the AAA Division V Football Championship for the state of Virginia. On Sept. 13 of that same year, Nate and Christine welcomed their first child, Ethan Frederick. Nate's Phi Delta Theta fraternity brother, **Dan Angetini**, is Ethan's godfather. Nate and his wife have enjoyed their time in Virginia watching their son grow from a

baby to a little child. Nate is eager to see many of his friends and fraternity brothers at McDaniel's 2006 Homecoming, at which he will proudly join the ranks of the alumni who attend the event with their children. He laughs remembering the days when he and his fraternity brothers were drinking at Homecoming and commenting on how some day they could be at the event with their children.

Jennifer Hess earned her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, Baltimore in May '03. For the next two years, she was a post-doctoral fellow at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa. Currently, Jennifer is enjoying her first year as an assistant professor of biology at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich. Jennifer remains close friends with **Elena Tihl Ph.D.** and all of her friends from the Alpha Psi Omega sorority.

Janet Horsford Lamb attended the University of Maryland's School of Social Work and received a master's in social work in 2000. She is now working as a clinical supervisor for an employee assistance program in Silver Spring, Md. In addition, she practices therapy in a small private practice in Laurel, Md. Janet and her husband, Tim, married on July 17, 2004, in St. Lucia. The couple lives in Gaithersburg, Md.

Dr. Heather Huffer Charchut was married to Dr. Steve Charchut at Baker Memorial Chapel on Aug. 14, 2004. She was ecstatic that her sisters from the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, **Laurie Cicero Abildso**, **Tracie Browning Toothaker '99** and **Jill Forsythe Boniface '97**, could celebrate their special day with them. Heather finished her residency in periodontics at the University of Michigan in 2005 and recently received the honor of Diplomate certification from the American Board of Periodontics. She is currently practicing at a periodontal/implant group practice in Lansing, Mich. Heather reports that the purchase of their first home has kept her and her husband busy with numerous home improvement projects and snow removal during Michigan's lovely winters.

Since graduating from McDaniel, **Cori Lawrence DeMoss** has been working as a mental health rehabilitation coordinator in Frederick, Md. In October '03, she married Matt DeMoss and in May '05, the couple welcomed their daughter, Julie Hope. Cori has returned to work part time and is thrilled to spend part time of her time at home with her daughter. Cori and her family live in New Market, Md. **Jenny Spahr Boyarski** continues to work as a registered nurse in a local hospital in Camp Hill, Pa., where she and her family live with their two Great Danes. In February '06, she gave birth to her second child, Haley Grace. Jenny and her husband also have a son

Brady, 2.

Elizabeth Valuet Bushnell is the associate director of career services at Manchester College in Indiana. She and her husband, **Pete Bushnell '99**, have been living in Winina Lake, Ind., since Pete left the Army two years ago and accepted a job with an orthopedic manufacturing company.

Erin Von Tobel Gessner lives in Fair Lawn, N.J., with her husband, Brian, and son Aidan. Erin enjoys living in close proximity to both Brian's and her family. Erin remains active working part time for KPMG and spending the remainder of her time caring for Aidan, who is almost 3 years old. Despite her busy schedule, Erin always finds time to connect with friends from McDaniel. She reports that she had a great time visiting **Chrissy Moyer Litz** in Florida in November '05 and enjoyed getting together in March '06 with **Danielle Dickerson**, **Meredith Bowen Johnson**, **Niki Grandrimo**, **Christine Kalobius Duncan**, **Chrissy Moyer Litz** and **Sarah Rasinsky Drawbaugh**.

Kim Walter Eckley is currently working for Lockheed Martin on a contract with the National Cancer Institute. In May '05, she received her master's in human sciences from Hood College and in September '05, she became a certified project management professional. Kim and her husband live in Frederick, Md., with their two dogs and parrot. The couple spends numerous hours volunteering with his son's scout troop and his daughter's color guard. The couple also continues to cook chili and salsa competitively. Kim is proud to report that her chili made it to the finals at the 2004 International Chili Society World Championships in Las Vegas, Nev. Kim also commented that she attended McDaniel's 2005 Homecoming and visited the new academic building. She congratulates the psychology department for finally escaping the confines of Winslow Hall.

Jessica Widomski Bertozzi graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 2003. She lives in Guilford, Md., with her husband, Scott, their daughter, Lily, 2, and their Jack Russell Terrier, Rusty. Jessica is currently selling real estate part time and spending the balance of her time caring for Lily.

Niki Grandrimo works for the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) Office of General Counsel. For the past year, she served as an attorney in the CIA's Intelligence Support Division where she reviewed intelligence operations to ensure that they were compliant with U.S. law. She recently rotated to a new position in the office and is now serving as a legal advisor to the CIA's chief financial officer. She lives in Arlington, Va., and enjoys playing soccer on two Arlington County women's teams. She frequently gets together with McDaniel alumni **Jessica Mongrain**

Benjamin and Natalie Hannibal '99. She also remains in contact with close friends **Erin Von Tobel Gessner**, **Christine Kalobius Duncan**, **Erin Kelly Serano**, **Chrissy Moyer Litz** and **Sarah Rasinsky Drawbaugh**.

Bob Picton is still living in Point Pleasant, N.J. He just transferred from Manchester Township High School after six years and is teaching health and physical education at Manchester Township Middle School. Prior to the move he was an assistant football/wrestling coach and was the head coach for the boys' spring track team where he had the opportunity to run into **Carl Von Tobel '97** each season. Currently, at the middle school, he is running both the wrestling and track program. When not teaching or coaching, you'll find Bob fishing the East Coast from Islamorada, Fla., to Sandy Hook, N.J.

Karrie Lee is currently a private investigator. She has been on many mission trips with her church and traveled to the border of Mexico to teach Vacation Bible School to a poverty-stricken area in Texas.

Nathan Michael lives in Frederick, Md., and recently started a new job as a crime analyst for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

Jonathan Shacat recently returned home from a three-week trip to Gabon, Africa. He had worked there as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 1998 to 2000. He was a fish culture extension agent. He taught villagers along the road from Mbigou to Malings how to build clay ponds and raise Tilapia. To mark the five-year anniversary of his departure from Gabon, he went back there to check on the status of the fish culture projects. Many of the ponds no longer exist, but some villagers have been quite successful since he left and that made him feel good. During his trip back to Gabon, part of him felt like staying there. He is hoping to find work someday as a writer in Africa. For now, however, he still works for the Northern Virginia Daily newspaper in Winchester, Va. He is a reporter and bureau chief of the office. He still resides in nearby Front Royal, Va.

After teaching and coaching in Carroll County for five wonderful years, **Marlene Wagner Stanton** moved home

to the Eastern Shore and got married on July 24, 2004 to Sam Stanton. Two alumni, **Jessica Mongrain Benjamin** and **Kim Tower '99**, were in her wedding. They are all still close and see each other a few times a year. Marlene also finished her master's at McDaniel in exercise science in December '05. Currently, she is an elementary physical education teacher in Queen Anne's County. Her husband and she are building a house.

Kimberly Keller Cushing has been working on the corporate accounts team at PrimePay Inc. She lives in East Haddam, Conn., and loves life with her husband, Alex, and their son, Alexander, who was born on her birthday, Oct. 6, 2004. They also have a 1-year-old yellow Lab, Sawyer, who is so much fun. She still keeps in touch with **Chas Henyon Chambers '97** and **Cindy van der Nat-van Nostrand '97** and was looking forward to a girls' weekend with them in May.

Dave Roche is currently finishing law school in Hamden, Conn., at Quinnipiac University School of Law. He spent the summer of 2005 in Sacramento, Calif., working for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the State of California. His girlfriend went with him and they drove across country to get there and back. He is planning to take the New York, Florida and Connecticut bar exams, and further plans to move to Florida and practice there. You may also have seen Dave acting in a film while in California called "Road to Victory."

Cody Northcutt Snyder got married Nov. 11, 2004, to Westminster native, Brian Snyder. They have a daughter, Helena Snyder, 3. Cody has just recently changed jobs and will be managing O'Lordans Irish Pub in downtown Westminster.

Karrie Lee has been very busy. She has worked for Bank of America and is currently a private investigator. She has been on many mission trips with her church and traveled to the border of Mexico to teach Vacation Bible School to a poverty-stricken area in Texas. She has also helped a church in Canada continue its growth. In the summer of 2000, she traveled to a small village in what was known as East Germany. Her group spoke with young kids in the public schools in hopes of getting them interested in going to church. However, her most joyous accomplishment was the birth of her son, James, on Oct. 22, 2004.

In May '05, **Ray Walker** received his M.B.A. from Johns Hopkins. On Oct. 15, 2005, he had a commitment ceremony with his partner, Tim Guy.

Kim McNally Rummel received her master's of education from the College in May '01, and married Ron Rummel in September '01. They had a son, Sean, in June 2003 and a daughter, Samantha, in May 2005. She is cur-

rently working part time from home in accounting, while staying home with their kids.

Serving as an officer on the board of directors for Baltimore Green Week for the last two years, is **Kimberly Suski Petry**. Another board member is also an alumnus. She's gone back to school to get her master's degree in environmental science and policy at Johns Hopkins University. Most of her time is spent in class, being a stay-at-home mom and volunteering. Her most recent travels include Ireland, Costa Rica and Mexico.

Andy Kalisperis married **Faith Rasias** on July 31, 2005. The couple was thrilled and excited to have many alumni attend their wedding. One of the many highlights for Andy that evening was giving Greek dance lessons to fellow alumni **Ryan John '97**, **Brandy Mulhern Putnam '97**, **Randy Rytter '97**, **Aaron Corbett '99**, **Mike Welter '97**, **Byron Druzgal '97**, **Pete Fuller '97** and **Dave Demski '97**. Footage of their performance can be seen on Randy Rytter's website: www.rytterworld.com.
Janna Malehorn Wack and **Jason**

Wack were married May 14, 2005.

Charlotte Saylor is living in Medfield with her husband, James Rittner. They were married on Oct. 29, 2005. **Jenn Sacks** and **Eleftherios "Lefty" Michael '99** and **Jen Vick Michael** were in attendance. Charlotte is getting ready to begin her second semester as an adjunct faculty member in the biology department at Towson University.

Matt Steiner and **Mary Cannon Steiner** have a daughter, Molly, born April 20, 2004, and live in Parkville, Md. Mary has her own chiropractic practice in Canton, and Matt is an electrical engineering designer with an engineering firm in Owings Mills.

Stan Smith-Mansky still works for Fidelity Investments on the Institutional Brokerage Group as a relationship manager for registered investment advisors. He has recently been relocated to Newport Beach, Calif., from San Francisco, Calif. He teaches skiing on the weekends for a development program at Alpine Meadows, while condo hunting on the beach.

Lynnae Stoehr married **Jeff Nelsen** on Catalina Island, Calif., in August

'05. She is currently living in Lake Forest, Calif., loving the southern California lifestyle. Last April, she flew to Maryland to be in **Erin Murphy Forman's '97** wedding with fellow alumni **Katie Haley '99** and **Karen Millar**.

Kari Thompson McBride and husband **Rob McBride '99** have a son, Riley, 2.

Melissa Price Porter is living in Chestertown, Md., with her husband and daughter, Emma, 2, and their two labs. She is still working in juvenile services and loves being a mom.

Laurie Giorno Mace is teaching fifth grade in Hartford County, Md. She and her husband, Drew, have been married for six-and-a-half years and just welcomed their second daughter, Sophia Marie, on Jan. 18, 2006. She joins her big sister, Adrianna, 4.

And then there's me—**Karen Millar**. I married Baltimore native, **Chad Kellner**, on Oct. 15, 2004, had the perfect wedding and then an adventurous honeymoon in Costa Rica. We love to travel and have been lucky to visit various places every year. Recently, we have stayed stateside with places like Seattle, Houston, San Francisco, San

Diego and Yosemite National Park. We bought a true 1820's fier-upper outside of Gettysburg, Pa. Work, renovations and play certainly keep us busy. I am still running my advertising/marketing/graphic design agency and recently opened up a wedding division specializing in custom wedding invitations, specialties and planning services. This spring we are teaching our first Lindy hop swing dance class and are very excited. We also stay active with various sports. I play in a women's basketball league with fellow alumni and former Green Terror teammates **Katie Haley**, **Erin Murphy Forman '97**, **Kristin Miller '99**, **Megan Lynch '00**, **Julie Backof Boden** and **Heidi Snyder Raigel '97**. Many of us also hold up softball leagues as well.

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The Student Caller Hypothesis

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May You All Become 'Sailboat' Parents

BY PHIL SAYRE

In July, I will retire and literally sail into the sunset on my 35-foot sloop after 22 years as Student Dean here on the Hill. I look forward to a smooth transition from my hectic but rewarding life at McDaniel to a new adventure into independence—from routine, job responsibilities, and the academic calendar. Soon, my schedule will follow not the clock but the wind as my wife, Sarah, and I travel to various ports of call.

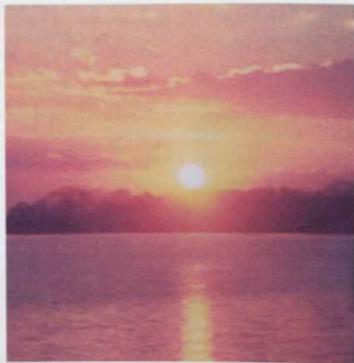
For safety's sake, we will have with us a two-way radio and cell phone and we will be in regular touch with our two grown children and loved ones. But, we also look forward to full immersion in this new phase of our lives, one that will bring us closer to the water we love and membership in a carefree, loose-knit community of recreational sailors who trade books, travel advice and assistance up and down the East Coast.

The prospect of such unfettered freedom is intoxicating and I am reminded of what it feels like to be leaving home for the first time to go to college. Nervousness about the future unknowns are tempered by excitement for all the possibilities. It is an important time of self-discovery and growth, of charting a future course and taking responsibility as captain of one's own destiny.

These days, of course, life on the campus of a residential liberal arts college is a lot less like being out at sea. Current students are more connected to the world beyond the Hill than we would ever have imagined was possible when I first joined this community in 1984. Assisted by cell phones and the Internet, they can stay in near-constant contact with mom and dad back home—and some of them do.

A Middlebury College psychology major and her professor refer to cell phones and e-mail as "The Electronic Tether" in their study into the growing influence and partic-

ipation of parents in the lives of their children. They presented this key finding at the April meeting of the American Psychological Association: Before college, the researchers report, most students anticipated communication with their parents once per week, but students actually communicated with their parents 10 times each week on average.



Here at McDaniel, I've observed a kind of parental hyper-involvement intensifying over the past four years, about the same timeframe that cell phones became affordable and widespread. We've had freshmen sitting in their faculty adviser's office to go over the course selections for spring semester's schedule and whip out their cell phones to confer with mom or dad. In one case, we had a local mother show up about seven minutes later and burst into the office because she didn't agree with the professor's advice.

Students can be masters at pushing parents' buttons. They call home to complain that the rules in the residence halls are too strict—usually telling only part of the story. Instead of thinking through the issue with

their son or daughter and, perhaps, strategizing the best ways to deal with it, these hyper-involved parents immediately pick up the phone or fire off an e-mail with only half the information to inform their indignation.

An unfortunate part about that scenario is it creates a customer service dynamic between the administration and the parents. Really, the relationship should be more like a partnership in which we each have a role in helping students to work through their own problems, and recover from mistakes and set-backs, with the help of the support system that's in place here in their new home. Peer mentors, resident advisers, faculty advisers, health center counselors, roommates, coaches—even our nurturing dining hall staffers—are all here to assist, comfort and guide students on their way to becoming self-confident college graduates.

The traditional college-age years, 18 to 22, are a time when a person really needs to separate from parents and family generally. That doesn't mean there should be no contact, but the nature of that contact should evolve. You might have heard the term "helicopter parent." It refers to some parents who hover and try to protect their children, to make sure they make the right decisions, and who swoop in at the moment they perceive they're in trouble. More recently, I learned the term "kamikaze parent." These are the more aggressive folks who have already mowed down the "problem" administrators and professors in college and are now inserting themselves into the workplace, calling potential employers to negotiate salaries on behalf of their adult children. Let me be the first to suggest a new name for parents who stay on an even keel: the sailboat parent. These are the moms and dads who nurture their college student by releasing them to discover the wind to fill their sails.

EXCEPTIONAL SUNSET This photo of the sun setting over St. Inigoes Creek and the Saint Mary's River in southern Maryland taken near the home of Katherine "Kay" Clemson Turner '44 continues to garner accolades several years after it was taken. In March, Turner was invited to speak about her photo at the meeting of the International Society of Photographers in Las Vegas. She says it is unusual because the sun is reflecting red, in addition to the usual orange and yellow, due to particles present in the atmosphere from a volcano explosion in the Philippines in the 1990s.



Photo Contest—Images of Home

At one time, we all called the Hill our home. Now that you're out of college, we want to see images of the place that most says "home" to you. Submit your best shot to us, with no more than 75 words of explanation, at *The Hill* magazine, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157. Or e-mail low-resolution images to kasch@mcDaniel.edu. Put "Photo Contest" in the subject line. Deadline: September 8. A panel of art professors and professional photographers will judge entries. The winning entry will be published in the fall issue of *The Hill* and its creator will receive a free McDaniel sweatshirt.

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"Stray Gondola," one of the digital collages featured in art professor Susan Ruddick Bloom's first book, started with many different photos. She shot the gondolier in Venice, Italy, the building in Spain and the sky in a third location. Read more about Bloom's work on page 6.

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FROM THE HILL NEWS

Jan Term tours are sweaty, sobering and often inspiring

For some students, Jan Term was a sobering and sweaty work-study trip to Katrina-torn Louisiana, where they helped clear debris, harvested fruit and planted dune grasses to buffer future storms.

For others, it was a refreshing plunge into crystal waters to explore the tropical marine biology off the coast of San Salvador.

Still more students examined the religion and cultural divide in rural India; toured the concentration camps of Poland and the holy sites of Israel; studied Spanish while staying with Mexican families; learned up close about the culture and politics of Cameroon; shutter-bugged their way across four of Hawaii's islands; and went fishing and diving along the world's second-longest barrier reef near Belize.

These learning vacations were just a few of the Jan Term courses offered between the end of the holidays and the beginning of the spring semester. The intensive, three-week courses have been offered since the 1960s, though now students are required to take just one instead of two to graduate. Not every course involves travel, but all are designed to give students the opportunity to engage in a period of concentrated study beyond the

range of conventional coursework.

Those who went the distance say they learned much from their experiences abroad.

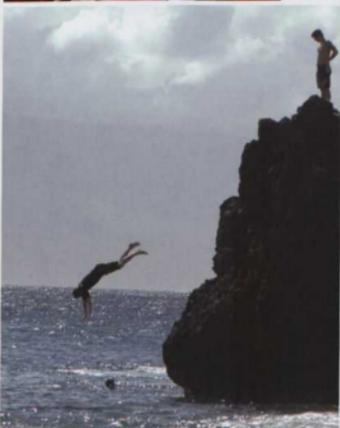
In Cameroon, senior Natalie Brown says, "We talked with a political opposition party that seemed so advanced. They refused to use violence. Their motto is 'using the force of argument, not the argument of force.'"

Sophomore Rachel Goonan lived with locals while taking intensive language courses and sightseeing with her Jan Term class in

Querétaro, Mexico. "I had the opportunity to see how my host family operated and to build relationships with them."

Says Sarah Grosh '07 after touring Auschwitz-Birkenau and other extermination and work camps in Poland:

"You hear, 'McDaniel College changing lives,' and I always thought it was kind of corny. But this trip and what I saw did change my life. I thought I was going to be a biology major, but now I want to go to law school or do human rights work."



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Tropical Marine Biology students spotted this Hawksbill turtle in shallow water off the island of San Salvador; Anastasiya Bugayenko '06 at Kali Temple in Pavagadh, India; Rob Holt '07 dives off a cliff in Hawaii while Professor of Art and Art History Susan Bloom catches him on film; Cutting through the debris and detritus left by Katrina was cathartic for these students.

Visiting Fulbright scholar offers insight into Muslim world

For six weeks this spring, Dr. Muslih Tayo Yahya of Nigeria will teach a mini-course on Islamic culture, present public lectures and lead a faculty seminar—all thanks to the Fulbright Visiting Scholar effort to expand current understanding of Islamic societies.



McDaniel is one of just 28 U.S. colleges and universities to be selected as host for the spring 2006 initiative sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Yahya is professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Jos in Nigeria. He is a distinguished scholar and author of numerous publications in the field of Islamic studies. Born in Nigeria, he earned his B.A. at the University of Damascus and his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

"At a time when the popular understanding of Islam is clouded by political rhetoric and misinformation, we are fortunate to have access to a scholar who has specialized in the study of Islamic culture," said College Provost Thomas Falkner.

Two current McDaniel faculty are past recipients of Fulbright lecturing and research awards. Greg Alles, professor of philosophy and religion, spent nine months in India studying ancient Sanskrit epics, and Paul Miller, associate professor of history, who traveled to Sarajevo during the 2004-2005 academic year and taught at the university there as well as worked on curricular development with the faculty of Islamic Studies. Miller continues this year in a visiting professorship at Sarajevo.

Faculty Feats

Homer Has Staying Power

Stephanie Madsen, assistant professor of psychology, is one of 30 faculty accepted nationally for a seminar on "Homer Across the Curriculum: *The Iliad*," sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges. Designed primarily for those who have not had formal training in ancient Greek literature, the seminar will provide background on the nature of the poem, the role Homeric poetry played in the evolution of Greco-Roman society and the ways various cultures have responded to and understood the poem. After examining the *Iliad* from these perspectives, participants will work collaboratively on materials for their courses.

Disasters Deconstructed

Assistant Professor of Communication Deborah Vance, along with other colleagues, received a \$20,000 travel grant from the Tokyo Foundation. She plans to research the "crisis communication" surrounding recent natural disasters like the hurricane in New Orleans, the 2005 earthquake in Guayana and the tsunami in Thailand.

Fulbright Picks Esa

The Fulbright Commission has selected Foreign Languages Associate Professor Mohamed Esa to participate in the 2006 Fulbright German Studies Seminar, "Muslim Minorities: Opportunities and Challenges in West European Societies. German and French Experiences."

Esa, who serves as president of the Maryland Foreign Language Association, is a Palestinian with dual Israeli and American citizenship who earned a Ph.D. from the University of Heidelberg and is fluent in four languages.

The intensive two-week seminar, which will be held in May at locations in Germany and France, will examine political, social, economic and cultural aspects of life with Muslim minorities in Europe.

Bound for Japan

A faculty team was one of five selected to participate in a prestigious year-long seminar about Japan, held at the University of Pennsylvania. Associate Professor of Music Robin Armstrong, Associate Professor of Sociology Deb Lemke and Assistant Professor of Art and Art History Susan Scott (with Ron Miller, associate professor of theatre arts, as an alternate) will learn how to integrate Japan and Japanese studies into their curricula. The seminar will run through 2006 and will feature a three-week trip to Japan in July.

Parasites Found

While on sabbatical, Associate Biology Professor Ralene Mitschler believes she found four new species of parasites that infect insects. On a grant from the National Science Foundation, Mitschler worked with colleagues at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, documenting parasites that infect insects in the Big Thicket Refuge. Ultimately, Mitschler hopes conservationists can use her data as a tool to see if their management techniques are working. Additionally, because the parasites she is documenting are in the same group that causes malaria, her research could contribute to the study of human diseases.

Ancient Chinese Teachings

Biology Professor Esther Iglich has been accepted for the summer program "China: Public Health and Traditional Chinese Medicine," offered by SIT Study Abroad, through the generosity of the Freeman Foundation. The program will be hosted in Kunming, Yunnan Province, and will provide an introduction to the Chinese medical system, public health issues in China and the philosophy and practice of traditional Chinese medicine. Iglich plans to develop a section on medicinal/biochemical botany that she currently teaches in her botany course and perhaps develop a non-majors course in alternative health treatment.

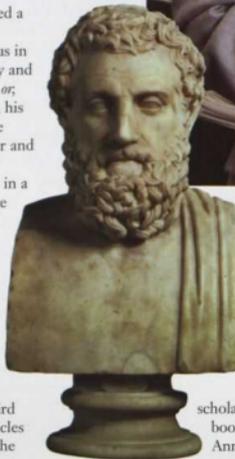
Even as Provost, Falkner Finds Time to Publish

Montreal is bustling. Chic cosmopolitans brace against arctic winds on their way to postmodern glass office towers that share the skyline of this 363-year-old metropolis with Gothic and Victorian architecture.

Inside the elegant Hyatt hotel, Provost and Dean of the Faculty Tom Falkner seems infused with the excitement of this French-Canadian city, Quebec's largest cultural and financial center. He is here not as an administrator, but as a classics scholar attending the annual conference of his professional organization, the American Philological Association.

Since assuming the chief academic post at McDaniel almost two years ago, Falkner's job responsibilities have dealt less with Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides and more with department chairs, a major curriculum review and long-range planning. Still, he's managed to stay active in his discipline—and his current focus on Greek tragedy's influence on modern literature—and is winding up an impressive year for his scholarship.

Last spring, he published a major article in *Text and Presentation* titled "Oedipus in New York: Greek Tragedy and Edward Albee's *The Goat, or, Who is Sylvia?*" In the fall, his chapter, "Engendering the Tragic Theater: Pity, Power and Spectacle in Sophocles' *Trachiniae*," was published in a new book from Cambridge University Press called *Pity and Power in Ancient Athens*. It is his second publication to appear in a Cambridge University Press book in the past few years. Last year at the APA annual meeting, he gave a paper on Philip Roth's, *The Human Stain*, and he's at work on the third installment of a trio of articles he's written for *Ampora*, the



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APA's quarterly journal, on the same topic.

Here in Montreal, he is co-organizer of a panel on contemporary literature and the classics, featuring some heavy-hitters in today's world of words. The participants include

McDaniel's own visiting scholar, Pulitzer Prize-winning book critic Michael Dirda; poet Anne Carson, who Falkner

describes as "the finest poet in North America" and who has been hailed as a modern Emily Dickinson; and novelist Margaret Drabble and Carol Goodman.

In previous stages of his academic career, Falkner spent a decade researching and publishing on the representation of the elderly in Greek literature and metatheater, or ways in which ancient tragedies raise questions about themselves in a self-critical or self-reflective way. His current area of interest dovetails nicely with his voracious appetite for

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—Tom Falkner, college provost and classics scholar

current fiction and theater-going.

"If you look at contemporary fiction, all kinds of bestselling books seem to be going to the classics for their subject matter," says Falkner, who began studying Latin and Greek as a high school student in Buffalo, N.Y., and whose language studies have also included German, French, modern Greek and "Italian for opera lovers."

The Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Middlesex*, by Jeffrey Eugenides, takes cues in its story about transsexuality from myths about Hermaphroditus and the tales that Ovid told in his poem *Metamorphoses*, Falkner points out. Philip Roth's *The Human Stain*, about a classics professor at a small liberal arts college, is actually a retelling of the Oedipus myth.

And as soon as Falkner saw Edward Albee's *The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?* on Broadway, "I said, 'this is Oedipus,'" he recalls. The story is about a highly successful architect and family man who falls in love with a goat. The tragedy shows how his life unravels when his secret is discovered.

"Even though the word 'Oedipus' is never spoken anywhere in the play, it's clear to me this is what Albee is doing," Falkner says with obvious delight. "This is a retelling of the Oedipus myth for the 21st century. It's almost as if incest is a tired theme; you see it on Jerry Springer and people yawn. So Albee must have thought, 'What would be the comparable crime that might shake up the 21st century?' It's bestiality."

An hour before his panel presentation begins, Falkner decides it's time to check his e-mail. He's checked a couple of times already this morning because he is, after all, still an administrator with a non-stop agenda of college business to address.

Despite his more hectic schedule, he remains committed to continuing his scholarly work and encourages his faculty to do the same. "It's important to my own identity, to my own happiness as a person," he says. "There's always been a synergy between my teaching and my scholarship and creative work. I've found that the reading that I do, the thinking that I do, the communicating that I do in the process of working on my research almost invariably finds its way back into my classroom."

Sports Highlights

Wrestling's All-American

Tony Howard '06 may have lost his bid to become an NCAA Division III Champion, but the 165-pound wrestler did earn All-American honors for the second straight year for his efforts this winter. He is the sixth McDaniel wrestler to receive All-American status, and only the second to do so twice. All of McDaniel's All-American wrestlers have earned the honor within the past decade.

Until Next Year

Green Terror women's basketball wrapped up the season in the ECAC Semifinals with a 60-67 loss to Pitt-Greensburg. Kristy Costa '06 led the team with 18 points and nine rebounds, while Amy Watson '07 pitched in eight points and 10 rebounds. The squad finished 20-9, 12-6 in conference.

In the Swim

Chris Reed '08 picked up his first Centennial Conference gold medal, winning the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 59.60. He touched the wall just .20 seconds earlier than Washington College's Alex Thomas. It was the second fastest time a McDaniel swimmer has ever posted in the event, and the team's highlight on the second day of competition at the Centennial Conference Championship meet at Franklin & Marshall.

The following day, he raced to victory in the 200-yard breaststroke. The sophomore clocked a 2:12.34, giving him a one-second advantage of the rest of the field. It also tied his school record in the event which he established at last year's Conference meet.

Chris Reed '08



DANIEL SHREVE

POLITICS ON THE GROUND

At 26, newly elected Town Councilman Ryan Ewing is learning the lay of the land in Brunswick, Maine

BY KIM ASCH / PHOTOS BY BRIDGET BESAW GORMAN



It's easy to see why Ryan Ewing '01 fell in love with Brunswick during his first trip to Maine just over a year ago.

The downtown is defined by a wide boulevard full of independent shops and restaurants, close-knit neighborhoods, a lush public green and the handsome campus of 212-year-old Bowdoin College. The Androscoggin River winds along the north, and beautiful Casco Bay, along the Maine coast, beckons to the south. There's fresh lobster all year long, and abundant hiking, kayaking and cross-country skiing.

Of course, these days Ewing has little free time for any of these recreational pursuits. Instead, he devotes the bulk of his after-work hours working on behalf of his constituents. That's right, *constituents*. On January 3, the 26-year-old newcomer, who had neither raised nor spent a dime during his campaign, was sworn in as town councilman to represent the downtown district he now calls home.

The story of this surprising victory, as well as the first chapter of his post-election sequel, makes for a wicked good Yankee yarn—one that Ewing tells in the soft cadence and soothing twang befitting a political science and theatre major from just south of the Mason-Dixon Line.



RICHIE

GERMAN-AMERICAN CUISINE





Let's start with the freshman councilman's "back story," as it might be called down in Washington, D.C., where he spent some considerable time.

Ewing was raised on Maryland's Eastern Shore across the street from his grandparents' farm and within a country mile of many members of his extended family. An appreciation for commu-

nity service and the fundamentals of civic life was nurtured early on by his mother, a nurse, and his carpenter father, as well as his involvement in Boy Scouts. He earned the necessary 21 merit badges and passed the tests to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. One summer, young Ewing attended the leadership camp, American Legion's Boys State, at McDaniel and he set his mind on returning to the Hill to attend college.

Following graduation, Ewing headed to the nation's capital to work in political education programs at The George Washington University. He also earned a master's degree there, in political management, and along the way met "some of the preeminent young minds in government today."

In that heady environment, he says, he learned to respect different points of view while developing his own philosophy of government. He's a fiscal conservative and a social progressive, much like former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, whose populist presidential campaign Ewing worked to advance as a political organizer when he left what he describes as the "insularity" of D.C. and returned home to the Eastern Shore "to reconnect with real people."

Joe Trippi, Dean's campaign manager, who is credited with pioneering the use of online technology to organize what became the largest grassroots movement in presidential politics, recalls of Ewing: "He was one of our most enthusiastic and dedicated Dean foot soldiers. If anyone gets the importance of returning our country back to a working democracy, it is Ryan."

But after the Dean campaign imploded, Ewing had difficulty finding meaningful work in Easton. At the same time, the soaring cost of real estate made buying a house an impossible dream. Much had changed about the area. The unsightly strip shopping centers and exurban sprawl had diffused the sense of community he'd hoped to recapture.

"I guess I learned it's true that you can't go home again," he says.

Happily, the effort led him to Amy Owsley, the woman he describes as "the love of my life." They met while

participating in a local play and found that, in addition to theatre, they also shared an interest in environmental issues. Owsley worked for the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and when she snagged her dream job working in land conservation in coastal Maine, Ewing followed her heart.

"A year ago, I had no idea I'd be here," he says, referring to both his adopted hometown and his new position as elected official. It's a bitter cold night on the last Monday in February, and he and Owsley are having dinner at their favorite hangout, a quirky Irish-Mexican pub called Pedro O'Hara's, on the main boulevard just a short walk from their apartment. They can't linger, though, since Ewing has to go to a town council work session concerning the budget at 7 p.m.

He smiles and waves a greeting to a man seated at the table behind them, a supporter of Ewing's campaign rival. "He's a nice guy," Ewing says.

Upon their arrival in early 2005, the couple chose an apartment within walking or biking distance of just about everything. Ewing had sold his car so it was fortunate that he got a job right downtown managing the box office of Maine State Music Theatre, a professional musical company. He got to know many of the merchants, like Paul at Little Dog Coffee and Fred at the environmentally friendly Green Store. He observed with satisfaction that the town recycled and also noticed some improvements were needed, such as sidewalk repairs.

He had the feeling this was a place where his ideas would be welcomed. "Maryland is more top-down hierarchical, but in Maine they're begging you to get involved," he says. When he spotted a notice in the newspaper seeking citizen members for various committees, he jumped in with both feet and joined the town's bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee as well as the recycling committee, where he became vice-chair.

That's where he first impressed Liz Glover, 64, head of her neighborhood association and a former school board member who once worked for U.S. Sen. Phil Hart of Michigan on civil rights issues. It wasn't long before she and some other longtime Brunswick residents encouraged him to run for the District 6 seat left open when the incumbent decided not to seek reelection.

With the town facing a contentious "smart growth" proposal pitting land conservationists against property rights proponents and the imminent closure of Brunswick Naval Air Station—meaning a loss of 2,700 military personnel and more than 600 civilian jobs—the district would need an intelligent and conscientious representative to navigate the big-picture initiatives, as well as the minutiae involved in

fixing the proverbial potholes and keeping the lives of residents and business owners running smoothly.

"He doesn't seem slick or dishonest. He does have a southern twang, so you can tell he's from away," recalls Fred Horch, a former attorney who now owns the Green Store and a home in District 6. He supported Ewing

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Brunswick merchant and resident Fred Horch



but admits he figured he was a long shot. “He came to the community and impressed people. He’s so idealistic. He got out there and made people feel he was listening.”

Ewing’s campaign strategy reflected his grass-roots sensibilities. He determined that he would do no fundraising and spend nothing, instead relying on his Web site, e-mail blasts and good, old-fashioned stumping to get his message out. He didn’t have to file campaign finance reports and thus “flew under the radar,” downplaying the threat he posed to his campaign rival, well-heeled businessman Art Boulay.

He went door to door in every neighborhood: from the tight-knit Acadian section, where French-Canadian immigrants pass houses down through generations, to the stately streets with grand mansions and prominent residents like Maine’s former governor, to the hard scrabble, low-income areas. At one house, he interrupted a cocaine party. “After I realized what they were doing, I excused myself,” Ewing says.

Over two months, the fresh-faced candidate met close to 900 people, missing no more than 200 households out of 2,500.

“Ryan worked very hard and that’s what needed to be done,” says Glover approvingly. “I don’t care how sophisticated, jaded, even cynical you might be about the political process, people respect hard work.”

The experienced activist still disagrees with Ewing’s insistence on using recycled materials for his campaign advertising. “He had the worst signs. They were heavy and they curled up. We put one up in our yard and I thought my husband was going to have to have back surgery,” she says, laughing at the memory.

There was also a bit of scandal to aid Ewing’s cause. “Art made a terrible blunder,” Horch says. “I was there,” says Glover. “He fibbed and said the Democratic state delegate had endorsed him, even though the town council is non-partisan. It made a lot of people angry.”

Turnout was high at the polls—730 people voted and Ewing won by a healthy margin.

In the months since his swearing-in, Ewing has learned the truth of Glover’s words: the job is “not for the faint of heart.” The hours can be grueling, with council meetings every other Monday that often go late into the night and various committee meetings in between. During the week of Feb. 27, for example, he had the budget work session Monday night, a 7 a.m. breakfast meeting with downtown merchants the following morning, and a three-hour tour of the Naval Air Station on Saturday. At an annual salary of \$2,000, it’s certainly not about the money.

“I was raised with the sense that voting is the bare minimum of your civic responsibility. You need to do more than that,” says Ewing, noting that his brother Andy ’03, who’s pursuing his doctorate in economics, and sister Claire ’06, a biology major, feel the same way about contributing to the public good.

Coming “from away,” as they say in Maine, equips Ryan with a

fresh perspective, but also saddles him with a large learning curve.

Old-timers sometimes lecture him. “I can take it. I’m there to listen. I respect the wisdom of my elders,” says Ewing, who with his

closely trimmed beard and sport jacket could maybe pass for 30. “I have an idealism—maybe naïveté—about getting things done that is empowering.”

He’s had some disappointments. An idea to implement a user fee for trash removal to encourage recycling and preserve the life of the local landfill has yet to make it to full consideration by the council. And he was unable to pass his amendment to a newly approved “smart growth” plan that would do even more to encourage clustering high density development downtown.

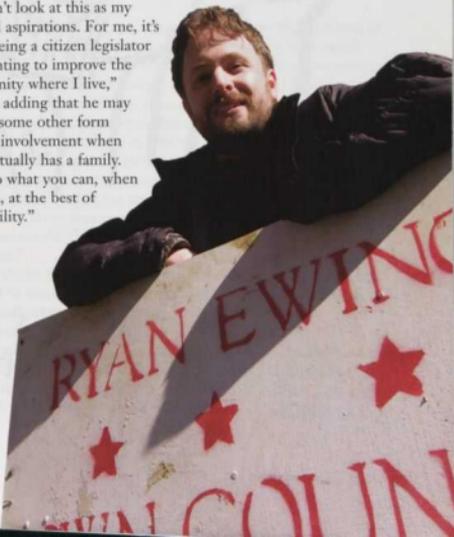
He has also enjoyed some victories. The council did vote unanimously to study his “smart growth” amendment, so there is still hope for it in the future. He’s been able to complete the work he began on the bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee and secure funding for a stretch of sidewalk in front of an elderly constituent’s property.

“I can’t abide having a downtown neighborhood without a sidewalk,” he says.

Recently, Ryan was hired to work as an advocate with the Natural Resources Council of Maine in Augusta, the state capital, about 30 miles north of Brunswick. He joined a carpool with four others to cut down on gas usage and the environmental impact of the commute.

At the new job, he’ll gain experience working on issues important to him at the statewide level. Horch of The Green Store says he could see his new councilman running for a higher office in the future. The thought has occurred to Ewing, but it’s not what motivates him.

“I can’t look at this as my political aspirations. For me, it’s about being a citizen legislator and wanting to improve the community where I live,” he says, adding that he may choose some other form of civic involvement when he eventually has a family. “You do what you can, when you can, at the best of your ability.”



Math Anxiety is No Joke

New curriculum helps students cope in a new world of numbers

BY KIM ASCH / CARTOONS BY SYDNEY HARRIS

There's something soothing about sitting in Carolyn Boner's classroom in Lewis Hall of Science, even though she's filling her chalkboard with mathematical challenges that are decidedly unsettling to many of the students seated before her.

Open-ended algebraic equations demand to be solved. Radical expressions beg to be simplified. There are lots of square-root symbols, x 's and y 's, and menacing exponents.

Boner turns to face the class, her bespectacled expression calm, her navy slacks and cheerfully embroidered sweater impressively free of white dust. Slowly, respectfully, she guides her students through each step, calling

on every one by name as they volunteer answers, until all the problems are successfully solved.

"It's like a lightbulb has gone off in my head," says junior Maggie Ross, a communication major and film and video studies minor, who was 16 the last time she took a math class and doesn't have fond memories of the experience. "I think it has to do with the quality of the teaching. Professor Boner is thorough to the point of almost being tedious, but she is fantastic. I actually understand this stuff now."

Welcome to Basic Algebra, a non-credit course that's offered in several sections each semester and every day over a three-week period during Jan Term. There's also a Basic Mathematics course that covers arithmetic and geometry. Both are geared to students with math anxiety who haven't yet passed the College's math proficiency exam. Boner all but guarantees that every one who takes her class will be able to pass, as long as they show up and do the work.

"There is nothing to be ashamed of. You are not a minority. This is a problem everywhere, at every college," Boner often reminds her students. A T-shirt she keeps at home reinforces the message: "Five out of every four people have trouble with fractions." Boner adds approvingly, "I think McDaniel's standards are more stringent than most."

Since the early 1980s, all students regardless of major have been required to score 70 percent or higher on the basic algebra portion and 80 percent or higher on the basic arithmetic portion of the exam—without using calculators—in order to graduate. The exam's primary purpose is as a placement test to guide incoming freshmen in their selection of courses. "They would be in chemistry or economics and they couldn't do the math," explains Boner, director of the math proficiency program. "We realized we needed to identify

Alumni Ace Math Quiz

A quiz containing sample questions from the math proficiency test appeared in the Fall 2005 issue of *The Hill* with an invitation for readers to stand and be counted. We challenged you—now that you're out of college and the pressure is off—to solve the problems and submit your answers. As incentive, we dangled the prospect of a free McDaniel College sweatshirt to the perfect scorer who won our drawing.

Of the 68 people who submitted their completed quizzes for grading, 46 answered all nine questions correctly and the rest missed only one or two. While the sweatshirt surely added to your motivation (many entries conveniently included size specifications) most of you explained you entered simply because the exercise seemed like "fun."

Players included undergraduate and master's alumni of all ages. Every part of the nation was represented, from Arizona to Massachusetts to Tennessee. Mathematics majors, math teachers and math professors made a strong showing.

Ellen Mering, mother of Elisabeth Mering '07, rose to the challenge. So did Sarah Khan, the 14-year-old daughter of Judy Khan '85 of Concord, N.H.—and she submitted a separate sheet of paper showing her work. Howard Orenstein, associate professor of psychology emeritus, sent along a disclaimer with his entry, "I hope there are enough brain cells to answer these correctly in retirement."

Seventy-seven-year-old entrant Joyce "George" Gorsuch '49 expressed no such worries. She says her daily dose of cross sums and Sudoku puzzles keeps her mind sharp. "Anything that involves numbers, I just love," says the mathematics and French major. "I enjoy challenging my brain."

Michele Catterton MS '94, in a gesture of solidarity with current students, completed her quiz sans calculator. "They better be all correct," said the Harford Community College math professor.

They were.

So were the answers submitted by business administration and economics major Tyler Fogarty '05, who bragged that he not only abstained from using a calculator, "I did all the work in my head."

Classmate Mark Wheeler '05 wrote, "I laughed as I read about the math proficiency test and remembered how there were classmates who were still trying to pass the test before our graduation last May." The mathematics major is working to correct the problem in his current job as a high school algebra teacher.

"I answered the questions in two minutes flat," boasted perfect scorer Norm Koehler '78 of Tucson, Ariz., who opted to receive a McDaniel College T-shirt more suited to his climate.

Born and raised in Dundalk, Md., the biology major went on to earn a second bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from U.M.B.C. His quantitative reasoning skills assist him in everything from his daily reading of *The New York Times* to his career as a real estate agent to tending his raised-bed vegetable garden.

Didn't get a chance to take the quiz the first time? See page 39 for questions and answers.

If $a = -12$ and $b = 8$, then

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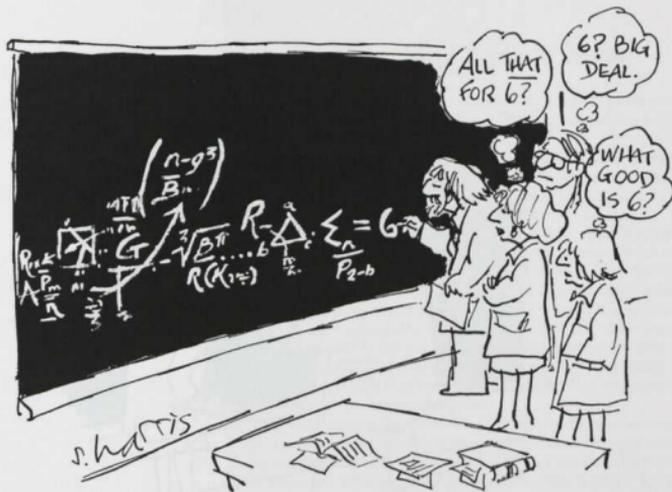
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these students early and get them help so they could be prepared to go on to higher-level courses."

But the proficiency exam has also become a default exit exam for students who arrive on the Hill having already decided their talents lie in other disciplines and who steer clear of the mathematics department altogether. Every year, Boner says, at least a couple seniors come to see her in a panic because they still have not passed the test. Typically, they flunked the exam during freshman year and never took the non-credit refresher classes. Under the current curriculum, it's also possible they avoid taking any math and opt to take two sciences instead. Boner says she usually ends up tutoring them in her office so they can pass the test at the 11th hour just before Commencement. "Last year, we managed to get every-one through by the skin of their teeth," Boner says.

This scenario is clearly not ideal.

As the faculty puts the finishing touches on a new core curriculum—scheduled to take effect with the Class of 2010—it has unanimously agreed to



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place renewed emphasis on mathematics and quantitative thinking skills. No longer will the math proficiency test be a crucible for would-be graduates. But in its place will be a required course that fits within the Quantitative Reasoning category. The faculty views such a course as essential to preparing students to become leaders in a world ever more defined by numbers.

Now is an ideal time to be a mathematician. The inverse is also true: it's a terrible time to be math phobic.

Math is hip. Sudoku, a puzzle requiring complex logical reasoning abilities, is an international craze with more than half the leading American newspapers printing one or more puzzles per day, according to *The New York Times*. Meanwhile, the hit TV show, *Numb3rs*, spotlights a heroic (and hunky) mathematics professor who helps solve crimes using authentic data analysis, probability and inverse modeling.

Math is vital. In his State of the Union address, President Bush unveiled his "American Competitiveness Initiative," which emphasizes the importance of analytical, technical and problem-solving abilities to the nation's security and prosperity. It proposes to spend \$380 million in new federal support to improve the quality of math and science education in K-12 schools.

And math is the future. As a Jan. 23 *Business Week* article succinctly declared, "The world is moving into a new age of numbers."

Mathematics Department Chair Bob Boner couldn't agree more. In fact, both Bob and wife Carolyn have been happily circulating the article to colleagues and students since their mathematician son e-mailed it to them.

"In past decades, the marriage of higher math and computer

modeling transformed science and engineering ... And data miners plucked useful nuggets from vast computer and business databases," Stephen Baker and Bremen Leak write in *Business Week*. "But just look at where the mathematicians are now. They're helping to map out advertising campaigns, they're changing the nature of research in newsrooms and biology labs, and they're enabling marketers to forge new, one-on-one relationships with customers. As this occurs, more of the economy falls into the realm of numbers."

So does the war on terrorism. Bob Boner estimates that about 30 of his department's graduates work for the National Security Agency, just down Interstate 95 at Fort Meade, Md., and many others take Department of Defense jobs in nearby Washington, D.C. From techno-spy to software designer, marketer to financial analyst, business management consultant to social scientist, mathematics majors can do just about anything.

"Employers are looking for mathematics majors because they want someone who can solve their problems," says Bob Boner, adding that half of the department's graduates go on to obtain an advanced degree, with about 20 percent getting a Ph.D. He also notes that half of his majors are women. "The lowest starting salary that I've heard of lately for a McDaniel graduate with a mathematics major is \$55,000 per year, with generous benefits—except for teachers. Our society pays lip service to the importance of good teachers, but seldom backs it up with its pocketbook."

Students who major in fields other than mathematics must still master quantitative thinking if they want to excel in their careers and be fully participatory citizens.

Social scientists need a working knowledge of statistics in order to analyze census data and surveys, historical and archeological records;

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biologists use computer algorithms for mapping genomes and probability for studying heredity; entrepreneurs project markets and costs using computer spreadsheets; and lawyers use statistical evidence and arguments involving probability to convince jurors.

"Quantitatively literate citizens need to know more than formulas and equations. They need a predisposition to look at the world through mathematical eyes, to see the benefits (and risks) of thinking quantitatively about commonplace issues, and to approach complex problems with confidence in the value of careful reasoning," points out Lynn Steen of St. Olaf College in a case statement he prepared for the National Council on Education and the Disciplines.

Concurs Mary Bendel-Simso, an associate professor of English at McDaniel and strong proponent of mathematics education: "Just to be a responsible citizen, you have to be able to read *The New York Times* and be able to tell from the evidence provided what the slant is, whether it's valid or not valid, and where are the holes in the argument. And I think that's what a lot of people can't do. Once they see numbers they just stop thinking."

Ross, the communication major, is also a peer mentor, a polished admissions tour guide, an actor who has won roles in several plays and the writer-director of insightful documentaries about important topics, like religion and first-year students' adjustment to college life. She used to laugh off her math anxiety, but she doesn't anymore.

"Here we all are fantastic, developed, articulate people excelling in other areas of the liberal arts," she says of herself and the friends she made in Basic Algebra. "It's so odd to feel incompetent in this one area."

How did Ross and so many of her peers get to this point?

Carolyn Boner says part of the problem is teens' reliance in high school on calculators and other tools that supply the right answer without explaining the process of arriving there. Bendel-Simso blames bad teaching in general. She tells her advisees who want to be writers and poets and scholars of literature to take Carolyn Boner's refresher courses, explaining, "You don't hate math; you've just never had a good teacher."

As president-elect of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Professor of Education Francis "Skip" Fennell will lead the effort to improve mathematics education. (See sidebar.) At McDaniel, that means preparing every mathematics teacher with the same rigorous course work every other math major must take, plus additional courses in geometry and mathematics history.

Ross admits the Basic Algebra course has already proven its value now that she's enrolled in Quantitative Research Methods, an upper-level communication course. "I feel more prepared and I have more confidence," she says. Still, she's not convinced that algebraic equations will directly relate to anything she'll be doing in her career. "I'd like to see the mathematics integrated better into our majors," she says.

And that's just what the faculty intends to do.

Under the new curriculum, the required course involving quantitative reasoning will most certainly be found in the mathematics and science departments, but other disciplines, such as sociology, ecology, communication and philosophy, will also develop courses in which students can learn to read and use quantitative data, interpret quantitative evidence and apply basic quantitative skills to problem solving.

It All Ads Up for Fennell

Skip Fennell, president-elect of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, was invited by U.S. Department of Education officials to view President Bush's Jan. 31 State of the Union address.

"I asked what it meant to 'view' the speech and was told I'd basically be sitting in a room with a bunch of other people watching it on TV," says the education professor who's in his 30th year of teaching at the College. "Since I had a class that night, I decided to kick back and view the president from the comfort of my living room."

Good decision. When Fennell assumes the two-year post of NCTM president at the end of April, there will be plenty of important gatherings where his attendance is required. As the appointed leader of the world's largest mathematics education association, with 100,000 members, Fennell will take a two-year leave from his teaching responsibilities to champion the cause of mathematics education of the highest quality for all students.

His timing is impeccable. The Bush Administration's "American Competitiveness Initiative," unveiled during the address, proposes \$380 million in new federal support to improve the quality of math, science and technological education in K-12 schools. Included in the vision is a plan to train 70,000 additional teachers over the next five years to lead advanced placement programs.

The morning after the State of the Union, Fennell—who also serves on a math task force for the secretary of education—joined a conference call with the assistant secretary of education to discuss the nuances of the Bush administration's proposal.

"When the president talks about 70,000 math teachers for Advanced Placement courses, part of our response is, 'Wait a minute, there are a bunch of kids not ready for AP. What about them?' But, on the other hand, I don't want to diffuse that enthusiasm," says Fennell, looking very much at home in his office at NCTM's headquarters in Reston, Va.

Ultimately, he continues, if the federal government is ready to focus its attention—and funding—on mathematics education, "We have to be poised to ride that coattail."

Fennell, who spent the first 10 years of his career in the public school system, is ideally positioned to influence government education officials, motivate teachers and mentor a new generation of NCTM members. In 2000, he won the Glenn Gilbert National Leadership Award from the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics and in 1997 was named the Maryland Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He is currently a consultant with the National Science Foundation.

"I really view this position as a professional capstone," he says.



Professor of Education Skip Fennell debunks the misconception that mathematics is no fun. He's looking forward to setting a lively example as president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

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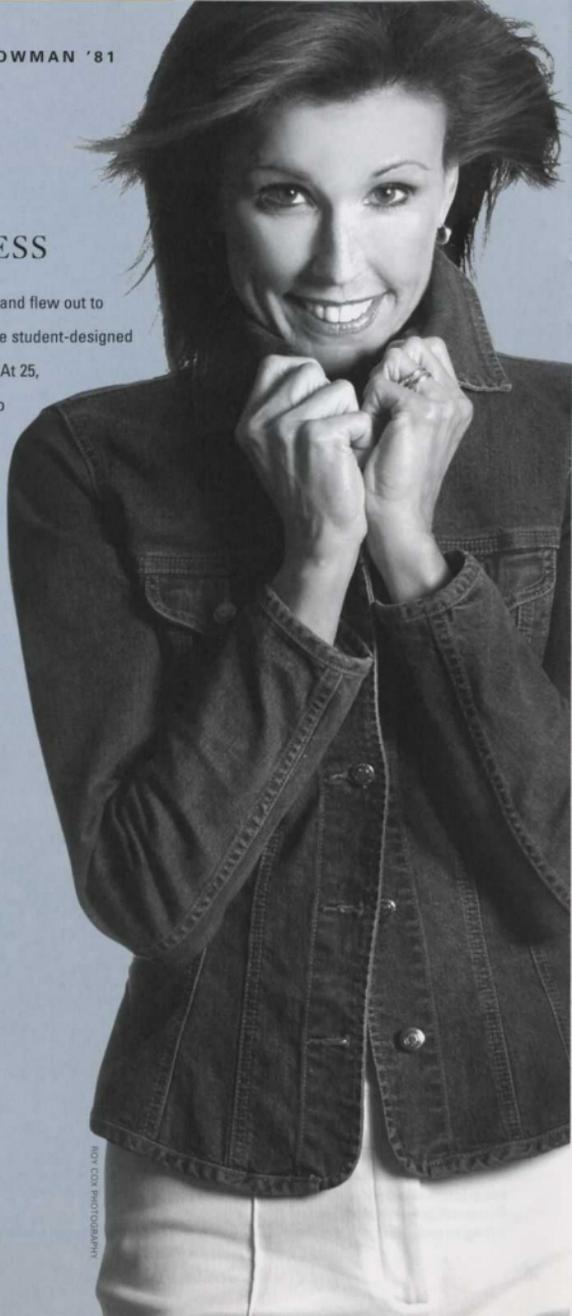
"People will understand and appreciate these concepts if they're put into a context in their area of interest so they become relevant," says Bendel-Simso, who co-chairs the steering committee on the new curriculum.

The fate of the math proficiency test is still to be decided, but Fennell and both Carolyn and Bob Boner will recommend it continue to be used as a gauge of incoming students' abilities to prevent them from taking a class they can't handle. Carolyn Boner expects enrollment in her refresher courses to remain consistent, not because students have to pass a test but because they have to place into a required quantitative reasoning course.

Meanwhile, Ross took the math proficiency test at the end of January and aced it. "It was really great to sit there with a sheet of paper covered in numbers and to say to yourself, 'I know how to do this one.' Then you get stuck, and you're like, 'Wait, I know how to work through this one,'" she says, sounding radiant when she reports she missed just two questions. "Even after you've taken the test and everything's all said and done, Professor Boner still goes over the ones you got wrong to make sure you understand."

UP FRONT AND FEARLESS

At 17, she snagged a role in the blockbuster movie *Grease* and flew out to L.A. for a four-day shoot. At 21, she graduated with a unique student-designed major in public relations, publicity and the performing arts. At 25, she and husband Rob Bowman '81 begged and borrowed to buy their first of many Jiffy Lube franchises. Soon after, she founded an advertising agency to promote their business and others in the chain. That same year, she gave birth to the first of their three children. At 31, after 6-year-old Meghan died from complications of a chronic heart condition, she became a stay-at-home mom to Caroline and Bobby. Now 46, she is back in the spotlight as a card-carrying professional TV, film and commercial actor with credits on, among many others, *America's Most Wanted*, *The Wire* and AOL.



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IN HER WORDS:

- **Grease was a big influence** on my life. We got to go to L.A. and met John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. They did it up. They actually had a '50s party for us teens at the home of flamboyant producer, Allan Carr. Some of the stars—Eve Arden and Alice Ghostley—were serving us subs around the pool.
- **After I came back** in August, a lot of the TV stations in the area were asking me to come on and talk. But I said, "No way, I can't miss my first week of college." So, that was the end of that.
- **There's something about the spirit of McDaniel** that draws you in, if you're open to it.
- **My (now) sister-in-law**, Korby, met me on the walk my first day on the Hill and she said "Hi!" like everybody does when you walk on campus. She took me on a tour, just out of the blue like she had nothing to do, and she said, "My brother will be going here, maybe you'll meet him. His name's Robbie."
- **Rob and I have been married**, we're going on 23 years, and none of our friends who married from school are divorced. I don't know what's been the secret, we're just good friends and we've been friends the entire journey.

• **Meghan wasn't diagnosed** until she was 2. I have that mother's intuition thing going so I knew there was something wrong with her and I was diligent about taking her from doctor to doctor.

• **The grief** never quite goes away, but it gets better.

• **Isn't that the biggest fear**, the fear of death and the unknown? And then when the worst thing that can happen—I mean, there's nothing worse because you just love that baby so much and that's bigger than anything—when you go through that, what could be a bigger challenge?

• **Elisabeth Kubler-Ross was the only** reference I had at that point. Vince Bohn '81, Rob's frat brother and roommate, stopped by one day just to give it to me. We don't forget those little kindnesses.

• **On Death and Dying** took me to some really deep places, some places that have really helped me live a more joyful, fearless life today.

• **How to articulate** that sense of peace to your kids? You can't. Everybody has to learn it for themselves.

• **Caroline, my daughter, opens** in her show tonight. She's doing *Fame* at her high school and she's the lead—not that I'm a proud mother or anything.

• **She got her first lead when** she was 11. She was Mary Lennox in *Secret Garden*. She doesn't read voraciously like some kids do, but, man, you give her a script and she will memorize it because she's motivated.

• **Just being able to express yourself** at a young age is a gift.

• **In our home, we focus** on health. My mother used to hide the candy, so when we found it we wanted to eat the whole bag. So I feel like balance is really important. We have the candy sitting out.

• **I'm really looking forward to our 25th reunion**. Your old friends, especially the ones you lived with in college, are the ones who really know you inside and out. And they still love you anyway.

• **Beauty tips?** Ha! OK. Find somebody you can trust to be your hairdresser. Find a great dentist. Floss. I use MAC Studio Fix. It's a great product, it's sort of a combination powder and foundation and it gives you a really matte look. Wear sunscreen.

• **Ira Zepp's "Liberation Movements and Human Freedom."** That class will stay with me the rest of my life. I remember this one poem, "*Please Hear What I'm Not Saying*," which is what I hope you will do with this interview, because people don't always say what is in their hearts. We're not always the authentic person we want to be but if you can look past the exterior to the interior, that's what's important.

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PEAK PERFORMANCE

ALUMNI DO RETIREMENT AS EXTREME SPORT

They hike tall mountains, break swimming records and compete on the reality TV show, *The Amazing Race*. They take 4,500-mile trips on motorcycles, camp in Third-World countries and live year-round on a sailboat. These senior alumni in their 60s, 70s, 80s—and even 90s—practice an all together different sort of retirement than the stereotypical one of reclining chairs and early-bird specials. They are, says professor Steve McCole, an expert in exercise physiology and gerontology, “stellar examples of what can be achieved when we keep our bodies and minds active.” Prepare to be inspired.





NO LOOKING BACK (OR DOWN)

BY KIM ASCH

High up in the Mount Everest region of Nepal, the first day of hiking involved a five-hour journey that took Wray Mowbray '58 and Sam Case '63 past several small villages, including one that is 8,730 feet above sea level. The trail descended steeply and crossed the Tharo Kosi Khola river over what the guidebook refers to as "a local-style suspension bridge." It was long and narrow with a vertigo-inducing drop.

"I thought about calling it something else as the wind blew strongly across the swaying bridge, making the walk all the more interesting," recalls 69-year-old Mowbray. Moments later on the other side, he watched as a yak went sliding down the slippery trail, with all four feet forward and horns extended. Fortunately, the pack animal regained its footing and returned with the portion of supplies it was hauling to that night's campsite.

The men had to laugh—according to their schedule, this was going to be an easy day.

When longtime travel pal Case called a year earlier to propose their next trip, Mowbray thought it might be the kind of sensible adventure many of their peers are now opting to take. The kind of trip that offers easy access to spectacular views and accommodations that are, if not luxurious,

Amazing Racers

BARRY LAZARUS '64 and wife Fran took their sense of adventure to TV as contestants in *The Amazing Race*.

During the reality show's ninth season, the couple competes in a series of intellectual and physical tests—such as attempting to assemble a motorbike, rappelling from a 400-foot building and climbing up a waterfall—and only when each task has been completed do they learn their next destination. Teams in last place are eliminated, and the first team to arrive at the final destination wins \$1 million. Although the race is finished, the results are top secret until they're revealed each week on television.

Lazarus, a retired urologist who lives in Colorado, and wife Fran must keep mum for now. But they were still in the race—which had taken them from Denver to Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Moscow, Russia—at the end of the third episode March 14.

Their friend Marsha Cooper says they were thrilled to be picked for *The Amazing Race*.

"Competing with so many younger people was challenging in the physical viewpoint, but the mechanics were probably easier for them," Cooper says. "They were very excited and called it a life-altering experience. They talk about the friends they have made and say they've been surprised in ways they didn't expect."



at least equipped with electricity and running water. He should have known better.

Case, 64, retired in 2004 after 39 years at the College, where he spent the bulk of his career teaching in the exercise science department and conducting research—often participatory research—of human physiology in extreme environments such as Alaska and Antarctica. Mowbray, a former vice president and dean of students, is also no slouch. He is a pilot who flies his own plane and an avid outdoorsman who over the past 30 years has more than kept up with Case in rugged terrain and tight spots, such as when they faced down a mess of buzzing rattlesnakes in Idaho.

Sure, Case enjoys more leisurely jaunts, like a walking tour of England's Lake District, but he reserves those for his wife, Susan Snodgrass Case '65.

On the phone that day in 2004, Case told Mowbray, "We are going to hike up Mount Everest."

"First I told him he was crazy," Mowbray says. Then, Case sent him the details of the 18-day trekking trip organized by REI Adventures for Oct. 16 to Nov. 5. "At some point later I told him if he could do it, so could I." Both chose to ignore two warnings from the Department of State urging Americans to defer non-essential travel to Nepal.

The itinerary included a few days of sightseeing in Bangkok and Hong Kong, but the bulk of the "vacation" was spent in the mountains, following in the footsteps of Sir Edmund Hillary. The men did not actually summit Everest, but they did climb far enough to risk high altitude sickness. Along the way they explored Buddhist monasteries, the Himalayan wilderness and Sherpa villages, including the bustling trading village of Namche Bazaar. At 11,285 feet, it is the staging point for expeditions between Nepal and Tibet. "Sherpas take loads of manufactured goods from India and on the return trip they bring wool, yaks and salt," Mowbray says. Case likens the scene to Constantinople in the 1500s—except with hydroelectric power.

With the peaks of Everest, Nuptse, Lhotse and Ama Dablam towering above, the men awakened each morning at 6 a.m., often to the sounds of temple horns and yak bells. Tea and wash basins filled with

warm water were brought to their tents so they could clean up. After packing their duffel bags and leaving them with the Sherpa porters, they were served a hearty breakfast in a dining tent or lodge. They typically hit the trail before 8 a.m. and stopped to make camp in the late afternoon. Even with breaks and lunch, the men logged between five and seven-and-a-half hours of hiking each day. They'd collapse in their tents and read until dinner at 6 p.m.

"Our goal was to make it to 8 p.m., but I think the latest I stayed awake was 7:30 p.m.," Case says with a laugh.





Sam Case '63 (TOP) and Wray Mowbray '58 roughed it in the Mount Everest region of Nepal. They slept in tents and washed in buckets. Yaks (BELOW) carried supplies and their dung fueled campfires.



"That was the toughest hiking trip I've done," says Mowbray, who swam and climbed stairs, in addition to his daily walk of four to six miles, to train for it. "At our highest point we had 50 percent of the oxygen we normally get."

The men savored traditional food, feasted on the stunning sights and reveled in the warmth of yak dung fires when temperatures dropped below freezing each night. It seemed to them that this is what retirement is all about.

Says Case: "I think I'd do it again—I know I would do it again." Agrees Mowbray: "I'd do it again."

Stretching Expectations

Every Wednesday morning, 93-year-old **ARLENE GUYTON RUNKLES '34** takes a yoga class. On the other days of the week she does her own "vigorous exercises" in her Mt. Airy home where she lives by herself. The retired school teacher regularly makes the rounds visiting friends at the nearby nursing home and plays piano at church. "I've waited on others, but I'm determined not to be waited on," she says.

Grand Canyon or Bust

Last summer, **MARY WALKER METGER '40** of Greenwood, S.C., was the navigator on a 4,126-mile road trip to the Grand Canyon and back with her daughter and granddaughters. The 84-year-old enjoyed much familial bonding and sightseeing in two weeks.



Cycling Beside Lance

PAUL BENHAM '61 has retired from his job as a quality engineer with Bosch Security Systems twice, but is now back working part time. The 67-year-old still finds time to cycle long distances, though, and has done three century rides (100 miles in one day) while fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In October '04, he participated in a 300-mile bicycle tour for the Lance Armstrong Foundation in the Texas Hill Country. The highlight of the week was a group ride with Lance himself—the champion rode slowly—and the chance to be photographed riding beside him. Benham, who lives in Lancaster, Pa., recommends the book, *Younger Next Year: A Guide to Living Like 50 Until You're 80 and Beyond*, by Chris Crowley and Henry S. Lodge, M.D.

Giant Snails and Steep Trails

Since retiring as a Methodist minister in 1983, **DON GRIFFIN '42** has traveled to 17 countries on five continents. He and his wife volunteer for an organization that teaches indigenous peoples to read and write, then translates the Bible into a written form of their spoken language. They spent this past July high in the mountains of Peru. Griffin, 85, gets regular exercise, has good eating habits and eight or nine hours of sleep each night. Of course he eats like the locals while traveling. Authentic cuisine has included Amazonian crocodile stew and giant African snails.

Fancy Footwork

DOTTIE FRIZZELL WILLIAMS '51 is still ice dancing and, due to a dramatic improvement in her health, she now goes twice per week.

At 77, she does not have as much stamina as she once did, but her footwork is twice as good as it was 10 years ago, she says.

Easy Riders

KAY PAYNE '59 and **TOM '58 BECKETT** actually followed through on a retirement plan many others just dream about. They sold their house and all their belongings and lived full time on a sailboat for three years. Summers were spent in the Chesapeake Bay while winters took them to balmy locales such as the Florida Keys and Cuba. Now that they are landlubbers again, Kay and Tom have taken up another kind of cruising—on a Goldwing motorcycle. In September, they made a 4,500 trip to Nova Scotia. "Being on a motorcycle is like being outdoors," says Kay, 68, who played tennis and is still an avid golfer. "I love outdoor adventures."



STILL MAKING WAVES

BY MICHELE LEIBERMAN

At 97, Virginia Holland Nicoll set several national swimming records while her coach and fans cheered her on at the community pool in Salisbury, Md.

"In the 100-yard backstroke we had to swim across the pool four times," Nicoll says of the November contest. "Before my last time across, I put my head down a little bit. Everybody was waiting to see if the old lady was going to give up."

Swim coach Steve Hicks, who describes Nicoll's backstroke as smooth and steady, wasn't sure what would happen as seconds turned into a minute and she was still passing in the edge.

"The people were holding their breath," says Hicks. "It got quite quiet in there."

But the determined great-grandmother had a record to catch.

"When I started again, they erupted in a roar," she says of the spectators. "They stood up and shouted and cheered for me."

Nicoll set national records for women ages 95-99 in the 100-yard backstroke and 50-yard freestyle. Coach Hicks also believes her time in the 100-yard backstroke set a world record, and paperwork to confirm the achievement is pending.

Nicoll's blue eyes glow with pride as she slips the heavy champion's medal over her neck and asks a question of her own. "Do you like history?" she asks. "Because you're talking to it."

Tall and lanky with a strong voice that belies her 97 years, Nicoll still lives in the small white house she bought after her husband died more than 50 years ago. Then a young widow, she raised two sons in this home, whose front door is steps away from a placid tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. It

is the same body of water where she learned how to swim as a little girl growing up in the nearby town of Berlin.

Nicknamed "Ginna" by her friends in the class of 1929, Nicoll and her brother Charles, who lives in a nearby nursing home, are believed to be the only two remaining members of their class.

Nicoll rattles off the names and graduation dates of the 20 members of her extended family who attended the College over four generations, beginning with her mother, Abbie White Holland, who entered the College in 1898 but never graduated.

For this nonagenarian, the College's history is also family history. At the turn of the century, her mother lived in the College's first building, Old Main complex. In those days, proper young College women attended a social hour known as "parlor," in which the men and women would sit on opposite sides of WMC Alumni Hall and talk to each other. That was as close as they were permitted to get.

"When I entered the school in 1925," she says, "things were midway between being real old-fashioned and trying to be more up-to-date. Freshman girls were not allowed on dates but they could take a stroll with a boy around Hoffa Field."

The College didn't offer social events where the sexes mingled, but upperclassmen could attend dances at nearby auditoriums if they supplied written permission from a parent. This is how Virginia was able to attend her first dance with a boy.

"Mother said I could keep up with the times, and she sent a letter saying I could go out to a dance," Virginia says. "But I didn't know how to dance. The boy was miserable, and I was miserable."

Though unsteady on the dance floor, she was quick on her feet in the tennis court and beat all of her female classmates.

"When I was a sophomore living on the second floor of the new dorm, McDaniel Hall, boys learned I was a good tennis player. They would stand under my window and whistle to get me to come down and play."

She continued to play tennis for decades, until her tennis partners all passed away. After that, Nicoll filled a bucket with balls and hit them over the net alone, she says,

without a trace of sorrow in her voice.

"I look on the bright side of life."

Everyone knows Nicoll at her favorite restaurant, Chef Fred's Chesapeake Steak-house, in Salisbury. The servers greet her with a hug. Nicoll opts for a table by a roaring fire and fills her plate at the buffet with roast beef and vegetables before sinking into a big chair and back into college memories.

"At Western Maryland, you had to be really agile to get the food because the men would rush in and grab half of what was there."

After nursing school at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia she returned to her hometown to work alongside her surgeon father. On March 17, 1937, a young doctor named Frederick Nicoll drove from New York to Berlin to discuss taking over her father's practice. They married four months later and opened a maternity hospital in their home. Over the next five years, the couple delivered hundreds of babies. They also started their own family, with sons Don and Fred '62.

In a black-and-white picture on the wall, the two now-grown men are little boys caught in mid-squirm. Today, Virginia has four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her melodious voice turns gravely as sandpaper when she describes losing her husband to stomach cancer after 10 years of marriage when he was just 40 years old.

"My sons know he was a good man, a special man."

Nicoll raised her two sons with the help of her mother, and became the director of nurses for the Wicomico County Department of Health. While many in the Salisbury community know of her swimming achievements, still more remember her career as a nurse. The babies she delivered are now in their 60s and many are prominent members of the community. They often still recognize her in the mall.

"I'm just happy people remember me," she says. "When you live this long, if you've got any gumption at all, people should."





\$2 Million Merritt Gift Adds Muscle to Fitness Center Project

Commercial real estate developer Leroy M. Merritt '52, whose 13 million square feet of industrial and office properties in the Baltimore-Washington area include several athletic clubs, will make a gift of \$2 million to support the construction of a new fitness center.

"I was a 17-year-old kid from Dundalk when I entered college; little did I know that my time in college would be the best four years of my life," says Merritt, an economics major whose entrepreneurial acumen was apparent even as an undergraduate. "I am pleased to contribute what I hope will be a beautiful addition to the campus."

The new fitness center, to be named the Leroy Merritt Fitness Center, will span two stories and create a new entrance to the Gill Center, home to the College's 24 athletic teams. The fitness center project estimated at \$4 million will feature several distinct areas where various activities, such as individual workouts on cutting-edge equipment, team weight training and Pilates classes, can happen simultaneously. A dramatic glass curtain wall will offer stunning westerly views of live action on Green Terror playing fields

and sunsets over the Catoctin Mountains and beyond. Other improvements include a new media center and food court for students and sporting events spectators.

The Leroy Merritt Fitness Center, scheduled to break ground in April, is to be the first phase of an overall expansion and renovation of McDaniel's recreation complex. Enhancing student life at the College where 85 percent of students reside on campus is a key focus of McDaniel's 10-year campus master plan, adopted in 2003.

During his student days, Merritt enjoyed boxing, football, playing golf and piling classmates into his 1932 Plymouth for rides to the Pit, a downtown Westminster hang-out. He always had spending money, thanks to the business he operated with buddy Jack Molesworth '52, MEd'59, selling late-night hot dogs, sandwiches and sodas to guys in the residence halls long after the dining hall closed and female students had gone inside to meet their 10 p.m. curfew.

Summer jobs as a block layer taught Merritt much about the construction business. A two-year teaching stint after graduation—undertaken, in part, to fulfill a requirement of the senatorial scholarship that sent him to college—instilled in him an abiding interest in helping young people. As his real estate

An artistic rendering of the Leroy Merritt Fitness Center, planned as the first phase of an overall expansion and renovation of the College's recreation complex.

dynasty has grown, so has his philanthropic portfolio. Merritt Properties supports dozens of organizations, such as The Children's Guild, Special Olympics and Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, while Merritt has personally sponsored many college scholars.

"Leroy is a wonderful alumnus; he has been helping people and changing lives his entire career," said Bob Warfield '62, a college trustee who serves on the institutional advancement and buildings and grounds committees. "We are the college that changes lives and that means educating the whole person. Physical fitness is an important part of a well-lived life, and Leroy's gift will help us build an irresistible facility that draws everyone in to exercise."

McDaniel's new fitness center is designed by Marshall Craft Associates of Baltimore. The firm also designed the new 46,000 square-foot Academic Hall that opened in October 2005 and won a Masonry Institute of Maryland Design Award. Project contractor will be Henry H. Lewis Contractors, LLC of Owings Mills.

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Gift Highlight

KENNETH H. & PATRICIA FOSTER EKIN—\$420,181

Made through a bequest to establish the *Kenneth H. and Patricia Foster Ekin Scholarship Fund*. During his lifetime, Ekin was the chief counsel for the CSX Railroad. The Ekins' gift benefits bright, deserving McDaniel College students, in perpetuity, by building the College's scholarship resources.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Dorothy Robinson Greer '26, of Bel Air, Md., on September 11, 2005.

Dr. Ralph M. Reed '31, of San Antonio, Texas, on September 30, 2005.

Mrs. Mabel Wentz Shaffer '33, of Manchester, Md., on November 10, 2005.

Mr. Roland N. Shaffer '34, of Manchester, Md., on January 3, 2006.

Mrs. Olive Butler Loss '35, of Odessa, Del., on September 21, 2005.

Mrs. Dorothy Barnes Stegman '35, of Westminster, Md., on November 16, 2005.

Mrs. Elizabeth Erb Budell '38, of Harwich Port, Mass., on September 9, 2005.

Dr. Charles E. Millard '38, of Warren, R.I., on September 20, 2005.

Mr. Henry B. Reckord '38, of Towson, Md., on December 18, 2005.

Mr. Charles O. Spang '38, of Aberdeen, Md., on November 25, 2005.

Miss Cora A. Dunn '41, of Cumberland, Md., on 2005.

Mr. Paul Aletynus '42, of Corbett, Ore., on October 6, 2005.

Dr. Irvin E. Biasi '42, of New Oxford, Pa., on October 2, 2005.

Mrs. Miriam Bond Gilbert '42, of Laurel, Md., on January 21, 2006.

Mr. Alfred S. Hancock '42, of Pocomoke City, Md., on October 17, 2005.

Mr. Edgar W. Smith Jr. '42, of Albuquerque, N.M., on April 6, 1999.

Mrs. Anna Robey Weis '42, of Westminster, Md., on December 18, 2005.

Mrs. Clara Sterner Freeman '43, of Oakland, Md., on January 4, 2006.

Mrs. Ruth Baugher Keeling '43, of Berkeley, Mo., on March 15, 2005.

Mrs. Anna Myers Gorsuch '44, of Westminster, Md., on October 19, 2005.

Mrs. Rebecca Larmore Griffith '44, of Salisbury, Md., on January 17, 2006.

Mrs. Marian Stiffler Blenke '45, of Mason, Ohio, on December 30, 2005.

Mrs. Margaret Carter Welkos '45, of Westminster, Md., on September 30, 2005.

Mr. Kenneth E. Chester '46, of Charlotte, N.C., on August 20, 2004.

Mrs. Sarah Moffett Dwyer '46, of Kennett Square, Pa., on November 18, 2005.

Mrs. Mildred Lloyd Olson '46, of Port Richey, Fla., on December 2, 2005.

Mr. John L. Barnes '48, of Olney, Md., on November 27, 2005.

Mrs. Athena Birkholz Manker '48, of Stewartstown, Pa., on October 12, 2005.

Mr. H. Elmer Warner MEd '50, of York, Pa., on July 16, 2005.

Mr. Lawrence T. Bailey '51, of Salisbury, Md., on January 9, 2006.

Miss Margaret L. Stackhouse '52, of Mt. Airy, Md., in September 2005.

Mrs. Enalwe Downs Bowers '53, of Grasonville, Md., on September 25, 2005.

Mr. Duval A. Jones '55, of West Lafayette, Ind., on October 16, 2005.

Mr. Jay "Gus" D. LaMar '55, of Timonium, Md., on December 18, 2005.

Mrs. Joann Waffensmith Miller '55, of Smithsburg, Md., on February 13, 2002.

Mr. John B. Ness '56, of Westminster, Md., on October 27, 2005.

Dr. Ray T. Sunderland MS '58, of Womelsdorf, Pa., on September 13, 2005.

Mrs. Gene Lau Sheffer MS '60, of Glen Rock, Pa., on July 25, 2005.

Mr. John C. Strine '65, of Pensacola, Fla., on January 9, 2006.

Mr. Mark E. Stevens '71, of Philadelphia, Pa., on December 18, 2005.

Mrs. Gertrude Fine Jaquet MEd '73, of New Albany, Ohio, on March 31, 2005.

Mr. George R. Colestock MEd '75, of Camp Hill, Pa., on November 7, 2004.

Mrs. Mary Beth Salem Jenkins '75, of Glen Burnie, Md., on August 18, 2005.

Mr. Robert D. Friedman '76, of Baltimore, Md., on October 12, 2005.

Bishop Howard L. Wallace '81, of Bel Air, Md., on October 27, 2005.

Mrs. H. Louise Bertrand MS '85, of Berlin, Md., on January 7, 2006.

Mrs. Kimberley Ostrow Richey '83, of Derwood, Md., on September 30, 2005.

Mr. Robert F. Dean '94, of Machiasport, Maine, on August 18, 2005.

Mrs. Melissa R. Shamer '05, of Millers, Md., on December 25, 2005.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Marshall, on August trustee, of Uppercu, Md., on December 20, 2005.

Dr. Joseph J. Sisco, honorary doctor of letters 1980, of Chevy Chase, Md., on November 23, 2004.

Marriages

Al Katz '81 to Helen Streimer on September 14, 2005. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Timothy Ruggles '31 to Sabrina Ali-Oglu on September 4, 2004. They reside in Whittensville, Pa.

Heather Ewing '97 to Jamie Mitchell on August 12, 2004. They reside in Perryville, Md.

Leslie Kirkwood '97 to Jack Olish '92 on September 24, 2005. They reside in Doylestown, Pa.

Dan Wooten '97 to Brandi Chase on May 31, 2004. They reside in Natick, Mass.

Aaron Heisler '99 to Christina Addeo '00 on June 5, 2005. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Jameson Pain '99 to Kittie DeLuca '00 on April 30, 2005. They reside in Washington, N.J.

Christina Kolow '00 to Mark Bixler on June 25, 2005. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Michael McGown '00 to Amanda McEarchern on June 25, 2005. They reside in Reisterstown, Md.

Mike Stokes '00 to Meghan Nushbaum '02 on October 8, 2005. They reside in Reisterstown, Md.

Stuart Curtin Jr. '01 to Lisa Duke on June 10, 2005. They reside in Montrose, Colo.

Paul Ostaszski '01 to Susan Miller '02 on July 6, 2005. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Kimberly Adams '02 to Michal Fischer on December 18, 2004. They reside in White Hall, Md.

Rebecca Carswell '02 to Patrick Shuck on October 8, 2005. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Shaiah Gaddy '02 to Marcus McLain on November 12, 2005. They reside in Randallstown, Md.

Miranda Goltz '02 to Jeff Snavely on December 31, 2003. They reside in Gaithersburg, Md.

Rick Grams '02 to Brooke Moore on August 13, 2005. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Dawn Harner '02 to Ronald Long Jr. on July 10, 2004. They reside in Taneytown, Md.

Katie Mavity '02 to Justin Cook on July 30, 2005. They reside in Preston, Md.

Danielle Price '02 to Thomas Rinker on June 5, 2004. They reside in Mt. Airy, Md.

Jeff Stover '02 to Karen Foltz on July 30, 2005. They reside in Hershey, Pa.

Erin Dautz '03 to Eric Traenkner on June 10, 2005. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Tiffany Gibson '03 to Jason Schwartzberg on June 4, 2005. They reside in Hunt Valley, Md.

Jessica Grimes '03 to Joseph Meerdert on June 18, 2005. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Courtney Jones '03 to Andrew Wisk on June 4, 2005. They reside in Salisbury, Md.

Ryan Kelly '03 to Alison Bell on October 15, 2005. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Bobby Lafayette '03 to Sara Thomas '04 on November 25, 2005. They reside in Bel Air, Md.

Brandi Livesay '03 to Ray Tignal on July 9, 2005. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Melissa Merson '03 to Gregory Hill '03 on July 24, 2005. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Matthew Michael '03 to Alana Stubbs '03 on August 7, 2004. They reside in Marriottsville, Md.

Melissa O'Brien '02 to Chris Hickie '03 on October 2, 2004. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Jaime Rosenberry '03 to Dustin Kennedy on September 3, 2005. They reside in Fairfield, Pa.

Julie Snoops '03 to Mike Cronon on January 31, 2006. They reside in Federal Hill, Md.

Shannon Zymaniak '03 to Michael Dale on October 8, 2005. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Jodi Underwood '03 to Scott Grubb on October 29, 2005. They reside in Littlestown, Pa.

Michael Bair '04 to Bryana Miller on June 18, 2005. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Kelly Biedermann '04 to Jason Flemming on July 16, 2005. They reside in Damascus, Md.

Jennifer Grabill '04 to Brian Clinton on July 9, 2005. They reside in Union Bridge, Md.

Jacqui Kellner '04 to Christopher Lom '04 on September 23, 2005. They reside in Bowie, Md.

Heather Slack '04 to Gary Mielke Jr. on May 14, 2005. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Patricia French '05 to Brian Comegna '03 on June 18, 2005. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Timmy Ganske Jr. '06 to Kari Halvorsen on September 3, 2005. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Births

Tai Roelke, in April 2005, to Bill '79 and Luyan Roelke.
Robert E. McCarthy IV, on September 8, 2005, to Robert '90 and Mary Baschoff '91 McCarthy.
Aaron Clarke, on March 24, 2005, to Steven and Jennifer Ashbrook '91 Clarke.
Alexandra "Laxxi" Gaccione, on August 25, 2004, to Paul '91 and Julia Gaccione.
Trent Joseph Lomax, on March 18, 2005, to Paul '91 and Anita Lomax.
Madison Ryan MacDonald, on August 11, 2004, to Chris '91 and Patty MacDonald.
Cole Clark Hospelthorn, on May 30, 2005, to Clark '92 and Shana Burdick '95 Hospelthorn.
Ty David Hospelthorn, on December 8, 2005, to Clark '92 and Shana Burdick '95 Hospelthorn.
Grace Elizabeth and Caroline Kelly Rapp, on June 17, 2005, to John '92 and Kerri-Ann Wagner '94 Rapp.
Landrigan Rosa Buzzi, on December 4, 2005, to Edward Buzzi '93 and Sue Clabby.
Reese Elizabeth Lynch, on June 1, 2005, to Christopher '93 and Heather Bally '95 Lynch.
Hudson Jordan Weber, on October 12, 2005, to Russ '93 and Keri Sellenberg MS'00 Weber.
Emma Grace Meloche, on November 9, 2005, to Kyle '94 and Amy Newell '94 Meloche.
Robert J. Nightingale III, on March 17, 2005, to Rob '95 and Amy Nightingale.
Julia May and Maia Louise Bihari, on July 6, 2005, to Jonathan and Kathy Gaston '96 Bihari.
Ashley Lynne Aldridge, on October 20, 2005, to Tim and Susanna Kuespert '97 Aldridge.
Tommy Burn, on May 21, 2004, to Tom '97 and Alyssa Dunbar '97 Burn.
Avery Shea Chambers, on June 19, 2005, to Shaun and Shea Henyon '97 Chambers.

Ryan Edward Czech, on March 25, 2004, to Chris '97 and Stacey Glacken '97 Czech.
Zakary Adam Kelm, on August 5, 2005, to Stephen and Heather Jacoby '97 Kelm.
Earl Robert Kipler III, on April 12, 2005, to Earl and Cathy Pech '97 Kipler.
Charles Rodney Ritter, on April 30, 2004, to Nathan and Laura Veise '97 Ritter.
Harmony Maya Shipley, on May 2, 2005, to Evan and Beth Ann Marsh '97 Shipley.
Emily Stiles, on March 11, 2005, to Ducean and Dawn Downey '97 Stiles.
H. Taylor Van Nostrand, on October 4, 2004, to Howard and Cindy van der Nat-Van Nostrand '97.
Emma Jane Bell, on April 14, 2005, to Charles and Jenny Addeo '99 Bell.
Madison Feracci, on June 24, 2005, to Nick '99 and Michelle Crow '98 Feracci.
Rylan Joshua Jenkins, on September 12, 2005, to Josh '99 and Jessica Lewis '99 Jenkins.
Jacob Dominic Bland, on September 9, 2005, to Christopher and Amy Cipolloni '00 Bland.
MacKenzie Grace Bowman, on August 25, 2005, to Ryan '00 and Katie Swierkos '01 Bowman.
Hannah Elizabeth Church, on January 20, 2005, to Ronald and Nicole Derr '01 Church.
Lillian Elizabeth Kelly, on September 2, 2005, to Jeremiah '01 and Aimee Kelly.
Hannah Ware, in January 2005, to Josh and Stephanie McFeeley '02 Ware.
Noah Jacob Brown, on July 27, 2005, to Steve and Katie Odo '03 Brown.
Kaylin Littleton, on May 11, 2004, to Andrew and Kary Magee '03 Littleton.
Natali Morgann Bollinger, on October 29, 2005, to Bobby and Brandi Thayer '04 Bollinger.
Grace Jennifer Glennon, on December 12, 2005, to Mike MS'05 and Jennifer MS'04 Glennon.



Ring Our Bell

Here in the campus phone center, bells like this one ring loud and clear every time a student caller receives a pledge for the Annual Fund. Besides keeping things lively down here in Winslow Hall, your gift will resound all over campus by supporting everything from scholarships to state-of-the-art classroom technology to field trips. Please answer the call from your alma mater—and ring our bell.

To make a gift online, please visit our website at www.mcdaniel.edu.

GET BACK

Reunions on the Hill 2006

FRIDAY, APRIL 28—SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2006

WHAT?

Reunion Weekend 2006

WHEN?

April 28 through
April 30, 2006

WHERE?

McDaniel College
campus

WHO'S CELEBRATING?

All classes whose graduation year ends in a "1" or a "6" and the first-year-out class. This includes: 1926, '31, '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '05.

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
410-343-9095
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, all alumni who would like to attend events are welcome to register.



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Watch your mailbox and the College website (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.

Notes

Master's Column

Harry Fogle MEd '79, Carroll County's assistant superintendent of school management and instruction, will lead a team of eight managers who will oversee transportation, guidance, human resources and other key departments in the Baltimore city school system.

Frank Lala MEd '80 received a William F. "Bill" Callahan Award at the NAADAC and TAAP conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, on July 9, 2005. This award is presented for sustained and meritorious service at the national level to the profession of addiction counseling. Dr. Lala is currently the director/clinical supervisor for the Northwest Debt Addiction Center in Vancouver, Wash.

After 22 years in administration at Brunswick High School in Frederick County, **Melvin "Buz" Whitfield MEd '81** is the new principal at Smithsburg High School.

Joseph Padasak Jr. MS '91, the superintendent of the Windber (Pa.) Area School District, was named the new superintendent of the Chambersburg Area School District.

Eric King MS '01 is the newest assistant principal at Century High School. He taught English at Bowling Brook Prep School, a school for juvenile offenders, for six years before becoming the director of school activities. He also taught English at Westminster High School for one year before transferring to South Carroll High School where he served as an assistant principal.

Honor Class Notes

Members of the Honor classes include all those who graduated before 1950 and whose class does not have its own reporter. The notes were compiled by Rhonda J. Myers '88.

1929 Virginia Holland Nicoll, of Salisbury, Md., writes that she's proud to be an Honor Class member. Her life is full and enjoyable. She's enjoying good health, hearing and sight. She is still driving, playing bridge, listening to good classical music, opera and watching television. She visited her grandson who is an attorney residing in Tennessee. Virginia's brother, **Charles Holland**, resides in a nursing home in Ocean City, Md.

1931 Ruth Anna Kelbaugh Hickett recently celebrated her 95th birthday with all of her family. She writes that she is in very good health, but enjoys the "assisted living" at the Wyngate located in Parkersburg, W.Va.

1933 Susannah Cockey Kiefer continues to live in her home in Catonsville, Md. She still drives, but avoids the beltway if possible. She's involved with woman's club, church and weekly Multiple Sclerosis group. She takes homemade goodies and visits with MS people. She spent two weeks in Baja, Calif., and Mexico during the summer with her 20 family members.

Toivo Puro, of Richmond, Ky., writes that it's been 73 years since he said goodbye to WMC. "However, I never forget them and their wise guidance for a lifetime summarized in a soon-to-be-published book on military weapon engineering. I fondly remember my dear classmates, Captain Waters, Captain Woodley, Sergeant Lavin (ROTC) and Dick Harlow taught me to run when the going got tough."

1934 Elizabeth Mellor Johnson still paints pictures in oil, acrylic and water-colors. She also reads many novels. She's well and happy in her retirement community on the Eastern shore in Maryland.

Elizabeth Humphreys Mahoney, of Annapolis, Md., writes that she is in good health and spirits at the age of 93. She resides in her home of 55 years and enjoys her large and loving family—four children and their spouses and eight beautiful grandchildren. She sends greetings to any of the class of '34 out there!

Arlene Guyton Runkles makes her home in Mt. Airy, Md. She's 93 years old and she is a volunteer piano player at her nursing home, senior center and church. She enjoys her weekly yoga class.

1936 Marguerite Carrara Bruce turned 90 on her last birthday. She still enjoys driving and dancing. She resides in La Mesa, Calif.

Joshua Cockey and wife reside in an assisted living facility in Hamilton, Va. **Allen Dudley**, of the Homewood

Retirement Center in Hanover, Pa., is in good spirits and shaly health. He is still living in a cottage with his wife, **Caroline Smith Dudley '38**.

Jane Leigh Hartig, of Ellicott City, Md., sends greetings to her classmates and friends. She and Franz are still around. They enjoy athletic events at Johns Hopkins (Franz's alma mater) whenever they can, especially lacrosse. She attended the Hopkins championship game in Philadelphia, Pa. **Hooray Hopes!**

Doris Smedes Stonebraker sends best wishes to all of you '36ers from Westminster, Md. She writes that most of what you remember is still here but oh so much has been added! Personally, she is fine, regretting only that careers and marriages have spread her dear family members all over the country and that she's less inclined to travel. She's looking forward to hearing from her classmates.

1937 It has been a pleasure to read your replies. They reveal that everyone is coping well with what the "golden years" are offering us. **Louise Shipley Fillion** is still living in Riverton, Wyo., and continues her hobby of repairing books at the public, college, and church libraries and is the church librarian. Each summer she and her family have been able to visit friends and family in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Dorothy "Dot" Hull Brown is still playing bridge. She reads a lot and goes on one or two overnight trips with her daughters. She sees **Margaret "Margie" Hoshall Burch** once a month at meetings of "Antique Arts" in St. Mary's County. Dot thinks that our 65th class reunion may have been our last because there were too only three of us there and we may be 100 for the 70th.

Sue Hance (Shipley) Clabaugh is happy to have celebrated her 90th birthday in May '05, and to still be alive and in her home, drive her car and "live each day to the fullest." She has wonderful friends and family to check on her.

Everett Fogle says, "I am very glad that I chose to attend WMC, and I appreciate and followed the goals presented me there." He served as a combat battalion surgeon with the 86th Division (infantry) and was awarded the Combat Medical Badge and the Bronze Star (valor). He retired from general practice after about 30 years.

His wife was a nurse at the hospital where he interned. They have two sons, one a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Medical School and the other of the Medical College of Virginia. He says that he had enjoyed retirement until he recently began to have some difficulty walking.

Ralph Luman (Capt.) reports that in November '04 he and Wilma moved into "Atlantic Shores," a retirement

community and have found it very satisfactory. He thinks that they should have moved a year earlier because the past year "has been one big problem after another." With successful treatment he is in good health again. They have been married almost 65 years.

Arline "Hut" Hudson Marvil is still able to live in her home and drive her car for short distances. She gives several doctors credit for keeping her so active and is thankful for many blessings. She comments, "Getting old is no fun."

Robert McKenize reports that he is "alive and kicking" at 89 years of age. He has fond memories of "dear old WMC" and his many friends there.

Julia "Judy" Ward Walker and her husband are still in their home in Gaithersburg but spend most of the summer in their lake home in Louisa, Va. On October 1, 2005, they celebrated their wedding anniversary and also this year welcomed two great-grandsons into the family.

I didn't get a reply from **Paul Wooden** but I know that he and **Peggie** are living at Blakehurst, a retirement facility near Towson. His sister, **Virginia Wooden Smith '40**, and her husband are living in a cottage here at William Hill Manor. **Winifred Harwood Howell '39** is also in a cottage here.

When I wrote the column two years ago, **Marvin** and I were still living in our cottage here at William Hill Manor. His physical difficulties increased to the extent that in November '04, he had to move into **Marvel Hall**, an assisted living facility here. In September, '05, I moved into an apartment in the main building, which relieves me of having to go out in bad weather. My general health is good, but I am not as active. I am hoping that I will be able to go back to the Hill in 2007 for our class reunion and that many of you will join me there.

Our daughter **Melissa Smith Barnes '72** lives in Littlestown, Pa., Sally Smith Pettegrew is still in Jacksonville, Fla., and son **Marvin Hugh Smith Jr.** lives near Denton, Md. We have eight grandchildren, five great-grandsons, and one great-granddaughter.

Thanks again for your news. **Rebecca Groves Smith** 501 Dutchman's Lane, Apt. 308 Easton, MD 21601-3382

1939 Julia Berwager makes her home in Manchester, Md. Her fondest memories are of those years that she was a devoted supporter of WMC's "fearless and bold." At her age and stage of health she reports to her fellow classmates that she is doing as well as can be expected. She's had the most fulfilling and good life.

May Sinden Claggett resides at the Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md. She plays bridge, belongs to the music club, the library committee and participates in other ongoing

activities. Sadly, her husband **Royal L. Claggett '53** passed away last February and she is going through the adjustment process. She sends blessings to all of her classmates.

Elmer Allison Ford, of Salt Lake City, Utah, is thinking of moving to a retirement home in two to three years. He's still traveling and enjoyed a trip to Germany and Scotland.

Winifred Harward Howell enjoys life in her cottage in Easton, Md. Several fellow alumnae reside there and they enjoy being together.

Thelma Yohn Lockard, of Reisterstown, Md., recently lost her husband of 65 years. She retired from teaching in 1980. Thelma's son, Denny, runs a consulting business and has a son and daughter. Her daughter, Bonnie Richardson, works for T. Rowe Price in Owings Mills, Md., and resides in Finksburg. Her son teaches traffic safety in North Carolina. Her daughter, Regina, is married to Chris Michaels and has two boys and teaches at Hampstead Elementary school.

Emeline Newman says that she recently met and happily shared her 93rd birthday with some dear and younger friends who keep her active and interested in today's rapidly changing life style! Her memories of those special days on the Hill do not fade and she was privileged to be there then. She sends warm regards from Tucson, Ariz.

Dr. Aaron Schaeffer, of Pikesville, Md., sold his practice but now works one day a week. He, and Phyllis travel a lot and visit museums, especially the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Carolyn Timmons Suit makes her home in Ocean City, Md. According to Carolyn it seems that the classmates are becoming fewer and fewer. She enjoys the news of the College.

Frances Stout Taylor writes that she and Raymond are still on the farm in Princess Anne, Md., caring for their five dogs, five cats and one horse for which she has designed a harness—for when she gets down (almost every day) and cannot get up. Raymond has to take that hoist with his little Koboda tractor. Two of their four children live nearby. They enjoy keeping up with them and their eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She often thinks about her wonderful four years at WMC.

Louise Leister Hailley, of Manchester, Md., writes that the twins are still the light of her life. They are finished with college. Katherine is in her third year of medical school. She will graduate at the United Nations in New York next year as a veterinarian. Helen works at a day care for dogs in Washington, D.C., and owns a Great Dane. He came for Christmas dinner two in his new raincoat. He doesn't care for the boots. Helen also teaches riding at the stables. Both girls are accomplished horse women. Their horse and ponies are now retired in her back pasture. Louise and

her friend spent Thanksgiving week in Scottsdale, Ariz., at his daughter's.

Ethel Barnes Berry spends time watching and following her seven grandchildren. Two little ones play lacrosse and baseball; three are in college, one has a job and one is on the way to Iraq. She and Chris enjoy time, which is precious, and also watch the "pills and carbs" pull them along. She resides in Salisbury, Md.

John Low Carnochan celebrated his 62nd wedding anniversary with a lot of family this past July. He resides in Frederick, Md.

Doris Mathias Hood writes that she fell and bruised her spinal cord and has not been able to recover sufficiently enough to live independently. She has moved to another part of the campus at Greenspring Village, in Springfield, Va., where she can receive the support she needs. Her daughter, Susan, and granddaughter Amy are close by. They help out and visit often.

Charles Miller Hovan writes "thanks for the wonderful memories." He makes his home in Washington Grove, Md.

James Robert Langdon lost his wife **Ina Rakes '41**. He lives with his bachelor son, Don, at home in Westminster, Md. He receives help from his other two sons who live nearby. He also receives help from visiting angels and his grandson's mother-in-law. He walks with the assistance of a walker, has good vision but poor hearing. He has close ties with the Westminster Brethren Church and with Heifer International. He sends blessings to all of WMC.

Helen Newman Pancake is still in good health and her family is fine. She sends greetings from Toms River, N.J.

Grace Scull Rand recently moved to the Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md. She's looking forward to meeting alumni!

Eleanor Perry Reif is still active in volunteer work, church and community activities. She is tickled pink about the birth of her second great-grandson. She resides in Kensington, Md.

Elizabeth Helm Retzer writes that after two years of poor health she bit the bullet and moved into a retirement home. Regardless of hurricanes she decided to stay in Sarasota, Fla. She said that cold water is not for her. Her recent travels include Mexico and the mountains of North Carolina. Her eldest daughter is back in New York with her cello. Her youngest daughter remarried and now resides in Winston Salem, N.C. Her granddaughter was on the Dean's list at the University of Chicago. She is going for her Ph.D., M.D. in research. "Who could ask for anything more, especially since she wears a size 6 petite!"

Lalia Scott Riley moved to a retirement village in Skyville, Md., in

December '04. Her husband Ray recently passed away. She is doing well in her fine little cottage. She is enjoying swimming, walking and the fine companionship of friendly people, some of whom are WMC alumni.

Frank Shipley of Annapolis, Md., retired from the practice and returned to medicine in Annapolis. He lost his wife after a long illness. He reads, plays golf and bridge. He has loved traveling and has visited 37 countries. He has even been scuba diving. All of his family lives near. He lives with his twin sister and brother-in-law. Other relatives live five minutes away. Four granddaughters are in college.

"Still alive at the ripe age of 87," writes **William H. Shockley**. He received a nice letter from **Norma Nicodemus** and **Lester "Bo" Knepp '41** but has not had other contact from WMC alumni. He is in a retirement village in Quincy, Pa., to spend his "golden years."

Charles Swinderman still plays the organ at St. John's Church in Westminster, Md., where he also resides.

Earle and Ethel Erb '42 Wildlife send greetings from the Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md. They recently became great-grandparents to Emily Korneben and Hunter Gilmour. They are pleased to find a good number of WMC alumni living at the village. Their health has been good considering that they are great-grandparents.

Dorothy Brown Wambish lives her fellow alumni well from Tampa, Fla. She is still unhappy about her alma mater's name change.

Wesley Sheffield's wife, **M. Louise Grew '43**, reports that Wes continues with his creative writing group and occasional discussion groups at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Louise's "Women on Women" group is discussing Thomas Moore's "Dark Nights of the Soul." They will visit friends in Marathon, in the Florida Keys, in November. In January they will cruise from Vienna to the Black Sea to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

David Osborn claims that what we eat, drink, breathe, and think governs our health. He is still studying these areas. His three sons are employed. He has five grandchildren. Life gets more exciting day by day.

Jane Fleagle Frisell is still feeling the effects from her back fracture of '03, but getting along with much help from her son, Bob. In September '05, she had to go to the ER with a TIA (small stroke). She lost contact with her roommate, **Ginny Bowen Hornung**, years ago but does wonder about her. Jane's son, Bill, won the 2005 Grammy award for the best contemporary jazz recording. His daughter visited Jane from New York. She's going to school in New York and is very involved with photography there.

As usual, **Don Griffin** has been traveling this year. He spent this past July high in the mountains of Peru (on a work mission for the church). Don says, "The scenery and views were spectacular. We had our 60th anniversary in October. All is well with us."

Emily Linton Carnochan and John '40 are still managing to live in their home and enjoy visiting their children in New York City, Boston, Austin, Texas, and two live close by in Frederick. They have eight grandchildren, ranging in age from 4 to 27! "No great-grand, yet!"

It was good to hear from **Jean Stover Owens**. She stays close to home since travel has become so difficult. Jean says, "It seems close friends from WMC are now gone. Guess we are lucky to still be here. Can't stand the name change. Will always be WMC."

Edna Trieler Jess was able to prevent a heart attack with surgery. Her brother, **Henry '41**, died in November '04.

Zack Ebaugh says, "Ages and I haven't been close to WMC for seven years and we spend too much time in doctor's offices. It would feel so good to be healthy again." Zack managed to keep busy with the senior citizens clubs, military unit, VFW and American Legion.

Gladys Crabg is still busy at the wellness center swimming, attending Tai Chi classes and weight exercises. She still does church work, reads to second graders, and reads to a friend, who is losing her sight, at the retirement home. She speaks at various functions and participates in "College for Kids." *The Book of Memories* from the class Gladys taught at the retirement home, was to be officially launched Dec. 27.

Bob Bricker prefers **Mary Louise Schuckert '44** do the correspondence. He is okay and they are happily and comfortably situated in a complete retirement community with no responsibilities and their family is nearby. Bob isn't too active as a result of back surgery but they do most everything they want to, except travel.

Isaac "Ike" Rehert says, "Far too often I look around and see my peers filtering, some falling. It is the malady of having attained this venerable age. I'm not complaining. I'm still here and I'm glad."

Betty Cornary Pickens has eight grandchildren and one grandson who are busy and doing well. One granddaughter has a mechanical engineering degree but wanted to be a dentist. Her older sister has an M.A. in social work. Two others are in college. Another has a degree in the arts but left that and is working as a paralegal. Two others are in high school and the last manages a pet store. Her grandson loves the great outdoors and works accordingly. Both of her daughters died of cancer. Both sons are busy in their fields—Michelin and Galeana. Betty's husband, Gid, died in 2003. Betty says, "All sounds too grim—

but I'm keeping on, keeping on."

Edgar Smith and his beloved wife, Janet, have both passed away. Edgar died in 1999 following complications of pneumonia and Janet died in March '05 after a brave battle with Alzheimer's. This was reported by their son, Matthew Smith.

Col. George Marshall's wife of 57 years passed away last year at 75. George now lives with his daughter, her husband and four grandchildren. He is involved in a Thursday night fellowship for dinner and games. He still maintains his double mobile home at Lake Lanier. He has just had his 80th birthday after having had six bypass surgeries over 11 years ago.

Elmer Evans and his wife celebrated their 58th anniversary in February '06. She is constantly in acute pain with spinal stenosis. Their daughter and son-in-law lost their Florida home to Hurricane Charley at Port Charlotte last year and are just getting started rebuilding. Security permits to build take months. Elmer's boat "finally gave it up this past summer so I have been shore-bound for most of the season." He says he spent \$8 grand to rescue the old timer so he's ready to go next season weather and health permitting. He still gardens and health constraints prevent them from traveling much beyond Atlantic City.

In October '05, **Jim Townsend** was sweating out another hurricane—Wilma, still playing around in the Gulf. He spent most of the month of August with his daughter and family at their ranch in Texas, all grandchildren and great-grandchildren present. He had just returned from a wonderful trip on the Rhine and Danube Rivers in Europe. He started in Amsterdam with daily stops in Cologne, Heidelberg, Nuremberg, Vienna, Budapest and other stops in between. Everything was first class all the way. He was to visit his son and family in Phoenix for Thanksgiving and return just in time to get ready for Christmas. He is managing to keep his golf and tennis routine going as well as driving Meals on Wheels and working at Veteran's clinic once a week.

Jean Ayres Cardwell moved 18 times since leaving college (having lived in Florida and California) and is now back home in Maryland. "After living in San Diego for seven years my daughter, Alison, and I moved to Baltimore County in 2003. It feels great to be home. I try to keep in touch with my college friends, **Ethel Hale Talbert**, **Clara Arther Huffington**, **Libby Tyson Koether**, and my friend from first grade, **Kathryn Tipton Kerr**. It's always good to share memories with them."

Ed and Louise Young Thomas spent a week in September '05 in California, visiting with two sons and their families. "Thank goodness both sons live in El Segundo, the Los Angeles area. Our youngest son has our newest grandson,

not a great-grandson. For people out there that see seems real special." Ed has had a few bypasses and is doing well.

Elizabeth "Libby" Tyson Koether says, "I don't travel much anymore," though she did go to Ireland in February '05 where she swam outdoors in 32-degree weather. "The organ's thermal heating did the trick," she says. She also went parasailing last summer. Other than that, her life goes along with usual activities.

Jan Yentsch Elenburg, in Birmingham, Ala., had a hectic 2005. "Bob passed away March 23, 2005 as the result of Parkinson's disease. I had a rough time recovering. Stress always brings on numerous medical problems." She is looking forward to 2006 being better. She still works at the gallery and sells some paintings. Jan sends a big "hi" to the class of '42.

Lee Kindley and Mary have had a bumpy year, but in spite of their medical problems, they still took a summer cruise from Seattle to Alaska. Both of their children and families were with them. They had a wonderful trip celebrating their 58th anniversary. Lee says, "We are blessed with our two children and three grandchildren."

Frank Tarbuton tries to bring his address list up to date. He has made a reconnaissance for our next reunion in 2007.

Bill '41 and Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds Adolph keep in touch with several classmates. They had a trip to Hilton Head in January '05 and visited Lester "Bo" '41 and Norma "Nicky" Nicodemus '40 Knapp and Arlie '44 and Ellen Piel '46 Mansberger. In August, they attended the annual Western Maryland College luncheon in Ocean City hosted by Benjamin "Bud" '43 and Joanne "Dieffie" Dieffenbach '44 Smith. In October, they had a great trip to Ireland for 10 days. In the travel group they met **Bill '50 and Winifred "Win" Spencer '53 Dulany**. They see **Don '41 and Marty Hodgson '43 Honeman**, the Smiths and **Judy Collinson Garber '41**. In January they headed to Florida where they would visit their college friends on the way.

Carolyn "Cyn" Rudisill Mather says, "Sorry about all your medical problems but it sounds as if you and the doctors were able to control them. Aren't medicine and surgery wonderful these days? No exceptional interesting developments in my life—except my great family and three wonderful children (all over 56 now) and my 10 exceptional grandchildren and super great-grandchildren—two boys and two girls. I am very fortunate because most of my gang live in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. The little ones call me GG (for great-grandma) and I see them frequently for lots of wonderful hugs and squeezes. My volunteer work has lessened but I still help out during the Water Foot festival. I feel so fortunate that I am still walking and enjoying life."

Kathryn "Tip" Tipton Kerr had a hip replacement and is feeling great.

Lucille Grimm Berry was a librarian for 27 years at Sykesville High School and Middle School. After retiring she traveled some including the National Parks and seven countries of Europe. She has been to all seven U.S. states.

My husband, Jack, and I still live in Churchville. I have enjoyed writing the class of '42 news for the past 30-plus years, but now would like someone to take over for me. Our granddaughter, Erin Aucker, will be married in June '06 in St. Louis, Mo., and we hope to be there! Erin is the older daughter of **Brian '92 and Pam Huffington '92 Aucker**. I have also recovered from heart surgery and I can't do as much as I'd like. Jack and I still do get out to eat sometimes.

Clara Arther Huffington
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1943 **Robert Beglin** resides with his wife at the Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover, Pa. He is very happy there and has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He does visit the campus and enjoys it.

Marie Steele Cameron is doing fine at the age of 83. She's healthy and her brain is working well. She lives in Melbourne, Fla.

Winifred Wareheim Conner enjoys being a great-grandma! She loves watching new generations unfold. She stays busy with church projects and gardening. She resides in Goose Creek, S.C.

Margaret Fox Dubler would love to hear from **Jane Etzin Stull** again. Margaret writes that she's okay except for the leg problems. Her car helps when she goes outside. Her son, Tom, takes her around several times a week which is a big help. He also helps her at home every day as he lives in the second-floor apartment in the same house where she lives in Baltimore, Md. She does most of the cooking and tries to avoid the stuff in cans.

Joshua Ensor still walks 2 miles each morning on the campus of Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md. He and his wife, **Pat Patterson '48**, enjoy their lifestyles and the friendship of other alumni! **Benjamin "Bud" and Joanne Dieffenbach '44 Smith** and others spend their winters together in Live! Cocoa Beach, Fla. They'd love visitors! **Bertha Bald Fallows**, reports that her husband, Harold "Bunch" Fallows, passed away this past September. She resides in Timonium, Md.

A. Ridgely Friedel would extend love and greetings to all of the gang we know at WMC, if he could, according to his wife **Thelma Young Friedel '45**. She reported that Ridge is living in a lovely facility for dementia patients. He also has Parkinson's disease.

Alvin Levin has been awarded the Arizona Intercollegiate Press Association honor for 2005 for teaching journalism in Glendale Arizona Union High School in 1946 to 1952. He was the editor of the *Gold Bug* at WMC 1942-1943. He makes his home in Baltimore, Md.

Lee and Pearl Bodmer Lodge continue to live in their Frederick, Md., home of 25 years. Their travels are now limited to day and shorter overnight auto trips. Their family back vacations to Stone Harbor, N.J., are a summer treat. They were introduced to Stone Harbor by **Bob and Perk Haller '46** Begin over 50 years ago. They always look forward to and enjoy visits with WMC friends.

Mary Walker Metzger, of Greenwood, S.C., keeps busy with volunteering at her museum and church work. She enjoys being near her daughter and her family. She travels to Atlanta and Charleston, except for the trip last summer to the Grand Canyon. She drove with her daughter and granddaughters, sightseeing along the way. She had a lot of fun. All is well in South Carolina.

Frances Ogden Moore stays very busy with her genealogical societies. She resides at a continuing care community in Chestertown, Md. She enjoys the many planned activities. She remains active and well. Her family who live in New Jersey frequently visit in the summer.

Peggy Wilson Ruppberger writes that in 1946 she returned to WMC to attend her first homecoming after World War II. She brought her most precious possession, her 10-month-old son Charles Albert Ruppberger III. In 2005, she returned to the campus with that son now known as congressman Dutch Ruppberger, member of the House Intelligence Committee. After dinner with the charming and gracious President, Dutch spoke at Decker Hall on International affairs. It was a proud moment for her. She resides in Towson, Md.

Louise Grow and **Wes '42 Sheffield** spent the summer touring New England. They attended a conference with Thomas Moore, author of *Case of the Soul on Cape Cod*. They visited family and friends on Long Island. This past November they visited the Florida Keys. Louise recently won a prize for her essay on "What to do to Help My Community to be a Better Place to Live." The Sheffield's will celebrate their 60th anniversary on a river boat cruise from Vienna to the Black Sea. They reside in Nokomis, Fla.

Louis Guba Shotwell writes that she, her children and grands have been blessed with good health. It is always a special event to receive and read *The Hill* but sad to hear of the death of friends. She makes her home in Graceland, Fla.

Eleanor Healy Taylor, of Glyndon,

Md., writes that she's busy each day with her own varied activities as well as following the school, sports and church activities. All of her grandchildren, ages 2 through 19, live near her. She feels very fortunate. The 19-year-old is a sophomore at Roanoke College. She goes down to see him play varsity lacrosse. With the other "grands" she's a spectator at lacrosse, soccer, football and basketball. Fun! She had a quiet replacement last spring. She's not quite ready to run a 5K but he's doing fine!

1949 **Henry Muller** writes from Towson, Md., that he's "alive and as well as medical science permits."
Wife Lynne was recently appointed coordinator of counseling services for Baltimore County Public Schools. Henry's favorite pastime is administrative substituting in schools from time to time. He looks forward to our 2009 reunion.

George Coulter and wife Helen celebrated their 50th anniversary this past spring when family and friends gave them a wonderful surprise party. They continue to volunteer at their church. Weather permitting, George and his brother walk 18 holes of golf each week. He sends a hello to the class.

Jean Dingus Jenkins and husband Bob are enjoying leisure time in a retirement community in Easton, Md. Bob has retired from his law practice and Jean is finally catching up on reading all the books collected over the years.

Don and Joanne Dillon Lichty feel very lucky to have survived an accident on I-95 on May 1, 2005, when returning north to Virginia after spending the winter in Florida. The car was totaled but a heavy car, seat belts and air bags saved them. Joanne and Don have great-grandson number four born in October '05.

Annette McMahon Wood was saddened to report the sudden death of her husband, David, on Dec. 12, 2004. She is glad to be settled in a continuing care retirement community, Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover, Pa. Her grandson, **Curtis Schaeffer '06**, is a senior at McDaniel and a member of the lacrosse team.

C. Russell Schaeffer Jr. writes that he's nothing new at the retirement home in Quincy, Pa., since he lost his wife over two years ago. He enjoyed reading about **George Walters** and his many successes in *The Hill summer 2005* issue. "CR" sends his best regards!

Word from **Mary Anne Thomas Staszky** is that she and Dick love their life at Cokesbury Village, a continuing-care retirement center 8 miles from Wilmington, Del. Their address is 726 Lovesville Rd., Cottage 33, Hockessin, DE 19707. Mary Anne is in charge of the library at Cokesbury Village, as well as the library at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, where she also sings in the choir. She also volunteers

for the AAUW book room and sale. Mary Anne and Dick are well as are their three children, in-laws and three grandchildren.

James Leonard and wife Dorothy are enjoying their cottage and the amenities at a retirement community in Albany, N.Y. His plans called for playing Pastor Manders in a production of Ibsen's "Ghosts" in October '05. Son Mark is still general manager in PBS-TV. Son Janie works the technical side of major Broadway shows and Manhattan television productions. Jim says, "Here's wishing all the best to '49 alumni/ac...Rock On!"

Esther "Bonnie" Gurbun Finck spent a lovely 2005 of family celebrations—grandson's graduation from San Diego State University and granddaughter's wedding. The "gang" had just returned from a week at Sea Ranch. She is moving to a retirement center in Carmichael in northern California to be closer to her children. Bonnie will miss Orange County but knows it's for the best. Her address is 1939 Walnut #122, Carmichael, CA 95608.

Edward "Lefty" Elliott reports from Towson, Md., that he's had two new knees since October '04 and is doing well.

Mary Dodd Zepp has been busy with volunteer work, adult education courses as well as daughters and family nearby. She learned new skills at Common Ground on the Hill the summer of '05 including playing the bones, a percussion accompaniment to traditional Caribbean music. Originally animal bones were used but these bones are six-inch curved sticks of wood. In addition, Mary has done some Chinese painting. Fall '05 plans called for a trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Donald Egner writes from White Marsh, Md., that wife Leona has regained her health and is back as church organist and choir director. Don is fully retired and enjoying his five grandchildren.

Gay Smith Mullican writes from Frederick, Md., that she swims three times a week and goes to strength training three times a week. With volunteer work at the Literacy Council her days are full. Evenings are long without **Charley '50**, who died several years ago. She asks, "Have any of you discovered Sudoku number puzzles?"

Jack and Doris Vansant Blades write from New Hampshire that they are blessed since they moved close to their daughters. They can now close the door and be on the go without the house to think about. During the summer of 2004 Doris and **Norma Keiger Raffel** went to Mongolia, slept in Gers and rode on miles of dusty unpaved roads. It was great! She and Jack had wonderful adventures in Malta and Majorca to escape New England winters, but the cold followed them. In summer 2005 she and Jack took a two-

week trip around the Gaspé Peninsula. They also tracked down covered bridges along the way and have seen 80 in the northeast part of North America, each different, yet similar.

William Seibert writes from Palmyra, Pa., that in July '05 the children gave an 80th birthday celebration for him and wife Jean. Bill says five of those attending were graduates of WMC/McDaniel—**Jack Bentham '67**, **Sue Seibert Bentham '70**, **David Seibert '78**, **Suzanne Nida Seibert '83**, and **Christopher Seibert '84**.

Lois Royer Macaw writes from Orlando, Fla., that in 2004 they survived Hurricanes Charley, Francis and Jeanne with only six hours without electricity. Their large maple tree split in two with only some debris to clean up. No damage to the house. Thank goodness! Lois' main attention is focused on family, with six grandchildren living within 60 miles, church life groups and Federation of Music Clubs. She's presently preparing a yearbook for her local club.

Norman Stern has displayed 50 pieces of oil painting art at the second annual "One Man Show" in August 2005. Norm was glad to have his children and grandchildren visit during summer '05 at his home on the Penobscot River in Hampden, Maine.

Word from **Margaret "Betsy" Buderer Bivin** in Sarasota, Fla., is that fall plans called for visits to family. First to daughter, whose husband is in Iraq, and granddaughter, 3, in Vermont. Then to ship's captain son and his family in Minnesota, all the while hoping the hurricanes would not interfere. Son Bill with Wycliffe Bible Translators completed the translation of the New Testament last year and had a presentation to Panama's Guaymi Indian group in January. This was a culmination of 17 years of work on that and related projects.

Doris Ritter Ensminger writes there was something new to report. She and husband Bill continue to enjoy good health, many activities in Pennsylvania and Maryland and lots of traveling. Doris is currently doing her father's family tree with only one surprise and one unsolved mystery.

Word from **James G. Formwalt** in Catonsville, Md., is "Hi to all." He's enjoying 19 years of retirement, playing golf, gardening and having fun with his three great-granddaughters, 6, 4, and 1. "Big Jim" says, "There are three grandchildren in college." This and the "grands" keep him young.

Estes Staggs Spittel writes from Sikesville, Md. "My husband **George Louis Spittel** went into cardiac arrest following the luncheon at our McDaniel College campus '49 class reunion and died two days later on May 3, 2004." How glad she is that they had moved to Fairhaven Retirement Community six years before and she now has the security of living there with transition made. She says, "Hur-

rah for continuum-care retirement communities; good friends and family. Thanks for all your calls and letters."

George Hankins writing from Middle River, Md., tells us that they downsized to a smaller home and yard in February so there's more leisure time. They're still traveling a lot in the motor home. George is treasurer of Maryland State Good Sam Organization and also a group of RV clubs. He recently retired as president of the Harriett Lane Home for Children at Hopkins after 23 years. George says, "It was a great and moving experience."

Word from **Frank Stephenson** in Rockville, Md., is that he had emergency heart by-pass surgery in March '04 and has recovered very nicely. A third great-grandchild was born in April '05 to Eric and wife in Anchorage, Alaska. Frank and Patt will see this new little one when they go to grandson Craig's graduation in spring '06 from University of Alaska Fairbanks with a degree in computer science. Son David and wife still live in Fairbanks. Other family lives in Luback, Texas; Gathersburg, Md.; and Garrett County, Md. Frank's fall 2005 plans called for a transatlantic cruise that starts in Dover, England and ends in New Jersey with several stops in Europe and a stop in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Jane Conway Wagner writes from Mt. Airy, Md., that she and husband **Bob '48** are enjoying retirement at home as well as traveling. Both are active in church choirs and she is pianist for the mission choir "The Heirs of Joy," which performs at nursing and senior facilities, hospitals, other churches and prisons. Their annual highlight is a week at Smith Mountain Lake with all the family, 20 in all.

Helen Lavin Bell sent pictures of her lovely contemporary art work. She also sent an announcement of "Art Work," an exhibit during the fall of '05 in Laguna Beach, Calif. Previous in January '05 she had an exhibit of 21 California Missions (rendered plein air) at Mission San Juan Capistrano. Helen's been selected for inclusion in the 25th anniversary edition of *Who's Who in America* (60th diamond edition).

Word from **Dr. Peter Callas** in Hagerstown, Md., is that he and Margaret continue their annual visits to Clarinda, Iowa, to participate in the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society Reunion. They enjoy friendships with many world-wide Miller fans, relatives and orchestra members. Pete is still pushing for a Presidential Medal of Freedom for Glenn (posthumously). He has also worked to urge Governor Ehrlich to honor three war journalists who died in the Mideast. Plaques were placed at the War Correspondents Monument at Garland State Park. He also spends much time as a volunteer on non-profit boards that support retired teachers and seniors, the handicapped, the agricultural community

and area veterans.

Duane Boyer writes from Newtown Geelong Victoria, Australia, that in October '04 he was admitted to the degree of doctor of philosophy at Deakin University. The topic of his thesis is "Defining Moments in Men's Lives: A Story of Personal Narratives." Duane is a personal counselor. He also mentions that he's doing water aerobics and Yoga because of his newly acquired arthritis.

Dr. Stanley Abrams writes from Cherry Hill, N.J., that he retired from general medicine in 1995 and now spends his leisure time selling antique post cards and paper on E-Bay. Son Steven is mayor of Boca Raton, Fla. Daughter Elise Miller had her first novel, *Star Craving Mad*, published in 2004. Daughter Rebecca is director of a music school in Manamornek, N.Y. Stan and wife Shirl celebrated their 20th anniversary with a tour of British Columbia and Alberta, Canada. Stan sends best wishes to all friends from his "Western Maryland College days."

Anne Shupp Schwartzkopf writes from Sarasota, Fla. She and her husband had recently returned from a Danube River cruise featuring Budapest, Vienna and Prague. In Bratislava she found music for some Dvorak string quartets she didn't even know existed and brought copies of them home for her quartet to play. She says, "There couldn't have been a more perfect itinerary than this for a former music major." Anne's second son has just left for a freshman year at college indicating that she has another "high number anniversary come up."

Howard Hall writes that he and wife Janelle are "alive and well, residing at Heritage Harbour, Annapolis, Md., still volunteering, still traveling, still enjoying retirement years."

Ralph Smith Jr. writing from Jacksonville, Fla., says that many of his best memories are of his college years and he wishes he could make it to a reunion. It was great to see **Fletcher Ward**, **Jack Spicknall** and **Joe Wilson '49** at a football game in Jacksonville in 1999 when the Green Terrors defeated Jacksonville University.

"Rev" sends best regards and thanks for keeping in touch.

Word from **Rev. Jack Ammon** from Deland, Fla., is that they return to Pennsylvania each year to the old United Methodist church campground (started in 1849) for June, July and August. Jack and Betty, son and wife, went to Europe this past year to once again follow the same route that his division took during WWII in 1944-45 ending in Paris. After motoring to Normandy through France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany they flew to Miami, Fla., from Zurich, Switzerland. Jack says hi to classmates.

Word from **T. Milton Herbert** from Lancaster, Pa., is that his health is still good so he enjoys his golf. Wife Sara is

in nursing home with Alzheimer's which keeps him close to home.

Joan Baker Hildebrand writes that although she continues to live in Waitfield, Vt., she has finally given up skiing. She thoroughly enjoyed the '49 class 55th reunion and seeing so many familiar faces. Jo does occasionally get to Baltimore to get together with fellow alumnae. She says, "All is well and each day is a joy."

D. S. George Walters has received many awards including a McDaniel College Trustee Alumni Award in May '05, see *The Hill*, summer 2005, pages 16-17. In addition George was recipient of the 2004 Business Man of the Year in Washington, D.C., in March '05. In May '05 George was the presenter of the Dr. S. G. Walters medals to graduating MBAs at the Rutgers University Business School. Additionally George mentions that his grandson George A. Walters III completed a second successful summer as a Christian missionary in Arequipa, Peru. He planned to return to George Tech as a junior in mechanical engineering in September '05. Granddaughter Cassandra Jo Walters had planned to return to Abraham Baldwin College of Agriculture University of Georgia as a sophomore majoring in architectural design and landscaping.

Marian Grefenstain Nash writes from Manchester, Md., that she and Jack keep busy. They are involved with the auxiliary of Carroll Hospital Center where they have volunteered for 16 years. Marian has taught mothers' class at her church for about 30 years. Currently son Charles is a chemical engineer at Savannah River Labs in South Carolina. Daughter Ellen is a piano technician for Baltimore County School. They have one granddaughter, Mary Ellen, 11. Marian says that house, lawn and garden keep them going.

Fletcher and I continue to enjoy spending time in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Our daughter, grandchildren and their friends visited us in July amid our great activity. In September '04 our condo was "barbed" by hurricanes Francis, Charley and Jeanne causing some damage. At Homecoming '05 we were glad to be on the Hill seeing friends, watching the game and tasting the delicious foods. Also our plans called for attending the Alumni Holiday Buffet Brunch in December. There is joy in keeping "College Ties." Thanks to all who sent news and encouragement.

It is sad to report these deaths and we send condolences from the Class of '49: **Nelson Pickering** on May 7, 2003; **George Spittel** on May 3, 2004; **Allen Jacobson** on June 28, 2004; **Katherine Barsley** on September 1, 2004; **Theodore Quells** on September 19, 2004; and **Thomas A. Larsen** on February 12, 2005.

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Thirty-five graduates and an assortment of spouses attended at least part of our 50th reunion weekend. **Doreen McNeil Naish** and **David** came from England; **Walt** and **Marilyn Goldring Rigerick** and **Judy Johnson Kampmann** and her husband from Oregon; **Mary Warner Swadwell** from Nevada and **Shelley Myers Wilten** from Colorado. Coming from Florida were **Doris Tuckwood Linton** and **Dick '54** and **Joe** and **Ira Lee Hohmann Seek**. **Charlie** and **Sandra Clark** came from Georgia; **Ily** and **Barbetta Gorb Miller** from Kentucky; **Suzanne Dorsey Batista** and **John '56** from Ohio; **Al** and **Yvonne "Mike" Webb Wahlers** came from Massachusetts and **Arthur Gould** from northern New Jersey. Coming from Virginia were **Paul** and **Doris Burkert '57 Galvin**, **Gloria Bunting Blades** and **Charlie**, and **Joan Walter Winkelman**.

The rest of us Marylanders did not have so far to travel, including **Pattie Hamerly Churnick** and **Tom**, **Ben Ford McGlynn**, **Jimmie Rye Minter Silvia**, **Carol Ann Coleman Carter**, **Jane Bolter Heins** and **Jim**, **Phil** and **Jean Wantz '56 Lavyer**, **Charlie** and **Ginny Tull '57 Phipps**, **Barbara Harding White** and **Charley**, **Bill Binmestfer**, **Antonia "Toni" Baxter Davis** and **Frank**, **Jean Nicodeme Huss** and **John**, **Betsy Myers Bryant** and **Allan**, **Jay "Gus" and Priscilla McCoy '56 LaMar**, **Donald "Sandy" Roberts** and **Elaine**, **Sam** and **Joan Halter '57 Mann**, **Robert Fringo** and **Helen**, **Mary Lee Younger Schmall** and myself.

The whole weekend, from lunch with President Coley to brunch on Sunday, was great. Being at Mary Lee's on Saturday afternoon was like old times, but without **Craig Schmall** it was bittersweet. Especially reminiscent was the Sunday morning worship service in "Little" Baker Chapel with Inna Lee playing the organ and Barbetta singing a solo. At that time we memorialized the 51 people who were at some time a part of our class and have passed away. Since my last column we have lost **Joann Wafensmith Miller**, **Bill Ashburn**, **Craig Schmall**, **Carol "Rags" Baum**, **Edna Seemer Simmons**, **Rand Hays**, **Ernie Cornelius**, **Harriett Cooley Whitehurst** and **Jim Whitehurst**. Since our reunion I have learned of the deaths of **Anne Nuttal Scott** on May 11, **Barry Murphy** on Aug. 15, **Duval Jones** on Oct. 15 and **Jay "Gus" LaMar** on Dec. 18.

Jay "Gus" LaMar made a special effort to send this message to our column. "Recovery from by-pass surgery has not gone as well as hoped but

Priscilla McCoy '56 keeps me going. It was great seeing so many classmates at the reunion. I later went to my old high school's reunion for the very first time—quite a mellowed-out group. In October we spent a few days in Williamsburg, Va. We still have our condo in Ocean City, Md., where we spend a lot of time in good weather."

After 43 years at Rensselaer, **Anne-Marie Summers Egan** is a professor emerita. She is still doing some teaching but has more free time to enjoy her 14 grandchildren. She and her husband, John, provided the music for the funeral of **Dr. Duval Jones** who taught at Rensselaer for 33 years. He and his family were members of the Presbyterian Church where John is the organist and Anne-Marie the choir director. She was sorry to miss the reunion but the date coincided with her last official classes.

Albert Barnes was also sorry he missed the reunion but again dates did not work out. Since retiring in 1990 he spends four or five months in Normandy Beach, N.J., and the rest of the year in Naples, Fla. He says he "plays at golf" and enjoys the good life. He's in the phone book at both locations so call if you're in the area.

Russ Cook sends greetings from Ocean City, Md. He completed another season as a salesman at Edwards, Ocean City's leading vacation store. He plans to travel to visit his sister, Jane, in California, daughters Cindy in Washington, and Allison in Boston, and son Rusty in Pennsylvania. There are eight grandchildren—six young ladies and two young men.

Gretchen Pierson Brockman is still in Florida in spite of going through three hurricanes in 2004 and one in 2005. She was one of the lucky ones who had no damage. Her son, Ben, has his own construction business in Pennsylvania. Her daughter, Yvette, just bought her second building there. Her grandchildren are doing well. Gretchen goes to water aerobics six days a week. The only man in her life is Max, a 3-year-old Shiltzi.

Roberta "Bobbie" Ramsburg Budd is another hurricane survivor—three in 13 months. Paradise, as much as all Florida, has its downside. Her husband died in October '04, a great loss which hasn't dimmed with time. She is blessed with a loving family, three children, three step-children and a total of eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild. All live in Maryland so she has frequent-flyer status on Southwest Air. She stays busy with hospital and school volunteer work, friends and raising orphans.

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Jeanette "Jan" Spatz James and Don '54 are enjoying retirement in Tennessee. They play lots of golf and visit children and grandchildren—one in southern California, one in Nashville and one in Louisville. They are both blessed with good health.

Shirley Rickards Henderson and Harold "Skitch" '53 moved from their residence of 40 years to Perry Hall, Md. They have both retired and spend their time gardening, volunteering at church and child or dog sitting, plus going to doctors' appointments (the golden age), traveling or simply enjoying the good life. They live in close proximity to their children which makes family activities possible.

Harold "Pete" Posey retired in 1998. He celebrated 50 years of ministry and still works as a supply pastor for two small United Church of Christ churches near Greencastle, Pa. He has worked very hard building a log home in the mountains near Carlisle, Pa. at Mt. Holly Springs. His health is good, he enjoys his three adult grandchildren. He was sorry he couldn't participate in Sunday's memorial service during Reunion Weekend but already had a commitment when he got the request. Another whose schedule prohibited her from attending our reunion was **Jane Parker Miles**. She is still teaching 40 piano students per week and those dates were very busy. The highlight of her year is going on a cruise with her daughter and just-turned-sixteen granddaughter. She often reflects back on her wonderful memories and great friendships made during her four years at WMC.

Ray Davis sends greetings from San Antonio, home of the NBA champions. After a 20-year career as an army chaplain he is facing another retirement. He has served 15 years at a large United Methodist church in San Antonio and has decided to retire at the end of June '06. He and his wife hope to travel and spend time with family in Oklahoma and New Jersey.

Bill Adams is enjoying being a "once was" and having time to enjoy family, friends, challenge-level square dancing, flying, hiking, steam boating (paddle wheelers) and blue water cruising. He and his wife winter on the Jersey shore and summer in the Pennsylvania Poconos.

Bert Springstead fully retired in 1994. Now he and Leni travel via car and boat cruises all over the USA and Europe. A Baltic cruise was a true highlight and recently the Canadian Rockies, a cruise to Anchorage, Alaska, and a flight to Prudoe Bay, where he checked out the oil wells and pipe line. As a Civil War buff he travels from national park to national park battle areas. They live only 45 minutes from Gettysburg where there are many interesting programs to attend.

On Saturday afternoon of reunion

weekend **Betsy Myers Bryant** entertained "Miss Daisy's girls," **Judy Johnson Kampmann**, **Gloria Bunting Blades**, **Jean Nicodemus Huss**, and **Doris Tucker Linton**, and their spouses. They enjoyed reminiscing about their years in the Home Ec department and catching up on their current lives and families.

In July, **Charlie and Gloria Bunting Blades** were visited by their daughter and her family from Alaska. In September, **Gloria and Doris Tucker Linton** spent a week in Salzburg, Austria. They roomed together during the three days they were in Lanfeld, Austria, where Gloria was invited to exhibit five paintings in a group exhibition at Ache 700 Gallery. Gloria says it's been a good year but time flies so quickly. Two of her granddaughters are college freshmen.

Doris Tucker Linton wrote that she and **Gloria Bunting Blades** had a great time being tourists vacationing in Salzburg, Austria, after the opening of the Cultural Center where Gloria's art work was displayed.

Antonia "Toi" Baxter Davis wrote that it was a joy to be part of our 50th, reminiscing with and catching up on the lives of old friends. She and Frank happily live on Lansford Bay and enjoy the good life of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Their daughters and five grandchildren keep them busy and happy.

Arthur "Art" Gould sold his New Jersey shore condo and bought a house in Boynton Beach, Fla. They stay the winter there in the Ponte Vecchio community. They spend time visiting their daughter and granddaughter in Charlotte, N.C. They are back in New Jersey the rest of the year. They enjoy being close to New York City, where they do lots of theatre and museums.

Charlie Phipps says life is good. His health is good for his age. The family is fine. All is well.

Joan Walter Winkelman took a trip to Ottawa, Canada in August. She toured Parliament, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters and many other wonderful places. She ended her trip by cruising the Thousand Islands. When she's not traveling, she takes water aerobics, volunteers at the library, takes conversational Spanish and is an officer of elections.

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Pattie Hamersly Church wrote that the reunion was a joyous occasion for all who attended. She felt the highlights of the reunion were the Presi-

dent's luncheon, the wonderful afternoon at **Mary Lee Younger Schmall's** and the class banquet. All were transported back to our days at WMC. Collegies can't be broken. She is looking forward to the holiday season when her family, three children, spouses and nine grandchildren will be together.

Philip and Jean Wantz '56 Lawyer have had backs, which means no more golf for Phil. Their daughter, **Michelle Lawyer Gibben '87**, loves her job teaching math at McDaniel. Dr. Kevin is doing well in orthodontistry. Their oldest granddaughter has been doing well since her operation. She will be 16 in January. They have seven more grandchildren.

Charley and Barbara Harding White celebrated their 50th anniversary August 28, 2005. Their four daughters and spouses and seven grandchildren and husband as well as other family and friends. They are slowing down but still very much alive. They send best wishes to all.

Paul and Doris Burkert '57 Galvin celebrated their 50th anniversary by taking a two-week vacation to Hawaii.

Since reunion, **Al and Yvonne "Mike" Webb Wahlers** took a tour of the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Wyoming and Mt. Rushmore. Al's sister and brother and their spouses joined them.

Jim and Janet Bolter Heins combine traveling with hobbies and interests at home. Jim is into photography and gives a number of slide shows each year. This year he switched to digital and is ready to give his first power point show to an audience. Jan is busy with art classes, painting and playing the violin. They volunteer in the C&O Canal Historical Park as members of the bike patrol, help with maintenance and clean-up and in historical interpretations.

Mary Warner Swadell and Bob moved into a new home in July and have been unpacking and reorganizing ever since. It's on a third of an acre which they have landscaped. It is gradually becoming a "home." The property backs up a park so they have an unobstructed view of Mt. Charleston which became snowcapped in October and will remain that way until June.

Marilyn Goldring Rigterink and Walt had a great time renewing friendships at reunion and are hoping to see some classmates who have never been to the Northwest in Oregon. They had a busy summer, which included a family wedding and visits from teenage grandchildren, all of whom seem to have the motto, "It's 'f' God, we eat it." They came from Haleiwa, Hawaii, Silver Spring, Md., and Tacoma, Wash., along with their parents.

Mary Lee Younger Schmall and Carol Ann Coleman Carter visited **Suzanne Dorsey and John '56 Batista** in Ohio. They had a wonderful time going to the symphony in its new hall and hav-

ing John, a docent at the art museum, give them a private tour of the Egyptian Exhibit. Mary Lee and her son, Craig, hope to go to Provence, France, in June.

John '56 and Suzanne Dorsey Batista will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June '06. They have three children and six grands. Son Jay and Annette live in Atlanta, Rachel is a junior in college, Nick is in ninth grade. Son Mike and Marcia live in Skylesville, Md., where Ben is in ninth grade and Jessi is fifth. Daughter Elizabeth and Jim live in Columbus, Ohio, where Hannah is in fifth grade and Jacob is second. They enjoyed vacationing at Disney in Florida and at Bethany Beach, Del., in July with the family. Their last trip was to Nova Scotia for two-and-a-half weeks. They drove 4,200 miles, met wonderful people and saw beautiful country.

Barbetta Gosh Miller felt it was wonderful to come back to WMC, to see good friends, the campus with its changes and to meet the current staff and students. It was also good to see that some things haven't changed - Little Baker and the President's House. She fell in love with the campus the first time she saw it and met Dr. Ensor who took her on a private tour. She still loves it even with its many changes and new name. She and Ty celebrated their 50th anniversary in June with a trip to Houston and San Antonio. They just returned from Ty's 74th birthday trip to Santa Cruz, Calif., where their son and daughter-in-law are professors at the University of California at Santa Cruz. It was a great trip.

Ima Lee Hohmann Seek loved being back on the Hill, seeing classmates and getting to know spouses better. She says it seemed like every time they turned around there was food. Her thanks go to all who made the weekend such a memorable one for her and Joe. WMC/McDaniel is a beautiful campus and she is proud to be a graduate. Shortly after they returned to Florida she learned that her cancer had returned. She is undergoing chemo and doing pretty well. She is hopeful and prayerful that she will be well again and able to return for our 55th reunion.

My summer and fall did not go as I had planned. After having a lot of trouble walking I learned that I had a cyst on my spinal column that was blocking the passage way for the nerves to my legs. Two weeks after having it removed I was feeling really well. I went out for the first time and fell and broke my arm and wrist. This required a second surgery and after nearly nine weeks I am now out of the casts but still undergoing physical therapy three times a week. I had to slow down a bit but am back to almost all my normal activities. I still can't lift much or walk very far without a cane. I do have a colorful one but Christmas shopping is a real challenge. My grandson earned his

black belt in Karate at 10 years old and after only four years of classes. He has to be considered a Junior Black Belt until he is 13. In addition to karate he plays baseball. Now 11 and in the sixth grade he is happy in middle school. He also plays trombone in jazz band.

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There was such a good response this time that I almost feel I could write the magazine. The editors don't want me to do that so I will try to summarize without losing the heart

of the news. Maybe for our next column in two years, we will hear from some of the classmates who did not reply this time. Don't forget our 45th reunion on April 28-30, 2006.

Chuck Bernstein reports that his law practice in Baltimore gets busier and more fascinating every day. He is having more fun than ever. He is blessed with good health, and is enjoying life.

Good news from **Joyce Turner Kerns** in Charlottesville, Va. Her heart problems are now under control.

Fred Burgee is living the ideal retirement on the beach at Kill Devil Hills, N.C., where he grows veggies, especially tomatoes, and enjoys his room full of Disney memorabilia. In September '05, the whole family—Fred, Sandy Callander '66, two daughters and husbands, grandson Kade, 3, and 90-year-old mother-in-law spent a week at Disney World.

Nelson and Pat Piro Long celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in October '05, at Hilton Head, S.C., with daughter, son, spouses and sweet grandchild. It is convenient that they all live on the East Coast. Pat and Nelson live in Wyoming, Pa. In November, Nelson ran again, this time unopposed, for a four-year term as county treasurer. They are busy with their mothers: Nelson's turned 90 in August '05 and Pat's, who is 93, is the oldest New York Giant season ticket holder. They traveled in fall '04 with **Jim 62** and **Sue Hogan Lomax** to Hawaii for a super vacation.

Let enjoys watercolor workshops when time allows.

Ted and **Sue Wheeler Goldsborough** traveled extensively in the U.S. in 2003 visiting the West Coast and Alaska and their beloved Montana where they lived when they were first married and Ted was in the Air Force. In 2004, their second grandchild Daniel Sakano was born, and Sue flew to Yokohama to help their daughter and son-in-law. It was her third time in Japan, giving her new insights into the culture. In summer '05, they visited friends and family in the Rockville, Md., area, staying in the condo of Doug and **Carolyn Powell Walking**.

Doug and **Carolyn Powell Walking** live part of the year in their condo in Walnut Creek, about 45 minutes from downtown San Francisco, and the rest of the year in their condo in D.C. They hike and generally enjoy California and often travel, including South America, where Machu Picchu was a life experience, and Cambodia and Vietnam in 2005. Early in 2005 **Wayne Conrad** and Sue traveled to California on his retirement trip and visited with the Walkings as part of their vacation. In May in D.C., Carolyn arranged an alumni day at the Freer Gallery next to the Smithsonian with **Beth Butler Sansbury** giving the tour. Carolyn and Doug also were the anti-war demonstrators in September in D.C.

From Kannapolis, N.C., **Anne Pherie Musselman** reports that her career is at bay once again for a while. She is teaching elementary school, directing a Lutheran choir and working on family genealogy.

In Baltimore, **Al Katz** married his long-time friend Helen Streimer on Sept. 14, 2005, and four days later his daughter Mara was married. By having these events in a short period of time, his mother, 93, was able to attend both. Also, Helen's family came from North Carolina. Al continues to volunteer at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore and sings barbershop with the Heart of Maryland Chorus. Helen provides care management for the elderly and grief counseling through her business.

Roland Park Senior Solutions spend five months of the year at their new home in Edwards, Colo., which has plenty of room for family and guests, and the rest of the year in Owings Mills, Md. They traveled to South Africa in 2004 and look forward to China. They also play bridge, ski, hike, play tennis and watch grandchildren's sporting events. Son David married in August '04 and produces med, which is wine made from honey. His company name is Redstone Meadery, probably the largest med maker in the U.S. Son Jeff, who was born during our senior year, received an appointment starting in September '04 as a full professor at Manhattan College in New York. After his fellowship at Stanford University, Jon and Bev are delighted to have him and his two sons back on the East Coast. Son Michael continues to do very well with his MDM Partners fund in tough markets.

In Westminster, **Ann Weller Norvell** has been retired for three years and is enjoying every minute. Watching grandson Joseph, 3, keeps her on her toes.

Grandchildren Sara and Michael graduated from high school in June '05, and Matthew is a sophomore. Twins Janice and Julianna are in kindergarten.

Don Linzey was honored to be awarded the McDaniel Distinguished Alumni Award in November '03. He is

in his 17th year as professor of biology at Wytheville Community College in Wytheville, Va. Work continues on the 20-year-old Tax biodiversity inventory in the GSM National Park, during which over 3,000 species new to the Park and over 500 species new to science have already been identified. Don has trained his dog, Brandi, to sniff out animal scats (droppings) to help search for cougars in the Park. She is the only dog legally permitted on the trails and wears a red vest that signifies she is working for the Park Service. Don also serves as a consulting editor for the McGraw Hill *Encyclopedia of Science and Technology* and its related publication the *Yearbook of Science and Technology*. In June '05, he and his wife, Nita, purchased a second home on the outskirts of Gatlinburg, Tenn., so he now maintains that property plus the 35 acres at their primary home in Blacksburg, Va. Their son and daughter-in-law have opened their own emergency animal clinic in Boone, N.C., High County Emergency Animal Clinic. Don invites anyone visiting Gatlinburg to contact him.

Beth Butler Sansbury has a government contract which requires her to go all over the world, usually for two weeks at a time, for instance, to Poland, Albania, Philippines, Turkmenistan and Serbia in 2005. Husband Dave has also started working the same contract with residential. Friends have traveled for pleasure to China and Egypt. Beth's younger daughter is manager of a web company in Bethesda, Md. Her older daughter is the education director of a SuccessLab (a learning center) and mother of the adorable grandson, 2, whom Beth baby-sits once a week. As a docent at the Sackler and Freer Galleries of Asian art, she has given tours to college alumni groups and also art classes at McDaniel. Beth says, "This isn't exactly retirement, but it's fun." Beth and Dave live in Great Falls, Va.

In Baltimore, **Helen Murray Waesche** has retired after 42 delightful and successful years in the Baltimore County public schools as choral and general music teacher. She is busier than ever with 12 piano students, and in addition, is working part time as advertising manager with her husband on the Roland Park Blue Book. Her recreation is meetings and luncheons of the Roland Park Woman's Club. She is also involved with several patriotic and hereditary organizations as secretary to Carter Braxton Chapter of the NSDAR, the Joppa Trail Chapter of the Daughters of American Colonists, and Maryland Branch of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. She is busy and happy to be so.

From Harrisonburg, Va., **Marcia Wilson Tyeary** reports that Gary works part time coordinating volunteer ESL training for a local literacy agency. A flexible work schedule has enabled them to travel to Spain, Portugal,

Morocco, Monaco and Italy. In October '05, they visited daughter Kristin in Arizona, followed by travels to South America and Antarctica. Daughter Karen and family, including two children, live in Harrisonburg so Marcia and Gary see the grandchildren often. Gary also volunteers in hospice and tutors his own ESL student. Marcia does whatever is needed to keep their mothers, 94 and 101, going as well as sewing for church and being active in the United Methodist Women and any other place she can be useful.

Following the retirement of the office manager of a local Lutheran church in Forest Hill, Md., **Ben Ackerman Sherrill** worked full time for five months as office manager until a replacement was trained at which time she returned to working three days a week. Ben keeps busy with family, church work and the Fraternal work of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. In April '05, Richard and Bev took a wonderful trip to visit his sister on Kauai, Hawaii, and got a personal tour of two of the islands.

Joe and Carol Carson '63 Stielper divide their retirement time between their home east of Brandynville, Md., and their cabin and motor home. The cabin is in a beautiful bucolic Fort Valley, Va., surrounded by forest and close to Shenandoah National Park. Phone numbers are listed for both homes. Friends are welcome to visit. The cabin and motor home are bases for hiking and canoeing. Ocala National Forest in Florida is their favorite winter destination for the motor home. They have two married daughters and six grandchildren, four boys and two girls ranging in age from four months to 13 years.

With the retirement of **Joan Davis Sorenson's** husband two years ago, they seem to be busier than ever. They travel to visit extended family coast to coast or have family visit them in Greenville, S.C. They curtailed travel abroad after 9/11 but did celebrate their 40th anniversary and Christmas '04 in Austria, (Vienna and Salzburg) with a side trip to the birthplace of "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve. Their three grandchildren are a delight. Husband Dick has a studio in Greenville's historic West End. One of his paintings sold to the Federal Reserve Bank's Museum Collection and is hanging in their Charlotte, N.C., facility.

Mary Stein is still enjoying retirement in Rehoboth Beach, Del. She is attending a life-long learning academy in Lewes, Del., and spending winter 2005-06 in Naples, Fla.

Sue Garretson Daniel and her husband have retired completely from his law practice. He is involved in civic activities and the revitalization of their downtown square. The Daniels live in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tenn., and their courthouse which was built in 1859 is one of a very few

southern ante-bellum courthouses still standing and in use. Since 1978, Sue has been involved with the County Records Commission, and they are finally about to begin construction of an archives building to store the old records. Her county involvement also resulted in her completing a book in 2003 about the more than 6,500 Rutherford County pioneers born before 1800. In 2005 she compiled a book of over 700 cemeteries and family graveyards in the county. She is also currently editor of the historical society's bi-monthly publication. Their son, Doug, is professor of mathematics at Presbyterian College in South Carolina. Daughter Jenny is a Metro Nashville firefighter and horse person. Son Tom is finishing a two-year Peace Corps stint in Namibia in Africa.

Don and Judy '60 Rembert and Ken and Joanne Moffatt '62 Gill took a wonderful trip in June '05 to the Mediterranean. With perfect weather and great fellowship, they visited Malta, Taormina, Sicily, Cephalonia, and Corfu, Greece, Dubrovnik and Kvar Croatia and Venice and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Don is actively involved in establishing the Western Maryland College Heritage Society to reconcile alumni with the name change. He hopes to establish the motto, "Honor the Past and Embrace the Future." The Remberts donated funds for construction of Waldorf Way honoring Coach Robert J. Waldorf, which will surround three-fourths of the Gill Gym complex. They also established an Enterprise Economics fund to help students understand, embrace and promote free market economies. Don is looking forward to 2006 and hoping for a good turnout for the reunion. "The spirit of WMC is alive and well."

Ken and Joanne Moffatt '62 Gill have three children and seven grandchildren: two girls in Maryland, two boys in Virginia, and triplets (two boys and a girl) in Phoenix, Ariz. They live nine miles from the year on the Severn River in Severna Park, Md., and the balance in sunny Phoenix. Ken is chairman of Gill Group Inc., distributors of commercial foodservice equipment and supplies, with offices across the U.S., Europe and the Far East. He is a trustee of McDaniel College, trustee of Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, past president and chairman of Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association (FEDA) and a trustee of the FEDA Educational Foundation. Both Ken and Joanne are trustees of the George W. Yu Foundation for Nutrition and Health, Inc. Joanne enjoys her beautiful formal garden on the Maryland property. Ken enjoys golf, and both enjoy traveling.

George Varga and **Judy** split their time between Florida, where they spend late fall, winter and early spring, and Boston the rest of year. They sold their house on Marco Island in August

'04 and moved to a condo on Williams Island in North Miami Beach. In August, '03, granddaughter Charlotte was born. She and older sister Maddie live in the Boston suburbs. George and Judy spend as much time with them as their parents will allow. George is still on the Board of Trustees of the College. Judy was busy with the moves and is decorating and furnishing their condos in Florida and downtown Boston. A highlight of 2004 was the reunion of the 1959 soccer team which beat national champion Drexel in Philadelphia. Twelve team members showed up.

Another sports reunion occurred November 5-7, 2004, when virtually all of the football players in our class got together for golf, cocktails, dinner at the Gills', the football game at which the coin toss was by **Carroll Giese and Fred Dilkes**, and dinner at the College President's house. In addition to Ken and **Joanne Moffatt '62 Gill**, attendees were **Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert, Al and Nancy Smith Stewart, Fred and Sharon Dilkes, Walt and Reba Mahan, Carroll T. and Pat Giese, Tony and Rhea Ireland Willes, Chuck and Mernette Houk Lefew, Bill Rinehart and Don Lesenski.**

Also, in November 2005, several teammates got together at the Hopkins game at which the coin toss was by **Ken Gill** and his son **Rich '86.**

In March 2004, a mini-reunion was hosted by **Mike Bird** and **Ursula** at their home in Sun Lakes, Ariz. Attendees included **Dave and Nancy Roelke '62 Sullivan, Ken and Joanne Moffatt '62 Gill, Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert, Fred and Sharon Dilkes, and Al and Nancy Smith Stewart.** At all reunions, good times were had. "Lots of tales were told and some of them were even true."

Al and Nancy Smith Stewart reported from their retirement home in Nemo, N.C. They attended reunions mentioned above and also traveled to Albuquerque, Ariz., Denver, Colo., Apache Junction, Ariz., visit children and grandchildren, as well as their godson, Scott Holter. They had visits from **John and Diane Kanak '62 Holter** and also from two of the 2004 hurricanes which caused their lake to rise 10 feet in 12 hours but caused no damage to their house or dock. In early June '04 they took a trip to Barbados. In May and part of June '05, they were in England and Wales sightseeing and visiting their oldest son and his family who will be there until March '07. Also in 2005, they traveled to St. Croix and returned to Barbados in September. In January '05, **Tony and Rhea Ireland Willes** stopped to see them, and in February, **Al and Nancy** headed to Florida to visit the Holters in their new home. October 26, 2005 found **Al and Nancy** headed for Denver to spoil grandchild number seven, Louise Caroline, who was born on the 10th. In a week they spoiled her so much they figured it would take the new parents six months to undo things.

John and Diane Kanak '62 Holter's retirement home is about 30 miles north of Tampa just off I-75. They love it there and have never been busier.

Fred Dilkes and **Sharon** live in Vancouver, British Columbia. Preferring warm climates in winter, they often migrate south, usually to the southwest U.S., but in winter 2004-05, they headed "down under" to New Zealand and Australia and Costa Rica in winter 2005-06. Fred and Sharon love Vancouver and delight in showing it to family and friends, as **Don and Judy Ellis '62 Gill, Don and Juanita Linzey and Jane Ernsberger Halli** and husband **Roland** have experienced. They are retired and often travel in their RV. Fred has three grandsons (his son Fred's children), who are playing football at college, high school and junior high levels.

Pepe and Doris Simmons Sandoval love their location on the water in Ocean View, Del., where they have their own nature sanctuary and spend a fortune on food for feathered friends and muskrats. It has been two years since Doris' bout with breast cancer and her health is great. They have an exercise room with all types of equipment and exercise up to 90 minutes a day, running, biking, walking the beach and lifting. They still travel back to the city for cultural events such as the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Baltimore Opera Company. They often see **Ann Vincent Jaeger** and her husband, **Dave**, who live nearby in Selbyville, Del., and they enjoy volunteer work with the Benedictine Sisters in Ridgely, Md.

Joanne Lamb Hayes' freelance business stays busy. She ghosted two cookbooks for chefs and edited "Healthy Eating," a single-issue magazine for Good Housekeeping. She does the weekly homepage content for a chef's web site and does the food and prop styling for chefs who are doing small spots on TV shows. Joanne lives in New York City.

Chuck and Mernette Houk Lefew live in Davenport, Fla., and endured three of the 2004 hurricanes, which was not much fun. They spend their time golfing, taking it easy and traveling.

Otto Willen was a man of few words in bringing us up to date. After WMC in 1961, Army 1963, North Carolina State University graduate school 1965; January 2000 retired from IBM after 35 years of managing various IBM divisions in U.S., Europe and South America; July 15, 1962 married Sara, a registered nurse. Two children: daughter, a graduate of Tulane University; son, a graduate of Oregon State University. Grandchildren: boy, 17, boy, 12, boy, 10, girl, 7, girl, 4. The Willens live in Vienna, Va., and are spending their retirement years traveling and playing golf. Otto says, "Life has treated me very well."

In Herkimer, N.Y., **Jim Matousek** and **Lou** are moving along with all the usual "bumps and humps" of being 65-plus. They are traveling and enjoying their 140 acres of farm land on which they are putting a rustic but nice cabin. Lou is the decorator while Jim is the contractor with help from son Rob, who lives there, and many skilled good friends. In Spring '05, they visited son Jim and his family in their new home in Arlington near Memphis, Tenn., and from there headed West for a month-long road trip to seven states and the Canadian provinces, including many national parks, staying where they wanted as long as they wanted.

Charles and Carol Foad '62 Hamilton enjoy their retirement in New Bern, N.C. They have five grandchildren, four boys and a girl, all in New Jersey or Pennsylvania. Charles keeps busy with the boats in his life, doing some sailboat racing from time to time, and they have recently purchased a trawler.

In Frederick, **Jane Williams Ward** serves on the council to provide a chaplain for the local jail. In September '05, she chaired a countywide concert in memory of 9/11 to benefit the jail ministry and to honor military and who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 50-voice choir and 30-piece orchestra created an inspiring evening. Their son returned in Spring '05 to the Pennsylvania farm, which he bought just before going to Iraq to serve with his Reserve Seabee Unit. Their daughter and triplets, 8, have moved back next door and keep them busy, especially with her husband gone so much for his job as an airline pilot. They have fenced the back of their property and added sheep to the menagerie of rabbits, chickens, ducks and guinea pigs. The children are active in 4-H. Jane is helping to write and research a family history for a research group to which she belongs, and she is working on a book about the 1771 cemetery of which she is a trustee. **Jane and Eldridge '60** have so many interests and activities that they don't have time to realize that they are getting old.

In 2004, **Judy Kerr Sizler** and husband **Wally** took the trip of a lifetime. They flew to Quito, Ecuador, where they spent several days. Then they flew and took a motorized canoe down a river, hiked through the jungle and canoed to a cabin where they stayed five days. They hiked with two guides (one native) and two other people looking for flora and fauna. A highlight was climbing a 120-foot tree with steps built around it to a platform above the treetops to do some bird watching. Then they spent another five days cruising around the Galapagos Islands seeing birds, sea lions and tortoises up close and personal. After 41 years, **Judy** has retired from being an active deaconess and diaconal minister in the United Methodist church. **Wally** continues teaching mathematics at Min-

nesota State University Moorhead.

Paul Benham retired from his job as a quality engineer with Bosch Security Systems on March 1, 2004. He was with the same business for 38 years with five different companies as owners. Seven days into retirement, he was asked to return full time for six months and then part time until June '05 when he entered full retirement. In the last five years, he has developed an interest in cycling and has done three century (100 miles in one day) rides fund raising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In October '04, he participated in a 300-mile bicycle tour in the Texas Hill Country, culminating in a century ride as one of 6,500 participants in a fund-raising event for the Lance Armstrong Foundation for cancer survival assistance and research.

Highlights of the week was a group ride with Lance himself (he rode slowly) and the chance to be photographed riding beside him. Wife Lois works part time as a cosmetologist. She is a piano player and as a keyboard player with a partner does music shows for local organizations. Paul helps with the shows, carrying equipment, and sometimes telling stories and doing sing-alongs with Karaoke equipment as a part of the shows. The Benhams live in Lancaster, Pa.

In Sykesville, **Brenda Stevens Cornwell** values her friendships from college. In fact, she considers herself a "WMC groupie." About twice a year, her group calling themselves, "Great Grand Gregarious Green Terror Group" gets together for a weekend of wining and dining, games and having fun. Among those in addition to Brenda and her husband Bill are: **Don '58 and Lucy Tucker '62** Lotz, **Homan '58 and Janet Harr '62** Kissley, **John '63 and Patti Pricer '62** Warner, **Nelson '62 and Nancy Turner '62** Berigold, **Jim and Mary Hohman '62** Quinlan, **Tom '63 and Nancy Singer '62** O'Malley, **Bo and Peggy McIntyre '62** Bowman, **Bill and Nancy Davis '62** Deibert, and **Bill and Barbara Meineke '62** Schuette. Another group known as "Ye Old Bridge Group," which used to meet to play bridge when parenting and now as grandmothers meets for annual luncheons has the following members in addition to some of the above: **Ginger Rummary Ward '63**, **Ann Swomley Harden '63**, **Bonnie Shelton Savage '63**, **Carolyn Emmel Sharky '63**, **Nancy Reichenbecker Boner**, and **Chris Gardner-Gaston '62**. **Chris Reichenbecker Boner**, her super dupe roommate for all four years, lives nearby so they are never far apart literally as well as in their hearts. "The Sexy Senior Citizens," of which the following are a part: **Carolyn Emmel '63** Sharky and **Stan '62**, **Bob Christian '58**, **Sarah Kajdi Jenkins**, **Pat Krebs Snowberger**, and **Wendy Marek Wells**, visits annually.

The highlight of 2005 for Chris

Reichenbecker Boner was the marriage in January of son Erich to Ania, a lovely young woman whom he met while studying in the Ukraine. Chris and Goswin attended the wedding in the Ukraine and had a great time meeting Ania's family and participating in the celebration. The newweds are living just inside the Baltimore Beltway, and Ania is finishing her English courses at Towson University.

During the summer '05, Goswin and Chris visited friends and family in Austria and Germany.

Sarah Kajdi Jenkins and Bud are enjoying their retirement. For the past 25 years they have lived in Pasadena, Md., in a house on the banks of a creek near Annapolis. Sarah gardens and Bud goes fishing. Both enjoy cruising in the Chesapeake Bay and/or in other places reached by towing a boat or cat-topping a canoe. In summer '05, Sarah met **Nicki Morris Carleton** for lunch in Lewes, Del., where "Nicki" was in the area for a vacation.

When some of her former students started to retire, **Pat Lakin Lemkuhl** decided to call it quits after 42 years in the classroom. She enjoyed her students, art exhibitions and competitions, being the National Honor Society adviser and helping with college selection. Much of her students' success she attributes to husband Taylor's daily assistance in the classroom where he taught photography, matted and framed their work and helped assemble AP portfolios. Challenges of retirement life include five grandchildren who demand much attention and Pat and Taylor love being an important part of their growing family. The farms, rentals and fighting zoning laws take up their time. On a trip to Seattle, they visited an elderly aunt and a former student/friend and his family. "Rick never forgot what I told his seventh-grade class. 'If you want to be a millionaire, you will.' He has made it and just sold his second tech company. Knowing your kids are happy and successful has been a reward of teaching."

Still teaching in her retirement is **Lorena Stone**. She teaches three courses per semester, two days a week, at Delaware Technical and Community College and she still has plenty of time to play. Daughter Lore and her family are in Chicago where Michael is an assistant professor at Trinity International University. Son John built a new home on his 75-acre farm near Sykesville. Grandchildren count remains at five. Lorena lives in Bethany Beach, Del.

In Atlanta, Ga., **Bob Leavey's** d'Vine Wine Bar and Shop was voted the "Best Wine Bar in 2005" in the Best of City Search. It also came in third for "Best First Date" and fifth for "Best After-Work Bar." d'Vine has a selection of over 500 wines, food and even beer.

For **Audrey Lambert**, Texas feels like home now after living in the

Dallas area for four years. Much of Audrey and Tim's time is spent babysitting two grandsons, 3 and 1, while their daughter works part time. The gym and volunteer work at church pretty much fill their days. They enjoy mountain biking and hiking in the national parks, experiencing the beautiful scenery up close. They encourage anyone passing through the Dallas area to look them up in the Frisco directory so they can connect.

Arlene MacVicker and **Ray '58** Wright find it hard to believe that they have been in their retirement home in Aiken, S.C., for four years. There are many opportunities to give back to the church and the community, as well.

They golf, garden, travel and take classes at University of South Carolina-Aiken. Son Andrew and family live in Atlanta. Jennifer and three children and career Navy husband live in Fairfax, Va. Bill works and lives in Alexandria, Va. The Wrights welcome visitors to the area.

Bob Rippeon wears many hats as nurse, cook and chauffeur while his wife is in extended recovery from back surgery on Nov. 29, 2004.

On July 30, 2004, **James A. Bryan** and wife Margaret retired. James from Mercantile Estate Settlement Unit and Margaret from the Legal Aid Bureau. Along with the three sisters and sisters-in-law, each of them have traveled to the football, baseball and rock-n-roll halls of fame. Jim's parish tapped him to be a corporate or lay member of the board, and that takes up a lot of time. The Bryans live in Baltimore.

George Duncan reports his wife, Edie, died in a car accident in Panama City Beach, Fla., on Dec. 8, 2004. George has since closed his property evaluation business in Jupiter, Fla., where he lives. He spends his days helping seniors in the Silver Sneakers Program at Jupiter Fitness Center and also lectures at Florida Atlantic University. He sends best wishes to all "WMC" folks.

On a similar sad note, our class is a little smaller now with the passing of the following members: **Stanley Matthew Simons** on Jan. 1, 2004, **Carroll Utz** on Oct. 20, 2004, and **Gerald Bluedorn** on June 19, 2005.

On a much lighter note, **Dan Shankle** and his wife, Julie, are enjoying life with five daughters, their husbands and 11 grandchildren all living within a half mile of them in Germantown, Md. Julie has a son in Florida. Dan's oldest grandson and granddaughter are enrolled at University of Maryland in honors programs. In summer '05, all 24 of them (including **Nancy Anthony Schmidt '62**, the mother of his children) had a ball on a cruise to the Caribbean.

From San Diego, **Doty Holland Baty** and Gary report the birth of grandchild No. 11, Hailey, on Dec. 23, 2004. The Batsys spend a lot of family time

since all of their children except their one daughter live nearby. In their Episcopal church, Gary is on the vestry while Doty is president of the Order of the Daughters of the King. They have taken on the worthwhile ministry of making prayer squares for the troops in Iraq, for the VA hospital, and for family, friends and the congregation who need prayers and God's blessing. Playing tennis before Thanksgiving '05, they each won a turkey when they were both on the same second-place team in the turkey tournament. In summer '05 they took a trip to Arkansas to see her sister, returning to San Diego by car with her brother, taking in all the sights, including the Grand Canyon.

In fall of 2005, **Jim Brown** and Linda took an 11-day cruise and tour following the path of "Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey," beginning in Athens, Greece, and including Malta, Naples, Italy, Syracuse, Sicily, Pompeii, Rome and the Roman Forum, Colosseum, and Catacombs, and Vatican City and the Basilica of St. Peter and the Sistine Chapel. The tour ended in Nice and the beautiful French Riviera area, with a side-trip to the Principality of Monaco and Monte Carlo, a popular tourist resort with a breathtaking view of the port below and the Mediterranean Sea. They returned to their home in Moreland, Ind., exhausted but concluding that trip was the highlight of 2005.

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For **Pat Scott Pond**, retirement means waking up in the morning and knowing that she is no longer dancing to someone else's tune. She lives in Carlisle, Pa., and is still working on her fixer-upper with the intent to sell if she ever gets it finished. She has more to do than there are hours in the day to do it. She reads 10-12 books a week. She says her health is "lousy," since she is dealing with the effects of chronic fatigue syndrome, but in general she is "doing fine and aging in place."

Jim 10 and Peg Herring Goldring spent Thanksgiving '05 in Chicago with Jim's brother and his wife. It was fun but a bit cold for them, since they live in southern California. They now have five grandchildren, ages 6 months to 16, making for visits during the year to Carson, Washington, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Edgewater, Md.

As for me, I am going on three years post-stroke with the main remaining deficit being partial blindness in my right eye which may never fully recover. In April, Roland had an angioplasty for a 95-percent blocked artery. We traveled in 2005, first to Canada in June for a trans-Canada rail trip, Vancouver to Toronto. En route to Vancouver, we had a plane change layover in Dallas, and arranged a short airport visit with Tim and **Audrey Arent Lambert**. In Vancouver, we spent a delightful day seeing the city with **Fred Dilks** as our personal guide. In August we went to Iceland. We were fortunate to have felt relatively small fringe effects from the 2004 and 2005 hurricanes. I spend a lot of time in the garden trying to prevent weeds and vines from overgrowing the flowers and other desirable plants so we can enjoy the butterflies and birds and other creatures of the garden. Roland volunteers as a coach for Senior Net, an organization of seniors teaching computers to seniors. On occasion, I read of class members who have traveled to Florida and sometimes coming near us. Seffner is just few miles east of Tampa off I-4, away from the water so we are not at a "vacation" destination. A phone call and/or short visit might be nice if any of you are passing through. We are listed in the Tampa directory. Also a number of classmates in their replies send their greetings to everyone and often encourage calls and visits. The main theme here is let's all keep in touch whenever or wherever possible.

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1967 The Alumni Office would like to thank **Kathleen Powers Freeman** for her many years as class news reporter. Kathleen has decided to retire as news reporter. Therefore, we are looking for a replacement. If anyone is interested in keeping up with

your classmates please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@mcDaniel.edu or call 410-857-2296.

Mary Lou Armiger is still working at Princeton University as administrator of programs in teacher preparation. Son Glenn, 18, is looking at colleges and would like to attend McDaniel.

With a daughter and grandbaby on each coast, **Darlene Justice Claypool** spends lots of time flying coast to coast. A new granddaughter was born in February. Darlene enjoys retirement from the Federal Prison System and volunteers with church, VFW and senior centers.

Alice Cherbonnier is working full time with a graphic design business and editing their newspaper. After 30 years in print, it is now only online at baltimorechronicle.com. It is now a non-profit entity, published pro bono publico. Son Mitch is engaged to a Parisian and they will live in Montreal, so speaking French is still a big interest in their home.

John Greenleaf heard from **Jay Sybert** and **Bill Chase** recently when they called completely "out of the blue" and they all caught up.

Dorothy Mundy Dameo and husband Roc are alive and well. Son Blake Anthony is an event planner in Las Vegas. They have eight grandchildren all living nearby. They had a recent fall-bout trip to Sicily. Dorothy is interested in golf, cooking and dogs. She enjoys the ballet and theatre in New York City and is a trustee at her church.

The big event for **Wes Hodrick Hart** was a total knee replacement. She still teaches high school in Rockville and lives in Columbia. She plans to retire in two years and work with therapy dogs. Sue became a grandmother for the first time last year.

Charles and **Pat Foltz Miller** spent a week in Daytona Beach in March with the bikers, a week at Osaig Beach for golf school, two weeks exploring eastern Europe and planned to visit their three grandchildren in Michigan and Kentucky over Thanksgiving and Christmas. Their daughter is a college senior and will start a master's program next year. Charley works full time for SAIC and Pat has a full schedule of piano studies, accompanying choirs and playing some church organ. They play golf and bridge and have been taking dance lessons. In 2006, they plan a trip to Salt Lake City and a Mediterranean cruise.

Gordon Digory writes, "Have an empty nest—one-half full or one-half empty? One daughter married a civil engineer to answer her blond questions. One daughter is still looking—dowry negotiable. Continuing to serve at the help desk of life—stop by if you're in the 'hood." Gordon has two books on the way—*Looby-Gooby: Break Dancing After 60* and *Beyond the Tea-Headlamp: Golf Made Easy*.

Roberta Vanderheide Eimer retired

from teaching in 2001 and currently works part time tutoring. Her husband, Fred, is also retired working part time teaching driver's education and umpiring baseball. Daughter **Elaine Eiernan Jahn '97** and husband **Drew '97** presented them with their first grandchild, Amalie Marie, born in December '03. Roberta and Fred enjoy traveling and camping so they put the two together and spent nine weeks during the summer on a trip of a lifetime camping their way to Alaska and back. Daughter Laura is completing her master's degree in marine biology from University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth on her research of bottlenose dolphins in Belize and is currently teaching science for Baltimore County.

In June '05, **Judy Arnold** retired from the Maryland Attorney General's Office, where she had been acting as counsel to the Maryland State Board of Elections. She is looking forward to spending the summer of '06 in the Loire region of France.

Kristine Michelsen Lakanen and Bob still live in Elliciton City. All three boys have graduated from college. Kristine and Bob are now grandparents to Carter, 1. Bob is still traveling a lot and Kristine has a small accounting practice. They enjoy their beach house in the Outer Banks.

Carolyn Seaman Scott '67 and **Bob '66** celebrated their 25th anniversary on a wine cruise on the Danube. They have four grandchildren close by. Carolyn takes the oldest, Dalton, 5, to Montessori pre-school every morning so they have time to "monster tag" and hide and seek after breakfast. Carolyn writes a column for the local newspaper every two weeks.

Dave Fisher retired from Verizon in November '03. He says, "retirement is a wonderful thing." He is working part time at McDonough School for **George Gobelein '64**. Dave's first grandson, Nicolas Joseph Szafan, was born in April. Dave travels as much as he can afford. He had a wonderful trip to Alaska this past August. He "meets up with a disreputable bunch every month—the Crab Guys—to keep college ties intact."

Lots of things have happened since **Donna Hann Fogle** left WMC. She followed a career Navy man around the world and then they retired in Florida in 1986. Unfortunately, Bill passed away in 1998, but they did enjoy their lives together. Her oldest daughter is a third-grade teacher in Jacksonville; her second daughter works for Fidelity Insurance; her son works for Hobart, and her youngest daughter is working on her Ph.D. in music theory at Florida State University. After they settled in Florida, Donna completed her master's in library and information science at FSU in 1996, and she currently works as a media specialist at a special needs school in Duval County. Her spare time is devoted to her three grandchildren

and as a cantor for her church. **Miles Cole** is enjoying life after having sold his house in Millersville and moving to a condo in Cockeysville in 2004. He says, "It's great living next to the Hunt Valley Towne Centre and Wegmans mega grocery store." His daughter, Susan, received an MS in library science from Simmons College and is the archivist for the Constellation Center in Cambridge, Mass. His other twin daughter, Elizabeth, is living in Reading, England, with her English husband and is working as an intern in the library at Ruskin College, Oxford University. Miles is having fun doing health care policy for the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development.

Charles Miller retired in June '05 after teaching mathematics for 36 years at Camden County College. He is keeping his mind active by taking New Testament Greek. He took it for the first time about 30 years ago. He hopes to use this to read the New Testament in the original language. He says, "It will be a nice tool for my personal growth as I continue to teach an adult Bible class at my church." Even though he has retired, he remains active in the math community. He just returned from San Diego where he gave a workshop on the "Mathematics of the Ancient Mayan People of Mexico" at AMATYC's (American Mathematical Society for Two-Year Colleges) National Conference. He will be giving a similar workshop in 2006 in New Jersey for MATYC/NJ. His partner of 22 years, Michael Gibson, and he were heading to Japan for 10 days. Michael was a missionary there for three-and-a-half years ago 15 years ago. Charles also taught there for eight months. So they are going to visit friends and see some of the sights they enjoyed back then.

1979 **Scott Beam** continues to work as an I.T. director of Financial Systems for Medicare (Federal Government). In January '05, he passed an exam to obtain his project management professional credential. His part-time tax practice has grown to 73 clients and will keep him busy again this coming tax season. His wife, Cathy, does a great job of taking care of their household and running their kids to and from sports activities. Daughter Ashley, 14, a sophomore at North Carroll High School, just finished playing JV field hockey. Son Cory, 12, is in the seventh grade and just finished playoffs for his fourth season of recreational football playing for the Hampstead Ravens.

Wayne Birely has been playing a lot of golf since his daughters (Megan, 22, and Erin, 18) are working and graduating respectively. Megan graduated from Washington & Lee University '05 along with Emily Wolfing. Emily's father, **Bob Wolfing '73** played club

lapse years ago with Wayne. Erin expects to graduate from Bryn Mawr School in '06 and will be headed to college. Wayne and his wife, Laura, will learn about the empty nest style of living. The Birelys see **Keith and Robin Lee '80 Lawson** when their schedules permit and Wayne still follows college lacrosse with **Julia Logan '80 Kearney's** husband, Bill. It has been 27 years since there has been a lacrosse championship in Westminster and Wayne says that many of the '79 team members are still waiting for the next one.

Pat Blades Chapman says that life on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is just about the same and doesn't know why people think they do things so much slower in that area. Her life doesn't reflect that! Pat and Carl have celebrated their 17th anniversary in November. Daughter Sarah will be 16 in March and she's already bought a car, so life has changed drastically. Son Matt will be 14 in February. He sleeps and breathes soccer, goals being the position he loves. Pat is still teaching Pre-K and works with 40 four-year-olds in Talbot County. She's been teaching for 16 years. Carl is planning to retire in June after 30 years in the classroom.

Greg Bowen and his family are still living in Williamsport, Md., where his wife, Cheryl, is a full-time mother, but works part time at Lincolnshire Elementary School while the kids are in school. She is the family historian and keeper of the scrapbooks. Their oldest daughter, Andrea, is in her second year of college at Harding University in School, Ark. Rebecca, 17, helps in the school office at Williamsport High. teaches a Bible class for first- and second-graders and is starting to get mail from potential colleges. William spent three years in Cub Scouts and played football for two years, but decided instead to pursue soccer and basketball, while continuing baseball. Greg works for Science Applications International Corporation in Chambersburg, Pa., after nine years with Citibank Cards Technology in Hagerstown, Md. For the past three years he has been a process consultant for systems and software development, integration and maintenance for SAIC's logistics applications. He is also a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and recently re-qualified as certified software development professional (CSDP).

Greg also serves the church in Hagerstown as foreign mission chairman, supporting native missionaries in Nigeria, India and Croatia.

Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen say that life is good and the kids are doing well. Brett is a senior in the business school at Salisbury and expects to graduate with a degree in accounting and a finance. KPMG has already offered him a job after graduation. Matt is a freshman at Maryland in the engineering program and has joined a fraternity.

Mickey is in 10th grade and played varsity football as a backup on both offense and defense. Samantha is in second grade at Harford Day School, where Leslie teaches. Leslie still runs from 2 to three miles each day and is in great shape. After six knee surgeries Ron doesn't do much for exercise.

Doug Bowman is in his third year teaching English at Joppatowne High School, and still very much enjoys his return to the classroom. In addition to teaching, he is coaching JV boys' soccer. Doug's wife is teaching in a pre-school programming. Daughter Meghann recently graduated from Towson; son Bryan is a senior; and son David is "tearing it up" in the eighth grade.

Gail Bowman Mathes would like to tell me that, in 2005, she attended a dinner party for the benefit of the Coach Jim Hindman Endowment Initiative. They sat around outdoor heaters under the New England Haverest moon and told stories of the quarter of '50s. In attendance were **Jim Hindman-DHLR '89, Pete '77** and **Korby Bowman-DHLR '78, Steve '77** and **Carol Fulton '77 Spinelli, Rich Heritage '76, Randy Heck '82, Rob and Connie Thompson Bowman '81, Jim Selridge '81, and Joe Menendez '81**. Gail says it was nice how they all felt like family remembering their younger years. Gail's boys are now 12 and 14 and full of life, keeping them on their toes because one never knows what will be said or done next! Gail is a proud breast cancer survivor, having spent most of 2005 with diagnosis, surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.

Michael Campagnoli is currently living in Wyomissing, Pa., but is looking to move back to Maryland by summer of '06. He and his wife, Robin, have two children—Michael II and Dakota. Michael II is quarterback of his football team and Dakota scored her first soccer goal last fall. The house is a little full these days having six puppies, but it keeps them on their toes. Michael spends a lot of time with a professional soccer team that he owns called The Reading Rage. He's employed as director, trade relations, distribution and reimbursement at PediaMed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and spends a lot of time in airports. He's also on the board for Juvenile Diabetes Research Association.

Hank Caple didn't have to hurry to report other than that he is busy trying to keep up with his three sons, ages 12, 10 and 10. With twin 10-year-olds, it's no wonder his self-probe was brief.

Pat Clarke, a self-proclaimed "History major gone bad," has finally moved back East. Pat left Dallas and is now living near Atlanta in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and although the international trips have abounded, business travel with HP frequently takes him to New York and Texas. He had the pleasure of meeting up with **Wendy Gross** on a recent trip to Rockville, and is back in touch with **Big John Moser '80** in Perkasie, Pa.

Jan Claypool Neel has been working in the Towson, Md., area for the past 16 years and frequently sees familiar faces from college. Her daughter, **Kelly '08**, is now a sophomore at McDaniel and lives in a suite with **Ellen Delehanty Spahn's** daughter, **Andrea '08**. The girls play soccer, so Jan gets to see Ellen every once in a while. The Neels visited Ellen and Andrea in Momouth Beach during the summer of '05. The Neels and **Scott '80** and **Martha Hooper Wheeler** frequently get together for dinner and the Wheelers came to one of the soccer games. Jan's son, Zachary, loves his job at Kennedy Krieger as a one-to-one aide. Jan is enjoying having adult children and spends her spare time traveling and playing golf.

John Cochran had a busy 2005. He and his wife, Ann-Marie, both started new jobs shortly before Christmas '04. John is still with the Department of the Navy in Virginia Beach, but now works for a different agency after spending the previous 17 years with the same organization. John claims he is living proof that you can teach an old dog new tricks. The Cochrans bought a new house during the summer of '05, with a much bigger yard (John wonders what he was thinking). John's son is a senior at Randolph-Macon College and his daughter is in the eighth grade. In October, John had a great visit with **Jay Gardiner** who lives in Atlanta. John and Jay spent two days on the golf course reminiscing. Speaking of golf, John broke par for the first time this year. John reports that he is looking forward to our 30th reunion since he only gets back to the Hill every five years. Still speaking of golf, John enjoyed playing golf at our 25th with **Rick Powell** and **Mark "Manny" Rosenberg**, and seeing others at the same functions. "Way too many MIAs at the 25th so try and be there for the 30th."

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Cheryl Collins and David '77 Reinecker live in York Springs, Pa., where Cheryl teaches high school seniors and freshmen, volunteers at their church, and supports the family farming and equipment businesses. David continues to be intensely involved in local, state, and national agricultural issues, so sometimes Cheryl has to act as his personal secretary (and sleeping with the boss is the perk!). Both of their sons have graduated from their respective colleges, are gainfully employed, unattached and living on their own. Cheryl reports that

it's great to see them as responsible adults, so there is no "empty-nest syndrome." Fortunately they live close by, so Cheryl and David still get to see them occasionally. During the summer of '05, Cheryl had the opportunity to visit **Nancy Swisher Reuter**, her former roommate, and reports that she is doing very well. Nancy has one son in college and another excelling in high school and Nancy continues to work in clinical nursing.

Alison Crispell has been at Prevalent Bank in Baltimore for almost seven years preparing commercial loan documents and doing special projects. Once a year she tries to get away to ski—last year Andorra (in the Pyrenees) and is planning on Taos, N.M., in 2006. During the summer, she spends a lot of time riding her horse. Her equestrian hobby brings her into frequent contact with **Sally Keck Gold '78** because Alison's and Sally's daughters "show on the same circuit."

Elane Denny-Todd is living outside of Columbus, Ohio, with her husband Rick and two children, Alex and Laurence, who will turn 8 in February '06. Elane was recently promoted to full professor at Ohio Wesleyan University and currently heads the performance area in the department of theatre and dance. She recently directed the Ohio premiere of *Orlando in Wonderland*. She plans on enjoying an eight-month sabbatical beginning in January '06.

Rich Desser and JoAnn Peroutka '81 reside in Reisterstown, Md. Rich is practicing law in Towson. JoAnn has her own marketing consulting business. They have a dog, two cats and no kids. They don't get to ski as much as they would like, but Rich runs frequently (and long distances) to stay in shape. Rich planned on running in the Baltimore Marathon and the JFK 50-mile last fall.

Beth Dunn and Paul '78 Fulton tell me that, although life in Westminster is still good, traffic is a lot worse than it was in 1979. The town retains its small town environment, which the Fultons' daughters never fail to mention. Beth and Paul have a powerboat that they use frequently and have found that the Chesapeake Bay is a great place to explore. Their three girls are all doing great. Ryan graduated from Salisbury in 2004 and is now working for Bank of America in Naples, Fla.; middle daughter Colleen is a junior at the University of South Florida in Tampa; and their youngest, Killian, is a sophomore at Westminster High School. They had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Jake Day, son of **David '77** and **Debbie Scaltone Day**. It seems like just yesterday they were at Debbie and Randy's wedding.

Steve Dyer makes his home in Summerville, S.C. (near Charleston). While living in Pennsylvania for 20 years, he managed to get his golf handicap down to one. He couldn't work and keep his

handicap in single digits, so one of them had to go. That explains the move to the Carolinas, first to Hilton Head, where he took two years off work, and now to Summerville. He's now back at work as managing attorney of Stevens and Lee's Charleston, S.C. office, focusing on insurance company formation and insurance regulation. Steve got married in May '04 to Debbie Albright, a personal coach. Steve is now step-father to Emily, 17.

Brenda Eccard Dellinger writes that she and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in St. Kitts and had another trip to St. Lucia planned for January as a graduation present for their son, Adam. Adam is in his senior year in high school and plans to pursue a mathematics degree (like his Mom) at McDaniel. They experienced a parent's nightmare during the winter of '05 when the car Adam was driving was slammed by a fuel truck. Adam sustained a fractured skull and a traumatic brain injury that left him unconscious for nine days and in the hospital for seven weeks. After extensive rehab, he re-learned how to walk, talk, eat and perform daily activities. He was able to complete his junior year through home instruction and was able to go back to school before year's end. Adam's accident brought Brenda closer to many alumni, including **Jerry '77** and **Catherine 'CL' Dannenfeldt '73 Landsman**, Lisa Mattera Crawford, **Tracy Tuttle Gauthier**, **Terry Holland '74**, **Nancy Hollinger Gangler '77**, **Nancy Schwarzkopf Gaffney '77**, **Loni Myers Bechen '77**, **Beth Heckert Tevis '77**, and their pastor, **Joe Donovan '70**, whose many visits, cards, prayers, food and care packages sustained them during such a difficult time. As an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton, Brenda manages IT projects for the Federal government and she recently completed PMP certification as a project management professional. Since Adam's accident, she's been fortunate to be able to work from home four days per week.

Sue Feichild Sager sent away for the award with **Dori Babayk Chappell**, **Sally McCarl Moore**, **Linda Sorrentino Glaeser** and **Mary Gately Bodley** in January '04. They went to Williamsburg and had a blast. Sue has quit teaching and is now a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines. She says the lesson plan is the same as elementary school except the passengers appreciate her sarcasm more. **Tomby '77** and Sue have two kids at **UMBC** and a 15-year-old in high school. Sue sees **Steve '78** and **Kate Shirey '80 Luethe** often. **Suane Pearson Lake** is Sue's most dedicated e-mail friend. **Julie Vaughan Donovan** teaches in Westminster and she and Sue e-mail each other and visit sometimes. They often talk about **Mary-Louise 'ML' Jones York**, who lives in North Carolina.

Betsy Fogle Morrow is enjoying a

busy but wonderful life in Frederick, Md., where she coordinates the Renzulli Enrichment program for grades 6-8 at Ballenger Creek Middle School. She's in her 10th year in the enrichment program and it is a "non-stop and never-a-dull-moment kind of job." She's looking forward to retiring in three to four years and moving on to her next career, probably working with flowers because they don't talk back. Her husband, Ken, is a partner with DSMO Law Firm in Washington, D.C. The I-270 commute is the pits for him but they enjoy country living in their renovated farmhouse built in the late 1800s. Home projects and their two daughters keep them busy. Lauren is a freshman at University of Maryland College Park majoring in psychology and Emily is in eighth grade and loves socializing, sports and being a teenager. Betsy enjoys seeing **Terry Mott Pattoner** and **Susan "Speed" Tuttle Rowson** whenever they can manage to get together, which is never enough. The three of them are all three "partial empty-nesters" as their oldest kids left for college this fall and they each have one more at home. She has a hearing loss, which limits phone conversation for her, but would love to hear from people via email at betsy.morrow@fcps.org.

Tom Fox spent almost 12 years in the Army and, upon leaving, formed a company that develops clinical hyperbaric and wound care programs. Tom tells me that this is an evolving therapy with tremendous promise. Since leaving the Army, he continues to work as a contractor with the Army's Hyperbaric Program and has been able to work with incredible people on projects in the Republic of Panama, Mexico, the southern United States, and Canada. Tom says it seems like he is always on the go, but took the time to ask me to say hello to all the members of the Class of '79.

Mary Gately Bodley is an attorney with her own office in Catonsville, Md., focusing on litigation. She still enjoys the practice of law. Her husband, Dennis, also an attorney, is working as a commercial real estate broker. They keep busy with their three children, who enjoy road trips to Baugher's Restaurant.

Nancy Goehner Houston writes from Arizona to tell me that she has been with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in the Phoenix, Ariz., office for eight years as a paralegal in the business and finance group. Her husband, Ryder, is the office manager for the Phoenix, Ariz., office of Stinson, Morrison, Hecker, LLP. They bought a home in northeast Scottsdale in February '03, and have been busy with home improvement projects and decorating ever since. They vacation in Santa Barbara, Calif., each summer, and at Thanksgiving with Nancy's family in Hilton Head, S.C.

Jean Hamilton Jewell, after living in Texas for 20 years, moved to Maryland last summer. Jean's husband commutes 53 miles to Alexandria, Va., and just loves it (NOT!). They have three teenagers, all at Severna Park High School, where Jean went to school. Jean's son, 18, is a senior, and her daughters are 16 and 15—a sophomore and a freshman. Jean's 16-year-old has Downs Syndrome and is having the most difficult time adjusting to their move back East. Jean had helped start a private Christian school for kids with DS in Arlington, Texas, and she was devastated to leave after being there for four years. Jean was the business manager at the school, but is now a realtor. Jean has loved being able to see **Mary Thomas Le Sueur** again—it's like no time has passed at all.

Amy Harris Trully wrote to say that she is currently working as a tax manager for an accounting firm in Rockville, Md. For fun, she has recently enrolled in a drawing and painting program in botanical illustration given in conjunction with Brookside Gardens. Her favorite travels are to New York City as often as she can manage and to the beach. She occasionally sees **Susan Bloomberg Ensley**, who is married with two children and works for Health and Human Services. Amy also ran into **Wendy Gross** last year at the Smithsonian.

Katherine Adellecia "Licia" Hodian is teaching maternity nursing for an RN program in Richmond, Va. Although she is a certified nurse-midwife, she currently is not "catching babies." Once a week, she provides prenatal care for uninsured women, many of whom are Hispanic, at a free clinic and leads a non-profit ministry working to improve prenatal care and education in the Richmond area. Her kids are both in college. Paul, 22, is studying computer science at VCU and Mary, 19, is an interior design student at Marymount University. Ex-husband **Bill Jenkins** is teaching college in Chicago, Ill., and very active nationally in MVRP (Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation), after their oldest son, William, was killed in 1997 during a robbery while working at a fast food restaurant.

Chris Holmes is now the district superintendent of the United Methodist Churches in Anne Arundel County, Md. He coaches and supervises 72 churches and he loves every minute of it. He is still living in Crofton, Md. His oldest daughter, Lindsey, has started her own business and plans to move out of the house soon. Daughter Jenny, 19, is finishing at Anne Arundel Community College. Son Taylor, 16, expects to get his driver's license soon. Chris still has lunch with Ira Zepp '52 a couple of times each year.

Patrice John and Tom '80 Baugher live in Ft Wayne, Ind. Patrice continues to teach pre-school and serves on

the board of the Homestead Athletic Booster Club, as well as being treasurer of their neighborhood association.

Their oldest son, Chris, recently graduated from Butler University (no, that's not a typo, it is "Butler"; located in Indianapolis, Ind.) and is an accountant with a private firm in Indianapolis. Middle son Bryan is a junior at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., also majoring in accounting. Youngest son Andy is a high school freshman and enjoys playing football—like his Dad!—and looks forward to wrestling season since he won All-Conference last year. They had a wonderful vacation to Ocean City, Md., last summer and were glad to spend some time with **Bruce England '81** and his family. Tom and Patrice celebrated their 25th anniversary this year with a trip to Turkey Run State Park.

Amy Turner continues to "slave away" at the Legal Aid Society in Louisville, Ky., despite increasing caseloads and no increase in pay. Amy specializes in food stamps, unemployment, Medicaid, welfare and disability for impoverished people. As of Oct. 26, 2005, she has one year, seven months and 13 days until she can retire and start her second career using her social work degree, hopefully with the local Head Start program. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her grandson **Diane S.** and her granddaughter, **Kya**, 16 months, as well as their mom, **Abbie**, and their aunt, **Wendy**, of course.

Jack and Sus Hinton Kendall recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. Jack says it was a piece of cake. Sue says more like hard labor! They live in Lorton, Va., right off I-95 South. Kelly graduated from the University of Florida in April and now works for a public relations firm in D.C. Kevin is a junior at the University of Mary Washington and Kyle is a junior at Hayfield High School in Alexandria, Va., playing lacrosse for his dad, the head coach. Jack retired from the military in 2000 and now works for DOD as a civilian. Sue works for Army Emergency Relief, a non-profit organization, and has an office in the same building as Jack. Jack literally ran into **Gary Strain '76** in the parking lot at the NCAA lacrosse playoffs in Philadelphia in May. They say they are still proud Ravens season ticket holders, where they run into alumni **Rob Bowman '81**, **Vince Bohn '81** and **Scott Trenner**. They invite any and all alumni to stop by for a cold one—BYOB.—Brent, Hank, Skip, Andy!

Jan King and **Mark '77 Vernon** are living in Clearwater, Fla. In May '05, daughter Laura graduated summa cum laude from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut and is now completing her master's degree there in occupational therapy. While visiting for her graduation, the whole family had a great vacation touring Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York. Son Greg is now a senior in high school and, as a junior in

Stand and Be Counted

How many of these sample questions from the Math Proficiency Test can you answer correctly? Incoming freshmen who score below a 70 percent on the algebra and 80 percent on the arithmetic portions of the test are encouraged to take a non-credit refresher courses.

1. $5.89 + 7.064 =$ (a) 12.95 (b) 12.954 (c) 1.295 (d) 7.653

2.  What fraction names the shaded part of the whole rectangle?
(a) $\frac{5}{3}$ (b) $\frac{3}{5}$ (c) $\frac{5}{8}$ (d) $\frac{3}{8}$

3. $8 - 2\frac{5}{9} =$ (a) $5\frac{2}{9}$ (b) $5\frac{4}{9}$ (c) $6\frac{2}{9}$ (d) $6\frac{4}{9}$

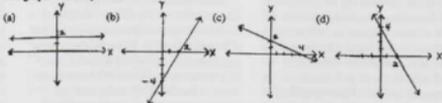
4. The decimal representation of $\frac{3}{8}$ is (a) 3.8 (b) 2.33 (c) 0.375 (d) 0.0375

5. What is the area in square inches of the region between two concentric circles of radii 5 inches and 3 inches? See figure.
(a) 2π (b) 4π (c) 9π
(d) 16π (e) 25π



6. If $a = -12$ and $b = 8$, then $|2a - 3b| =$ (a) 48 (b) 0 (c) -48 (d) 52

7. The graph of $2x + y = 4$ is



8. $\sqrt{45x^4y^7} =$ (a) $9x^2y^3$ (b) $3x^2y^3$ (c) $3x^2y^3\sqrt{5y}$ (d) $\sqrt{5y}$

9. $\frac{9x^2 + 6x}{3x} =$ (a) $9x^2 + 2$ (b) $3x + 2$ (c) $2x$ (d) $3x + 6x$

ANSWERS: 1. b; 2. c; 3. b; 4. c; 5. d; 6. a; 7. d; 8. c; 9. b

February '05, he won an individual State Championship in Florida for wrestling. There have been many challenges parenting a teenage boy (too many details to list here) so Mark and Jan have learned a lot, and that empty-nest time of life is looking pretty good. Meanwhile they keep working to pay the big college bills and are saving for retirement.

Linda Lamb Hahn loves living in Richmond where she is teaching special education math in high school. Linda and her husband opened two automotive franchises in 2005, Mr. Transmission and Milex Auto Care. The Hahns have two kids, Greg, 16, and Natalie, 12. Linda reports that she is tired of moving around the country and glad to be back on the East Coast. In true Southern parlance, Linda says "Hey" to the members of the class of '79.

Karen Lamb McGhee and her husband, Ken, have been working on putting an in-law suite addition on their house for almost a year. Ken has been doing most of the work, so it has been taking a while, but they have saved a lot of money. It looks great and gives them some much-needed room. Karen is still at IBM (23 years and counting). Their son started second grade this year, so she'll be working for some time to come. Karen became his Wolf Cub Scout Den leader by default—the original leader moved. Karen's parents celebrated their 50th anniversary in September.

Keith and Robin Lee '80 Lawson report that their "simple" home-improvement project, a porch, began in June, but hope the project is done by the time this article appears in *The Hill*. The Lawsons had a great time vacationing in Australia and New Zealand. Sons David, 17, and Chris, 14, particularly enjoyed snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef one week and snowboarding on a snow-covered volcano the next.

Both boys are in high school and playing lacrosse. Chris still plays soccer, too. Keith and the boys enjoy going to Nationals, Redskins, Wizards and Caps games; the Nats' seats are close enough to the dugout that Chris caught game balls four times this summer. Robin is still substitute teaching and volunteering in school and Keith is still a lawyer/lobbyist for the mutual fund trade association in D.C.

Bob and Mary Thomas Le Sueur wrote to tell me that they continue to try to raise America's future. They have one child in college, one headed there next year and one five years away. The family vacations in the Caribbean or skiing. Mary travels with girlfriends and Bob's work keeps him traveling "all over" North America.

Beth Lengyel and Paul '77 Hewett report that they haven't seen fellow grads, except **Jim Teramani**, for a long time. They now live in Harford County, MD., where Beth is consulting in online writing instruction and as a

writer. She has recently published a number of scholarly pieces, including two books as co-author and co-editor, so she is enjoying her intellectual life. She is also involved in Tai Chi and Chinese brush painting for fun. Paul remains immensely busy in his emergency preparedness work with Argonne National Laboratory, and he may try his hand at some academic work at an Illinois University. Their son, Russ, 22, is in his first year of graduate study in computer science at UIUC. They'd certainly love to hear from fellow members of their classes.

John "JFL" Little is still living in Houston, Texas, but reports that he is the biggest fan of YDOUASK, a band of WMIC Alums, with **Charlie Brown '81**, **George Kieb '82**, etc. John attended their "Starlight" performance in April '05 off Reisterstown Road, traveling all the way from Texas for the show. He reports that seeing Ratdog in D.C. and his mother were just side issues. John also saw **Anthony Tangires** (his Dead-head traveling buddy) as well as **Terry "Gomer" Koening '78** at some of the shows. John's been in the insurance industry (claims) over 20 years.

Carol Littmann still works at

her local elementary school in Spoford, N.H., on a part-time basis, helping first-second- and third-graders read and write at grade level. Her youngest started high school in the fall of 2005 and is playing on the freshman soccer team. Her oldest son landed his first full-time job with benefits. Her daughter expects to graduate from Messiah College in May and Carol is looking forward to the break from tuition bills! Between work, soccer games and chores, Carol manages to find a little time to play tennis and bike ride with her husband, Steve, quilt, and sing in the church choir.

Pat McGinnis Vorel is a busy soccer/girl scout/school volunteer mom. Her eldest, Becca, is a senior in high school getting ready for college and she and sister Mollie are both on the varsity field hockey team. Her two sons, Andy and Pete, are busy with sports, Boy Scouts and anything else to keep their mom running. Pat would love to get in touch with **Yvette Odell Gerhardt**, **Wendy Powell Smith**, **Meg Hoyle Tison** and **Barry Whaley**.

Jim "Sky" McWilliams reports that things are still pretty good on the Port Tobacco River. He is happily married

to Randi since 1998, and has been living on the water (and fishing and boating as much as possible) for three years. He is working for the Naval Audit Service at the Washington Navy Yard. Randi and Sky try to go fishing in a different state once or twice a year with a goal of fishing in all 50. They've covered Maryland, Hawaii, Florida, Tennessee, New York and North Carolina so they've still got 44 to go! Earlier this summer **Brent McWilliams**, **Kerry Wright '80** and **Milton Eser** stopped by for a boat cruise and some crabs. Sky also saw **Tom Rhubarb '80** and his son, Michael, this summer and pulled them around on inflatables for a couple of days.

Mike Modica was fortunate to be able to reunite with **Bob Irvin '77**, **Gary Walters '77**, **Mike "Art" Cottingham '78**, **Chuck Boehlke '78**, **Chris Parr**, **Mike Spath '78**, **Mark "Manny" Rosenberg**, **Eric "Schwartz" Rosenbort '77** and **Ray** via the annual Minotaur Golf Classic in Myrtle Beach last May. There was fierce competition for the coveted Minotaur trophy, named for Ray Via's former girlfriend. Although he can't say who he won, Mike does know that Cottingham brought up the rear. Mike

sends "many thanks" to Manny for planning their itinerary and to Art for booking their flight on Hooters Airline. A good time was had by all and the piece looks forward to returning next year. Despite evidence to the contrary, Mike believes that Manny doesn't work for a living and has a lot of free time to plan this event.

Dave Meyer is still in contact with **Bob '81** and **Sue Quinn Hale**. Sue and Dave work in downtown D.C. and get together for lunch from time to time. Dave continues to work for AAMC as their manager of computer systems administrators. Dave's daughter, Beth, 19, attends college locally. He has a significant other who is semi-retired and they have traveled from Central America to France in the last year.

Kevin Nachtrab is still living in Brussels, Belgium, where he works as an international intellectual property attorney, specializing in biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. His two boys, Sean, 7, and Ryan, 5, are growing all too quickly. Kevin was recently named chairman of the life sciences committee of Licensing Executives Society International and was appointed as a trustee of the African Agricultural Technology Foundation. He is spending a lot of time speaking at international legal conferences in Europe, Africa, Asia and the United States. What little time he has left is spent renovating a new home in Brussels and a condo he bought in Long Beach, Calif.

Carey Noll Emmons and husband Mark have two kids, Anna, 16, a sophomore in high school, and Haley, 10, in fourth grade. Anna, 16, is starting to drive, which can be scary at times. Carey is still working at NASA in Greenbelt, where she has been for almost 25 years. She does some international travel, which can be fun and tiring, as well. Mark is a supervisory intelligence officer for the Department of Defense. They live in Mitchellville, Md., and enjoy various home improvement projects and going to the beach in the summer.

Diane Toni' Orosz-Smothers has her own company, Doers to Success, Inc. Her company helps people with disabilities find work and helps them to retain their jobs. She also takes care of her father at home, who has trouble getting around these days, but is a joy to care for. Toni is married for the second time and has three step-children. They recently married off her second step-daughter and have one more to go. They travel extensively when they get a chance, mostly to the Caribbean and are planning trips for the next five years to include Europe, South America, and Australia. Toni's husband is a CPA and is looking forward to retirement as soon as possible. They are planning to retire either down South in the islands. Until then, she will continue working for at least another five to seven years. They live in a great

neighborhood outside of Hershey, Pa., and are very active in the community.

Barb Parsons Davis is still working part time as a speech therapist with pre-school kids. Her daughter, Erica, is in first grade and is busy with school and gymnastics. The family went to Texas last summer, and while there got to visit with **Amanda Walker Wait** and her family. Barb reports that Amanda and her family are all doing well, and says it was great to catch up with them. While Barb enjoyed seeing people at the 25th Reunion, she'll never get used to the name change to McDaniel College.

Liz Pemberton says her life is pretty much the same as the last time she wrote. She's teaching and advising students at the University of Delaware and raising two interesting, challenging and entertaining children. She hears from **Leah Gartrell Brasseur** every Christmas, and looks forward to when "our lives are uneventful enough to get together again in person."

Rick Powell is still living in Catsonsville, where he has just begun his 10th year as the senior minister for Christan Temple. His wife works as a consultant, helping organizations utilize volunteers. Their oldest is a freshman at Purdue University and the other two boys are in high school.

They have attended the last few Homecoming games on the Hill with a family whose son plays on the team and have enjoyed watching all those rowdy college kids doing the things that seemed so innocent when we did them.

Doug Ragan, another transplant to the Carolinas, writes that everything is great in Greenville, S.C. His position as sales director requires Doug to travel throughout the U.S. But even while on the road, he finds time to run and kayak. During the summer of '05, Doug spoke with **Alan Baker '73** and the two of them reminisced about their 1977 Jan Term trip to Africa.

David Range and Cheryl 'CJ' Walter celebrated their 26th anniversary after moving to Margate, near Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. David became the pastor of Miramar United Methodist Church 23 miles away and CJ became the pastor of Cokesbury United Methodist Church, and they live just a half-mile from her church. Hurricane Katrina once knocked out their power for a few days but Wilma had them off the grid for 15 days and caused roof damage to their parsonage and CJ's church. Son Ben had a long unexpected vacation from his senior year at high school. Son Micah is about to finish college and is thinking about graduate schools.

Leslie Renshaw Kemp writes that 1979 seems such a long time ago and wonders if we really are that old. Not much has changed for Leslie. She still manages the pet department at an independently owned Southern States store. With 21 guinea pigs, five dogs, two rabbits and two quack pigs, she guesses

they thought she'd be qualified. She still takes care of a few friends' gardening needs and quilts, although not as much as she'd hoped at this point in her life. She and Vern enjoy cruising, and went to Bermuda again this year and managed to avoid the hurricanes. She reports that life is good on the Eastern Shore.

Bill Roelke kept things short and sweet: He has a law practice in Jacksonville, Florida, was married in 2003 and his first child, Tai, was born in April of '05. He would love to hear from any alums.

Debbie Scalzone and Randy '77 Day tell me that 2005 held a number of fun family celebrations. At the end of August, their oldest son, Jacob got married. She said that the event was "even more fun than our own wedding!"

Paul '78 and **Beth Dunn Fulton** were there to help them celebrate. The newweds are living in College Park where Jake is in graduate school studying architecture. Debbie surprised Randy with a 50th birthday party in the fall. Their youngest son, Justin, 18, is busy applying to colleges, including McDaniel. Their daughter, Jessie, 20, transferred to Salisbury University to major in elementary education. Debbie retired from teaching music last spring in anticipation of their family events and wanted to have the fall free. Now that all that is behind them, she hopes to travel with Randy more.

Dave Schroeder was married for the first time in 1994. He and his wife, Kate, welcomed a daughter, Sarah, in 1995. That same year, Dave graduated from the Loyola MBA program. They live in Timonium where Dave works as the vice president of a home medical equipment company. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, photography and traveling. He misses being 18 at WMC (don't we all).

Shawn Shaffer has left his career as a stay-at-home dad in Omaha and returned to the workforce last spring and is now the store manager for the only Jos. A. Bank Clothiers store in Nebraska. Son Ryan, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Tampa. Ryan's brother, Scott, is a high school senior and quite an accomplished sprinter on his high school swim team. Shawn's wife, Laura, is a vice president with Merck/Schering-Plough commuting from Omaha to Philadelphia. Before you ask why, Shawn will tell you that he believes that Omaha is a truly a hidden gem of a city.

Esther Siegel Jacobson is living in Owings Mills with her husband, Ed, her children, Holly and Andrew, two cats and a Samoyed, named Chessie. She works full time as a settlement officer for Supreme Title Company and enjoys traveling throughout the state doing settlements for both home purchases and refinances. She and Ed have just taken the plunge and bought a vacation home outside of Rehoboth, Del., and

are in the midst of getting that ready. She still keeps in touch with **Dave** and **Beth Silvis '78 Detrick**. She tells me she would love to hear from **Dori Bahyak Chappell** and **Janice MacDonal**.

Cindy Sprinkle Urey is thinking about retiring to the Carolinas because of the weather. She still lives in Maryland where the summers are too hot, but she may be willing to trade an even hotter summer for a milder winter. Her kids are 10 and 16. Most people she knows are more "done" than that, but having a child at 39 will do that to you. Her daughter, Ali (Allison), 16, has her driver's permit but her son, John, 10, will be the challenge. Cindy had her own CPA practice until about seven years ago, then sold it, worked for a non-profit for five years and is now back in business for herself, working out of her home. She studied for the first time since her early 20s and got her securities license last year. She has a tax and financial planning practice. She sees **Austin** and **Martha Pratt '78 Girtiel** occasionally as they had kids in the same high school. Austin retired from teaching and has a landscape company now.

John Sweeney wrote from Melbourne, Fla., to tell me that his first year of solo medical practice went well and says that there is nothing like being your own boss, but it comes at a mental and physical price. His sons, Kerry, 9, and Sean, 15, enjoy sports in general and fishing in particular. Sean has discovered girls and has found innovative ways to drive his parents crazy, which has created a walking, talking 3-D image of John at that age, although John admits that Sean is more polite and well-behaved than he was at that age. The biggest hurdle John faces these days is his continual battle against "Father Time" and the struggle to maintain some semblance of joy through youth.

Scott and Robin Seiland Trenner report that their oldest is a freshman at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Their other son is a sophomore in high school. Scott is still in the Jiffy Lube business and has been for 23 years. He has begun exhibiting his antique cars and is enjoying driving them again. He still plays volleyball and basketball but the consequences are tougher to take than they were years ago. Robin volunteers at the high school, directing the youth choir at church, singing or playing in several musical groups and is still involved with the Heritage Players, a local community theater group located in Catsonsville. Robin keeps in touch with **Suzette Scheffer Burgess '80** and the family sees **Doug Barnes** every six months, whether Scott wants to or not (Doug is his dentist). Dave and **Lynne Sanders '83 Vidmar** live across the street and the Trenners have loads of fun with them.

Robin's mom, **Betty Lee Robbins Seiland '80** used to be the 1950 Class

Reporter and loved getting all the information. She has had a tough year physically and had to give up the job. She misses hearing from everyone.

Unlike us, her class, a class of veterans and young people embarking on their lives together, was very close and stayed in touch remarkably well over the years. Robin looks forward to our 30th Reunion in 2009 and says it's hard to believe we have now embarked on those middle-aged years where the kids are leaving, the hair is graying and we begin to wonder about the new fangled inventions and strange dialogue of the young.

Andrea Jones Hall is in her 27th year of teaching. She teaches fifth grade in Spotsylvania County, Va., and a reading class at Germanna Community College one night a week. Andrea's boys are about grown. Travis, 20, is a sophomore at George Mason University and Zachary, 18, is a senior in high school. Andrea sees **Linda Sorrentino Glander**, or used to, at high school athletic events as their boys competed against each other, but hasn't seen her in about a year, and she hears from **Pat Blades Chapman**.

Myra Birchard Wagner wrote after returning from a cruise to Bermuda with her mother while her husband, Jim, stayed home to babysit their dog and two cats. Myra is teaching third- and four-year old hearing-impaired and special education children two days per week. She still sees **Eric and Ellen Laird Yeich** at church and reports that Eric is in the church band.

Andy and Mary Lee Fones '81 Weber are still in Connecticut. They have three kids: Leah is a sophomore at Marymount in New York City; John is a junior at Bradford High; and Scott is a second-grader.

Anne Young Zolkover lives in Annapolis where she grew up. She works at St. John's College in the advancement office. She married a St. John's alum. They have two girls, 16 and 13. The youngest one got bit and mitzvahed during the summer of 2005 (Anne converted to Judaism three years ago). Anne talks to **Annette Chaussy Carey** occasionally and sees **Frieda Allen McWilliams** fairly regularly. She ran into **Yula Ponticas** a few years ago and keeps meaning to call her, but hasn't yet. Anne says she doesn't recognize a lot of names in alumni notes because she knew people more for their "stupid nicknames they had." She also attributes the lack of memory to that fact that she "drank way too much back then, which is probably why names don't register."

Mike and Missy Bain Lewis write that they are preparing to celebrate their 25th anniversary in Hawaii. Their oldest child, Jessica, expects to graduate from high school with a 4.0 GPA and 12 varsity athletic letters, and is looking at Ivy League schools. Billy is a freshman at Pooleville (Md.)

High School and an honor student and, as Mike reports, is "heading wherever he wants to go."

Wendy Gross writes to me that she is still working at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. She went back to WMC (not McDaniel because she doesn't accept the name change and never will) for a 26th Reunion. She hopes to hear from **Frances Crosswell '78** and **Debbie Cannon Tomes**, and **Pat Clarke**.

Jef Jackson is an owner/operator of Granville Goffland Range and mini-golf operation, a business he bought in 2004. He has had two very successful years. He is also the director of marketing for Tour Golf Products in Columbus, Ohio.

As for me, I am keeping busy as a co-owner of a golf package business in the Myrtle Beach, S.C., area. My partner is my brother, **Eric "Schwarz" Rosenberg '77**. Business has doubled in the four years we have owned the business despite a roller-coaster economy that always seems to be filled with bad news for the travel industry. Much of the growth can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of our spouses, Carolyn and Anita. In the past two years, between visitors to Sunset Beach, N.C., and the 25th Reunion (a VERY disappointing turn-out, by the way), I have seen more alumni than in the previous 24 years combined. **Ray and Claudia Via** visited with their two kids in 2004 and dodged a hurricane, **Wayne Birely** came out for a long weekend in the fall of '05, and a bunch of Betes came for a few days of R&R to play in the '04 and '05 Minotaur Open Golf Tournaments. The golf outings marked the first time in 25 years that I saw **Gary Walters '77, Bob Irvin '77, Mike Cottingham '78, Chuck Boehlke '78**, and **Mike Spath '78**. Also attending were **Mike Ditcha**, **Chris "Chunga" Parr** and **Ray Via**. Schwartz and I would be happy to hear from anyone else who wants to visit the Myrtle Beach area. Thanks to everyone who sent me an update on their lives, particularly those who sent me their information via e-mail (mark@therosebergs.com).

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Could it really be that 15 years have passed already since our graduation? Thanks to all who sent in updates, especially first-timers.
Stacy Herrmann

APRIL 28, 2006 Austensen has adjusted quickly to her new-found freedom since her boss went to first grade. She has a tough life, spending her days at the gym working out, shopping and riding her horses. She doesn't use her degree too often, other than when she is working

part time at the Frederick Memorial Hospital's Wellness Center as their exercise physiologist. She and husband **Blake '88** did the parental ritual of taking the kids to Disney World this past year. The whole family had a ton of fun.

Deb Thigpen Bailey recently moved to Seattle, Wash., and spent the summer hiking and camping in the Cascades, Olympics and Rainier before settling down and getting work at Microsoft.

Tracie Myers Blacksten is enjoying being home with daughter **Sydney**, 3, and son **Sean**, 6. She and husband **Mark** try to spend as much time with family and friends as they can while juggling the typical activities of a young alumni. They get together with fellow alumni **Tyler '93** and **Theresa Myers Geiman '93** quite a bit, as well as **Michelle Fleming Blevins**, **Mary Garner McNichols**, **Tracey Snyder Folyo** and **Tammy Mahan Cursey** and their families. She has also enjoyed catching up with **Elise Rosen Woods** and her family. Husband **Mark** is still in commercial banking and is active with the United Way of Central Maryland. Tracie has been doing a little running and was looking forward to ski season.

Paul Borenk sends his regards from his new house in Eldersburg, Md. He and his wife are keeping busy with their newest addition Katie, 15 months, and their oldest daughter Maggie, 4. For the last seven years, Paul has been a self-employed residential appraiser. He says hi to all of the Sig Eps out there.

Drista Henry Bowser is still teaching seventh- and eighth-grade math at New Windsor Middle School. She, her husband, **Steve '89**, and children **Lyla**, 9, and **Hayley**, 6, recently moved to Hanover, Pa., to be closer to their church where they are actively involved in choir and orchestra.

Mimi Kideckel Brunelle is still in Massachusetts with husband John. Her work situation has changed significantly though. She traded in the corporate human resources world for Elmo's World and is a full-time at-home mom to Simon, 4, Max, 3, and Liza-Jane, 1. While she is plenty busy with those three, Mimi recently started her own business as a home decorating consultant for her sanity and for a creative outlet beyond crayons and Playdoh. She is looking forward to our class reunion in April.

Greg Cherundolo, wife **Christine Kelly '89** and their three daughters moved back from Atlanta and now live in Warrenton, Va., due to his transfer to the Drug Enforcement Administration's Special Operations Division. They are happy to be closer to family and friends. Their oldest daughter, **Allison**, 10, recently won her first, in what they hope to be many elections to elementary school student government secretary. Daughter **Caroline**, 8, studies hard and is headed for a life as a vet

with her love of animals. Then there is the "ham" Hannah, 5, who loves to clown around and is the collector of all things and her sisters teach her.

John Cionfelo survived Hurricane Wilma with only minor damages. He is still teaching English and coaching football at Spanish River High School in Boca Raton, Fla. His wife, **Julie**, is a director at Boca Raton Community Hospital. They have two daughters in pre-school, **Haley**, 5, and **Melanie**, 3.

Jonifer Ashbrook Clarke gave birth to her son **Aaron** on March 24, 2005 (5 pounds, 6.5 ounces and 19 inches long). She keeps in touch with **Kim St. Clair** regularly.

Kate Covell Flaherty and husband **Geoff** have had a very busy year with the birth of their son, **Thomas**, who apparently is the best baby in the world, but **Kate's** a little part. Her sister **Chrissy Covell** moved back from Chicago in March '04. They love having her nearby, and not just to baby-sit. The Flahertys see **Allison "Lamb" Coffey** and her family quite often. This past summer, **Kate** spent time with **Julie McCarthy Maggio** and family, **Christine Piech** van Baaren and family and **Kevin McConville's** family. **Kevin's** wife, **Megan Kane McConville**, passed away Nov. 23, 2004. **Kate** says that there isn't a day that goes by that she does not think about **Megan** and that she is missed by so many. **Kate** says "hi" to all of her college friends and hopes life is treating them well.

Charles E. Fischer is working in the family business, **Fischer Flowers**, Atlantic City, N.J. He and his wife, **Jennifer**, had their first child, a daughter on May 7, 2005.

Paul "Gooch" Gaccione has been very busy as of late. He still lives in the Tampa Bay area where he is a major account manager for EM Gooch, and his wife welcomed their first child, **Alexandra "Lexxi"** on Aug. 25, 2004. **Lexxi** is very much a "daddy's girl" and loves staying home with mom full time and playing with all of her cousins.

When not dodging hurricanes on the Florida Peninsula, the Gaccione's managed to get some R&R travel in New Orleans (before the disaster), Hawaii and New York City. Since his last update, "the Gooch" launched a side venture, a real estate development company, **GFI (Gaccione Florida, Inc.)**. The company invests in the rental of multi-unit residential housing units in Florida, the re-development of under-valued structures on the coastal waterfront and the development of large tracks of land (former orange groves) for commercial and residential purposes. In addition, Tuscan/Mediterranean renovations continue on the **Tony Soprano**-esque "Casa de Gaccione" in Largo. "Goocher" gives a big shout out and extends some beautiful Florida love to all the past brothers of **Alpha Gamma Tau** and their families.

Nona Green is still working as a clinician.

cal social worker at the Hannah More School and doing private practice with adolescent girls. She still dances on a competitive West Coast swing team, "Capital Swing." The team won first place in August 2005 at a local competition called "Swing Fling."

Mark "Whitey" Hammaren reports that he is trying to rebuild his life after his career as a circus clown was tragically cut short during a show at a local prison. He says he is now trying to use the skills he learned as a clown to move up in his new job as a coroner's assistant.

Chris Kane and wife **Jill Evans '92** live in San Clemente, Calif. Chris is the director of marketing at Applied Cardiac Systems. Their lives are kept busy with daughter Lauren, 8, and son Christopher, 6. The Kanes were able to see a lot of their alumni friends in May '05 at the wedding of **John '90** and **Ann Turner**.

Melissa "Missy" Lachman started her ninth year as associate athletic trainer and lecturer at McDaniel College. The past year has been very busy for Missy. It all started with the completion of her first one-half marathon in Disney World. It was a great experience and having her best friend, **Kim Vermette Perdue**, run alongside her made all the difference in the world. Missy has also had the opportunity to travel many places within the U.S. She went pheasant hunting and climbed Harney Peak in South Dakota, partied in Key West, shopped in Las Vegas, took in a Broadway show in New York City with **Alecia Janney Saah**, went trawling in the Outer Banks and then headed back to South Dakota to attend the Sturgis Bike Rally for the first time. Her final destination took her to Boston for a weekend where she attended a New England Patriots game. She had a blast, even though it was hard for her to admit because she is a die-hard Eagles fan.

Andrea Pickham Martz has been enjoying the wonderful weather in Minnesota for many months now and is gearing up to brave the Minnesota winter. Husband Erik is still working as a principal engineer at a small biomedical device company. Son R.J. just started kindergarten this past fall and loves it.

John "Ponch" Pasquarello is kicking back and enjoying life in a newly built home in northeast Philadelphia with his wife and two sons. He is in his 11th year as a Philadelphia police officer. He traveled to Las Vegas this past summer and lost "big time." "Ponch" is looking forward to his 15-year reunion and to seeing some old brothers from Alpha Gamma Tau.

Tim Ruggles got married last September to a wonderful girl named Sabrina. **Mike Powell** was his best man and **Brian Hughes** was a groomsman. They honeymooned on the Amalfi Coast. For the last 13 years, Tim has worked for Fidelity Investments. He is currently the vice president-relationship manager

for large healthcare organizations on the East Coast. In his free time, Tim travels. He recently returned from Egypt and has traveled to China, Peru, India and France over the last few years.

Lia Jenkins Steine has been quite busy the past few years. Her youngest son, Nathan, was born in May '03 and is now a feisty 2-year old. Her older son, Andrew, is in first grade at St. John's Parish Day School in Ellicott City, Md. Lia went back to work at Andrew's school as a part-time media specialist and loves it. The Steines also built and moved into a new house in Ellicott City, which they love. It is in a brand new development and there is a lot of construction surrounding them, which the boys love. Lia keeps in close touch with **Mary Mahoney Pearce**, who has three boys. However, Lia has lost touch with **Leona Sevick '92** and would love to reconnect.

Kevin Wright, wife Kris and son Connor, 3, are still living in Odenton, Md. Kevin is a special agent with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General, working as a liaison to the FBI and CIA on Agro-terrorism issues in Washington D.C. Kevin is scheduled to be moving to Raleigh, N.C., where he will be working criminal cases in a sub-office there. He has certainly enjoyed his Navy football season tickets this year as his remembrance of his last fall in Maryland. His son, Connor, is growing like a weed and will be 3 in November. He has been hanging out with fellow Sig Eps, **Ray Carbone**, **Paul "Fester" Borneyek** and **John "JT" Turner '90**.

Lisa Yost Miller just started a new job with the state doing environmental education for Delaware Canal State Park. She also has a part-time park ranger position with Chester County Parks. When they are not working, Lisa and her husband, Dennis, are camping, hiking, backpacking or doing work on their house in Pottstown, Pa.

John "Ponch" Pasquarello is in his 11th year as a Philadelphia police officer.

Dave Kieb writes from Eldersburg, Md., that he still works for National Distributing Company, a wholesaler of alcoholic beverages. Dave and his wife, Julie, have two children, Parker, 8, and Sarah, 6. He keeps in touch with **Jim Serah** and **Dave Weaver**.

Annual pumpkin trim and breakfast at Baugher's is a treat for **Elizabeth "Beth" Palmer Klees** and her boys, **George**, 6, and **Patrick**, 4. Beth resides in Olney, Md., and is a stay-at-home mom. She would love to hear from anyone, especially in the Montgomery

County area.

Also a stay-at-home mom is **Denise Fleck Lague**. She stays busy with her son, Devon, 4, and daughter Sage, 2. Denise lives in Hagerstown, Md.

Mary Baschoff McCarthy and husband **Bob '90** welcomed Robert "Bobby" E. McCarthy IV on Sept. 8, 2005. Bobby joins big sisters Sarah, Molly and Faith. Mary stays busy as president of her town council and as a professional writer. Mary and Bob enjoy fixing up their Victorian home in Centerville, Md.

Alisa Rock, husband Jim Wade and their two sons, Connor, 6, and Aidan, 3, still reside in Baltimore, Md. When she is not taking care of her two boys, one with autism (a developmental disability), she is a board member with Pathfinders for Autism and a commissioner for the Maryland Commission on Disabilities. She also works part time for the College Bound Foundation and volunteers for Meals on Wheels. If anyone has a child with autism or any other special needs and needs help, please contact her at mary_alisa_rock@yahoo.com or contact Pathfinders for Autism at 410/769-9500.

Matt Levy is in his 14th year as the sports information director at Delaware Valley College. He loves being a father to Carly, 2, and his step-daughter, Molly, 14. Matt, Becky and the girls are happy and healthy in the house they bought in Perkasie, Pa., just over four years ago.

Also in Pennsylvania is **Jen Hannah Richardson**. She is living in Bucks County, Pa., with her husband, Dave. She started working at Commerce Bank in Mt. Laurel, N.J., as human resources manager/assistant vice president in December '04 and loves it.

They keep in close touch with **Missy Cote Burckci** and her husband, Craig, and **Amy Zonay '90**. Jen's husband is a project manager at Advertising Specialty Institute. His company works with Amy's company and they talk on a weekly basis. Dave and Jen just had returned from a vacation to Montreal, Canada, and were planning a trip to Martha's Vineyard for the Thanksgiving holiday. Jen would like to say Hello to **Tara Prugh Evans**.

Sharon Landis Saks just had a baby girl, Lauren Marie, on May 12, 2005. She joins big brother Cooper, 2. Things are hectic, but incredibly fun, with two. She is still a stay-at-home-mom and truly loves every minute of it (even through the occasional tantrums!) She still e-mails **Alisa Rock** and **Joslyn Martin Stewart**.

Carolyn Moller finished an environmental policy master's and is working again for Johns Hopkins University. She and husband David Smith were adopted last year by Qatt the cat, an adorable quasi-Maine Coon. They enjoy living on the Potomac near Sharpsburg, Md., and seeing classmates frequently.

Chris MacDonald and his wife, Patti, are still living out in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he is currently the vice president

of sales and marketing for Pebble Technology. He travels around the country just about every week and recently made it back to Baltimore over the first time in 12 years this past October. **Andy Driggs '94** was able to coordinate a bunch of guys to get together including **Jeff Little '90**, **Mark Kennedy**, **Bob Grothman '93**, **Joe '93** and **Gary Meyers '93**. **Furnari**, **Toad Sabin '92** and **Todd Mekulski**. They welcomed a little girl, Madison Ryan, on Aug. 11, 2004, who right now consumes much of their attention.

Brian Hughes works for NVR Homes in Delaware. He is the regional safety and construction trainer for Delaware south and the Maryland Eastern Shore. Brian is moving into a house that he just built in Milton, Del., about six miles from the beach. He enjoys the beach life including surfing and surf fishing. He is single and enjoys traveling as much as possible. Brian has been to the Canada, Cayman Islands, Aruba, Bahamas, St. John, Hawaii, Costa Rica and throughout the U.S. He is planning a trip to New Zealand soon. He keeps in touch with **Tim Ruggles '93** and **John Ciofalo**.

Mike Powell enjoys catching up with **Tim Ruggles** when Tim flies into the Baltimore-Washington area on business. Mike is in the middle of remodeling an old house in Urbana, Md. He plays on a mens' fast-pitch team in Baltimore and received second team all world honors at the Class A World Series in Mankato, Minn., this summer. He spends time hiking the Civil War trails by his house, visiting classic car shows and enjoying his season tickets to the Ravens games.

A 3-year-old greyhound, Emma, was recently rescued from the tracks in Florida by **Holly Phipps**. Holly lives in Hunt Valley, Md., and recently passed the SPHR Exam (Senior Professional of Human Resources) and received her SPHR designation. She is the director of leadership and organizational development at Union Memorial Hospital. She is also the president-elect for the Chesapeake Bay Human Resources Association (CHRA) in Maryland.

David Ortmann is a San Francisco based attorney, psychotherapist and sex therapist who can sometimes be persuaded into coming out of theater and modeling retirement if the project is fun. As a writer, his articles, poems, short stories, editorials and essays have been published in various academic and literary journals, magazines, anthologies and have been read on National Public Radio. He has just completed his first novel, *Under the Bardwalk*, and is at work on his second, *Still Life*. He has a private psychotherapy and sex therapy practice in San Francisco and enjoys writing and lecturing on these topics. David loves McDaniel/WMC, Alumni Hall and every great memory he holds of life on the Hill for the all too brief year he was there.

Scott Tinney is very busy with his law practice in Baltimore City. He runs into **Frank Pommert** from time to time. He also keeps in touch with **Todd Walter**. **Julie Cohen Tinney** is still part time at her medical practice in Bel Air and full time with their children. Their daughter, Casey, loves first grade and keeps busy with karate and soccer. Their son, Will, can't wait to join his sister on the school bus in a couple of years. He has his father's love of mischief and so makes every day an adventure.

Connecticut is still home to **Danielle Trent** and **Matt Zeyher**. They live in Wilton with their two sons, Zach, 6, and Jake, 3. Danielle is a project manager at the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Matt is a member of the global team for Diageo.

Stephanie Cordom Thompson is a stay-at-home mom to Carter Nicholas. Since graduation she has lived in Boulder, Colo., and Tucson, Ariz., and currently lives in Fairfax, Va. Through the years she has been able to maintain a career in human resources and before their son was born, she was the director of human resources for an IT company in Virginia. Her husband, Charles William Thompson, works for Navy Federal Credit Union and is a senior Unix network engineer. They have been married for five years. **Stephanie** still keeps in touch with **Mike Leoney**. **Meliah Becker** is **Spencer '93**. **Felicia Lockhart Stein**, **Cathy Hilliard**, **Amy Vodraska**, **Coleman Stump** and **Steve Greene**.

Paul Lomax says hello to everyone. He likes to see the updates in *The Hill* and hear how everyone is doing, especially to read about the additions to each of your families. Paul and Anita have a daughter, Addison Elizabeth Lomax, 3, and a son, Trent Joseph Lomax, born on March 18, 2005. In 2004, Paul took a job as director of marketing with Fischer Technology in Windsor, Conn. It involves quite a bit of travel but they maintain their residence in Westminster. They recently saw **Mike** and **Michelle Sabo** and **Clark '92** and **Shana Burdick '95 Hospelhorn** at the Maryland Wine Festival and look forward to seeing all of their other friends soon.

Carolyn 'Cubbie' Dahl Ingraham is living in Virginia Beach, Va. She teaches health and physical education at a middle school in Virginia Beach. She also coaches girls track. Her team won the city-wide meet for the '04-'05 school year. Her husband, Duke, opened his own granite importing company, Fleet Imports, and now has two warehouses—one in Portsmouth, Va., and another in Leland, N.C. Their daughters are, **Alli '88**, **Carra**, 6, and **Carra**, 6, enjoy all sports and attending Navy Football Games.

Christine Houlihan Selover resides in Cape May County, N.J. She and Richard just celebrated eight happy years of marriage. They love their house and all of the wildlife that goes

with it. They are close to "Aunt JoJo," a.k.a. **Josette Selover Goodroe**. Chloe has started kindergarten and Charlotte is a vibrant 2-year-old. Christine writes that she loves her job as mother and residential maintenance manager. They enjoy visiting with fellow alum: **Stacy Hermann Austensen** and **Lynne Kirsch Costello**.

Kimberly Hildebrand Cardoso was back on the Hill for homecoming—her first return since graduation. Kim received the Alumni Community Award at halftime. Her Brazilian husband, Augusto, was really into it; despite 15 years in the U.S., it was a true cross-cultural experience for him. She ran into her roommates "Linda" **Ridgely Covelovsky '90** and **Missy Needie Plummer** in the last five minutes before they left and commented that they haven't aged a bit! Life is good in Oakland, Calif. They're building a new room for their daughter, Stella, 1, searching for a second biological car, loving their weekly farmer's market, keeping busy with local politics and were looking forward to December in Brazil. Augusto has a long commute to San Jose, but it's worth it for his work at Pioneer Electronics. R&D. Kim has been enjoying the balance of part-time work as a nurse-midwife and full-time mother to an enthusiastic toddler. She doesn't find much time for art, but manages a little painting or embarrassingly enjoyable domestic crafts "after hours."

Melanie D'Amore Phillips and her husband, Mark, live in Ewing, N.J. She is a stay-at-home mom to two: Cameron, 3, and Amelia, 1. She tutors deaf students in English at a local community college on a very part-time basis.

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1997 Living in Towson, Md., **Chris and Stacy Glacken** are back on the Hill. **Chris** worked part-time on March 25, 2004, to son Ryan Edward. **Stacy** works part time at Keswick Multi-Care Center as a social worker, and **Chris** works in sales in the medical field.

Jennifer Bayne works as a residential realtor in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. Daughter **Mattecin**, 8, attends third grade at the Immaculate Conception School in Towson. Reporting from Virginia, **John Rees Hill** has been married to **Patrick Hilt** for seven years. The couple has two children, one at home and one in kindergarten. **Jody** is a stay-at-home mom and a substitute teacher at the private school where her daughter goes to school. **Jody** says that she likes to knit, go camping with her family and dogs and be involved with her daughter's school.

Nikki LeDoux Jodhauer and husband

Eric celebrated their sixth anniversary recently. **Nikki** is enjoying her third year working as a school counselor in Queen Anne's County, Md. She became a nationally certified counselor in 2005.

Shea Honyon Chambers and her husband **Shaun** have announced the birth of their daughter, **Avery Shea Chambers**, on June 19, 2005. She is a real-estate agent in northern Virginia.

Erin Murphy Forman married **Steve Forman** on April 9, 2005. Alumnae attendees included **Lynnae Steehr-Karr '98**, **Katie Haley '99** and **Karen Weaver Miller '93**. **Erin** teaches physical education at Mechanicsville Elementary School in Carroll County. She also coaches high school soccer and lacrosse. Somehow, **Erin** still finds time to be a weekend warrior on various basketball, soccer, and softball teams.

Leslie Kirkwood Osh and **Jack Osh '92** were married on Sept. 24, 2005, in Big Baker Chapel on McDaniel's campus. They had their reception at Wakefield Valley Golf and Country Club. Wedding attendees included **Kim Haker '96** and **Todd Retchless**, **Kristen Olen Benjamin**, **Gail Conway Nowicki '96**, **Toni Randle**, **Sarah Sheekells Hendrickson**, **Jennifer Doetsch**, **Melissa Baldwin**, **Damon Lewis '94**, **Rob Johnson '96**, **Steve Aquino '96**, **Mark Rutkowski**, **Brett '92** and **Stephanie '95 Goynne**. **Greg 'Joker' Corviale '95**, **Christian Hobbs '92**, **David Blank '99** and others. The couple honeymooned in Aruba.

After graduating from McDaniel, **Michael D'Antonio** worked for one year in Philadelphia at an ad agency, then moved to San Francisco for four years and worked at McCann-Erickson. Advertising on the Microsoft account during the dot-com boom era. **Michael** now lives in Philadelphia and works at Donus Advertising in center city Philadelphia as a senior account executive. Through the years, he has traveled often visiting Canada, Amsterdam, Thailand, France, England, Germany and a couple cross-country treks as well. **Michael** is still tight with **Dwight Smith '96**, **Mike Caldwell**, **Ross Hollenborn**, **Brian Wyant**, and **Matt Roff**.

Tiffany Urbansky-Maloney was married to **William Maloney** on Aug. 13, 2004. Her maid of honor was **Noelle Alampi '96**. The couple was married in Tiffany's hometown of Rochester, N.Y. For their honeymoon they went on a two-week trip to Europe, visiting Paris, Zurich, Rome, Venice and Munich. In November '04, they moved into their home in Milbury, Maine, and **Tiffany** says that she thinks they are finally settled in now, over a year later. **Tiffany** is working as a school psychologist and says that she loves it there.

Living in Bel Air, Md., **Jennifer Doetsch** is working as the special events manager for the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and is attending The George Washington University to earn her certification in

events management. In April '05, Jen connected with school pals at her annual dinner, which is held at her parents' house every year. Fellow alum **Toni Randle**, **Cindy Slaughter '96**, **Leslie Kirkwood Osh**, **Marcie Delahoz Mason '96**, **Sarah Sheekells Hendrickson**, **Lisa Hill Pearn**, **Niki LeDoux Jodhauer**, **Janet Hostford '98**, **Kim Haker Retchless '96**, **Laurie Giorno Macke '98** and **Nazhin Beiramee '98** were in attendance. Jen is looking forward to the next dinner this spring.

Jennifer Whalen Evans was married in 2000 to **Keith Evans**. The couple lives in Philadelphia, and **Jennifer** works as a project manager at SEI Investments. They have two children, 6 and 4. **Jennifer** reports that she recently went sky diving and had an awesome time.

After graduating from Johns Hopkins and receiving an M.S. in special education in 2000, **Kamaili Welch Freed** was a special educator for four years. In 2003, she married **Mason Freed** and moved to Blacksburg, Va., because he was entering Vt School at Virginia Tech. **La Vita Westbrock '96** was her maid of honor and **Amber Harris Fillius '98** was a bridesmaid. **Amber's husband Mike Fillius '98** was also there. Currently, **Kamaili** is attending Radford University and working on an Ed.S. degree to become a school psychologist. The couple is still living in Blacksburg but hopes to return to Maryland when they both graduate in 2007. Additionally, **Kamaili** has bumped into **Judy Sanders** who began Vt School at Virginia Tech in 2005.

Cathy Pech Kipler and husband **Earl** became proud parents to **Earl Robert Kipler III** (aka, **Robbie**) on April 12, 2005. **Cathy** continues to work as a critical care nurse at St. Joseph Hospital, but her favorite job is being **Robbie's** mom. She also continues to keep up with all her alumni, including **Susanna Kuespert Aldridge**, **Keith and Julie Kissel '96** **Hemo** and most recently, **Anne Hillary Harper '96**—all of whom are proud parents to at least one child. As of March '05, the couple has become Carroll County residents as they now live in Eldersburg. They are enjoying the quiet community and their busy life, especially with their happy little addition.

Working as a social worker at the Perry Point VA Medical Center, **Heather Ewing Mitchell** got married to **James Mitchell** on Aug. 12, 2004. The couple spent their first wedding anniversary in West Virginia riding ATVs through the mountains. **Heather's** daughter, **Halle**, 9, keeps her busy with cheerleading and field hockey. Also, she has two step-daughters **Kaytlynn**, 8, and **Mackenzie**, 5. **Heather** says that with a whole full of girls, there is never a dull moment.

Heather Lee Whiteside, her husband, **Jamie**, and daughter **Campy** are currently living in Entree, Ala.,

and have been keeping busy with life in the South. Jamie graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School and is now a warrant officer. He will be in school until June '06, at which time the family will be moving to Fort Hood, Texas. Heather is keeping busy with frequent military moves and taking classes towards her Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Living in Fair Haven, N.J., **Heather O'Brien** coaches gymnastics full time and teaches dance in her spare time. She has been down to visit some Phi Mu sisters within the last year including **Kim Zehner Rytter**, **Meredith Wiswell**, **Heidi Snyder Reigel** and **Amy Dreihelbis**. Heather says 'hello' to those with whom she has lost touch.

Ingrid Carlson is currently living in Toronto, Ontario, and is in the second year of a Ph.D. program in political science at the University of Toronto, studying development.

Todd and Kimberly Haker '96 Retchless are enjoying the benefits of geographical separation. Todd is teaching math at the United States Military Academy while Kim is working out of Fort Meade, Md. They are enjoying seeing all of their friends in the Maryland area.

Residing in Barbourville, Va., **Melissa Meehan Hoover** received her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in May '04. That fall, she began teaching math at Bridgewater College. In February '05, Melissa married Lance Hoover.

Working in Roaring Gap, N.C., **Brian Barry** is the head golf professional at Roaring Gap Club, which is located about 60 minutes northwest of his residence in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Amy Rice Mirra and Dave '96 welcomed their first child, Kyle Anthony, on April 28, 2005. Amy is doing some educational consulting and tutoring work from home while staying home to care for Kyle.

Reporting from Columbia, Md., **Carolyn Arney** works as an instructor at the Columbia Horse Center, enjoying time spent with the children and horses. She has ridden in a few shows in 2005.

Carolyn keeps in touch with **Susanna Kuespert Aldridge**, **Cathy Pech Kipier** and **Keith and Julie Kissel '96** Remo.

Alison Winters Welch and her husband live in Westminster with their son, 2. She keeps in touch with **Amy Rice Mirra**, **Stacey Glacken Czech** and **Ingrid Carlson**.

Living in Fairplay, Md., **Dawn Downey Stiles** and her husband, **Douane**, are enjoying time spent with daughter Emily born on March 11, 2005. Dawn is taking a leave of absence from teaching so that she can spend time with her daughter. She has been teaching fifth-grade students for eight years in Frederick, Md.

Drew and Elaine Eierman Jahn live in Middletown, Del. After earning his MBA degree from the University of Delaware in February '04, Drew was

promoted to vice president at MBNA America. He enjoys the challenges of financial analysis, and in 2005, the couple moved to O'Fallon, Mo., for six months so that Drew could integrate the financial systems of a mortgage company MBNA bought. They came back to Middletown in December '05. Elaine stopped teaching in November '03 to become a stay-at-home mom to their daughter, Molly, 2.

Reporting from Owings Mills, Md., **Amy Dreihelbis** began teaching German and Spanish at Winters Mill High School in Westminster in the fall of '04, where she joined other McDaniel graduates including **Jen Nash Herman '96**, **Wes Winters '03**, **Ted McNett '95**, **Ken Fischer '00** and **Barb Schaeffer Hornoff '98**. Amy gets together often with **Jim MS'02**, **MS'03** and **Heidi Snyder Reigel**, **Meredith Wiswell** and **Randy and Kim Zehner Rytter**. She sees **Dan and Melissa Farrell Franko** as much as she can, and she was also present at the birth of Jack Joseph "JJ" Franko. Amy reports that she had a great time visiting with **Robin Carroll Lonscak** when she was in town for Homecoming 2005.

Colleen Ricker DeBrier writes from Woodbine, Md., where she is working as an academic adviser at Carroll Community College. She and her husband are still working together in their company, Synetic Resources, Inc. They just welcomed a granddaughter in October '05, joining their other two granddaughters and one grandson.

Living in New York City, **Kerri Reyelt** recently switched jobs and is working at InStyle Magazine as the assistant ad spending manager. In August '05, Kerri flew out to Las Vegas for a getaway weekend to meet college friends, including **Rebecca Friedman**, **Jennifer Doetsch**, **Toni Randle**, **Melissa Baldwin**, **Sarah Sheckells Hendrickson**, **Melissa Summers Mackie**, **Cindy Slaughter '96**, **Amy Swenson Livarchek '96**. The group had a great time and makes an effort to take a trip together at least once a year.

Owning his own Nationwide Insurance and Financial Services firm in Upper Marlboro, Md., **Phil Simmerer** has a staff of six licensed professionals and his business is growing fast. Phil and his wife, Kim, have Cameron, 2. Living in Elkridge, Md., Phil says he is enjoying family life. He says that the best thing ever was having his son.

Brandy Mulhern Putnam and her husband, **Kenny**, welcomed daughter, **Anna Kristin**, on March 14, 2005. The couple still lives in Frederick, Md., and enjoys being close to Anna's grandparents. Brandy continues to work in the corporate communications field as a meeting, event, and media producer. In 2004, she started BKP Productions and worked as a freelance producer. In January '05, she joined PineRock in Washington, D.C., to focus on business development and reduce her travel schedule. Brandy also earned an MBA

from Mount St. Mary's University in June '05. She also enjoys playing indoor soccer weekly to stay fit and keep up with little Anna.

Dan Wooten graduated from UMBC with a master's degree in applied physics in January '00. He worked on his Ph.D. in atmospheric physics at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County until 2002 and then entered Princeton Theological Seminary in the fall '02. On May 31, 2004, Dan married Brandi Chase who is a Westmont College graduate. Dan graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a master's of divinity in May '05 and is currently serving a large United Church of Christ congregation outside of Boston.

Cindy Van Der Nat Van Nostrand and her husband, Howard, welcomed their first child, H. Taylor "Chip" on Oct. 4, 2004. They live in Haymarket, Va., where Cindy runs a new business, Puddleducks, where she sells little luxuries for moms and babies.

After nearly two years in Georgia, **Toni Randle** is glad to be back in Maryland. She is working as the special projects manager for Sinclair Broadcast Group. This job allows Toni to work both in front of the camera and behind the scenes on the national newscast. Toni purchased a house in the Towson area and has been spending most of her time on improvement projects. When she is not hard at work, she is playing with her college girls. In October 2005, Toni vacationed with **Jen Doetsch**, **Leslie Kirkwood Olsh**, **Sarah Sheckells Hendrickson**, **Kim Haker Retchless** along with their significant others in Deep Creek Lake, Md.

Jen Light is still living in Jacksonville, Fla., employed as an instructional systems designer. She keeps busy with the Jacksonville Flyball team, in support of her famed puppy. She says that some of her best friendships in life started at WMC.

Writing from Littlestown, Pa., **Beth Ann Marsh Shipley** was reunited with her high school sweetheart. The couple traveled to northern California in a VW bug, got married and had a child named Harmony Maya on May 2, 2005. Beth Ann is now a stay-at-home mom and is enjoying time spent with her daughter. Her husband, Evan, is a chef in East Berlin, Pa. Beth Ann is still working on her master's degree at McDaniel.

Byron Druzgal moved to Chicago in 2001 to complete his emergency medicine training. He was married in 2002 and then had honeymoon twin babies, Cooper and Gus, while they were living in Chicago. The couple eventually moved to Waynesboro, Pa., where they currently live. They welcomed their third child, Owen, more recently. His wife, Rebecca, is playing full-time mom and waiting to get back to work while Bryon works in Hagerstown, Md., at Washington County Hospital as an

emergency medicine doctor.

Living in Stroudsburg, Pa., with her husband, **Martha Carr** is a stay-at-home mom for daughter Emma, 2. She is working per diem at a local hospital as a case manager and writes freelance, fiction and non-fiction articles for various children's magazines.

Laura Veise Ritter and her husband had a son, Charles Rodney Ritter, on April 30, 2004. Laura's husband, Nathan, died in March '05 due to complications with ulcerative colitis. Laura and her son are residing in Skyvesville, Md. She teaches in the mathematics department at McDaniel as a visiting instructor. She still works for Raytheon in a part-time capacity.

Reporting from Woodbury Heights, N.J., **Jason Chessman** received his juris doctorate from Rutgers State University of New Jersey. Jason is currently an assistant prosecutor for Cumberland County, N.J.

Ryan John and his wife, Shelly, are enjoying raising their two girls, Grace, 2, and Nora, 6 months. Grace seems to have the vocabulary of someone twice her age and Nora is already crawling and showing signs of wanting to walk so the couple stays busy with them. Ryan is still working at Altan Tractor as the controller, and Shelly is with the State of Maryland part time as a social worker. The couple traveled to Ocean City, Md., with Shelly's parents for a week in the summer '05 and the girls loved it. They also went to **Andy Kalisperis's '98** wedding in July as well and got to catch up with the old WMC gang. Ryan and Shelly moved in October '04 to Fallston, Md., and now live within five minutes of where they grew up.

Tom and Alyssa Dunbar Burn reside in Lewes, Del. Tom is the art director at WCOM-TV 16 in Salisbury, Md. Alyssa is staying busy taking care of their son, Tommy, who was born on May 21, 2004.

Reporting from Indiana, **Susanna Kuespert Aldridge** welcomed Ashley Lynne Aldridge into the world on Oct. 20, 2005. Susanna reports that Ashley's big brother Spencer, 3, is very good with her. Recently, she moved with Tim to Greenwood, which is just south of Indianapolis, due to his job transfer at Eli Lilly. Susanna is still a veterinarian at a local hospital. She reports that she saw **Cathy Pech Kipier** and **Keith and Julie Kissel '96** Remo in the summer of '05.

Randy and Kim Zehner Rytter are living in Frederick with their son, Reagan, who was born in April 2005, and their two dogs, Brinkley (a golden retriever) and Riley (a yellow lab). Randy works for Booz Allen Hamilton as a management consultant. Kim works for ING Financial Partners from home so she can be with her daughter. After a year she can be with her daughter, after a year she can be with her daughter, attending grad school at Teachers College, Columbia University, **Melissa Summers**

Mackie has returned to Charlotte Country Day School in Charlotte, N.C., to be the director of alumni affairs.

As for me, I am still working at T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. in the Owings Mills office. I moved from a compensation analyst role to a corporate recruiter role in November '04 and absolutely love it. Feel free to pass along good candidates to me! In December '05, I traveled to Phoenix, Ariz., and obtained the advanced human resources generalist certificate. My husband, Dan, and I are still living in Towson, Md., and we purchased a beach house in Ocean City, Md. Many summer days were spent there in 2005 with friends and family, including alumni **Kerri Royell**, **Jennifer Doetsch**, **Cindy Slaughter**, **Toni Randle** and **Leslie Kirkwood Osh** when we celebrated our 30th birthdays. I'm looking forward to this summer. Please feel free to keep in touch with me at dansarah519@trown.com or sarah_hendrickson@trownprice.com. If you have not already done so, make sure the college has your updated address so that you will receive future postcards from me. Hope this column finds you well. Take good care.

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2002 Sarah Hill Von Bergen has been happily married for three years to **Thomas Richard Von Bergen**. She has also been working at T. Rowe Price for over three years and is currently in an assistant supervisor role. Sarah is very active in church at Firm Foundation Worship Center in Westminster. She and her husband live in a new home in Westminster, but it's familiar territory since they are both from Carroll County.

Randall M. Justice Esq. just passed the Pennsylvania bar exam and became an attorney after earning his J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law.

Ryan Zimmerman and Julia Kacala '03 were married on July 15, 2005, and reside in Baltimore, Md. **Emily Seal '03**, **Elizabeth Bryan '03**, **Lauren Wilson '04** and **Roy Zimmerman** were all included in the bridal party. Ryan received his doctorate of physical therapy in April '05 and currently works for Physiotherapy Associates in Pikesville, Md., while Julia is currently a fourth grade teacher at Ursula School.

Rebecca Carswell was recently married to Patrick Shuck on Oct. 8, 2005, and they had their reception at McDaniel College in the President's Forum.

Stephanie Banach is working as a marketing manager in the corporate communications department at a biotechnology company in Gaithersburg, Md. She is living in downtown Frederick, Md., with hopes that being close to her first nephew will allow her to achieve "Best Aunt" status.

On July 10, 2004, **Dawn Harner Long** got married to Ronald Long Jr. **Jody Bowser '03** was one of four bridesmaids in the wedding. The happy couple went to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, for their honeymoon. Dawn is currently a certified medicine aide for a nursing home in Taneytown and is attending college to become a registered nurse, while her husband is employed as a Baltimore County police officer. They reside in Taneytown, Md.

Danielle Price Rinker and **Thomas Rinker** were married on June 5, 2004, in Woodbine, Md. Together they opened a bicycle shop called *The Bicycle Escape* in Frederick, Md., in December. Danielle continues to work as a promotions specialist for the Chesapeake Region Safety Council, a non-profit organization in Baltimore, while Tom mans the store during the day; Danielle assists him at the shop on evenings and weekends.

Brooke Joseph Talmadge was married on Jan. 10, 2004, to Shawn Talmadge at the Castle at Maryvale. Maid of Honor was **Christina Walter '03** and a bridesmaid was **Jill Thalheimer '04**. Guests included numerous sisters of the Phi Mu Fraternity as well as **Brian Winger '04**, brother of Phi Kappa Sigma. Brooke is currently finishing up her master's degree in social work, while Shawn is finishing his degree in chemistry. Brooke and Shawn are living in Roland Park, Md., with their miniature dachshund, Tiki.

Jeanne Bauder graduated in December from American University with her master's degree in teaching in elementary education.

Amy Davidson Latta teaches English at Francis Scott Key High School in Union Bridge, Md., and serves as a co-advisor to the sophomore class. Amy is also currently pursuing a master's degree at McDaniel. She and her husband, Dan, celebrated their fourth anniversary on Dec. 29, 2005. They are enjoying married life and have taken up dancing, Latin and swing dancing as a mutual hobby.

Christine Joyce Wasilewski is currently a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital and is finishing her master's degree at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing to become a family primary care nurse practitioner.

Dave Dolch teaches high school mathematics at Chesapeake High. He is School in Anne Arundel County. He is also the head JV girls' basketball coach, and a varsity assistant baseball coach.

Kristy Lutz graduated '05 with her doctorate in December of 2005.

Rachel Gast is currently in her third year of medical school and just stopped clinical rotations in Saginaw, Mich. to return to Maryland to finish rotations in Baltimore.

Jay Lorenz graduated from McDaniel College's counseling education graduate program in May '05, and

moved back to Sarasota, Fla., where he accepted a school counselor position at his former high school, Riverview. Jay coached football in the fall and will help coach track and field this spring.

Shaiah Gaddy McLain married Marcus McLain on Nov. 12, 2005, in Randallstown, Md. The McDaniel College Gospel Choir, directed by **Eric Byrd '93**, sang "The Prayer" at the ceremony. **Carl Taylor '01** also sang "Seasons" as Shaiah walked down the aisle. In attendance at the wedding were 2002 graduates **Christian Hamilton**, **Mithona Dan**,

Marcus Helton, **Angela Chapman** and **Latonia Haines**. Other alumni participating in the wedding included **Bianca Locke-Wilson '01**, who served as a hostess, and **Lynnell McLean '00**. Shaiah is an elementary school teacher in Baltimore City and is working on her master's degree in education in reading at McDaniel College. The couple resides in Baltimore County.

Allison Burns is a teacher of Psychology 101 at Howard Community College. She really enjoys sharing her "joy for learning and passion for psychology with such a heterogeneous group of students, which brings a lot of diverse life experience from which to explore contemporary issues in the field."

Steve Zamagias lives in Owings Mills with fellow alumni **Ryan Hain** and **Chris Tauger**. Steve finished his two-year graduate assistantship at McDaniel and got his master's degree in sports administration in May '04. Now he is working in the Towson University Athletic Department as the facilities and event management assistant, while also coaching JV boys' basketball at Franklin High School in Reisterstown with Ryan. Ryan is a Pre-K physical education teacher for Baltimore County and is the assistant head football coach at Franklin High School. Chris is a traffic representative with Comcast and is working for D3hoops.com on the side.

John Buschman is currently in the process of applying for residency to further his medical education and plans to graduate from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in May.

Claire Adams-Aubel is now living in eastern North Carolina and extremely happy to be out of Mississippi. Claire and her husband, Erik, became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, **Vivian Elaine**, on June 21, 2005.

Julie Keough has been moving around a lot in the past three years, but is currently a singer/dancer at a review show in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., called *The Blackbear Jamboree*. Julie lives in the Great Smoky Mountains in the land of Dolly Parton and may end up singing for another year or longer.

Stephanie McFeeley Year and her husband, Josh, are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Hannah, who was born in January '05. Stephanie is currently teaching high school English in

Frederick County, Md.

Chris Englebrake and **Jackie Leazer '01** were married on May 21, 2005, in the sun and breeze on the beach in Ocean City, Md. Joining them in their bridal party were many classmates and fellow alumni: **Mike McKinney** and **Below '03**, and **Scott Edwards '07** were groomsmen and **Christine Leazer '07**, **Andrea Williams Alcombricht '07**, and **Kittie Deluca Pain '00** were bridesmaids. The newlyweds are happily residing in their home in Westminster with their boxer, Maddie.

Kimberly Adams Fischer married Michael Fischer on Dec. 18, 2004. The couple currently resides in Baltimore County, Md.

Last summer, **Jennifer Yi** finished her master's degree in philosophy and social policy at the George Washington University. Last year she worked for the *American Educator Magazine*, and now she is in Linacota, Peru, teaching English at the University of Pacifico.

Leah Dantinne and **Jed Spencer '01** were married in Cozmetel, Mexico, in 2005. Accompanying them, among other friends and family, were fellow alumni **Scott Driscoll '01**, **Torie Wenning Driscoll '01**, **Leah Valentine '01**, **Tony Halloran '01**, **Dan Saut**, **Kelly Murray**, **Kristin Gibson** and **Robyn Hill**. Leah graduated from McDaniel with her master's degree in education in 2004 and is teaching art at Winters Mill High School in Westminster, Md. Jed graduated from Mount Saint Mary's School of Business with his MBA in 2003 and will graduate from University of Baltimore School of Law in May '06. Leah and Jed purchased a home in Pikesville, Md., and frequently get together with other alumni in the Baltimore area.

Julie Keough is currently a singer/dancer at a review show in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., called *The Blackbear Jamboree*.

Rick Michael Grams was married to Brenda Erin Moore in Williamsburg, Va., on Aug. 13, 2005. **Jared Nuse '03** served as the best man. Rick graduated magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 2005 and recently passed the Maryland bar exam. His comment "Walking the Line of Admissibility: Why Maryland Courts Should Reexamine the Admissibility of Field Sobriety Tests" was published in Volume 34 of the *University of Baltimore Law Review*. He is currently working at the Law Offices of R. Daniel Gattrell and also worked in Bay Saint Louis, Miss., during the rebuilding effort that followed Hurricane Katrina.

Jonathan Parke is living and working

in the Salisbury, Md. area for WBOW-TV 16 Delmarva's News Leader, which is a CBS and UPN affiliate. Jon is the satellite feed coordinator for the two stations and a technical director for the local newscasts.

Laura Boyer is a special events planner at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and has been working at the zoo for three years now, planning corporate parties, fundraising and educational events. She also has been taking art classes and doing some graphic design work on the side.

Ther Bayly is a third-grade teacher at Friendship Valley Elementary School in Westminster, Md. She's working on her master's degree at McDaniel College.

Kara Moran is working at Catholic High School in Baltimore.

Helen Whitehurst Novelli and her husband, Doug, live in Austin, Texas. Doug graduated from the police academy in September and is a police officer with the Austin Airport Police Department.

Marcus Helton is the head high school sports writer at the *Daily News-Record* in Harrisonburg, Va. He's also still writing music. Old friends can drop him a line at marcushelton@yahoo.com

Dana Gardner Wineke and **Chris Wineke '03** were married on July 10, 2004. Dana works as a fourth-grade teacher at Eldersburg Elementary School in Carroll County and she is working towards her master's degree in reading at McDaniel. Dana and Chris reside in New Town in Owings Mills with their Weimaraner, Samson.

Katie Mavity Cook is teaching sixth-grade language arts while she pursues her master's degree in reading. She and Justin Cook were married on July 30, 2005, and they now reside in Preston, Md.

Miranda Goltz Snavely and Jeff Snavely were married on Dec. 31, 2003, and now reside in Gaithersburg, Md., with their three dogs, Karma, Kita and Kole.

Adrienne Doermann graduated from McDaniel in May '05 with her master's degree in reading. She and **Ross Reeder '04** reside in Miami in their home.

Jeffrey Stever and Karen Foltz were married on July 30, 2005. **Adam Mussaw** and his wife, Mary, celebrated two years of marriage in September '05.

Melissa O'Brien Hickie married **Chris Hickie '03** on Oct. 2, 2004. Many fellow alumni were in attendance at the wedding, including Maid of Honor **Lori Schenck '01** and bridesmaids **Kate Boyer** and **Mary Muro '03**. Melissa teaches English at Liberty High School in Carroll County. She is also heavily involved with their drama department, in which she directed *The Crucible* this past fall. Melissa and Chris live in Westminster with their cat, Sgt. Grumbles.

Tiffany Lucas Mercer and **Tyler Mercer '01** moved to New Jersey where

they are building a single-family home in Swedesboro. Tyler is working at Legg Mason and Tiffany recently left T. Rowe Price.

Shauna Dominguez works at Malcolm Elementary School in the Charles County Public Schools system. She is the technical facilitator, which means she gets to work with students on computers to supplement what they are learning in class.

Christina "Tina" Carlson is employed as an assistant scientist for Midwest Research Institute in Rockville, Md. She is also pursuing her master of science degree in biotechnology at the University of Maryland University College. She and her high school sweetheart, Clint Sanders, reside in Waldorf, Md.

Jill Krebs moved to Richmond, Va., where she works downtown and is teaching at VCU. She is really enjoying all of the great arts and music events in Richmond and is still doing plenty of running.

Jeremy Keil lives in Milwaukee, Wis., where he works for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He completed his second triathlon this summer, which has convinced him that swimming is his new favorite sport. When Jeremy isn't working he enjoys exercising, playing guitar or familiarizing himself with the fine beer and cheese that Wisconsin has to offer.

Todd Peters will graduate from Penn State Medical School in May '06, after which he will pursue a career in child/adolescent psychiatry. Right now Todd is applying for residency programs along the East Coast in his field of interest.

Nichole Christman is in her fourth year at Jefferson Medical College where she spent one month working with homeless adolescents in north Philadelphia. She is currently interviewing for a family medicine residency and plans to do a clinical rotation on a Navajo reservation in February. Some other interesting news about Nichole... she caught five Bermuda chubs in less than 30 minutes while fishing in the Florida Keys last May, and she hiked various trails in Smoky Mountains National Park, the Shenandoah Valley and the Poconos Mountains this past spring and summer.

Amanda Lofton Goff and **Jeff Goff '01** were married in Baker Memorial Chapel on May 28, 2005. They enjoyed seeing many of their friends from college at the wedding, including **Aila Albrecht**, who was a bridesmaid, and **Aaron Heiser '99**, who was a groomsmen. Amanda is a graphic designer and Jeff is completing his Ph.D. in applied science at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg. The couple resides in Newport News, Va.

Terrae Whiting graduated with a master's degree in clinical psychology from Towson University and is currently working as a psychologist/school psych-

chologist with the Baltimore City Public School System.

I. Emily Wilson Rollins, married **Edward Ellis Rollins** on Jan. 1, 2005. We loved having lots of our college friends at our New Year's wedding, so thanks to everyone who attended! We enjoyed a wonderfully warm Hawaiian cruise for our honeymoon, while it was freezing back on the East Coast. In May we bought our first home in Harford County, Md., and there we reside with our two dogs, Toby and Riley. Ellis is finishing his last year at the University of Baltimore School of Law and will soon begin preparing to take the bar exam this July. I continue to work at Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore as the director of alumni relations and annual giving, where I have been since right after we graduated. It is nice hearing from so many members of our class when collecting these notes, so keep them coming! If you would like to drop me a line, please do so at erollins@admin.mjsnet.edu or mail it to:

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2003 Tiffany Gibson married **Jason Schwartzberg** on June 4, 2005, and shortly thereafter honeymooned in Negril, Jamaica. Tiffany works as a school social worker in Baltimore County and Jason works as an associate for a private bank. They reside in Hunt Valley, Md., with their puppy, Merritt.

In August '05, **Staci George** began a two-year master's program at Georgetown University in the communications, culture and technology department. Prior to starting school, Staci worked at the *Gettysburg Times* in Gettysburg, Pa., as the fire and police reporter for two years. Staci hopes to continue her journalism career in Washington, D.C., and she wishes her classmates continued success with their education and career pursuits.

Congratulations to **Bobby Laffey** who recently married **Sarah Thomas '04** on Nov. 25, 2005. Members of the wedding party included **Jeff Starcher**, **Dave Roberts**, **Mitch Hoffman '04**, **Kellie Pfeifer '04**, **Susan Rohrer**, and **Kate Stoner '04**. Currently, the couple lives in Bel Air, Md., where Bobby teaches at Bel Air High School.

Since graduating in 2003, **Tammi Slater** has been working as a full-time newspaper reporter in Howard County, Md. In her daily duties, Tammi covers anything from county government, to breaking news, school board issues and human interest stories. In addition, Tammi is a photographer taking snap shots for her personal stories. Recently, several of her stories were picked up by outside publication companies, and Tammi has been back to McDaniel four times as a guest speaker.

In August '04, **Matt Mauriello** and wife **Misty** bought a new home in Mercersburg, Pa., with their daughter, **Amelia**. Matt is in his third year as an eighth-grade math teacher and, when not in the classroom, Matt enjoys coaching both a football and baseball team. Matt is working toward his master's degree in administration and supervision.

Tracy Kessler recently graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, with a master's degree in clinical social work. Tracy currently lives in Owings Mills, Md., where she works as a full-time family therapist with treatment foster care children for a non-profit agency.

Tom Keller is currently a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University where he studies biotechnology. In his program Tom works in a radiation and medicinal oncology lab, researching prostate cancer and DNA repair. In addition, Tom is also enrolled in McDaniel's secondary education graduation program and plans to student teach in the upcoming semesters. Recently, he and **Jessica Stoenfelt '01**, bought a home in southern York County, Pa.

Yolanda Hill sends her love to her family on the Hill and reports the good health of her one-year old son. In the past year, Yolanda was hired to work for a social work agency for the elderly and she states that she has finally moved after her own place!

After living in Tuscon, Ariz., for the past year, **Sara Hanson** moved to St. Paul, Minn., where she got a job teaching second-grade students at Metro Deaf School, a charter school in the Twin Cities.

Jaime Rosenberg married **Dustin Kennedy** of Hagerstown, Md., on Sept. 3, 2005. Recently, Jamie and husband bought a house in Fairfield, Pa., where they reside with their new puppy, Willow, and their two cats, Patches and Rhodi. Jamie is employed with McGladrey and Pullen in Frederick, Md., as a senior audit associate.

Courtney Jones and **Andrew Wiske** were married on June 4, 2005. **Nicole Nickerson**, **Jen Pohl**, **Brandi Livesey Tignall** and **Aryn Berenzey** were all bridesmaids. Currently, Courtney lives in Salisbury, Md., where she is a graduate assistant for the athletic training department at Salisbury University. Courtney expects to graduate with her master's degree in education in the summer of '06.

Andy Ewing recently earned his master's degree in economics at the University of Washington, and he is now completing his dissertation on the Economics of Education. Andy is also the lead teachers' assistant for the '05-'06 school year. When not in the classroom, Andy also works as a data consultant for McDaniel Admissions and is the captain of the economics intramural team.

Mary Muro expects to graduate in May '06 from McDaniel College with

her master's degree in counseling. Mary hopes to pursue her career as a guidance counselor in the central Maryland area.

Since graduating, **Kary Magee** married Andrew Littleton and has moved to London, England. After three months in Europe, Kary found out that she was pregnant and her daughter Kaylyn was born on May 11, 2004. In October '04, Kary and family returned to the United States. They now reside in Middletown, Del. Kary enjoys staying at home with her daughter while her husband works as an associate for Dale Bering.

Jamie Crumlish lives and works in Wilmington, DE, where she is a mentoring and transition para-professional for senior special-ed students at Delaware High School. Jamie misses all of her Omega girls and wishes them the best in the new year.

Chris Cullison and **Sara Darmofalski '04** currently live in New York City. Chris is a technical manager for Sears Holding Company while Sara is an elementary school teacher. City life is keeping the couple very busy.

On Aug. 7, 2004, **Matthew Michael** and **Alana Stubbs** were married. Currently, Matt is in his third year of teaching math at Century High School in Stysville, Md., and Alana has been on staff with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for two-and-a-half years as an area representative.

Jessica Grimes Meerdter received her master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland in 2004 and now works as an investigator for Child Protective Services in Carroll County, Md. On June 18, 2005, Jessica married Joseph C. Meerdter, and recently the couple bought a house in Hanover, Pa.

Megan Moulding has recently changed careers; she now works as a center manager for a senior wellness center. Some of her duties include planning activities and trips for seniors at her site. Megan, now a resident of Atlanta, Ga., enjoyed visits from college friends including **Rachelle Giguere**, **Leah Kable**, **Haroun Hebron**, **Becky Harman**, **Tierra Jolly '04** and **Carrie Speck '06**.

Wesley Winters is a teacher at Winters Mill High School in Westminster, Md. At his school, one of his main duties is coaching wrestling with former WMC coach, John Lowe. When not on the mats, Wes also coaches softball and is the adviser to the class of 2009.

Laura Gibson is now a certified and licensed floral designer and studio artist who owns her own florist business, Floral Legacies. The business is licensed in her home town, Manchester, Md., where they specialize in providing quality fresh and solid floral arrangements for weddings, events, funerals and holidays, as well as gourmet gift baskets and custom floral watercolor paintings.

Katie Odo Brown and husband Steve welcomed the birth of their new son, Noah Jacob, on July 27, 2005. Oldest son Ethan, who is full of energy, turned 3 on Nov. 6, 2005. The couple is very busy juggling work, taking care of the kids, and remodeling their house.

P. Kelly Diamond recently completed 3,400 hours of service with Americorp in St. Mary's County, Md., working with the Maryland Conservation Corps. For the last two years, PK has been a full-time volunteer for the park service which turned out to be quite an adventure and learning experience. More recently, PK has moved out of Maryland and is making her way to Honolulu, Hawaii, where she will be living with alumna **Megan Grimshaw**. There, PK, hopes to combine her recent experiences and her educational background to teach young students about the environment.

Monica Davis is in her second year at the University of Baltimore where she is pursuing a master's degree in the field of publications design. In addition, Monica has an internship in the graphics department at USEC, a global energy company in Bethesda, Md., where she helps to design and redesign communication pieces.

Rachelle Giguere had a blast in the summer of '04 living in Atlanta, Ga., with Phi Alpha sorority sister **Megan Moulding**. In August '04, Rachelle completed her master's degree in criminology and criminal justice at the University of Maryland College Park. In June, she began working for a non-profit organization, The Center for Effective Public Policy, in Silver Spring, Md., where she helps to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions across the country on various criminal justice topics.

Omar Pulliam continues his work in sales with The Scotts Company and was most recently named Rookie of the Year for 2004. In July '05, Omar purchased a town home in Perry Hall, Md., where he rents to **John Burghardt**, a member of their fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma, of which Omar is the alumni president. When not working, Omar can be found practicing with his band *Insurrection*, which released their first professional CD recording on Nov. 11, 2005.

Kevin Kozak has continued to work during his post-college years as a beer maker. Kevin started as an assistant brewer in a local brew pub in Arlington, Va., where more recently he accepted a job as a brew master at Thoroughbreds Grill and Brewing in Leesburg, Va. As a brew master, he is responsible for making all of the beer and on occasion, several of his own recipes can be found on tap.

Kelsey Reichard resides in her hometown of Martinsburg, WV, where she works as the placement director of Valley College. Kelsey also works for the State of West Virginia as an interpreter

for Spanish-speaking families.

Ashley White, a resident of Delaware, works in the fashion department at Anthropologie located in Pennsylvania. Specifically, Ashley works at the company's home office as a buyer for accessories of all U.S. stores. Ashley has worked with the company for over one-and-a-half years and looks forward to many more.

Leah Kable is pursuing her master's degree in school guidance counseling and expects to graduate by the summer of '06. As of now, Leah works as research assistant for a counseling agency and enjoys working with all types of people. In her spare time, Leah enjoys taking and planning many trips around the country to visit her many friends and sorority sisters such as **Leigh Garrigues '05** in Denver, Colo., **Megan Moulding** in Atlanta, Ga., **Jill Heinsman '04** in Savannah, Ga., and **Becky Harman** in Philadelphia, Pa.

Chris Wineke of Owings Mills, Md., was married to **Dana Gardner '02** on July 10, 2004. Chris works at IFE North America in Westminster, Md., as a commercial project manager and looks forward to returning to the books when he attends Loyola College in Maryland to pursue an MBA. When time permits, Chris also enjoys getting together with old fraternity friends to catch up.

Christina Walter, of Hanover, Pa., received her master's degree in social work from Widener University in the summer of '05. She recently acquired a new job as a clinical coordinator for a program she helped to develop, The Center for Childhood Enhancement. The program concentrates on creating and providing treatment for children with autism.

For the past three years, **Candice Herron** has been teaching in the Prince George's County Public School system and loving it. Candice wants to thank all of her dedicated professors who helped prepare her for her position including Dr. Orza, Dr. Craig, Dr. Fennel, Dr. Harlow and the rest of the Education Department.

Frank Wright of Westminster, Md., sends his congratulations to graduate, lab, medical, biochemistry and social engineering students. Frank can fully appreciate the work of a post-graduate student as he attends the Ecumenical Institute of Theology of Baltimore City. Frank raves about the classes and declares that the library is a must-see!

In January '04, **Rick Lindgraf** went active Army and trained in military intelligence at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. In July '04, he was assigned to Ft. Bragg, N.C., where his unit, HHHC/1-159th AVN Regt., worked with the 82nd Airborne to provide intelligence and security to Black Hawks. Since December '04 to the present, Rick has been based in Balad, Iraq, where he recently he was promoted to 1st lieutenant. Despite the conditions over-

seas, Rick has kept his spirits up by putting together a rock band he calls *Dirty Jersey*. Rick misses his family and friends from school and looks forward to a safe return very soon.

Ashley White works at Anthropologie as a buyer for accessories for all U.S. stores.

Julia Kacala and **Ryan Zimmerman '02** were married on July 15, 2005, and reside in Baltimore, Md. **Emily Seal**, **Elizabeth Bryan**, **Lauren Wilson '06** and **Roy Zimmerman '02** were all included in the bridal party. Julia is currently a fourth-grade teacher at the St. Ursula School while Ryan received his doctor of physical therapy in April '05. Ryan currently works for Physiotherapy Association in Pikesville, Md.

Liz Bryan received her master's degree in public relations from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in August '04. Today, Liz is working at Spectrum Science Communications, a health-care public system relations agency in D.C. **Financé Zach Walder** is working for General Mills at the corporate office located in Minneapolis, Minn.

Christina Collins-Smith works full time as the coordinating director of Common Ground on the Hill, a non-profit organization that seeks to bring cultures in conflict together through sharing of their traditional arts. Common Ground on the Hill is in residence at McDaniel College and offers an annual concert series as well as July workshops and festival to the community. Christina will receive her MLA degree at McDaniel College in May '06.

Julie Snooks has worked at NIH for the past two years as a biologist studying a rare genetic disorder called Lowe Syndrome. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree in biotechnology at Johns Hopkins University, expecting to graduate in December '06. More recently, Julie was married to long time boyfriend Mike Cronin in May '05 and they reside in a newly bought home Federal Hill, Md.

After graduation, I stayed in the classroom as a full-time student and earned my master's degree in counseling psychology from Loyola College in Maryland in May '05. Currently, I am teaching introduction to psychology to undergraduates at the Community College of Baltimore County as an adjunct professor. In addition, I work as a psychology associate for J.B. Mealy and Associates, a private practice in Rockville, Md.

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Lessons From the Bench

BY STEVE PEED '01

The 15th player on the basketball roster. The 99th guy on the football roster. The 32nd baseball player. The seventh singles player. Practice fodder, right?

The odds of that player becoming a regular starter are slim. The odds of achieving greatness are slimmer. Accomplishments are generally relegated to mop-up minutes, or as we used to refer to it in my day, to membership in the 30:30 club (30 points ahead, 30 points behind, 30 seconds left).

Yet these kids show up every day. They practice their guts out, often going harder than the "star player." And for what? There is the love of competition, love of the team and plenty of determination to match the perspiration.

There is also the chance.

That chance is the fleeting glory of sacking the quarterback, or fanning the league's most ferocious power hitter. That chance is that a coach will see in the athlete precisely what the athlete sees in his or herself.

When the chance comes, not everyone is ready to embrace it. Some are. Junior Devin Keeny was.

A spate of injuries in a short period conspired with several consecutive losses to produce Devin Keeny as a starter for the men's basketball team. This is the same Devin Keeny who saw all of 20 minutes of action, spread out over 11 games, in 2004. The same Devin Keeny who was asked to fill out a form handed to freshmen for the media guide because none of his 20 minutes coincided with the flash of a camera.

That was prior to the regime change in Westminster.

A year ago, Keeny was overlooked as a viable contributor to the squad. In the Coach Bob Flynn era, Devin

Keeny is not only a contributor, but a capable starter as well. That is why the last guy on the roster keeps at it. Keeny's story is just beginning the second chapter. Prior to his first start against Dickinson on Feb. 1, he had seen a small handful of meaningful minutes in 14 games, posting 2.4 points per contest. As a starter, he averaged seven points per game, helping McDaniel to back-to-back wins in his first two starts. In his second game as a player in the starting five, Keeny doubled his previous career high of nine points with 18 first-half points against Swarthmore.

He finished that game with 20 points, watching much of Swarthmore's second-half comeback bid from the bench, exhausted from nearly matching his 2004 minutes in just the first half of one game.

Maybe he can't keep posting numbers like he did against Swat for the rest of his career. Maybe he can. Where his story goes from here is yet to be determined. But given a chance, the guy who was 14th or 15th on the roster earned the consideration of fans, coaches, writers and broadcasters that he knew he was capable of earning.

His victory against Swarthmore was not just a win in basketball for him and his teammates. It is the truly All-American experience of pulling yourself up by the bootstraps. It is a victory for every athlete who has been last on the roster and the last to leave practice.

That athlete is neither a martyr, nor an unrealistic dreamer, but is a constant reminder to those fortunate enough to log the meaningful minutes precisely how meaningful those minutes really are.

I speak from experience. While Matt Meiklejohn '00, Gavin DeFrias '99, and Ron Sernarini '00 were busy bringing football championships home, guys like me rode their coattails on



Saturday nights.

Our football existence took place largely behind the scenes.

I watched my teammate, Matt Freas '00, have his shoulder tied into place, ankles taped and wrists wrapped on a daily basis to practice with the least glorified position group in football, the

offensive line. What was in it for him?

He had a job to do, and he did it.

I was repeatedly run over by 300 pounds of Ryan Hines '99 for about 45 minutes on a daily basis for three to four months a year in my early 20's. I heard Mike Wood '01 yelled at for being lined up incorrectly at least once a practice. I saw Dan Gadd '00 scratch and claw his way into minutes on special teams.

I still recall a coach once saying, "If John Croyle ever has to play a game for us, we might as well forfeit."

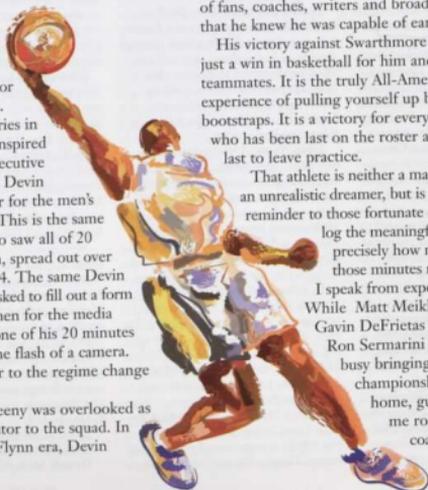
It makes my memory of watching Croyle '01, the nose guard we had dubbed "Sweetchuck" (in reference to the diminutive character in the *Police Academy* movies he mildly resembled) recording two sacks in his first career start that much sweeter. I am sure it made receiving his Centennial Conference Player of the Week Award that much more gratifying to him.

His award was our award. John "Sweetchuck" Croyle was our Devin Keeny.

We were vindicated because he was. Our bruises and pulls were justified because one of our own had made it. We all wearily legged out our last gasser, knowing that if we were the weakest link, then the chain was pretty strong. We all learned that championships are won when egos are checked at the locker room door.

That's why the last guy bangs his head against the wall every day. Now get back to work.

Sports Information Director Steve Peed '01 spent 59:30 of many football games on the Hill standing on the sideline, waiting for his 30 seconds. He finished his career as one of the College's least notable pass rushers with one quarterback sack.



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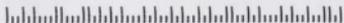
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Making Connections in Cameroon

Political Science and International Studies Assistant Professor Debora Johnson-Ross found much to smile about during the Jan Term study tour, "Culture and Politics of Cameroon." She, along with Zephia Bryant, director of the Office of Multicultural Services, led six students and one alumna through the small West African country, where they attended lectures given by professors at the University of Buea and spent the day teaching at a primary school. (See photos and read about more Jan Term adventures on page 2.)