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Executions Are Like Funerals

I read with interest the article, "Witness to an Execution?" in the autumn issue. Among several state political issues that generate a great deal of emotional discussion and anguish on both sides, the government's use of the death penalty rises to a height not often equaled. As part of my professional duties with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, I have been a witness to executions, viewing the actions of families, foes and assigned staff.

The range of expressions in the viewing room passes from anger to relief to sadness but most noticeably vengeance. In my experience, executions are a little like funerals — they are for the survivors and families. They do not, in my opinion, deter a capital crime. They do provide a form of closure for the living but a closure that may involve vengeful feelings. This may well be necessary for some but harmful for others. My comments here are not for or against the death penalty but do proffer some of the sides not found in news articles or other commentaries.

-Ruth Bowden Mascari '66

The Bouncing Souls, That's My Boy

I attended McDaniel College back in 1952-53 when it was Western Maryland College. I did not graduate, but spent three semesters learning how National Bohemian Beer could distract one from successful academic pursuits.

I lived happily ever after, however, and McDaniel found me and I enjoy reading The Hill. The latest issue arrived recently and my wife was reading it when I heard her exclaim, "Oh, my gosh, listen to this..." and she read the comments by Capt. Andrew Burrows '04 on page 11 concerning the music he listens to in Iraq. Well, small world! The Bouncing Souls is our son's band. They have been a successful group since our Peter, who plays lead guitar and is known as "The Pete," was a senior in high school 20 years ago. They have made some great music and continue to perform all over the States and the world.

We are very proud of him and the rest of the guys in the band. How nice to know they help Capt. Burrows get through his tour in Iraq.

Richard Steinkopf
Wilmington, N.C.
Battling Dementia, Not Just Loafing

I hope Dr. Phillips' spirit will forgive me for doing this letter on my computer. I enjoyed Abbott Wainwright's guidance on doing crossword puzzles in the Autumn issue of The Hill. My wife and I recently started doing them, too, and we're sure we're battling dementia one puzzle at a time, and not just loafing. Semantic variation of vocabulary is good mental exercise.

Here are a few thoughts I have about crossword puzzles. “Across” words just feel different from “down” words. Consonants are more important than vowels in recognizing partial words. Anyone under 60 will have trouble with the popular culture clues, some of which hark back to my parents’ generation. In my short career I already have hit “Les of renown” twice.

Sometimes the puzzle's author fails to put the proper number of spaces in the puzzle. Blacken any extra spaces, add more if you need to, or put two letters in a space.

These puzzles are in English, so just fill in the foreign words with whatever letters fit.

Any reference is fair game, including the solution at the back of the book.

Puzzles are supposed to be fun, and if you hit one that isn't, abandon it. Be sure to fill in all the spaces if you're going to have the puzzle around the house, however, so it looks like you finished it. If you don't, someone will pick it up and fill in a word you didn't know, immediately assuming an air of intellectual superiority that will leave you feeling like a pillock (Pharm. security device?).

David J. Boyer MLA’80
New Freedom, Pa.

You Talkin’ to Me?

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

Kaya is the exception to the campus no-pets policy. After all, she's in training to be a part of something special.

After melting the heart of the director of residence life, the cuddly golden-Labrador retriever mix was allowed to go home with sophomore Abigail Vickers to train as a service dog through the nonprofit organization Canine Companions for Independence, or CCI.

Vickers has also established a CCI campus club. “We are working hard to raise awareness about CCI and the people they help,” she says. “It is one of McDaniel's ways of reaching out to the community.”

Along with the other residents of their college house on Pennsylvania Avenue, Vickers is responsible for Kaye's basic training as well as the usual tasks of raising a puppy. Kaya must learn basic commands, such as sit, stay, down, off, under and jump.

Good manners are even a part of her training. Vickers reports that Kaya attended church, restaurants and stores all with good behavior.

So far, the campus community has responded positively to Kaya. “Most people are very excited about the puppy on campus. Even the grounds people and maintenance crew appreciate her,” Vickers says.

Kaya's training is preparing her for the advanced training she will receive in September 2009. If she passes her advanced commands test, then she will move on to team training where she will be paired with a person with special needs. If the match is successful then Kaya will act as a service dog for the next seven to 10 years bringing loyalty and love to a deserving person.

—Michelle Menner '09
History Happens Before Our Eyes

Gathered at places around the globe to witness the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama, students, faculty and staff laid claim to enduring memories.

While many congregated on the Mall in Washington, D.C., to experience the moment, others flocked to Decker Center Forum to view Obama's swearing-in ceremony as it was projected onto a large screen. Debora Johnson-Ross, associate professor of political science and international studies, watched from Cameroon in western Africa with a group of students she'd taken there on a Jan Term tour.

"It was an amazing vantage point from which to observe the day. So many people were so excited and proud," she says.

Still others worked on the front lines of history. Sophomore Colin Miller, an award-winning photographer who was hired by a publication to capture the scene, said it was worth having to start his day in the pre-dawn hours of Tuesday morning and then endure subfreezing temperatures to get his shots.

"I showed up at the Metro before 4 a.m. and the line wrapped around the Metro garage twice already. I fought crowds everywhere I went, in freezing-cold weather. I slept for 30 minutes in a cardboard box on the Mall. And I saw people get hypothermia and frostbite," Miller said. "But I saw Obama become the first black president. And, more importantly, I saw history unfold before my eyes. I could not have been more proud of my country at that moment."

For 1st Lt. Michelle Levesque '05, a U.S. Army reservist, being activated a year ago to serve on the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee was the chance to serve her country in a meaningful way. As the Ceremonial Information Center watch officer, Levesque's assignment on Inauguration Day was to ensure that all events connected to the parade occurred as painstakingly planned in the months leading up to the day.

For Aaron Christman '05, who marched with his wife, Jenny, in the Inaugural Parade, it was the chance to proudly represent the nearly 200,000 Peace Corps volunteers who have served since the agency was formed almost 50 years ago. The couple served in Anosibe An'Ala, Madagascar, from 2006-08.

And for Music Lecturer Eric Byrd '93, having his band, the Eric Byrd Trio, perform during the Purple Inaugural Ball and watching the swearing-in ceremony from a D.C. hotel was an emotional experience — one he wishes his father, William J. Byrd, had been able to share with him.

Byrd recalls that before his father, a native of Birmingham, Ala., died last summer, he said that if Obama won the presidential election it would be the greatest event in his lifetime.

"I've never felt more proud to be an American, more inspired to serve in government or social issues, more thankful to support this particular candidate for what he represents for kids, or more blessed to be black," Byrd said after witnessing Obama's inauguration.
Citing a need for the continuous development of specialized knowledge for teaching elementary mathematics, Professor of Education Skip Fennell will direct McDaniel's newly established master's-level program in elementary mathematics teacher specialist and teacher leaders project (EMS&TL). He will also oversee a national study to measure the impact elementary mathematics specialists and teacher leaders have on student learning.

The initiative will be supported by two multi-year grants — $400,000 from the Brookhill Foundation and $338,000 from Cisco Learning Institute. Brookhill Foundation’s grant will also help support the formation of a national resource center for data on elementary mathematics specialists and teacher leaders. Cisco’s grant will support the development of online interactive leadership modules.

President Joan Develin Coley celebrated her 35th anniversary on the Hill at this year’s service awards program, where 21 employees were recognized for dedicating a combined 420 years to the College. Coley’s long tenure, which began with her arrival in 1973 to direct the graduate program in reading and teach undergraduate education courses, continues a proud legacy of continuity in leadership. Just seven other presidents have preceded her during the institution’s 142-year history, with none serving fewer than 12 years.

President of Philadelphia University Stephen Spinelli ’77, along with Ferenc Somogyi, Hungarian ambassador to the U. S., will receive an honorary degree at Commencement May 23. Spinelli received his Ph.D. in Economics from The Management School, Imperial College, University of London and his M.B.A. from Babson College, where he taught for 14 years and was ultimately promoted to Vice Provost for Entrepreneurship and Global Management. Previously, he was co-founder with former Green Terror football coach Jim Hindman of Jiffy Lube International, and Chairman and CEO of American Oil Change Corporation. Spinelli has an extensive background in executive education and consulting, and has written and co-written numerous books.
Deb Johnson-Ross, associate professor of political science and international studies:

My favorite place is not one landmark, but an area called the U Street Corridor, a nine-block stretch in Northwest D.C. that during the years of segregation was known as the “Black Broadway.” It’s a very historic area. There’s the African-American Civil War Memorial, the first YMCA to admit blacks, and the Lincoln Theatre, where Duke Ellington once played and where you can still go to hear live music. Next door is my favorite place to eat, Ben’s Chili Bowl. Ben’s has been there for 50 years and you get the sense that most of the employees have too. They yell at you to order and keep the line moving. When I take my African Studies students to D.C., I usually take them to one of the Ethiopian restaurants there. It’s an interesting area because you’ve got the old-timers and the recent immigrants, but there’s a lot of gentrification going on so you’ve got these young professionals bopping around, and it’s very diverse. Even the McDonald’s is a great place to people watch.

Joyce Muller, editor, The Hill magazine:

Just north of Reagan National Airport with easy access from George Washington Parkway, Gravelly Point Park gives aviation aficionados amazing right-over-your-head sightings of aircraft takeoffs and landings. Just a strip of scruffy grass outside the capital where weekend bikers, joggers, families and smooching couples commune to experience the shockingly close sensations of jet planes roaring and vibrating. It’s a thrill every few minutes as you spy a shimmering dot above the cityscape of memorials and monuments and watch it grow in size until the aircraft zooms into sight. You can even smell the jet fuel. Think of it as your own free outdoor IMAX. In D.C., kids always jam the Mall’s Air and Space Museum, but it’s here that they’ll witness a performance worth raving about.

Julie Routzahn, assistant professor of accounting:

My favorite is the National Museum of American History, because it amazes me how our ancestors did so much with so little.
Space to Create

Jes Osrow returned from a semester in Ecuador to find a welcome addition on campus. The art and theatre arts management major set up shop in the new Art Studio addition—a 2,400-square-foot, two-story, light-drenched space that advanced studio students now call home.

“It’s roomy and bright and clean—so great to work in,” Osrow said as she mixed a little white into a deep-green mound of oil paint. Art majors have led a nomadic life in the past few years, moving from the lower level of Albert Norman Ward residence hall to the lower level of Gill Center while awaiting construction of the new addition.

Now, just weeks after opening, the $500,000 addition’s vivid white walls and ceilings stand in sharp contrast to the dark well-used wood easels, chairs, tables and desks that dot the rooms. Each of the 22 students has staked their claim with the tools and materials of their medium.

For junior Rachel Held, that includes her sewing machine and fabric. Her space is tucked into a windowed corner on the second floor where she is surrounded by the textures and colors of dandelions, a theme she chose for its inherent message of happiness and comfort.

“This is such a huge difference,” Held said, noting the room’s airiness as sun streamed in through window-studded walls.

The students’ mentor, Associate Professor Steve Pearson, says that it is exciting to see his students so excited over their new studio. But perhaps even more important, the addition brings all art classes—and students—under one roof. By seeing the work of advanced students, freshmen can make connections between what they are doing now and how that will evolve and develop over their years at McDaniel, Pearson said.

These Art students are still discovering all the advantages of the new studio. Jes Osrow points to the strip of electrical outlets that circles the room, and she can’t wait to test out the new workshop with its table saw and band saw.

The power tools will help students make the required canvas stretchers in no time—and the workshop opens the possibility of a 3-D design or wood sculpture class. Studio art classes were relocated to the historic carriage house behind Carroll Hall in 1994 when the largest art facility, Peterson Hall, was renovated. This semester more than 70 students are majoring in studio arts.
New master’s program improves life for seniors

As America turns increasingly gray, McDaniel’s Center for the Study of Aging responds with a master’s degree gerontology program aimed at preparing students for leadership roles in improving the quality of life of seniors. The 36-credit master of science interdisciplinary program helps students develop an understanding of the complex interrelations among aging, health and social structure.

With national demographic projections indicating a growing elderly population, employment opportunities likewise are expected to soar for those with an expertise in gerontology. Maryland planning officials estimate that the population of people over 60 will double by 2020.

With the addition of the master’s program, the Center for the Study of Aging now offers professional and academic programs for students at all levels of study, including at the undergraduate level, a gerontology minor that complements nearly every major; a post-baccalaureate certificate program; and two nonacademic programs.

Sports Report

• Men’s basketball Two members of the McDaniel men’s basketball team were named to the 2009 All-Centennial Conference team. Josh McKay, a senior forward, and Miguel Jones, a junior guard, both earned second-team honors. It was the first appearance on the all-conference team for both players. Kevin Curley was named the conference’s inaugural Coach of the Year. In his second year at the helm, Curley has guided the team to a program-record 18 wins and into the CC postseason for the second consecutive season.

• Women’s basketball The final two of junior Ali Moreland’s 13 points capped a second-half rally that propelled McDaniel to a 59-58 win over Dickinson in the Centennial Conference women’s basketball first-round game Feb. 25. Junior Ashley Lyles added a double-double with team highs of 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead the fourth-seeded Green Terror (15-11) to earn a spot in the Feb. 28 semifinals at top-seeded and No. 19 Muhlenberg, where Muhlenberg netted a 67-51 victory over McDaniel.

• Indoor track Kevin Bowman ’09 paced the men at the 2009 Centennial Conference indoor track and field championships hosted by Ursinus on Feb. 28 and March 1, finishing fifth in the mile with a program-record time of 4:23.61. Bowman was also part of Sunday’s 4x800-meter relay, which brought home the Green Terror’s lone medal of the weekend with a third-place finish. The time of 8:07.43 was second on the all-time performance list, two-tenths of a second shy of the program record. C.J. Naper ’11, Cody Crutchley ’09 and Russell Morin ’11 joined Bowman on the relay.

• Wrestling Brock Glotfelty ’11 finished first at heavyweight to lead McDaniel to a third-place finish at the 2009 Centennial Conference wrestling championships at home Feb. 21. Glotfelty improved to 35-1 on the season, going 3-0 on the day to earn the championship and berth to the 2009 NCAA Division III Championships, where he earned All-America honors.

Miguel Jones ’10 was named to the 2009 All-Centennial Conference team.
Fate, Faith & Good Fortune
Renate and Fred Stoever ’58

Renate survived the World War II bombings of her German hometown and narrowly escaped Communist occupiers when she fled on foot across the border to freedom in the West. Fred grew up in New Jersey, just one town over from where Renate’s family eventually settled. Ironically, their introduction was initiated in Westminster by her high school pen pal, Abdul aziz al-Futaih ’59, from Yemen, who befriended Fred, showed him a picture of Renate, and encouraged him to call her. Today, the couple shares a devotion to nature, a passion for painting and a healthy respect for Wall Street, where Fred has owned and operated his municipal bond firm since 1964.

Fear can be overcome
Renate: When we were bombed the first time, I was beside myself with fear. I was hysterical, I couldn’t even talk. That same night, my mother sent us children to relatives in a tiny town which they didn’t bother bombing. And I spent the week thinking about how my life had changed, how what was previously so secure and loving all of the sudden was just upside down. I decided that fear would deprive me of the energy I would need to deal with what was coming. From then on I was cold as ice. I was afraid, but I never fell apart again. I shut off my feelings. You have to do this to survive.

My pen pal goes to WMC
Renate: Abdul was a student at Cairo University when he became my pen pal. This was before we immigrated to the U.S. and I was attending school in Burghausen, West Germany. His photo showed a dark-skinned young man with finely chiseled features, close-cropped dark curly hair and kind eyes. Of all the possible pen pals to choose from, I picked him because his letters had charm and I sensed an innate kindness and warmth. He was another of my life’s magical surprises, because he later attended WMC and introduced me to my husband.

Persistence paid off
Fred: The first time I went to see her, I found out she was heading to Paris the next day for her work as a fashion designer. She was nice-looking, different from other girls. I thought I’d like to get to know her better.
Renate: I said, “I have no time for you.” I really didn’t think I’d ever see him again.
Fred: I had to wait several months until she came back. When she did, I called her and we went on a date.

What sweat can teach you
Fred: I worked with my dad in his stove repair, plumbing and heating business from when I was 14, every summer, until I was 23. In 90-degree heat, you’d carry the stove up five flights, then you’d have to adjust the gas with the oven on. It must have been 120 degrees. I evaluate that as almost equal to my college education, because it taught me how tough it can be to make a living.

Gentleman on Wall Street
Fred: After college, I did my basic training and six months in the Army, then went home to work with my father. Finally, he said to me, “Why don’t you stand on your own two feet?” He was a tough guy. So I went down to Wall Street. I went into the skyscrapers, started knocking on doors and got nowhere. At an employment agency, the lady told me: “Go into municipal bonds. That’s what the gentlemen of Wall Street get into.”
"There was always something there that always protected us and guided us in the right direction." — Renate Stoever

My Sioux friends
Renate: I've been fascinated with American Indians since I was a child. Several years ago I made friends with some of the Oglala Sioux at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. They inspire my paintings and I try to help them get things they need, like good used clothing. They are so poor, and I know what it's like to go hungry and to have no shoes.

Moose, tigers and wolves
Fred: Wildlife takes me everywhere, from Svalbard in the Arctic to India to Africa. Next is Pantanal in Brazil. I love wildlife and I paint what I see: polar bears, tigers, wolves, elephants and antelopes.

Renate: He loves wildlife because they don't talk back!

Fred: [Laughing] We get along fine when we critique each other's art work, but we always get into a squabble when I proofread her writing.

Business ain't bad
Fred: The problems on Wall Street played right into our hands, in a way. We got great deals when Merrill Lynch and all the others went out of business because they flooded the market with municipals and we had our pick.

Can't stop now
Fred: Our son, Roland, joined the business and started our corporate bond department. We've had two or three firms lately who want to buy us, but I'm not too crazy about selling. Wall Street is thrilling; it's scary, but it's thrilling.

It takes teamwork
Fred: I got a job at Lebenthal [which specialized in municipal bonds]. I started in the mailroom and three-and-a-half years later, at age 27, I was in my own business. A lot of the start-up money was the money Renate had saved up. As a designer, she was making three or four times what I was making.

Renate: If you want to get ahead there has to be teamwork.

Keeping the faith
Renate: Don't laugh, but I believe in God and angels. When I look over my life, I could have gotten killed many times and yet there was always something there that always protected us and guided us in the right direction.

Fred: I believe in God too. But I don't believe in praying for God to give me this or that, I just pray that He leads me the right way and that I do OK.
At the campus radio station

1. WMCR, the college radio station, broadcasts on AM 630 and over the Internet.
2. Senior Garrett Eagan is president of WMCR and host of the "No-Nonsense Sports Talk Radio Show" on Mondays from 8 to 9 p.m.
3. The station prizes its huge collection of vinyl. "I rediscovered the Michael Jackson 'Thriller' album on vinyl," Eagan says. Some DJs like to manipulate the records as they play, stopping, starting and "scratching" them.
4. These days, a Macintosh computer houses the bulk of the station's music archives in the iTunes program. The Nicecast software records and stores the shows.
5. The main control board operates the mixer, the microphones and the volume on the music currently in play.
6. Doodling on the mouse pad is a nervous habit of several DJs.
7. Sophomore Jamie DeAtley is the music manager. About 40 students participate in the radio station's programming. Among the popular shows are those featuring classic rock, hip-hop and rap, psychedelic tracks and political discussions.
8. Some people like to drink gallons of Sunny D and leave the spent containers lying around. Enough said.
9. This is the broadcasting unit. It is not to be touched under any circumstances.

Please keep the room CLEAN.

Pick/return up your headset and headphones with care. Thank you.

Spring 2009
Barack Obama's journey to his swearing-in as the nation's first black president began when he hopped aboard a train in Philadelphia and commenced a whistle-stop tour before taking the oath in Washington, D.C.

The train ride was billed as a way to engage vast numbers of ordinary citizens in the historic event, and as a tribute to President Abraham Lincoln, who led the nation through the Civil War and ended slavery after traveling the same route by train to claim the presidency in 1861.

Courtney Wilson '75 appreciates the symbolism—and the fact that the railway was central to this metaphor of hope and change for the future. As executive director of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, Wilson is dedicated to revealing "the drama of American railroading, its people, culture and legacy, to a wide and diverse audience." At the same time he places a priority on educating the public about the railroad's ongoing relevance to American life.

"We can learn a lot about our history through the lens of railroading," he says. "But the railroad also has a huge role in the future of America. It's the greenest form of transportation on Earth. The state of railroading is healthy and becoming more so all the time."

So is the B&O Railroad Museum, thanks to the enterprising Wilson, who joined the museum in 1997 as chief curator and ascended to the position of executive director in 2000 with a mandate to improve its bottom line.

Dubbed the "birthplace of American railroading," the museum's 40-acre campus at 901 Pratt Street in Baltimore encompasses the site of the historic Mount Clare Shops, the nation's oldest railroad manufacturing complex, which employed more than 3,000 people at its apex in the 1920s. It was here that businessmen, surveyors and engineers set about building the B&O Railroad in 1828, laying the first commercial long-distance track, building the first passenger station, the first American-built steam locomotive and inventing the nation's unique railway system. A National Historic Landmark and an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the museum comprises the oldest and most comprehensive collection of railroad history in the western hemisphere.

More than 200,000 visitors chug through the gates each year to explore nearly 200 locomotives and other "rolling stock" dating from 1830 to present day. Many of the collection's gems reside in the restored 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse, a magnificent 22-sided structure soaring to 123 feet (about 12 stories), whose clerestory windows
One child wrote: “I miss the trains,” and taped 42 cents to the letter.

“One day I looked over and saw a 5-year-old sitting inside that train making his own sounds for the steam and chugs and whistles,” Wilson says. “And I thought, he shouldn’t have to do that. We should do it for him.” He added a subwoofer inside a cargo box and, voilà, full-throttle sound effects so authentic you can almost feel the rumble of the rails.

A floating apparition of a finely clad woman appears in the window of a Pullman from the Royal Blue Line, and she tells the story of the upscale service — complete with authentic Chesapeake seafood served on china and silver — the B&O offered between New York City and Washington, D.C., in the early 1900s.

“I found this technology on YouTube; it’s a Hallowe’en trick,” Wilson confides with obvious delight.

Except for small roped-off areas where a damaged baggage car and steam engine await repair, you’d never know by looking at the roundhouse that it — and many of the treasures inside — were almost lost forever on Presidents’ Day 2003.

Wilson regards that Feb. 16 as a dramatic defining moment for the museum. It had been snowing non-stop for the previous two days. Near midnight, Wilson got a call from his facilities director with news that the alarm had just gone off, signaling that sprinklers had been activated in the roundhouse.

Fearing water damage to the collection, Wilson raced over to check things out. When he arrived he discovered water six inches deep covering the roundhouse floor. Then he looked up to see patches of sky where portions of the roof had collapsed under the weight of six-feet snowdrifts. Two more sections fell on the opposite side of the building around 5:30 the following morning. By 9 a.m. on the 17th, the remaining seven sections caved in. As a result of the roof collapse, tons of snow, slate and cast iron fell on some of the most historic pieces in the museum’s collection.

Wilson brought a wealth of leadership experience to the crisis. A decorated Vietnam veteran by the time he enrolled at college, he graduated with a degree in history, earned a master’s at Morgan State and, at 26, became the youngest superintendent of the National Park Service when he was chosen to oversee Hampton National Historic Site in Towson. He has also worked as a private school headmaster, a pipe organist and an antiques dealer. And, in his scant spare time, he volunteers as senior commander with the rank of brigadier general for the Maryland Defense Force, which provides medical, legal, financial and other types of support to the Army and Air National Guard.

“He’s one of those people that if you want something done, you call Courtney,” says Annette Witt Deener ’75, a brigadier general with the Army National Guard who has collaborated with Wilson. “He’s proven himself to be an excellent commander with excellent leadership skills.”

During that first week after the roof collapse, Wilson now confides, “I secretly cried just about every day.” He emphasizes that he let go of his emotions only behind closed doors. “You never let your staff see you cry.”

Publicly, he cultivated a can-do attitude. When safety precautions and cleanup precluded stepping foot in the building, he and his staff worked out of their cars in the parking lot, making calls on cell phones. Reasoning that “once the roof falls in, all bets are off,” he threw out everyone’s job description and formed three teams: one to manage the business logistics of insurance compensation and fundraising; one to facilitate temporary quarters for the staff; and one to focus on storing artifacts and cataloguing the damage. He put staff and volunteers in roles outside their typical job descriptions, pairing housekeepers with curators. A new kind of synergy resulted as the staff pulled together to save their beloved museum.

“I firmly believe that what you do in the first 24 hours after a crisis determines the future of the organization,” he says.

City and state officials responded with support, as did every major railroad museum in the world, from Japan to Germany. The museum website got 2.5 million hits per month from people seeking news of the reconstruction effort and to offer support. One child mailed a crayon drawing of the roundhouse with the
words, “I miss the trains,” and 42 cents taped to the paper.

After 22 months and the completion of a $30 million international recovery capital campaign, the museum reopened to the public on Nov. 13, 2004. New and expanded visitor facilities and public programs were unveiled and an on-site, state-of-the-art locomotive and rolling stock restoration facility was designed to restore the damaged collections.

Wilson’s impressive performance in leading his organization through a crisis of such magnitude has made him a sought-after speaker on crisis management. Just a week after the roof collapse, he made a presentation to the Small Museum Association titled, “Motivation When You’re Half Dead from the Work.”

The museum is even stronger now than before disaster struck. Wilson has more than tripled its annual operating budget from $950,000 with an annual deficit before he took the top job to $4.2 million with an annual surplus. He’s accomplished this through intensive fundraising initiatives, sponsorship programs and marketing campaigns. Some layoffs have been necessary due to the ailing economy and the resulting revenue shortfall, “but we’ve been able to keep our heads above water,” he says.

For Wilson and the B&O Railroad Museum, the adage seems to hold true: what doesn’t crush you makes you stronger — for the most part. “Every time snowflakes start to fall from the sky,” he says, “I start to get this funny little twitch.”

(Top, from left) Courtney Wilson checks in with one of the museum’s many devoted volunteers; heavy snow caused the roundhouse roof collapse in 2003; children find a lot to entertain them at the museum. (Bottom) The No. 25 William Mason, the mid-19th century’s most popular steam locomotive.
Everything was going according to plan with Melinda Virts Glackin's first pregnancy. She was a nonsmoker who ate well, drank plenty of fluids and took her daily prenatal vitamins. Her job as a middle school teacher had its moments, but was mostly enjoyable and not abnormally stressful. And she was not yet 30.

So when her water broke five-and-a-half weeks before her due date, in the middle of a class, Glackin '99 was shocked and devastated.

What should have been one of the happiest moments of her life — the birth of her first child — became one fraught with fear, despair and an irrational pang of guilt for her inability to carry her son the full 40 weeks. "It felt really scary," says Glackin, her voice cracking with emotion as she describes the first several weeks after her now healthy 3-year-old son was born. "It's still one of those things that's really hard to talk about."

By Kim Asch

Dr. Roger Young '72

Labor to Solve the Growing Premie Problem

Experiences like Glackin's are what drives Dr. Roger Young '71 in his career as both a medical doctor and a Ph.D. For more than two decades, Dr. Young has sought to understand why some women at low risk for preterm labor nevertheless end up delivering their babies too soon. He has worked at some of the finest research hospitals in the country, including Duke and Dartmouth, and now has both a lab and a clinical practice as an obstetrician and gynecologist at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He is also a member of the board of trustees for the March of Dimes, which is in the midst of a campaign to reduce the prematurity rate through its funding of scientific research, its educational efforts and its advocacy for expanded access to quality prenatal care.

Babies born too soon and too small can have a host of health issues. Most require a stay in a neonatal intensive care unit, or NICU, where they can adapt to the world in a womblike incubator hooked up to monitors, IVs and all manner of equipment, for weeks or even months. They sometimes suffer from respiratory distress syndrome, infections, and bowel, heart and feeding problems. There can be permanent disabilities such as cerebral palsy and learning difficulties, chronic lung disease, and vision and hearing impairment. Half of all neurological disabilities in children are related to premature birth.
"It’s a long-lasting problem with long-lasting ramifications," says Young, adding that most people underestimate the extent of the crisis. "Everybody, even pediatricians, thinks the real problem is extreme prematurity. But even the late-preterm babies — those born between 34 and 37 weeks — have difficulties. From the public health point of view in the United States, it’s a $22 billion-per-year problem."

And here’s what gives Young and his colleagues a special sense of urgency: despite the medical and scientific research community’s best efforts, the rate of prematurity in the United States is actually on the rise. Between the early 1980s and 2006, premature births (those occurring before 37 weeks gestation) have increased by 36 percent. Today, 12.8 percent, or almost 13 of every 100 babies, are born too soon.

**Setting aside just under an hour to talk** during one of his typically hectic days, Dr. Young, 58, sits in his utilitarian office next to his busy research lab. Dressed as always in a crisp shirt and tie, he explains that his formal attire plays more to his role as clinician than research scientist. Professional dress makes his patients feel comfortable, he says, and he’s seeing patients 50 percent of his time at work.

"I wouldn’t be able to connect the basic science to the clinical area unless I was treating patients," he says.

In a few days, he’ll be on call for labor and delivery and help birth new lives into the world.

"It is gratifying work to one extent, in that it turns out OK most of the time, but it’s totally ungratifying the other times because when it doesn’t turn out well, you don’t know why," he says.

Dr. Young outlines the very basics of what he does know about the uterus, the key player in all of this and the organ he’s been studying his entire career:

"The uterus has to be a place where implantation occurs, where the baby is housed while it grows, being quiet and not contracting during the latter part of the pregnancy. Then, when it’s time for the baby to be born, the uterus has to completely convert — we call it activate — and become a contractal organ that delivers the baby."

"It only has to do this job an average of two to three times in the whole organism’s life. So it’s a huge effort, and a huge complex transition. The contractions that the uterus puts out are remarkably simple, though. The uterus goes from not contracting to contracting, not contracting to contracting. And it just does it over and over and again in regular rhythmic contractions every three to five minutes. The contractions are really strong and forceful and eventually the cervix dilates and the baby comes out. We’ve understood that process ever since the 1950s. And you’d think it would be extremely simple but actually it’s extremely complex."

"The truth of the matter is we’ve gotten infinitely more details over the years and we know the molecular basis of a lot of things that are going on, but we still don’t know how they all fit together and what controls them and what the most important things are at a particular time," says Dr. Young. "Putting the pieces together is a lot harder than we thought it would be."

Focusing on prevention is one worthwhile approach, Dr. Young says, because there are known risk factors associated with preterm labor that can be mitigated with education and prenatal care: more women having babies after age 40; a C-section rate of nearly 30 percent that ups the prematurity risk for subsequent births; multiples; obesity; smoking, drinking and doing other drugs; infection.

"But since over half of prematurities, and certainly the extreme prematurities, are not predictable because they’re not high risk, the problem can’t be completely addressed through prevention," he concludes.

That’s why Dr. Young’s research now focuses on finding new methods of therapy for low-risk women who have unpredictably entered preterm labor. "We normally have about six, eight, maybe 12 hours to intervene before they dilate their cervix too far to have any hope of stopping their contractions — and it’s during that time that I, as a clinician, can see them and do something about it."

Currently, there are a couple medications that can be effective for about 48 hours, enough of a window for Dr. Young to give steroids to the mom to help the baby’s lungs mature, and alert the NICU. "However, in terms of prolonging the pregnancy, getting a week or
would have been easy to segue those mathematical long, and I thought, ‘I wonder what he’s going to do."

He started going to the library and reading research. The research he kept coming back to was obstetrical research. "At the time, I was just starting my first family and that’s what really seemed interesting to me. I ended up doing an OB/GYN residency," says Dr. Young, who raised two daughters with his first wife, Kathe Rourke '72, and now has a 7-year-old son with his second wife, Dr. Kathryn Schwarzenberger, a dermatologist at UVM.

As it turned out, his science background also translated easily to his research into uterine contractility. "I had studied how nerves conduct electrical activity and I was surprised to learn that the uterus itself had very similar mechanisms."

Currently, Dr. Young is working on three separate grants. Two directly relate to his efforts to end prematurity. The other one deals with tissue engineering, and it’s here in the discussion he becomes a little uncomfortable. "I almost didn’t even want to do it, because obviously, the ultimate goal of that would be to say I can grow a uterus from cells. And if you can grow a uterus from cells, then you can put it anywhere and you can put it in anybody — even a man. That’s a little too 23rd-century for most people," he says.

Besides, he explains, such an innovation wouldn’t really solve any public health problems. It’s not going to make the economy better or make people live longer or fix babies that are born too early. He decided to pursue the research only because “some good things can come from it, such as you could create uterine patches for women who have a defect in their uterus because of a primary C-section. Or you could create more of a uterus for somebody born with only part of a uterus.”

For Dr. Young, scientific research is not just an intellectual exercise, but a labor of love. And that’s why he’s reserving his enthusiasm for his efforts to make sure every baby is born healthy.

"Prematurity doesn’t just affect one person, it affects the entire family — and finally and most importantly it affects the child who’s born preterm," he says. “I’ll go into the neonatal intensive care unit and see the baby who weighs one, two or even four pounds and I’ll know they’re in an uphill battle. Not that they won’t win the battle but it’s a battle."
News and views about life since college

Toivo E. Pure of Richmond, Ky., writes that his class graduated to face the worst economic era in history of the United States. As far as he knows, his class met that challenge. "Western Maryland College taught us more than algebra. We learned how to live, to respect others, traits that were essential forever, after leaving the campus." His thoughts and gratitude go back 75 years to the teachers, athletic coaches, ROTC instructors and college president Dr. Ward, who prepared them to fit into a very complex world.

Dorothy Cohee Harris lives at Oakcrest Retirement Community in Parkview, Md. She's 87 years old. There used to be a group of WMCers there who ate dinner together occasionally but they have sort of faded away. The class of 1939 was always quite active, but after the loss of their "spark plug," Ginny Karow Fowble, they quieted down! Dorothy would love to know who's left and what they are doing.

Ethel Barnes Berry '40, of Salisbury, Md., won the top prize for naming the Auxiliary of Peninsula Hospital cookbook, "Spoonsful of Love." She is also proud of her grandson, Matt Berry, a student and lacrosse player at Salisbury University. His lacrosse team won the Division III National Championship title.

Grace B. Smith Dougherty sends greetings to her friends from long ago. She writes that she usually stays fairly close to her home in a very good retirement community in St. Petersburg, Fla. She visited Alexandria, Va., in May to meet her two newest grandchildren. In June she traveled to New Hampshire to visit with family and also to Vermont for the wedding of a grandson. She sends good wishes to all.

Elizabeth Helm Retzer writes that she is still active in the retirement home in Sarasota, Fla. She hasn't recuperated from hip surgery as fast as before. She drives, plays bridge and sends best wishes to her fellow classmates.

Frank Shipley saw Bill Shockley in Williamsburg, Va., a few years ago. He was well and happy. He lost contact with the rest of the class. Frank writes that
life is good. He lives with one daughter, her husband and two beautiful and smart granddaughters; her twin and her husband along with two more beautiful and smart granddaughters live half a mile down the road. His eldest daughter lives five minutes away. His good luck holds in much of his life. He is healthy and happy. He plays bridge with 16 to 24 seniors weekly. He also looks forward to the monthly lunch meeting with retired doctors. He plays nine holes of golf whenever weather, arthritis and his playing buddies permit. The computer lets him play chess at a level of skill (low) that lets him win an occasional game. He also enjoys reading, watching television, and spending time with the family. Frank sends best wishes to all from Annapolis, Md.

William H. Shockley lives in a Quincy, Pa., retirement village where his wife is enrolled in an Alzheimer's unit. He had a milestone birthday on Oct. 25 with his daughter, two sons and a grandson who came from Montana, Wisconsin, and New York. Other relatives and friends rounded out a special weekend. Western Maryland College still remains as memorable years of these ninety!

Dorothy "Dot" Brown Womble makes her home in Tampa, Fla. She stays very busy volunteering at a Christian clinic, Tampa Bay Performing Art Center, a garden club, as a civic association board member, with Metropolitan Ministries and Tampa Woman's Club. In addition, she socializes at her bridge games and attends concerts with friends.

1942

Gladys Crowson Crabb celebrated her 86th birthday on July 27. Everyone in church stood up and sang "Happy Birthday" to her, which was a very nice moment for her. She still reads to a 97-year-old resident at an assisted living home in Americus, Ga., two to three days a week. She attends exercise class three days a week where she also swims. Gladys continues to edit former students' writings and judges essays. She uses a cane now and attends church twice a week and prays every day.

Don Griffin and wife Frances are living quietly in a pretty little town in northwest Iowa and letting his children and grandchildren do the traveling for them. They have quite an international family with members in Taiwan, Japan, southern Mexico, England, Switzerland, Canada, and throughout the U.S. Their daughter returned home after 24 years in west Africa and is living with them where she thinks she can keep an eye on them.

James "Pete" Townsend sends greetings from Melbourne, Fla. He and wife Cheryl are still enjoying the warm, casual life in the Sunshine State. He feels fortunate enough to be able to travel and has enjoyed several cruises on the Rhine and Volga Rivers in Europe. The latest trip took them to Russia where they visited St. Petersburg and traveled by boat on the Volga and Neva Rivers to Moscow. They are looking forward to a trip to Holland and Belgium to see tulips, windmills and canals in March '09. When at home in Melbourne, they enjoy weekly walks on the beach. He still relishes trips to Texas and Arizona to visit his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Unfortunately, the grandchildren are beginning to be scattered all over the U.S. making it difficult to keep track and visit them all.

1943

M. Louise Grow Sheffield lost her husband Wesley Sheffield '42 last April after 62 years of marriage. They traveled to many foreign countries. She's currently living in a retirement facility in Sarasota, Fla. She writes that it's more like a glorified hotel. She recently returned from a 16-day cruise to the Panama Canal zone. She spent the holidays with her son, Daniel, who resides in Atlanta, Ga.

Francis Blair and wife (Geraldine) Gerry continue to enjoy the weather and facilities at Terra Vista in Citrus Hills, Fla. Francis has had some health setbacks and hospital visits during the past four years but Gerry has nursed him through. His son, Kevin, and family live in Snellville, Ga. He returned from the Air Force as a full Colonel and is presently practicing dentistry. Kevin's son, Adam, is a senior at Auburn University and daughter Elizabeth is a senior in high school. Francis' daughter, Barbara, and husband live in Clarks Summit, Pa. Son Eric and family live in West Hartford, Conn. They have been blessed with two great-grandchildren, a boy, 3, and a girl, 1. He and Gerry are looking forward to the possibility of returning to golf and tennis in '09. Most of all, he appreciates his classmates keeping him up-to-date on the class of '43 happenings.

M. Louise Fox Dubin of Baltimore, Md., writes that she is still "kicking" but not as high. She reads The Sun paper daily, watches “Price Is Right” nearly every day. Her son, who lives in Parkville, Md., takes her for rides in his car and visits often. She had a good husband for 52 years. They say marriages are made in heaven and she thinks hers was no exception.

Joshua and Jeanne "Pat" Patterson '48 Ensor are doing well. They've enjoyed their wintertime condo in Viera, Fla., for 22 years. They were married in Little Baker Chapel and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with all four children. They have 10 "grands" and lately two "greats."
Doris Harman Krusen and husband Ray are enjoying good health and keeping active. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in September. They usually take a cruise in January. Otherwise they just enjoy sunny Venice, Fla.

Pearl Bodmer Lodge writes with very sad news. Within a two-month period Pearl lost husband Lee Lodge Sr. '43 and son Lee Jr. unexpectedly. They are now a little family of Pearl, her daughter, granddaughter, Lee’s sister Gale Lodge Thiele ’45 and a niece. They have to develop completely new lifestyles without the two Lee’s. The long-established monthly lunch group of college friends, from the early forties continues to meet in Westminster, grateful that as Octogenarians they can still be “out and about” and enjoying each other’s company.

1946

Ed Furlow and his wife recently returned from a round-trip cruise to Hawaii for eight delightful days at sea with five days around the islands. Perfect weather outbound, the sea was like a millpond. Even the return leg was excellent even though it got too windy to take their daily walks on the top deck. The food was excellent and the entertainment quite good. Their going to shore provided interesting sights as well as a chance to walk on land for a few days. As with many of these cruises, the problem of contagious illnesses surfaced. Not too bad. Some 20 couples were quarantined, i.e., locked in their rooms. One woman became sufficiently ill that it was necessary to return to Hawaii a day-and-a-half after leaving port. The fact that her husband had a stroke at the same time also complicated matters. This gave them an extra day at sea. Ed says, “One noticeable difference with this cruise from others was the large percentage of very old people. One could joke and refer to the cruise as a floating nursing home; but, it really wasn’t that bad.”

Eleanor Higgins Green is still living at her home with son Jim in Carlisle, Pa. Erma Young Gebb, her roommate for two years, has moved to Carlisle near her daughter so they see each other often. She keeps in touch with Jane Dudderar Gorsuch, Irene VanFossen and Bill ’43 Myers from their class, as well as Frances “Fuzz” Brown Crawford ’45 and Dean Hess Reddollar ’45 from Hanover and Taneytown. They miss others who used to join them including Ilona Mehring Teeter and Betty Baker Englar especially, who live too far away to join them.

Marie Stewart Grobaker and Bill and Betty Leister Laws enjoyed a delightful lunch at a restaurant on the harbor in St. Michaels recently. Marie still lives in her St. Michael’s home on the Miles River. Betty and her husband, who live in Snow Hill, Md., had stopped by St. Michaels on their way home from a Maryland Forestry Association meeting in Annapolis. Bill and Betty enjoy retirement as active tree farmers.

Jeanne Berryman Knight writes that life is great and as always is quite busy. She is still tutoring at four different schools and finding it both rewarding and enjoyable. There’s never a dull moment! Years ago she decided that friends should celebrate their birthday with friends if not on the day at least the month. So, she picked a Saturday and told them to pick a restaurant and she would call other friends to join and then make a reservation at the restaurant. They started with six to eight people and that has increased to 20 to 22. In February they often have 28 to celebrate. The oldest member will be 90 in 2009. At the inception of the group, one of the male members decided that they should have a name and since she was the instigator he thought they should be called the “Knight Riders.”

Newer members may not even know that they have that name. One particular time she made a reservation for the Knight Riders and when they arrived at the restaurant and approached the host he breathed a great audible sigh of relief and said, “Thank goodness we thought you were a motorcycle gang!” The members include: Frances Molesworth Bartlett, Helen Louise Ridgely Gaither, Winnie Baker Garman, Ann Stevens Garman and husband Ed, Bill ’43 and Irene VanFossen Myers. This is proof positive that “college ties can never be broken when formed at WMC.” On Oct. 10, 2008, Knight Rider Frances was presented with the Carroll County Board of Commissioners Volunteer of the Year Award. There were 21 nominees and Frances won. No one could be more deserving. Jeanne also had lunch at her house with Jeanne “Pat” Ensor ’48 and Marion Auld Geyer ’50. Jeanne makes her home in Reisterstown, Md.

Fred Morgan and Rosemary celebrated their 60th anniversary on Nov. 30 at the Center Commons, Westminster Canterbury.

Grace Jemison Rohrer-Huff of Boone, N.C., writes that WMC exposed her to the world, especially the arts and history. She has had a long and generous life. In politics she served in two cabinets of two governors. In music, she was fortunate to be able to sing, as well as conduct. The friends she made are many for which she is grateful. She roomed with Janice Divers Twitchell and sends best wishes to her fellow classmates.

1947

Holmes and Emajane Hahn Baker celebrated their 60th anniversary in July. They have transitioned to
Mary Gene Kennedy Carr writes that the most exciting item of interest is that her granddaughter, Allison N. Short ’13, is a freshman at McDaniel. Her grandfather, William W. Carr ’44, would be so proud. Mary Gene’s daughter, Janet Carr Short ’81, and son-in-law Kenneth M. Short ’81 both graduated from WMC so it’s wonderful to know that another generation is following in the tradition. She is so proud of all of her family. They had a family reunion in July and everyone was able to attend (all 21). It is a great opportunity for everyone to catch up and get acquainted with the newest members. She is already looking forward to getting together in 2010.

Ann Fullerton quotes that “College ties can never be broken,” it is true for 2008 with a visit in April to the home of Janice Divers Twitchell for a delicious lunch and a tour of Haddonfield, N.J. In September the “ties” continued when Betty Miller Lechter and Nataliea Pumfrey Thumel came to Wilmington, Del., for several days. Time was spent touring local points of interest and attending the Delaware Symphony. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization that promotes professional growth of women educators, honored her for being a member for 55 years. International told Ann that few teachers attain that milestone. Although she never taught in Delaware during her 31-year career, the student wood shop and framing department of DelCastle High School mounted her acknowledgement and presented the finished project to her at her local Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter meeting in September ’08.

Carlton Mendell of Woodbridge, Va., visited with classmate George Norman at the McDaniel vs. Gettysburg game.

Alleck A. Resnick writes that there is not much new news from Pikesville, Md., but he does have a great-granddaughter. He is still serving on the Board of Trustees at the College. Look for Alleck and his wife at every home football game and many other activities at the College.

Kathryn “Casey” Wheeler Wiley doesn’t let the loss of independence due to macular degeneration get her down. She has books on tape with the help of the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. She’s able to get around and keep on the go with the help of family and friends. She goes to church and the library and also plays bridge. Her family keeps growing as she now has three great-grandchildren.

1953

Liz Adams is teaching piano, studying cello (still) and belongs to an instrumental ensemble, church choir and civic chorus. Husband David Young is still teaching acting and directing at University of Florida. Liz visited Maryland to meet their new grandson, Son Eric and his wife have five girls so this is quite an event. Liz and David had a fabulous trip to Israel and Egypt last winter and Liz is going to Portugal in the spring. Life is good.

Claud Ashcraft writes that not too much has happened since May when he was on the Hill for the class of 1953’s 50th class reunion. He did move from beautiful uptown Silverton, Idaho, back to Seattle, Wash., in July after having spent nearly 15 months in Idaho, the last 12 months in a Lutheran Good Samaritan Slver Wood Retirement Facility. It was a nice refuge from a rather severe Idaho winter. The temperatures were not that bad but there was a record snowfall, both in duration as well as depth.

John and Nancy McMach Clayton send greetings to all of their classmates. They write that it was great to see some of them at the 50th reunion. They are doing fairly well as some of their health issues are under control for now. They keep busy with volunteer work as well as keeping up with their children and grandchildren. John sings in two barbershop choruses and is busy with all of their functions. He sings with the Chorus of the Chesapeake and they have participated in “International Competition” contests for the last couple of years. One was in Denver, Colo., and one in Nashville, Tenn. While in Nashville they met with Ed Shattuck and his wife, Shirley, and spent a delightful couple of days visiting with them. They do other traveling besides the barbershop circuit and have had some good adventures.

Raymond Faby, of Lutherville, Md., planned to retire at age 90 but with the drop in the stock market he will probably work a few more years. If you see a vehicle with tag “MIIM 13” it’s Raymond’s wife, Norma, driving. The tag represents their 13 grandchildren and Norma’s name “MIIM.”

Jo Althouse Hilsen was sorry to have missed the 50th reunion in May due to a stubborn flu bug, but got cell-phone reports straight from campus. Attendees Conny Jones Stehl and Barbara Bankson Hiestand called as they sat on beaches gazing nostalgically at McDaniel Hall. Conny, Barbara, Nancy Wagner Phillips and Jo had a grand two-week reunion/holiday in February-March ’08, sharing a condo on Anna Maria Island, Fla. Also, during various recently past winters, Elizabeth “Liz” Kuhn Clarke and Jo have shared a condo at Palm Beach Shores, Fla., where they have been visited on occasion by Nancy and Barbara.

This group has been further expanded for several week-long gala reunions on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where they have rented large homes. Additional attendees have included Lucille Hall Malone, Diane Carey Huffman (who travels from Phoenix, Ariz.), Anne Hennen Phillips, Ann Trice Moore, and in ’02 their now sadly missed Audrey Phillips Langrall. On one of these adventures in spring ’05, they enjoyed a tour of the Elizabethan Gardens with Manteo, N.C., resident Katherine Wiley Pearce ’52. We seem to prove the point: “College ties can never be broken.”
Harold S. McTeer Jr. still lives in Seaford, Del. He's almost fully retired. He still volunteers with the Delaware Tech Baseball team, and mentors students at the local elementary school. He had a brief visit with Roland Fieldschier ’52 and his wife, Polly. Harold met with John Isaac ’52 at a local college baseball game near his home. He hopes to visit his cousin Ed Wright ’50 and his wife, Libby Schubert ’52, when they vacation in Williamsburg. Harold had lunch with the Wrights at their home this past summer. He's still busy with the family of five children, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and eight extended family grandkids who make their homes in Delaware. If anyone would like to contact Harold his e-mail address is hmcteer@msn.com.

Thomas A. Page, of Bowie, Md., reports that life continues much the same. He's still enjoying the blessings of good health, staying active with family, church, Masons, community activities and the Maryland Senior Olympics (MSO) where he won two silver medals and one bronze medal in track and field events. In November he was inducted into the MSO-2006 Hall of Fame. In October, they spent two weeks in their timeshare at Massanutten, Va., with their daughter, Sandra. She just moved from Rapid City, S.D., to Maryland. Linda, their other daughter, has two daughters, Jennifer and Kelly. Jennifer graduated from a two-year college in June ’08 and is now looking for a four-year college. Kelly will graduate from high school in June ’09 and plans to go to college in the fall ’09. Tom's wife, Sybille, is dealing with some health issues but is doing well. She is still painting, exhibiting and selling her creations. Tom encourages everyone to stay healthy.

Mary Ellen Earl Perry of Walworth, N.Y., is currently consulting on a project which began last year regarding costume cataloging of the Big Springs Historical Society in Caledonia, N.Y. She is an active volunteer with the Landmark Society of Western New York and the Geba Theater Center both in Rochester. Recently in Maine she visited the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay and highly recommends a visit.

Ella M. “Skip” Edwards Richardson still lives in charming Cody, Wyo., which is 52 miles from Yellowstone National Park. Both daughters (Linda and Robin) live close by with their families that include four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They are active in their family-owned Ponderosa Campground that offers not only RV sites but cabins, teepees, tenting and even includes a fabulous gift store. After 22 years of previously living in various countries around the world (1962-83), her travel is mostly in the good ole U.S.A. Each year includes a trip back to Maryland to keep in touch with as many family and friends as possible. Skip welcomes any adventurous travelers to come and enjoy Cody Country — the welcome mat is always out — especially during the great summer months.

In January, Don and Barbie ‘56 Stanton will cruise to Antarctica, which will be the seventh continent for them to visit.

Patricia Spessard Witmer, of LaVale, Md., is retired from the Western Maryland Health System in Cumberland, Md., after volunteering for 30 years in human resources — a very rewarding experience. She spends most of the winter in Florida and the summers on Deep Creek Lake in Oakland, Md.

As always, it is a pleasure to write the Honor Class column. I am so inspired by your words of encouragement and positive messages.

Rhonda I. Myers ’88 is the class reporter for the Honor Class, which includes any class that has celebrated its 50th anniversary and doesn’t have its own class reporter. Send her your news at 3925 Sybil Road, Randallstown, MD 21233. Or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 410/877-2296.

1958

“College Ties Can Never Be Broken” — with our 50th class reunion behind us and heading for our 55th. What a great time was had by all.

Jack and Jane Roeder Anderson were pleased to see everyone who came to the reunion. Their thoughts were with those who were not able to come. They celebrated another 50th this year: their wedding anniversary. They had waited 50 years to take their first cruise and it was delightful. Their whole family of kids and grandkids joined them — 14 in all, from Jack Z., 4, to Jack H., 72. They sailed from NYC past the Statue of Liberty up to Nova Scotia. It was a memorable time for each of them.

Vi Foner Carrick published her book, My Favorite Covered Bridges, which she had been working on for several years. In her forward, she paid tribute to classmates who helped her with material or driving her to covered bridges in Pennsylvania — Andy Campbell Darlington, Jean Lambertson Hort, Gail Mercery Getz. Natalie Warfield Palmer and Dick Gardin. Vi is pleased to have something of value to show for her education at WMC/ McDaniel.

Dick ’59 and Natalie Warfield Palmer were thrilled to be able to travel from Texas for our great reunion. Natalie wanted to speak at the final dinner but knew that she would just stand up front and cry. She wants everyone in our class to know how grateful she was to be there, share the joy and memories with so many wonderful classmates, and how appreciative she and Dick were for all the prayers from so many. In early July she and Dick received a miraculous message that the spots on her lung are gone. "Our faith in God and the love, prayers and caring of so many have given me more time." Their move to Texas was traumatic but they are slowly adapting to Texas weather, etc., and

Vows, Revisited

After 37 years of experience, this is how Linda Green ’70 and Bob Lentz ’69 would rewrite their marriage vows:

- Be willing to accept what the other has to say
- Live in a house of visions
- Trust to give independence for each other’s journey and the faith to know the other will always return
- Always, always let there be laughter
- Give each other the gift of time
- Always be ourselves
- Always let our feelings be clear
- Together and individually, make peace with the world
- Appreciate the ordinary because life is made up of the everyday moments, not the stunning, expensive and outrageous
- Hold to the moments made by love, wonder and awe and let go of the moments made by anger, hate and disappointment

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Great Smokies Guide

From wildlife biologist and ecologist Donald Linzey '61 comes A Natural History Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, an overview of everything a visitor to the park in the southern Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina would need to know. Written from the perspective of a naturalist who has spent more than 50 years conducting research in the park, the comprehensive book is full of interesting information, colorful photos and devoid of complex jargon. Available for purchase at online booksellers.

following their return from reunion they planted like crazy and have created gardens to bring them joy. They are determined to find a new mission to serve others in their new abode, and thanks to finding a great church they are certain to find it. Contact Natalie and Dick when you are traveling in the Dallas area as they have great accommodations and will serve meals with joy and smiles.

Dick Gardiner writes, "We're alive, which is a good thing, but no new news right now". Flo Mehl Wootton wrote that book sales for her novel, Those Who Can, Teach, went well. The retired superintendent of schools, Dr. Ken Madden, who was her superintendent when she taught in Seaford, Del., said it was the best book on teaching he had read. One of the big mistakes she made in life was not going back to the teaching she loved when she divorced her husband. Flo saw Dale '51 and Millie Mackubin Townsend a couple of times over the summer, and sees Jean Lambertson-Hunt frequently. She spoke to Fred Stover and Don Lotz in anticipation of seeing them at reunion, but then was unable to come as she was sick. Her daughters and their families are well and she has three grandchildren, Jessica, Jake and Luke.

Life continues to be good for Ray and Arlene MacVicker '63 Wright, in Aiken, S.C. After two years as a director of their homeowners' association, Ray has moved on to become a director and treasurer of the Child Advocacy Center of Aiken County. The first highlight of this past year was the beach week with all of their children, grandchildren and a bunch of cousins. The second was the September marriage of their oldest son, Bill, to Miss Carrie Rosow. The wedding took place in the gardens of the historic Pauca House in Annapolis with Rev. Roger Butts '59 performing the ceremony. Being in Annapolis was like homecoming as Ray spent 25 years of his working career there. He and Arlene feel fortunate to have one grandson close by in Atlanta, and three more a little further away in Connecticut.

Lori Jones Gore was not planning to attend reunion but old friends prevailed upon her to change her mind, and she was very pleased she did as it was a great reunion. Lori and Jerry Gore '62 had a terrific summer with lots of rain to make the garden lush and made many trips to see grandchildren and her parents. They had a very special vacation in July at Pawley's Island, S.C. Forty-three members of her family gathered to celebrate her parent's 75th wedding anniversary. It was really a fun week and a special occasion. They have had family gatherings on their five-year anniversary ever since their 45th. What a great way to build memories and to help cousins from disparate parts of the country to know each other.

Tony Sarbanes enjoyed seeing those class members who were at reunion, and thought the campus was very attractive. Walking around certainly brought back a lot of memories. Billye and Tony spent the night with Dick Clower '50, who really had a very positive impact on Tony. He and Dick have maintained a good friendship over the past several years. Some of you may remember Major Alfred V. "Joy" Clark McElroy, who was the backbone of the ROTC department during our last couple of years in college. Tony also maintained a correspondence with him over the years due to his positive impact. Tony and Billye visited with him in the hospital in the Washington area just before he died. Although he was in very poor condition, he did perk up and they had a good conversation. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Tony is now fully retired but remains active in several civic, community and church groups that he really enjoys. Plus, he has more time to work out. In addition, Billye and Tony really enjoy time with their four grandchildren—Zoe, 8, Eve, 8, Anthony, 6, and Sophia, 16 months. So there is another Anthony Sarbanes coming along. God bless him! Their daughter, Beth, is a very successful teacher in Wicomico County and their son, Jimmy, is a practicing attorney in Salisbury. They are very lucky to have their family close. In February, they, along with their son's family, went to Disney World in Orlando. Regardless of age, all had a great time. In August the entire group spent a week in the Outer Banks in Duck, N.C. In September '07, they took a cruise from Barcelona into France, Italy, Malta, Tunisia, and back to Barcelona.

Don '56 and Mary Love Wallace live in Fairfax, Va., and are still working part-time jobs that they enjoy. Don is in the athletic department at George Mason University where he enjoys working with the sports programs. Mary is still administrative assistant at their combined cultural (now 5) churches that meet in their church building along with a weekday private school. Don and Mary celebrated their 50th anniversary in June, with all family in attendance in addition to long-time friends who were able to come. They feel very blessed to have reached this landmark, even though they have had their ups and downs with health issues. Don't we all! They enjoy visiting their three sons and their families in Florida, Connecticut and Virginia. They visit the Hill several times a year, as they drive through Westminster.

Margaret Whitfield is very happy working with her hand bell choir, teaching piano and playing the three-manual, 4-rank pipe organ at her church. She feels so fortunate to have such a large organ at her disposal and to be working with such wonderful and talented people. She is also very happy that she is almost at the 10-year mark for no reoccurrence of her cancer. This past summer she traveled to Tacoma, Wash., to see a friend from grade school days. She had a grand visit, and the scenery was spectacular.

Brooks Eiler and Airlyne had a wonderful time at the reunion. They have had a busy few months. In August they took a cruise to Mexico. In September they visited family in New Jersey and North Carolina. October saw them in Oregon, and they spent Thanksgiving in Connecticut. They enjoyed seeing all at reunion and hope we can all make it to our 60th.

Nancy Lindsay Beideman loves retirement, as she has time to do lots of things she enjoys at her own pace. Work continues on the Victorian house that her son, David, is renovating. She has her own apartment and enjoys being with David. Her son, Bill, lives not far away in the Poconos and she sees him and her daughter-in-law often. She spent a week in Paris in February '07, and found it more beautiful than any picture. You must see it to believe it.

The Cambridge University Press finally told Ray Stevens that his turn in the queue for publication of the Last Essays volume in the Cambridge UP Critical Edition of the works of Joseph Conrad has finally arrived. He is busy collating and editing more than 100 manuscripts, corrected typescripts, galley proofs and such that he has collected over the last quarter-century, and is now completing introductions, textual essays, editing the critical texts of Conrad's essays and in general having fun returning in retirement to do what he learned in graduate school 50 years ago. Ruth Ann Wilson Stevens '59 as usual assists with texts and keeps Ray alert.

Ed and Pattie Krell Yates are still in Washington. In July '07 they sold their Mt. Pleasant home they'd been in for 38 years and moved with their dog and three cats to a high-rise condo for seniors—"what me, a senior?"—just off Thomas Circle downtown. They are among the youngest residents, and Pattie notes it's kinda nice to feel like a kid again. She still keeps up with activities with the Washington Humane Society and travels as often as feasible. Her last trip was a return to Oaxaca, Mexico, where she added to her collection of wooden carved art from the nearby Zapotec villages. She hopes to get back to India next year or, if not, to Cape Town and perhaps Durban for a first South African trip.

Harry and Carol Burton Cordes moved to Chestertown, Md., over three years ago from their country home in Pennsylvania to a town with friendly neighbors and smaller quarters. The college and shops are within walking distance and they have a view of the Chester River. Except for some spousal health issues, their family is doing well with four grandchildren who are active in all sorts of endeavors in York, Pa. Carol is still a volunteer at their local hospital, and a member of the Chestertown Chorale. She attends classes at Washington College, plays golf, works part time in a busy ladies clothing store and best of all, is able to get together with good friends made at WMC/McDaniel all those many years ago.

Almost 20 years ago, Nick Spinnato and Susan sent news to The Hill that their twin sons,
Anthony and William, were born on Oct. 3, 1989. The twins are now 19-year-old college sophomores. Anthony is attending Lebanon Valley College and is majoring in percussion performance music tech recording. William is majoring in musical theater at New York University and will spend the spring semester studying abroad in Florence, Italy. Their four older children have made Nick a grandfather nine times: Denise has one son; Chuck has five children; Patrice has two children; and Nick, Jr., has one son. Nick retired from Baltimore County Public Schools in 1999 to go to work for the Baltimore County Executive. In 1995, he hooked up with the former superintendent of Baltimore County and helped start a company, Alternatives Unlimited, which contracted with school districts around the country to provide educational services for at-risk students. Nick retired from full-time employment in 2004, but still provides educational consultant services and is working very part time at a company that provides awards and promotional items all over the country.

Last summer Susan and Nick took the entire Spinnato family on a cruise to Bermuda. There were 27 of them in nine cabins and it was a trip to remember. (The photo album Nick sent along with his e-mail was absolutely out of this world — great job Susan.) From rock-wall climbing to dinner at five which all attended, to swimming at the beaches, to everyone wearing a red shirt reading Spinnato Family Cruise, the memories will last a lifetime! Nick's favorite past-time is still golf, which he plays at the Spartans Point Country Club where he is on the Board of Governors. He is so looking forward to seeing all at our next reunion.

Our 50th reunion preparations started early for Nancy Willis Rich when Dick Plasket called a few months in advance to ask her to speak from the heart and to give us parts.andpracticefortheSundayMorning service. There were 27 of them in nine cabins and it of Governors. He is so looking forward to seeing all at our next reunion.

Our 50th reunion preparations started early for Nancy Willis Rich when Dick Plasket called a few months in advance to ask if she would help with the memorial service on reunion weekend. They had several great planning conversations, until Dick realized he would not be able to attend in person. As he became more ill, their conversations became focused on how he was physically and spiritually and, she had a chance to talk with Betty Flohr Plasket, too, before Dick's death. Even though Nancy and Dick had not been close on campus, the bonds begun there already, and she had a chance to talk with Betty Flohr Plasket, too, before Dick's death.

Don and Gail also traveled to Ohio to visit their grandchildren and family. They had a wonderful visit plus they went to the huge National Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB, an awesome place to put it mildly. Dan and their son are planning their second annual 18th-Century Artisans Show of Contemporary Craftsman of 18th-century rifles, crafts, artworks and other wares. They are looking forward to the show which will be held in Harrisburg, Pa.

Condolences to the families of Dick Play, who died two weeks after our 50th class reunion. Betty Lou Reel Statler and Ura Grace Baker Jamison.

Herb and I continue to enjoy California living without snow shoveling, chains, etc. We can sit in our heated pool and view the snow-capped 12,000 foot Mt. San Jacinto. We are also able to pick grapefruit, oranges and lemons from the common grounds of our gated community. Herb enjoys traveling worldwide via the Internet and I continue to work as the renal dietitian at the Kidney Institute, on the campus of Eisenhower Medical Center on Bob Hope Drive in Rancho Mirage, Calif. In May we flew to San Antonio, Texas, for the high school graduation of our oldest granddaughter, Kellie, and she is now attending a local community college. Our visit was short, but we had a great time having one-on-one time with all three grandchildren and our son, Mike, and his wife, Chris. What a 50th reunion! From the time we arrived on campus to register, to all the planned activities, classes to attend, a review of Jim Lightner's '59 history of the campus, our class dinner Saturday night, and the wonderful Sunday morning memorial service, followed by the farewell luncheon. What an unforgettable weekend. Many thanks to all who answered my e-mails and cards. See you in four years plus at our 55th.

1964 Reunion 2009

The class of 1964 is pleased to see 2009, which is our 45th reunion year. I am looking forward to seeing as many classmates as possible at the reunion. Now that many of us are retired from life-long careers and have grandchildren, it will be great fun to see our classmates as they are now and reminisce about the adventures we had so many years ago when we were oh so young. I suppose we are going to a McDaniel reunion, but it will always be a Western Maryland reunion to me.

A Weller Leishure writes with some sad news. Her husband, Sam Leishure '65, died of heart disease on June 1, 2008. They had been married 42 years, living in Reisterstown, Md. Sam was a retired guidance counselor from Centennial High School in Howard County but was working as an academic advisor for Howard Community College at the time of his death. His hobbies included carving decorative decoys and hybridizing daylilies. Together they enjoyed "being needed" by their granddaughter, Olivia, who has since been joined by a brother, Samuel John, named after both of his grandfathers.

World travelers Barry Lazarus and his wife, Fran, have recently returned from six weeks in southern Africa. Not an easy region to travel around independently, but that's what makes it exciting and fun. Daughter Kate had her second child in January. Kate is a consultant on water and environmental is-
sues as they involve the Mekong River in southeast Asia. Barry and Fran returned to Bangkok for the delivery and to care for big brother, Kalden. Son Jeff lives in Copenhagen.

He works for the World Health Organization, lectures on HIV/AIDS issues in Europe and teaches public health at the University of Copenhagen. Please visit if you are visiting Bredenkrigge or Vail, Colorado. Rocky Mountains. A nice offer for those traveling west.

Carole Richardson Baile writes that she is looking forward to the 45th reunion in May and hopes to see many of you there. She and Jack ’62 continue to enjoy retirement. They’ve had three wonderful tips with Jim ’60 and Millie Dickey ’62 Thomas and spend time with them and other college friends at Bethany Beach, Del., in the summer. Their children and two granddaughters are always a source of joy. They try to stay healthy. They also see David ’61 and Nancy Roorke ’62 Sullivan and Joe ’62 and Judy Firestone McDade when they visit in Westminster. Jack was the Alumnus of the Year 2008, and Carole is especially proud of him.

David Taylor lets us know that retirement hasn’t meant any slowing down—he is currently teaching one course on Science and Religion, as well as taking courses on Judaism, something he has wanted to do for years and now has the luxury of doing. He is also hoping to finally make some headway on the manuscript of a book on Maimonides, which he has been trying to get ready to publish. He is also keeping busy by traveling and doing church work, tutoring mathematics, and babysitting grandchildren. The big news recently was the birth of their sixth granddaughter on Nov. 16, 2007. Yes, the Quinby family has now had nine consecutive female births. They are looking forward to the next reunion.

We hear from Dennis Quinby that he and Mary Ellen Coleman ’64 are now in their third year of retirement. They keep busy by traveling (Alaska, Yellowstone and New England), church work, tutoring mathematics, and babysitting grandchildren. The big news recently was the birth of their sixth granddaughter on Nov. 16, 2007. Yes, the Quinby family has now had nine consecutive female births. They recently purchased a condominium in the Smokey Mountains of eastern Tennessee (Johnson City, about 30 miles from Asheville N.C.). This allows them to spend time with their youngest granddaughter. The other five granddaughters live in Virginia, which is an easy drive. They are looking forward to the next reunion.

Diane Simpson Krell thankfully retired in September ’04 with 20 years at Fort Detrick, Md. She was a biological senior research tech on contract with the National Cancer Institute. She worked a total of 35 years with 29 of those in science and 27 of those in lab science. But her current job is the best—housewife with no supervisor. “Ha Ha. Retirement is the best!” Another major change is that two years ago her daughter invited her to move down to her area. So now she has a condo in southern Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay’s western shore in St. Mary’s County near the Lexington Park Pax River Naval Air Station. She is enjoying visiting her daughter, Chris, and son-in-law, Nick, and babysitting her little grandson, “NJ.” She hopes to see many classmates at our reunion.

Donald Hinrichs retired as professor emeritus in sociology from Gettysburg College in 2004 after a 37-year career that included teaching and a variety of other roles such as department chairperson, associate dean of the college and acting dean of the college. He moved to Montreal to begin a new phase of his life and to be with his boyfriend, a native of Casablanc, whom he had met three years earlier in Montreal. They were married in January ’05. (Same-sex marriage is legal in all of Canada.) Since 2004, he has taught part-time in sociology at McGill University. Last year he self-published two books, one of poetry, “My Life, Our Lives, Shared Experiences Through Poetry,” and one based on research he did in his final years at Gettysburg. A Lesbigay Guide to Selecting the Best-Fit College or University and Enjoying the College Years.” Previously he had produced a DVD based on the research, “From the Hallowed Halls of Ivy: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Students Speak Out About Their Lives on Campus.” He is currently finishing writing an academic ethnography, “Montreal’s Gay Village: A Sociological Excursion.” He is also proud to report that he has two married children, Terri and Ryan, as well as three grandchildren, Jordan, 6, in Utah; Ethan, 2, in New Jersey; and Connor, 6 months, also in New Jersey. Most of his leisure time is spent traveling with his spouse to visit the grandchildren and parts of the world he has yet to experience.

From Colorado we hear from Fred Wooden. After breeding and raising horses on his farm near Manchester for 20 years, he put the land into the Maryland’s Agricultural Preservation Program in 2004 and moved to Colorado, where he tries to ski and hike as much as possible. He volunteers at a local museum and does a lot of traveling. Son Michael (Gettysburg ’98) lives in Randolph, Vt., with wife Darcy and daughter Wendy, and is CTO at Vermont Technical College. Fred hopes to make it to our 45th.

I am going to print George Gebelein’s contribution exactly as he wrote it, hopefully to spur any recalcitrant classmates to show up in Westminster next May to party with us. “Hi fellow classmates, president George here, really hoping for two great upcoming reunions—our 45th and 50th. On May 1 to 3, 2009, as Gill indicated, we will be celebrating our 45th McDaniel (Western Maryland) class reunion. The food should be really good this time and the fellowship is always great. If you have never returned before, then I encourage you to come back to see friends you admired and loved in the ’60s. Classmates will be calling many of you to attend our 45th and asking you to contact some of your best friends to encourage them to attend our reunion too. I don’t know about you, but unfortunately, several of my co-workers and friends have contracted cancer and some have passed. I hope we look at our reunion as a great opportunity to reconnect with our friends while we can.

On the home front, I am still working part-time from home for McDonough School in Owings, Mills, Md., which is the high school that I graduated from. I work for the development office and steward large donors of our school. While I thought I would work only a few years after retiring from telecommunications, classmate Ron Roth predicted correctly that it would be more than a few years. My IRA direction suggests that I may work until I’m in the pine box. My grandchildren are now 6 and 8 and enjoying life as my son is an avid boater living a half-mile from the Chesapeake Bay. I recently spent a wonderful weekend with Jack ’62 and Carole Richardson Baile in their Ocean View, Del., home with Lois Chilcoat Meszaros and A Weller Leishure. I see Dave Fisher ’67, who works for McDonough part time, Lois Chilcoat Meszaros, Gordon Shelton ’68, Rick Boswell ’78, John Olsch ’67 and Ron Roth regularly and periodically see Jerry and Fran Syb- ret ’65 Baroch, John Carey ’67, and John “Ohm” Heritage ’68. At McDonald events, I have the opportunity to see other classmates and friends. That’s enough for now. Please consider coming to our class reunions. Our reunion committee is hard at work to increase our future attendance.

One person looking forward to the reunion is Howard Moneyoe. “Time seems to fly by after you pass the 25th reunion,” he says. His family is doing fine. Wife Jane is still employed as the counseling department chairperson at Hightstown High School. Howard is now employed as a principal senior analyst/business developer for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). He is an Army Reserve Ambassador for the state of Maryland and was recently inducted into the Transportation Corps Hall of Fame at Fort Eustis, Va. He also coordinates the Special Olympics Golf Program for Howard County. The family just completed a tour of the Southwest with the focus on our national parks. Howard hopes that we have a great turnout in May.

Jeanette Breland Hill is happy to respond to my request for news, but she feels she has nothing new to report. She lives in Tallahassee, Fla., a university town so there is lots to do. She still works in telecommunications; she is the news editor for BenefitsLink.com and loves working at home. She is getting into duplicate bridge, a game that she hopes will help preserve a few more brain cells.

We hear from Jerry Baroch from his retirement home in Osprey, Fla. (a short hop from my winter home in Venice, Fla.). He and Fran Sybert ’65 are still doing the retirement fun thing: golf, tennis, boating and some travel. Travel the last few years has been lim-
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Nicholas Layfield ’02 to Brittany Collins on May 25, 2008. They reside in Jarrettsville, Md.

Richard Paul Jr. ’02 to Amy Allen on June 7, 2008. They reside in Glen Burnie, Md.

Vincent Pedalino ’02 to Samantha Michielli on August 22, 2008. They reside in Toms River, N.J.

Tarae Whiting ’05 to Jonathan Fried on August 16, 2008. They reside in York, Pa.

Johnna Hooban ’05 to David Roberts ’03 on July 7, 2008. They reside in Trenton, N.J.

Carrie Wadell ’05 to Daniel Scoone, Jr. on September 6, 2008. They reside in Gwynn Oak, Md.

Wesley Winters ’05 to Kristen Pickett on October 25, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Amy Johnson ’04 to Jason Maize on October 18, 2008. They reside in Butler, Pa.

Rachel Carr ’06 to Matthew Pauletti on September 25, 2007. They reside in Felton, Md.

Kelly Gruber ’06 to Brian Belida ’06 on October 12, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Brandy Malachowski ’06 to Jordan Coon on February 15, 2008. They reside in Aberdeen, Md.

Katie McNamee ’06 to Eric Freeman ’06 on October 18, 2008. They reside in Swedesboro, N.J.

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Rosemary Hopkins Jones '64 writes from Irvine, Calif., that she officially retired in July and climbed Mt. Whitney in September.

She completed 34.5 years in Miami-Dade County Schools, and retired. She was willing to keep working; however, she joined the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), and was required to exit on Jan. 30. The benefit of DROP is that she earned her regular salary for five years as well as her retirement salary, which was placed in a tax shelter. She plans to open a business and aspires to be a consultant for school change/reform and a Supplemental Education Services (SES) provider through NCLB. Ironically, she began her educational career as a high school teacher at Upper Dublin in Ft. Washington, Pa.; her first administrative position was as an assistant principal at Miami Northwestern Senior (1980-86), and she is concluding her career as a mentor in a high school. However, the highlight of her career was the 11 years she served as principal/instructional leader of North Twin Lakes Elementary Community School in Hialeah (1997-2008). In 1999, the first year of Florida’s A-plus Accountability Program, her beloved school was graded as an F. The demographics at that time: the student population was 99 percent minority, of which 95 percent were Hispanic; 93 percent free or reduced meals; 40 percent English language learners; 28 percent immigrants. In 1999 over 90 percent of the students could not read at all. What happened? She began the 1999-2000 school year with a team of teachers, support staff, parents, and students who were willing to work with her in consensus management and shared vision and governance to reform the school. They earned a grade of D that year. At the end of the 2000-2001 school year, the school reached a D and maintained it through 2008. In fact last year the school ranked 13th of over 1000 elementary schools in the district.

Louise was proud to perform with a special group of fourth- and fifth-grade students, her Principal’s Chorus (Louise was always musical). They sang and danced a full repertoire of musical theatre, beginning with The Sound of Music, Mary Poppins (her nickname by the kids), Wicked, Spamalot, and 42nd Street to name a few. She referred to her assistant principals, counselor, and administrative designee as her “Hialeah Boys,” and cajoled them to join her at the opening of the 2005 school year faculty breakfast with their rendition of “Just Hang on to What We’ve Got.” Florida Grand Opera was their most rewarding and generous business partner. Beginning in 1999, she was able to take 50-60 students plus faculty and parent chaperones to each dress rehearsal, except for the operas that were too mature. They also attended one opening night and a “real” performance of The Marriage of Figaro at the Broward Center. Beginning in 2004, she participated as a member of the staff of the National Principals Leadership Institute (Fordham and New York University) annually for eight days in July. Needless to say, she spent as many nights as possible on Broadway. She remains active as the head usher and a lay reader and intercessor at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, as well as with Florida Grand Opera, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and other charities. She is also a founder of Mt. Sinai Hospital.

She mediated about where to live in her retirement years, considering moving to Beaverton, Ore., where her brother and his wife reside. However, she decided she needs the action and excitement of her wonderful community. She recently purchased a new home in Miami Lakes, much larger than the town house she has had for 20 years. If any of you are visiting south Florida, please contact her at altarms@sbellsouth.net or 305-562-8744.

Phyllis Bach Hawkins thinks there is not really much printable news here. Her husband (just a kid, really) celebrated his 80th birthday with various family groups both in August and in October when his birthday really was. For his birthday they took a trip in August through all of his old haunts in western New York and spent a wonderful day in Letchworth State Park. Not very exotic but fun, beautiful and historic. Most of their other news is medical. They are both fine, just a bunch of minor surgeries and such. Both of her daughters are fine. Lauren lives in San Diego and works for AFLAC. Catherine has her own Allstate Agency in Clinton, N.Y. (Hamilton College). Their father, Richard Smith, died suddenly on Sept. 4 in Rome, N.Y., so she’s been trying to help the girls clean up the 13-room farm house. There is also a five-bay garage, barn, pole barn, and milk house. It’s a monumental task. Grandsons Logan and Dylan are busy now with hockey. All together from his children, her children and the children of a woman he was married to who died, they have nine children, 15 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Phyllis continues to substitute teach at the middle and high school. It seems to suit her, although she could certainly use a much better paycheck. The kids and teachers like her, and she likes them. She is on the board of the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table, and she does a lot of their computer-design material (brochures, flyers, etc.) for them. Both of her parents are still living. They are in New Jersey in a gated senior community near where she grew up. Her brother lives there, too. Her mother is 90, and her father just turned 89. They are completely self-sufficient in their own home.

“It could not have been 45 yrs. It seems like only yesterday! Life has been very kind to me,” says Ron Roth. He and Clara are enjoying retirement even more since she stopped working in August. They will be traveling in earnest in the coming years and if things get too had here may have to look to moving to New Zealand. As he typed this he was in California doing an 18-day fast which always makes him feel better, not to mention lighter.

Ron and Clara had the pleasure to host Dave Sutton ‘63 for a week in July as he flew around the world from China. He had access to a free home of a deceased friend in Carmel for three weeks and they flew out to see him to celebrate Clara’s retirement. Ron and Clara then spent some time in Big Sur. Last November Ron flew to Rome and did an 18-day transatlantic crossing with a few neat stops and lots of days at sea. It is his 12th crossing. In December they spent a week in Uruguay and then got on a ship that took them to Cape Horn and then through the Beagle passag and Chilean Fjords. He did the same trip solo two years ago on the maiden voyage of QM2 and the scenery is 10 times better than Alaska so he wanted to share it. They got off in Chile after 14 days and visited friends for a week. They have also been doing some 10-day silent meditation retreats, which are very calming and will do at least two this year.

Ron will be a granddad for the third time with his first granddaughter due in December, and continues to look after a 98-year-old aunt. He has been serving on the alumni council for four years and on the outreach committee and also on the awards committee, which gives him a chance to come to the Hill often and see what great changes are going on. Ron and Clara will travel all over the world in the coming years.

Rosemary Hopkins Jones writes from Irvine, Calif., that she officially retired on July 8 this year and finds retirement to be everything she thought it would be and better. She plans on spending a lot of time with her grandchildren and traveling to all the places she hasn’t had time to visit before. After climbing Mt. Whitney last September, she aspired to hike the John Muir trail this year — 230 miles, beginning at the top of Mt. Whitney — and do it in 10 to 12 days. All was going as planned until she broke her leg in April, so hiking plans are currently on hold, though she did a trip to Arches and Canyonlands at the end of October.

Starting next year, she will begin her travels with a three- to four-week visit to Egypt, and then all the others will fall into place. Rosemary is looking forward to more time with her kids and grandchildren. Her daughter is a clinical psychologist with a private practice in Omaha, Neb. She has three boys, 18, 12 and 9. The two youngest came out for nine days in August and they had a blast. Next year they want to come for the entire summer! Her son is an online security manager for a company in Herndon and he has four kids, 8, 6, 2, and 6 months. He provides her only granddaughter, who is turning out to be tougher than her two older brothers. She has been spending a lot of time at the beach and working to get her leg back to 100 percent. Retirement is great, and she is actually putting a dent in her 209 unread books.

Ruth Grover Dixon writes that even though she “dropped out” in 1962, she still feels a
connection to the Class of 1964 and to the Hill. She retired at the end of 2002 from working as an accountant for the St. Mary's County (Maryland) Public Schools. After five years or so of travel to China and to the Holy Land, and volunteering, primarily in the office of the local Hospice, she began attending Wesley Theological Seminary. Yes, the dropout is back in school, again. One thing led to another and in July, she was given a half-time appointment as pastor to a local United Methodist church. God works in mysterious ways; just as others are retiring, she's been given a fresh start. If she inherited her uncle's genes, who died this year at almost 102, she'll have lots of time for retirement later. Ruth has two grown daughters: one living in Winchester, Va., working with her husband in his civil engineering firm; the other lives in Columbia, Md., and works as a mechanical engineer for Black and Decker in Towson. They enjoy going to shows and an outing together.

Sterling Halley writes from San Antonio that he was delayed in responding to my card because as he was hospitalized for multiple health problems. "This getting old sucks!" Nothing new to report, just getting older and health is not as good as it once was.

Streett Broadwent went to St. Thomas on Nov. 14 to celebrate his birthday with some friends. He bought a three-bedroom time-share (one week) from Marriott last year while it was being constructed. He's still up to the same old thing with the boating business, and consulting for a start-up software company down in Rockville, Md. It keeps him off the streets. He has one boat broker who is talking to him about bringing a 62-foot boat over from Turkey. It all depends on if he sells the vessel. If he does, then there is much to check out, plans to make and safeguards to consider. They would spend a good deal of the time in the Mediterranean and the last half crossing the ocean. Now there would be a trip of a lifetime! With fuel prices and other things he didn't venture out as much as he had in the past. However, he has a beautiful view from his boat — like a condo on the water — only moveable.

Janet Brozik Biles writes that she and her husband, Roy, enjoy retired life. They are involved with their children and grandchildren Jack, 6, and Hannah, 4. All summer they swam in their pool. Last February they flew to Jacksonville, Fla., where they visited with Lynda Robson Astle in her winter home. Janet keeps in touch with Linda Fabre Barnes, who is a new grandmother to two grandchildren, Shirley Stauffer Sharp, who also has two grandchildren, and Lois Schurman Donaldson, who has two grandsons. She also enjoys going to the opera with her mother-in-law.

World traveler Carol Wilkinson Coffeen almost missed the reunion column call, as she and husband Tom were on a trip. Their travels this year have taken them to California, on a cruise on the west coast of Mexico, on a hunting safari to South Africa with a stop off in Germany for a couple of days to break up the trip to two family reunions in different parts of Virginia, and to Missouri. In 2007 they did a two-week Celebrity cruise to the Mediterranean with friends to celebrate their 45th anniversary, and next year they'll go with Carol and Tom on another two-week Celebrity cruise to Scandinavia to celebrate their 45th anniversary. Their grandchildren, ages 8, 8, 7, and 3, continue to bring them joy and keep them busy. With travels, grandchildren, and all their other interests they never find a dull moment. They look forward to seeing many class members at the reunion in May.

Sad to say, I received an in memoriam notice for our classmate Richard Whitenton, formerly of Westminster, lately of Fairfax, Va. He died unexpectedly on Nov. 12, 2008, in a motorcycle accident. He received his master's degree from the University of North Carolina in 1957. He retired from the Army after 21 years of service. After leaving active duty, he was a senior consulting engineer with Computer Science Corporation and a vice president of Nichols Research Corporation. Surviving are his wife, Colleen, and children Cheri Maxwell, Nancy Quinlin, Collette Mozingo, Tonya Whitenton, Sean Whitenton, Sgt. Joseph Reconnah, and Thomas Reconnah, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Life for me goes on pretty regularly. I am still living in Michigan with my friend, Nancy. (All the animals are gone) and spend part of the winter in our condo in Venice, Fla. I have been retired now three years, and certainly do enjoy this life. I am now working part time as a consultant to my former agency, which needs a little help getting back on its feet. Whenever I take my eye off the ball, things seem to go astray. That keeps me busy along with volunteering and visiting grandchildren, as well as reading as much as I can. And exercising to stay healthy.

I spent some time with family in Rehoboth Beach, Del., last summer, as I have for the last few years. I'm looking forward to the reunion (I will be flying in from Florida) and reconnecting with my former roommates Lois Chilcoat Messaros and Jo Ann Cascaden Nicol. I do go to Maryland a few times a year as I have two children and two grandchildren there. Daughter Amy got married last October to Jeff Ditter at The Clusters in Baltimore (where she lives). Amy is a program officer at the Weinberg Foundation. Son Andrew is the chief financial officer of the City of Baltimore and lives in Silver Spring with his wife, Kelly, and his children, Sara Gall, 8, and Schroeder. Son Ted lives in Chicago, where he is a freelance writer and the author of two books.

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John "JC" and Patti Wade '72 Allen have been in Rehoboth Beach for the last eight years following 10 years in Boston. "Unlike many of my classmates it seems I am not retired yet, still working at Battelle, a non-profit R&D firm, where I have been for the last 24 years. I commute weekly to D.C., which is getting old after eight years. Still traveling a lot at work, including recent trips to China and India on trade missions. Patti manages a department store in Rehoboth. Our big news is that we are first-time grandparents — daughter Jaime and husband Casey live in Charlotte and gave birth to Benjamin in November '06. Daughter Jennifer lives in Boston and is in her second year of graduate school and working at a medical IT firm. Patti and I still get together with Bill Griffith, Mike "Zippy" Elliott, John Seaman and cohorts once a year in Rehoboth."

All is well in western Maryland for Jim and Karen Prichard '73 Barnes and the entire family. Daughters Carolyn Barnes Kinneer '99 and Sara are both in the jewelry business — Carolyn in Westminster and Sara in Frostburg. Son Tim is a 2008 graduate of Frostburg State University and is working in the hardware business in Frostburg. Jim just celebrated his 33rd year at Crestmont, the men's and ladies clothing store he and Karen own in Frostburg. Grandsons Nicolas, 5, and Will, 3, amuse everyone and keep them hopping. Jim keeps in touch with Tom and Melissa Martin '71 Pecora and Mike "Zippy" Elliott.

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Lee Stewart '06 to Virginia Mangano on November 1, 2008. They reside in Reisterstown, Md.

David Wiles Jr. '06 to Jennifer Pitzer in October 2007. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Bryn Szesze '07 to Gus Andrade on October 19, 2008. They reside in Derwood, Md.

Matt Hatton MS '08 to Carol Schmoeller MS '06 on October 1, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Alyse Hollomon '08 to Tim O'Steen on November 29, 2008. They reside in Baltimore, Md.
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Penny Williams Cipolone has been teaching in the same school in New Jersey for 36 years now — Latin seventh grade through Latin V for seniors. “Toga wrapping and chariot races are still part of my life. I keep saying I love being the wise woman of the faculty. I am one of the two longest-term teachers in the building. Hard to believe that many of the faculty were born after we graduated from WMC. I’ve taught about 15 percent of the staff by now and live in dread of the first grand-student showing up in my class."

She and Mark take a group to Italy about every other year on spring break. Three years ago, the American Classical League named Penny an emerita fellow for overall contributions to the profession. “Gee, I just thought I was having fun.” Mark has been self-employed as an engineering consultant for about 10 years. He did a lot of work with environmental concerns with the buildings surrounding the World Trade Center and now does mostly claims inspections. Son Steve graduated from Haverford College and now works for the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. Just last week one of my seniors took a day to visit a small college in Maryland that you probably never heard of. Mrs. Cip? Guess where?"

Hallie Cross Davis is "still enjoying retirement. Last fall Jim and I took a grand tour of Italy. Everywhere we went we enjoyed the fabulous food, wine and music of Italy. As for Jim, he’s still in dentistry, but thinking of retiring soon. I’m looking forward to having him around more. Son Chris is finishing off his last year for his mechanical engineering major and has already done an internship with Pratt & Whitney. Kay Underwood lives in nearby Catonsville, so in good weather we occasionally walk the old trolley trail that runs through parkland between Catonsville and Ellicott City. It’s a lovely jaunt and good exercise with great company."

News from Earl ’69 and Carol Harris Dietrich: "Since I do not yet have any grandchildren, nor are Earl and I retiring, I am not that old. I did celebrate my birthday in March with many old WMC friends and it was lovely, but am I really 60? I did travel to Quebec in June with my Round Robin friends to celebrate our BIG birthday year, but am I really 60? I don’t feel that old. I did cut a day from my private practice this year, but not because I can’t go at the same pace I used to be able to go, but am I really that old? Enough of that. I still work in Westminster at my private mental health practice three days each week and teach at Stevenson University, formerly Villa Julie College. What is it about these name changes? Son Aric moved to NYC last year and works for a real estate development company, McWilliams and Ballard, owned by the younger brother of two former (and younger) classmates, Gary McWilliams ’71 and Linda McWilliams Broce rich ’72. He loves life in the Big Apple. I wish we visited more often. Daughter Alison married Joshua Clark and they bought a house in Westminster. He is from Ohio, but loves it here, which we are happy about. Alison works at five gyms and is a personal trainer. If anyone in the area needs to stay in shape, she will make house visits. Earl continues to play golf, hunt and fish, in addition to gardening and trying to keep our property free of groundhogs. We do have property in South Carolina but are not moving yet. As I said, we are not ready to retire. My 80-year-old widowed father married in September to a woman he met in Colorado where he has been living for about six years. They met while bowling! They love life and will spend the winter in Arizona, where the folks from Colorado spend the snowy months."

Mike “Zippy” Elliott says, “There’s been nothing too earth-shattering in my little corner of the world. I continue to run my own ad agency out of Annapolis. We just opened offices in Cockeysville and Clarksburg, WV. So, despite a shaky economy, we’re doing okay. Son Chris is a department head for the Baltimore City School System. Daughter Lu cie works with me. I have one grandchild, 3. She gets everything she wants from me, of course. I see John ’71, Allen, John Seaman and Bill Griffith a couple of times a year. I still live in Annapolis with my much-younger girlfriend. Life is good and I have no plans to slow down or retire any time real soon.”

Though he did not report this, I was there when Reese “Rick” Diggins was inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame at the annual banquet on November 7. According to the program, Rick is executive director for the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association and assistant principal of operations at St. Vincent Pallotti High School. He and Joyce Wagner Diggins live in Pasadena.

Alice Berning Franks thinks that her story is boring, but I don’t. “I am still a mouse breeder, and my husband, Rollin, is an administrator, both of us at NIH. Daughter Kelly has joined a family law practice. Son Scott is still working for a finance firm. I am still passionate about running. We did take a short vacation to Los Angeles and San Diego, where I placed second in my age group at the San Diego Rock ’n Roll Marathon.”

Ed Hermann has “now been retired for a little over 3 years. Retirement is great — no one to tell you what to do or when to do it. I should have started earlier. The drop in the stock market has been gut wrenching, but several years ago, just prior to retiring, I set up a couple of charitable gift trusts (with McDaniel College as the ultimate beneficiary) using Citigroup stock that had greatly appreciated over the years. These trusts provide a monthly income to myself and to my wife, Susan Burgard ’72. As a result, while I am concerned about the value of my portfolio, the ups and downs don’t affect my lifestyle nearly as much. We traveled to the Netherlands and Belgium in April ‘09 along with Sue Bloom (chair of the art department at McDaniel) and about 10 other people all of whom had a connection to McDaniel College, including Dr. Jim Lightner ’59. This was a tour that was sponsored by McDaniel College. We celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary while on a river cruise through the Netherlands. We are planning a cruise through the Panama Canal in January.”

Nancy Huskins is always faithful about writing, “I don’t feel bad about turning 60 this year; it’s the next 20 years I’m worried about! I’m working part time for Carroll County Public Schools as a media specialist, and I also review the portfolios of students home-schooled by their parents. I spend the summer and most of the fall in Ocean City, and travel to Mexico with friends each January. I’m still in touch with roommates from my freshman and sophomore years at WMC, Annie Zahn Newhall and Karen Telan. Life is good.”

John Kintzing shares, “Mandatory retirement age brought to an end an exciting and rewarding career with the FBI, but I immediately started my second career (Or as my wife, Meg Swain Mfd ’75, says, I finally grew up and got a real job.) at the U.S. Joint Forces Command’s Joint War Fighting Center in Suffolk, VA. I now work as a defense contractor assisting with exercises to train our military leaders. I’ve traveled to bases all over the country, as well as Hawaii, Panama, Japan, Qatar, and Germany. I really only work to support the major universities that five of our six children (the high school sophomore is waiting in the wings) have attended: Penn State, University of North Carolina, Old Dominion, University of Virginia, and William and Mary. Meg continues to keep the family on the straight and narrow while I am on the road. An aside, I ran into Terry Conover on my annual fishing trip to the mountains of Pennsylvania. He retired last year as wrestling coach at Hanover High School, with the third most wins as wrestling coach in state history. He now has plenty of time to fish and hunt with his two sons, Josh and Tyke, when he isn’t spoiling his four grandchildren or relaxing at his condo in Ocean City.”

David Moore reports that he is alive and well... still teaching in the same school.
Now, I teach middle school mathematics, but the music department still has a hold on me (to accompany during assemblies, concerts, and instrumental solo-and-ensemble festivals). I'm still enjoying my work, so I haven't retired yet! I've stayed quite involved in music outside of school (church choir, organist, conducting). Lots to keep me busy. I've also been in 'The Stepbrothers,' a group that performs classic rock and rock and roll.

Emma Moore-Kochlias shares, 'Along with the big birthday this year has been an even bigger event, the birth of our first grandchild, Dylan Andrew Kochlias. He's the most adorable baby, of course, and we are having a wonderful time as new grandparents. Dylan and his parents are in Los Angeles where our son, Matthew, is studying architecture. Our daughter, Caroline, has been with us here in San Diego this fall while working on some research at the Salk Institute and applying for grad school. I continue on as minister at La Jolla United Methodist Church, and my husband, Peter, has returned to a local church in Chula Vista. Last spring I had the great fun of having lunch with Debbie Clark in Gaithersburg.'

Gretchen and Tom Morgan became grandparents. "Daughter Katie had a baby boy, Henry. Daughter Kelley is getting married. So it is an exciting family time. We got back into sailing after a few years hiatus and are having a great time sailing on Smith Mountain Lake and the Chesapeake Bay.'

Jim Nickol continues to work as an op-tometrist in Pocomoke, and Nickol retired last year from her at-home transcription job. Since then, she has been "busy working on Kim's upcoming wedding in May '09 to Eric, a teacher from Maine. Eric is deployed to Afghanistan, but returns home to Kim, civilian life, and teaching. I got to speak to Karen Wagner Tegges recently, as she is the event coordinator at Swan Harbor where Kim and Eric will be married. Kim works for Baltimore County Schools as an occupational therapist specializing in autism, and Amy continues her teaching job with four-year-olds at Harrisburg Academy, a private school founded by Benjamin Franklin.

Our big news is our change of residence. Our family has been camping on Chincoteague Island for years, and we all love the Island life. This led to Jim and I eventually not wanting to ever leave Chincoteague and deciding to purchase our dream home there last year. We became full-time residents last September, after 32 years in Pocomoke. Our move only requires Jim to make a 25-minute commute to work each day, so we are retiring before he actually quits working. We have great views of the water, marsh grasses, and Assateague lighthouse from our home, and kayaking is the family's favorite sport.'

So nice to hear from Carolyn Racey Sewell-O'Brien who says that she "moved to Florida in 1997, opened Carolyn's Corner, bought a house, and raised a daughter. For the past 15 years I have worked with my husband, Tom O'Brien, at O'Brien Architects in Bradenton, Fla. We are on the south shore of Tampa Bay and Buccaneer and Rays fans. When the economy was better, we enjoyed skiing trips out west, and sailing trips to the Caribbean. Lately however, our workload has evaporated and this may be a sign that it's getting close to retirement time. But I have a lot to keep me busy. I have two grandchildren and another on the way. My husband is president of the local Rotary Club and I have been secretary of a local sailing association for many years. We sponsor races and cruising events, and Tampa Bay reminds me of the Chesapeake Bay except the weather is warmer. I can thank my years at WMC for the discipline and discipline I needed to prepare me to become a self-employed woman for the majority of my years after graduation. Our nearby Anna Maria Island has become a destination for German tourists, so I enjoy practicing my German on them. The hill is very informative about the Collage and maybe someday we'll attend a reunion."

After 37 years in the Baltimore County School System as a math teacher, counselor, and coach (27 of those at Towson High School), John Offerman retired as department chair of guidance. "I am currently the director of guidance and counseling at Archbishop Curley High School. I have been married for 25 years to my wife, Debbie, and have two sons, Brendon and Robert."

Keith and Chelle Catlingon '72 Porter are retiring their fourth year in Raleigh. "For those of you up North, we have not had an accumulation of snow yet. You do not even need a real winter coat. I am still teaching middle school and coaching football and softball. Chelle is a homemaker and busy with clubs and community activities. I am also president of our HOA. Daughter Kerrie is getting married and is a police officer in Delaware. Son Craig is superintendent of Orleans Builders. I am looking forward to the day when I can retire but enjoy being active. If in Raleigh, stop by and say hey."

After four months in Japan in the winter of 2007, Lynn Price returned to the U.S. with no job. "Fall of 2007 was tough, in that I was having some health problems, but those were resolved by November. And then in December, I received yet another call from Frederick County Public Schools, asking me to go back to my beloved Walkersville High School to teach three classes of Latin. Needless to say, I jumped at the chance and guess what? I am back there again, but only in a half position. Classes in the morning and then an afternoon free! However, I now teach at Hood College in the afternoons. Retirement once again takes a back seat in my life. Alain and I spent three glorious weeks in France this summer, staying with his cousins in their 15th-century chateaus in Langeais, just west of Tours along the Loire River. We did play tourists, visiting about a dozen or more chateaux in the area, sampling the magnificent Touraine cuisine and imbibing in more than our share of the best wines France has to offer. I hope that we are able to get back there next summer; we have an open invitation to visit whenever we want, and both of us would like to spend more time in Paris. Alain was born in Paris and he hasn't been back to visit many of his old haunts for a very long time."

It has been a year of cross-country moves and global travel for Mary Lynn Durham and Bill Roj and their boys. "We welcomed Wesley, 27, back from Los Angeles where he completed his MA in professional writing. As Wes returned from the West Coast, Doug, 23, relocated to San Francisco to pursue a career in culinary arts. Bill and I traveled to Singapore, Shanghai and Hong Kong to celebrate company milestones with Asian employees of ERICO, the global electrical company with which we are affiliated. While in Shanghai, we celebrated the opening of ERICO's first major Chinese facility in an outdoor venue replete with dancing dragons and indigenous pageantry. We have enjoyed seeing and working with a lot of our McDaniel friends at events surrounding the Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel."

Earl Schwartz retired from chairmanship of the department of emergency medicine at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in 2007, the same year their twin sons graduated—one is a physician and the other is a military officer. He and Alice Griffin moved to Florida in 2005 and have been enjoying the wonderful-and warm-environment since then. Earl plays league and tournament tennis round and they travel to the Gulf or the Atlantic weekly for surf or pier fishing. "The Life of Riley!"

John Seaman had much to share. "Professionally I have returned to my roots. To start the school year, Carroll County Public Schools chose to transfer me from Wesmond to Halls High School where I had spent a part of the past six years, seven as principal, for Francis Key High School where I taught and coached from 1970-91. I plan to remain as principal here until retirement, unless the county has other plans. Considering it is my 30th year, the move took me by surprise, but I was told this is where the system needed me and I was not ready to retire. The move has many positive aspects, I have taught nearly 90 percent of the parents of the current students at FSK. Vivian Higdon and I continue to live in Westminster. Vivian is busy with handmade crafts she sells at local markets. Son Jeff lives in Charlotte with his wife, Martha, and Kate, 1. He is regional vice president of Managers Investment Company. Daughter Holly, husband Walt and children, Julia and Adam, live in St. Mary's County, Md. Walt is associate pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. Holly works as an RN at a local hospital but spends most of her time at home. Stephanie, our adopted 14-year-old, is a freshman at Winters (Continued)
The Ultimate Waterbed

Through 26 years of hurricanes and icy winters, Randy Witter '76 has lived year-round on a 34-foot sailboat in Severna Park, Md. Prompted by his 1982 appointment as a captain with the Maryland Natural Resources Police, his decision to join the estimated 100 to 200 other "liveaboards" in the region has brought few regrets.

Witter is hardly a stranger to nontraditional living spaces. At various times during his college years, he took up residence in a windowless closet space in Albert Norman Ward, lived out of his car the following semester, and periodically slept on the couches of his fraternity's clubhouse. Now retired, Witter manages his own marine construction business on the Potomac River. When he does leave his home dock, he sails mainly in the Mid-Atlantic region, vacationing in Atlantic City and at his condo in Ocean City. Even at his condo, he prefers sleeping on the couch or a hammock instead of a real bed. He says, "It's about whatever you get used to. Climbing down into my cabin is my comfort zone."

With its own unique set of challenges, living aboard watercraft isn't always idyllic. For one, freezing temperatures in Maryland means freezing water pipes. Also, limited storage forces him to live minimally and use a rental locker to store off-season clothing. He imagines that space would be even tighter if he were to ever share the space with somebody else.

However, Witter's lifestyle certainly has its economic advantages. The boat is much cheaper to take care of than a house, with less overhead and no property taxes. "Life is ultimately nothing but trade-offs," Witter says, and trading some convenience and storage space is nothing compared to the freedom and mobility that comes with living on a sailboat.

— Kate Maloney '09

Mill High School in Westminster and will keep us young if she doesn't kill us. I have developed an interest in backpacking and manage to get into the woods along the Appalachian Trail two or three times a year. Backpacking gives me a reason to stay in shape and an opportunity to recharge myself away from the hectic life of a high school principal and 60-year-old father of a young teen. We are all reasonably healthy and thankful for that blessing."

"Doug '69 and Lynn Coleman Smarte tell me, "There's not really much news ... except that we're thoroughly enjoying having our son, Chris, back in Arlington. He graduated from JMU in May and is living with two buddies about two miles from us and working for a marketing company in Old Town, Alexandria. Our 'special daughter' (formerly foster daughter), Thuy, is in Annandale, and we often have Vietnamese or Thai dinners with her and our 'special granddaughter,' Nina. Doug continues to serve as executive director of the National Association of Power Engineers D.C. Chapter and their Education Foundation, which continues to grow, despite the economy."

"I'm still a proposal manager for Lockheed Martin (which also continues to grow despite the economy!) but have reduced my status to part-time and love having most Fridays off. Still have the little cottage in south Bethany, which is our refuge when we need to slow down. It's even better now because both of our brothers-in-law and their families have houses nearby (much grander than ours) so we have great family crab feasts, movie nights, and other get-togethers there."

Debbie Clark, best friend/former WMC roommate, and I are still close and get together at least once a season in either Frederick or the D.C. area. Would love to see old college friends in either Arlington/D.C. area or at the beach."

Wilma VanHart and Ed '72 Smith "don't have any exciting news since the last column. Daughter Lisa and husband David live in Charlottesville, where he is a cardiology fellow. They will be moving to Little Rock in June where he will be joining a cardiology practice. They have three children: Teddy is in kindergarten; Emmie is in pre-school, and Will is 8 months old. Son Jonathan is a lawyer in Atlanta. He bought a townhouse a couple of years ago and shares it with two roommates, a college friend and a high school friend. Rob graduated from UGA in December and is living at home and working in commercial real estate. Ed has been retired for several years but with the economy in this sad state, we both may be looking for jobs very soon. We both play some tennis and he plays golf. We try to spend most of the summer on Fripp Island, S.C. We don't get down there as often as we'd like the rest of the year. I have that big birthday coming up. We are planning a river cruise in Holland in April with the whole family (including grandchildren) to celebrate. We have never taken a trip together that included all of our children, so this will be a first — maybe it's a last, as well. I enjoyed seeing many of our classmates at Sherry Swope Peck's birthday party in September. Her daughter, Carrie, did a great job of planning the party and actually managed to surprise her!"

And this year's award for early reporting goes to Karen Wagner Tegge: "Turning 60 this year with my Delt sisters in Quebec was magnificient. Eight of the Round Robins spent five fun-filled (except for the lost luggage part) days taking in the French ambience of that great city, Carol Harris Dietrich. Sue Moenningen, Sherry Swope Peck, Barbie Payne Shelton, Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro, Pat Johnson Krantz '71 and our very own reporter, Barb Thomas, made this one of our most memorable trips. We still want to rent that villa in Tuscany someday!"

In 2008, John and Marjie Cusden Trader welcomed their first grandchild, Mackenzie Ann Trader, daughter of David '03 and wife Lorrie. 'Mackenzie is cute and charming and has quickly become the center of everything. The Traders are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Caitlyn Anne Trader, future daughter of Scott '00 and Amy Ellis '01 Trader. The 4-D sonogram pictures show Caitlyn with full cheeks and the cute button nose you have ever seen. Amy can hardly wait to deliver this bundle of joy ... and Scott is learning all about girl clothes. In all, the Trader clan is blissfully happy."

Will Welley sent me a CD of his favorite parodies of folk songs, a photo of Common Ground and a letter — on paper. Wow, thank you, Will. "I marked my 60th birthday by driving to the north rim of the Grand Canyon in April. Although the primitive, waterless campground was 60 miles from a paved road, it was crowded two of the three nights. The last time I was there I was floating down the Colorado. This time I was looking at the colorful rafts through binoculars. This year I attended the Philadelphia Folk Festival and the National Storytelling Festival in Tennessee. A visit to Bermuda in August allowed me to replace and restock my geocaches there — and to find new ones." OK, so I had to Google that.

Alan Winik comments, "The years fly by and I do receive The Hill and enjoy reading about classmates. I hit the big 6-0 in February '08. I'm practicing law in Frederick, Md. (mostly criminal defense and family law), living in Hagerstown, Pa., with my wife of 20 years, Paula (a Carroll County girl). My two grown daughters live nearby as do my grandchildren, Isaiah, Isabella and Rachel. Unfortunately, my youngest daughter, Emily, died in 2001 when she was 19. Words fail me when I try to explain the impact losing a child has on one's life. My old roommate, Ben Love, passed away a few years back when he was in his mid-30s. Ben went through some difficult times but became a devout Chris-
tian and was living in Texas teaching Sunday school at the time of his death. Much of whom I am becoming well known with folks like 1ra Zopp'52, Bill Tribby '56, Esther Smith, Del and Nancy Palmer and my classmates. We really did get one fine education at WMC. Mike Elliott and I have a mutual client and I spoke to him last year. He sounded exactly the same!" OK, Zippy gets the award for most mentions in one column.

So good to hear from Janice Zengel, who tells us that "husband Lasse Lindahl and I are still working at University of Maryland Baltimore County, where he is chairman of the Department of biological sciences and together we direct a research lab with Ph.D. and undergraduate students. Son Pete is a graduate student in electrical engineering at Montana State, where he's working hard but also enjoying skiing and hiking. Son Ben has an apartment in San Francisco and works as a software engineer for Google in Mountain View, Calif. Matt is a junior at the University of Maryland, working toward a bachelor of music in tuba performance. (You'll notice none of our kids are following in their parents' footsteps.) Lasse and I visited the Appalachian region of Tennessee to enjoy the foliage, and discovered a 166-acre farm for sale in Mulberry Gap, the region where my ancestors had settled from 1800-1850. Crazy as it sounds, we bought the farm, and found out, when we got the deed, that it had indeed belonged to my fourth great-grandparents. My sisters Janet Zengel Messer and Shirley Zengel Reichenbach '78 are buying in, so it'll truly be the family farm. Since we had plenty of land in Tennessee, we sold our house/yard in a Baltimore suburb, and are moving to a condo in the Mount Vernon neighborhood of Baltimore City. We look forward to enjoying the culture (concerts, operas, theater, and ethnic restaurants) within walking distance of our home in the city and the relaxing country life and friendly neighbors at our farm. Life is good!"

This is good news in South Carolina, too. I am working again with another non-profit, LowCountry Legal Aid, helping them to grow their services in our community. Tom Gasparini is working a few days a week, playing golf and caring for his elderly mom. Kristen has blessed us with two darling granddaughters and I'm in DC, at least once a month to visit. John is in college and doing very well, while running his own computer consulting business on the side. Charlie '71 and Carolynne Moore and Donna and Bill Elliott have visited with us here on Spring Island. Why don't you try...Barbara Thomas
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Thanks to the convenience of e-mail, we broke a record — 90 classmates responded with several first-time responders.

First to respond was Bruce Jones. Bruce was appointed to serving as the senior pastor of La Plata United Methodist Church on July 1, 2008. This precipitated the family moving to La Plata. They sold their house in Derwood/Rockville in 21 days, found a home in La Plata, and moved mid-June. Bruce's wife, Dawn, works in downtown D.C. as an IT security specialist and program manager for a branch of the Department of Homeland Security. Their daughter, Courtney, is a ninth-grader at Maurice J. McDonough High School in the Charles County Public Schools. The high school is just around the corner from their home. Bruce's oldest daughter, Kristin Kittle, who attended McDaniel College, has two girls, 3 and 1, and now lives in Frederick, Md. Her husband, Keith, is stationed at Ft. Detrick as a medical technician. Second daughter Katie married Robert Summerford in March. They now live in Newport News, Va. Third daughter Lindsay has served two years in the Army as a language specialist, and is currently stationed at Ft. Gordon in Augusta, Ga. She is now fluent in Russian, Spanish, Arabic and Farsi, and she's learning a little Korean on the side.

Don and Peggy Harding Haskin have been married for 32 years. They have two sons, Matthew, 27, and Michael, 22, and enjoy having them both living in homes near them in St. Mary's County and both are electrical engineers. Peggy has worked for the federal government for almost 35 years and is currently employed in the Information Management Division at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, also has an on-line retail business (www.hollywoodhallmark.com) and is the treasurer for the Hollywood Church of the Nazarene. Don is the course manager for construction and mechanical trades at the College of Southern Maryland. He is also a member of the St. Mary's County Board of Electrical Examiners and chairman of the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing and Examination Committee. He teaches training classes for electricians to prepare for their journeyman's test and has been an active member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for the past 24 years. Don was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis about 10-years ago and uses a cane and/or electric scooter to get around but remains active.

Brenda Manahan Sears and husband, Jim, continue to enjoy life in Perkasie, Pa., and summers in Cape Cod, but can't believe their daughter, Jessica, just started her sophomore year at Dickinson College. Jessica is already working to decide where to spend her junior study abroad year— Cairo? Jordan? Morocco? Wherever she goes, you can be sure her parents will definitely fit a visit or two into their schedule. Brenda and Jim are active in their local township's government. They have over 20 years each of volunteering. She's a member of the planning commission and he heads up the zoning board of appeals. This, combined with trips to their Cape house and visits to their daughter at Dickinson, fills up their limited spare time. It's difficult for them to believe that retirement could be right around the corner if they'd finally decide to sell their business.

Donald "Skip" Chambers writes from Hagerstown that their oldest son, Chip, got married on August 2 in Shepherdstown, W.Va. It was nice having the whole family together for the celebration. Chip's wife, Courtney, is an elementary teacher for Washington County and Chip has started his own construction business after getting his degree from Salisbury University. Their daughter, Katie, is living in Baltimore and working for Ernst and Young Accounting Firm. She is studying and sitting for her CPA this fall. He and Karla enjoy being empty-nesters as their youngest son, Andrew, is a junior at Washington College in Chestertown, Md., and is on the basketball team. Skip retired from coaching 25 years of basketball at the local high school so that he and Karla could both attend Andrew's games. They see Karla's brother, Dave Cole '74, often and Skip got to be at the beach this summer to visit Kenny Haje and Craig Silbert '75. They shared many good memories of their time on the Hill.

Jim Lathrom wrote from one of the farthest distances, the Talil Air Base in Iraq. He was surprised in August with the news that he would be deployed, and is now doing his PA (physician's assistant) job in Iraq. He's going back and forth between southern Iraq and the Baghdad area working at several TMC's (Tropical Medical Clinics). He did have a chance to visit the ruins of the Old Testament city of Ur, early home to Abraham. His wife, Tish, is holding down the fort at home in Fallston. His best news of the year, though, was the birth of the first grandchild, a girl, to his oldest son and his wife. As of December, she is eight months old and very healthy.

Anna Wirt O'Flaherty has retired from practicing law and is living in San Luis Obispo, Calif., with her spouse. Brian Twillman and his family continue to enjoy living in Olney, Md. Over the last year, they have added a rough collie to the family. Brian continues to serve as lead training officer and organization development specialist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He has effectively led 'quality of work life' and 'workplace culture improvement' efforts in the office of the administrator to increase levels of employee engagement and performance. In the recent "Best Places to Work," Federal Human Capital Survey his office has rapidly become one of the most improved and best functioning work environments in the federal government. His wife, Mary, has become a real estate agent and when she is not selling homes, she is a freelance graphic designer. Maura, 11, and Matthew, 10, are enjoying school and other activities, including horseback riding, music, writing, and caring for their two cats, Alfalfa and Cheesie.

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Peyton Michelle Fyock, on April 1, 2008, to Michael and Michelle Fetterman MS '99 Fyock.

Abry Marie Terhune, on March 24, 2008, to Jonathan and Crystal Zagorny '99 Terhune.

Trevor Joseph Barchetto, on May 29, 2008, to Andrew "AJ" '00 and Julie Barchetto.

Madilyn Grace Conroy, on June 12, 2008, to Michael '00 and Lori Hansch '00 Conroy.

Gabriella Mische Pifer Fultz, on December 2, 2008, to Edwin and Shannon Sockriter '00 Fultz.

Jocelyn Amber Ellis, on February 14, 2008, to Paul and Kristen Fraser '00 Ellis.

Vander Christopher Hartzell, on February 9, 2008, to Steven and Stephanie Nemecek '00 Hartzell.

Elizabeth Grace Hydorn, on June 16, 2008, to Chris '00 and Jen Hydorn.

Caroline Elizabeth Kimball, on July 10, 2008, to Matt and Julie Edwards '00 Kimball.

Madison Michele Milam, on August 22, 2008, to Michael Milam and Shiloh Jeffrey-Milam '00.

Benjamin Ron Sernarini, on July 28, 2008, to Ron '00 and Melissa Morin '00 Sernarini.

Olivia Aneliesse Smith, on July 14, 2008, to Richard '00 and Camille Cooke '00 Smith.

Caitlyn Anne Trader, on November 26, 2008, to Scott '00 and Amy Ellis '01 Trader.

Gabriel Hudson Vandernant, on June 21, 2008, to Jon '00 and Sheramy Vandernant.

Matthew Luke Viscito, on August 2, 2007, to Matthew and Heather Pinto '00 Viscito.

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Alan Rabinowitz '74 continues to lead a global challenge to save the world's big cats, such as jaguars, clouded leopards and tigers. He was recently on The Colbert Report and has just published his fourth book.

Twilman family members continue to be "Raven Maniacs" with season tickets to the games. Also, the family supports the Capitals, Orioles and Nationals with some fervor.

Julie Saulnier and her husband, Mark Friedrichs, live in Bethesda, Md. Their twins headed off to college this past fall, so they are adjusting to the empty nest. She's finding it's not so bad — more free time, opportunities to travel, and a car whenever needed. She just hoped to readjust at holidays and next summer. The kids seem to have adapted to college just fine and are having a ball. Julie is still working on consumer policy at the Federal Communications Commission, where she plans to be for the foreseeable future. Paying double college tuition has put off retirement for several more years. She didn't make it to the 30th reunion, so hopes to make it to the 35th in two years.

Jeff and Cathy Clayton '77 Heinbaugh became "empty-nesters" in September. Daniel, 17, started his freshman year at West Virginia University and will be majoring in athletic training. Allison, 21, started her senior year at Gettysburg College and will graduate with a major in history and minors in creative writing and Japanese. With the kids gone, they are finding activities to fill in the gaps. Jeff is in his fourth year at Hanger Orthopedic Group in Bethesda, Md., as an IT director. When he is not at work he plays in a golf league. His three-man team won their division and made it to the playoff semi-finals. He also is heading up several groups at church. One is an environmental awareness group called Earth Stewards. They recently sponsored a rain barrel making workshop which was a huge success. Cathy keeps busy volunteering at church with Meals-on-Wheels, the prayer shawl ministry, helping out in the church office and the building committee. She is beginning Stephen ministry training and will organize blood drives this year. Jeff and Cathy are hoping to travel a little more now that the kids are at college.

Jeff and Sue Wagner McCoy are in Glen Rock, Pa., where they are part of a group of 18 who are starting a winery. After more than 10 years of making home-made wine, they decided to venture out and start their own. They have enjoyed time in the vineyard planting, pruning, leaf thinning, but says nothing beats harvest. Look for Logan's View Winery to be selling wine in spring of 2009 in Loganville, Pa. Their only grandson turned 2 in October. This is their oldest son's, Matt, and Gwen's child. Their daughter, Megan, was married last May. She and her husband, Matt, live in Columbia, Md. Their youngest, Andy, is a junior electrical engineering major at the University of Delaware. Sue, Patti Burch Rankin, Linda Garland Chell and Heather Humphries Law enjoy getting together in Ocean City, Md., each fall.

Bob Toner writes that Lowes transferred him to a larger location in Hampton, Va., last year, so he and his wife, Annette, now reside in Suffolk together again. She is still a corporate tax consultant for Smithfield Foods. Her son, Daniel, joined the Army in June and is a PFC stationed in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., training to be a "Human Intelligence Collector," kind of a "CSI-like" job. He will probably be overseas in less than a year and is excited about seeing the world. Daughter Blair just started her second year of law school at Regent University after transferring from University of Baltimore (she missed Virginia and her boyfriend, probably not in that order). He and Annette are really proud of both Blair and Daniel and what they are doing. Though he hasn't seen any fellow alumni in the past year, he did manage to meet Patti Burch Rankin's mom in the fall. In his spare time, Bob has restored a 92 Corvette convertible.

Ray Ulm writes from Hebron, Md., that he is currently in mental hibernation, with no lucid thoughts to send our way.

Lee McConnell writes that he has had a frontal lobotomy and cannot remember his own name.

David Stout has had a lot of change in the past two years. A year-and-a-half ago, he married Martine Lamoureux from Montreal. After 32 years in the in the pharmaceutical industry, he retired in February '08. He says it's a joy to not have to spend half his days meeting with lawyers and politicians. He plans on spending about 25 percent of his time with corporate boards and the rest of the time enjoying life. He and Martine sold their house in Philadelphia and moved to their Wyoming home as their primary residence, which is also where they got married. Their days fill up quite quickly with hikes, ATV's, fly fishing on the river, horseback riding and biking. They have beautiful views of the mountains and their house sits 50 feet from the Salt River. They bought a condo in New York, currently under construction, to get away during the long winters, the muddy springs, and for some much-needed culture. It will serve as their East Coast base for family and friends. They don't get to their places in Montreal and the Bahamas as much as they would like, just not enough time. If anyone is out in the Jackson Hole area and is looking for some adventure, he would love for you to please feel free to look them up.

Their big trip was to be a 28-day excursion through six countries in Africa with four friends in November and December. They planned to see everything from the mountain gorillas in Rwanda to the beaches of Mozambique and the desert of Namibia, with safaris scattered along the way. This was David's sixth trip to Africa and it remains one of the most exciting places on earth. On their previous Africa trip, two years ago, they started the journey with Jimmy and Roselyn Carter in Nigeria to help bring attention to a project that the Carter Center and GSK had spearheaded to help eliminate lymphatic filariasis (elephantiasis). He says he hasn't kept up with as many of his WMC friends as he would like (or should!), He has spoken a few times recently with Alan Rabinowitz '74 who continues to lead a global challenge to save the world's big cats (jaguars, clouded leopards, tigers, etc.). Alan is now the CEO of a new organization, Panthera, which is tackling these incredible challenges. Alan was recently on the Colbert Report and has just published his fourth book.

Caroline Babylon is still in Westminster, "bridging" to retirement by working part time at Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit. The rest of her time is packed with travel, family and volunteering. Most recently she and her husband, Kevin Dayhoff, had a busy two weeks as they traveled to Salt Lake City for a conference and then to St. Paul for the Republican National Convention. Coming trips with her mom include Nags Head, Disney and Princeton. She also teaches therapeutic riding and helps at the Ag Center, Carroll Community Foundation, Red Cross and at the College, to name a few. She doesn't see many other friends regularly, but stays in touch with Diane Spink-Car and Cindy O'Neal Keef er.

Sandy Owens Snedw writes from Atlanta. Her oldest, Ginny Neal, graduated from Randolph-Macon in 2007 and is living and working in Richmond. She works at Collegiate School. Dare is a junior at Meredith College in Raleigh, where she is studying fashion design. Sarah James is a freshman at Atlanta Girls School. Sandy finds it hard to believe "the baby" is in high school. Her husband, Jim, is still at Wachovia and she is working part time at their church's preschool, where she substitutes as needed. She really enjoys the children but is also glad to go home — not to little ones!

Carol Sandhofer Sweetser and her husband, Al, continue to live in the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. Their son, Adam, 24, moved into his own apartment a little over a year ago, so they are experiencing (loving) being empty-nesters. Luckily Adam and his fiancée live nearby, so they still see him regularly. They will be married on Valentine's Day in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, so planning a resort wedding has been great fun. Carol completed her year as interim dean of students for Northern Virginia Community College. She is currently the director for disability support services. Al is still working as the director for the Simulation and Analysis Center in Washington, D.C. When not working, Carol and Al are fortunate to be able to take several nice trips each year.

John Norment writes fromustin, Calif., wherehe is and Marilyn live with Jennifer, 13, and Daniel, 10. Both kids are taking piano lessons and are doing very well. John is working on a new business venture.

Kathy Hamilton Treziseis in her 10th year as president of Absolutely Organized Professional organizing service. Her psychology degree from WMC comes in handy when she's helping hoarders and chronically disor-
organized people. Husband Tom ’75 is president of Convergent Insurance Services. The college tuition bills are all paid and their nest is empty (except for black Lab, Lucky). Their son, Greg, works for Colliers Pinkard in commercial real estate. Their daughter, Meredith, is an ensign in the Navy and is training to be a naval flight officer. In Kathy’s spare time, she is a representative payer for a couple of elderly ladies, leads a women’s Bible study, and helps new church members identify their spiritual gifts. She and Tom are looking forward to being part of a praise and worship singing group for a local Celebrate Recovery ministry. They still live in Monroe, Md., and frequently get together with their gang of WMC friends. They also have a three-bedroom condo in Ocean City for rent — so give her a call when you’re ready for a vacation!

Bob Cahill writes that he and wife, Robbie, are finally empty-nesters. Their oldest daughter, Lauren, ’25, (LaVerne University), and second-oldest, Juliette, ’22, (San Diego State University) both graduated from college during the summer ’08 (on the same day no less). Lauren is currently working for the City of West Covina east of L.A. She has been dating the same young man for the last five years and Bob was expecting an announcement sometime within the year. Juliette has decided to go back to school for another year and get a degree in education and become a teacher. She loves San Diego and plans on staying there unless she has offers elsewhere. She has learned, through the family’s many moves that she can live almost anywhere and be successful and happy. The “bubbling” of new opportunities, ’19, started attending Central Washington University this past fall and is looking forward to being out from under the watchful eyes of his parents (Bob remembers those days, that’s why he left Florida for Western Maryland). He is a very conscientious young man as he has promised his mother he will be home many times with laundry in tow and an empty belly ready to fill with his mother’s excellent meals. Being only two hours away affords him this opportunity and they love it.

Robbie is in her third year working for Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery. The employees and customers love her as she is the consummate positive host and attracts everyone’s attention with her good looks and charm. They certainly have enjoyed her discounts, but most of all they have enjoyed the friends she has made at the winery. They are fun people and enjoy the same thatings that Bob and Robbie enjoy — wine, music and friendships. The summer concert season at the winery is the best. They have seen Crosby-Stills-Nash, Stevie Wonder and Ringo Starr, among others. Bob is in his 23rd year with Jiffy Lube. He says it has been a challenge this year with the economy in a funk, but they are doing well and expect some great things to happen in 2009. He and Robbie absolutely love Seattle and the distance has not diminished his yearning for a reunion with everyone as he has very fond memories of the Hill and the friends he made in the four years there. If anyone comes to the great Northwest please give them a call. They love to entertain (they have the wine!) and show visitors the many things that Seattle has to offer.

Bob and Dell Wogosland Elias are doing great in Lake Tahoe and love everything about life there. Outdoor activities are the best — hiking and the lake in the summer (and no humidity), snow in the winter. She and Bob keep busy with business and volunteering. They travel a lot, which she loves. Daughter Julie recently graduated from University of Colorado and was moving home for the winter before moving to Los Angeles in the spring. Dell was excited to have her there for a few months. Kristen is a senior at University of San Diego and will graduate in May. Dell writes that life is great in southern California. On weekends he takes the train down to San Diego then bicycles back to his house in Laguna Niguel. Good weather is pretty much the norm so it does not take a lot of planning. He travels all over the country with work and it is always good to land in Orange County with the palm trees swaying in the ocean breeze. Bob LeSueur ’79 sent him pictures of the class of ’78 reunion and he was excited to have her there for the trip the light fantastic and leave college behind.

Guy Rosston writes that life is great in the West. Sophia and Carlo, escape to Ber Vespas, Sasha and Carol, escape to Bermuda as often as possible, and try to keep the homestead from falling down around their ears. Jim will retire soon and do Appaloosas, bohemian parents, saying he is going to make a new life in Miami. Their second daughter is getting ready for college in the fall. She and husband Jose are living in her childhood home. Ana is living a quiet life in northwest Florida, dodging hurricanes and watching their 401-K’s grow. They’re sticking to their cover story of being therapists. She is app.lying to law school. He currently has a uniform at Christmas, proof positive that reality has not diminished his yearning for the last year in high school, loving cross country, and is definitely a chip off the old Blocker Trail.

Beth and Jim toolar around on matching silences. Jim will retire soon and do Appalachian Trail ops. Beth will be the principle breadwinner — she is a teacher so it will only be pita bread. They are happy as can be and busy doing their part to discourage terrorists from vacationing on their sugar sand beaches. They are still running half marathons and 5-K’s on creakerl and creakerl joints, throwing in a Sprint triathlon to keep people guessing.

Cherie Thomas Misas writes that her update includes four grandchildren and a move to a new house. She and husband Jose are remodeling a 1920’s Tudor along the Susquehanna in Harrisburg and were hoping to move in this past fall. Their youngest, Cami, is a sophomore at Brown playing field hockey. Their oldest daughter, Ana, and her family are living in her childhood home. Ana is working towards a post-graduate teaching certificate. Raquel, 22, also lives with her family near them. There are now four grandchildren under 4 — two boys, two girls. Life gets busy with every year. Margot, 24, is in Florida completing a teaching program as is Ana. Cherie’s last link to Westminster, her mom, passed away May ’08. They sold her house to a nice couple; the wife works in admissions at McDaniel. Small world!

After 30 years in United Methodist parish ministry, Brian Schofield-Bottr became president and CEO of The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport (CT), Inc., on July 1, 2006. They are an ecumenical agency of 56 member churches and agencies providing after-school homework assistance; residential and intervention care for youth in crisis; job and life counseling for ex-offenders; financial and administrative support for 33 area feeding programs; and a variety of connections between faith and community, including their “Tent of Abraham” series with Islamic, Jewish and Christian scholars. He remains a United Methodist clergyman. Their son, Dan, 23, graduated from Harvard in 2007 and is applying to law school. He currently lives in Miami. Their son, Adam, 20, is a junior theatre major at Western Connecticut State University. Over the last five years they have been fortunate to travel to England, France, Scotland and Alaska. He’s stayed in touch with Ira ’52 and Mary Dodd ’49 Zapp and a few others. They remain residents of Shelton, Conn.

Greg and Peggy Powell Sherry haven’t changed much in the past few years in Somerset, Ky. They are still working and painting, going on Bike Vermont trips and enjoying life. Their kids have both found good jobs but no weddings or grandkids yet. Chris is with Atmos Energy in Louisville and Kathleen is with Viamedia in Lexington. Peggy has indulged her fantasy and has been taking ballroom dancing lessons for almost two years (and she admits that her private instructor is a 21-year-old named Bobby). She actually wears those high heeled gold silk shoes, but after two 45-minute lessons she is exhausted and can barely walk. The Sherrys were lucky enough to visit with Dave and Robin Stiller ’77 Cooney in May during a trip to Los Angeles. What a small world!
Jim Lathroum ’76 wrote from Iraq, where he was busy traveling for his work at several troop medical clinics. He had the chance to visit the ruins of the Old Testament city of Ur and have his photo taken at the top of the Ziggurat temple.

Linda Bergefsky Street is glad to report that she and Don are doing very well in Laurel, Md. They have both changed jobs and for the better. He is now a paralegal with the State Ethics Commission and she has moved over to the Veterans Health Administration as a program analyst. She gets to work on mental health, aging and women’s veterans issues. Their family is growing. Their daughter, Anthea, is expecting her first child (their fifth grandchild) in March. They didn’t do very much this summer. Linda had a freak accident and broke her leg and ankle mowing the lawn on Memorial Day weekend but she was on the mend when she wrote. She would love to hear from any other alumni who work in D.C. and maybe do lunch.

Life hasn’t changed much for Stacey Capelle Mathis in the last year or two. She and her husband, John, continue to live in Elkridge and she has started her third year of teaching kindergarten at Westchester Elementary in Catonsville. She also continues to slowly close in on a graduate degree that she is pursuing at Hood College. Their son returned from his 15-month tour of Iraq in Sept. ’07 and is now stationed in Korea. They don’t see him much these days but she can more easily visit her daughter and her Navy husband who live in Virginia Beach.

Life is still very hectic in and around Reading, Pa., for Jeff Leed. His environmental consulting company, Leed Environmental, Inc., is 15 years old already and keeps him working very long hours on challenging Superfund, hazardous waste, and brownfields projects. His wife, Faye, is also very busy as a sales professional at Berks Medical. Their younger child, Jake, is already a freshman in high school and enjoys baseball, football and his schoolwork. Their older child, Lauren, recently won the coveted Pro Nelson award as the top senior female athlete at her high school, and she’s now a freshman and playing Division I field hockey at Central Michigan University. They’re all on the road fairly frequently traveling to Lauren’s games in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri.

Coryne Couparas writes that she is well into her second year as Alumni Council President. She has learned so much about the workings of our alma mater. Amazing things are happening at McDaniel. The campus has undergone some beautiful improvements and anyone who has not visited recently should really make an effort to do so! More importantly, the McDaniel Plan curriculum continues to prepare our new alums for the diverse career paths they are entering. Two years ago she and husband, Scott Markle, were at the end of involvement in a long statewide campaign. As she wrote in this past fall, they were very involved in the local Obama campaign. She also continues to work at PFG/Carroll County Foods and says that economic events will insure that she continues to work for a few more years. Even though restaurants fuel her income, like many others, she and Scott are rediscovering the joys of cooking. They find that though they are cutting back a bit on eating out, it’s actually fun to work together in the kitchen. To add to their enjoyment of eating at home, they have continued to work on their wine selection and knowledge with a trip to Sonoma two years ago and Virginia’s wine country this past year.

Dan Trimmer is superintendent for Cone-wago Valley School District in New Oxford, Pa. He continues to love hunting and got an elk last year in Montana. Kathy Chason Trimmer is a special education teacher for the Lincoln Intermediate Unit and works at Dover Intermediate School in Dover, Pa., with learning disabled eighth-graders. She has her musical hobbies: playing alto recorder in a group (she reminds us that she started playing recorder while at WMC one Jan. Term. The librarian then got a few to join his musical group of students and adults who enjoy playing Renaissance and medieval music. Lots of fun and a great experience), playing in bell choir and leading the youth choir at church, practicing hammered dulcimer whenever she can, and playing guitar and singing occasionally with a group which they started 28 years ago. Their daughter, Bethany, 26, and her husband live and work in Fairfax, Va., and just moved into a townhouse there. Their younger daughter, Alyssa, 24, and her fiancé just bought a house in Pittsburgh, where she works as an archaeologist with the company GAI. She returned in the summer from Cambridge University in England from which she is soon receiving her master’s degree in archaeology. Kathy’s mom passed away in February ‘08 at the age of 94, and she left them her home near Salisbury, Md., on the Eastern Shore which they have been working on fixing up and using it as a place for the whole family to enjoy, as she wanted. Dan and Kathy enjoy traveling when they can. Over the past eight years they have taken a couple of cruises, (to the Caribbean and Alaska) and have been to Nova Scotia several times.

Dave Mowry is working as a physician assistant in orthopedic surgery at Sinai Hospital. He was invited back to the Hill in November to speak to the Allied Health Club about the physician assistant profession. He saw Rick Cox ’77 last summer where they met at an Oriole game and spent the time reminiscing about the “good old days.” He also has been in contact with Steve Pearson ’78, and congratulated him on his retirement from the U.S. government in Oklahoma and his move to his retirement home in Maine. With the recent downturn in the market, Dave says he may never retire and will be assisting on his own joint replacement one day.

Linda Garland Chell’s son, Ryan ’09 is a senior at McDaniel. He is majoring in communications with a minor in journalism. He wants to be a sports writer and has been interning at the Carroll County Times for about a year where he covers high school sports.
He has also been able to help cover some Raven games when they are home. He thinks he has tried and gone to heaven sitting in the press box and going into the locker room after the game to talk to the players. Linda and husband Doug are very proud of him and like the fact that he is getting paid, too. Son Blake is still in his day program and doing well. They are trying to keep their business up during this recession. Their office manager had a stroke so Linda has been working full time plus some to get caught up. They were able to get away to Las Vegas for a few days since it was still work related. When you have your own business, you are never off!

Joe Ingola has responded for the first time since graduating. He and his wife, Diane, have lived in Snow Hill, Md., for the last 10 years. He keeps busy running his business and teaching a couple of courses at the Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University. They enjoy the grandchildren, traveling and the beach.

John Schutt found out on Oct. 13 that Taylor University will close his campus in Fort Wayne, Ind., at the end of May. While disappointed by this decision, he looks forward to the next chapter in his life knowing that God has always provided for him and his family. He is grateful that he had the opportunity to teach college at TUFW for 20 years. John has been active in Little River Wetland Project the last several years. They are involved in the third largest habitat restoration project in the state of Indiana. He still loves reading, photography, gardening, and home remodeling. Son Noel, is in a master's program in physics at Ball State University. Son Luke will graduate from Taylor University with a degree in computer science this spring. Daughter Janelle is attending a school of ministry. Daughters Anna and Charis loved playing volleyball for the Angels this fall.

Marianne and Dave Baker have lived in Westminster (actually between Union Mills and Silver Run) for nine years now. He is a math teacher at South Carroll High School. He still takes grade level classes at McDaniel and in the summer of 2007, his teacher was Gay Jewell Love '77. Dave and Marianne celebrated their 10th anniversary in the Pocomos, followed by a trip to Las Vegas that she won on a radio call-in. They have an adorable daughter, Baileigh, 7, who goes to the Montessori School of Westminster. At present she takes ballet and guitar lessons, and this past fall he was her soccer coach. They also have three dogs, a German shepherd, Josey (after the movie Outlaw Josey Wales), a Pomeranian, Jack, and a Yorkie, Mimi; plus fish, two mice and a hermit crab.

Rick Weber is retiring from Baltimore County Public Schools in June '09. His last stint was as an elementary school principal at Pine Grove Elementary School. He plans on working in Morgan or Berkeley County in West Virginia for a few more years as he and Brenda live in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Their two kids are currently touring in Europe. Check out the Weber Brothers Band at www.weberbrothers.com. He is so proud of them and went to see the boys in Ireland last November. Rick saw Larry Hess '75 after a long hiatus.

Steve and Beverly Vergndrft send their update from Austin, Texas. Their twin daughters, 17, are seniors in high school and looking at colleges. They can't seem to figure out the criteria though, so they have a long list they plan to apply to. Meanwhile, in the fall they took their10-year-old to Disney World for the first time. Steve says he's getting too old for those trips. He continues to help young authors with their startup technology companies, and has set up a new company with several partners in the Internet lead generation market. He says his stint as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank Board of Directors for the San Antonio branch has not been dull or boring lately.

Jim and Janie Hoffman are living in Darnestown, Md. Jim is the CFO for Northridge Capital, a real estate investment firm in Georgetown. Janie is way too busy running her own tropical clothing business, Barefoot Attitude. That must be an outcome from the kids they will be starting it. This is her stint as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank Board of Directors for the San Antonio branch has not been dull or boring lately.

Paul and Donna Cushen Michlin send their update from Southington, Conn. Their daughter, Rebecca, is a freshman at the University of California-Santa Barbara continuing his Ph.D. program there after a summer working in Pennsylvania in the private sector on a grant. He and his girlfriend drove cross country, taking different routes out and back. Marie, 19, is a freshman at Grove City College. Jack is in eighth grade and will be real busy with travel, recreational and school basketball and AAU baseball, which practices all through the winter into the spring and summer schedule. Bee's husband, John, is working toward retirement, which can't come soon enough, and Bee is getting good schedules at Delta, where she'll be forever. They are enjoying their place on Cape Cod.

Dennis and Ginny Ace Miller have moved to Edmond, Okla., as of June '07. They have purchased a ranch in Perry, Okla., about 35 miles from their home, where they will be starting a cow-calf operation in the spring (well, mostly he will be starting it). This is something Dennis has always wanted to do since his Iowa farm days and it sure is different from the McDonald's business. He hopes to hire a manager to run the day-to-day operations and plans to have 150 cows when it is fully operational. Ginny has taken up tennis and enjoys playing three to four times a week. It has been a great way to meet people and get some exercise as well. Erik and his wife, Leslie, purchased the family home in Pennsylvania where he practices psychology. Elliot lives in Oklahoma and has just passed the real estate exam.

Greg Stout is a dentist in Chambersburg, Pa. He is the managing partner for Chambersburg Dental Associates, and has been with this practice for 27 years. He lives in Chambersburg, Pa., with his life-partner, Joseph, and Wheaten Terrier, Olliver. He sings in the Chambersburg Community Chorus, is active in the St. Paul United Methodist Church, and travels often to their house in central Florida where they hope to retire permanently someday.

Bill and Karen Herr Mallonee are still in
I'm now a survivor! The only reason it was diagnosed is because of routine blood work.

**Steve Lummis '76 says every guy over 50 should know his PSA.**

"I'm now a prostate cancer survivor! The only reason it was diagnosed is because of routine blood work."
years of marriage in 2009. Their oldest daughter, Lisa, is married and lives in Wellesley, Mass., where she is using her musical ability as a member of the Boston Choral Ensemble. Their middle daughter, Amy, is a music education major at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., and their youngest, Sarah, is a high school sophomore at North Allegheny Intermediate High School. After 20-plus years in the financial services industry, Rick made the transition to the not-for-profit ranks and has worked as the chief financial officer for several medium sized not-for-profits in the Pittsburgh area. He is currently unemployed and looking for his next assignment. Janet is teaching math part-time for a local institution that works with home-schooled students. They are very active in their church. He has served as a high school youth leader for the past 13 years and is a percussionist in the worship ministry. Her is currently working with a partner to establish the entrepreneurship class for inner city youth through the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship. Recently Rick has been blessed to be involved with CityReachers Pittsburgh, an outreach of the International Bible Society which unified the local churches across denominations to deliver 225,000 New Testaments to homes in the Pittsburgh area through the local newspaper. Rick would enjoy catching up with any Green Territorer visiting the Pittsburgh area and can be found on LinkedIn.

Patrick J. Stevens, a professional librarian, is curator of the Fiske Collections and selector for Jewish Studies in the Cornell University Library. The Fiske Collections include the Fiske Icelandic Collection, the largest collection devoted to Icelandic and Norse studies in North America; and the Fiske Danish and Petarch Collections, with nearly comprehensive runs of editions from the 13th century through the beginning of the 20th century. David and Robin Rudy Dennis are getting ready to send their youngest son, Carter, off to college this fall. He's following brother, Chris, to the University of Georgia as a member of the Bulldog Nation. Their oldest son, Reed, graduated from Guilford College and is starting a radiology program in January in Atlanta, which is near their home in Roswell. Reed and Robin are staying in Atlanta while Reed returns to college. It's good to travel and they are looking forward to the experience. Robin is keeping the home fires burning. Not that the boys didn't add plenty of excitement as small children, but she and Bill are really enjoying this stage when they're basically really nice men. They all like to run, and Bill and Chris just finished doing Ironman Florida together, a father/son event un-common enough that the Atlanta paper wrote it up. Carter, 18, is running his first marathon with Robin in January at Disney. Reed likes the shorter distances and they run together several times a week. It's good common ground for all of them and helps them understand the boys into traveling and spending time with them. Empty nest days are looming, but the boys are staying close so far, which they'll enjoy while they can.

Rich and Jodie Engle McElroy Heritage had a crazy fall running around with two of their three kids still busy with sports where they enjoy the chances they have to see them play. Brad, their oldest, is beginning his third year in sales with an equity research firm, Majestic Research, located in NYC. He enjoys his work and the city. He continued his play with the Chicago Machine of the MLL this summer. He's busy and always on the move. Dana, their middle child, is a junior at Middebury College in Vermont. Todd, the youngest of the Heritage, is a junior at Cheshire High School. He stays busy with football and lacrosse. Rich says he and Jodie are doing well. They're disappointed they aren't able to get down to McDaniel to see the fall games there. They're disappointed they have to see them play. They're also really enjoying their sharing their lives with their grown children.

Liz Creagh, living in Richmond, Va., is teaching first grade at Banner Christian School and struggling to keep up with everything as her mother in Baltimore is not well. For the past six years, Barbara Cain Emmerson has been directing the ISIS project at Johns Hopkins University, implementing a new student information system at all nine schools of the University. In the middle of the project, she married a Canadian citizen and has spent the last two years commuting weekly the U.S. and Canada. Once the project ended in January, she moved permanently to Canada where she and her husband have bought a house on Lake Ontario. She's now gotten her permanent residency visa and is working at the University of Toronto, having traded her twice-weekly commute between countries for a daily two-and-a-half hour commute each way.

"Trip" and Jo Miner Trepagnier are living in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania. Their son, Cal, graduated from University of Virginia last spring and works as an environmental consultant. Nathalie is a sophomore at Stanford University. Trip and Jo are involved with peace initiatives, education and women's development projects in southern Sudan with the Episcopal church. They travel internationally and have been to Sudan twice. Jo says: "I still have dreams about sunbathing on the dormitory roof and my great friends at WMC; I'm not used to McDaniel College."

Miss Ella J. Cranford '44, of Rehoboth, Del., on September 7, 2005.

Miss Mary Fitch '45, of Glenelg, Md., on December 12, 2006.

Mr. Robert W. Harrison '45, of Avon, Conn., on September 27, 2008.

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Mrs. La Rue Schnable Parrish '40 of Westminster, Md., on September 3, 2008.

Dr. Raymond L. Rodierick '40, of Frederick, Md., on October 28, 2008.

Mr. William D. Burroughs '41, of Van Nuys, Calif., on March 10, 2008.

Mr. Willard F. Everett '41, of Enfield, Conn., on June 21, 2007.


Mrs. Anita Twiggs Slama '41, of Millersville, Md., on October 14, 2008.

Dr. Earl A. Clifford '42, of Dunedin, Fla., on July 29, 2008.

Mrs. Eloise Wright Morison '42, of Delmar, Md., on September 8, 2008.

Rev. Wesley Sheffield '42, of Sarasota, Fla., on April 12, 2008.


Mr. Tony L. Fleming '43, of Danville, Va., on July 13, 2008.

Mrs. Margaret Moss Vanzke '43, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 20, 2008.


Mr. DeWane N. Bills '44, of Union, Maine, on September 19, 2008.

Miss Ella J. Cranford '44, of Rehoboth, Del., on September 7, 2005.

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John "Jack" Blackburn

Champion for student accessibility and diversity and revered University of Virginia dean of Admissions, John "Jack" Blackburn ’63 died January 20 at the age of 67 from cancer.

Called "UVa’s Dean of Deans" in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Blackburn was the longest serving admissions dean in the University’s history, and was a star in the constellation of college and university enrollment. His expertise was in demand from his colleagues around the country and from those journalists who report on collegiate competitiveness for talented students. He joined the UVa staff in 1979, was promoted to dean in 1985, and was responsible for building each entering class of multi-faceted individuals for the past 23 years. He loved it all and said his proudest accomplishment is the student body at the University.

Following four years on the Hill, he graduated with a sociology major and was named to "Who’s Who in America Colleges and Universities," one of 23 in the Class of 1963. Further service as an officer in the U.S. Army, receipt of a master’s degree in student personnel management from Indiana University and an 11-year apprenticeship as admissions director at Mary Baldwin College established his acumen to advise college-bound students and their families through the application process at one of the nation’s most selective public institutions of higher learning founded by Thomas Jefferson and a model of academic excellence.

Consultancies soon followed: for the State Department’s Overseas School Project in South America and then in the Near East and Southern Asia, for the College Board, for a host of bodies in the State of Virginia, and for his alma mater, WMU. In recognition of professional achievement, the Board of Trustees awarded him with its Trustee Alumni Award presented at Honors Convocation in 1993.

Likewise, last October, Blackburn received the Thomas Jefferson Award, UVa’s highest honor given to a member of its community. And, early in January, the University announced that Blackburn’s friends and colleagues had raised $1.5 million to endow scholarships in his name for low- and middle-income students accepted to UVa.

Blackburn is survived by his wife of 45 years, Betty Jean Jacobus Blackburn ’63 and their children Heidi Blackburn Helmers of Louisville, Ky.; son John Ashley Blackburn, Jr. of Lexington, Va.; and his four beloved grandchildren.

of Virginia and active with Emily in Special Olympics and the Autism Society. In October ’06 she married Richard Gladding of Easton, Md., and they moved from Fredrick to the quite rural crossroads of Alton, Va.

Rob Platby has completed more than 13 years working in Annapolis, now as the director of administration for the Office of the Governor, having picked up the responsibility for all of the administrative and support activities for the office. His wife, Robin, has passed the five-year mark as a main office secretary at their alma mater, Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Md. She switched to a half-day schedule this school year in order to have time to deal with the eldercare issues that seem to be filling much more of their time lately, now that the younger generation has left them empty-nesters. Their daughter, Kacey, graduated from Elon in 2004 and University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 2007 with an M.S. in genetic counseling. She is a genetic counselor at the University of Louisville Hospital in Kentucky. Their son, Jamie, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 2007 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry. He spent almost a year in training at Fort Benning, Ga., and was assigned as a Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle platoon leader with the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He was recently promoted to first lieutenant. His brigade will be deploying to Iraq in early January. He also was married in August. He is the third generation in their family to marry his Montgomery Blair High School sweetheart!

Paul Schmalzer continues to work as an ecologist at Kennedy Space Center and lives in Titusville, Fla.

Susan Pollitt Knowles and husband Frank are still living in West Chester, Pa. They bought a 100-year-old house in Allen, Md. (Susan’s hometown) and did a complete gutting/rehab job. They spent most weekends in Allen and will retire there in another 10 years or so. Son Rick works for the YMCA and is getting married in July. Daughter Lainie is an attorney in Rockville, Md. working for the House of Ruth.

Laurie Matthews Lijoi and her husband, Andre, are living in York, Pa. Andre is assistant director of the Family Practice Residency Program at York Hospital. He won Family Physician of the Year for Pennsylvania this year. After fulfilling her dream of working as a physician in Appalachia and working in Hanover, Pa., as medical director of a nursing home, Laurie left medicine years ago to be a stay-at-home mom and has never looked back! Their daughter, Katherine, is in her freshman year at The College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale New York — loving the Big City! Their son, Peter, is in the ninth grade at York Catholic.

Sue Oglivie Luchey is happy to report that she reconnected with dear friends Leta Ritchie Strain, Ann Luckenbill Koster, Korby

Bowman Clark ’78, Sue Snyder LaHatte ’77 for a wonderful reunion in Ocean City this summer. Just in case anyone was worried, no fear, the group dynamics have not changed one bit! Alfred "Bruz" Truitt met the girls at Macky’s for a beverage or two, and much joyful reminiscing took place. The two Susie (Luchey and La Hatte) recently met up with Steffi Lambert ’77 when she was visiting from Colorado. Still at the University of Baltimore, Sue has recently taken on the added duties of overseeing the operation of all student life, in addition to maintaining her position as director of student involvement. She continues as her theater involvement, and has served for the past two years as president of the board of the Audrey Herman Spotlighters’ Theater in Baltimore. She recently returned from a trip to England and Italy where she visited her daughter, Alii, who had been working in the UK. Sue and her husband, Dennis, still dream of owning that vineyard in Tuscany some day. Their oldest daughter, Amy, is working towards admission to vet school, while their youngest, Kelsey, is a sophomore at University of Delaware. The reality of empty nest seems a bit further off than originally anticipated!

David Hutton continues to practice law in Abingdon, Va., as the principal owner of the firm Boucher and Hutton, P. C. While his firm has a general law practice, he concentrates in the areas of creditors’ rights and domestic relations. David and his wife, Teresa, are enjoying the new home they had built on South Holston Lake in Abingdon. However, they are hoping for a wet winter and spring as the lake level has been low, limiting their enjoyment of boating and relaxing on the lake in the summer. David’s daughter, Kim, is expecting her first child in May, and his son, Chris, is a 2007 graduate of James Madison University.

Lynn Harrison Pepe is still busy teaching art at Lake Taylor Middle School in Norfolk, Va. She has a new position this year: department chairperson of the electives and physical education. She is responsible for 15 teachers in the department. Kevin, 11, keeps Lynn and Roger busy throughout the year between baseball, basketball and football.

Steve and Ann Luckenbill Koster and family are doing well. Ann’s parents both passed away in the past couple years which was difficult. The children are all fine. Drew, 13, is busy with school, soccer, wrestling and lacrosse. He gets a lot of pointers in wrestling from his dad. Carly, 16, is a junior and will begin looking into colleges soon. Paige, 20, is a junior at High Point University in North Carolina, majoring in human relations. Haley, 23, is married and has an adorable 18-month-old named Morgan and is expecting a baby in February. Lauren, 25, is working in Connecticut for Facset and lives in Norwalk. Allison, 25, her twin sister, is an elementary school teacher in the Bronx and moved to an apartment in Manhattan in Jan-
Baldew Kaur Khalsa (formerly Victoria "Torrie" Armstrong) married Sat Dharm Singh Khalsa in November '00 gaining an instant family. She now has seven step-children and 10 grandchildren. Baldew Kaur is an associate professor in the American Sign Language and Interpreting Education Department at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, one of the colleges of the Rochester Institute of Technology. She has been teaching ASL to deaf undergrad students, faculty and staff, and ASL linguistics courses to graduate students in the master of science in secondary education program since 1981. Baldew Kaur also teaches Kundalini Yoga to RIT students, faculty, and staff through the department of Wellness and Fitness in the Center for Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreation.

Debbie Baird reports that she became a grandmother again on July 5 to Jack Edward Tennessee Taylor. His sister, Charlotte (Deep Creek Lake) office. Debbie and daughter, Kristen’s high school soccer team, southwest Baltimore, coaches his older daughter, Christin, high school soccer team, and serves as the Sunday school superintendent at Perry Hall Baptist Church.

Dale and I are also empty-nesters in Rockville, Md., where we’ve lived for 26 of our almost 30 married years. Our oldest, Matt ’07, is in his first year of a three-year program at Elon University to receive his doctorate in physical therapy. Dr. Stephen Bailey ’86 is a professor in the program. Dana will graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in May, and be commissioned as an Army second lieutenant. He has branched Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, and will be stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. Trevor is a freshman at West Virginia University on an Army ROTC scholarship.

Feel free to send news updates over the next two years and I’ll save your e-mails. Just be sure to have WMC’s e-mail subject line.

Also, if you move or change e-mails, be sure to contact either the Alumni Office, or me, so we can stay current. I’d love to hear from more than 100 of you for the next newsletter!

Till next time,

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Carol Resnick has been working in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, for seven years, and really enjoys the research, the students, and the outstanding faculty. She lives in Woodlawn in a house that is "just right" (which means she can afford to heat it, and mowing the lawn only takes 45 minutes). She has two great dogs, lots of nieces and nephews, and a great garden. She says she is a continuous hobby, since she doesn’t have a very "green" thumb. She has also taken up wood working making anything from pens and bowls to some end tables, coffee tables and bookcases. Carol gets together with Patsy Moyles, Kaki Brusca Wynn ’83, Shelley Haydak Sweeney ’83, Michele Neuman Seburn, Traci "Breezie" Holland Anderson ’85 and Rixey Leberher Holt ’83 for dinner now and then.

Jim and Barbiet Peterson Dawson are still living in Boca Raton, Fla. They have two in college: Jenna at FIU and Brian is playing basketball at Eckerd College in the Tampa area. Jim coaches Sara’s varsity basketball team at Spanish River High School where she is a junior starting for her third season in a row. Barbie is working at a Christian school teaching 2- and 3-year-olds who absolutely love her. Barbie and Jim run into Brian Fox ’83 and his wife, Diane, regularly at church and at the Boca Hoops Division which Jim di-

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Mrs. Mildred Soper Link ’45, of Glen Arm, Md., on July 9, 2008.

Mr. Allen E. Poffenberger ’45, of Fairfax, Va., on January 17, 2008.

Mr. Patrick F. Caruso ’46, of Verona, N.J., on March 13, 2007.

Dr. Paul R. Fillion MEd ’46, of Concord, N.H., on February 26, 2007.

Mrs. Catharine Dewey Little ’46, of Advance, N.C., on November 21, 2008.

Mrs. Anna Mary Duvall Pickett ’46, of Gaithersburg, Md., on January 8, 2008.

Mr. William E. Sylvester ’46, of Queen Anne, Md., on December 31, 2005.

Miss Charlotte Forrest ’47, MEd ’50, of Smithsburg, Md., on July 12, 2008.

Mrs. Marion Lyle Fowler ’47, of Sun City, Calif., on January 16, 2005.

Mrs. Violette Carr King ’47, MEd ’67, of Reisterstown, Md., on April 12, 2008.

Ms. Mary Jane Starr ’47, of Baltimore, Md., on December 16, 2005.

Dr. Jay C. Gore ’48, of Elk Grove, Calif., on November 20, 2007.

Mr. Harold P. Green MEd ’48, of Clarksville, Md., on October 17, 2008.

Mr. James V. Cotter ’49, of Fredericksburg, Va., on December 16, 2008.

Mrs. Audra Speicher Hahn ’49, of Westminster, Md., on May 13, 2008.


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Mike Conner '82 started a new job with a small biotech company that is developing targeted cancer therapies.

Paul '83 and Nancy Turner Parlette's oldest son, Wesley, goes to Stevenson University, and their youngest son, Andrew, is in 10th grade eagerly awaiting the next few months to pass so he can get his learner's permit. For more than 25 years now, Paul continues doing secret stuff at that secret DOD place. Nancy is continuing her courses to get her master's degree in human nutrition, and still has her business (www.nancyparlette.com) which continues to grow little by little. She's been leading a First Place Health class at their church and speaking here and there. Nancy will be speaking to a women's group at Sandy Cove Retreat Center on April 19, 2009 if anyone wants to come hear her. As if that's not enough, Nancy and her son, Andrew, got their Black Belts in Tae Kwon Do on Nov. 22. The family had a fun visit with Mike '82 and Michele Hutschenreuter Conner to go see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in October. Nancy also saw Bonnie Schwab Wesselhoff '83 at a writer's conference this year and ran into Pastor Jeff Ricketts as well as Carol Frances Carrico '83 around Columbia, Md.

In October '07, Mike Conner started a new job with a small biotech company that is developing targeted cancer therapies. Because the company is using facilities around the world, Mike does a lot of his work at home in Doylestown, Pa. And though working at home took a bit of getting used to, especially for Michele Hutschenreuter Conner '84, he's learned to like it. Because of the company's global locations, Mike's had the pleasure of traveling to Germany, Switzerland and Australia. Mike and Michele sent their firstborn off to college last year. Now in his second year, he is loving life at Millersville University. They have Amandla, 13, at home who's into drama and Jeremy, 10, who loves sports and just started playing the drums. Unfortunately, though many things are missing, mom and dad's hearing is still intact so they are enjoying his many hours of practicing. For fun, and to pretend he's really not 48, Mike plays volleyball on Tuesday nights, still coaches little league for his youngest son and tries hard not to get beaten at golf by his oldest.

Kay Davis Moore has had a challenging two years since the death of her husband as well as her mother, but has been keeping very busy with work. She has enjoyed traveling to Paris, Vienna, and Rome this year on business. Kay vacationed on an organized tour to Europe with some very good friends. The trip was in early October right when banks were failing back here. Kay says it was "kind of scary but nothing we could do about that so we just enjoyed London, Amsterdam, Paris, Lucerne, Venice, Florence, Rome, Sorrento and Pompeii." When home, Kay works on her home, recently totally redoing a bathroom. She is also busy with church and other volunteer duties, including working at Our Daily Bread soup kitchen in Baltimore.

Pete Schmitt and wife Kathy recently moved to Raleigh from Atlanta and have been hard at work unpacking boxes and getting the family acclimated to a new area. They don't plan on moving again. Their three children; Katy, 11, Justin, 9, and Jillian, 7, are active in all sorts of sports that keep Pete and Kate busy each weekend. Pete stays in contact with a "couple of guys from WMC." Now that they are closer to campus (as compared to Atlanta), Pete hopes they find themselves heading to a Homecoming in the near future. Francesca "Check" Leinwall writes that 2009 will be a big year when she marries Gil Reitz '81 in May. Their first date was a Phi Sigma Sigma dance many years ago. "So I guess our time on the Hill was well spent!" After losing contact, they reconnected years later in graduate school at University of Virginia. Checka still loves her job as director of campus activities and programs at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Gil is still teaching chemistry at UNCG. This past summer Checka took a quilting class, really loved it and hopes to make many more projects. She and Gil continue to enjoy learning about wine and love to attend wine tastings. They also enjoy traveling and look forward to their honeymoon trip to Alaska. Between two busy jobs, three pets, and wedding planning, life is very full.

Randy and Wendy Lucas '85 Butler are approaching the 20-year wedding mark in June. They have three wonderful girls: Stephanie, 17, Madeline, 14, and Julia, 10. Fortunately, they do have a male dog, Ripken, to help balance the equation slightly. "So yes, I haven't lost my Orioles loyalty!" The family moved from New Jersey to north Atlanta (Alpharetta) a couple years ago for work. They like many aspects of this area, but do miss the Northeast a lot. They went to see Bruce Springsteen in Atlanta last summer, so got their New Jersey fix during the show. Randy has seen Scott Lohmann '83 and Mike Easley '84 a few times because of work travel. Randy says, "If anyone comes to the area be sure to look us up!"

Meredith Traugott Selby and husband Mike have been in sunny San Diego for about 15 months, where Meredith continues to do freelance graphics, while also painting more and attempting to start up a web site for her artwork. Mike is still with the Navy, was promoted to captain about a year ago, and currently serves as the commanding officer for Destroyer Squadron One. He traveled a lot last year to southeast Asia and Meredith was able to visit him out there for about five weeks, going to Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. "What a blast, so much good food, beautiful scenery, and wonderful people!" Meredith says they don't have kids, but their crazy Samoyed will be three soon and keeps them busy. As usual, they don't know where they will go next, but hope to stay in San Diego through the end of next summer.

Laurie Hill Stough writes that she is now a single parent of two teenagers. Her daughter, 18, a national merit finalist, is in her first year at University of Oklahoma courtesy of the full scholarship she earned. Laurie's son, 16, is a junior in high school, so she is already thinking "empty nest." Laurie keeps in touch regularly with Marshall Weimann.

Steve and Sydney Deeds James and family are busy as usual. All three of their girls played field hockey during the fall. Caitlin, a sophomore at Towson University, continues to play the hectic Division I schedule that is non-stop year-round and Sydney can only think of all the life skills she is learning while managing this kind of lifestyle for four years. Maddie, in eighth grade at Notre Dame Prep, has been bitten by the field hockey bug and plays for her school's girls' team and a club team as well. Leigh, a second grader, has just started playing as well and can't wait to do all the things her big sisters have been involved with all these years. Steve is surviving the recession in building but his outlook is not all that rosy. It would appear Maryland, along with the rest of the nation, is just going to have to suffer through the election/change of power and see what's in store for 2009 before things improve. Golf, as it turns out, is a great way to work off those frustrations. Sydney continues to work from home as a graphic designer but will probably contemplate a return to working more this year. In the meantime, she continues to coach field hockey and lacrosse and play a lot of tennis to work off her stresses. She sees "the girls" for dinner, Elizabeth Mathias Cahill, Ann Royston Davis, Diane Cavey Bohn, Sherri Linkhoff and Kim Wagner Dalton when they can manage to get schedules coordinated. Ann's husband, Michael, had a lot of complications from a liver transplant this summer after contracting hepatitis so they have been trying to support her whenever possible.

Elizabeth "Noot" Mathias Cahill is "still" working at Nolan, Plumhoff and having a blast driving to Penn State on weekends to watch Dana play fall ball lacrosse. In their spare time, Noot and husband Bobby are enjoying the college search again with Emmett, who is a junior. Noot still talks to Ann Royston Davis, Diane Cavey Bohn, Sherri Linkhoff, Kim Wagner Dalton, Sydney Deeds James, Lisa Segal and Lori Rafferty on a regular basis.

Sue Frost Mosbacher loves living in the country in the California Sierra foothills in Placerville. They have two dogs, two cats, about 20 chickens (aka lots of fresh eggs), about a dozen rabbits, and a couple of lambs each year. Sue's daughter is in 4H and FFA (Future Farmers of America) and raises a pig for auction each year. Luckily, she keeps the
Pig at the school farm so their place isn't a pig pen. Sue's husband is busy as a 4-H rabbit leader, treasurer for the FFA boosters, Sober Grad Night committee member, and confirmation teacher at church. Sue writes, “My, how I've changed as I've grown up!” She and her husband, Phil, have a VW van camper that is their cabin at the lake, ocean, mountains, and everywhere else they want to go. Only a year-and-a-half until the kids are out of high school and then “we'll crank up our play time even more on the weekends!”

Craig '81 and Sherry Bennett Rae are living near the Twin Cities enjoying the extreme seasonal changes of the upper Midwest. Sherry is the team leader of her company's tax and accounting department in Wisconsin. Their son, Chris, graduated from Catawba College in May, and their youngest daughter, Shelley, got her driver's license. Craig and Sherry's daughter, Shannon, celebrated the first-year anniversary of her heart transplant in October. For those who don't know, Shannon suffered heart failure two weeks after she was dropped off for her freshman year of college in North Carolina. Sherry says that it's been quite a roller coaster for the entire family, but with the outstanding care of her doctors and the support of friends and family, they are fortunate to have a good outcome for Shannon. She is doing well, was back in school three months after her transplant and is enjoying college life as every kid her age should be doing. The Rae family hopes everyone will consider organ donation because you can give the greatest gift of all, the gift of life. So glad all is well for them.

Teresia Baker is delighted to report that she retired from the grind of working for Congress on Capitol Hill, but keeps her hand in as a lobbyist for the American Academy of Family Physicians. 2008 was a “wild ride” for Teresa beginning with a couple of weeks volunteering for Hillary in Iowa (she won in Teresa's county!). Unfortunately, that was all the campaigning Teresa could do as her mom who suffered from Parkinson's passed away in September after a series of health crises. Still, Teresa is looking forward to 2009 because it promises to be a big one for health care policy.

Kelly LiescheidtGoldsmith and husband Don are doing well and enjoying their work with Thrivent Financial. Kelly continues to be involved with their church as well as the local cooperative ministry. She has started classes toward her CFP designation. Kelly and Don are still spending weekends at soccer tournaments, but the end is in sight as the boys are 16 and 18.

Mike and Lisa DelPrete Short are doing well in New Jersey. Mike is the history department chairperson at Williamstown High School. Lisa is the math coordinator at Pine Hill Middle School. Their jobs are fulfilling and keep them busy, but their lives center on the activities of their children. Michael and Megan are seniors making college plans (nothing definite yet). They have both done well in cross country and track and field. Mike runs all over South Jersey. Their youngest, Matthew, is in seventh grade playing soccer and running track. He is looking forward to next fall when he can have the house (and mom and dad) to himself. They stay in touch with friends via cards and e-mails, but don't see anyone as much as they'd like. They were hoping to see Stu Streit '81 and his family over the Thanksgiving break. For Jayne Kerman Lacy, who made a prediction 26 years ago, "You were right!”

Marcus and Ann Landwehr Israel are busy in Catonsville, Md., with two boys in high school and lots of running around. Their oldest, Ben, 16, is a junior at Mount St. Joseph High School and Stephen, 14, is a freshman there. The boys are doing great and seem to be enjoying school. They both swim competitively and are currently on three teams. They swim for MSJ, CATY (the Catonsville Hills Hammerheads in Y) and the Hunting Hills Hammerheads in the summer. Marcus and Ann are both very involved in their swimming lives. Ann is still teaching yoga and is finishing up the final writing process of a new workshop to be offered through Lamaze International to combine Lamaze and prenatal yoga. It's very exciting. Marcus is still working in Medicare fraud investigation. Over the summer they got together with Kathy Malkus Hoeck and her family, Scott '81 and Donna Butler Nichols, Eric and Karen Hock Walker and their family. Crabs, crab cakes, baby back ribs, beer and cosmopolitans. Zoe began school this fall (McDaniel, class of '26). Mike Beniles and wife Pam moved to Annapolis. Their daughter, Andrea, is a sophomore at James Madison University in Virginia. Lauren is a senior in high school and their youngest, Kelly, is freshman in high school. They have two new kittens, Copper, and Gray. "My kids say two new children!”

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Joe Impallaria returned from Iraq on May 12, 2008, after working on General Petraeus' staff as his chief of administrative and civil law, Multi-National Forces-Iraq. He is currently working as the command judge advocate, 20th Support Command, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Yield Explosives, the Department of Defense rapid deployment force to respond to incidents of weapons of mass destruction, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. His daughter, Marlena, 19, received an academic scholarship to attend Towson University and son Joseph, 17, received an athletic scholarship to play Division I lacrosse at UMBC. He recently saw Dennis Yancherski who is an activated reservist serving the Army in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was married last June '07 and just had a baby boy, Alexander Gabriel Yancherski, in June '08.

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Donna Troxel Smith says husband Trevor ‘81 is working for a computer company, Synergy, mostly out of their house, but gets to travel quite a bit. He also is involved with the Downtown Sailing Club in Baltimore and loves it. Donna is a special education resource teacher at Westminster Elementary School, right around the corner from their house. Donna enjoys spending time with their four children and is in the middle of a kitchen and bathroom makeover. She says she needs to stop watching HDTV. Their son, Derek, lives in Westminster and works in Annapolis. Their daughter, Andrea, is a sophomore at James Madison University in Virginia. Lauren is a senior in high school and their youngest, Kelly, is freshman in high school. They have two new kittens, Copper and Gray. "My kids say two new children!”

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**Living the D-1 Hoop Dream**

Dick Bender '86 played two years of men's basketball on the Hill and was the team's most valuable player as a senior point guard. He was a captain and was third in the nation at the Division III level during the 1985-86 season in free throw percentage.

But Nick Zoulias, at the time an assistant coach, saw more in Bender than what he could do on the court.

"He was like a coach on the floor. He had great leadership skills," said Zoulias, who later became McDaniel's head coach.

Zoulias had met legendary coach Mike Krzyzewski, now the head mentor at Duke, when the two worked together at basketball camps at Indiana University in the 1970s. So Zoulias helped Bender land a spot working at summer camps at Duke even before the player graduated.

"And away he went," Zoulias said of Bender, who is in his second season as a Division I assistant coach at Tulane University in New Orleans. "It's an impressive post, since on the Division I level there are only about 1,000 full-time assistant coaches with men's programs.

"We worked together on the same staff at Radford and I think he is one of the best assistant basketball coaches in the country, and he will be a head coach very, very soon," Tulane head coach Dave Dickerson said.

Most college head coaches get paid six-figure salaries (or more) and many have contracts for local TV shows. Meanwhile, Division I assistants do a lot of the grunt work — and Bender is no different. He's involved in all aspects of the Tulane program.

Bender said he would welcome the chance to be a college head coach. "I have invested a lot of time in this," Bender said. "I think any assistant worth their salt wants to have their own team. It is a lifelong dream." —David Driver

Lisa Segal and family live in Duxbury, Mass. (30 minutes south of Boston and 30 minutes north of Cape Cod). Her small town of 15,000 can now boast of two WMC/McDaniel alumni/students: Lisa read an article in their town paper about a current senior, Ember Fleming '09, who attends McDaniel. Lisa's kids are in 10th, ninth, and sixth grades. Their oldest is transferring to Boston College High School just outside of Boston, and is very excited. Lisa admits, "Yes, my Jewish boy will be attending a Jesuit high school. Somewhere along the line I must have forgotten something." Their 11-year-old has two years left before her Bat Mitzvah. Two out of three kids isn't bad. Lisa is still designing websites, producing and creating yoga DVDs and doing some videotaping. For fun and for "sanity's sake" she has discovered in yoga a journey that she's just begun and hopes to continue so "when I'm old and grey I can still stand on my head!" Lisa keeps in touch with many of her WMC friends and hopes to be lucky enough this fall to see Jake Bohn (Vince '81 and Diane Cavey Bohn's son) play football at West Point.

Kathy Timmins O'Loughlin finished her first half-marathon in April and has been running with a women's group since last year doing lots of 5-K's and 10-K races some of which she is winning in her age group. She guesses that is one benefit to being in the older age groups. Kathy is also still riding her road bike and did the MS 150 in New Bern for the third year this September. She says she is trying to stay in shape to keep up with her children. Tom is at East Carolina University, Pat is at North Carolina State, and Colleen entered the second grade this year. All are doing well. Colleen just loves school and reading. Kathy is back to substituting at the preschool which gives her more flexibility to volunteer at Colleen's school. Husband Mike O'Loughlin '80 is at Cree, Inc., in Raleigh and still enjoys the work. The water cube and the Bird's Nest at the Olympics had Cree's LED's to light them up which were pretty cool. If anyone comes to Chapel Hill she'd love to see you there.

Betina Youssif-Hatch and husband Steve celebrated their 17th anniversary. Their daughter, Nadine, just started high school and son Nick is in his last year of elementary. Seventeen years and Betina is still getting used to the Midwest. She has been at the same job most of that time in an HIV clinic in Indianapolis working as a social worker (with that good WMC education) while her husband is still at Eli Lilly as long as they will let him stay! They moved a year ago to the country, a moderate property that is surrounded by corn/soy bean fields. Betina says she is "Lovin' life here in Indiana!"

Greg Peterson and family are doing well in Clovis, Calif. (18 years now). Their oldest daughter, Natalie, is in her freshman year at University of California-San Diego. She graduated with high honors from high school and sang at graduation. Daughter Janie, 16, is busy in her junior year playing varsity volleyball, travel volleyball and studying hard. Wife Tara is back in school getting her teaching credential and will be finished after the spring semester '09. Greg has been working in sales at Unisource in Fresno, playing guitar in church most Sundays and thanking God for our soldiers and our freedom. He keeps in touch with Dick Bender '86 from time to time who is raising another prodigy guitar player, his son Ian. Greg hopes to get back to campus soon.

Terry Stauffer Nolan had an opportunity to travel with the College's "Treasures of Egypt" alumni tour in June. Dr. Mohamed Esa led the fearless Green Terror contingent all through Egypt on their 12-day tour. Terry raves, "And a treasure it was, a fabulous adventure. I can't wait to go on my next college tour." It was terrific to connect with new and "old" alumni as well. Terry has two children in college and a third in high school. She ran the Marine Corp Marathon this October and remains "happily married" to her husband of 23 years, Kevin.

Doug and Cathy Basti Divello just marked their sixth year in Maine and still think it is the prettiest place to live. They have undertaken a family project to visit Maine lighthouses. This summer they visited Portland Head Light, Neddiick Lighthouse (aka Nubble Light), Squirrel Lighthouse (only accessible by boat) and Owl's Head Light. Their oldest, Sarah, just started high school in August and loves it. She's on the math team and achieved an unprecedented high score as a freshman at the first meet. Their youngest, Hope, just started fifth grade. She runs track, plays tennis, takes modern dance and horseback riding lessons.

Doug received a promotion this summer to vice president of professional and support services. His areas of responsibility at the main hospital campus have been extended to include the other hospitals in the system. He continues to be an avid golfer and regularly scores in the mid- to low-seventies. Cathy continues her volunteer commitments in the Women's Hospital Association which includes being on the gala committee and the hospital's development committee. She also helps at school when needed and is the family chauffeur. In her spare time, she continues to garden, sew and "play" with her embroidery machine.

Robin McCauslan Forbes has worked for CDC for 26 years. For the last five years, she's been in charge of all the funds that go out from the injury center for grants and contracts. The goal is retirement in nine years. Their boys, John, 15, and Robbie, 12, are busy teens. Robin's in the middle of high school, middle school, homecoming dances, driver learning permits, girlfriends, guitar
lessons, drum lessons and band, braces, and Tae Kwon Do — and that’s just the boys activities. Just like everyone else, life is about them, but Robin’s enjoying it, keeping the home to-do list running smoothly, and juggling work with home. Robin can’t complain, life is good and she feels blessed. She always loves to hear from Corjie Simmons Tarlton and Sherry Bennett Rae at Christmas and see pictures of the kids growing up. “Interesting, how we send pictures of our kids and not of ourselves... Hmm.”

Corjie Simmons Tarlton is still teaching fifth grade at Sparks Elementary and Bill is still with Procter and Gamble. Samantha is a freshman at University of Richmond, Amandla is a high school senior and Stephenia is a sophomore. Bill and Corjie celebrated their 20th anniversary this past summer with a trip to Key West. Their first night there they ran in the annual Southernmost Sunset 5K, which begins and ends at the southernmost point of the U.S. It was a lot of fun, with a live band, tiki bar, free beer and a gorgeous sunset at the end.

Nancy Zuiddema Radcliffe and Rich still live in McLean, Va., with two girls who are growing quickly — one in fifth grade and one in the last year of preschool. Nancy enjoys periodic dinners out with Corjie Simmons Tarlton, Ronnie Destino Simpson and Traci “Breeze” Hollander Anderson ’83. Nancy attended the 25th reunion and had lots of fun catching up with everyone there. The visit from the Green Terror was a highlight.

Pam Damon Kenworthy and family are fine. Wes is extremely busy for Pam, but she still enjoys it and was scheduled for a business trip to Kaui in January if the budget didn’t get cut. She was hoping husband Mark and son Alin could join her. Pam was looking forward to her 30th high school reunion and enjoys staying in touch with Ronnie Destino Simpson.

I was so happy to hear from Fr. Santo Cricchio, OFM (Sam). After a 10-month deployment as a Navy chaplain stationed with the Marines at a Joint Task Force Operation in Djibouti, East Africa from 2005-06, he was re-assigned to the parish where he started his friar-priest career, (now a combined parish) Most Holy Trinity-St. Mary’s in Brooklyn, NY., but this time as pastor. It’s a predominantly Latino parish that is tri-lingual: Spanish, English, and Polish. Fr. Sam says his parishioners are remarkable and their desire to be godly-humblizes him, making him want to be a better friar-priest. The Navy is wrapping up his stint with the Marines ("awesome to work with but the way") and sending him to work with the Coast Guard — in Alaska of all places. He thinks it will be interesting and is really looking forward to it. Fr. Sam, your parishioners are lucky to have you!

Nancy Held reminds us that she was at MEDEX, a travel assistance company the last time she wrote and was actually pretty happy there. But then an alumna suggested that she get in touch with the CEO of a local retirement home and now she is working in their marketing department. They are sponsoring the development of a continuing-care retirement community in Harford County. Nancy loves it as it pulls from all facets of her past work experience. Nancy just hopes she can afford to retire and live somewhere similar to what she is marketing, “Hal” The GNO (Girls Night Out) group continues with Jayne Kerman Lacy, Nan Sadler Neely, Beth Green Jarkowiec and Cyndy Church Clatterbuck. They are the best friends anyone could hope for. “Best regards to all of my classmates for continued success and good health.”

Kevin Darcey and Jane Vickers continue to live in Salisbury. Kevin is still practicing at Peninsula Eye Center and Jane works part time as an ICU social worker. Their nephew, Kyle Pruitt ’11, is currently a student at McDaniel.

Tim ’79 and Lisa Bryant Shank are still in Palm Beach Gardens. Tim is still in charge of finance at the PGA of America. Lisa has joined a local tennis team, Sarah ’08, their oldest, graduated from McDaniel this spring and is now working in the alumni office there. Lisa ’12, their youngest, is a freshman at McDaniel so she gets to see her sister (and call on her for advice and rides) quite a bit. Adam, their middle child, is in Florida. Since they now have both daughters in Maryland, they recently bought a small townhouse in Hagerstown. Lisa is very excited that she can now make extended visits to see both her daughters and all her Maryland friends. Unfortunately, in south Florida she doesn’t get to see too many Maryland Friends.

The biggest news for Mark ’83 and Melissa Pruitt Cockerill and their three boys since our 25th reunion is that they got a dog, a Labrador, who is a lot of fun. Also, Daniel, 16, is driving. So Melissa is praying a lot more! Melissa thought it was wonderful to eat with folks at the reunion, especially Ron Davis ‘87, who is a lot of fun. Also, Daniel, 16, is driving.

Jim Fultz lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and has lived there for the past 20 years. He has travelled with his wife and three children: two girls, 13 and 11, and a boy, 8. He has worked for Coca-Cola for the last 12 years and is currently a bulk account manager. Jim has been busy coaching his son’s baseball and football teams for the past three years and really enjoys working with kids. As he lives in the golf capital of America, he has taken up golf. Although he hasn’t spoken to anyone from the Hill in a while, he is looking forward to reuniting with his high school friends.

LTC Roy T. Etzler (Ret.) ’58 of Fayetteville, Pa., on September 15, 2008.


Frederic A. Laird ’57, of Munhall, Pa., on October 7, 2006.

James F. Hecker MEd ’58, of Lititz, Pa., on April 8, 2008.


Abdulaziz al-Falithi ’59, of Cairo, Egypt, on February 12, 2009.

M. Jean Ripple Humphries ’59, of Hanover, Pa., on August 16, 2007.

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Mary Beth Kepner '88 has been investigating corrupt Alaskan officials for the past four years, which consumes most of her time, but she still enjoys motorcycling, hiking, playing volleyball and reading.

Floyd rented motorcycles in southern California and drove the Pacific Coast highway up to Big Sur. She hopes to work in New Delhi, India in the future as a legal attaché for the FBI before returning to Alaska. She stays in close contact with Carol Gover '88, a truly great friend, who she sees regularly even though they are 3,500 miles apart.

Approaching his 20th year with PepsiCo as a sales manager for the north region, Tom Krach recently retired from the Maryland National Guard with over 20 years of service. His wife, Kathy Eskut Krach '90, and he have three children: Alex, 11; Sophie, 8; and Tommy, 4. Tom still sees John and Michele Meehan '89, Donald, Ferren DeMore Bolesta '87, Julie Bugg Maher '87, Bill and Kathy Brady Bolesta, Kevin and Anna O'Connor, and Chris and Sue Shoumer '89 Newman. Tom wants to thank Chris Newman for hosting an alumni party this past spring.

Kimberly Kristensen now lives in Sioux Falls, S.D., and she is loves it. She works as a massage therapist in a chiropractic office and recently celebrated her 10th year as a certified massage therapist. She is working towards her chiropractic assistant certification.

Beth Spangler Lamp is alive and well in Frederick, Md. She manages a moving company and is working toward licensure in addictions counseling after earning her master's from McDaniel in '05. She enjoys watching her boys grow. Ronnie, 10, Joey, 5, and husband James will be 52. Her latest thrill? She just got her motorcycle license in May and bought a Harley! She missed the reunion because her riding test was the same weekend but she did get to chat with Sheri Trivane Harris and keeps up with hometown pal, Sara Stump Steeet as often as she can. Hall Potatoes Rule!

Debbie Hands Lusco just celebrated her 10th anniversary on October 11 with husband Charlie. They have a joyful daughter, 6, who dances, sings and is just a burst of fresh air to everyone she meets and a son, Jason Lusco, 26, who is Debbie's step-son and Joy's half-brother. Debbie began teaching in Pennsylvania last year with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit, a highly regarded special education provider for a large area of southern Pennsylvania partly as classroom instructor with the deaf and hearing impaired and also as an itinerant instructor. Their family is active in their church and in the community.

Life is busy in Stewartstown, Pa., for Tara Stevenson McEvoy. She and her family love living in the country, although it took a while to get used to being surrounded by cornfields. She is still home-schooling her daughters, Madeline, 11, Anna, 9, and Olivia, 7. Twins Sophia and Amelia, 4, are enjoying going to preschool. She also helps her husband, Rusty, run his construction and home inspection businesses, Tara did get to Mexico for her 40th birthday with some high school friends, which she said was a wonderful break.

Heather Hastings McLaughlin still lives on her horse farm in Finksburg, Md., with her husband and son. They are busy building farm improvements. Due to a knee injury she has been off work for a year, but she hopes to make a comeback to police work in 2009. In the meantime, her knee has improved enough to allow her to ride and care for the horses, and be a full-time mom. She recently talked to Dave Belden '87 by phone.

Anne Baker Metz and Rich '86 still live in Odenton, Md., and will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2009. She says that she really doesn't feel old enough to have a kid in high school. Their oldest, John, is a freshman at McDaniel Catholic High School where she is the business manager. He keeps them very busy along with Annie, 12, Matthew, 8, and Michael, 4. They spend most of their time running the kids to practices and games. They have run into a few alumni at lacrosse tournaments, but really don't see anyone on a regular basis.

Rhonda Myers continues to enjoy writing the Honor Class columns for The Hill.
husband, Tom, and son, Jack, 3, were camp-
ing in their new trailer. Karen continues to
stay home to take care of the family, enjoying
every minute of it. She says it’s the hardest
job she’s ever had. “Our son keeps us very
busy. He’s the greatest gift and we are so
blessed to have him in our lives.” Their son
did start school this year so she should be
able to enjoy a little more time for herself.
Her husband started a new architectural of-
file in Newburgh, N.Y., and has really done a
wonderful job getting it off the ground and
well established. Karen still keeps in touch
with Michael Nicholson ’89. She lost touch
with Gary Goldberg and wanted to send a
shout out to him, hope he’s doing well.

Dan Seabold had a great time at the re-
union with Jon Glade, Andy Raith, Jamie ’89
and Amy Hebner Davis. He also got together
with Karen Saar and Lisa Whitley Arbaugh ’90
that weekend. His wife and he are still at Hofstra
University on Long Island, N.Y., with their
three children.

What a great summer the Smiths had. Jeff
and TraceyAnn Tokar Hall and family went
to Disney for 10 days and had so much fun.
They had not been there since their honey-
moon 15 years ago. Tracey reported that it
was just as wonderful, but definitely a differ-
ent experience with kids. Their three boys
are growing up fast. Jeff is still working as a
contractor for Perot Systems on a govern-
ment contract. TraceyAnn is still with the
Allegis Group companies where she has been
for more than eight years, but in April, she
moved to Aerotek (part of the Allegis Group).
There she works with a few alumni including
Bill Butz ’89 and Ray Carbone ’91. She and Jeff
also received a weekend in Hershey, Pa.,
from Aerotek. TraceyAnn keeps in touch
with George and Karen Quidas Mayhew’90
as well as her sister, Cindy Tokar Hall ’93,
and husband Brian. Jeff and TraceyAnn send a
big shout out to Dennis ’88 and Lori Perugini
’91 DeMajette, Kim Hoben Sample ’89, Kristin Al-
bert Jones ’89, Kris Tyeyer Rienfeld, Steve ’89
and Debra Henry ’91 Bowser.

Unfortunately, Sarah Stump Streight had
a tough year. She was diagnosed with breast
cancer in January ’08. But after going
through four surgeries and chemotherapy
treatment (losing all of her hair) she reports
that she is doing well and celebrating life!
She has jumped head first into the ever grow-
ing and creative world of blogging, and cur-
cently has three blogs. She has two personal
blogs and another blog she writes for, called
Mothers With Cancer. She has tried to spread
awareness through her blog to young
women everywhere that it is possible to get
breast cancer as a young woman. She has
raised over $2,000 for the Susan G Komen
race for the cure in Baltimore and completed
the race with the support of family and
friends. Sarah is a mother of three girls, ages
15, 12, and 6, and wife to an amazingly strong
man who supported her through the worst
time of her life. She is still a stay-at-home
mom, busy with what everyday life brings,
and enjoying every bit of it that she gets to
experience.

As for us, Tracy Buckman Dunne and hus-
band Matt ’87 are enjoying life in Cincinnati,
Ohio. Our boys and our children, Courtney,
13, and Christopher, 10, keep us running
most of the time. Matt runs the local outdoor
amphitheater and I am working as a realtor.
Occasionally, we see John ’89 and Becky Bar-
low ’90 Fitzsimmons and their daughters, Erin
and Ryan. In October ’07 we enjoyed a trip
to Mexico with Dave ’87 and Maria Filshie ’89
Douglas and their family.

1. Susan Scalley Herrold, has worked for
Anne Arundel County Government in the
Office of Personnel for almost eight years.
Currently I am working in the Employee
and Labor Relations Division where I am the
hearing and grievance officer and partici-
pate in Collective Bargaining for the County.
I married Bruce Herrold in May ’07 and after
returning from our honeymoon in Hawaii,
we settled into life outside Annapolis, Md.,
where we spend a lot of time on our boat. My
dughter Holly, 19, graduated from high
school last year and is attending Anne Arun-
del Community College where she is pursu-
ing a nursing degree.

Thanks again to those who wrote in. Re-
member to keep in touch and until the next
column, take good care.

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The most common complaint I heard from
the Class of 1994 was “Nothing new is hap-
pening!” Don’t worry, I love hearing from
everyone anyway.

Marielle Ainsworth and Phil Heavner ’92
are enjoying life in Cooperstown, N.Y.,
where they moved after nine years in New Mexico.
They celebrated the birth of their second son,
Brendan David, on May 4, 2008. She is still
teaching part time online for Eastern New Mexico
University-Roswell, which gives her
great flexibility with the kids. Phil is chief of
pediatrics at Baptist Hospital in Cooper-
stown. They are enjoying lots of new
friends, spending time with family, and explo-
ing upstate New York.

While staying at home with her three kids
— Zoe, 6, Graham, 4, and Phoebe, 2 — Jeni-
fer Veteto Bain practices her lawyering skills
on them since she is no longer in the court-
room. She lives in Colorado with her hus-
band, Will, but tries to get back to Maryland
at least once a year. She can’t believe how
much the campus has changed.

Chris “The DudeMan” Boyd is living in La-
guna Beach, Calif., with his wife, LouAnne
Hunt. He happily spends his days raising two
little ones, Alexander Sabino, 4, and Natalie
Miette, 2, going to the beach, riding road
and mountain bikes, working at a plant nurs-
ery, and generally enjoying the spectacular
climate out there. He stays in touch with a
few alumni, Chris Kintel ’93, Chris Betz ’93,
Steve Helemann ’92 and others via Facebook.

Peter “PJ” Brownrigg moved to Los Angeles
with his wife and kids, Emma, 3, and Nick, 2.
He stays in touch with most of his classmates
and friends from McDaniel on Facebook.

Gina Cappi Chen has been working since
May ’05 for the Anne Arundel County Fire
Department as a fire fighter and cardiac res-
cue technician. There she met her husband,
David, a captain in the special operations
division. They were married on June 22 and
live in Annapolis with Gina’s two children,
Kieran, 11, and Cierra, 8. Aside from work-
ning, enjoying her new husband, spending
time with the kids and taking them to soccer
and lacrosse practices and games, she is also
going to paramedic school. She is looking
forward to catching up with everyone at our
reunion.

Elise Achuff Defilippis recently stopped
working to be a stay-at-home mom to Emily,
3, and Elliott, 1. She says it is still an adjust-
ment but well worth it. She is still in Towson,
Md., and hoping to tackle all those little
projects she never had time to do before
while juggling work and two kids.

Still living in Bel Air, Md., with her hus-
band, Sean, and two children, Mason and Jenna,
Amy Bridgeman Fitzges enjoys her
girls’ night out with Phi Sig alumni. She
keeps in touch through Facebook and has
gotten Stephanie Ross Kavanagh and Laura
John Wrobleski, among others, addicted as
well.

Deborah Milstein Hershbrooth had her sec-
ond girl, Delaney Jane, on Sept. 4. She
moved to Iowa for her husband’s cardiology
fellowship program. Deb is in her sixth year
out of residency practicing OB/Gyn. She
stays in touch with her sister, Jen Milstein
Johnson ’93, of course, and Kerri Wagner Rapp,
Shana Burdick Hospelhorn, Susie Pollard Frei-
manis, Heather Wakefield Spire ’93 and Paul
Galindo ’92.

Heather Beal Imirie e-mailed Julie Simmons
Fabula to wish her a happy 36th and remem-
ber the details of her 21st birthday as if it
was yesterday. She is still working as a read-
ing specialist for Baltimore County Public
Schools. Living in Millers Island, Md., she
keeps busy with her sons, Orville and Brooks,
husband, Glenn, and dog, Hank.

In Havre de Grace, Md., Rob Magee started
a job as a marketing representative for The
Iroquois Group, an insurance network, han-
dling agents in Maryland, Delaware and
Pennsylvania. He plays tennis and golf regu-
larly and enjoys hiking and biking with his
wife, Beth.

Also staying in touch with friends on Fa-
cebook, Jeff Maslin works as a vice president
for a third-party logistics and warehouse in

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Mrs. Helen Twinning Kadlec ’59, of
Glen Arm, Md., on December 21,
2008.

Mrs. Barbara Fulford McAdams
’59, of Austin, Texas, on July 20,
2008.

Mr. Francis A. Novak ’59, of
Parkville, Md., on September 14,
2008.

Mr. Elwood Statler MEd ’59, of
Chambersburg, Pa., on November 3,
2005.

Mr. Frank D. Thye ’59, MEd ’63,
of Lakeland, Fla., on August 9, 2008.

Dr. Marvin N. Goldstein ’60, of
Rochester, N.Y., on August 16,
2008.

Mr. William M. Kunkle Jr. ’61, of
Fort Worth, Texas, on November 8,
2008.

Mr. Roger V. Haskell ’62, of
Gladsone, N.J., on November 27,
2008.

Mr. Richard L. Smith MEd ’62, of
Helton, Ky., on December 11,
2006.

Mr. John A. Blackburn ’63, of
Charlottesville, Va., on January 20,
2009.

Miss Margaret M. Stannard
MEd ’65, of Williamsport, Md.,
on May 13, 2006.

Mrs. Lois Brumbaugh King

Mrs. Romaine Dusman Fuhrman
MEd ’67, of Lancaster, Pa., on
January 11, 2008.

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Hagerstown, Md., on August 5,
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Mrs. J. Allen Martin MEd ’64, of
Hagerstown, Md., on March 20,
2008.

Mr. Richard L. Whitenton ’64, of
Fairfax, Va., on November 12,
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Seventh President’s Portrait Revealed

A portrait of McDaniel’s seventh president, Robert Hunter Chambers, was unveiled at a ceremony held Feb. 8 in Hoover Library.

Chambers served as president from 1984 to 2000 during which time enrollment grew from just over 1,000 undergraduate students to 3,500; renovations were completed on major academic buildings including Hoover Library as well as the construction of Eaton Hall of Science; and the College forged a partnership to establish a branch campus in Budapest, Hungary. Throughout his presidency, Chambers also taught literature to undergraduates.

In his remarks expressing gratitude to President Joan Develin Coley and the Board of Trustees, Chambers, who enjoyed a morning tour of the campus, said that McDaniel “is the loveliest small college in the nation.” He added that the College is an exemplar for other higher education institutions, having remained devoted to the liberal arts, and is a place where “eager, interested and intelligent students are taught daily by professors who actually know them, who truly like them and who genuinely want to help them succeed.”

The painting was created by Michael Shane Neal, an accomplished portraitist from Nashville, Tenn., who has completed numerous still-life paintings and over 400 portraits, including U.S. Senators, corporate and civic leaders, college presidents and family portraits commissioned by people across the nation.

Chambers’ portrait will be displayed in the Library Board Room.

New Jersey. He is busy being a sports dad for Nicholas, 6, and Olivia, 4.

Dawn Motovidjak’s company, Business Health Services, which provides corporate wellness and employee assistance programs, is doing great. She had her first son, Julian, in 2007 and moved to a new house, custom-built in 2008. She enjoys seeing her Phi Sig friends whenever possible.

Jimmy Naughton still lives in Boca Raton, Fla., and still works as a sports agent representing NFL, NBA and international basketball players. On July 12, he got married to Erin Baden, a fourth-grade teacher, who he met at a NCAA Tournament. Tons of WMC friends came to the wedding: Marc Gettemy, Bill Michaelis’93, Brian Gallizzo’95, John Wilson’95, Chuck McLean, Eric Gettemy’91, Eric Miller’92, Eric Waterston’91, Steve Combs’93, Rick McIntyre’93, Tom Brandt’93, John Pitarelli’93, Scott Lyon’93 and Dirk Hrobsky. After honeymooning in Mexico, he is enjoying married life pretty well. He was in Westminster in May ’07 for a fundraiser organized by Jen Milstein Johnson’93 in memory of Marc Gettemy’s son who unfortunately passed away from brain cancer at the age of 3. The event was held to support the family and raise money for other sick children.

A lighter note, McDaniel’s golf team is playing in West Palm Beach, Fla., so he hopes to see Coach J. Scott Moyer and the team during their stay.

While teaching social studies at Sachem North High School, Ray Pickersgill is also the varsity wrestling coach and football coach. He resides in Farmingville, N.Y., with his wife, Alison, and two kids, Kate 4, and Jack 3. He says hello to all fellow Sig Eps, and congratulations to Brett Young on the birth of his daughter, Ella.

Married with two kids, Scott Roth has been living in Bethesda, Md., since graduation. He is in the home mortgage industry for the past six years and also owns part of a restaurant. He stays in touch with Ed Burke.

Rolando and Kristen Purcaro Welch reside in Olney, Md., with their two children, Ariana, 4, and Alexander, 1. Kristen has been with the CIA for nearly a decade and is currently a senior counterterrorism analyst managing a large team of CT analysts. In May, Rolando completed his master’s degree in guidance and counseling at Bowie State University and is a senior probation officer for juveniles in Alexandria, Va. In between busy careers, two young children, and the D.C. area’s atrocious commute, they still find time to see our WMC friends, but wish it was more often. Kristen looks forward to the biannual B&A (January and June) girls’ weekends with Dawn Motovidjak Pipken, Karen Litishin Reddel, Heather Beal Imlie, Amy Bridgemen Fritzes, Stephanie Ross Kavanagh, Randi DeFino Bauernhub, Carolyn Scharappa Kline, Julie Simmons Fabula, and Kirsten Stockel Lawrence.

All is well in Lancaster, Pa., for Todd Wioszkey; Dianne Byerly’93 and Todd celebrated their 15th anniversary this year. Their children — Kayla, 10, Raymark, 8, Xiaowei, 6, Hiwot, 4, and Vincent, 3 — have been keeping their days busy but filled with many laughs as well. He continues to work as a forecaster and buyer for Bosch Security Systems and started a heating and air conditioning contracting business recently on the side.

Married in 2006 to Steven Downey Wrobleski, Laura Johnson Wrobleski enjoyed seeing Stephanie Flood Canales, Cynthia Spack Lourido’95 and Amy Bridgeman Fritzes at her wedding. She moved in 2007 from Connecticut to Philadelphia where she teaches first grade. She is traveling all over the world because her husband’s job takes him everywhere.

As for me, I continue to work part time as a special projects coordinator for a local credit union. The rest of the week is busy with Nicholas, 8, Owen, 6, and Jillian, 2. You can catch up with me on Facebook too!

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Ginger Bandeen writes, “I'm living near Portland, Ore., and I just took a new job as quality improvement manager for a local mental health agency. I'm engaged to a great guy I met in New York and brought back to Oregon, Alexander Brito. Alex and I are raising my stepson, Jamie, 12. We live out in the country, but near the city. It is a beautiful here and I am having lots of fun being a stepmom. I miss my good friends from WMC. This year has had some sad times — losing Emily "Lainy" Stamathi's '01, who moved on to a better place last fall, was very hard. I know many of us who knew her and loved her will miss her dearly. She was the strongest, kindest person I have ever known and I still think about her and about our times in college very often. I hope everyone else is doing well.”

Al Barchetto is happy to report that he and his wife, Julie, had a baby boy, Trevor Joseph Barchetto on May 29, 2008. Trevor joins big sister, Hailey. Al continues to run a life skills program for multiply handicapped students at Hammonton High School in southern New Jersey.

Stephanie Craven Bard and her husband live in Warfordsburg, Pa. Last summer they welcomed twin boys, Parker Steven Bard and Riley Steven Bard. The boys’ middle names were given in honor of Stephanie’s brother who was killed while serving with the U.S. Marines in Iraq in 2005. Stephanie writes that “the twins are happy, healthy, active boys and they are our primary source of entertainment and amusement.” Stephanie quit teaching after the boys were born and just recently returned to work as a career placement specialist. In October '08, she earned a master’s degree in human services and business management from Liberty University. Stephanie would love catch up with
Congratulations to Brian and Stacey Rohrer '09 Hose who just completed negotiations to purchase the independent pharmacy where Brian has been employed by for the past two years. Sharpsburg Pharmacy is located in the tiny town of the same name in southern Washington County, Md., and just around the corner from the historic Antietam Battlefield.

Krysta Stacy Huxford reports that she is still happily married to Dane Huxford and living in Columbia, Md., with their puppy, Socks; a breed they call “canardly” because they can hardly tell what she is. They spent this past summer building a place in Garrett County, Md., for their camping friends: a pavilion 24 by 36 feet with the added luxury of recycled rainwater for washing dishes and a solar panel for warming the water. On the professional front, Krysta was just recognized as one of Ten Women to Watch in Howard County by Howard Magazine for her work at a non-profit in Howard County that runs a high school leadership development program with a community service project component. Krysta keeps in close contact with Faith Walker in Wildesden '97, her brother.

Stacey Tock '97, Chad '03 and Tara Webb '03 Lovett. Michele Jarman Bossick '99, along with other Phi Alph sisters Kristin Harkins Kober, Emily Eagan '01, Jen Henderson, Jenny Patterson Israel and Moe Eiker Deckinga.

Chris Hydorn will be completing his orthopaedic surgery residency in 2009 at the University of South Carolina and will complete a Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He and his wife, Jen, and their son, Thomas, welcomed daughter, Elizabeth Grace, born June 16, 2008.

Elton Keith Knupp was married on April 12, 2008 to Brian Knupp in Annapolis, Md. Her bridesmaids included college friends Roxann Ingram Tott and Faye Ingram Hallman. Several other college friends were there to celebrate including Don Tott '01, Hendrik '03 and Cassie Domser '03 Lamers, along with Dan '97 and Melissa Farrell '97 Franco. Elton continues to be a theatre arts teacher for the Baltimore City Public School System. She and Brian reside in Crofton, Md.

Jessica Duquette LiPira married Jeffrey LiPira in March '07. They reside in the Canton neighborhood in Baltimore. Jessica is a high school teacher in Howard County and she teaches AP government and politics.

After welcoming daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Kimball, on July 10, 2008, Julie Edwards Kimball resigned from her job as a technology specialist for the Dorchester County Public School System and spends her days at home. Julie and her husband, Matt, still live on the Eastern Shore in Ridgely, Md.

Heather Miller is currently lives in Pasadena, Md. She and her husband, Adam, have a daughter, Olivia Grace, 18 months. Heather teaches kindergarten at Antioch Christian School.

Rory Maher and his wife, Noelle, live in...
Stepping Up to the Plate

Not too many people can say their office is at a baseball stadium. Nikki Varoutsos '06 works as the Director of Marketing for the Camden Riversharks, a member of the Liberty Division of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball. After interning during her senior year for the Minor-League Frederick Keys, she knew she wanted to work in the sports industry. As director of marketing, she oversees advertising for the Riversharks, as well as special promotions and theme nights. Her favorite? Boy Scout sleepovers at the team’s home field at Campbell Stadium, which overlooks the Delaware River and offers a clear view of the Philadelphia skyline. “The scouts sleep in the outfield and I sleep in a suite with a walkie-talkie next to my ear.” During game breaks, Varoutsos steps up to the plate. She scripts everything that happens in between innings to get the fans going, from kiss cams and movie clips to slinging T-shirts into the stands.

She wears many hats around the stadium — taking tickets, directing traffic, pulling the tarp in the rain. And yes, she even climbed into the bulky costume for Finley the mascot. “It’s like a rite of passage. Everyone around here has to wear it at least once.” In addition to working standard business hours, Varoutsos is on duty during all 70 home games. She says, “From April to September, my soul belongs to the Riversharks!” She wouldn’t have it any other way.

—Kate Maloney ’09

Bel Air, Md., with their two daughters, Gracie, 6, and Charlotte, 3. Rory is an assistant vice president and branch manager for M&T Bank. He keeps in touch with a lot of his teammates from the Green Terror football team.

Andrew McCord lives and works in Baltimore City. He was married to Ashley Harvey on Oct. 5, 2007 in Savage, Md. They share a rowhouse with their cat, Buster, and their new canine addition, Penny. Andrew currently works as a copywriter for Agora Publishing where he’s been employed for five years and recently returned from a copy seminar in Normandy, France. He still keeps in touch with many WMC classmate on a regular basis.

Lynnell McLean began a new job this school year as a supervisor of three mental health therapists in Baltimore City’s Expanded School Based Mental Health Program.

After spending three months working in Richmond, Va., and then four months in Annapolis, Md. Curtis Miller is back living in Sarasota, Fla. He really enjoyed his experience up north but wanted to get back home to his family and friends. When a job opportunity came up to move back to Sarasota last summer he took advantage of it.

Meaghan Kelly O’Reilly lives in White Marsh, Md., with her husband. Bart, and son Eoin. She is currently teaching art at Hawthorne Elementary School.

Jameson and Kittie DeLuca Pain live in Glendale, Pa. Kittie recently started a new position as the associate director of graduate and adult program admissions at Neumann College outside of Philly. Her position takes her all over the East Coast and recently she attended a graduate fair at McDaniel College. Jameson is still an EMT and looking to head back to school. Since living in the Philadelphia area they have seen: Mike Mama ‘01 and Ben Albert ‘01. This past summer Kittie and Jameson were back to Maryland a few times to meet up with Chris ‘02 and Jackie Leazer ‘01. Englebrake, Josh and Andrea Williams Alcambright, Jeremy “Pugs” Osteen ‘96, Matty Wachter ‘96, Paul Charbonnier ‘99, Chris ‘98 and Sarah Rasinsky ‘98 Drawbaugh, and Josh Schechter ’08.

Karey Sellers Parrott and her husband, Jimmy, relocated to Ashburn, Va., where he works as a computer forensics engineer for ManTech. Karey teaches elementary physical education with Fairfax County Public Schools.


2008 was an exciting year for Anthony “Wally” Santillo. He celebrated his 50th birthday in February and got the biggest birthday present he could ever want. He was named the Ninth PGA head professional at Spring Brook Country Club in Morristown, N.J. The club has been open since 1921. Wally has worked at Spring Brook Country Club since 1994, in various capacities such as caddie, bag room employee, pro shop assistant, and assistant golf professional. He hopes to reconnect with all his Phi Kappa Sigma brothers and golf teammates at Homecoming or in the near future.

Heather Tollack Farrell and Scott Farrell were married on June 20, 2008, in Paso Beach, Calif. The couple lives in California, where Heather teaches high school science. They also purchased a home and welcomed a puppy within a week of their wedding.

Heather Pinto Visconti and her husband, Matthew, welcomed their first child, Matthew Luke, on Aug. 2, 2007. Since then Heather and Matthew have celebrated their wedding anniversary and also moved to North Dakota. Heather’s husband took a job with a family practice there.

Richard Smith and Camille Cooke Smith live in a small town in the suburbs of Philadelphia. This past summer was an eventful one for them. In June they celebrated their eighth anniversary, on July 4, 2008, they welcomed their second child, Olivia Avelise, and in August their oldest child, Ricky (Richard II), turned 2. In 2004, Camille earned a master’s of science in education from Saint Joseph’s University and a Pennsylvania state certification. For the past two years, Camille has been enjoying parenthood full time, while on leave from teaching kindergarten in the Philadelphia School District, while Richard has been working at Northampton Community College as an assistant professor of sociology and cultural anthropology. He just finished his dissertation and is looking forward to his defense late in the fall and a walk across the stage at Temple University for his doctorate degree in sociology this winter. Richard also became a licensed minister at From the Heart Church Ministries of Philadelphia in August ’07. Richard and Camille do miss Westminister and life on the Hill, but have been so busy that they just have not had time to come back.

Jason and Erin Howard Valentine were married in 2005 in Atlanta, just a month after Jason received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Emory University. A number of alumni were in the wedding party and were there to celebrate, including Abby Rudman, Nick Valentine ‘01, Cody Bremann ‘02, Steve ‘01 and Natasha ‘01 Phelps Broadwater, Kevin Worley, Tom Latham, and Brian ‘88 and Beverly Templon ’93 Wladkowski. After a brief stint in Cambridge, Mass., where Jason had a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University and Erin worked publishing at Prentice Hall in Boston, they moved to the Research Triangle area of North Carolina where they recently bought a home. Erin works as an acquisitions editor for the American Institute of CPAs and Jason works (with fellow alumnus Sam Hopkins ’80) as a senior research scientist at Scyntex, a pharmaceutical research
and development company. When they are not working on their finer-upper, Jason and Erin spend time exploring their new town, traveling to visit friends and family, and hanging out with their Boston terrier, Olive. Mike "Woody" '03 and Katie Crowe Wood are still living in Massachusetts and both working for the University of Massachusetts: Katie is the senior associate director of annual giving overseeing the parents’ fund, and Woody is the tight ends coach for the football team. Katie and Woody are enjoying being parents to their son, Charlie, who was born on February 10, 2008.

Like many of you, Ryan and I (Kristen Rider Legge) have recently become parents, welcoming a daughter, Samantha Kathryn, who was born on June 24, 2008. Ryan continues to work as a manager in the Federal Advisory Practice for KPMG, LLP in Washington, D.C., where he still enjoys working alongside friend Tom Lapato '99. After Samantha was born I resigned from my human resources position and am enjoying my time at home with her and with our beloved pug, Bucco. We count ourselves fortunate to live near and see so many of our closest friends from the Hill!

We have enjoyed hearing from so many of you this year, and we look forward to continuing to receive your updates. Please feel free to email us anytime at kcrowwood@aol.com or kristenrider@hotmail.com.

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From continuing studies, to entering the workforce, to traveling the globe, the members of McDaniel College Class of 2006 have been changing lives. Many of our fellow graduates have continued on to pursue further education. Marci Ryan currently lives in Durham, N.C., with Mark Siebeking '06, where she is attending Duke University for a doctorate in physical therapy. Mark works as a process engineer for FuelTech in Research Triangle Park (RTP). Marci is still in touch with her roommates Becca Jayne and Becky Ward and her Gamma Sig sisters, especially her pledge class.

Rebecca "Becca" Jayne received a master’s of science in mathematics from North Carolina State University in May '08. She is now continuing on to pursue a Ph.D.

Lindsay O’Connell began a doctor of physical therapy (DPT) program at the University of Maryland in June ’08. She is staying active since her four years of terror lacrosse by running in the Baltimore Marathon for the first time in October.

Brian Samartino currently attends Salus University, formerly the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (the second school he has attended that changed its name).

In her first year of graduate school, Taylor Dunn is studying speech-language pathology at Northeastern University.

Natalie Brown Olson is currently pursuing a healthcare MBA at George Washington University, since moving back to the East Coast to Norfolk, Va., from San Diego, Calif. Other 2006 graduates have taken the work force by storm. Since leaving the Hill, Britany Bowden has focused on changing lives through biotechnology. She has worked with the National Institutes of Health on a hepatitis vaccine project, and is currently working on the development of an HIV vaccine. During the summer, Britany enjoyed being an instructor at junior golf camps for children 8-18.

Currently, Natalie Hardy lives in Washington, D.C., where she works as a registered client service associate at Morgan Stanley. When not at work, Natalie is a mentor for the Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund.

Since May 2008, Lynne Wheeler has worked for Aeroterm as an assistant property manager.

Many of the 2006 classmates have continued to make their imprint in Maryland, while others have taken their “show on the road.” Adam Weaver was hired as an office manager for the Frederick Keys and assistant event manager for the Baltimore Orioles since graduation. Erin Herbert has worked as a production artist/associate technical illustration for Merrick Towle Communications, the third-largest advertising agency in the Baltimore-D.C. area. Erin still sees many of her Omega sisters.

Tiffany Ellison graduated with a master’s of social work from the University of Maryland in 2007. She works for Granite House, Inc., as a rehabilitation supervisor and therapist.

Samuel Slater has turned his passion and pastime into a profession. Samuel currently performs parkour and freerunning for American Parkour and works as an instructor at the Urbanathalon in Chicago, the Urbanathalon in New York City, the Cisco Partner Summit in Hawaii, and in Las Vegas. Samuel also married his high school sweetheart, Danielle Lynch, on Oct. 4, 2008. They currently reside in Glen Burnie, Md.

Nikki Varoutos lives in Collingswood, N.J., and works as the director of marketing for the Camden Riversharks professional baseball team.

After spending two years as a high school physics teacher in Nashville, Tenn., Rebecca "Becky" Ward is now studying in an M.S./Ph.D. Nuclear and Radiation Engineering program at the University of Texas in Austin.

Since earning a master’s of science in international marketing in May ’08 from St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, Pa., Jessica Leeson has been working for the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia.

Many 2006 graduates have been heading wedding bells. Lee Stewart married Virginia Heathcr Mangano on Nov. 1, 2008.

Katie McNamara Freeman married Eric Freeman on Oct. 18, 2008, and they now reside in Swedenboro, N.J. Eric is attending law school at Rutgers Camden. Katie works as a contract specialist for the Department of the Navy in Philadelphia, Pa.

In June ’08, Adam Storie married Christina Bandula Storie ’04. They currently live in Hampstead, Md. Since graduation, Adam has worked for Long and Foster in Baltimore selling real estate.

Since graduation, David Wiles, Jr., has been working for PNC Bank as a credit underwriter. He married Jennifer Pitzer in October ’07.

Rachelle Paolelli lives in Olney, Md., with her husband, Matthew, whom she married on Sept. 15, 2007. She was recently promoted to an account manager at the Direct Marketing Company in Rockville, Md.

Lindsay Ricks Biel married Chris Bell on Oct. 18, 2008. Many McDaniel (WMC) alumni were present for the nuptials: Linda Ackley Rick’s ’76 (mother of the bride), Lindsay Schneider, Sarah LeBaron ’05, CJ Schleicher ’05, Jannine Lewis ’05, Pat Hayes, Matt and Laura Baggage Doyle, Kristin Lathroll Lister ’85, George ’83 and Robin Adams ’86, Brenton, M. Lee Primm ’89, Rodney ’91 and Lynn Klingen ’90, Williams, and Brian Van Deusen ’94.

Rebecca Young ’08 was the maid of honor and Erika Walker ’06 was a bridesmaid.

Since graduation, Joanna Long Gemmill has stayed quite busy. In June ’06 she got married and on Jan. 20, 2008, she gave birth to her third child. She currently lives in Dover, Pa., with her husband and children.

On Dec. 30, 2006, Stephanie Reed Todd married Christopher Todd ’05. Randy May ’05 was the best man and Kim Pontano was the maid of honor. Stephanie and Christopher live in Rochester, N.Y.

Holly Schoenberg Adams married Bryan Adams in October ’07 prior to his deployment to Afghanistan with the U.S. Army. On May 9, 2008, Holly and Bryan welcomed a son, Brayden James Adams.

We also must thank and think of our classmates serving in the armed forces. Stt. Jesse Ringgold recently returned from a tour in Kuwait. Stt. Andrew " Drew" Mitchell was deployed with the 101st Airborne Division in March ’06 to Afghanistan for a 15-month tour.

Thank you to all who contributed to this news column. Please feel free to keep me updated throughout the year. I wish you and your family much peace and prosperity.

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Job Search Help Available

The College’s Career Services office is ready, willing and able to assist alumni in their job searches. And, best of all, the employment coaching is free.

Director April Johnson and her staff can provide help with writing an attention-getting résumé, honing interviewing skills and finding job openings in the appropriate field. Alumni can also upload their résumés so they can be sent with their authorization to prospective employers. The College subscribes to job and internship databases and has built a robust website with links to a variety of employment listings. Simply go to www.mcdaniel.edu/5402 to check it out. Career counselors can meet with alumni in person or by phone or e-mail.

“The Career Center is different now, the services are up and running and we’re here for you,” Johnson says.

In addition, a Job Search Boot Camp, open to alumni and current students, will be held May 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on campus.

The Career Services office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours on Tuesdays until 6 p.m.

Call 410/857-2280 or e-mail aljohnson@mcdaniel.edu.
Nov 6, 2008: Grace Kago ’10 (center), a peer mentor for professor Peter Craig’s Kitchen Chemistry first-year seminar, adds liquid nitrogen to the recipe for instant ice cream.

Science everyone can swallow. We were demonstrating how liquid nitrogen can accelerate the process for making ice cream. The person holding the bowl and the person mixing had to wear gloves, because liquid nitrogen is so cold it can burn. This was a highlight of the class because everybody loves ice cream. Dr. Craig was careful not to make this too science-heavy because this was a first-year sem, so it’s just supposed to be an introduction. We had more nonscience majors than science majors. Some of them were nervous about doing chemistry, but I told them just to think of chemistry as a tool to learn how cooking and food work.

It was my first experience as a peer mentor and it was really nerve-racking at first because there were 15 new people to get to know; I was worried that I wouldn’t reach them all at their point of need. I’m from Nairobi and have lived in Austin, Texas, for nine years. I’m in the pre-med program. My students were really different from me and from one another. I tried to stretch out a hand to everyone, because that was my job, to be a bridge between them and the College. All 15 were sweet and cool in their own way.
Pause and Applaud the Blossoms

We want to know what, especially in the midst of these trying times, makes you stop and smile, or gives you hope for the future. Write to us with a brief description of no more than 100 words about a person, place, thing, activity, event or idea that brightens your life right now.

What's in it for you: Every person who writes will be entered into a drawing to win a free McDaniel College sweatshirt. Each submission will be considered for publication in the magazine or on The Hill website. Submit to: Springtime Challenge, The Hill magazine, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157. Or e-mail to kasch@mcdaniel.edu. Deadline: May 15.
"I've never felt more proud to be an American...
or more blessed to be black."

—Music Lecturer Eric Byrd

Having his band, the Eric Byrd Trio, perform during the Purple Inaugural Ball and watching President Barack Obama's swearing-in ceremony from a D.C. hotel was an emotional experience for Eric Byrd '93. Read more about how McDaniel people experienced the historic event on page 5.
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Photograph by Steve Exum
"Getting an actual piece of mail that isn't a bill is very much appreciated."
— Tara DellaFranzia Meacham '03 Lumberton, N.J.

Solving the Preemie Problem

The baby in the baseball glove on the cover of the Spring 2009 edition of The Hill immediately grabbed my attention. Then I read the headline: "Preemie births are on the rise. Dr. Roger Young is working to solve the problem." I was eager to read the article to see what it was Dr. Young was doing.

I am a 1995 graduate of McDaniel College and work for the March of Dimes, whose mission it is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. I was one of the lucky mothers who were able to hear her newborn babies' cries and hold them immediately after they were born. However, with my job I have met so many mothers who weren't as fortunate.

The work that Dr. Young and many other doctors and researchers are doing has led to discoveries that shape today's standards of a healthy pregnancy. The March of Dimes continues to do all it can to make sure one day every baby is born healthy. For the latest resources and information, visit marchofdimes.com or to participate in our premier fundraising walking event, March for Babies, visit marchforbabies.org.

Heather Baily Lynch '95, Forest Hill, Md.

You're Invited

The Hill invites your feedback on the content of the magazine and will publish your letters or e-mails that continue the discussion about what you've read in these pages. Correspondence should include your full name, address and a phone number or e-mail address so we can contact you for confirmation. Letters may be edited for length or clarity. Send to Kim Asch, Managing Editor, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157, or e-mail kasch@mcdaniel.edu.

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- Visit The Hill magazine's new blog at ILoveTheHill.com, where you can check out Web extras and post comments on the stories you read there.
- Mark your calendars for Homecoming Oct. 24, 2009. Game starts at 1 p.m.
Thanks for Sharing

In April, a Magazine Readership Survey was sent via e-mail to 2,500 readers and a more general and comprehensive Survey of Alumni was sent to about 6,000. In each of the surveys, respondents indicated that The Hill magazine was their preferred means of communication with the College.

The Survey of Alumni was conducted by University Research Partners and reaped a higher-than-average return of over 20 percent. The Magazine Readership Survey realized an average return of 10 percent — with readers representing classes from 1947 to 2008 — and was hosted by Qualtrics.com, a leading survey firm, in cooperation with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), of which McDaniel College is a member.

The purpose of both surveys was to discover ways the College could improve communication with alumni and better meet their needs.

We were gratified to learn that The Hill continues to be viewed as a welcome and relevant College emissary. In fact, 78 percent of those who answered the readership survey said they read every issue, while almost everyone answered that they at least read most issues.

Of course, we were not surprised to learn that Class Notes is the most popular section of the magazine. Over the past two years, we’ve worked to enhance the department with more photos and features. Remember: participation counts. The class columns are only as lively as you make them with your news.

While 73 percent of respondents said they wanted to read The Hill in print, 18 percent said they’d like to see the magazine both in print and online. As we continue our efforts to engage our readers, we are pleased to introduce you to our new magazine blog at ILoveTheHill.com. There you will find highlights from the print edition and Web extras, plus you can post comments on what you read there.

Please continue to share your feedback with us. And thanks, as always, for reading.

The Editors
Joyce Muller and Kim Asch
A Robot that Solves the Rubik’s Cube

When professor Pavel Naumov offered his senior computer science majors the opportunity to design and program a robot for their capstone projects, Shannon Jackson couldn’t resist the challenge. She decided to use the Lego Mindstorm kit to build and program a robot to solve the Rubik’s Cube.

“I wanted to do something people would understand — something everyone could relate to,” said Jackson, who graduated in May with a double major in mathematics and computer science and was hired by AAI, a defense contractor in Hunt Valley, Md., where she interned for the past two summers.

Her first step was to write the program using the known algorithm, or the set of steps that solves a problem, which in this case was the Rubik’s Cube. “My math major proved to be incredibly helpful since the construction of the robot relies on geometry, specifically angles,” she said.

Both Jackson and Naumov were surprised by the parts of the project that proved trickiest. “I thought that the most difficult part would be to implement the known algorithm that human beings use to assemble the cube,” said Naumov. “However, now it appears that the even greater challenge is in solving the mechanical engineering problems of the robot’s operation.”

Jackson designed, built and programmed the robot, which she named Jasper, to flip the cube and rotate its six nine-square sides in a series that results in the jumbled puzzle’s six sides each having all the same color squares. Jasper, which is made of Lego pieces, has a light sensor that distinguishes the cube’s colors and two rotation arms to manipulate the cube.

“It’s been fun,” said Jackson, who seems to thrive on new challenges. She made a commitment to tackling a new and different skill each of her college years and has taken up knitting, photography and sewing. This year she added juggling to the list. “Juggling is fun too — and a great stress reliever.”
Leadership Lessons for a New World

The Center for Leadership in Global Enterprise at McDaniel College is launching a new graduate-level certificate program devoted to the preparation of top executives and government leaders to lead more effectively in a constantly changing global marketplace.

Alan Greenspan’s testimony before Congress last fall, in which he said that he was in a “state of shocked disbelief” at the global collapse he was witnessing, underscores the absolute necessity for all business and government leaders as well as qualified and interested individuals to re-examine taken-for-granted assumptions about how the business world works,” said Mel Albin, executive director of the Center.

The new certificate program’s paramount mission: to help leaders reduce errors of judgment, especially judgments based on mathematical modeling, through an enhanced understanding of how to anticipate the unintended consequences of large and small decisions, Albin added.

The first 10-month certificate program begins this summer. The program’s four sequential courses are taught by a multinational faculty using a cohort model with a diverse group of top leaders from the U.S. and abroad. Each course is complemented by a one-week online residency where course content is applied to the workplace.

The program is offered completely online using multiple learning platforms to provide the scheduling flexibility top leaders require. Core concepts include strategy and innovation, finance and operations, marketing and entrepreneurship, IT security and knowledge management.

Through the Center’s Expert Global Community, “We will put world experts at your fingertips,” noted Albin. “Student participants will meet in a virtual classroom with leaders from around the world, ranging from the current director of security for Radio Free Europe and former national security director for Sri Lanka to the vice president of global marketing for a German automaker or a renowned author and syndicated columnist for a global newspaper.”

The residencies are a leadership laboratory. At the first residency participants will receive the results of several robust leadership assessments, review findings of their initial 360-degree performance evaluation with their personal coach, work on their global leadership strategy journal, participate in a series of decision-making exercises, and receive a brief overview of the program and its curriculum. The second residency, for example, has a deep focus on environmental sustainability and its symbiotic link to moving financial strategy from the dominating pull of supply and demand to balanced growth and sustainability, always mindful of cross-border cultural complexity. To learn more, go to McDaniel.edu/LGE.
Newsmakers

• President Joan Develin Coley plans to retire at the end of the next academic year, on June 30, 2010, concluding a decade at the helm. Coley made the decision to announce her retirement now after carefully considering the timing for the College. “I’m proud of the two significant goals that I established for my presidency—leading the College through its name change and rebranding; and leading a comprehensive campaign to improve our living-learning community on the Hill,” said Coley. “Both will be demonstrably and successfully completed in 2010.” A comprehensive search for her successor will be conducted over the next year.

• Professor of Political Science Herb Smith is this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award. The annual award and $5,000 prize recognizes inspired classroom work and dedication to students and honors emeritus faculty member Ira G. Zepp. Smith is both a professor and practitioner of political science whose expertise in the applied aspects of the governmental process prepares his students—first and foremost—to become fully productive citizens of a democracy.

• Associate Professor of Social Work Jim Kunz was accepted into the Institute on Aging and Social Work, a year-long program sponsored by the National Institute on Aging and the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research designed to generate proposals for NIH grants. Only 15 faculty members from all social work programs in the country were chosen. He will work on a proposal titled, “Assessing the Health and Social Service Needs of Older Ex-Offenders.”

• Associate Professor of Education Margaret Trader received a gubernatorial appointment, confirmed by the Senate, for a three-year term (through 2012) to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, a board which she currently chairs. Trader recently led McDaniel through its National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) reaccreditation process in May.

Ask the Expert

I hear the College has installed geothermal heating systems in several residence halls. How do they work, and does this mean the campus is sitting on top of a volcano?

George Brenton ’85, director of the physical plant and member of the Green Terra committee:

Your confusion is understandable but there are no volcanoes or hot springs under the Hill. The term “geothermal” is certainly used to describe the kind of energy that can be harnessed in places like Iceland, whose unique geology provides the vast majority of the population with inexpensive heat.

But what we’re using at the College is known as a ground-source geothermal heat pump. We installed this technology—which not only provides heat, but also air conditioning—when we built the new North Village residences, and have updated the Garden Apartments and Blanche Ward Hall with geothermal systems.

Our ground-source heat pumps utilize wells buried deep into the ground, between 200 and 350 feet down, where the temperature is a constant 50 degrees. These replace the loud and energy-hogging conventional heat pumps that are housed in big metal boxes and sit outside the buildings they serve. The beauty of the geothermal technology, as opposed to conventional heat pumps, is that it utilizes the constant temperature of the earth as the heat-exchange medium instead of the outside air temperature, which in Maryland can vary by 80 or more degrees depending on the season. This is the key to why geothermal is more efficient and ecologically sound.

Basically, our system—called a vertical closed loop field—is a giant tube filled with a fluid that is a combination of water and antifreeze. A pump moves this fluid around the closed loop. The water just keeps circulating through the tubes, cooling and heating, cooling and heating. The fluid that is leaving the building might be hot or cold, depending on the season, but then it goes back into the ground and by the time it comes back up...
it has returned to 50 degrees.

Inside the building, there is a unit called an air handler. Inside the air handler are coils and the 50-degree fluid is used to either heat or cool the coils, which in turn heat or cool the air that blows over the coils. You still need electricity because you have to pump the fluid around and you have to run the fan that blows the air out into the building. But that takes much less electricity than a conventional type of system.

The only building we have to make an apples-to-apples comparison are the Garden Apartments, because North Village is a new construction and Blanche never had air conditioning until we installed the geothermal. We've been running the geothermal system in the Garden Apartments for one year and the energy bill is down 33 percent compared to previous years when they were heated and cooled using 100 percent electricity.

FOOD WASTE SAVED DURING SIX Trayless Wednesdays in the Dining Hall

“Mais Oui” for Three

It’s a case of double role reversals for three French majors who will spend a year teaching English in France. In the fall, Mary Beth Bounds, Laura Descher and Greg Dubicki, all members of the class of 2009, will go from being students to being teachers, and from learning French on an English-speaking campus to teaching English to French-speaking students.

Martine Motard-Noar, professor of French, said the teaching offers represent “an exceptional recognition” of the three students. She said she knows of no other institution with three accepted applicants whose dossiers were considered strong enough for the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., to forward them to the French Ministry of Education.

“It’s even more remarkable as all three of them are coming from the same institution, which put them at a competitive disadvantage,” Motard-Noar said. “This certainly a first for McDaniel.”

In addition to paying them a salary, the French government is offering to pay for coursework at a nearby university, according to Motard-Noar. All three recent graduates said that studying at McDaniel and taking advantage of its study-abroad opportunities amply prepared them for this adventure by exposing them to a variety of teaching styles.

“The importance that McDaniel puts on having a global perspective has prepared me for this opportunity,” Dubicki said.
Tears streamed down her face as she scaled the ladder for her first trapeze lesson. Standing on the sky-high platform, Assistant Professor of English Reanna Ursin could barely breathe as she eyed the vast open space before her.

"The first class was really scary," she recalls. "But my coach told me all I had to do was try." That was back in 2007, when Ursin began taking lessons at the trapeze school she often passed as she jogged along the Inner Harbor near her home in downtown Baltimore.

Ursin, who specializes in American and African-American literature, historical fiction and literature of the black diaspora, says she was driven to try trapeze to challenge herself and to be more adventurous.

"I love order and stability. I stack things up, I label things, I make 'to do' lists. I like to feel as though I have some control over my world," she says.

"Trapeze was, literally, stepping out into thin air. It was terrifying and exhilarating, and each time I go back, I feel scared and excited all over again," Ursin realized she had rarely stepped outside her skill set as a scholar and teacher. She had begun to limit herself to those things she was confident would succeed. "Trapeze was a risk that in my Ph.D. meant absolutely nothing," she says. "I had to trust my coaches, I had to be willing to make a fool of myself, and I had to accept the possibility that I might not be the best." Trying trapeze has allowed Ursin to develop a confidence that she can achieve anything she sets her mind to accomplish, and that has inspired her to challenge her students to take more risks as scholars. "My goal as a teacher is to create for my students a similar experience," she says. "The value of taking chances and stepping outside of one's comfort zone." She adds that she realizes her literature courses are like trapeze lessons for many students. "They're terrified, they're unsure of themselves, and they feel that they're taking a big risk each time they submit a paper or raise their hand in class," she says.

By demonstrating that she is willing to challenge herself, Ursin hopes she can inspire her students to do the same. During a recent class, she says, she saw the fruits of this effort when two male students read poems aloud in class—with feeling.

"They really interpreted the poems," she says. "They added inflection to their voices, they stressed certain words, they made decisions about where to pause for effect." Usually, students are afraid to read poems aloud because they're uncertain about adopting a voice and attitude different from their own. If they read out loud, she says, it's usually monotone, barely above a whisper.

"But in this instance, both of my male students capably brought to life the voices of black women!" she says. "I was so impressed that I would take the chance of expressing something outside of themselves, and I think their classmates were as well."

Trevor Crest '12 was one of those male students who read that day in Ursin's class. He says it's Ursin's "enthusiastic encouragement" that motivates students. "Dr. Ursin loves when students do more than just say how they feel, but explain why they feel a certain way, what in the literature caused them to do so, and then understand that the writer's goal was to make you feel that way," Crest says. "Of course, as students, we do not always want to do so, especially at 10:20 in the morning. But with her positive outlook, and enthusiastic encouragement, Dr. Ursin has no trouble getting her students involved in class discussions."

During her third trapeze lesson, Ursin performed a "catch," a maneuver that required her, at precisely the right moment, to release the bar and shoot her arms out in front of herself so that her coach—who was hanging by his knees from another bar—could catch her by the wrists and swing her away.

"It took a lot of trust to let go of the bar and believe that my coach was going to catch me. And that's essentially what I ask of my students."

Born in Ventura, Calif., and raised in Sacramento, Ursin decided in high school that she wanted to become a teacher. "I've always loved literature, and my library card was a sacred possession when I was younger," she says. "It wasn't until I reached high school, though, that I was really exposed to African-American literature. I can remember the first time I read Zora Neale Hurston's How It Feels to Be Colored Me and thinking that I wanted to strut and talk and think with Hurston's sass and attitude."

Ursin earned her bachelor's degree in English in 1999 from Xavier University in New Orleans. In 2006, she completed her doctoral studies in English with a specialization in African-American literature from the University of Notre Dame and began teaching on the Hill that same year.

Taking trapeze lessons has made her a better teacher, Ursin says. "I am more willing to take risks in the classroom. I'll try out a new assignment, I'll poke fun at myself, I'll admit to students when I'm unsure of something. Being willing to fail shows students that I value taking chances and stepping outside of one's
Leader in Either Language

Kadijat “Yemi” Oladiran '09
Business administration major with minors in chemistry and sociology

She is a native of Nigeria who moved to the U.S. when she was 12 and is fluent in both Yoruba and English. At McDaniel, she was class president all four years. She was a member of the Honor and Conduct Board, the Gospel Choir, the Alumni Leadership Program for Seniors and the Phi Mu sorority. She was also a member of the national service program for Seniors and the Phi Mu sorority. She interned at the Public Health Foundation in D.C. before pursuing graduate studies in public health in the fall.

"President Yemi" sounds good

When I came to McDaniel, being president was always top of my priority list. I made a flier in a freshman year stating my goals and the things I wanted to achieve. I knocked on every door in Bozart and Whiteford and put fliers and posters around. When I'm more of a collaborator. I had a lot of help from my friends who helped me make posters and go with me knocking on doors. That's what I love about McDaniel, the support that everyone gives.

Major dilemma

While growing up in Nigeria I wanted to be a surgeon because that was something we lacked in Nigeria. I came in majoring in biology, then I soon found out that I seriously hate biology. I had the roughest time ever. The more I took courses in college I realized that what I really wanted to do is help people, but I didn't have to go about it by being a doctor.

Lightbulb moment at NIH

I worked at NIH the summer after my freshman and sophomore years. I started to talk to the doctors and one of them I worked with had a master's of public health. He told me what he does and it was like, "Oh my god! This is what I want to do!"

Hair extension connection

My mother off campus is Miss Dolly Snyder [trustee, MED '75, L.H.D. '85]. I love her. I met her at a scholarship luncheon. It just happened to be that I was sitting at her table. I had extensions in my hair. She knew that I had hair extensions and that's how our conversation started. I've been to her place for lunch and dinner. She's also hosting my family for Commencement.

Coming to America

My Dad came in 1996 and we didn't get here until 1999. We had a lot of political problems in Nigeria. The military general rules arrested all the presidential candidates and my dad was the personal bodyguard to one of them. My dad came to America so he wouldn't be arrested. He started working for a moving company and then he started his own company.

One heart, two homes

I love this country. There are great opportunities, and that is one reason why we are here. When it comes to family and culture, I love my culture. 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Prop Master

Mike Sabo is a rising star behind the scenes
BY KIM ASCH
Photographs By Bruce Waller
Mike Sabo can hook you up.

Need an imitation Rolex watch, a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses, some bling for your ring finger or a sawed-off shotgun? He’s got it. How about a trained elephant, a World War II-era Russian gas mask, vast quantities of fake ice or a substance that looks just like crack cocaine when you fire it up? He can find them.

And if you need several rubber pickaxes that look absolutely lethal or a lifelike human heart, Sabo knows people in Los Angeles who can make them and deliver them, on budget, before the cameras start rolling.

As a prop master for film and television, Sabo is responsible for finding, renting, buying or making everything the actors are scripted to touch. He has worked on every major production that has come through Baltimore since he graduated, including three acclaimed series about the seedy side of life in Charm City, starting with Homicide: Life on the Street from 1993-’99, followed by The Corner in 2000 and The Wire, lauded by many critics as the most authentic epic on TV, which ran from 2002-’08. He also spends months out of every year on location in cities up and down the East Coast.

In the past year and a half, Sabo has been prop master for several feature films, including the Anne Hathaway vehicle Rachel Getting Married, a thriller called Tell-Tale, that has yet to be released, and the 3-D remake of My Bloody Valentine. He also worked on TV pilots for HBO’s The Washingtonienne, developed by Sarah Jessica Parker, and Past Life, which will air on Fox this fall.

The work is demanding and the hours are grueling, but Sabo says he got hooked on the rush and the fat paychecks while he was a junior in college after scoring a gig on the movie He Said, She Said, starring Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth Perkins. He started off as a set dresser on the swing gang, “which is basically a glorified furniture mover,” he says, but he was confident he would work his way up. His dad made a career in the live theatre end of the business and is now the sound manager for the Lyric Opera House in Baltimore. Sabo told him he intended to enter the behind-the-scenes world of show business too. “That’s fine,” his dad replied. “But you have to graduate from college.”

He did graduate, in 1991, with a degree in business administration and economics. While several of his fraternity brothers donned jacket and tie and took jobs at T. Rowe Price, Sabo started work in showbiz. “I could never sit at a desk in a cubicle,” he says.

His big break came less than a year later on Homicide when he sufficiently impressed Production Designer Vince Peranio, a Baltimore legend who famously designed all of the John Waters films. Sabo was promoted to “lead man,” the top job on set decorating, and when the prop master left he got the job. Sabo’s star has been rising ever since.

“He’s so bright and so sharp. He can find anything, anywhere. He makes up stuff, too, like newspapers with customized headlines, tickets, cop badges and IDs,” said Peranio. “He’s probably the best prop person in Baltimore. Every job I get, I give Mike first dibs.”

On a sunny day in March, Sabo is on location on the east side of Baltimore County at the picturesque Rocky Point Park with shoreline on the upper Chesapeake Bay. Filming is under way on the Past Life pilot directed by Deran Serafian of House and starring Kelli...
Giddish and Nicholas Bishop, who play a crime-solving duo that relies on regression therapy and the theory of reincarnation to close cases. Sabo is stationed at the outer edges of the scene. Stocky like a wrestler and completely bald, with just a hint of a goatee, he projects an aura of complete calm as he presides over the activity around his “office,” a 24-foot cargo truck stocked from floor to ceiling with almost two decades’ worth of meticulously organized treasures that may be put into service as props at any moment.

Between periods of “Quiet on the set!” members of Sabo’s crew run the hydraulic lift on the back of the truck and load heavy boxes filled with a variety of props. After a catered lunch for the cast and crew served under a big white tent, the filming will move a couple of miles away to a makeshift marina and Sabo has to be ready.

“You don’t want to be the person who doesn’t have what they need when the director wants to start filming; Mike has learned that lesson very well,” explains Clark Hospelhorn ’92, who is also in the business and is lead man on set design for the Past Life pilot. He and Sabo are Alpha Gamma Tau fraternity brothers and Sabo got him his first job, on the movie Major League II, as a way to pay for grad school. But Hospelhorn decided to stick with it even after earning his M.B.A.

“The business is kind of addicting,” he says. “What makes it fun for me is doing different things and never knowing what you’re going to do next. Also, it’s finite. When the project is done, it’s done. There are very few industries like that.”

In the hierarchy of the production crew, Sabo is a department head who manages budget and staff. He has a “second” who is in charge of “continuity,” or making sure the props appear correctly from scene to scene, and a team of assistants that varies in size according to the scope of each project. Budgets also vary widely. For the feature movie My Bloody Valentine, he was allotted $60,000 for props and another $50,000 for vehicle rental. TV budgets are smaller and, Sabo says, “You have to get creative and finagle more to get what you need.”

The business degree has come in handy after all. Several years ago, Sabo got savvy and bought his own fleet of police cruisers and a news van. Now he rents those back to the production, rather than paying an outside vendor for them. His cruisers will be in a scene today, newly adorned with magnetic “skins,” or door decals, that Sabo commissioned to indicate the fictitious police department they are supposed to represent. He charges a fee for any of the items he uses from his own truck too.

“When you’re out on location, anything can happen. When it does, Mike’s the guy to go to,” Peranio says. “If it starts to rain, they go to him for umbrellas. If they need to make a quick sign, he has the stuff to do it on the truck. It’s like a portable prop shop and workshop.”

The miner in My Bloody Valentine wouldn’t be so scary without the Russian gas mask. Prop master Mike Sabo found it on eBay.
"The Wire was a hard show in that it was real life. The ghetto really brings you down."

Props can be a simple detail in a scene or they can serve a crucial function. Where would The Wire be without all the guns and drugs? My Bloody Valentine wouldn't be nearly so horrifying if the monster wasn't wearing that creepy gas mask.

In Smart People, the 2008 movie starring Dennis Quaid as a curmudgeonly college professor, a weathered leather briefcase serves as a metaphor for the emotional baggage he's been carrying since the death of his wife. The briefcase gets several camera closeups and its loss sets off the main action of the film, which is the evolution of a romance between the characters played by Quaid and Sarah Jessica Parker. So Sabo wasn't just charged with finding a briefcase for Quaid to carry, it had to be the perfect briefcase to suit his character.

“When I first read a script, I just read it straight through. Then I read it again and break down all the props in it. When I read it I visualize the character and what the prop will look like on film. I have to think about the characters and their back stories — what kind of person they are, where they grew up,” he explains. “Usually I meet with the writer and/or director to find out that information. Sometimes the actors have input about their character. Sometimes they are very specific about the props. I have a show-and-tell for them with lots of choices, but I’d say 95 percent of the time they choose my first choice.”

Sabo says he got over the glamour of making movies, of working with movie stars, a long time ago. But the 2002 movie Minority Report was a different story. “I was starstruck then because it was Tom Cruise and Spielberg,” he says. “I just happened to be standing there one day and Tom Cruise asked me, ‘Hey, how often do you shave your head?’ I told him every day. Then he wanted to know what kind of razor I use. He
was interested because of another project he was going
to be working on. In the end, they're just people.”

Being a prop master isn’t only about procuring the
props; the job also involves coaching actors in their
proper use. Sabo has a federal license to carry a fire-
arm and teaches actors how to handle their weapons.

For The Corner, Sabo had to show the actors how to
be drug users. “I had never even seen someone fire
heroin,” he says. “So for two weeks I went to a rehab
center and met with recovering addicts. I listened
to their stories. They showed me how to shoot up heroin
and smoke crack. I then had to teach my actors how to
do it and be believable. I had a retractable liquid sy-
ringe made from a prop house in L.A. When you put
the needle to the skin it retracts upward. Then when
you depress the plunger, the liquid disappears into the
plunger;”

Smoking crack was another challenge. “I had to
find something that looked like crack and burned. So I
came up with yellow-orange rock candy. It looks just
like it and burned just like it.”

Lactose powder is used to simulate cocaine. “It’s
perfectly harmless, unless they snort tons of it. One
party scene we did, this party extra kept doing line af-
iter line. I told her she didn’t have to. She thought she
was cool. The next day she spent the day on the toilet.”

While fans of The Wire mourned when the final epi-
sode aired on March 9, 2008, Sabo was ready for clo-
sure — if disappointed about the end of such steady, lo-
cal work. “The Wire was a hard show in that it was real
life. The ghetto really brings you down. You feel ter-
rible people are living that way,” he says.

Sabo’s own life is a strange mix of stability and tran-
sience. He lives with his wife, Michelle, and their
three boys in Finksburg, Md., near both sets of grand-
parents. (His mom, Dora Sabo, was the College’s long-
time switchboard operator.) The kids go to the same
elementary school he did. And his union, the Alliance
of Theatrical Stage Employees, provides health insur-
ance and pension plans.

On the other hand, his 12- to 15-hour days and un-
predictable travel schedule make coaching his kids’
sport teams or even having dinner with them and put-
ting them to bed a rare luxury.

Last year, he left for Rhode Island in February to
work on Tell-Tale, then went straight to Pittsburgh to
shoot My Bloody Valentine and didn’t come home for
good until July. Sabo predicts more travel may be re-
quired in the future since Maryland ended its competi-
tive tax-incentive program that helped lure the film
industry to the state. Though the Past Life pilot was
shot in Baltimore, the studio will probably move the
filming of the series to the more tax-friendly Atlanta,
he says.

Good thing his “office” is a portable 24-foot truck.
Good thing his family has a lot of patience. And
good thing Sabo has contacts all across the
country.

He has also kept current on his stage-
hand union card, and that means he’ll be
able to stay home for the next few months
enjoying his summer job at Merriweather
Post Pavilion in Columbia managing be-
hind the scenes at rock concerts.

Seems Baltimore’s top prop master
really can find anything — most importantly,
his next gig. “I made a decision to make this
my career,” he says. “And I’ve been fortunate
because there’s never been a slow time. I’ve al-
ways worked.”

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Need some bling
on your ring
finger? Mike
Sabo has it.

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Dennis Quaid’s
briefcase played
a key role in
Smart People.

Mike Sabo ’91
worked with Anne
Hathaway on
Rachel Getting
Married.
"Any secrets today?" I casually asked the postmaster. I was already turning away, ready to mumble a disappointed “Thanks anyway” over my shoulder when he returned with a thick bundle of postcards. It had only been a couple of days since we flooded students’ mailboxes with invitations and hung fliers encouraging members of the campus community to divulge their regrets, fears, desires, and confessions, but I was already beginning to have my doubts about the project. Would anyone really take the time and effort to share their private secrets with us?

I had been inspired by Frank Warren, a native of Germantown, Md., who is the founder of PostSecret.com. He initiated an ongoing community art project in which people could anonymously share their secrets on one side of a handmade postcard and mail them to him. Some of the thousands of 4- by 6-inch artworks he has received since the project’s inception in 2004 were published in four PostSecret books, with a fifth hitting shelves this fall, and are posted weekly on an award-winning blog with a faithful following. I have been a fan of PostSecret since my freshman year of college when Warren’s first book came out. I remember flipping through the pages in awe while crouched in an aisle of a bookstore. I imagined how powerful it might be to publish the secrets of people right here at McDaniel — people I sit with in class, pass in Red Square, and live with in the residence halls.

As Founding President of Active Minds at McDaniel, a chapter of a national organization that works to promote awareness about mental health issues and resources on college campuses, I thought a campus PostSecret project would be a great way for our student advocacy group to expose and normalize some of the personal, yet universal concerns that students face. It would give the McDaniel community a venue to tell their story and be heard, without the risk of stigma and judgment. Most college students suffer from, or know somebody who suffers from, stress, anxiety, depression, or another mental illness. Juggling academic, extracurricular and personal demands, navigating
the transition to adulthood and struggling with the uncertainty of the future practically guarantee some amount of mental duress. The secrets project could prove both cathartic for those doing the sharing and comforting for those who would read the secrets and know that they are not alone.

In less than two weeks, more than 200 secrets poured into the Active Minds mailbox, exceeding all my expectations. McDaniel students, faculty and staff not only took the time to share their secrets but they presented them in the most creative ways, from pen-and-ink sketches to multimedia collages. A few were silly, but more were serious, and some were seriously sad.

The lighthearted and funny submissions were expected; it's a college campus, after all. One featured an ad for a pair of purple Crocs and read, "When I see someone wearing Crocs, I secretly wish they will fall flat on their face." Another said, "When my roommate is away, I feed her fish A LOT because I want them to get FAT." On a background of marshmallow Peeps, one reads, "There are few things I get more pleasure from than from watching Peeps explode in the microwave."

We also expected to receive secrets that would touch on serious issues that are common among college students. We were right. Many of the secrets expressed concerns about sexuality and love. Some people felt that they weren't having sex often enough; one was covered in day-of-the-week stickers from birth control and condom wrappers and read, "I wish I needed these." Others professed or questioned their sexual identity, "I am a lesbian and I have the biggest crush on the smart girl in my class," declared one. "When I was really young, I had a sexual experience with another girl. I've been afraid that automatically made me a lesbian ever since," said another. Two dealt with opposing views on premarital sex. The first: "When I hear other girls talk about how they're going to save themselves for marriage, I feel like a slut. I only slept with one person and I love him, but I can't shake the feeling that..."
those girls are better than me." The second: "It’s worth waiting with you, because I know our wedding night will be wonderful." Written in crayon, one postcard bared the secret, "I’m still waiting for my first kiss." Still others admitted a secret love: "I stare at you in GLAR and get ketchup when you get yours."

An overwhelming number of secrets reflected anxiety over body image. One person confessed, "I used to dance before I got fat." Another pictured a glamorous, airbrushed supermodel and read, "True happiness to me... is looking like this. Life’s not fair." One girl wrote, "I feel like less of a woman because I have small bOOb"s" and included two images comparing average and below average ("likemine") breasts. One secret featured a shocking image of an extremely thin woman looking in a mirror that reflected a heavier body and said, "Even two years later, I look in the mirror and see your face laughing at my body, your fingers grabbing my “problem areas” and your words piercing my heart." Images of laughing faces lined the edges of the postcard. One postcard came covered in a sea of frighteningly thin feminine bodies on which a harrowing secret is scrawled, "I cannot wait until my clothes start falling off my body and I can count on my ribs like an abacus. What have I become?"

Some of the more difficult secrets for me to bear were those dealing with sexual abuse and domestic violence. One came swathed in bubble wrap that explained, "I pretend my vagina is bubble wrap so he won’t hurt me."

Depression and loneliness were reoccurring themes. On one postcard, a hypnotic black and white spiral was offset by the words, "I am spiraling downwards on a daily basis." A secret decorated with a thundercloud with rain and lightning bolts read, "People think I’m an achiever, but I’m actually falling apart." Another secret also reflected this secret-life duality: "I am so lonely but I hide it really well. Every single day. You probably have no idea I feel this way." It pictured a young girl on an abandoned beach, peering out at the ocean. Another person sent out an anonymous "thank you" in their secret when they confessed, "I asked to use your printer so that I could spend 5 minutes away from my lonely apartment. Thanks!"

It occurred to me how little we really know about each other and the issues we privately deal with. This project could actually change the way we interact. I found myself wishing that the owner of the printer would see this secret and be moved to become better friends with the person who wrote it.

Kate Mastroianni, a counselor at the McDaniel College Wellness Center and one of Active Minds’ advisers, reminds us how important
it is to be aware that people we see every day are struggling with some very difficult issues and that it is not always easy to seek help for these problems. “I know firsthand how sensitive students are to the stigma of seeking help for mental health concerns,” she says. “It would be phenomenal if even one or two people decide to seek out help for their problems because of this project.”

The secrets were on public display in Decker College Center for a week. The exhibition was met with mixed emotions — viewers’ expressions ranged from smiles and giggles to eyes wide with shock to somber pondering. Alongside the secrets we displayed pertinent mental health information and places offering support services if needed. Dr. Holly Chalk, assistant professor of psychology and one of Active Minds’ advisers, tells me she was overwhelmed by the response by faculty and students. She notes that participants at the event included members from all areas of the campus community. “I think that broad participation at the event illustrated that Active Minds is not merely a club for psychology students. It’s clear that fighting stigma and creating a safe space for expression are important to people throughout campus.”

For Dr. Chalk and myself, the project embodies what McDaniel is all about: teaching students to think critically about the world in which they live and empowering them to respond creatively to challenges and problems they identify on their campus and beyond in the global community. Hopefully students read these secrets and related to some of them on a personal level, realizing that they aren’t alone on this campus — and that they don’t have to suffer anonymously.
Could a Flu Drug Be Sam Hopkins’ Next Big Thing?

By Kim Asch

Photographs by Steve Exum

hen the World Health Organization formally declared a flu pandemic in June, the pronouncement served as validation for years of Sam Hopkins’ work. Not that the savvy research scientist needed it. Hopkins ’80 has devoted his career to mapping treatments for some of the planet’s most pernicious infectious diseases, raising hundreds of millions of dollars for research and development, and guiding the pharmaceuticals to market.
He has already proven himself with a new class of drug to effectively treat HIV-1, the virus that causes AIDS. He is in the midst of developing a new treatment for the hepatitis-C virus that could augment the effectiveness of current medication and improve cure rates. Now Hopkins and a formidable team of colleagues are close to developing medication that would halt the flu virus before it can become deadly.

"I think we've got a very novel way to approach both pandemic influenza and seasonal flu in general," Hopkins says of his company, AutoImmune, which he formed with colleagues at Tulane University School of Medicine specifically to develop the flu drug. "It's very timely."

Innate timing, acquired nerve

Hopkins' innate sense of timing has not wavered since he took his first big, bold leap into the highly uncertain biotechnology business arena 16 years ago. His tolerance for risk is something he has acquired with age and experience.

"I feel like I've got a good sense of scientific intuition," says Hopkins, who has competed in triathlons for 25 years and knows more than a little about perseverance. "I also think you have to be an optimist in this field where failure is almost the uniform outcome."

Hopkins was taught by parents who grew up during the Depression to follow the sure, steady path from point A to point B, which he did for much of his early life. He left his hometown of Hagerstown, Md., to attend a college not too far away and majored in biology. Through hard work, a willingness to ask a lot of questions and to dedicate himself to hours of study, he aced some of the toughest courses in the sciences taught by some of the department's most demanding taskmasters, including chemistry professors Dave Cross and Rick Smith. Smith remembers Hopkins as an "independent thinker" who was "intense." He says, "Sam's always been a Type A personality. He's a fast runner, both literally and figuratively."

Hopkins was awarded one of just a few generous A.D. Williams predoctoral fellowships to attend grad school at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, where he earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry and biophysics. For a long while he was securely employed with the Wellcome Research Laboratories, a growing company in Research Triangle Park, the 7,000-acre epicenter of high-tech research and development between Raleigh and Durham, N.C.

But then came the opportunity in 1993 to become a co-founder of Trimeris and develop the drug that came to be known as Fuzeon, or T-20, using biotechnology he was certain would prove to be a breakthrough in the treatment of people infected with HIV-1.

Few people shared his conviction.

"You have to realize that this was a totally new class of drug, at least in terms of being used as an antiviral," says Robert Garry, a professor of microbiology and immunology at Tulane University School of Medicine who collaborated with Hopkins on Fuzeon and is now working with him at AutoImmune on the flu drug. "There were a lot of hurdles he had to overcome to get that done and all of them were very, very substantial."

In the 1990s, AIDS was being treated with a "cocktail therapy" that was promising at the time, but Hopkins predicted — accurately — that patients would become resistant to that approach. He and his team took a different tack: they targeted the proteins that controlled the entry of HIV-1 into cells by creating a chain of compounds, called peptides, that literally blocked HIV-1 from entering the cell.

Devising this new approach to HIV-1 treatment was almost the easy part. Turning theory into a tangible product was the larger challenge.

"The first thing you need to do is figure out how to make a lot of the drug to be able to even test it. The company had to develop methods to make this fairly large peptide and make it efficiently and make it the same way each time," Garry explains. "They spent many years doing it and had to raise a lot of money and Sam was involved in all of that."

Up to this point, Hopkins says, his business background was limited to balancing his checkbook. He learned how to write a business plan and discovered, to his delight, an innate ability to translate the dense scientific details of the Trimeris story into a language venture capitalists could understand. The first VC investor gave Hopkins $2 million, two years and 100 percent leeway to see if he could make the drug. "It was a do-or-die situation," Hopkins says. "It could either be the best thing I ever did or the worst thing I ever did."

Hopkins proved he could do it and became head of research, development and medical affairs for Trimeris. Over the next three years he raised nearly $25 million in private capital and then, after demonstrating the clinical utility of the new therapy, met with Wall Street bankers and analysts who advised him to go on a "road show" across the U.S., Canada and western Europe to raise financial support for an initial public offering. The proceeds from the offering would be used to grow the company and to support the clinical development of Fuzeon. Trimeris made its debut in October 1997 as a public company trading on the NASDAQ. Ultimately, during Hopkins' tenure with the company, Trimeris achieved a market capitalization of over $3 billion.

Hopkins' primary task for the company was to design the clinical and regulatory strategies that led to the global approval of Fuzeon. It was the first approval...
worldwide of a new class of drugs referred to as “Fusion Inhibitors.” In 2003, the FDA recognized the approval of Fuzeon as a “major milestone in HIV drug development.”

“Sam’s practically a rock star in the industry” for his ability to work in both the science and the business arenas, says Garry. “He’s a very savvy scientist and at the same time he knows the industry and what it takes to get a drug to market better than anybody I know. That’s a pretty unique combination of skills that few people have.”

Keeping it real

Through all of this wheeling and dealing, Hopkins’ colleagues note that he has also achieved another rare accomplishment in the pharmaceutical industry: “He’s retained his humanity; he’s a true mensch,” says Jay Lalezari, the director of Quest Clinical Research in San Francisco, who oversaw some of Fuzeon’s later-stage clinical trials and has since become a good friend.

Mike Saag, director of the Center for AIDS Research at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, concurs. He remembers how Hopkins was in the room, anxiously hovering when the first dose of Fuzeon was given to the first patient.

“I remember Sam sitting there and saying every three minutes, ‘You doin’ OK? You doin’ OK? How are you doin’ now?’” Saag says, with a laugh. “I had to pull him back and say, ‘Just chill.’ I think he got nervous. But the patient obviously did very well.”

Hopkins still chokes up when he talks about the unusual dinner meeting he shared 10 years ago in San Francisco with about a dozen desperately sick AIDS patients who were involved in the later stages of the Fuzeon study.

This kind of meeting almost never happens. Interaction with study participants is usually limited to
physicians, while the scientists and “the suits” typically stay sequestered in the more sterile environment of their labs and offices. But Lalezari suspected Hopkins might appreciate the chance to speak directly with people most affected by his work.

“One day I dealt with a lot of pharmaceutical companies and they tend to have these rather stultifying personalities. Sam really is an outlier in that he is a warm, genuinely caring, brilliant mind,” Lalezari says. “He’s not a born capitalist. He came to the business side late in life but it’s not why he does what he does.”

One by one, the AIDS patients sitting around the dinner table talked about how much the drug meant to them, and told Hopkins it was saving their lives.

Up to that moment, he says, much of what fueled his drive to succeed was the academic challenge of solving a scientific problem. “It was stunning. It still is very powerful to remember the experience,” says Hopkins, his voice cracking with emotion. “I mean, these were real people; they were somebody’s brothers or uncles or schoolteachers. It put my work in a completely different light.”

Following the successful sale of the Trimeris technology to industry giant Roche, Hopkins started and then sold a second company, Parion Sciences, that developed novel approaches to treating respiratory diseases, such as cystic fibrosis. While not a cure, Hopkins says the drug to treat CF does “solve a real problem” by acting on the basic biochemical malfunction that is responsible for most of the complications wrought by this lung disease. By regulating the function of the epithelial sodium channel, the drug helps clear accumulated mucus from the lung, he explains. “This preserves, and potentially restores, lung function while slowing the gradual erosion of innate immunity caused by CF.”

This time, it was all he could do not to think about the heartbreak CF causes and the people who could potentially be helped with the new treatment. “Nearly every day at Parion, I thought of my former professor, Dr. Cross, and the difficulties his late son and daughter had in dealing with the disease,” he says. “Davey Cross took classes with me at the College while he was still in his early teens. It was a double tragedy because you saw this kid who was exceedingly bright, but you knew he would never fulfill his adult potential because he wouldn’t live his normal life expectancy.”

Success for the public good

Now the chief scientific officer at Scynexis — also in Research Triangle Park — Hopkins has a happier daily reminder of his undergraduate alma mater: colleague Jason Valentine ’00.

“He is so good I don’t think he needs a mentor; I think he just needs someone to point and say, ‘Solve this problem,’” Hopkins says of Valentine, who earned his Ph.D. in chemistry at Emory University and completed his postdoctoral studies at Harvard. Valentine, an aspiring triathlete, does point out that Hopkins has “taken me to the pool to show me a thing or two about free style.”

With a wife and three children ranging in age from 7 to 11, Hopkins, 50, does his best to pace himself. Aside from his full-time position with Scynexis and his role as scientific adviser to his flu-drug startup, AutoImmune, Hopkins also serves on advisory boards of the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services. About 25 percent of his time is spent traveling to major cities in the U.S. and Western Europe.

But when he’s at home, he focuses his attention on the turtle the kids found in the garden and enjoys wacky movies like Raising Arizona.

“He needs his own down time and we’ve tried a lot in our life to not be so busy that we can’t just sit outside and watch the plants grow,” says his wife, Pam. Still, she says, the importance of Hopkins’ work is not lost on them. Their oldest daughter, Rachel, a budding scientist, is always asking him, “What’s happening with hepatitis-C?”

In May, Hopkins went to a conference in Copenhagen where he reported on the Scynexis team’s latest — and perhaps Hopkins’ most impressive — scientific success: a new drug for HCV, or hepatitis-C virus, that could increase the likelihood for curing many of the people who don’t respond completely to current treatments.

“I think this is the single biggest, most challenging thing I’ve ever done; this is the biggest win so far,” he says. “Three percent of the worldwide population is infected with HCV — that’s about 200 million people. So it has huge public-health implications.”

So, too, could the flu drug. Much of what Hopkins is doing with the flu has a direct link to what he learned about the treatment of HIV-1. “The flu is a virus that’s related to HIV-1,” he explains. “The same type of surface protein is present in each of the two viruses and allows each virus to recognize and infect the cell.” As with Fuzeon, the approach to his flu treatment again involves creating a peptide that can block that access.

Hundreds of labs in the U.S. are currently working on the flu and some are also turning their attention to the potential of peptides, says Robert Garry, Hopkins’ colleague at AutoImmune. But he adds, “Ours is very potent. Ours works against every strain we’ve thrown at it. We’re working on H1N1 right now.”

By all indications, the flu drug might be yet another win for Hopkins — a victory that couldn’t come at a better time for all of us.
Endowed Chair in Economics Honors Seidel

Board Chair Martin K.P. Hill and his wife, Kelly W., have made a $1.5 million gift to establish the Ethan A. Seidel Chair in Economics and Business Administration in honor of the professor and administrator who has served the College for more than four decades.

The first recipient of the endowed chair is Professor John L. Olsh, a 1967 alumnus and chair of the Economics and Business Administration Department.

"The Hills' gift advances the extraordinary teaching that is the hallmark of a McDaniel College education," President Joan Develin Coley said. "We deeply appreciate their great philanthropic and leadership commitment to McDaniel. It is a partnership that will continue to enrich our students' educational experience for many generations to come."

Marty and Kelly Hill chose to honor Ethan Seidel for his tenacious dedication to his students, to the College and to the Carroll County community. Seidel's teaching and leadership at many levels has yielded high dividends for those who seek his expertise and counsel, Coley said.

Marty met Seidel soon after he became a trustee and was impressed with the professor who, in addition to his full-time teaching load, was the Special Assistant to the President.

"In the Special Assistant role he seemed to have his hand in everything on campus," observed Marty. "In the ensuing fundraising campaigns, we learned that there are legions of students who almost genuflect when you mention his name. Everywhere we travel when the discussion turns to McDaniel College, someone mentions Ethan Seidel."

To date, the College has had only one endowed chair, the Laurence J. Adams Distinguished Chair in Special Education. Seidel said he knew the Hills intended their gift to endow a new chair, but "it came as a complete surprise" that they chose to recognize him in this way. He added, "It's an incredible honor."

A professor and vice-president of administration and finance, Seidel has been twice selected by his students for the Distinguished Teaching Award and was one of 20 economists nationwide to receive in 1982 the Leavitt Award for Excellence in Free Enterprise Education. As an administrator, he oversees a $56-million operating budget, recent campus construction exceeding $45 million, management of the College's endowment and operations including campus planning, improvements and maintenance, human resources, for-profit rentals and contractual agreements including Baltimore Ravens Training Camp and WMC Development Corporation.

The selection of John Olsh, a longtime colleague of Seidel's, as the first recipient of the Seidel Chair recognizes Olsh's unwavering dedication to teaching and mentoring nearly three decades of students — always holding them to the high standards he set in his own educational achievements. After graduating from what was then WMC in 1967, cum laude with departmental honors in economics, he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of California at Davis. He returned to the Hill in 1980 as associate professor of economics.

Serving as chair of the department for the past 10 years, Olsh is recognized by colleagues and students alike as the consummate teacher — engaging and challenging his students even while taking on extra classes during the regular semesters, January Term and over the summer.

Gift Highlights

$1.2 million bequest intention from Edwin C. Hermann Jr. '70 and Susan Burgard Hermann '77 for an endowed scholarship.

$200,000 from the Jesse Ball duPont Fund to provide scholarships for deserving students from Baltimore City. This gift qualifies for a dollar-to-dollar match from the France-Merrick Foundation.

The 2008-09 Report of Gifts will be posted on the College website in late September.

(From left) Ethan Seidel, Martin K.P. and Kelly W. Hill, John Olsh
Mary Humphreys is truly remarkable. She lives alone, drives and entertains former students. I am very blessed to have my son and daughter and son-in-law close by. My four grandsons and their families (four great-grandchildren) visit frequently. I have three angels who make it possible for me to live at home, go out to lunch and attend club meetings. I keep in touch by phone and notes with Mary Humphreys. My daughter visits Mary several times a year.

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As I begin this column, I recall that most of us first met 72 years ago. What a joy that we became classmates. There are 48 living and I heard from 22 of us.

Ruth Reese Hotes writes from Ponte Verde Beach, Fla., that she was a WAVE in World War II and married a carrier pilot, now Commander USN (ret.). Biking, reading and church activities keep her busy. Also, both children and grandchildren live in the same town as Ruth.

Mildred Gebhardt Raninen reports from Milwaukee, Wis., that the winter was very cold and snowy. Summers are always gorgeous. They made one trip to Manchester, Md., for her high school reunion and a few days in Ocean City. They welcomed a third grandchild this winter. She and Arnold are in good health and enjoy bridge and family.

Elinor Culligan Skelton, who did this column for many years, states that she still drives locally and enjoys her family in the area. While she lives nearby in Virginia she did not go to see our new president sworn in.

Annette Hutchins Wilfong still enjoys life at Asbury-Solomons Retirement Community, Solomons, Md. Bill and Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds ’42 Adolph are enjoying their three great-grandchildren. They spent a week in Stowe, Vt., at the Trapp Family Lodge, a week at the Greenbrier Hotel and two weeks in Florida with daughters Lorna and Brent Adolph Toomey ’75. The Adolphs live in Owings Mills, Md.

Margaret Rich Brown writes from Silver Spring.
class notes

Joe Rouse ’41 has been a U.S. Army lawyer for over 60 years. His 2008 travels took him to South America, the Middle East and Africa.

Phyllis Dietsch Farris attended her high school reunion from Dunedin, Fla., she says most of their traveling is in the past. She and Marguerite Hatch Little stay in contact as they were high school classmates.

Marguerite Hatch Little writes from Wilmington, Mass., that she is in good health. Her pleasures include reading and music.

Hazel Beard Guyer lives in Quincy, Pa., and stays active in her music. She still plays for church services and goes with her husband when he has an interim pastorate. She also keeps in touch with Frances “Frankie” Royer Copeland. She enjoys her two children and five grandchildren.

Elinore “Zeke” Jameson Deakyne lives at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster near her youngest daughter and sees lots of WMCers. She says, “Life is good.”

Don Honeman is another Westminster guy. He is getting ready for his 90th birthday in September. He sees lots of WMC grads and meets monthly at Boughers with Bill and Margaret Reynolds ’42 Adolph, Benjamin “Bud” Smith ’43 and John “Nemo” Robinson ’42.

Jeanne Shank Kelley lost her husband last September. She lives in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and enjoys great support from her three children, four grandchildren and two great-grands.

Bob Lambert reports from Frederick that their health is good but travel is limited. Their big news is that they are great-grandparents of quadruplets.

Catherine Councell Cherry is on the Shore at Ridgely, Md. She is still farming and driving her Silverado. She sees her two daughters often and recalls happy days in college.

Madeleine Schultheis Harper has moved to a nursing home (Chapel Hill, 4511 Robossom Rd., Randallstown, Md 21133). Drop her a note. She had been living with a daughter for 10 years in Owings Mills, Md.

Mary Hastings Phillips reports from Laurel, Del., that she lives independently and drives locally. She has devoted family nearby. Mary added a great-grandson and a pacemaker in 2008. She still enjoys concerts, plays, reading and day trips.

Leigh Venzke lives in Arlington, Va. He enjoyed a two-week trip last spring to Europe and the Middle East. This was the last trip for his wife, Margaret Moss Venzke ’43, who died in October. Daughter Margaret Venzke ’69 is chair of the history department at Stetson University. Daughter Mary lives in California.

Isabelle Zimmerman Martin, from Gaithersburg, Md., traveled to Russia on a cruise and enjoyed a trip to Maine. From her retirement home she gets to the Kennedy Center for concerts.

Joe Rouse has been a U.S. Army lawyer for over 60 years. His 2008 travels took him to South America, the Middle East and Africa. He has 13 grandchildren. He celebrates the big 9-0 in June in Randallstown, Md.

Lilian Bennett Mulvaney reports that she has lived in her present location for 12 years where everything is available. She feels well with lots of exercise, game playing and using her computer. Her home is in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Evelyn Bowen Paul lives in Virginia in the summer and St. Petersburg, Fla., in the winter. She sees lots of her daughter who lives in Clifton, Va.

Rachael Green Marsey lives in Shrewsbury, Pa., and enjoys her children and grands. She is lucky to have some family nearby.

I enjoy being your reporter as it takes me back to the Gold Bug. I am comfortable in my retirement home. We are all retired military here and have lots in common. Thank you for your replies which make the column possible.

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Thanks to everyone who responded to my request for news!

It is always sad to relay news of those in our class who have passed away. We send condolences to the families of Sue Fulford McAdams, who died July 7, 2008; Frank Thye who died Aug. 8, 2008; Francis Novak, who died Sept. 14, 2008; Helen Twining Kadlec, who died Dec. 21, 2008; and Diane Deland Herbert who died April 4, 2009.

Norma Lee Etzler Dennis writes that retirement is great but that three back operations in two years is quite enough. She and her partner took a cruise to Alaska and also to Nova Scotia and have planned a cruise to southern California and also to Hawaii in October. Her family is doing well. Her oldest granddaughter is a sophomore at McDaniel and loves it just as much as her grandmother did 50 years ago. Another granddaughter has signed a national letter of intent to play softball at St. Joseph’s in Philadelphia. The two youngest ones are also into sports and music. She had lunch with Kay Mitchell Kantorowski and her husband as they were headed south. Sherry
Phelps Jackson and Joanne Filbey Neil joined them. Retirement is making it possible for Eve Lallas to volunteer in many worthwhile causes such as her church, where she writes a monthly newsletter and serves on several committees; the annual Living American Flag program at Ft. McHenry; and political campaigns. Travel to southern Florida, a welcome break in the winter, and summer trips to New England are planned around gardening activities.

Manfred Joeres is doing well in Olympia, Wash., where he works one day a week, and enjoys seeing his four grandchildren, ages 5-9, often. Reading, two book clubs, Spanish lessons, working out, and, in the summer, boating, fills up his time. This winter they will spend two months in Phoenix, and are planning to come to the reunion, and then to see his sister in Baltimore.

Life is good, writes Kay Mitchell Kantorowski from central New York. A bit snowy with some sleet and rain thrown in, but they hoped to do some downhill and cross country skiing. They had a great year traveling throughout the south, Vermont, and New Hampshire in their RV, visiting their two sons and two granddaughters. This past summer they did quite a bit of canoeing near their home, and in the Adirondack Park, also hiking and biking. She says they are "blessed to be able to keep body and soul together, with regular exercise and trying to eat sensibly — not too many desserts!" She mentioned how much she enjoyed meeting with Sherry, Norma Lee and Joanne in October.

Bob Passerello writes from California that his family spent Thanksgiving at Big Bear, with everyone having fun catching trout. His great-grandson, 9, caught the two biggest, which became part of a big crab boil. He loves seafood and hopes to visit St. Michaels on the Eastern Shore to partake of our Maryland Blue Crab cakes. He was looking forward to the reunion, visiting and playing tennis with his classmates. He wants to know if he has any takers.

Dot Gross Grim sends greetings from Texas. She and her husband had just returned from a great Florida vacation with her family, Ed ‘60 and Barb Long ‘60 Gross. They were planning on seeing many of us at the reunion and are "joyously" looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary in September, hopefully with a whole family cruise.

Patricia Schaefer Anderson is looking forward to seeing everyone in May and ready to remember all the wonderful events of our class.

There was an interesting letter from DonnaLee Brown which I will quote. "Most of my time is spent in maintenance of mind, body, and spirit and searching for those parts which are either lost or temporar-

Archivist Seeks Papers of Early Female Grads

“We shall seek what is best to do, not what is most customary nor is everywhere approved. The discipline of this academy ought to give us a free and enduring mind without fear, without a passionate desire for position for which honor is the only good, infamy the only evil.”

Edith A. DeBerry who graduated in 1902 with majors in elocution, French and German, delivered these lofty words translated from their original Latin June 1902 to the trustees, faculty and administration. Winner of the Norment Prize for Elocution as a sophomore, “Madame” DeBerry went on to teach French at West Lafayette College in Ohio, where she met and married Howell Powell, a mathematics and science professor. In 1916, West Lafayette College was consolidated with Adrian College in Michigan. Coincidentally, Dr. Thomas H. Lewis served a dual presidency of both WMC and Adrian in 1902-04.

Thanks to her daughter, Eleanor Powell Scouten, DeBerry’s books and essays will be added to the College Archives and provide primary sources for research, according to archivist Barbara O’Brien. O’Brien is asking for more papers from McDaniel’s earliest women graduates.

“So many women graduated from here and led lives of leadership. We want any and all collections from alumnae; their value is most deserving of study to researchers here and beyond the College,” she says.

In a letter addressed to O’Brien, Eleanor writes that her mother, Edith DeBerry, shared a room with Clara Morgan that had a coal stove for heat and each day they went downstairs to get the day’s supply of coal. Upperclassman James Straughn, class of 1899, was quite popular with the coeds but singled out Clara and would serenade her nightly with his guitar. They eventually married and Straughn went on to West Lafayette College too. Later, Straughn became a bishop of the Methodist Church and served as chair of the WMC Board of Trustees for 10 years; he also holds the record for trustee longevity with 59 years.

For more information on donating memoirs and papers, contact Archivist O’Brien at Hoover Library or e-mail bobrien@mcdaniel.edu.
Most Faithful

Evelyn "Edie" Todd '59 graduated 50 years ago with a major in music. She lived in Iowa and Maine before settling in Old Lyme, Conn., in 1972. No matter where she was when Reunion Weekend came around, she always made sure to get back to the Hill. Todd has never missed even one of her 10 class reunions.

For her 50th, the composer and pianist was scheduled to play the organ at the traditional memorial service held on Sunday. During a practice session between Saturday's festivities, she obliged an eavesdropper by playing her most recent composition, "Soul Colors." It's a moving piece in a minor key. Todd warned: "You may like it or you may not, but I want you to feel it," and then she let her fingers say the rest.

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From Mongolia, With Love

Surrogate American parents and assorted "campus moms" were crucial to new alumna Ankhchimeg Byambasuren’s journey from her native Mongolia to the Commencement stage on the Hill. But the Business Administration major says she owes much of her success to her real mother, who made the trip to watch her receive her diploma thanks to a last-minute visitor’s visa.

Oyuntsetsel Dagva, a speaker of little English but her perpetual smile perfectly communicated her pride as she stayed by her daughter’s side during the May 23 festivities. “She raised me to be an independent woman,” Ankhchimeg says of her mother, a veterinarian. “I think I’m getting closer to that. I’ve become more sophisticated, more comfortable in the world.”

Ankhchimeg grew up in a small settlement in the arid countryside of Mongolia, a country in central Asia sandwiched between Russia and China. The family home is a traditional white yurt, a round, one-room tent with electricity but no inside plumbing. Ankhchimeg was a teenager selling trinkets along the side of a dusty road to raise money for private-school tuition when tourists from Maryland, Caleb and Janie Gould, stopped to buy souvenirs. Their conversation led to an instant friendship and that friendship ultimately brought Ankhchimeg to study at McDaniel five years later with the Goulds as her sponsor and surrogate family.

Upon arriving on the Hill as a sophomore, Ankhchimeg gave herself the more easily pronounced nickname “Chimgay” so prospective new friends would be more quick to address her. The name means “Lucky One” and has proven apt, she says. “Some of the best things have happened in these three years.”

Last spring, Ankhchimeg studied abroad at the Budapest campus, where she met students from all over the world — even another from Mongolia. She seized the opportunity to travel to Austria, the Czech Republic, England and Italy. Back in Westminster, she’s developed strong relationships with her host moms, sociology professor Debra Lemke, Tamara Bowen of the president’s office, and Sara Stokely, assistant dean of first-year students. And as her English has improved, her confidence has grown and so has her circle of friends.

“Now I can talk to anybody about anything,” she says. “I could be comfortable anywhere in the world.”

Ankhchimeg will be working part time in the accounting department of a real estate development company owned by the Gould family and plans on going to graduate school to earn an M.B.A. next year. Meanwhile, she has given up her nickname for her given name, reasoning that since she’s made the effort to speak English fluently her friends can at least make the effort to pronounce Ankhchimeg (ON-CHI-MEG).

Besides, the name suits her better now. It means “First Miracle” and, as her mother’s first-born child, she intends to make her McDaniel graduation the first of many miracles to come.
Hobart Steps Up

Donald J. Hobart ’62 is the new president-elect of the Alumni Association, set to succeed Corynne Courpas ’76 as president July 1.

An expert in kinesiology, Hobart taught anatomy at the University of Maryland at Baltimore for more than 20 years and his popularity with students was proved when they endowed a scholarship in his honor in 1991. As assistant chair and associate professor of the UM Physical Therapy Department, Hobart was a driving force in establishing its alumni association and annual giving program. He’s committed long-term to his alma mater too.

He currently serves on the McDaniel Alumni Council and as a visitor to the Board of Trustees. His organization and tracking of classmates has resulted in record attendance at reunions and participation in the Annual Fund.

Hobart appreciates his McDaniel education, one where retired professors like Drs. Royer, Sturdivant and Kerschner taught him to think logically. As students, “we were asked to be problem solvers before problem-solving was a buzz word,” says Hobart.

“Dick Clower [physical education faculty] made problem-solving a priority and teaching a valued skill; Bill Tribby taught me to write; and Bob Waldorf taught perseverance and how to work with people,” he adds.

Currently Hobart manages Rehab Essentials, a distance-learning program that contracts with national universities to offer a program of study for physical therapists seeking to upgrade their degrees to the doctoral level. “It’s a great job,” he says, one that allows him to work from home in Westminster.

There, he and wife, Janice Mooney ’63, stay active in all things McDaniel and volunteer to ensure that the education they enjoyed will continue for current and future students.

to vacation in Nova Scotia. Her son, Mike, lives in Bethesda with his family which includes a son and twin daughters; her daughter, Heidi, lives in Bel Air, with her family of three sons and a daughter; Joe and Becky live in Texas with their five children. Pat and her husband have bought a condo in Forest Hill, not far from Bel Air which makes it easier to visit everyone. They are planning a cruise to Alaska in May.

Ellen Richardson Sauerbrei writes that she and Cathy Sewell Johnson are planning a trip to Italy in March to visit Pat Schaefer Anderson in Bologna where Pat and her husband have been staying for a six-month sabbatical.

Sonja deBey Alcon continues to be involved with many Masonic activities serving as an officer in seven of their organizations, doing fund raising for two of them and as chair of a large benevolent project. She lives in York, Pa., and is in Westminster often. She was unsure about attending the reunion as she hasn’t well lately.

Roy Kennedy writes from Keswick, Va., outside of Charlottesville, where both of his daughters and their families live and where there is plenty of space for him and his dog, Rudy, “the Wonder Dog,” to roam. He continues to keep busy playing tennis and squash on a regular basis. He also travels from time to time, going to Europe with his youngest daughter and some longtime friends last summer. He was looking forward to seeing everyone at the 50th.

Ginny Pott Braunwarth and her husband have had a busy time cruising on the stern-wheeler, Empress of the North, for a week-long trip on the Columbia River in April; enjoying a concert in Atlantic City, staying with friends in May; spending a week with their children and grandchildren in Ocean City in June; followed by a trip to Pittsburgh; then a second week at the ocean in late summer, followed by a trip to Ohio to visit their son and grandchildren. A planned trip to Tucson had to be rescheduled due to some medical issues but that is now on the schedule for this year. They both continue to work at their church with many different activities and hope to see us all at the reunion.

I was pleased and honored to receive an Alumni College Service Award in October ’07. There was a wonderful luncheon at which the awards were made, followed by all the Homecoming festivities. For those of you who have been hearing me say “one more year of teaching” for the past many years, this is it! I am retiring July 1, and really looking forward to it. I have been at my school, Somerset Elementary in Chevy Chase, for 25 years and still love the teaching part — the other parts involving incredible and increasing amounts of paperwork and assessing, I will not miss. Dan and I plan to travel more, with a tentative trip to New Zealand and Australia next February. Even though we are fortunate to have all the grandchildren close, in Montgomery Village, Bethesda, and Richmond, it will be wonderful not to have to plan activities with and for them around my school schedule.

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1965 Reunion April 30 – May 2, 2010

Thank you all for responding to my request for news. Every piece of news I received came via e-mail, a first for our class! Your classmates really enjoy hearing from you and appreciate the time you take to send your updates.

Janet Shell Anderson is an attorney in Lincoln, Neb. This past summer Jan and her husband, Stan, vacationed with two of their sons and their daughter-in-law in northern Minnesota on Lake Vermilion. A hot air balloon with a Texas millionaire and other passengers just about crashed landed on the house where they stayed and knocked out the power! They landed unharmed in a tree nearby.

Bill Carter finally retired in 2008 after 28 years in the Army and 15 years with Booz Allen Hamilton. He commuted for his last 10 years at Booz Allen from his mountain home in Cascade, Md., to northern Virginia, 150 miles round-trip. Upon retiring, he was asked to join the Board of Directors of The One Mountain Foundation, a non-profit organization that actively promotes and supports historical preservation, community improvement projects, and cultural activities in the mountaintop area of the former Fort Ritchie Army base and Cascade, Md., and Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. He was elected as vice-chair of the Board for 2009-2012 term. He is also very active in the Maryland Masonic CHIP (Childhood Identification and Protection) Program and coordinating the conduct of the program in the eastern portion of Washington County, Md. Retirement life is great, especially since it has allowed him to spend more time with his four grandchildren and to start all the projects that never seemed to get going while working.

Ed Daniels is finally retiring from his day job, supervising other psychologists and counselors, but will continue a part-time private practice in Philadelphia. Ed does a lot of psychological evaluations for UPENN. He lives in a great condo in downtown Philadelphia with a wonderful view of the city skyline and Ben Franklin Bridge. Anyone traveling to the area, give him a call. In September ’08 Ed took his two daughters to Paris to show off his wife’s favorite city. Ed will be skiing the Rockies with some of his eight grandchildren in 2009 and returning to London and Paris sometime later in the year and then off to South America and Antarctica in 2010.

After spending two-plus years in Dubai at Zayed University as the dean of the College of Information Technology, Dianne Briggs

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Martin is back at George Washington University as the associate dean for student affairs in the engineering school. In that role he is responsible for recruiting new engineering students and both the graduate and undergraduate level. Diane also continues to teach one course per semester as a computer science professor. Husband Dave ‘62 runs the law enforcement legal defense fund, which provides legal assistance to police officers who run into trouble doing their duty. Their daughter, Jennifer, lives in Durham, N.C., with husband Pete and two children, Ruby 6, and Buddy. Jennifer helped to establish the speech pathology program at Duke University Hospital where she continues to work part-time. Son Chuck works at George Washington University as an IT network engineer and systems analyst. He just completed his MS in IT management from the George Washington Business School. Diane and Dave had a wonderful trip to China last summer, and Diane was invited to speak in Moscow in October after a 20-year hiatus. The modernization they saw in both China and Russia was quite astounding.

Susan Snodgrass Case writes that she and Sam ’63 are retired and were getting ready to go to Yellowstone for the second time, snowshoeing with children and grandchildren. What a wonderful experience for the grandchildren — ages 4, 7, 8, and 9 — to see wolves, bisons, and lots of elk up close. They traveled to Italy in September and October with Charlie ’65 and Mara Dison Walter on a hike up to the Clave Terre. The sights were spectacular, as was the food. The College remains a real focus for them. The campus has never looked more beautiful and there are many exciting ventures taking place. They encourage all to get back. Their door is always open to any visitors. G ary A Colangelo retired last July after 37 years in the dental profession. He is still active as program chair for the American Association of Dental Consultants, vice president of the Maryland Board of Dentistry for the Handicapped, member of the Maryland Dental Action Committee and a member of the Delaware Coalition for Oral Health. Gary just finished editing a book for Dental Clinics of North America, Oral Health Care Access in the United States. He resides in Rehoboth Beach with his partner, Jerry, and Ziggy, a Weimaraner. Gardening, surfing, fishing, local politics and singing in a church choir occupy his time. Joyce Russell Miller ’s family has expanded since the last column. They now have three sons-in-law and a new granddaughter. In October ’08, Jim completed a two-year stint as president of the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association, a position that took all of the family to explore the world with a chance to meet some fascinating people. Their travels included a cruise on the Baltic and a week in Bologna, Italy, at Hopkins campus of the School of International Studies. Their hope is to go back to Bologna for a month of intensive Italian. Joyce continues to run her title searching company but the economy has made that a challenge. Since she provides day care one day a week for Peyton Grace, their first grandchild, the slow down works just fine. They had a chance to catch up with Tom and Debbie Dudley Michaels when they came to Joyce and Jim’s daughter Amanda’s wedding in September ’08. Marge Engel and her husband, Steve Boyle, joined them on the Alumni tour to the Baltic. Retiring is not in the immediate future.

The big news from Ben Laurence is that he will be leaving USA Today after 23-plus years, and a total of over 40 years in the advertising business … note he doesn’t use the R word because he hasn’t gotten ready to call it that yet. He’ll take some time to do some of those things he and his wife haven’t been able to do during their 40 years of marriage. Tim and Jennifer did an excellent job of running their business consulting arena. His passion still continues to be to travel internationally and he plans to do more of that in 2009. Their full-time residence will be the renovated farm house on what was his great grandparents’ farm in Hanover, Pa. No more splitting time between there and Virginia.

Elliott ‘92 and Jennifer ‘90 Baker are having their 10th wedding anniversary in June. They spent a lot of time with the kids and grandkids, Sandy, Matt, Ben, 8, Lexie, 5, and Ken, Alison, Everett, 3. Katerina, 1. She visited Carol Morelock Patterson ’66 in Niagara Falls, vacationed in West Palm Beach, Deep Creek Lake, Fl. Ft. Lauderdale, and took a 14-day cruise through the Panama Canal. The house projects get put aside when someone suggests going somewhere.

Connie Bue Schlee’s home base is Frederick, Md., where she is involved with the art community and works part time at McGuire Fine Arts, where her work is displayed periodically. Her son, Chris, and his family live close by and her grandsons, Cory and Collin, are involved in every sport imaginable including futsal, which Connie says you have to scot to believe. Her daughter, Lauren, and her family are in Parkland, Fla., where Connie loves to visit her other grandsons, Riley and Evan. Connie’s big trip in 2008 was to China just prior to the Olympics. Al and Connie also spend time in Bethany Beach, Del., where they have a home, and in Siesta Key, Fla., in January. Carole Price Frederikson joined them for a visit in Florida. They contacted Jerry ’64 and Fran Sybert Baroch who lived in the Sarasota area and joined them for dinner at their beautiful home in Osprey. They were in sunny Florida as of this writing and were to leave for a long trip by car for home via New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Asheville and Durham.

Betsy Rosenbaum ’05 to Robert Cassell on August 31, 2008. They reside in Eldersburg, Md.

Mark Wheeler ’05 to Ellen Inverso ’07 on June 28, 2008. They reside in Downingtown, Pa.

Bonnie Yates ’05 to Matthew Adkins on September 20, 2008. They reside in Walkersville, Md.

Curtis Reichart ’06 to Jennifer Goldstein ’07 on May 1, 2008. They reside in Reading, Pa.

Jennifer Gloss ’08 to Nicholas Girard on April 4, 2009. They reside in Mt. Airy, Md.

Margaret Caddick ’77 to Bob Martin on October 12, 2008. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

David Sinclair ’00 to Angela Cass on October 18, 2008. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Brooke Vizzi ’01 to Rangleing King on October 11, 2008. They reside in Charlotte, N.C.

Angela Zagami ’01 to Paul Amisano on May 17, 2008. They reside in Cary, N.C.

Jeffrey Grever ’02 to Gail Budke on August 23, 2008. They reside in Worthington, Ohio.

Carrie Vivian ’04 to Tim Pistle on July 5, 2008. They reside in Bel Air, Md.

Danielle Kerestensy ’05 to Alfred Martin Litarco on November 8, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Md.


Ginny Krebs Wright is settled back in SI. Charles, Ill., after three-and-a-half years in the Carmel/Monterey area of sunny California. She and Steve enjoy being near their daughter’s family including two granddaughters, Dylan, 4, and Haley, 2, and their son who lives in Chicago. Ginny has become ac-
The following is a list of awards presented to 2009 reunion classes based on their corresponding achievements. Alumni Association President-Elect Don Hobart ’62 announced the awards in McDaniel Lounge following President Coley’s State of the College Address. Fine crystal trophies and bowls are engraved with the winners’ class years and are on permanent display in Harrison House.

**Green Terror Award** - Presented to the Class of 1974 with 63 classmates each making a commitment to the 2009 Annual Fund.

**Top of the Hill Award** - Presented to the Class of 1969 who raised the most gifts, totaling $201,446 for the Annual Fund, Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel including capital and special projects, and the endowment.

**Green and Gold Award** - Presented to the Classes of 1949 and 1959 with the most active reunion volunteers. These classes had 11 members working on their planning committees.

**Whimsy (WMC) Award** - Presented to the Class of 1959 with highest number of alumni and guests (a total of 80) returning for reunion.

**Carpe Diem Award** - Presented to the Classes of 1959, 1964 and 1999, who achieved the largest increase in number of donors to the Annual Fund over the previous year. An additional 12 classmates made gifts this year in honor of their reunion.

**Old Main Award** - Presented to the Class of 1959, who raised nearly $22,893, achieving the largest total dollar commitment to the Annual Fund.

**The Class of 1949**

Lettive in the Prairie Star Quilters Guild and chaired the making of 18 raffle baskets for their 2008 show, which raised $1,700 for charity. Making quilts is still her favorite pastime. She and Steve both sing in the choir at church and may take a singing trip to England in 2010 with the group. Steve is working for HSBC and luckily works from home with one day a week at the office. They enjoy the lake cottage in Indiana which they visit often. A few trips to Florida round out their year.

Four years after retiring from Towson University Sam Helms took a full time position as a crime analyst with the Baltimore County Police Department. After more than three years there he decided to re- retire. In his leisure time he travels back and forth to Chestertown, Md., to visit his son, Andrew, who is teaching economics at Washington College.

Lester "Bo" Knepp has bad news as well as good. His son, Daniel Andres Knepp, died on Jan. 2, 2004, the result of an accidental fall. He was 22 and a junior at New York University. They miss him more than can be conveyed. Bo’s dad, Colonel Lester “Bo” Knepp Sr., died in 2007 of Alzheimer’s disease. Bo’s father is in the College’s Sports Hall of Fame, and gave the address when Bo and the other ROTC cadets in the class of 1966 were commissioned. Bo says these two deaths on either side of him made him feel like the last man standing for a while, but he has his grandsons to cheer him up, especially since his daughter and son-in-law gave them both the last name Knepp. In memory of the uncle they never knew. All the rest of his news is good. His oldest daughter, Tanya, and her husband, Dylan, have two little boys, Santigo and newly arrived Joaquin. Daughter Veronica is finishing her doctorate in physical therapy at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences.

And Bo says that “in a splendid example of what Dr. Johnson called the triumph of hope over experience,” he was married to Therese Cheryl Giles on Aug. 23, 2008. The bride had broken her leg in June, but made it down the aisle on crutches. Cheryl is a nurse at Fletcher Allen Medical Center in Burlington, Vt. She has three children and two (soon three) grandchildren of her own. A few months ago, Bo stopped editing medical journals, something that had kept him busy for seven years. He is focusing on his real estate investments, looking for something else to do in writing or editing, and milking social security while it’s still around. He knows from The Hill that his old frat brother Ron Gartin and his wife, Joan Smith, Bo’s favorite waitress when he worked in the dining hall, are also in Vermontland, a “fairs 19th-century agricultural theme park for wealthy strangers.”

Gregory Tassey is still senior economist, National Institute of Standards and Technology — closing in on 35 years. A little over a year ago — closing his fourth book on the technology-based economy. With the current economic situation and the new administration, he is busier than ever and does not expect to slow down for the foreseeable future. No time for golf anymore. Greg and his wife live in northern Montgomery County (Boys) with their cat and horse. Their son has a thriving tree service business near New Orleans and their daughter is a market development manager for Microsoft. They accumulate frequent flier miles at a pretty good pace.

Fran Sybert Baroch is living with husband Jerry ’64, in Osprey, Fla. They are enjoying golf and tennis in their country club community. Sarasota has a wealth of cultural opportunities. Fran especially enjoys the Sarasota Opera. She keeps up with Mara Dilson Walter, Sue Snodgrass Care, Claire Roker Oates, Carole Price Frederick, Connie Bue Schlee and Nancy Whitworth McIntyre when she visits the Baltimore area in the spring (and when they come to Florida!). They also see Larry Denton and Sue frequently. Their son, Patrick, resides in Seattle, Wash., and daughter Amy in L.C., so these cities are great sites for their visits to the kids. Their last trip overseas was to China.

Eric Wagner is working part time in the athletic department of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. He serves as the assistant golf and tennis coach and also works on the annual fundraising golf tournament. He enjoys recruiting and meeting with student athletes. His wife also works there. Eric lost his dad, 92, in November. Eric and his wife visited their son, Brent, in San Diego during
Thanksgiving week. Brent works for Northrup Grumman Information Technology. Their daughter is completing school at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va. She was on a soccer scholarship and completed her career last fall. In his spare time Eric plays a lot of golf, runs, and tries to stay in shape. The Waggener family usually travel south to the Carolinas several times during the winter months.

Marilyn Hahnefeld Wockley retired in June '08, leaving the school where she had worked for 25 years. Since Ray '67 had retired a few years ago, they both love having time to do things they'd put off for so long. It also gives them time to keep up with their children and three new grandchildren, 9 months to 2 years. Their son, Bryan, his wife and two boys are currently in Astana, Kazakhstan, where he is working for the U.S. State Department. Their daughter, Melissa, and her family, including grandson number three, are living in the Berkshires. They have enjoyed spending recent holidays with them in Massachusetts. Marilyn and Ray still spend most of the summer and early fall in Bethany Beach, Del., and are always happy to hear from WMC friends. They’re easy to find since they are the only Wockleys in Maryland and Delaware.

Lebah Winter was reporting that her husband, Barry Dorfman, and she have relocated from Morro Bay to Alameda, Calif., just across the water from Jack London Square in Oakland. They made a big life change and sold their home. They now live in a retirement home so no more cooking and not much cleaning either. They are very close to their kids and grandkids which is very nice. They are still trying to get unpacked. It’s so much fun trying to downsize!

Bob and Char-Lou Swenson Dinger continue to enjoy retirement in the small college town of Chico, Calif., located 90 miles north of Sacramento. They usually get in one foreign trip a year (Norway, Belgium, Netherlands, and Germany in 2007), but this past year their main travel venture was to get their three sons and their families together near Salida, Colo., for a week of rafting, mountain biking, and hiking. They have four grandchildren from six to ten years old. Their son, Keith, is a geophysicist with the University of California Riverside, son Geoff is a fire fighter in Mountain View, Calif., and son Eric is an aquatic ecologist with the National Park Service in southern Oregon. Eric can be seen and heard in a documentary currently making the rounds on PBS entitled “A River Reborn” about the removal of a dam on Fossil Creek in northern Arizona. Bob has become an accomplished woodworker, and he particularly enjoys building reproductions of arts and crafts furniture from the early 20th century. He also hikes and backpacks. In the last several years he’s backpacked across the Olympic Peninsula in Washington and taken numerous trips in the California Sierras. Bob and Char-Lou both backpacked last summer in Lassen Volcanic National Park. Char-Lou is still enjoying quilting however she has become addicted to knitting socks. She is now on Facebook and regularly looks for WMC classmates. Recently, she enjoyed getting in contact with Diane Simpson Krell ’64. They haven’t seen any of their classmates lately in their corner of California, but would enjoy a visit from them anytime.

Ron and Joan Smith Garvin’s move to peaceful, scenic Vermont continues to be a blessing. So far their health is good so they’re physically active and spend a lot of time outdoors and with their grandchildren. Their log home renovation is nearly complete, giving them time for more motorcycle and snowmobiling, and Ron is active in the local snowmobile club. He is fortunate that his consulting career in the automotive industry allows him to live anywhere, and affords him the flexibility to pursue his hobbies. Ron had the trip of a lifetime last July when he and Von and Loran rode their Harleys from Vermont to Alaska and back. They clocked almost 11,000 miles, camping out much of the time, and returned with hundreds of gorgeous photos and exciting tales. Retirement’s relaxing pace has been a welcomed change for Joan, giving time for the grandparents and gardening. They love having guests, so give them a call!

Margorie Engel writes that the last of their five daughters to say “Yes” was Beth Waldron ‘93 to Dennis Casey. The family gathered in Virginia Beach for that celebration in May ‘08. This wedding gave them two ready-made grandchildren and, with two more twins born during the summer, bringing their “grand” total to 13 (their lucky number) and eight grandchildren and five grandsons. In June ‘08, Steve and Margorie toured the Baltic countries with Margorie's college roommate, Joyce Russell Miller ‘65 and her husband, Steve. In January ‘09, their entire family flew or drove to Baltimore for an evening tribute to Margorie’s dad who lives in the Charles Town Retirement Community.

After five years of research and data organization, Margorie is finally beginning the writing stage of her historical novel. They continue to spend their summers at their cottage in Maine where they and their grandchildren gather, and head West to their home in Arizona for the winters. The last of their big trips will take place in fall ’09 when they cruise across the Pacific to circumnavigate Australia and New Zealand. Over the years, they have circled the world by air and this trip will complete the route by boat. When the winter weather gets to be a bit much, consider an Arizona visit. They’re offering an open invitation.

Bob Addy is celebrating 10 years of retirement this year. Bob has done volunteer work in a local elementary school and works weekly at the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities and Meals on Wheels. Highlights of his travels include trips to Greece, Alaska, an annual trek to the California wine country and three trips to Hawaii in the past year and a half. (His godchildren have figured out that Hawaii is a great place for a destination wedding.)

Jerry Wicklein is semi-retired from full-time ministry in the United Methodist Church. He retired in 2006 and started serving a small rural church in northern Baltimore County part time. Jerry is enjoying retirement with Pam Gebhard ’68 who continues her work as a pastoral counselor in private practice. They live in Timonium, Md., where Jerry enjoys his ‘77 MGB roadster and old English sheepdog, Lucy. They have four grandchildren, two in Maryland and two in Massachusetts and travel to New England often.

Pamela Wolfe Roblyer has stayed in her home in the historic district of Annapolis following the death of her husband, Jerry Powell, in April 08. She has recently been working with an historic district contractor to make further renovations to her two-year-old house. Pamela is still working for IBM as a proposal writer and manager and is fortunate to be able to work exclusively from home. Her daughter, Nicole Roblyer Fickes, lives in Lancaster, Pa., with husband Andy and son Quinn ‘2. Nicole gives private instruction in voice and piano. Pamela’s son, Giles Roblyer, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with wife Meredith and son Nicholas ‘2. Giles is in his second year at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and was recently selected as editor-in-chief for the University of Cincinnati Law Review.

Meredith Fordham retired in 2006 after 20 years teaching for the Miami-Dade County School District. Now she works at living a healthy lifestyle, doing volunteer activities and taking courses. It’s a very welcomed change of pace. As for alumni sightings, she spent time with Dave Selikowitz ’63 in January among his always convivial entourage celebrating his birthday.

Mike Schlee retired in October ‘07 after 40 years with The American Legion National Headquarters in D.C. In four decades of government relations, he met a lot of great folks, traveled throughout the U.S. plus a dozen or so foreign trips. Cheryl, his significant other, is still working so Mike splits his time between Old Town Alexandria and their retirement cottage in Sussex County, Del. Mike obviously prefers the slower lower-Delaware pace. He is the proud father of two children, twins Lauren and Chris, who have blessed them with four grandsons. Mike stays wired with a lot of WMC pals at the biannual Bachelor reunions.

Ed Welch is now completing his 20th year as president of the University of Charleston (W.Va.). He’s been fortunate to be recognized as the “Spirit of the Valley” (the person who best exemplifies the desired spirit for
Three New Trustees Are Familiar Faces

Christopher C. Newman '88 of Timonium, Barbara Payne Shelton '70 of Towson and Thomas D. Welliver of Westminster were named to the McDaniel College Board of Trustees at the business meeting held on campus April 18. They join the 44-member Board led by Chair Martin K.P. Hill.

Newman (pictured here) is senior Institutional Sales Executive for the Global Investment Service division of T. Rowe Price where he has worked since graduating from McDaniel in 1988 with a business administration and economics major. He later earned an M.B.A. from Loyola College of Maryland. Newman represents McDaniel College on the Independent Colleges of Maryland Board.

Barbara Payne Shelton is a recognized expert in the education and development of young children. Shelton's work focuses on improving the quality of early education and care through teacher-preparation degree programs she designed for both traditional and nontraditional students. Shelton has traveled to Cuba, China and England to study early childhood development in these diverse cultures. She graduated from McDaniel in 1970 and earned a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in Education from Towson University and a Ph.D. in Education from NOVA College. Shelton serves as co-chair of the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network.

Welliver is a CPA and since 2001, serves as CFO at Merritt Properties, LLC. A resident of Westminster, Welliver volunteers on several community boards including the Westminster Community of Shalom, the Community Foundation of Carroll County, and the Westminster and Harford County Boys and Girls Clubs. Welliver earned his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and is the son of the late Daniel Welliver, alumnus and longtime medical director at McDaniel.
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Lillian Marie Barnum, on May 11, 2007, to Sean and Lisa Telmanowski '00 Barnum.

Nathan Christopher Bugel, on November 26, 2008, to Christopher and Kristen Kwiatkowski '00 Bugel.

Aubrey Calhoun, on February 2, 2008, to Shaun '00 and Allison Calhoun.

Evelyn Jayne Duvall, on May 25, 2007, to Jason and Kerry Wilson '00 Duvall.

Haley Knupp, on February 25, 2008, to Brian and Elton Elizabeth Keith '00 Knupp.

Nicholas Thomas Phillips, on December 13, 2008, to Christian '00 and Patricia Harrison '01 Phillips.

Stevie Alexandra Schultz, on March 10, 2008, to Joseph and Carrie Herb '00 Schultz.

Dylan Kane Taber, on December 1, 2007, to Robert '00 and Shannon Taber.

Tyler Jon Bepko, on January 4, 2009, to John and Amy Horin '01 Bepko.

Nicholas Clark Collins, on October 10, 2008, to Darren and Karen Orchard '01 Collins.

Andrew James Ingram, on May 25, 2008, to Brad '01 and Dana Fraser '01 Ingram.

Rhiannon Lydia Kelly, on January 16, 2009, to Jeremiah '01 and Aimee Kelly.

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Back on the Mat

Jim Schartner's faith took him back to Sin City this spring. Normally, Las Vegas would be the last place you'd find the 60-year-old high school wrestling coach and his wife, Ginny, who are both devout Christians. They don't smoke. They aren't drinkers. And, more importantly in this case, they don't gamble. But promise Schartner '72 there will be a wrestling mat in town and, better yet, he'll have the chance to compete, and he's all in.

That's why, for a couple days in April, he and Ginny could be found in Vegas, where he competed in the United States Veterans National Championships for the second straight year.

"I'm thankful my health still allows me to do it," Schartner said. "I'm using the gifts that God has given me."

Less than a month before turning 60, the 5-foot-3.5 Schartner still saw plenty of room for personal growth. He was the bronze medalist at 138.3 pounds last year in the freestyle and Greco-Roman competitions for the 56- and older division.

Starting in January, he was on the mat training twice a day, six days a week. And he decided to cut most of the sugar out of his diet to help him get down to a more comfortable weight class, 58 kilograms or 127.75 pounds.

Since he has returned to the mat as a competitor, Schartner feels that his faith is stronger and he's a better coach.

"I believe that God is telling me to do this for a reason and one of them is to help my coaching," he said.

He's also gotten a better handle on Vegas, which is actually a place he is starting to like. He's already talking about going back next year.

Greg Swatek

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Reunion at Jody Waters' house near Ocean City. "Imagining," he said, "only one Preacher, amongst 20 to 30 Bachelors." It was wonderful seeing so many classmates from the '60s and early '70s. Finally, another Preacher, Tom "Lumpy" Brown '72 and his wife showed up. "Then we really had numbers." Leon was glad so many folks got to spend time with Jim Nopulus '72 before he passed away. Getting around to himself at last, Leon says he and Betty are doing well, with him still enjoying retirement and Betty still working. "Nothing wrong with that picture!" he wrote. Leon stays busy with volunteer organizations, hunting and fishing, and, for the past three years, tying approximately 700 to 800 trout flies for a local sport shop. The Cronce's stay in touch with Wayne '73 and Clare Sommers, who live in Florida, but visit New Jersey a lot.

My first whine didn't even get through to Coe and Jeannie Sue Sherrard, but the second one got a reply. They've dropped back into the regional WMC/McDaniel zone (Woodstock, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley, only two hours south of campus) and they've had lots of visits from alumni, so their "news" is sort of already "out there" in the Greenboro Booster community. Jeannie and Coe own a little cafe (actually two little cafes) in a gorgeous town within 90 minutes of D.C. and right off I-64. Coe says it's the best job he's ever had... because he finally has a "boss I like. That would be either Jean or me, depending on who's in charge that day," Jean wonders what part of "retirement" calls for 12 hours per day, seven days per week. Coe sometimes has to remind her that, "This isn't work, it's fun." Coe reports that Jean is the town's favorite person, and most of their employees are happy to have her as a surrogate mother. Their own kids are still the joys in their lives, and all doing well. "We feel extremely fortunate to be who we are, and where we are!"

Kindly referring to my whining as "a way with words," Darlene Richardson Robison sent me a bunch of un-newsworthy news. As if her "counting down to 60" isn't bad enough, she reminded "then aren't we all?" Argg, "I don't feel older — pricey I am, wiser," she said. "I am also an inch shorter and cannot be called "Bitty Boll" (one of my college nicknames) anymore. Except for the wider part... not sure about all of that!" Darlene also doesn't plan to see her "natural hair color" ever again. I can relate. She wants to ride in a hot air balloon to celebrate, probably tethered, maybe not. "Steve '72 and Darlene are also counting down to their 35th anniversary and counting down until "more mortgage payments." And they're not even retired. They're in their second decade at Otterbein United Methodist Church. "It is a really good match — them and us," Darlene says. "Every day life is really good and never boring."

Carol Graves Koffinke is chagrined that she hasn't been in touch for many years. Carol's "significant news" is that she started a management consulting company back in 2002 which is doing well and now has over 100 employees. She lives in Bel Air, Md., with her husband of 30 years who works for the Department of the Army. Carol's daughter is mom to their two grandchildren (one boy, one girl). They are a huge source of joy despite the fact that they are up north in Massachusetts. Their son is studying engineering at the University of Texas and living in San Antonio. "Life has taken me far from my music major days at WMC," Carol says, but she still plays with theatre and wrote a show that may get produced this summer. You go, girl! Skiing and white water kayaking are high on her list of fun things to do. She says "As long as I stay far away from sports dependent on eye-hand coordination, I seem to do fine."

Writing from the wilds of Garrett County, Md., Susan Campbell Davis said last winter there was well, winter with more than a foot, inches of snow but as long as she and Jeff Davis '70 can still ski, that's fine by her. Jeff continues to work in a New York Maryland Health System emergency rooms while their four children continue their lives in all parts of the country (i.e. the military and where it takes Eli, the oldest; Seattle for Zachary, and Harlem in New York City for Chelsea). Sue enjoys working (costumes and props) with Our Town Theatre in Oakland, Md. Sue and Jeff, however, have a new avocation, the Appalachian Independent, a new, free, online progressive newspaper — the endeavor of a small group of local folks that wanted to offer constant journalists a democratic and alternative voice in their region. When time allows, she says, "please check out our website, and spread the word! Readers and writers wanted; no experience necessary!" Maybe they need a good investigative reporter? Right before signing off, Sue remembered one more exciting bit of news. Jeff made it to the inauguration and then wrote about it in the Independent. "I don't have much to report, but to fill the column..." Sue Schull Anderson sent on lots of information. Son Josh graduated from Binghamton University in May, so Sue is feeling great relief — no more tuition bills. Daughter Kristy relocated to Denver, Colo., after her husband graduated from law school. Seems she did not know which way was East from Iowa City or else had the map upside down. She loves the outdoor life in Colorado, snowboarding / hiking every weekend. Sue's other son, Bill, moved to Vermont for the same lifestyle and as Sue and Roger '72 are building a summer camp on Lake Champlain, they see him more. He's also a big snowboarder, and by great luck found a good job in the R&D department of Biotek (they make medical instruments). Sue is still in an internal medicine practice in New York and says it's interesting and challenging and she's

not planning retirement anytime soon. Sue's glad he loves his job and could do it forever "as long as the ol' mind holds out."

"What news can I contribute that would even sound a little interesting," wondered Carol Sims Nup. She and Jim are enjoying Wolfeboro, N.H., "the oldest summer resort in America," their home since August '07 after 24 years on their tree farm in East Kingston, N.H. Jim's into the winter sports: ice climbing, Nordic and skate skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, Carol — not so much. Although she does have snowshoes and Nordic skis. The easy mile walk into town is much more appealing in non-winter weather. Carol sings in church and in the Clearlakes Choral and had a blast last year performing at a summer music festival. Denver was the Thanksgiving destination visiting son Jason, 33, and his wife, Joanne, both psychologists. (Colorado is getting popular!) Josh, 30, in Charlestown, Mass., works for Benning College with study abroad programs. Last August, all were in Westminster at Carroll Lutheran Village where Jim's folks live to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and had a great mini-family reunion. While Carol is content to just travel occasionally to visit family and friends, the rest of the family has a bit more wanderlust. Jim and Jason traveled to Peru last May, and next October Jim and a flyer friend plan to trek in Nepal.

Lucky for me, Carol didn't mind divulging news from her former roommate who managed to ignore my pleadings. Eileen Sechrest Ott still lives in Gallatin, Tenn., near Nashville, and will be retiring from teaching high school this year. She and Rick are grandparents of a little boy, 1, courtesy of her youngest daughter, Jenny, who lives in Florida. Eileen's mom moved in with them a couple years ago and is enjoying the area down there. She tried to throw me off the trail by sending a photo from college days, but I'd recognize Sue Shermer Seegers anywhere, and the wild vest she's wearing screams 1969, but is also coming right back into fashion! Sue's having a roller coaster time: some ups, some downs. Losing a brother this year, she is happy to still have both her folks with her. A definite up: Sue and Eric celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in Williamsburg. And building on the upside, grandson Aidan is going on 2 and "is such a smart, lively boy — of course!" she says. Sue was thrilled to visit Ireland to see her sister while she was living in Galway (up). Somehow, she managed to sneak her knee while touring around (down, sigh). Sue and Eric are still living in and loving Lancaster, Pa., and anticipating more ups and downs on the journey. On the whole, she says, they're in their second wind.

Communicating by e-mail was the key to finding out wassup with Cathy Stavel, since she spends "an awful lot of time in front of my computer these days." Overall, life is
A Poem in Defense of My Late Writing

By Corinne Klein Vinopol '71

I am late...
I know...
I am getting older...
I am slow.
I have the old person's blues.

Parts don't move,
Others creak,
My skin is dry,
When I sneeze, I leak.
I have the old person's blues.

The hair on my head
has moved to my lip.
No longer can chug,
just have to sip.
I have the old person's blues.

Nails have ingrown,
my skin just sags.
My neck is stiff.
the saddle has bags.
I have the old person's blues.

Through 2008 memories
I drift and sift
Then stop to conclude
I need a facelift.
I have the old person's blues.

Feet from a crow
are now by my eyes
I remembered to write you
that's a surprise.
I have the old person's blues.

great! Cathy has a private law practice in Annapolis focusing on elders, so the supply of potential clients is growing as we all move along in time. At least she didn't mention our age. The rest of her world is filled with sailboats. After a delightful three weeks last summer sailing along the south coast of England, she came home in time to sail a race from Connecticut to Maine. November and December bring the frostbitten series—Sunday afternoon races for those who prefer cozier weather. (Frostbitten series? What's wrong with this picture?) Cathy supports hospice care through various formal boards and committees. Any non-sailboat travel is generally for 'career enhancing' workshops on legal issues of the elderly and those with disabilities. As for college ties, Cathy has lunch regularly with Carole Ensor Asbury and corresponds with Chris Wagner Ewing.

Speaking of Chrises, Chris Spencer empathized with my plight, remembering his days working with The Hill and its deadlines. Such pressure! Chris says that, like some of us, he has already reached "the lamentable milestone," i.e., 60 years old. "Over the hill? What hill? I never saw any hill. What's going on with that?" Chris wants to know. He spent that momentous birthday in Hawaii for a couple of weeks of trying to act young again by zip lining (I have no idea!), rope swinging, fending off enraged sea turtles, kayaking up rivers and overeating (this, I understand). Nice change from the weather of the Puget Sound which can be pretty grey during winter. Chris is still retired, but with this economy a little more retrained than usual, he says. The part-time contracting business has slowed to the point where he has more time for writing and even a little photography. 2008 found Chris in Italy/Provence/Florida and Mexico and he plans to do Paris again if he can find a good sitter for Sally, the dog. You can participate in his short story contest by going on his web site; www. chriswspencer.com. And then I can glean even more about you all.

Melissa Marten Pecora decided to send me so much information she knew I would never be able to sort it all out. And she was close to being right. But I know that she and Tom '70 have five grown kids: Aaron, Adam, Alissa, (An)Drew and Amanda — spread all over the country and the world (with one son in Iraq) and I must admit I couldn't count up all the grandkids mentioned in her note. There's a bunch of 'em — one named for Tom and Melissa hang out in Akron, Ohio, these days where the winters are long and the snow is kind of omnipresent. But they still play golf at every possible opportunity (a little thumb joint replacement surgery didn't sideline Lisa for long) and get away to some more links-friendly climes to play even more golf on a regular basis. Seems she mentioned Vegas (where the whole family gathered for Aaron's wedding) and Fort Myers. Skype keeps the whole crew connected.

A couple of folks underestimated me, and though they could avoid a mention by waiting a loooong time to send me some news, they have no idea how late I can be! (Just ask the column maven in the alumni office.)

Dona March Zell was sure that her reply was way too late and that I wouldn't care any more. Ha, once more! "I'm still alive, working hectically in Sensory Science and Insights at The Hershey Company in Hershey, Pa., and glad to still have a job in these economic times," she wrote. Wait a minute. Her work involves sensory science and insights in a chocolate factory? I am getting dizzy imagining what she must do all day. Giant vats of chocolate with diving boards come to mind or a chocolate facuetti, but I digress. Dona is also enjoying grandkids, Andrew James (AJ), 5, and Maya, 18 months. Her daughter is very busy as a full-time photographer at the Carlisle Army War College and running her own photography business. Dona gets together with Gloria Phillips Wren and Mary Lou O'Neill Hoppes a few times a year too.

"Hey Zap," Bob Merrey wrote. "I bet I'm as late responding as you were getting your cards out." Not by a long shot! Bob and his wife made the trek up to the Hill for the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. They had a great time catching up with folks he hadn't seen in a very long time while enjoying Reese 'Rick' Diggs' '70 induction into the Hall. He admitted to a bit of preoccupation while I was waiting for his reply to my whine. Bob's daughter was coming home from Chicago to get married in March and he expected to be a wreck the whole night but figured he'd get over it. He's thrilled with his new sons-in-law, so how bad could it be? Hope he's calmed down by now, "We have a lot to be thankful for," Bob said, "so I shall be." In one of my lives, I'm an arts columnist for the Carroll County Times (a column due every week! Ack!) Anyway, I'm always looking for things to write about and I'm always getting promo pieces from galleries and such. One came from a funky little gallery in Ellicott City back last fall and mentioned a book signing. It looked intriguing, and, even from the postcard, the illustrations looked wonderful. But what got me there was the author's name: Ellen Cook Nibali. Could there be two, I wondered? Putting on my best deerstalker cap, I headed out for the adventure. Little did "Mat About You" know it was about to host a reunion. I walked in, and there was Ellen Cook Nibali surrounded by copies of her new book, "The Secret of Saint Nicholas." We hugged, we laughed, we caught up. Over the years, Ellen has done a lot of writing and has collected a lot of stories about Saint Nicholas, but one kept showing up in different accounts, from different sources, leading many to suspect that this may just have actually happened.

"The time was right," she said "to publish it in book form." So she did. Ken '69 manages the business aspects of the sales, so it is quite the family affair. He came in while I was there, so more hugging and laughing ensued. I bought a book for my grandson, and only let it slip once that our rendezvous would help fill this column come deadline time.

You'd think it would be hard to misplace Charlie Moore. He's a pretty big guy and I daresay would have trouble hiding behind telephone poles and such. But, what other explanation is there for my not getting an e-mail from him this time around? Not easily daunted, I realized that I didn't really need an e-mail with news. We've been in touch enough about other things for me to glean some juicy tidbits. Like, Chasmo's in Africa as I write, Zimbabwe to be exact. Over the past 10 years he's made many trips with his church which has constructed three churches, a parsonage and a medical clinic in the Marewa District of Zimbabwe. On this trip, Chas was one of two working side by side with the people of Hanwa, Zimbabwe, to build the first primary school building in a newly established Methodist Mission School. This will be the first of many new school buildings and teacher's houses to be built over the next three to five years. While there are complex issues involved in the work. Charlie says, "it is clear to me that there is no hope of a sustained 'better life' without the restoration and retention of a strong educational system."

Charlie's been traveling in other directions as well. He joined Facebook and one of the first things he put up were some great
pictures of him with some of his grandkids in a beautiful pool in the Dominican Republic sometime in winter ’09. Chas had a great tan, and the kids are adorable. And last year at Reunion Weekend, the College unveiled an amazing three panel painting by Ellen Von Dohnen Elmes ’69 outside the Center for Faculty Excellence in Hoover Library, honoring the contributions of Ira ’52 and Mary Dodd ’49 Zepp to the life of the College and their commitment to teaching. Charlie and Carol Horricks ’70 commissioned the work and they were joined by scores of alums and friends for the ceremony.

Whew. I really have to work hard to get some of this information. I have to cruise around Facebook, go to art openings, attend receptions, eat mass quantities, have a few drinks. It’s tough. I tell you. I even had to stoop so low as to contact Debbie Duphly Grosh ’72 at a McDaniels College Women’s Leadership Network meeting, to find out what was going on with Gene since he never writes. Luckily Debbie was more than happy to fill me in, not only on Gene, but several other info scofflaws. Turns out Gene and Debbie are actually under one roof again in Ellicott City after years of working in different parts of the country. Gene works with the Maryland Parole Commission. He’s a “scary guy,” Deb says, and Debbie is involved in several start-up business ventures these days. They spend a lot of time with some other folks who y’all just might recognize. In fact, Gene and Debbie go to church with Phil and Gail Chance ’73 Enstice, Jim and Kathy Walter ’73 Hobart, Bill Westervelt and Jeff Carter ’70. whose wife, Gail, is a lay leader there. Who would have thought these guys would all meet at church? (Certainly not Wray Mowbray ’58.) Phil is an executive vice president at PNC Bank, while Hobi is still at Social Security. Wire. I mean Bill, has retired from his last company and has started a new firm, Ashton Consulting. Didn’t think he could stay out of the game for long! I also have heard that there is some wild tennis playing that goes on among the guys. No word on who wins.

Barbara Payne Shelton ’70 expeditied her journey through the College and ended up graduating in 1970, but we still claim her, as do they. So rather than split her in two, we just share. Barb (it is really hard not to call her Barbie) was director of the early childhood education program at Stevenson University (formerly Villa Julie College) for, well, a long time. She retired a couple of years ago and formed Early Childhood Educational Consultants, LLC. (Notice how we all seem to have trouble retiring?) I got to see Elmo at one of her conferences. Still married to Gordon ’68, everyone’s favorite dentist, Barb also co-chairs the Women’s Leadership Network at McDaniels.

Corinne Klein Vinopol wrote, “Our lives this year have largely been dictated by the mundane and insane.” Now that’s a description in her words: “The mundane: Having concluded that I am too old to conquer the world, I have resorted to spending summer mornings conquering the woods at our Chesapeake Bay house. My usual gardening setup, Roni’s 70’s blue poodle disco pants and a sports bra, seems to have deterred fishermen from venturing too close to our shore. However, I did get several fly-bys by some turkey buzzards.

“Evenings are equally as exhilarating and thought-provoking. Most of my evening television viewing hours are punctuated by schemes to hear over Roni’s snores. The insane: I recently concluded that our Bay house has a poltergeist. There is no other way to explain the endless succession of repair challenges.”

Luckily, I no longer have to travel 3,000 miles to get the scoop on Pat Callbeck Harper, although she may have the longest commute going. Pat is working with the United Methodist Church’s Council of Bishops on their project for a new Episcopal initiative on poverty, the planet, and peace. She works on Capitol Hill in D.C. and does her laundry in Helena Montana.

Her time on the East Coast keeps her close to her mom in Maryland and her two grandsons, Caleb and Grayson, in Pittsburgh. Her time-challenged, Pat Photography has become a passion over what last winter with Pat and Rusty’s blessing, (peace, psychology and the dreaded statistics Commission this year. It was quite an insanity. Charlie continues his commute to the town, Baugher’s, I’m happily ensconced in Jnlon- place, and she and Mark are settled in Seattle for grad school and the psych department and I have found some time to..."}

Margaret Lee Tawes

Honorary Trustee Margaret Lee Tawes ’32 died April 18 at the age of 97. She served on the Board since 1994.

An only child whose parents were steadfast in their insistence that she earn her college degree, Mrs. Tawes was a freshman living in Old Main, miserably homesick, when she begged her parents to allow her to return to her beloved Crisfield by the Chesapeake Bay. Instead her mother took the unusual tactic of moving into her dorm room for a week.

She told her daughter: “Young lady, your father and I are working very hard to pay for your education. You’re going to have to turn yourself around and decide to like it.”

After her graduation, despite the fact that her high school sweetheart was waiting back at home, she taught music for six years at South Potomac Jr. High School in Hagerstown. “Long around 1938, I ran out of excuses and agreed to marry him,” said Mrs. Tawes in an article published in The Hill. She and her husband, John P. Tawes, enjoyed 48 years of marriage until his death in 1986. Mrs. Tawes taught music at Crisfield High School and Woodson Middle School until her retirement in 1972. Known for her lovely singing voice and infectious laugh, she was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Crisfield where she was the choir director from 1945 until 2002.

Mrs. Tawes established the Margaret Lee Tawes Scholarship in 1983 for McDaniels students from the Delmarva Peninsula who major or minor in music. She is survived by two brothers-in-law, M. Dana Tawes and Robert Lee Tawes, their wives and families.

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Michael Mock '73, an expert in marketing and business development, and Karen Clark '79, who revolutionized catastrophe risk assessment and management, were recognized by the Board of Trustees with alumni career and service achievement awards at the annual Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation May 3.

XL Insurance; he's global head of ceded reinsurance. Betsy also celebrated her second anniversary of retirement. She volunteers at the Red Cross and has taken up golf. Son Brian, 26, just got engaged and is a special projects liaison for McKesson Pharmaceuticals in Pittsburgh. Kevin, 22, graduated from Elizabethtown College in May and is working for Liberty Mutual in Schuylkill, Ill., as an underwriter. In July, Betsy visited Lonni Myers Bechen at Lonni’s farm in Florida, along with Jan Wilder. They had a great girls’ weekend. In October, Betsy was in D.C. and visited Jan in Alexandria. Betsy, Cathy Dennenfeld Landsman, Judy Wood, Jan Wilder, and Lonni had a reunion luncheon at Isabel’s restaurant in Frederick, Md., in February.

Rick and Kim Hockenberry Barnes had two weddings in the family this past year: Marie in August and Theresa in November. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed the company of David ’76 and Robin Stiller Conney, Barbara Ernst and Mike MacGeorge and Jim Lightner ’59 at both occasions. David, who married Rick and Kim, performed Theresa’s ceremony. The Barnes’ twin daughters are juniors at Towson High and are entering the college search process. Kim is busy with the Baltimore County Master Gardeners and Rick is still enjoying the practice of law.

Lonni Myers Bechen writes that her life still revolves around Arabian horse show competitions and dressage shows, and that she is in her 33rd year teaching middle school English. Husband Scott is still a boat captain running out of Port Canaveral, Fla. This past year Lonni’s horse won multi-southeast regional championships, and was in Arabian Horse World magazine twice. Lonni is still training and trying to keep in shape to keep up the competition. She sent wonderful photos from her competition and from her reunion with the girls.

Don Bell is still the principal at New Windsor Middle School, just a five-minute drive from McDaniel. He has been 32 years with Carroll County Public Schools. Don’s son Donnie ’08 graduated from McDaniel in May. He was a College Scholar with departmental honors in political science and international studies with a student-designed major in peace and security studies. Don’s daughter, Erin, teaches fifth grade in Carroll County and is now a team leader.

Matthew and Sharon Wensel ’78 Bowers are still in Virginia Beach and had fun in October when their daughter, Anna ’06 married Thomas Shortridge ’07 in Little Baker Chapel, on a day of driving rain sandwiched between two beautiful, sunny days. Anna is a graphic designer. Thomas is a videographer. Sherry remains on semi-permanent loan from her school system to the National Institute of Aeronautics, an educational consortium that works a lot with NASA. She goes around the country creating educational and teacher-training programs, and continues her outside consulting work with teachers. Matt has moved to the urban public safety beat—fancy name for cop reporter—at The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Va. So far, in addition to writing about unsolved murders and bank robbers who believe it when tellers say they have no money, he survived a night of riding with a police bicycle patrol—his first time on a bike in 15 years.

Dale Breinemann has been living near Eldersburg, in Carroll County, for six years now, with Cheryl, his wife of 32 years. They are empty-nesters, with child number three having graduated from the University of Maryland in 2008 and child number four in her third year there. Dale is working for McCabe Software in Columbia, Md., and is active at Freedom Christian Church in Eldersburg, becoming more excited every year about the love of the living God for us.

Phil ’74 and Jo Carol Huhes Ciborowski have lived in Colorado Springs since 1996 when he was stationed at Ft. Carson. Phil has retired from the Army and has an orthodontic practice. His office is in a farmhouse built in 1914 that he spent 10 years restoring. They live on 16 acres in a house they built next to the farmhouse. Jo Carol has an art studio downtown in a building with about 60 other artists, and she shows occasionally at galleries in town. Their youngest daughter, Delaney, 15 is an aspiring ballerina, and their older daughter, Lauren, 26, lives downtown and works as a classical pianist and archeological consultant. She graduated from Colorado College in 2004. Jo Carol had fun seeing Stephen Lambert when she went to Denver and when she, Sue Snyder LaHatte, and Stephe made a pilgrimage to Santa Fe to celebrate their 50th birthdays. Phil and Jo Carol recently visited Maryland and saw Kathy Moseur Danielson and Sue Bornemann ’78 as well as Phil’s roommate Dennis Kirkwood ’74.

Randy and Debbie Samson ’79 Day are almost empty nesters! Their oldest son, Jacob, has graduated from Oxford University and Carnegie Mellon and has taken a position with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy working with towns and counties to preserve open spaces and farm land. Their daughter, Jessica, is teaching second grade in Cambridge, Md., and their youngest son, Justin, is a junior at Delaware Valley College. Randy recently spent some time with Lee Dawkins. He joined Jacob and Randy when they took Justin and some of his friends out for his 21st birthday. Randy says they had a blast.

Robyn Furness-Fallin writes that she was married on Sept. 2, 2007, to Bill Fallin. They live in downtown Atlanta. Robyn and Bill met through their shared passion for sailing. They have a 40-foot Beneteau Oceanis 32, which is currently docked on Lake Lanier, Ga. Their plan is to move it to the coast in the future and spend the first years of their retirement on it sailing around the Americas. Robyn continues to work for the Metro Atlanta YMCA and is now the chief development officer.

Nancy Schwartzkopf Gaffney writes that they have been living in a suburb north of San Diego for the past eight years and have become spoiled by the weather. Since they are near the coast, they have only had to evacuate once for fires. Nancy works as a forensic accountant doing analysis for litigation work, mainly for divorces. Her son is a sophomore at the University of Oregon majoring in business. Her daughter is a junior in high school and keeps busy horse back riding and debating. In November, Nancy and Tom will celebrate their 35th anniversary. Two summers ago, the Munchkins (Beth Heckert Tevis, Nan Hollinger Ganger, Terry Holland and Brenda Ecard Dellinger ’79) came for a visit to celebrate their 50th birthdays. They had a fantastic time touring the area and catching up.

Nan Hollinger Ganger writes that she is still teaching at Southern Garrett High School in Garrett County, snow country, and that her family is doing well and enjoying the slow life in the country.

Carlton Harris writes that he is divorced with three kids. His oldest, Mac, 20, is a sophomore at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. His second, Mavee, 18, is a freshman at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. His youngest, Grace, 16, is a junior in high school at Merion Mercy Academy. Carlton is still running his business, ATS, from offices near Philadelphia and in Shenzen, China. He says they are an outsourcing firm that works to lower manufacturing costs for customers in North America. Carlton lives near Philadelphia and travels to China about three times per year for a month or so each time. He currently is enjoying learning to speak, read and write Chinese, and wishes it had been an option at WMC in the 1970s! He’d welcome contacts from classmates, professors and frat brothers from Dolfi and Alpha.

Cathy Clayton Haubenga writes that this last year was a very busy and exciting year for the Haubengas and that she and Jeff ’76 are now officially empty-nesters. Allison spent a semester in England, and then worked as a living historian in Harpers Ferry all summer. She’s planning on grad school for next year. Daniel loves being a freshman at West Virginia University. Jeff enjoys his IT position with Hanger Group in Bethesda, and Cathy is finding lots of volunteer opportunities in the Damascus community.

Lynn Reerer Henderson lives in St. Michaels, Md. She works as a school psychologist in Queen Anne’s County. Her daughter, Laura, has just begun her first year as a school psychologist in the same county. Lynn plays guitar and sings with the Royal Oak Musicians. She has two standard poodles that run with her when she rides her bike.

Gary and Mary Frank Honeman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii this past year following Mary’s retirement.
from Change, Inc., after 30 years working with developmentally disabled adults. Mary is now working part time at the Westminster library down the street from their Lincoln Road home. Gary is looking forward to the opening of the new Carroll County Youth Service Bureau where he has been clinical director in recent years. Their son Justin, 25, graduated in May from Frostburg State University and Chris, 23, is at Towson University. Gary continues his distance running passion while joining Mary at Gold’s Gym several times a week. They say it has been gratifying watching the beautiful additions to Western Maryland/ McDaniel College in recent years.

Christine Okenica Jensen has kept busy all winter working as part of the Bank of America/Merrill Lynch merger transition team. The project is challenging and rewarding and exhausting. She writes that she is looking forward to spring, so her weekends can be spent decompressing in her garden.

Bill Johnson’s son Will, 12, is active in Scouts and Lego League, his daughter, Victoria, 14, is active in marching band, working at food banks and still loves to ride horses. Bill has started a senior services division in his insurance agency and is working with Humana contracts. He has been “going nuts” with the annual enrollment of Medicare and the Medicare Drug Plans. Bill is an adjunct professor at the local community college, teaching small business management, business plans and small business finance. He has also started a new business as a legal insurance expert. Bill said he missed seeing Pete Blauvelt and Bob Crosby this year for their annual Ocean City golf trip but hopes to be back for the Spring Fling. Bill says hello from Ohio to all our classmates.

Cynthia Longley Kehr writes that her daughter, Lianne, is planning to be married this summer and Emily is in graduate school for her first “tour of duty” at Oldfields School, the school where she began her career in 1977 after graduating from college. The former assistant head of school from her first tour of duty at Oldfields returned to be head of the school, and Karen agreed to come back with him. She serves as the director of academic support services and is the standardized testing coordinator. Since she has always had a special place in her heart for Oldfields, it feels good to be back. The 15-minute commute through gorgeous horse country with no traffic is an added bonus. Karen sends her regards to all.

Tom Payne is coordinator of the office of advanced programs and fine arts (APFA) for the Howard County Public School System. Eric Rosenberg is still living in the Myrtle Beach, S.C. area. He and his brother, Mark Rosenberg ’79, own a golf vacation package company. They sell golf and lodging packages for Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head, Charleston, Florida, and some European locations. Last May, they again hosted the annual Miniature Open, a gathering of Bete brothers.

The 2008 group included Mike "Art" Cottingham ’78, Gary Walters, Chuck "Wizard" Boe-hike ’78, Mike "Count" Modica ’79, Judd Miller ’81, Ray Via ’79, Jim "Lightening Rod" Lamont ’80, Mike "Snippy" Spath ’78, Bob Irvin and Jay Cooke ’78. They all enjoyed the camaraderie, the golf, and the steamed shrimp and crabs — especially Gary Walters’ enlightening lecture on male and female crabs. They are now in the planning stage for the 2009 tournament. Eric and Anita are almost empty-nesters. Their daughter, Shelly, is in her senior year at the College of Charleston, and her son, Sam, started his freshman year at Coastal Carolina University.

Paul Rowley writes that things are going very well. His oldest son, Chris, is employed in procurement for Northrup Grumman and owns a house near Ferndale, Md. Middle son Jonathan is back home, but he continues to rent out the two houses he owns. Katie just became an RN and starts at University of Maryland Hospital soon. De and Paul continue to live in Hanover, Md., near Arundel Mills Mall. De also works for Northrup Grumman. Paul has been at RWD Technologies for about 7.5 years and recently moved to their public sector group. In May ’08, De and Paul traveled to Greece (Athens and multiple islands) and then Rome. They recently returned from a brief four-day trip to the Bahamas with 13 friends. Paul remains an active member at Grace Church and serves in many areas. He keeps in regular contact with Jerry and Cathy Dannenfeldt Landsman.

Steve and Carol Fulton Spinnelli’s daughter, Kathryn, was married on Sept. 13 on San-tucket with 130 family and friends in attendance. Kate works for an architect and is also pursuing a master’s degree in interior design at Boston Architectural College.

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Mrs. Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes ’38, of Crisfield, Md., on April 13, 2009.

Dr. Charles R. Ehrhardt ’38, of Sun City West, Ariz., on March 30, 2009.


Miss Clara L. Bricker ’39, of Taneytown, Md., on March 17, 2009.


Mr. Theodore M. Jester ’43, of Taneytown, Md., on February 4, 2009.

Mr. Alvin H. Levin ’43, of Baltimore, Md., on March 1, 2009.


Ms. Marilyn L. Brillhart ’49, of Towson, Md., on April 14, 2009.

Mr. John R. Conover ’49, of Palmetto Beach, Fla., on January 16, 2006.

Dr. Mary Ruth Childs Rogers ’49, of Lutherville, Md., on March 20, 2009.

Dr. John D. Costlow ’50, of Beaufort, N.C., on April 12, 2009.

Mr. Robert H. Herr MEd ’50, of Biglerville, Pa., on December 7, 2006.

Mr. Henry R. Norman ’51, of Freehold, N.J., on March 12, 2009.

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Generals Return to Salute New Officers

Maj. Gen. David B. Lacquement ’77 was the keynote speaker at the commissioning ceremony of six McDaniel graduating seniors, along with one senior from Mount St. Mary’s University and three from Hood College, prior to Commencement May 23. The students are part of the Green Terror Battalion, which includes students from all three campuses.

Lacquement joined ROTC in 1973 just as the Vietnam War was winding down and society at large had little respect for the Army. As a career officer, Lacquement has learned to live and interact with people around the world.

“Fortunately, the nation’s Army is tremendously resilient. It weathered the Vietnam-era storm and through decades of focused leadership has grown into what is inarguably the world’s finest land force. You all are about to become key leaders on this team,” he told the newly commissioned second lieutenants. “Even academic freedom is made possible through your willingness to serve.”

Lacquement’s tips for success as an Army officer were, “Mission first, people always,” “Demonstrate dignity and respect for your troops,” and “Take prudent risks and seek new experiences.”

Lacquement contacted the College’s Military Science department after flying over the campus last year and deciding it was time to “give back” to his alma mater. He was among three alumni generals attending the 89th Commissioning Ceremony.

His fellow alumni included Retired Lt. Gen. Otto Guenther ’63, a college trustee, and Brig. Gen. Annette Deener ’75, who now serves as deputy assistant adjutant general for the Maryland Army National Guard.

Steve and Carol lived in Massachusetts for 25 years and have a summer home on Nantucket Island. In October, Steve was inaugurated as the 11th president of Philadelphia University. Carol recently accepted a position at Villanova University. On Dec. 8, son Stephen Spinelli III gave his graduate conducting recital at Temple University with a professional choir and a chamber orchestra. He will receive his master’s in choral conducting in May 19. Steve and Carol are very proud of their children and their new son-in-law, Mark Lisavich, an engineer for Raytheon Corporation in the Boston area.

Rick Sause is enjoying early retirement with his bicycle. His favorite rides are the NCR Trail to Pennsylvania, B&A Trail to Baltimore, and around Oregon Ridge. He says multi-day tours of states are a blast, if it doesn’t rain. He would like to ride in Italy.

He had a good visit with George Angelos in Texas and sends regards to Elmo, Busch, Wally, Dorfler, Clem, LaVern, Garo, Brad and the rest of the crew, Quasi RIP.

Robyn Kramer Talbott and Guy are celebrating 30 years of marriage this June. They are very excited about their grandson Quint (Guy V). It’s a new month.

Steve still captains sport fishing boats out of Ocean City, Florida, and the Bahamas and owns BOATGUYS, a boat maintenance company. Robyn is entering her 23rd year with Mary Kay as a senior sales director (she’s earned nine company cars and 12 diamond rings for high sales in the company). Their son, Guy IV, is married (he has the cute baby) and an EMT with an ambulance company and Ryan is working in the boat business with Guy. Robyn enjoyed visiting with Donna Armstrong Gicker and two of her children this year.

Deb (Simmons) Tasky’s daughter, Tiffany, was married in June. She is working on her Ph.D. in mathematics at Duke University. Deb’s son is now a freshman at Georgetown University. Deb and her husband, Jim, are adjusting to being “empty-nesters.” Deb is still at Census (over 20 years) and is active in her church and loves to travel with family to the Caribbean.

Marjorie Feuer Waxenberg’s husband, Steve, had a rough 2008, with a heart attack, open-heart surgery and a septic gall bladder. He is doing well now. Elise graduated from Dartmouth and works for a hedge fund, with a rather high-powered job, lives in New York City, and does a reverse commute up to Westport, Conn., for her job (the company busses their employees free of charge from the city). Danny graduated from high school and is a freshman at Bucknell. He and Marjorie run the bus that takes the kids back and forth to Lewisburg. The Waxenbergs moved from Stony Brook in September of ‘08 to Huntington and live in the house her grandfather had built back in 1949-50. Marjorie is still singing with her Camerata group and she joined the Huntington Choral Society.

The Gicker family is doing well. We have nine grandchildren now. Anna and Katie are in college. Anna is almost finished at Liberty University and Katie is going to NVCC. Bethany and Joel are still being home schooled. I keep busy with the food co-op I run and making wedding cakes as I have the opportunity. Bethany, Joel and I enjoyed having lunch with Robyn Kramer Talbott in Pocomoke last summer when we were spending time at our summer place near Chincoteague. I thoroughly enjoy hearing from classmates and I encourage you to continue keeping in touch.

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I had so much fun coming home from work and seeing what the mail and e-mail fairy brought that day from all of you. It was like Christmas but it lasted a few months rather than one day. Here’s the latest from our class and I hope those of you we didn’t hear from this term we’ll hear from the next time around.

Jeff Morrison’s latest book, The Political Philosophy of George Washington, is being published by the Johns Hopkins University Press this spring; he recently caught up with Nelson Thacker ’82 over dinner in northern Virginia.

Kurt and Anne Glaeser Hubach are still in Virginia. They live on a mountain with horses, dogs, cats and chickens! Kurt is a hospitalist at Bedford Hospital, and has a Varicose Vein Treatment Clinic on Thursdays. Anne is his office manager, and is still involved in coaching swimming as well as home schooling their youngest daughter. They have three daughters in college and one still in high school. Jostah, their youngest, is severely mentally handicapped and attends the regional school in Lynchburg. They hunt, sing and farm in their spare time and love Jesus now as much as ever.

Neil Epstein lives in Fallston, Md., with his wife, Robin, and is kept busy with his three daughters. Their oldest daughter is in her second year at Philadelphia University. Neil found out that the president of the college is WMC alumnus, Steve Spinelli ’77, who also happens to be a Bete — it is a small world. They have two daughters still at home. He has run into both John Montanye ’84 and Chris Imbach ’84 at soccer games where their daughters’ teams were playing against each other. He had a great time at a Bete reunion in Reisterstown in April — great to see so many fossils doing so well. It was also a good time for all at a little get-together put on by Jay Updike ’83 this fall at his home. They spent a long weekend in February in Florida with Hunter ’83 and Katie O’Dwyer ’82 Steadley and many others in celebration of Hunter’s 50th birthday. Several other Betes, including Rick Watts ’84, Scott Kallim ’81, Steve Asroff ’81, and Wade Heck ’81 were in attend-
dance. As for work, he is currently working at PSA Financial in Hunt Valley as an account executive.

Cindy Baxter says that she has nothing to report for 2008, but in 2007 her granddaughter, Evelyn, was born. Cindy also got married to Richard Schultz. She still lives in Westminster and still thinks of us as Marylanders.

Pat Ragan is working with Paul Lewis on their 30-year high school reunion. He is the chief talent officer for DCI in Washington, D.C. He saw Diane Culver Borucki ‘85 recently at a Riverhills football game. He still lives in Dayton, Md., with his wife, Sue, and teenage children, Kelly and Bryan.

Karen Noll Arnie sends greetings from Charlotte, N.C. She is working at Queens University of Charlotte, teaching and working as an assistant director for the Internship and Career Programs office. It’s a lovely campus, smaller yet very similar atmosphere to McDaniel (where she worked for nearly 18 years prior as the director of the career services office). Her son, Sam, and husband, Jeff, and old beagle, Radar, just love the warmer weather down there! WMC/McDaniel alumni always welcome.

I was so thrilled to hear from Angel Jones Lins. This year she delivered her only daughter to Ursinus College. She hopes that her daughter finds good friends like she found on first floor Whiteford. We did have fun didn’t we Angel. She is in her 25th year of teaching and has her master’s in special education. She teaches in a specialized multisensory reading program for children who could not learn to read in a traditional way. She loves her job but hates the red tape she has to jump through. She and husband Maurice sold their home in Rock Hall and purchased a new home in Chestertown. It is in a nice quiet housing development that is wooded. Her dogs love living here because they are entertained by the deer that come up to the kennel and say “na na you’re in there and I’m out here.” She sees Heather Lee Johnson Dunn — her girl’s race go-karts with her daughter. (They race fast karts that go 50 and 50 miles an hour.)

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Mollie King enjoyed seeing old classmates at the reunion last summer, and has been catching up with some on Facebook as well. It is her 25th year with Voice of America, and her ninth year as senior editor of VOANews. com. She and her husband live with their two sons, 15 and 13, in Calvert County, Md.

Rick Kopeiwitz is a single parent and has raised his son, Ian, on his own since he was 3. He is now 15. He still plays guitar, often records now and then, and takes Ian to great concerts. Rick is a government contractor and has been with EDS, which was just purchased by Hewlett Packard, for eight years now. He works at Ft. Detrick in Frederick, Md., on a DoD account. Over the years he’s kept in touch with Pete Weller, Frances Hendricks Bushnan and Greg Peterson ’82.

All remains well with the Paul Cale family. They are nearing the end of their journey in the Army and are currently stationed in Brussels, The Netherlands, in a NATO assignment. He and wife Kim will be returning to the States next summer for their final assignment in Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Anastasia, is a Plebe at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. They have a son that is still in high school. They continue to enjoy Europe and the last few years of a wonderful career in the Army. I was so happy to hear from Bob Iber. He admits that he hasn’t kept in touch very well especially with Scott Espenscheid and Pete Norman. Bob is a lawyer with HUD. He lives in Sparks with his wife, Roberta, no kids, but plenty of animals.

Lisa Stahl Castelle is in her 25th year of teaching at Maryland School for the Deaf and enjoys working with the middle and high school students on communication skills. She and Greg are looking forward to the day of their retirement but that won’t happen soon, since they have three kids, two of whom are in college and one that is beginning the search. Last year, Lisa, Sue Lapidus Spencer and Stacie Mattzorl were in Fort Myers for a few days. This was their second trip to an amazing house that Stacie’s company owns. It had its own pool and hot tub. They hardly left the house because they had so much to talk about. It was definitely a highlight of the year. Lisa has become involved with Team in Training and has completed two 100-mile bike rides. She will ride for Team in Training (an organization that raises money for Lymphoma and Leukemia research) again this year in the hopes of completing her third century lake ride.

Jane King’s message was short and sweet. She has moved to New Orleans permanently. She has been living there part time for years and has finally decided to make it permanent. Look her up when you’re down there for Mardi Gras!

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Stan and Chris Murray have two children. Stan is vice president of Steel and Wire. Chris is a domestic engineer and the family
Eatin' Crabs Earns Emmy for Professor

The blue crab is the undisputed star of the Chesapeake, but on June 6, film and video studies professor Jonathan Slade '88 picked up an Emmy as producer, writer and editor of a documentary about Maryland's favorite crustacean.

The half-hour program helped to kick off Maryland Public Television's fourth annual Chesapeake Bay Week last April, and features the "ten commandments" for eating crabs, from picking the critters fresh from the water to knowing their peak season to the most famed crab shacks.

Slade, who admits that he's not a crab-picker himself, savored his 15 seconds of fame when invited to accept the regional award at the D.C. Ritz-Carlton where the creative television teams from Maryland, Virginia and the District hobnobbed and anxiously awaited the Emmy announcements.

Slade earned his MFA in Cinema-Television Production from the University of Southern California in 1992. For 11 years, he was a full-time producer of documentaries and children's programming at Maryland Public Television, where he received four Emmy Awards for the educational Vid Kid series he created, wrote, directed and produced.

Eatin' Crabs Chesapeake Style is available only through MPT as a pledge thank-you gift. To learn more, go online to mpt.org.

Erin O'Connell Peiffer has become very active as an advocate for women and heart disease. After undergoing emergency bypass surgery in 2001, she became a national spokeswoman for WomenHeart as well as part of the Leadership Council with the American Heart Association Go Red For Women initiative. She is also featured on the website www.sistersonthestreet.org. She has been a stay-at-home mom since 2002 and feels very blessed to be there to watch her three children grow up. Her husband works as a production manager. Her son, Evan, is a junior at Liberty High School and was taught Algebra II by our classmate, Scott Kehr. They took a family train trip to visit relatives in the Midwest and attend a wedding. She absolutely loved traveling by train but the children were not as enthused about the 36-hour adventure. She keeps up with Lori Stratmann Zentgraf, Sharon Bullard McClellian as well as Jane Krug and Mary York '84. Much to her children's chagrin, she recently joined Facebook and has already reconnected with some WMC classmates that she has not talked to since graduation! Very cool!

To say the past year has been full of significant events for Kent Calvin is an understatement. He and wife Sheila became proud grandparents. Their three oldest children graduated with various post-secondary degrees, one started college and the youngest is at home. Sheila is now serving as the traumatic brain injury program coordinator for the Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Regiment, treating our combat injured Marines. Kent develops the distance education curriculum and interactive multimedia instructions for the Marine Corps' Expeditionary Warfare School at Quantico. Between coaching baseball games, leading group fitness instruction at their sport and health gym, working, and keeping tabs on all their kids (and grandkid) they may actually get to spend some time at their recently completed, future retirement lake house on Kerr Lake in Clarksville, Virginia. Kent says, "Danny, Wayne, and Lance y'all have a standing invite to come hit the lake with us!"

Scott and Lynn Stone '88 Kehr are still re-organizing after recently moving to a new house a little more outside of Westminster. They enjoy keeping up with their two young daughters. They saw some of the Teches on Super Bowl weekend — Jack and Cindy Jarstone's '88 Knies, Jeffrey "Norm" '84 and Deb Webster '83 Kiley, and Bob and Becky Jackson '84 Butler. He and Lynn continue to run in marathons.

Lisa Kuick Spence and Bill celebrated 25 years of marriage in March, Bill is still teaching at McDaniel and in the process of planning his fourth Guatemala Habitat trip. Lisa finished her master's in acupuncture in 2007 and has a practice in Westminster. She moonlights as the horticulturist for a small zoo as well. They have two daughters and are nearly "empty-nesters." They're contemplat-
Robert "Bob" Hutchinson and his wife, Angela, welcomed their first child, a son, Denver Robert Hutchinson, into the world on Jan. 10, 2009. They are looking forward to sleeping through the night again, sometime in the near future! Bob is beginning his ninth year at Wyeth in the clinical regulatory compliance functional. Last year they visited Chuck '90 and Laura Balakir '91 Cruise at their home in Gettysburg.

MaryEllen "Mel" Fahiteich Marjama has been living in Florida for the past 10 years. She is busy with her three children: Mackenzie, 17, Hunter, 15, and Chase, 13. She is working for the sheriff's office in her town.

Sandy Metz Borns is still enjoying Harford County, Md. Her young family is getting older: Austin, 5, Shane, 3, and Hailey, 3. Sandy is still a stay-at-home mom. She finds herself running from pre-school to soccer, to hockey and other activities. She helps her husband, Mike, with secretarial duties for his company, Austin and Greig Masonry. Sandy enjoys running into all of the alumni in Harford County. She still keeps in touch with Julie Katzef Masentz, Sandi Stevens Corbo, John Gibb '87, Eric Hummel '87 and Lisa Finn Bockstie '90.

Chris and Jenn Manger Dolch have been busy this year sending off their oldest son, Christopher, to college. Their younger son, Jake, is in high school and keeps them busy as well. Christopher is attending Coastal Carolina and really enjoying his freshman year. Chris and Jenn enjoy visiting him when they are in Myrtle Beach. Jenn is still teaching in Carroll County and Chris is still working from home. Chris sees many of the "Bettes" and recently attended a Maryland Terps basketball game with Rich McCaughey '90, Jeff Little '90, Billy Hallett and Doug Hitchcock.

Mike Reyes continues to work as a stationary engineer for GM in Shreveport, La. He has embarked on his third career; after 14 years in aerospace engineering, and 11 years in financial management, Steve is now an assistant plant manager for a minerals and fertilizer company near Ogden, Utah. Steve still has two of his five children living at home in high school, with the oldest two married and living close by, and the third living in Texas. Grandchildren count is presently at five. He saw Pete Norman, Jane, and their girls briefly in a visit to Maryland. He still has occasional contact with Chris '84 and Jean White '85 Kane. The days of long-weekend motorcycle trips is over, as grand-parenting is setting in the number one spare time activity. Steve would like to hear from Paul Ruth, Tim Kirkner '84, and Dan Moczulski '84.

Michael Jackson was promoted to Colonel U.S. Army January '08. He is now at Ft. Shafter, Oahu, Hawaii, where he supervises the planning and operations of Army communications in the Pacific Theater (Alaska, S. Korea, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines). With him are his wife, Lynda, son Josh and daughter Halley.

Wayne L. Keen and wife Ericka have three children. They still live in Marietta, Ga. He is self-employed and Ericka is a regional manager with J. Hill Farm. He wants everyone to know that if you or someone you know is in need of prayers, his family would love to pray for whatever and whom ever is in need. Cathy Lawson Breslin works in the elementary school system as a para-educator with the kindergarten and first grade. She works 20 hours a week and loves it. She is also a Mary Kay beauty consultant and hopes to earn a car. Yeah! She says believe it not or not she is learning how to make-up. Mostly though she is in it for the skin care, the money and the great friendships she has made. She and husband Bob have two sons. She and Bob are looking forward to the years when they can retire and do something more fun than working.

Dave Yurchis lives in sunny Valencia, Cali., and works at the beach in Santa Monica. He enjoys spending time with his daughters, 13 and 12, playing baseball and living in southern California. He says to look him up when you come West.

I appreciated all of you who thanked me for writing the alumni newsletter; it's nice to know that I'm appreciated! I do enjoy doing it. I'm teaching ninth- and 11th-grade U.S. history at Broadneck High School, and teaching ninth-grade reinforces my decision that I'm not suited for teaching elementary school! I enjoy my book club and my yoga classes - both of which keep me sane. Brad continues with Northrop Grumman and playing in Bobby and the Believers (fewer gigs but they keep plugging away). We continue to be active in our church and participating in the music of our praise service. Our oldest is getting married and we still have two in college, so we are empty-nesters with empty pockets. We're enjoying getting to know each other again without the kids around.

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Greetings to the wonderful class of 1989! I hope this issue of The Hill finds all of you happy and healthy. I am writing this column this year with a heavy heart. We have lost one of our dear classmates, Frank Gerardi. Frank passed away on June 26, 2008. On behalf of our class we send out our deepest condolences to his family. Frank will be missed by all.

Now on to the news of the class of 1989, I can't believe it has been 20 years since we were gathering at "Clair" for meals, walking the halls of Memorial, studying in the library, hangin' in the pub, enjoying our days "on the Hill." We have gone on to do amazing things. A quick thank you to all of you that contributed, I couldn't write this column without you.

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Mr. Bradley C. Durst '83, of Frederick, Md., on April 10, 2009.
Ms. Judith C. Taylor MS'90, of Pawleys Island, S.C., on December 11, 2008.
Mr. Daniel L. Waeger '04, of Bethesda, Md., on March 16, 2009.
Mr. Thomas W. Rouleau '11, of Gilboa, N.Y., on February 6, 2009.
has raised $10,000 for multiple sclerosis.

**Maria Filstie Douglas** is still living in Easton, Md. She and **David Douglas '81** have been married now for 19 years. They have two girls, Carter, 12, and Jennifer, 10. She keeps in touch with **Mary O'Hara Zorbach** and other Phi Alphas friends. Maria and Dave recently enjoyed a trip to Mexico with **Matt '89** and **Tracy Buckman '88 Dunne**. They are looking forward to traveling again with the Dunnes in the fall to Aruba. Maria and Dave recently purchased Wishing Well Liquors in Easton, right on Route 50. Maria says, "If you're traveling through Easton on the way to the beach stop in and say hi!"

**Debbie Reynolds Williams** and her husband, Matt, and daughter Lucy, 3, finally gave up living in Baltimore City and moved to Lutherville, Md., last year. She is still with the organ donor program where some big changes have occurred. The program has changed its name to The Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland and she was promoted to COO last year. Debbie has also started teaching classes towards her M.B.A. She keeps in close touch with **Kim Bechet-Spinoso**. Debbie recently attended a "Thirsty Thursday" event at Val Butta Shinsky's '88 bar/restaurant, Sauté, in Canton, Md. She was able to reconnect with several of her Phi Sig sisters.

Looking for a day of beauty in Potomac, Md.? **Elizabeth Burkitt Howes** and her husband, Tom, just bought the Potomac Day Spa and she would love for you to stop by. Elizabeth says it has been fun and exciting to be a business owner. She and her husband are also having a great time with their twins, Connor, and Kelly Anne, 9. Elizabeth is the manager of her son's AAU basketball team that her husband coaches. Their daughter is also on two basketball teams, so their week nights are spent at practices and the weekends are spent at the games. She has enjoyed getting back in touch with many Phi Alphas via Facebook. Last summer Elizabeth's family enjoyed spending time with **Katherine Ertz Gloyd** and her family as well as **Shawn Chatfield Ott '88** and her family.

**Brian Baugus** is in his second year at Kings College in Bristol, Tenn. He and his wife stay very busy with their four children, ages 14, 10, 6, and 3. They really like the area and enjoy the mountains and the new activities they offer compared to the flat Eastern Shore. Brian writes, "If anyone's coming down, y'all stop in for a spell, y'hurt."

**Garrett Going** is working for a small investment banking firm in New York City. He loves traveling with his family: wife, Jen, son Garrett, 8, and daughter Paige, 5. Lately he enjoys working on his car, an '08 Bullitt, playing golf, taking improv classes, and training for triathlons. Most of these activities have been put on hold because Garrett broke his back in a surfing accident last June. He is recovering well. He spent six months in and out of hospitals and in physical therapy and planned to be back to 100 percent by this summer.

**Kim Bechet-Spinoso** is still living in Port Washington, Long Island, with her husband, Gerry, and they love it there. They have two boys: Nicholas, 6, and John, 2. Nicholas is very active with sports, friends, and school. John is a very active toddler who loves to dance, climb, and yell at the top of his lungs. Kim also has a step-daughter, 23, who lives with them. Kim took off two years from work starting in 2006 and recently went back last fall. She works for Publishers Clearing House Online (She doesn't drive the prize van!) where she is responsible for partner programs including sales and marketing, custom solutions for advertisers, e-mail marketing and online lead generation. The company is based in Port Washington, so she works right in the town where she lives. She wants everyone to sign up and win the next big prize at pch.com. She loves her job and the people she works with there. She misses her friends from college and hoped to see them all at the reunion!

**Bill Deschak** is living in Charleston, S.C., with his wife, Jennifer, and four boys: Jacob, 14, Keegan, 13, Jared, 11, and Logan, 7. Jake is taking up lacrosse and, believe it or not, Bill is helping to coach. This is ironic considering he never played and was repeatedly busted on by his fellow Beta brothers for not knowing how to play. Bill claims that Lax is just getting popular down there in "the low country."

**Sandi Stevens Corbo** has been with the Baltimore County school system for 20 years and is looking forward to retirement in 10 years. She is pondering about what new career path she may follow in the future. She and her husband, Joe, are enjoying being on the sidelines of their daughter, Maggie's, soccer and lacrosse games and have bumped into other alumni, especially in the Fallston area.

Life is very busy for Brian "Panzy" Panzitenniere and his wife, Nan. They have three children: Isaac, 16, John, 14, and Alyson, 3. Most of Brian's time is spent with them. When not doing family activities, Brian spends as much time as he can fishing and hunting all over North America. He just got back from a Martin fishing trip in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and is looking forward to a fishing trip to Canada in the fall. He continues his career with Cintas Corporation as general manager of their Saint Paul, Minn., operation. He has been with Cintas for seven years. Panz hopes all is well with the members of the "core group."

**Holly Conklin Welsch** and her husband, Tom, were to celebrate their 20th anniversary in May. They currently reside in Cherry Hill, N.J. Tom travels quite a bit with his sales job. They are very busy with their three children: Jeremy, 12, Tim, 9, and Zoe, 6. Holly has been a career mom for the last 10 years, but works part time in the fitness industry as a personal trainer and Pilates fitness instructor. Between the kids' soccer, golf, gymnastics, dance, Girl Scouts and academics, Holly's life is pretty hectic. This past fall she coached her daughter's soccer team and is looking forward to coaching lacrosse in the future. She has recently been in touch with **Michelle Giangrandi Rooney.**

**Roxanne Benjovsky McNiclan** haban, husband Dan, and their three sons are loving life in Crofton, Md. They are adjusting to having a "teen" in the house as their eldest, Shane, turned 13 in February. Ben, 11, joined his brother at the middle school this year. This leaves Jesse, 7, holding down the fort in elementary school. Roxanne only realizes how much time has passed since we graduated by seeing her classmate's children. This happens mostly on Facebook (to which she is addicted). In addition to her Facebook addiction, she gathers monthly with her Phi Sig sisters through "Thirsty Thursdays" and their annual spring beach trip. This August marks their 20th anniversary of Thirsty Thursdays.

**Craig Ceci** lives in Westminster with his wife, Leslie, and three daughters: Kayleigh, 8, Alexa, 6, Julia, and two dogs and two cats. He is still working at Lockheed Martin, 13 years now, writing Internet software for the federal government. Craig is still weight training four days a week with **Mitchell Alexander '80**, Director of College Activities at the College. They have been working out together for 19 years. Now everyone knows how Mitch stays in such good shape. Finally, in Craig's spare time he is training his Border collie, Jinx, to herd livestock.

**Jon Bugg** writes that he and his family are living in Olney, Md. He can't seem to leave his hometown. Jon and his wife, Beth, have a daughter Olivia, 8. He writes that needless to say she is adorable like father. Jon continues to teach middle school algebra at a private school in Potomac, Md., and he coaches high school basketball. Since his wife is also a teacher they spend most of their summers away from home. They spend a few weeks in Bethany Beach, Del., and some time at **Kent Pearce's '93** beautiful beach house in Ocean City, Md. They also have an annual "Bugg family week" at Deep Creek Lake, Md. There are 26 people in the immediate family and they all stay in one house. As the summer winds down they fight off depression and get ready for another school year.

Things are going well in Toms River, N.J. for **Bryan Lynch** and his family. Bryan and his wife, Kerri, welcomed their third addition to the family on May 16, 2008, a baby girl, Camryn. She joins big sister Madalyn, 6, and big brother Gavin, 4. Bryan's wife is enjoying staying home with their children and Bryan just finished his 13th year with the New Jersey State Police. Bryan has joined the Facebook craze and is enjoying catching up with old classmates.

**Rich McCAughy 'go** and **Barb Pierantozzi** are still living in Bel Air, Md. Their son, Col-
n, 12, is in the sixth grade and daughter, Erin, 9, is in the fourth grade, both at Harvard Day School. They go on a yearly vacation to the Outerbanks with Chris and Laurie Lathe '92 Scannell, Steve '87 and Lucy Purcell '88 Lathe, Jeff Rink '88, Mike '88 and Barbara Rayner O'Connor, and Bill Hallett. All of the kids from the families have a great time. Colin is even willing to miss his travel baseball trip to Myrtle Beach for this week of fun. Bar and Rich were at a college function at Chris '88 and Susan Shoumer Newman's and had fun seeing old friends.

Kevin Elion and his wife, Cathie, have been very busy: their twin girls, Josie and Sadie, just turned 2, and he is running two businesses and traveling often. He still has a mortgage company, Oyster Mortgage Company, and his new company, ESCO Firestop Inc., has been growing at a very rapid rate. This company installs Firestop products in new and existing construction. Kevin went to his third Olympic Summer Games, in Beijing, this year to see a friend compete. He recently ran into Jamie O'Neall at Home Depot in Annapolis. Jamie was there from his home in New Jersey to check on an account and Kevin happened to be at the right place at the right time! Kevin still talks to Tom Kehe '88 and went to an Eagles/Ravens game with him. He has been seen and talked to Frank Kratovil '90 at several times since Frank's victory in the congressional election. Kevin went down to D.C. for a reception following the swearing-in for new members of congress. Kevin and other Phil Delts, especially Steve Fogle '90, were huge supporters of Frank's campaign.

Our fearless leader and class president Jim and his wife, Frances Fato Cardea, moved into a new house in Howard County last March. Frances is still the controller with the Aspen Hill Club in Silver Spring, Md., where she has worked for the last 16 years. Jim is a partner with the law firm Schorfer, Federico, and Stanton in Baltimore. He has been married for the nine years. They have three daughters: Jaimie, 12, Katie, 9, and Kelly, 3. When they aren't working they are spending their time attending basketball, softball, soccer and field hockey games. Jim just finished coaching Katie's basketball team. Jim and his brother host a charity golf outing every fall to honor their father. They donate the proceeds to the Fox Chase Cancer Center. Attendees have included Darren LoPrinzi '90, Eddie Langfry '87, Norm Dalil '87, Tom Pararnino '82, Matt Palazzo, Dave Ferguson, Jon Hawkins, Jim Wehner '90, Dan O'Connor '88, Keith Berlin '86, Marc Bouchard '90, Mike Schmall '90, Chris Flatter and Steve Hegna. Jim wants to recruit even more alumni for this year's tournament on Sept. 25th in south Jersey.

Chris Schaber and Cathleen Frantzen '90, and their four children, Alyssa, 14, Gillian, 12, Zach, 10, and Madelynn, 7, reside in North Hanover, N.J. In addition to keeping very active with the children's schools and numerous sporting activities, Chris continues to work in the pharmaceutical field, currently running a small public biontech company in Princeton, N.J., developing GI and oncology therapeutics. He keeps in touch with old pals Steve Cullotta, Dan Moskowitz, Harry Cohen and Dave Ross '90. They try to always get together at least once a year to talk about families, "glory years" and to convince one another that their hair lines have not changed that much from when they were in our early 20's.

There is really not too much new with me, Mary O'Hara Zorbach, and my family. My husband, Chuck, and our kids, Kevin, 9, and Kelly, 6, love living in Timonium, Md. I am still enjoying staying at home but will hopefully soon enter the work force again soon. I run into plenty of alumni at parties, ball roasts, into the pool, the kids', school, Target and Wegmans, our church, sports fields ... everywhere we go! I am also having fun reconnecting with many classmates on Facebook. There are so many of us out there. I see my sister Jenny O'Hara Sweetertech '93 as often as I can. She and her husband, Lou, and three children: Emma, 7, Henry, 5, and Ellie, 2, live in Bethlehem, Pa. "Chris '88 and Susan Shoumer Newman had a wonderful party at their home, sponsored by McDaniel College. Dr. Seidel and Dr. John Ohly '67 were there as well as other representatives from the College. We all had a great time and learned more about the growth and changes at our alma mater.

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By an odd twist of fate following a U.S.-wide job search, Michelle Sabourin relocated to Frederick, Md., in April '08 after accepting a job at an international biotech company. All in the household are well, including her husband and two dogs (one really old and one really young). She looks forward to seeing more of the local WMC bunch.

Aaron Rosan has been teaching skating for the last 14 years at Northstar-at-Tahoe in Truckee, Calif. He just recently joined the sales team and is now responsible for the North Shore and promotion around the North Shore of Lake Tahoe and Reno. Aaron lives in Truckee with his girlfriend, Elizabeth, and their dog, Ziggy. He still keeps in touch with Orlando Orefill '97 and Sandra Elman Hyoie '96.

Paula Moyer Altsauskaus just began working as a teaching assistant at her son's preschool. She absolutely loves the staff, families and children that she works with. She has also continued working from home as an advisory teacher for sixth-graders who are home-schooled through the Calvert School. It is such a unique teaching experience to be able to provide a child academic instruction and support via letters and e-mail. Paula has students from all over the world. She and her husband, Jeff MS '01, celebrated their 13th anniversary this year. Megan, 9, will be going into the fourth grade. She keeps mom and dad very busy with all of her school, sports, and dance activities. Meg also likes to attend some of the sports events at Winter Hill School where Jeff is now the principal. Ryan, 7, began playing soccer last fall and Paula had the opportunity to be one of the coaches. Ryan will begin kindergarten this coming fall which stirs mixed emotions for Mom.

Beth Zawadzki Smith just returned to work after being a stay-at-home mom for the past eight years. She is teaching kindergarten part time for the Warwick School District in Lititz, Pa. The best part is it is the same district as her two girls Maddie, 8, and Anna, 6. Beth also keeps busy with the girls' activities and helping to raise money for breast cancer research.

Tom and Sherri Smith '93 Gruneberg, will be celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. They have two daughters, Alyssa, 6, in first grade, and Carly, 4, in preschool. Tom is also happy to announce his River Hill football team won their second consecutive Maryland state championship in 2008.

Robert Brown has three beautiful boys. Andrew is a third-grader and does quite well with math and soccer. Joshua is in preschool at daycare and loves rough housing with his big brother. Ryan was born August '08 at 9 pounds, 7 ounces. Rob is the mathematics department chair at Carroll Community College and loves his job. His wife, Emily Snyder, has changed careers and is working for a local accounting firm while pursuing her CPA. Robert and Emily built a house in 2005 on the outskirts of Westminster and have enjoyed staying local. They would love to hear from other alumni in the area.

Carrie Schuster Oddis is in her 12th year as a Baltimore City school social worker. She's been staying busy being involved with her children in school (volunteering and PTO activities), church (teaching a 3-year-old Sunday school class) and sports. She is looking forward to having both her children in one school next year. Carrie and her husband, John, took some time in October to go to Las Vegas to see her lil sis Char Gaylin '96 tie the knot. They're now looking forward to their first visit to Disney World this May. Carrie has enjoyed reconnecting, staying in touch with and hanging out with several alumni.

Michele Smith Millar recently moved to a new house in Cherry Hill, N.J. Their son, Matthew, 2, keeps them busy and laughing constantly. Michele has been a pediatric OT for almost 10 years and started a new job at Burlington County Special Services School in September, working three days a week. She still keeps in touch with Elise Achuff DeFilippis, Aimee Dickinson Peeling and Beth Zawadzki Smith and has become a huge fan of

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News from our Master's Alumni

Susan Forman Cohen MD '82 received a Moreland/Griffen graduate scholarship from Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Md., in 2008. October marked her 24th anniversary as a librarian for Montgomery County Public Library.

Vincent Chesney MS '00 is an associate psychologist at Selinsgrove State Center in Pennsylvania and an adjunct professor at Luzerne County Community College. An avid artist, Vincent enjoys both writing and painting. Next year the Byzantine style icon he painted commemorating Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shamokin, Pa., will be consecrated as part of the parish's 123rd anniversary. Vincent has also written an article for the second issue of Cosmopolitan Review. This online magazine explains how Poland interacts with the world.

Greyson Lutz MS '08 joined the Rochester School for the Deaf faculty in September '08 as a teacher in the RSD Elementary School Department.

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Facebook reuniting with sorority sisters and former WMU classmates.

Things in Westminster are the same as ever, says Carolyn Wraae, just that the kids keep growing and growing. Her son, Zachary, is getting ready to start high school in the fall (ouch!) and Conger is moving up to middle school. Even Sonia, the baby, is going to be in first grade. Caroline is busy at home with the kids and helping her husband, Reid ‘93, with his growing business in marketing and web design. They enjoy life in the 'Minster and love that they still get to see some of their friends from their schools days.

Denise Westrick Richards and her husband, Chris, built a house in Manchester, Md., three years ago. They still own the restaurant Greenmount Station in Hampstead, Md., which continues to thrive despite the state of our economy. Denise and Chris have been married for over eight years and have three beautiful healthy little girls: Mia Camryn, 4; Morgan Olivia, 3; and Macy Jordan, 2. They also have three dogs! Denise stays at home with the girls but has also been getting back into the physical therapy field on a PRN basis. She manages to stay in touch with most of her Phi Sig sisters and gets together with them whenever possible.

Hydee Johnson Street married Keith Street in 2002. They built a house on the farm in Stewartstown, Pa., and love being in the area where they grew up. They have their home with two dogs and three cats. Hydee works as a finance specialist III for the Harford County Public Library and really enjoys it. She still keeps in touch with Melissa Slaughter and Sheri Lesher Fox, and says hello to all the Omegas out there!

Karen Jenne Stevens ‘95 is busy homeschooling her two daughters, Abigail, 8, and Meghan, 6. Her third child, Benjamin, 2. She keeps in contact with Kari Dunn Aloisi and Jennifer Hodge ‘96.

Mark Hughes continues to serve as a community organizer in Baltimore. He is also actively involved with various civic organizations and supports McDaniel's events when able. His Spanish is very rusty, so he was very glad to have attended a recent discussion about the College's study abroad program.

New mom Sandy Jenkins Schultz is still working as a guidance counselor at Salisbury Christian School in Salisbury, Md. She and her husband welcomed a son on March 2, 2008. Carson Michael Jenkins is now the love of their life. They continue to enjoy life on the Eastern Shore and also enjoy spending time at the beach and at Delmarva Shorebird games.

Tyler Wilson continues to live in West Deptford South Jersey with wife Michelle Reavy ‘94. They have two children Mia, 9, and Matthew, 7. The soccer family spends most weekends playing with the kids and Tyler coaching. During the week he is busy at Kiva Printing and Graphics, where he helps run a family business. Facebook has helped him to reconnect with a lot of old college friends. In the little free time he has, he’s also been writing a column on beer drinking at www.tablematters.com.

Elizabeth Simons Gleason is living in Fairfax, Va., with her husband and two kids. She is currently on leave from teaching art in Fairfax County, enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. She keeps in touch with fellow Phi Alph Cynthia Spark Lourido, whose oldest is in eighth grade this year.

Veterinarian Deanna Madden Becker lives in Hagerstown, Md., with her husband, Jason, and their daughter Isabelle, 2. They also have one dog, two cats and four birds. This year Deanna hopes to buy into the Waynesboro Veterinary Clinic in Waynesboro, Pa., as a partner. Life is busy working full time, being a mom and wife but she loves every minute of it. She sends a special hello to the fellow Phi Mu ladies.

Sophie Kaye Wier is living in Atlanta, Ga., with her husband, Paul, and their two children Brooke, 8 and Sarah, 4. She is a full-time student at Kennesaw State University, getting a degree in early childhood education.

Kelly Benvin Brainard is living in Gettysburg, Pa., as a full-time mom to three girls and one boy. Her latest addition, McKenna Elle, joined them on Feb. 24, 2008. Kelly loves participating in the children’s school and team sports and keeping in touch with friends.

Junko Honda Young and her husband, David, are living and working in Gettysburg, Pa. They own and run a pottery studio with five kilns and a gallery. They sell their functional stoneware pieces as well as local produce in season. Junko also keeps busy chasing her four boys: Irvin, 8, Elisha, 6, Caleb, 3, and Kagen, 2. She lives just one exit away from Kelly Benvin Brainard, and recently saw her new baby girl. Check out her website: www.thelittlepotter.com.

After having rented in New York City for 12 years, I (Julie Lucas) finally decided to buy a condo on the Upper East Side. And after having worked at New York University for seven years, I am now working at Fordham University School of Law at Lincoln Center as the assistant dean of institutional advancement and assistant vice president of external affairs. All is going really well. I spend a lot of time traveling (going to seven countries this year), enjoying outdoor venues such as rafting, surfing, skydiving and spending time with friends and family.

After spending over 10 years in New York City, my growing family and I (Jennifer Dano Stein) decided it was time to move out! We moved to Babylon, Long Island, which is an adorable beach town about an hour out of the city. A tough decision, but a great one in the end. My husband, Eric, and I have three kids — two girls, Madeline, 8, and Campbell, 5, and one boy, Charan, 2. I continue to work in advertising and have been at Grey for over seven years. The commute can be a killer at times, but worth it! I too have been excited to meet up with past friends via Facebook and am always glad to hear what everyone is up to.

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Mike Yestramski lives in the Charles Village neighborhood of Baltimore with Catherine Cochran (MICA ’01), and their nine snakes and two frogs. He took his sociology degree to the next level and has obtained his MSW from University of Maryland, Baltimore. He is currently interning at the Perry Point Veteran’s Administration Hospital and working at Prologue Homeless Outreach Program.

Nick Valentine bought a house in November in the Canton neighborhood of Baltimore and enjoys working at Johns Hopkins in the cardiac surgical ICU. He is looking forward to the yearly Festivus party held by alumnus Vincent "Toni" Halloran.

Jed and Leah Dantine ‘02 Spencer welcomed their first child, Riley Jackson, on Sept. 7, 2008. He was 7 pounds, 5 ounces and everybody is doing well.

Christa Farrar Kahuda graduated from Virginia Tech veterinary school in May ’08. Soon after, she and her husband, Brent ’93, moved to Charleston, S.C. — about 2.5 miles from the beach. Of course, they are really enjoying themselves, but miss their friends and family in Maryland.

Patrick Muscarella married Deborah Thompson of Westminster, Md., on April 14, 2007 and they reside in Los Angeles, Calif.
Mike Blumberg was in attendance at the wedding. They welcomed their first child, Olivia Marleise, on Oct. 10, 2007. Patrick works at the UCLA school of law as an audio-visual tech/engineer and reports two other alumni that join him there: Professor Stephen Bainbridge ’80 and student Phil Blackman ’06. Hi-five West Coast alumni!

In 2007, Erin Stacks-Sarabia and her husband, Oli, traveled to India on vacation, staying mostly in the southern state of Kerala, full of beautiful beaches and tea plantations. They also took some time to fly north and visit the Taj Mahal in Agra. In 2008, the explorers went to Mexico City, but now are on a brief hiatus since the birth of their son, Andrew Philip, on May 19, 2008. They report being very happy new parents. Erin continues to teach ESOL part-time at Carroll Community College and loves working with students from all over the world.

Courtney Kraskowski Peed and her husband, Steve Peed, have a seminar on the books at Drexel University where he is working on his MS in sport management. After 18 months of driving to Lancaster from Hanover, they moved into a beautiful old row home just a short walk from Steve’s office at Franklin & Marshall where he serves as associate athletic director and director of athletic communications. They are going to get creative and start some renovations just as soon as they sell the place in Hanover (any takers?). Their rescue pugs, Paddy and Mason, miss the big yard in the country and Steve and Courtney miss the peace and quiet at home and their days are spent exploring in the parking lots outside of Lincoln Financial Field. Enjoying turkey expertly deep fried by Joe Gruzkza ’82 with a little supervision from Jeff Daniels ’96. Steve was thankful that no one was injured in the process!

Paul Oakes and his wife Dawn Seims (originally from Long Island) were married in August 2007 and honeymooned in Alaska. Their first baby, Cassidy Janelle, was born on May 10, 2008. Dawn left teaching to be a stay-at-home mom and Paul is now an account executive for the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Chris Clemmens recently took a new job in upper hotel management with Hilton Hotels in Baltimore. For the past eight summers Chris has been the head swim coach for the Baltimore Pine Ridge Piranhas. Since he took the reins in the summer of 2000, the team has finished in the top three in the Freestate Swim League every summer. In fact, one of his graduates, Amanda Burke ’11, currently swims for McDaniel and Coach Eastendar. He is certainly qualified to pick the best – Chris was the Green Terror top point producer all four years he swam and was the school record holder in the 100 and 200 backstrokes and the 200 medley relay backstroke leg. Keep those student-athletes coming to the Hill, Chris!

Ivan Moseyko currently holds the position of assurance manager at BDO Seidman LLP and has recently graduated from Smith School of Business, University of Maryland where he obtained his MBA.

Ron ‘00 and Malissa Morin Serramarin welcomed a son, Ben, on July 28, 2008. Malissa enjoyed the fall months at home with Ben, but returned to work in January. She is still working in public relations for the Tom’s River Regional Schools and Ron keeps busy by protecting the streets of Tom’s River as a police officer. They recently moved into their newly built home and were excited to be able to spend the holidays there.

Brandi Holmes Sheets says life is good in Indiana. She and her husband, Caleb, welcomed a baby girl, Emma Rae, on April 22, 2007 (Caleb’s birthday), Emma’s big brother, Brendan, just celebrated his eighth birthday and is enjoying his second grade.

Meredith Peruzzi has moved three miles down the road since we last heard from her, but still resides in Vienna, Va. She is working on a degree in deaf studies at Gallaudet University, and continues to work as a sign language interpreter. As most of us have, Meredith enjoys being reconnected with some Class of 2001 friends through Facebook and spends the rest of her free time knitting and crocheting.

Trish Harrison Phillips and husband Chris Daniels ’00 welcomed their first child, Nicholas, on December 13, 2008. The family lives in Woodbine, Md. Christian works as a controller for a construction company located in Beltsville and Trish works as a financial accountant at a small CPA firm in Hunt Valley. Everyone is doing great, and Christian and Trish are really enjoying being parents.

The past few years have been pretty eventful for Kelly Morris. In May ’07 he officially became a homeowner when he purchased a house in Annapolis. In his work at T. Rowe Price in Owings Mills continues to be rewarding as he enjoys supervising a team of 12 associates in the institutional services department. His group is responsible for handling the back-office operations and mutual fund trade processing for institutional accounts totaling $300 billion. With the recent turmoil in the financial markets, he’s been spending a lot of time at the office. Thankfully, he gets to work in the same group as all his fellow graduates Amy Ellis Trader, Melissa Wilson Simons ’99 and Jefferson Readmond ’06, which makes the work days enjoyable. Since his five-week backpacking trip through Europe after graduation in 2001, Kelly hasn’t been able to share the travel bug. He’s visited a friend in San Francisco, where they watched the World Champion Phillies demolish the Giants, gambled away lots of dough with family and friends in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, and has most recently spent some time in Colorado Springs. He hopes to make it back to Europe very soon and pick up where he left off.

Taft Taitt graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine’s Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) with a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT) in December ’08. She continues to be thankful for her early letters of recommendation by Dr. J. Richard Carpenter MED’72 (Exercise Science) and Elizabeth Chimock. She has returned to Annapolis where she is seeking employment in the outpatient setting. She recently got together with Amy Eagan, Lara Huzarewicz, Lynda Osterlind, Dixon ’00, Kevin Cooke ’96 and Lauren Spears ’02, all of whom live in the area.

Lisa M. Weber-Raley still resides in Annapolis and works in D.C. Lisa married St. Mary’s College of Maryland grad Ryan Raley on May 24, 2008. Honesty Drumgoole Peltier was the maid of honor and other alumni joined in the party: Bob Avildsen ’00; Brent ’03 and Christa Farrar Kahnuda; Jen Martin Knight, and Brian Peltier ’98. The waterfront outdoor ceremony in Chesapeake Beach was blessed with perfect weather. However, when the newlyweds arrived in Costa Rica for their honeymoon they were greeted by one of the worst storms in 50 years. After two days of rain, they enjoyed exploring Costa Rica — volcanoes, zip lining through the rain forest, and deep sea fishing. In October, Lisa was back on the Hill for the women’s lacrosse alumni game and said it was great to catch up with everyone.

Sarah Amass Jenkins and husband Brad welcomed another child this year. Natalie III Jane was born on Sept. 29. Their son, Dominic, just turned 3 and is enjoying being a big brother. Sarah is a special education teacher at Parr’s Ridge Elementary in Mt. Airy. She enjoyed catching up with many of her former suite mates at Anna Beth Boyer’s wedding in November.

On Nov. 26, 2008 (the day before Thanksgiving) Scott ’00 and Amy Ellis Trader welcomed their daughter, Caitlyn Anne, to the world. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches long. She has beautiful blue eyes, a full head of blonde hair and they couldn’t be happier. Hopefully if all goes right, she’ll be a future member of the McDaniel Class of 2030!

Adelina Sheehy Renaut was born Sept. 2, 2008 to Jon Renaut and his wife, Barbara Sheehy. The family is doing very well. Heather Arnold bought a townhouse on Kent Island in September ’08 and is teaching physical education at Matapeake Middle School. She is the assistant varsity field hockey coach at Kent Island High School and led them to the 2A state championship last fall! She loves the Eastern Shore life, especially when she and her boyfriend can run the trails with her Labradoodle puppy, Fiacco. She still plays field hockey in the summer.
Alum takes to the stage

Since leaving the Hill a year ago, alumnus Peter Kendall '08 has been busy. The stage actor has been in the spotlight at the Washington, D.C.-based Studio Theatre, the Baltimore Shakespeare Festival and Baltimore's CenterStage, where he was in The Matchmaker, which ran last fall, and this spring's 'Tis Pity She's a Whore.

"I feel very grateful and fortunate to be doing as well as I have so soon after leaving McDaniel," Kendall said, adding that Theatre Department faculty have helped him by giving him advice and guidance.

with Melissa Reynolds Page '00.
Jill Aspelmeier Nall married Darrin Nall on June 24, 2007 and welcomed their baby girl, Toria Elizabeth, on May 3, 2008. Mom, dad and daughter are doing very well.
Karen Orchard Collins and her husband welcomed their second child and first boy, Nicholas Clark, on Oct. 10, 2008. He joins his big sister Hayley, 2, and they are absolutely in love with their little man. Karen is the accounting manager for Knorr Brake Corporation in Westminster where she recently celebrated her eighteenth anniversary with the company. They have enjoyed seeing friends including Shauna Oplinger Thomas, Jennifer Donner and Melissa Donner.
Jon and Amy Horin Beko welcomed their son, Tyler Jon, on January 4, 2009. They currently live outside of Dallas, Texas, where Jon is a pilot for American Airlines and Amy is enjoying motherhood.
Clint McKay and his wife, Jessica Fitzgerald '03 McKay, had a son, Keegan Frederick McKay, born on Jan. 7, 2008. His hobbies include: climbing stairs, taking all of the Tupperware from the cabinets, and saying fun words like "sock," "light," and "no." They are very proud of him.
Holly Carswell Lambert is teaching elementary health and physical education at Mountain View Elementary School in Loudoun County, Va. Even though she's been teaching there for seven years, the annual third grade (245 students and 50 parents!) trip of a four-mile hike along the C&O Canal as part of their lifetime fitness initiative keeps her energized. She lives in historic Harpers Ferry with her husband, Tim, and son, Gavin, 3, where they enjoy frequent bicycle excursions on the C&O Canal and canoe trips on the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.
Josh Bronson was recently promoted to lieutenant of campus safety at McDaniel. He is the special services manager for the department.
Celia Stroope Bronson is teaching fourth grade at Mt. Airy Elementary School. Josh and Celia keep busy with their two daughters, Heidi and Jeanette. This is a big year for the Bronson family; Josh turns 30, Heidi turns 5 and Jeanette turns 1.
Sarah Fike Layman has been loving life in Frederick since she purchased her home in 2006. Sarah keeps busy with her work as a physician assistant at Comprehensive Neurology and Sleep Medicine in Frederick where she practices general neurology as well as sleep medicine, specializing in migraines, multiple sclerosis, and behavioral treatment for insomnia. When not working she enjoys spending time with friends including McDaniel alumni: Mike '00 and Lori Hansch Conroy and their daughter, Madilyn, Brad and Dana Fraser Ingram and their sons, Nathaniel and Andrew, as well as Michael and Michelle Voight Schmorr.
Shauna Oplinger Thomas and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, Cally Marie, on Nov. 11, 2008. Shauna is still working as a physical therapist at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia. Cally enjoys going on trips with her mom to visit college friends Karen Orchard Collins, Jennifer Donner and Melissa Donner.
Jeremial Kelly and wife Aimee had their second daughter, Rhian, on June 1, 2008. Jeremiah graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law in May '08 and passed the July '08 Bar exam. He was admitted to the Bar in December '08 and is associated in the specialty litigation section at the Baltimore law firm of Whiteford, Taylor, and Preston LLP.
Brad and Dana Fraser Ingram are happy to share the birth of their second child, Andrew James, who joined the family on May 25, 2008. They currently live in Sharpsburg, Md. Brad is a physician assistant and works at a family practice in Frederick. Dana holds down the fort and tries to keep the two boys out of trouble.
Angela Zagami Amisano married Paul Amisano of Valley Stream, New York on May 17, 2008 in St. Michaels, Md. They currently reside in Cary, N.C.
Angela Stickles Wilson gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Ivy, on Sept. 4, 2008 and was welcomed by her two older sisters, Lilly, 4, and Sage, 2. Her husband is still serving in the U.S. Army, and while they have moved a bit over the last seven years, they currently live in Ft. Bragg, N.C. Jessica is blessed to be a stay-at-home mom and a proud Army wife.
Michael '00 and Christina Simms Blundin finished their first half-marathon in Philadelphia on Nov. 23, 2008 where they were greeted at 7 a.m. with 27-degree weather. Christina says, "By now, with us being official New Englanders, you would think we would be used to the cold, but no such luck. I think we thawed out somewhere on mile three." Their next race is the New Bedford Half Marathon (Mass.) in March '09.
Mike '00 and Lori Hansch Conroy welcomed their beautiful daughter, Madilyn Grace, on June 12, 2008. Lori is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom and teaching part time online. Mike is working as a graphic designer for Montgomery Village Foundation. They live in Sykesville and frequently get together with alums including: Madilyn's godmother, Sarah Fike Layman, Michael '00 and Christine Simms Blundin, Mike and Michelle Voight Schmorr and Jay Bear. Madilyn is enjoying playing with the children of Brad and Dana Fraser Ingram, Quinn and Jeff Ciesla '99, and Jed and Leah Dantinne '02 Spencer.
Brooke Vizzing King has been residing in Rockville while building up her dance school, The Darcy School of Irish Dance.
Elizabeth Wantz Chaney is married to Towson University alumnus Jeff Chaney. The couple lives in Westminster with their beautiful daughter, Emma. They welcomed their second child, Ryan Stephen, on March 3, 2009.
Christina Bandula Storie got married on June 28, 2008 to Adam Storie '06. They honeymooned for 10 days at Sandals in beautiful St. Lucia. They are now happily raising a Rottie puppy named Brody in their town-home in Hampstead, Md. Christina teaches second grade at Cranberry Station Elementary in Westminster and is working toward a master's degree in the reading specialist program at McDaniel College. She enjoys keeping up with old Phi Sig sorority sisters, as they have get-togethers often.
Donny Ward is living in Baltimore and working as a trainer and senior tech for Vectorworks, an architectural design software company.
Catherine "Niki" Lespon lives in York, Pa., with her fiancé Coast Infantino.
Calvin Woodward has been working as a premium auditor performing working papers and compliance audits on businesses for American International Group (AIG) since April '09.
Kimberly Ratliff is currently living in Mount Airy, Md., with her fiancé Scott Schozl. Since graduation, she has been working as a case manager for the Carroll County Youth Service Bureau's Safe and Stable Family Preservation Program. She is also working as a crisis advocate for the Domestic Violence Shelter in Carroll County which is run through the Human Services Programs of Carroll County. She continues to work on her master's degree at Hood College and plans to graduate in December. She has rekindled her friendship with best friend from...
college Jaime Johnson ’05 after not seeing her for four years.

Carrie Vivian Pistor is working for Baltimore County as a senior financial analyst. She married Tim Pistor on July 5, 2008. Among the bridesmaids were Heather Sea-vol, Beth Chaney, Jen Pullen and Sarah Voskuhl. After a two-week honeymoon to California, the couple bought a house in Bel Air, Md. Recent travels include trips to Vermont, Lake Placid, Key West and Fort Lauderdale.

Heather Sinclair is enjoying living a block away from T. Rowe Price in Owings Mills where she works as a supervisor. She’s the only McDaniel alum at the company. She works with fellow Phi Sig April Gellivcks ’05 and Christy Shaw and Phi Delta Chris Taugher ’02 among other familiar faces. She recently got a Yorkie poo named Sam. She and her boyfriend of almost two years planned a trip to Bermuda at the end of May and she was very excited to take her first big trip with a new passport.

Julie Ogysko and Rusty LaMotte were married Aug. 25, 2007, at St. John Catholic Church in Westminster. Fellow alumni in their wedding party included Kim Schippper Middleton ’03, Tiffany Porto Wingeart ’03, Becky Arnold, Jason Cashen and Justin Neylard. They purchased a house in the Westminster area in May ’08. Julie has been working at T. Rowe Price in Baltimore since graduation and is currently a specialist in the investment compliance department. She planned to earn her MBA from Loyola College in May ’09. Rusty is in his third year of teaching biology at North Carroll High School (his alma mater) and coaches the JV baseball team with Jason Cashen.

Jason Heaver received his MD from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and is now doing a residency in internal medicine at Yale. He plans to pursue a career in critical care medicine.

Aimie Smith earned an RN degree in May ’09 from Howard Community College in Columbia, Md. She hopes to work in pediatrics.

Greg Masimore is living in Hanover, Pa., with fiancée Tiffany Ellison ’06. He works as a senior insurance specialist for Travelers Insurance Company in Hunt Valley, Md.

Lauri Gann earned a master’s degree in social work from the University of Maryland’s School of Social Work in May ’08. She is a licensed graduate social worker. On her graduation day, she became engaged to Dan Greensbo. They are living in Columbia, Md.

Steven Smith graduated in the summer ’08 with a Ph.D. from the department of biochemistry at the University of Kentucky. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health.

Katie Tomarelli reports that she is living and working in Chicago as an RN. After graduating from McDaniel, she volunteered for a year with AmeriCorps NCCC in Denver, then, she quickly fell in love, married and got a divorce. (Oops!) Since then, Katie said she has been extremely happy and enjoys being single. After a year caring for low-income senior citizens, she enrolled in nursing school at Rush University Medical Center and graduated in December ’08. Katie enjoys cycling, yoga, traveling and reading her Economist magazine.

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Amanda Messi Luongo married Mike Luongo on Sept. 22, 2007. The couple lives in Queenstown, Md. Amanda is working as a technical writer for Annapolis Micro Systems in Annapolis, Md.

Artina Young has been working as an associate producer for On the Potomac Productions in Washington, D.C.

After his diagnosis with cancer nearly four years ago, Dan Waeger founded the National Intercollegiate Cancer Foundation (NCCF) which to date has raised tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to support young adult cancer survivors across the country. NCCF (http://collegiatecancer.org) is a charter member of the Lance Armstrong Foundation’s Young Adult Alliance. Dan’s inspirational story has been featured in USA Today, U.S. News & World Report, Coping With Cancer magazine and numerous other publications. He volunteered with cancer organizations, particularly the Lung Cancer Alliance. Dan was proudly employed by the National Coalition of Cancer Survivorship as the manager of development where he worked with corporate supporters and was an advocate for fellow cancer survivors. Dan passed away on March 16, 2009. His heroic battle with cancer and "Waeager Will Win" attitude inspired countless people including many in the McDaniel College community who helped his cause. He is survived by his parents, Robert Waeger and Cicily Waeger, his beloved fiancee Meghan Rodgers, three sisters, a brother, three nieces, two nephews and six dogs. Memorial contributions may be made to the NCCF, PO Box 14390, Silver Spring, MD 20911.

Kate Champion Riley was promoted to managing editor of the New Market/Urbania and Mount Airy editions of The Gazette in August ’08. In her current position, she manages a team of reporters, photographers, columnists and the internship program in the downtown Frederick, Md., bureau among other duties. She married Rick Riley on May 16, 2008, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Jarrettsville, Md. Julia Miller served as maid of honor. The couple lives in their newly purchased house in Frederick, Md., with their new puppy, Phoebe.

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I actually don’t remember much of the race. It’s four laps and it was at the second turn that I could see most of the field based on what lane I was in. I was really surprised. I thought to myself: “Oh my gosh, I’m near the top. If I’m not in first I’m very close.” The next thing I knew I had finished the race. I was shocked. I had hoped that maybe something like that would happen but it was beyond my wildest dreams.

I’m relaxed when I’m in the water. I don’t really know what it is. When I’m having a good day in the water and a good practice I kind of feel like I could take on the world. At a meet when I do really well, I know that all of my hard work, all the time and effort I put into it, has paid off.

It’s been great swimming with the team at McDaniel because you get on campus and you have an automatic group of friends. Over the course of the season, because you’re spending so much time with them, they become your family. Everyone supports each other. Coach [Kim] Easterday knows so much and has so much experience. Even though swimming’s a team sport it’s also very individual so she really wants the best for each of her swimmers and tries to help us do our best — she definitely succeeds.
1. When were the first Commencement exercises held?
   a. 1868  b. 1871  c. 1898

2. Honorary degree recipient and 1996 Commencement speaker Bob Keeshan was a favorite figure from a popular children's show. Which one was it?
   a. Captain Kangaroo
   b. Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood
   c. Professor Kool's Fun Skool Program

3. What is the last class to graduate in Alumni Hall?
   a. 1958  b. 1963  c. 1971

4. When were the first graduating seniors inducted into the College's newly chartered Delta of Maryland Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa?
   a. 1917  b. 1952  c. 1980

5. When did graduates begin wearing caps and gowns for the Commencement ceremony?
   a. 1922  b. 1946  c. 1895
Members of the McDaniel community were invited to divulge their fears, regrets, desires and confessions on postcards and submit them anonymously for a campus art project to raise awareness about mental health issues and support. See page 18 to read about the powerful outcome.
It started with a football and ended with a dynasty.
While studying in Ecuador, senior Jes Osrow observed iguanas and other exotic wildlife on a trip to the Galapagos Islands.
Are you a reader of romance fiction and afraid to acknowledge your passion? We want to hear from you. Thanks to scholars like Professor of English Pam Regis, this genre of popular literature is beginning to garner some respect and we'd like to explore what's getting everybody all steamed up.

E-mail Kim Asch (kasch@mcdaniel.edu) to share your story for an upcoming feature in The Hill.

A General Request
I enjoy reading The Hill to see what is happening at the College and with my classmates. I noticed on page 46 of the Summer 2009 issue that alumni who made General Officer returned for the ROTC commissioning ceremony and that one, Maj. Gen. David B. Laclede ‘77, was the speaker. It was good to see those individuals make the effort to be available.

However, I then wondered about other graduates who also made General Officer. Several years ago I was invited to attend the commissioning ceremony and to be the speaker. Others might appreciate an invitation each year to at least attend this important event. I believe I can still fit in my uniform and, if available, would be honored to be present next May.

Anthony Sarbanes ’58, MEd.’68
Salisbury, Md.

Congrats to Seidel
Regarding the announcement of the endowed chair funded by Board Chair Marty Hill honoring Economics Professor and CFO Ethan Seidel, I want to congratulate Ethan on his great honor that essentially immortalizes him.

I was his student long ago in the late ’70s — and owe him a great deal. If only I had taken his advice on straightening up much sooner! However, think of all the fun I would have missed.

Bruce Downs ’80, CPA
Birmingham, Ala.

Keep The Hill in My Grip
Not only do I join Tara Meacham ’03 in her comments on page 2 of The Hill, Summer 09, I see no way that online publishing can compete with the convenience of flipping pages and having the photos “draw the reader in.”

How could any alum not want to read about Sam Hopkins or at least scan the article with the “power” of the front page? The composition of the cover photo is simply outstanding, especially with the allusion to a magical sleight of hand! Terrific and clever.

Keep The Hill in print!

Ray Albert ’62
Annapolis, Md.

Stay Connected
- Check out The Hill magazine’s blog at ilovethehill.com, where you can view Web extras and post comments on the stories you read there.
- Visit the new sports website at McDanielathletics.com for headline news, photos and live broadcasts of home games.
Winner Ed Hermann '70 is the only entrant who answered every question correctly. For his prize, a McDaniel College sweatshirt, he says: "Thanks to Jim Lightner '59 for providing most of the answers in his book, Fearless and Bold, which I just finished reading. I recommend it highly to anyone who has even a passing interest in the history of McDaniel College."

Here are the answers:

1. When were the first Commencement exercises held?
   a. 1868. Even though students were not eligible to receive degrees until 1871, a program of commencement activities was scheduled annually from the first academic year and the events were well attended.

2. Honorary degree recipient and 1996 Commencement speaker Bob Keeshan was a favorite figure from a popular children's show. Which one was it?

3. What is the last class to graduate in Alumni Hall?
   c. 1972. Alumni Hall had become too small.

4. When were the first graduating seniors inducted into the College's newly chartered Delta of Maryland Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa?
   c. 1980. It was just the fourth college in the state to receive the honor.

5. When did graduates begin wearing caps and gowns for the Commencement ceremony?
   c. 1895.
When Pro Baseball Calls, First Call Your Mother

Before finalizing a deal with the Chicago White Sox to play professional baseball, Harold Baines Jr. had to reach an agreement with a higher authority: his mother.

Baines '10 reported to Bristol, Tenn., in June to join the Bristol White Sox, the big league team’s Rookie League affiliate. “Before I did this, I had to promise my mom that I would finish my college degree,” said Baines, a senior communication major with a minor in film and video studies. “I’m definitely going to keep my promise.”

Baines is back to full-time student status this semester after competing in almost 70 games over the summer. He arrived on campus just hours after making two hits and helping the BrtSox win their final game of the season 6-4 against Elizabethon in Tennessee.

“I definitely became a better baseball player while I was down there playing a game every day,” said Baines, who was the first player taken from McDaniel in the 45 years of the draft.

Baines plans to follow in his father’s footsteps and don a Major League uniform in the future. The elder Baines played 22 years in the big leagues, including seven years with the Orioles and 14 with the White Sox, where he is now the first-base coach. A six-time all-star, he was recently inducted into the Baltimore Orioles Hall of Fame.

Come February, Baines plans to be in spring training in Glendale, Ariz., instead of in classes. If all goes well with baseball, he won’t complete his final semester of college until sometime in the future.

Head Baseball Coach Dave Seibert says Baines’ “excellent character” and “great swing” give him an edge, “but it’s a long way to get to ‘the Show’ and some guys never make it.” He’s glad Baines has a shot. “He can come back and finish his degree anytime — his job opportunity in baseball is right now.”
For the Class of 2013, a Glowing Report

They volunteered in a medical clinic in El Salvador, helped with Katrina relief on the Gulf Coast and rebuilt a community school in Honduras.

They've already completed internships at the National Naval Medical Centre, the World Bank, the National Air and Space Museum and the Baltimore Sun's high school minority journalists program.

They are filmmakers, firefighters, pilots, polka band members and crew chiefs for high-adventure backpacking. They are entrepreneurs— one raised tuition money by catering Virginia Tech football games from a vehicle that looks like a pig.

Meet the Class of 2013, a bright, service-oriented, talented and resourceful cohort of scholars that is 428 strong— just four shy of last year's total. After a year in which an extraordinary economic downtown created uncertainty about how the blow to families' finances would affect the College's recruiting efforts, this incoming freshmen class is a most welcome sight.

"We never relax until we see that the students are actually here on campus, but 100 percent of them arrived on move-in day," says Heidi Snyder Reigel '97, associate director of admissions.

The Class of 2013 is 18 percent multicultural and a whopping 50 percent are male (the national average on college campuses is about 35 percent). Maryland residents comprise 62 percent of the class, while the rest come from 25 other states including Florida, Maine, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. Among the ranks are 47 members of the Honors Program, 51 Maryland Distinguished Scholars and 33 relatives of alumni.

Recruited male athletes in the class total 104 and there are 44 female athletes who were recruited by coaches, reports Reigel. Over the past couple of years she has led a renewed effort to collaborate with coaches to recruit players who are both scholars and skilled in their sport. Special events, such as Student Athletes on the Hill Day, allow prospects to learn about athletics and academics, as well as the nuts and bolts of the admissions process, during the same campus visit. Then they are given a boxed lunch so they can eat and enjoy watching one of many games scheduled that afternoon.

"The acceptance rate with the athletes was higher this year than ever before because they came to campus and heard the message about our rigorous academics," says Reigel, who also meets with prospective football players on the mornings before a home game and has met with prospective basketball players during halftime. "I think this effort helps us weed out weaker applicants because they’re not applying. That’s good because it saves everybody time."

It’s Not Easy Being Green

Tyler Mullan, a senior studio art and biology double major, was recently accepted into her first national juried exhibition, the 10th Annual Will’s Creek Survey, hosted by the Allegheny Arts Council in Cumberland, Md.

Her exhibit, “It’s Not Easy Being Green: Environmentally-based Deformities in Frogs,” was showcased among artists from nearly 20 states.

Mullan credits her art department peers and professors with much of her recent success. “Before taking art classes at McDaniel, I was oblivious as to what getting involved in the artistic community meant, and I never would have had the confidence or motivation to inquire about entering juried art exhibits,” she said.
Newsmakers

• October was a good month for Mohamed Esa, German scholar and professor of foreign languages. He was named the 2009 Outstanding German Educator by the American Association of Teachers of German. He also received the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany—the highest honor a person can receive from the German government—for his extraordinary service in promoting the German language.

• One year after joining the McDaniel faculty to become coordinator of the College’s 5-year-old environmental policy and science program, Scott Hardy is faced with the pleasant challenge of devising conservation projects to be supported by a new source of funding. The EPS program is among the first recipients of funds from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation’s Development Grant program, which was publicly launched with an invitation-only competition for awards totaling up to $260,000. “We have plenty of ideas,” Hardy says.

• Professor of Art and Art History Susan Ruddick Bloom’s book, Digital Painting in Photoshop, was recently published by Focal Press. She is part of a four-woman exhibit of infrared photography called “Four Visions in a Different Light,” which opened in October at the Carroll County Arts Council. The exhibit will travel to galleries and museums nationally including venues in Hollywood and Phoenix.

• Professor of Library Science Mona Kerby’s book Owney, the Mail Pouch Pooch, made the 2009 Bank Street College Best Children’s Books of the Year list, 100th Anniversary Edition, one of the most comprehensive annotated book lists for children. The book earned a prestigious silver Parents’ Choice Award for 2008.

Special Report

In the College’s more than 140-year history, only eight people have served in the presidency. That legacy of continuity increases the stakes in the search for the next president. How can we be confident we’ll pick the right person?

Mary Lynn Durham ’70, trustee and vice-chair of the Board, is the chair of the Search Committee:

I am honored to chair the first comprehensive national search in the College’s history. All of us on the Presidential Search Committee recognize that the longevity and outstanding achievements of Joan Develin Coley and her seven predecessors have created a rich heritage of dynamic, dedicated leadership. We are particularly conscious of our responsibility to select the president who will lead McDaniel into its historic sesquicentennial decade.

As we developed our search plan over the summer months, we benefited from advice and counsel from many members of the McDaniel community. We identified and retained an executive search firm as professional advisor. Our consultant, Myers McRae, is one of the most experienced executive search firms in the nation for institutions of higher learning. Our committee members focused deeply on the search criteria and on the opportunities to lead at McDaniel. We structured the search process itself to engage broad community participation.

The Presidential Search Committee represents every contingent of the College community—trustees, faculty, administrators, alumni and students. We’ve invited and received hundreds of comments and referrals from members of the extended College family and hundreds of people who are closely tied to McDaniel participated in the focus-group meetings we hosted on campus in late August and early September.

Thanks to an excellent turnout at each of the meetings and thoughtful questions and comments, our committee learned a great deal about the
many aspects of the College that make us proud as well as areas that require improvement. The energetic participation in these meetings is itself evidence of how important the future leadership of the College is to all of us. The insights we gained as we undertook our own assessment of the College’s strengths, opportunities and challenges have helped enormously as we have begun to focus on the strengths of our candidates. Personally, this has been an amazing experience. It has reinforced for me that McDaniel College is truly a crown jewel in the lives of the many people who contribute to its community and of all of us who have benefited from its many gifts. Going in, I didn’t realize how demanding a role this would be, but through this process I have been inspired by the commitment of so many wonderful people to our College. I’ve been privileged in my role to connect and reconnect with so many people who treasure their associations here. As a committee, too, we’ve received incredible letters of nomination, suggestions, expressions of support. We have particularly enjoyed the calls from older alumni who are quite excited about the presidential search website (mcDaniel.edu/presidential search) because now they too can be involved in the College’s selection of its ninth president.

We are delighted with the interest of the exceptional candidates who have applied for this position and look forward to the opportunity to begin dialogues with them in the coming weeks. And it is with great pleasure that we anticipate the Board’s election of our ninth president at some point during the winter or early spring.

Faculty Men Are No Heels

Several male faculty members slipped on their academic gowns then donned hot pink pumps, red ballet slippers and polka-dotted slides. But make no mistake, these professors weren’t playing dress-up.

They were among dozens who braved a rainy day to participate in a benefit called “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The Men’s March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence.” The event raised awareness and funds to support the efforts of the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County.

“It wasn’t pretty, but it was pretty amazing,” Henry Reiff, McDaniel’s dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, said after completing the march in Westminster.

“The event really did raise awareness about sexual violence on women,” Reiff added. “When I think about anything like that happening to a loved one, friend, casual acquaintance or even a complete stranger, I realize it’s an issue that affects all of us. I felt like I stood up, and wobbled a little, as a man.”

Reiff was part of the McDaniel “Dream Team,” whose other members were: Herb Smith, professor of political science; LeRoy Panek, professor of English; Eric Byrd, lecturer in the music department and director of the College’s Gospel Choir; Jose Flores, chief instructor in military science; Joe Dressel, adjunct lecturer in the exercise science and physical education department; Max Julian Ham, area coordinator of residence life; and Jim Kunz, associate professor in Social Work.

The “Dream Team” raised more than $1,400 in donations. A team from the Women’s Issues Group and a team from Campus Security also participated. In all, the event raised nearly $7,000 for the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, Kunz said.
Little Bikes are a Big Deal

BY GINA DAVIS

Cycling and mountain biking became a personal passion for senior Russ Morin when he was still in high school and working at a locally owned bike shop on Solomon’s Island.

The Business Administration major never imagined that a chance encounter while working at the same shop last summer would lead him to launch his own business, chart a new career path and champion a new cause.

As Morin recalls, a customer, Lee Milburn, asked whether it was possible to get an affordable bike that would allow her — a little person (or one who has any of the more than 200 forms of dwarfism) — to ride comfortably.

Morin didn’t know whether he could help Milburn, but he wanted to try.

“She had already been to eight or nine shops,” Morin says. “I took her name and number, but I was prepared to call her to tell her there was nothing I could do either.”

Custom-made bicycles generally start in the $1,500 range, Morin says, but Milburn just wanted something simple that could accommodate her short stature and allow her to enjoy a leisurely bike ride with her family now and then.

Morin figured he could tinker with a child’s bicycle, but he knew it wouldn’t be as simple as giving Milburn a smaller bike. For Milburn and many other little people, a child’s bike sits too high for their feet to touch the ground and the handle bars are situated too low, Morin explains. The retrofit generally includes stripping down a child’s 16-inch bike frame, adding 12-inch wheels and chopping down the seat frame.

“You have to find the perfect balance between the inseam and the torso,” says Morin, who estimates that he spent about 15 hours in his spare time working on that first bike.
"Being at McDaniel allowed me to customize," Russ Morin says. "I know of no other school that would’ve allowed me to earn credit for taking a course to become a bike mechanic."

It now takes him under three hours to retrofit a bike, having since retrofitted more than a dozen such bikes for other little people — many of whom learned about Morin after Little People of America, a national nonprofit organization, posted a link to his website, littlecycles.com. When Milburn’s bike was finished, she couldn’t have been happier.

"I am thrilled with this bike. It is comfortable, safe and easy to ride," Milburn wrote in a testimonial posted on Morin’s website. "I’ve started taking long bike rides with my husband and children — something I was not comfortable doing before. I love this bike and have no reservations about recommending it to any other little person who is looking for a great bike!"

That success inspired Morin to self-design a Jan-Term course earlier this year that would enable him to parlay his newfound skill into a business venture. He spent the winter-break term in Oregon, taking an 80-hour class to earn national certification as a bicycle mechanic. Included in the coursework was instruction about the nuts and bolts of running a profitable store.

"Being at McDaniel allowed me to customize," he says. "I know of no other school that would’ve allowed me to earn credit for taking a course to become a bike mechanic."

Morin also credits a class in entrepreneurship that he took during his sophomore year giving him the confidence to develop a business plan, create his website and launch Little Cycles. His independent research into the problems faced by people with dwarfism alerted Morin to the need for a product like his. He learned it can be tough for little people to find safe activities to stay in shape because so many types of exercise put too much stress on their bones and joints.

On his website, Morin boasts, "Little Cycles is proud to be the first and only affordable bicycle option for little people everywhere!" His bikes start at about $550, including shipping and assembly. His website has drawn visitors from at least 40 different countries, including Peru, Brazil and Finland, he says.

Milburn also encouraged Morin to join her at this summer’s Little People of America National Convention in Brooklyn, N.Y., where it seemed like every one of the 3,000 men, women and children with dwarfism in attendance stopped by to admire and try out his retrofitted bicycles.

"I was swamped," he says, adding that the enthusiasm resulted in several orders. "I can’t even describe the excitement that was there. It was so much fun."

As he enjoys his senior year at McDaniel as a Green Terror runner and Ultimate Club devotee, Morin is also busy brainstorming more ideas for his business. In addition to customizing more bicycles for little people, he is thinking about creating a line of exercise equipment designed for them.

He’s also decided to donate a portion of his profits from a sideline business he’s been cultivating — belts fashioned from recycled bike parts. The beneficiary will be Camp Little People, a camp just for families with dwarfism in Millville, Pa.

"After I got into building the bikes, I started doing more research on little people’s needs," he says. "There are some great possibilities."
Long-Term Asset
Susan Milstein
Professor of Accounting

She was a Baltimore City high school history teacher with a master’s degree in secondary education and a CPA, then went on to earn an M.B.A. For the past 28 years, she has owned and operated Kessler Milstein CPAs, specializing in tax preparation. In 1983, she joined the College faculty and has turned on scores of students to accounting and the game Mahjong through her popular Jan Term course. She was the longtime faculty advisor to the Trumpeters and the Alpha Nu Omega sorority. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program she founded 19 years ago now annually serves more than 200 clients. She is the proud mother of alumnae Jen Milstein Johnson ’93 and Dr. Debbie Milstein Herchelroath ’94.

Past is prelude
I loved teaching high school history, absolutely loved it. But I knew then and there that I was never going to make much money. And I decided that I needed to do that, just to prove to myself that I could. So I did.

For love and money
I thought accounting was just the best thing since sliced bread. It is, in a way, like decorating a house. Some people can do that, or they can garden, but for whatever reason they have tax anxiety. And I didn't. I loved finding more and more out about how to save money legally and I just thought, “Wow, if I could do this for a living I'd really be happy.” And I am.

Spreading it around
I decided I wanted to teach because it's very hard to teach accounting and have the students get turned on and love it. And I realized I could do it. My enthusiasm is contagious.

My lightbulb moment at the movies
When I went to see The 40-Year-Old Virgin I knew nothing about speed dating. Nothing! But I was sitting there watching it and, as so often happens, I just
started brainstorming. I thought, wouldn’t that be great for my department. Of course, we’d be matching students with prospective employers.

**Interview Day has come a long way**

The first year we had seven accounting firms come to interview 20 students in my intermediate accounting class. The stated purpose of the day is really to give students an opportunity to practice their interviewing skills and get feedback and tips from real employers. But every single senior got an offer for a job, and sometimes two, and every single junior got an offer for an internship. In four years, we went from seven companies to 18 and the number of students increased from 20 to 40. We’ve expanded the program to include the entire biz-econ department.

**Many more matches made**

This year’s Interview Day resulted in job and internship offers and other great opportunities:

- A representative from Ripken Baseball, who had never been here before, said she had no idea of the quality of our students and was very, very interested in having more time to interview even more of them. They want to come in the spring for a whole day and interview from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as many students as they can get.
- We’re doing something similar with Extern Day at T. Rowe Price on Oct. 29. Twenty students from various departments will shadow alumni who currently work at the Owings Mills campus.

**MIA at tax time**

During tax time, my husband, Marvin, always says he’s calling the FBI’s Missing Persons Bureau to look for me. He hopes he’ll find me one day. It’s true I don’t get much sleep between January and April, but who in my business does?

**My season of giving**

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program I started on campus is 19 years old. Our students are trained to be tax preparers and about 200 people come from all over to have their taxes done for free. It’s a very, very wonderful program for low-income taxpayers. It’s such a tie between the College and the community. Every return must be reviewed by a CPA or someone with great knowledge in the field so that nothing electronically filed is incorrect. We bring back a lot of alumni to help.

**My journey with Mahjong**

As a teenager I sat and watched my friend’s mother and father play with their friends on Saturday nights when everyone else was on dates. Back then I loved numbers too. They taught me how to play and from there I taught all my friends and a lot of Carroll County. Then I got the idea to teach mahjong during Jan Term. I created a course about the game, its history in China and its migration to the U.S. One of our alums that became a producer of videos put together a film called, “Mahjong: The Tiles That Bond.” When I went to the Washington screening people were asking for my autograph.

**They’re not called Trumpeters for nothing**

Frankie Kratovil ’90, the newly elected U.S. Congressman who just spoke here this fall, was president of the Trumpeters under my watch as advisor. The Trumpeters did everything imaginable in the leadership realm at the College, and all was done yesterday, perfectly, on a shoestring budget. I just sat back and marveled.

**I believe in girl power**

After advising Alpha Nu Omega for a dozen years, I’ve learned that if you need to get something done, you call the sorority. The first week here for my daughter Jen ’93 was very, very difficult. She was homesick — even though we lived only 15 minutes away and I worked on campus, she was homesick. That first night when she called us and was crying like crazy I called the Omegas and I said, “Will you take care of this?” And 20 of them went up to her room and I never heard from her again. They just took care of it.

**My door is always open**

I don’t eat lunch. I don’t have time. I have good intentions every day. But the students are running in here. And, to me, that’s what my job is. So I’m here for them. I figure if I had to pay that much to go to school I’d want somebody there when I needed her. So more often than not I don’t go to lunch.”
October 24, 2009:
The Green Terror football players made their way to a grueling, rain-soaked Homecoming game against Ursinus, as fans, families and frats found shelter in tents circling Bair Stadium. Both teams exited the bowl at the beginning of the fourth quarter due to lightning, forcing a 41-minute delay. The game ended in the opponents' favor, 48-13.
Jiffy Lube founder Jim Hindman's winning lessons for football, business and life

BY KIM ASCH

Jim Hindman is here to tell you that the free-enterprise system is alive and well in America—and he's in a position to know. The former Green Terror football coach transformed a losing team and then recruited dozens of his gridiron champions into successful entrepreneurial careers with Jiffy Lube, the pioneering quick-oil-change company he founded in 1979 during the off-season.

Hindman proclaims he is living proof that it doesn't matter where you come from, who your family was or even if they stuck around to raise you. With a solid education, good teachers and coaches who care enough to challenge you—really believe in you—and a sport like football to toughen you up, show you how to practice hard, think on your feet, work as a team and persevere, it's possible to rise above your circumstances and achieve your dreams.

But you gotta have a dream to make a dream come true. And if you don't, you couldn't get luckier than to find yourself under the enthusiastic, almost messianic, direction of Jim Hindman, who many believe is a downright visionary.

"Jim was the first person I ever met who took ambition and dreaming and put it into action," says Steve Spinelli '77, a former player who was among Hindman's first drafts for his Jiffy Lube team. Spinelli eventually became co-owner of 47 franchises, went on to earn his Ph.D. in economics, become vice provost for entrepreneurship and global management at Babson College and, in 2007, was named president of Philadelphia University.

"I dreamed big, but I didn't think enough about the action necessary to make the dreams a reality. I was competitive and intense but fairly undirected," Spinelli continues. "Jim would say, 'You need to focus. You need to become a laser beam. If you're trying to heat the whole world you'll never get any heat in one place.' He was drive, drive, drive. Jim was the first person who taught me real intensity."

By the time Hindman cruised onto the Hill in his big Cadillac to take the job of head football coach in 1977, he'd already made millions with his real estate development, healthcare and consulting company that comprised 18 nursing homes in four states, farming businesses, a solid-waste management business and healthcare consulting contracts with big-name clients including TWA and Xerox. At 41, he could have retired.
The 1978 defense was one of the top-ranked defenses in the nation for Division III colleges. Jiffy Lube was in the playbook for several on this team, including:

- Mike Modica '79 earned his law degree from Emory University and worked in the law department of Jiffy Lube to earn tuition money.
- Joe Menendez '80 inducted this year into the College's Sports Hall of Fame, has worked for both Jiffy Lube International and as a franchisee.
- Ricci Bonaccorsi '80, also a Sports Hall of Fame inductee, has been both a franchisee and a manager for Jiffy Lube franchises.

early, relaxed with his wife, Dixie, and their two teenage children. But resting on his laurels is just not Hindman's style.

What Hindman realized he wanted to do next was to teach young men how to be winners, both on the football field and in life — everything he'd learned from his many mentors while growing up an orphan in Sioux City, Iowa.

"Football was my ticket out of the economic ghetto," says Hindman, whose teenage father left and whose struggling mother sent him to live in orphanages for much of his youth. "So many people had helped me. Society had provided me an environment that enabled me to have the right foundation for success. And I definitely felt that I needed to pay that back."

INTENSITY, and then some

Payback is hell, even when it's well intentioned. This is the first thing the players and assistant coaches who found themselves under Coach Hindman's new program learned: the path to success would be drenched with copious amounts of blood, sweat and tears.

Like his coaching hero and role model Vince Lombardi, Hindman "was tough and firm and goal-oriented and aggressive. You knew he was going to change things," recalls Pete Clark '77, who signed on as an assistant coach under Hindman while earning a master's degree in education.

Pete Blauvelt '77 is more blunt: "He looked like a bulldog and he had a personality to match."

Prior to Hindman's appointment, the team had experienced multiple losing seasons. Coasting was no longer an option. Under Hindman's new game plan the players would commit to growing physically, mentally and spiritually through an unrelenting schedule of organized, hard work. And they would adopt his philosophy, which Hindman distilled into what he calls "The three I's: intensity, intimacy and integrity."

Intensity meant Sunday-morning conditioning to discourage (some might say punish) Saturday-night drinking parties.

Intensity meant going all out, because Hindman believes, "You cannot have success and security in the same hand." Bruce Belt '78, a place kicker, remembers an important lesson he learned watching the coach make an unexpected call during a close game against Gettysburg. The Green Terror had just landed a last-minute touchdown and brought the score to 21-20 in Gettysburg's favor. "As usual I was warmed up and standing next to the coach, kicking tee in hand, ready to go, when he put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'I know you can make it' (I hadn't missed one in two seasons) 'but I didn't come here for a tie.'"

Then Hindman sent in a play and told the offense to go for the two-point conversion. "We didn't make it, and subsequently lost, but it said a lot about the coach and his approach to the game and life as well," recalls Belt, who now coaches youth football and never plays for a tie either.

Intensity also meant a program of off-season weight training. "It was an honors system kind of thing," Hindman says. "But one of the guys said, 'How will
you know if we don’t do it?” I told him I was going to measure his biceps, his forearm, his thigh, his gut and his neck, and if there wasn’t a significant improvement in size I’m going to know he didn’t do it.”

Hindman expected intensity from the guys he hired for summer maintenance jobs at his nursing home in Randallstown. He says he saw a teachable moment the first time he observed Pete Clark mowing the lawn: “He was just moseying along. I said, ‘Let me ask you something. Is your name Never Sweat? Because at the rate you’re going, you’re never going to sweat, and I want people working for me who know how to sweat. So get in gear, Jack.’” Hindman laughs at the memory, adding, “We’re still the best of friends to this day.”

To be on the receiving end of a hallmark Hindman chewing-out was a rite of passage, a sign of the coach’s intense attention to you as a player and as a person. That’s where the intimacy came in. “Coach had a special way of communicating with us and everything had a message,” recalls Ron Bowen ’79. “He had a habit of responding to a mistake or a poor play in practice with a ‘I don’t pay you to do that misters!’ It probably took us way too long to realize that he didn’t pay us to do anything — but you sure did not want that comment coming in your direction!”

Still, Bowen continues, “He was a man who would push you to what you thought were your limits and well beyond. He was also a man who could do wonderful things for you and make you feel like you were 10 feet tall.”

Hindman scheduled regular one-on-one player conferences, mostly in the evening. Woe to the guy who tried to squirm out of them with the excuse he had to study that night. The coach would simply reschedule for the next day — at 6 a.m. Hindman wanted to know each of the players’ goals for the season, the year and the next five years. “Write them down,” he commanded. “But Coach,” they’d protest. “It’s not going to take me five years to graduate.” He’d tell them that was the point, that they should know what they were going to do the year after they graduated.

Each year, Hindman donated his salary back to the College or spent much of it on the team. Recognizing the College’s limited resources, he bought weight-training equipment and instruction books. He helped assistant coaches Clark, Ed Kelley and Buddy Burke ’77 to buy a house just off campus they dubbed “Coaches Corner,” where the team could get together for after-game socials.

Dixie, who volunteered as the cheerleading coach, hand-stitched the players’ names on the backs of their jerseys. The Hindmans often hosted team dinners at their home or in fancy restaurants. Going first-class was important to Hindman because he wanted his team to get a taste of the material trappings of success.

For all of his toughness, Hindman’s integrity was never in question. “He was fair and firm,” Clark says.

He was also irresistible. Young men on the cusp of adulthood craved the mentoring and leadership Hindman offered. His recruiting trips took him all over the mid-Atlantic and down to Florida, where he signed on smart, skilled players like Joe Menendez ’81, Mark Chadwick ’81, Jim Selfridge ’81 and Tommy Knieriem ’82, among others, and built the roster of players to 100 from 29 when he first arrived.

Hindman led the downtrodden team to four winning seasons — the best run in 15 years — and five players to All American recognition. Along the way he picked up the Middle Atlantic Coach of the Year award and The Touchdown Club of Washington, D.C. Board of Governors Award.

He could have continued full-time coaching for a very long time, Hindman says, if it wasn’t for the glum-
looking graduating senior who stopped by his office one afternoon shortly before Commencement in May 1978.

TOUCHDOWN for a new industry
As with most of the stories about defining moments in his life, Hindman never tires of telling this one. He refers to it as "the challenge I couldn't refuse" and becomes even more animated than usual as he recounts the exchange:

Hindman: "What's the matter with you? You look like death warmed over. You should be happy, you're graduating, all the opportunities are in front of you."
Senior: "There are no opportunities left in America."
Hindman: "What! Are! You! Talking about?"
Senior: "I guess I'll go work for the Social Security Administration because there is nothing else out there."
Hindman: "Let me tell you something, Jack. There are so many great opportunities in this country..."

But the senior, whom Hindman declines to name, remained pessimistic and unconvinced. The economic picture was bleak. Inflation was high and economists were forecasting the recession that eventually took hold in 1980. He bet Hindman that he couldn't repeat his business success another time.

"I was so blown away by the failure of a young man to realize the tremendous opportunities we have in the American free-enterprise system and I was wondering where we had failed in the classroom and where we had failed in the general public information," Hindman says. "I told that kid I could not only make it again, I could take a whole bunch of his friends and classmates with me."

"And that was the motivation behind Jiffy Lube – to prove the American system is alive and well and to prove that I could do it again."

So Hindman looked around at where the next opportunity might be. One afternoon during football season, Hindman sent an assistant, Dave Dolch '77, '80MED, who is a high school athletic director; Jim Selfridge '85, the president and owner of a construction business and (far right) Eric DeGross '80, who was a Jiffy Lube franchisee.

Pete Blauvelt was stationed in Colorado Springs serving four years as an officer in the Army and pursuing an M.B.A. at the time. He remembers telling his buddy Spinelli that he thought their former coach was misguided. He said, "This is the craziest thing I ever heard of. Who's going to pay $17 to get their oil changed?" Blauvelt laughs about his lack of vision now.
When he completed his Army service, Blauvelt took a job with Hindman as director of operations in the company’s Maryland headquarters. But working for the coach wasn’t easy. Blauvelt says he found Hindman’s style too stressful in the workplace.

“Steve [Spinelli] could walk into a meeting room with Jim and get into a screaming match and Jim would respect him for it. But I didn’t have the stomach for that kind of confrontation all the time,” Blauvelt says.

Hindman encouraged his former player to buy a faltering franchise location in Baltimore and agreed to a lot of concessions on Jiffy Lube’s part to help him do it. Blauvelt eventually built his holdings to eight Jiffy Lube locations in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He also joined with Spinelli, Clark, Burke and Rich Heritage ’76 to form American Oil Change, a company that grew to include 47 franchise locations in New York and New England.

By the time it was bought by Pennzoil in 1990, Jiffy Lube had gone public and had grown to comprise more than 1,000 locations. In the process, as many as 100 alumni, faculty and friends of the College had profited from Jim Hindman’s firm belief in the free-enterprise system — and football.

Pete Clark, who with his American Oil Change partners sold the Jiffy Lube franchises to Pennzoil in 1993, says their football training translated perfectly to their success with Jiffy Lube.

“The things required of you on a daily basis — the mental toughness, the perseverance, the willingness to go the extra mile for each other — are all things we learned from Jim,” he says. “Football is the ultimate team sport.”

playing for LIFE

Hindman is pretty certain that football saved his life. His first memory of playing the game was at a best friend’s 10th birthday party. He was living at the Boys and Girls Home at the time. “I remember waiting on the front steps thinking, ‘Will they really come by and pick me up and take me to the party?’ I was thrilled when they arrived.”

At the park, among a bunch of rambunctious boys with energy to burn, Hindman found he was in his element. He wasn’t especially big, but he was quick and he was fearless and the admiration of his teammates felt good. “It was a man’s sport — rough and tough with gusto,” he recalls. “You could tackle and hit the opponent and not get into trouble as I had on many occasions growing up on the streets and later at the Boys and Girls Home.”

A partial football scholarship sent him to nearby Morningside College for a bachelor’s degree. He was also obligated to work for some
of his tuition money and he did all manner of jobs, from milking cows to waiting tables at the dining hall to providing janitorial services for local businesses to delivering prescriptions for the local pharmacy. After a while working nights as a janitor at Morningside State Bank, Hindman was approached by the bank president with a more lucrative offer. Would he like to give collections a try? They soon struck a deal: Hindman would pay $1 for overdue accounts and they would split any proceeds fifty-fifty. Hindman says he knew he was suited to being in business for himself after collecting a $420 overdue note and realizing $210 of it was his to keep — that was more than two months of pay milking cows.

But it was his football coach, Clayton Drouillard, who inspired Hindman to focus on his studies and aim high — to dream big, in other words. After a run one afternoon, Drouillard sat down next to a sweating, breathless Hindman and informed him he'd reviewed his above-average academic records. "You don't have to be a truck driver all your life. Why don't you try to earn something while you're here?" the coach suggested. From that point forward, Hindman says, "I changed. I started attending classes, participating and studying."

So football was Hindman's ticket in more ways than one. It took him to college for bachelor's and master's degrees. It prompted his start in a career as an entrepreneur. And it introduced him to his wife, Dixie, to whom he's been married for more than 50 years. Her freshman initiation requirement was to serenade a jock. She chose the ambitious linebacker and center named Jim Hindman and together they went for the gusto.

STILL coaching
It would be tempting for today's seniors to look at the world around them and become discouraged about their prospects. Glum even. But John Modica '10 feels energized and empowered about his future. For the past several months, he's been working for — and learning from — Jim Hindman, the same man who mentored his father, Mike Modica '79, back when he played football and later after he completed law school.

"He saved my butt," says the elder Modica, recalling how he didn't have the money to pay the balance of his tuition at Emory University. He called Hindman. "Coach, can you lend me some money so I can graduate?" Hindman answered, "Why don't you come up here and work for me this summer so you can earn it?" And so, during the summer of 1982, Mike Modica was the assistant to the in-house attorney at Jiffy Lube.

Sometime during the summer of 2009, Mike Modica called Hindman for another favor. They'd been in touch plenty of times over the years, as had so many of Hindman's players. But this time, Modica wanted to know if the coach had any work for his son, a senior at McDaniel.

Hindman conducted a formal interview with the younger Modica, thinking he might hire him to paint the barn on the historic 300-acre horse farm in Westminster where he and Dixie reside most of the year.

"As an American, you have a responsibility to make the most of your opportunities and then give back."

— John Modica '10

Instead, he learned that the young man had spent a semester studying in Morocco and had written compellingly about his experiences there. Hindman hired him as his assistant and researcher for the memoir he's currently writing.

"Already I see profound differences in the way I live my life," says John Modica, a political science and philosophy double major, about Hindman's influence. He gets up much earlier these days and focuses on making every minute productive, using Hindman's tips for time management. He's embraced all of Hindman's mottoes, including "Knowledge is power!" "Anybody can do anything if they work hard enough!" and "Do the right thing, even when nobody's watching."

Most important, he's learning to set specific goals for his future, and is taking to heart the central lesson of Hindman's life: "As an American, you have a responsibility to make the most of your opportunities and then give back."

The free-enterprise system is, indeed, alive and well in America. And it isn't just Jim Hindman who is in a position to know. It's all those former football players and assistant coaches who followed his playbook and became successful entrepreneurs.

When Steve Spinelli looks around, he sees opportunity everywhere. "It seems to me that in the most difficult times is when we see the greatest opportunities. And I don't know one person who thinks the world is perfect."
First-year students had the opportunity to question the man behind their summer reading selection when Malcolm Gladwell, author of *Outliers: The Story of Success*, visited campus Oct. 6 to deliver a lecture and engage in a discussion of the ideas in his provocative bestseller.

*Outliers* looks beyond the typical story highlighting individual intelligence and ambition that is usually told about extraordinarily successful people, such as Bill Gates and The Beatles. Instead, Gladwell makes the argument — supported by substantial research — that the true story behind this kind of extreme success is much more complicated, and involves many factors, including family, social class, cultural background and even seemingly random birth dates.

In his book, he shows why birth year made a difference for Silicon Valley billionaires (1954 and 1955 were optimal) and why birth month continues to make a difference for professional hockey players (January is the best). Opportunity, he argues, is an ingredient that often gets overlooked when superstar musicians or athletes or scientists or entrepreneurs attempt to explain their ascendance to the highest levels of achievement. The story line is almost always the same, Gladwell writes: the superstar is born in modest circumstances and by virtue of his own grit and talent fights his way to greatness.

But these simplistic explanations simply don’t work.

“People don't rise from nothing. We do owe parentage and patronage. The people who stand before kings may look like they did it all by themselves. But in fact they are invariably the beneficiaries of hidden advantages and extraordinary opportunities and cultural legacies that allow them to learn and work hard and make sense of the world in ways others cannot,” Gladwell writes. “It's not enough to ask what people are like, in other words. It is only by asking where they are from that we can unravel the logic behind who succeeds and who doesn’t.”

Taking the stage in WMC Alumni Hall before a crowd of about 350 that included freshmen, their peer mentors and faculty members as special guests, Gladwell said that the overall message of his book is one of hope because it reveals how more people can realize their full potential for the good of society as a whole.

His talk turned the conversation around, exploring reasons that keep people from making the most of their abilities. He told the attentive crowd about a concept put forth by psychologist James Flynn called “human capitalization,” which describes the percentage of people who are capable of doing something who actually end up doing it. For example, he said, if everybody seated that afternoon in Alumni Hall had the intellectual capacity to become a doctor, someone could come back in several years and measure how many actually became doctors. If 50 percent became doctors, the
capitalization rate would be 50 percent.

Poverty is the first and most obvious impediment to capitalization of human talent, he said. By way of example, he cited research undertaken in the 1920s in which intelligence tests were given to 250,000 elementary school kids in California. The researcher picked out the 1,200 kids who had genius-level IQs and followed them over the course of their lives. He was convinced that anyone with an IQ of 140 was certain to occupy a place of prominence and authority in society. He discovered he was wrong. After 30 years, many of his geniuses had never gone to college; some hadn’t even graduated from high school. Some worked at menial jobs.

Why had a third of his group of geniuses never ended up fulfilling their potential? He went through all the list of reasons: was it their personality, was it their interests, did they have medical problems? He finally realized what it was — income.

“The kids from the poorest families had incredible problems making the best use of their extraordinary abilities,” Gladwell said. “And that ought to wake us up to the fact that the necessity of dealing with the problems of poverty in our society is absolutely serious.”

There are two other capitalization constraints that are even more important, Gladwell said. The “stupidity constraint,” as he unapologetically calls it, is one of them. This refers to arbitrary cut-off dates for admission to sports teams and school that give an unfair advantage to the oldest children within a cohort. He read the birthdays of the 20 members of the elite 2007 Czech Junior National Hockey League team. Eleven of those 20 members were all born in the first three months of the year. Turns out, he said, this is true of every elite hockey team because the cut-off date for hockey all around the world is January 1.

“The kids born in January who are 10 or 11 months older than the kids born at the end of the year are bigger, taller, stronger, faster and more coordinated. You think they’re more talented. No, they’re not more talented; they’re older,” he said. “Hockey has put that cut-off date in effect without thinking through the consequences. The kids who are born closest to the cutoff date are getting better coaching, more practice time and more encouragement and sure enough, after years of these additional advantages, they really are the best.”

Talent is squandered, the Canadian-born Gladwell said. There should be just as many elite hockey players born at the end of the year. “If these countries were smart, what would they do? They would deal with this issue,” he continued. “They would have two or three cut-offs for eligibility and three leagues. Let all three leagues develop in tandem. Why don’t countries like Canada and Czechoslovakia do that? Why don’t they want to triple their number of elite hockey players?”

“Cause they’re stupid,” he said.

And it’s not necessary to care about hockey to be
moved by the lesson of this example. "Exactly the same rule is true about education," Gladwell said, citing research that shows older children in the class are more likely to be identified as gifted and are more likely to go to college.

The third way of thinking about human capitalization is attitudes. "What I was trying to figure out in the last part of the book is why it was that Asian kids do so much better than their Western counterparts in advanced mathematics."

At this point, Gladwell nodded to Francis Skip Fennell, professor of education, who was seated in the front row. The two had met during Fennell’s tenure as president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, which hosted Gladwell at its 2008 annual conference. Gladwell repeated a truth Fennell has spent his career working to get Americans to accept: "There is no math gene."

Asian kids are not genetically predisposed to be better at math, it’s just that their attitude about succeeding at math is different from that of their peers in the West, Gladwell said. Research has shown that Western kids think it takes innate ability to be good at math while Asian kids say being good at math is an attitude; if they work hard at it they will succeed. And they do.

“I think this Asian notion that says that math is something you get if you’re willing to work hard and concentrate is something that’s really beautiful. It’s an attitude that allows mathematics to be mastered by a broad swath of people. It democratizes mathematics,” Gladwell said.

And ultimately, that’s what the concept of capitalization does, he said. “It reorients us and says this isn’t about innate traits. It’s about poverty, stupidity and attitudes. It allows us to figure out strategies that really can make a difference in getting people to make the best use of their abilities.”

After much applause, several students stood patiently in line at microphones for the chance to challenge aspects of the book with which they disagreed. Gladwell, who is in his 40s but appeared more youthful in jeans and running shoes, seemed to relish the lively exchange.

"Why did the book include no examples of extremely successful women?" one young woman asked, to a round of applause.

"Think about the professions that I was writing about: law, aviation, rock music, computer science. What do they all have in common? They’re overwhelmingly male professions," Gladwell responded. “My argument was that success on the professional level has less to do with individual characteristics than we think and more to do with culture and society and opportunities offered people. Those four professions have systematically denied access to women and systematically favored men.”

Another student wanted Gladwell’s definition of success, and whether one has to achieve fortune and fame in order to be considered successful.

In his opinion, Gladwell answered, the vast majority of successful people have neither. What all successful people do have, he said, is “work that is complex and deeply satisfying, where you have some autonomy and where there is a relationship between effort and reward.”

By that measure, Gladwell, who published his first book, The Tipping Point, in 2000 to much acclaim, followed by the bestselling Blink, was named one of Time magazine’s 100 Most Influential People in 2005, and was admiringly called a “Geek Pop Star” in New York magazine, has certainly achieved great success in his field.

He encouraged one student, who asked him how he came up with his ideas for articles, to dig deep into his required course readings.

“You’re in an incredible position right now to discover this fact — that there is in the kinds of academic literature that you are required to read for your courses an extraordinary amount of really, really, deeply cool stuff. The thing you have to get past is a lot of this cool stuff is written in a language that makes it sound not cool. Do a tiny bit of work and you’ll discover it’s fascinating.”
Count on Them

Some haven’t set foot on campus or talked to former classmates in decades. Others already support causes like Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross. Still others remain opposed to their alma mater’s name change.

Here's what these alumni all have in common: they are true-blue supporters of the McDaniel College Annual Fund and have been making gifts each and every year for as long as they can remember. Consistent gifts are crucial because the revenue from tuition, room and board only covers about 75 percent of the College’s annual operating budget. The Annual Fund helps defray expenses that cannot possibly be covered by reasonable tuition fees - such as scholarships for worthy students, salary support for faculty and the acquisition of new classroom technologies.

“We give to the College because we met there, because we had a great time on the Hill and because we got a great education that served us well,” says Keith Lawson ’79, a mutual fund tax attorney who also makes annual gifts to George Washington University, which awarded him a full scholarship to attend law school. “To the extent that we have the resources, we’d like to help others do the same.”

Adds Keith’s wife, Robin Lee Lawson ’80: “We write our checks to WMC, by the way. We’ve agreed to disagree about the name change.”

Over the past 20-plus years, the Lawsons have stepped up their support for the College from their $100 gifts in the early years to gifts of $500 or more for the past several years. “The College is kind enough to remind us each year with a phone call and then we start thinking about what we’ll be able to do that year,” says Keith, adding that he and Robin are now paying tuition for two sons at Penn State and also contribute to several charities. “We actually don’t mind the fundraising calls. They keep us in touch.”

Paul Thronburg ’53 concurs. He lives thousands of miles away in Mart, Texas, and says student callers “give me some contact” with McDaniel. His annual gifts have steadily increased in size from $150 to $200 to $250.

“They asked me if I could increase this year — actually they ask me every year — and I went to $300 this year,” says Thronburg, 79, a music major who enjoyed his long career in the Army Reserves and in public education. He was also the mayor of Mart for six years and continues teaching part time.

“When you get to my age, your house is paid for, your car is paid for, your kids are all on their own and you have a little extra money to show your appreciation for something that was extremely helpful to you,” says Thronburg, who received scholarships and continues to be grateful to his music professor, Maude Gesner, for pushing him to take extra courses in math, English and history.

Mary Nemir Walker MS’75 commuted to graduate courses in the evening after teaching all day in Prince George’s County. Long retired, she says she gives what she can each year, between $50 and $150.

“One of the ideas the College promotes is helping others to get a good education. If the little bit that I give can help, then that’s what I’ll do.”

Make your gift to the Annual Fund by Dec. 31 and it will be counted as a gift to Carpe Diem: The Campaign for McDaniel College. And give online at mcdaniel.edu/makeagift.
There are still about 24 of our '35 class living; howev-
er just a few have been in touch. It's amazing that 74
years ago we were graduates of WMC, a proud class.

Dennis Yingling is a resident of Carroll Lutheran
Village in Westminster. He has had good health and
has several daughters who check him.

Jane Twigg Willis also lives at Carroll Lutheran Vil-
lage. She has been there for four years and enjoys the
activities, especially twice weekly bridge. She has a
son, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren
who visit frequently. We were sad to learn about the death
of her son, Dr. Eugene "Pebble" Willis Jr. on Aug. 12.

Charlie Moore, in Denton, has a son and daughter
who "keep him going." He also has four grandsons
and two great-granddaughters. He has been a Rotar-
ian for 72 years. As a veteran he's been honored on D-
Day. He reminds us, "All things come to him who
waits."

Becky Smith, in Cecilton, says she's the oldest per-
son in town and has had good health. She is kept go-
ing by family, friends and church activities.

Marcellene McClung Wharton resides in a retire-
ment home in York, Pa. Her niece and husband are
her caregivers. She is 95 and has traveled widely and
taught school for 40 years.

Ruth Jenkins Smith is kept from a dull existence
since her grandson and family have moved in with
her. Her two great-granddaughters, 6 and 9, keep her
in touch with this generation. Ruth and I play bridge
frequently and she still drives and has been a member
of the Retired Teachers' Chorus.

I still live independently in my home since 1957.
My two sons see to my needs. My extended family in-
cludes three granddaughters and four great-grand-
children ranging in age from 3 to 13. I resigned from
Retired Teachers' Chorus as their accompanist for 20
years. I belong to a book club, church circle and a
bridge club. I'm still driving but mostly locally. I re-
cently heard that, at age 93, I'm the oldest female
member of Our Shepherd Lutheran.

Mary Berwager Lord
12 Marbury Rd.
Severna Park, MD 21146

Photo: Linda Sullivan Schulte '68
recently had the opportuni-
ty to cross an item off her "bucket
list" and jump with the Golden
Knights tandem team. "If an 85-year-old
former president could do it,
a 62-year-old 'Fearless and Bold'
alumnus could too," she said.

What have you recently accom-
plished on your bucket list?
Share your adven-
tures and photos
with us at lunch@
redshirt.edu.
Sincere thanks to all who responded!

In California, Mary Frances "M.F." Keiser Bradley stays busy with two bridge groups and "crafting" for church bazaars. Last year she visited family in Germany; this year Minnesota and Maryland where she'll be with her WMC roommate, Dotty Wilder Williams.

Speaking of Dotty Wilder Williams, she and "Reds" enjoy residing in Riderwood with church and bridge club friends, as well as Marion Beck Osing. Marion's husband, Fred, passed away in June. The Williamses spend much of their summer in their Ocean City condo. They stay busy with their families.

Celebrating their 60th anniversary were Jim and Dil Grose in Sun City West, Ariz. — Jim's idea of "paradise!" His buddy, Doug Beakes, and wife, are living back in Westminster at Carroll Lutheran Village, along with an "alumni chapter-full" of WMC grads. The Beakeses enjoy at least two cruises annually, plus a "long summer sojourn in Vienna." Their daughter and three grandsons live there, while their son and family are in D.C. He still golfs with E.K. "Mac" McFadden and Harry Christopher in the WMC Octogenarian Tournament.

From Castroville, Calif., Rowe Moore sent a picture of a handsome "blonde" gentleman and a beautiful lady, wife Margaret, celebrating his 83rd birthday (like all of us — almost). He has great WMC memories of the Hill, tennis, friends like Fred Eckhardt and Bill Sausser '49; Professors Holthaus, Hurt, Spicer and Marshall. After 45 years in medicine, Rowe now lives on six acres in the countryside with sheep and wildlife.

Heading east to Florida, just realized Jan Ganz Greenwood is in Melbourne, close to our condo, so we'll meet for lunch this winter. Jan's husband, Sam, passed away in 2007 after they moved to Indian River Colony Club, where she has been with local activities. As a "Dixieland Jazz nut," she and other "nuts" travel to jazz festivals, as well as a January cruise. Her three children and six "grands" are scattered — none in Florida.

Just south is Frank Middleton who moved from Jersey to an oceanfront condo in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Fla. Frank has been widowed since 2001. His son, William '73, lives nearby and daughter, a recently retired diplomat, is in South Carolina. Frank ran a career counseling and executive recruiting company until 1992.

In Haymarket, Va., Betty Little Morey and Earl '45 enjoyed traveling to 50 countries before retiring. They live near their daughter and family and enjoy King's Chapel where Earl teaches and their son-in-law preaches. They count 15 grandchildren and eight "greats."

In Arlington, Ohio Clara Belle Blaney Price reiterated her enjoyment at attending our 60th reunion. She visits Mary Alice Hershfeld, who has Parkinson's and is in a nursing home section of Charlestown in Baltimore. She also stays in touch with Fern Ray Grumble, Phyllis Houck Smith and Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski.

Back in Maryland, a group of pals gather in the spring and fall at Snyders for lunch which Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski and Mary Ruth O'Kelly Else attend. "O'Kelly" and Homer '40 live in Frederick and stay in touch with classmates from '40 and '48. She has two grandsons out of college who excelled in University of Pennsylvania lacrosse and live in New York City.

Mary "Binky" Dexter Tompkins has moved from Rehoboth to "Cadbury," Lewes, Del., into their "dear little cottage." She reports five grandkids are college grads with three to go. Add on one "great" named for her husband, Tommy.

Coming up the road to Glen Burnie, Naomi "Nomy" Harper Morgan is an honored volunteer at the B.W. Medical Center. She recently joined the ever-expanding group of "great-grands" with Jacob Paul. She attends concerts, travels, plays cards and is amazed how well our WMC group looks and "gets around."

Helen Wymer Youmans moved from West, by God, Virginia" to Taylorsville, Md., near Westminster. She's another busy gal, but finds time to read a lot. Right now she's learning about Alaska, prior to the trek she and her husband are taking. They'll fly into Anchorage, tour the sights and cruise back to Vancouver. Two sons and families live nearby. She's also attentive to in-laws in Silver Spring, Md.

Our golfer is Bette Mason Fissel in Gettysburg. She still mows her acreage, is in good shape and is still interesting to know.

Lucile Olson Soper writes from Smithsburg, Md., that she and her husband, 94, are fine! They are moving to Homewood at Cumberland Farms. They have many friends there and attend Calvary United Methodist in Frederick with others from our Hill.

Travel north to Red Bank, N.J., where Jean Silcox Cahill went into Army Nursing Cadet Corps after WMC, became an RN and worked in her husband's office. A widow for 23 years, she reports that all of her family lives in Jersey — that's five children, 13 grands and three "greats." A grandson is in Iraq and another plays drums for the Jonas Brothers. Jean says, "Off to Miami for a summer wedding."

Mae Langrall Mealy joins most of us living in retirement communities. She is at Mallard Landing in
Salisbury, Md., with a number of Western Marylanders. She talks of four grandchildren in various colleges. She’s busy with church, two bridge groups, garden club and Questers, plus all the events at the “Landing.” At her 65th high school reunion she saw Al Truitt ’50 and his wife.

Always enjoy hearing from Martha Witter Hawkins and reunioning with her at Snyder’s. She enjoys living in her Annapolis home. Her family is scattered in Florida, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. She attends church along with Betty Armiger Maas.

Speaking of Betty Armiger Maas, she still summers in Maine and maintains her Severna Park home. She serves as a deacon in her home church where she has been a member for 50 years. Without Lou, she manages to cope with all the “trials and tribulations” of widowhood, just as so many classmates are doing. (I’ll take a moment to simply say how impressive all of you are who now live alone and carry on with activities, interests and doing for others. You are a great inspiration for the rest of us.)

Lionel and Ruth Anderson Burgess are also among those celebrating 60-plus years together! They still live in their same home after 50 years, where their four kids, plus spouses, 11 grands and five great-granddaughters love to gather. Expecting three more “grands” by 2010! (Ruth and Lionel are unchanged — you’d know them right away.)

Louise Scott Widdup winters in Sarasota, Fla., and enjoys a happy life in Chestertown, where she stays active and still travels back to visit Howard County friends. Her musical interests include the Baltimore Symphony and she donates generously to our alma mater programs.

Mary Todd Griffiths also winters in Florida at Vero Beach and “reunions” with Josh ’43 and Pat Patterson Ensor down there. Twin “greats” are due. “Toddy” is involved with many organizations in both Florida and Pennsylvania where their lovely home is located in Wernersville. She and Bill will miss their Mississippi River cruises, but still travel, even though the river boats have retired.

Annabel Glockler Liebelt remains involved with the many offerings at Asbury Retirement Home. She has received many accolades over the years there.

Pat Brown Zello is living with her daughter near Salisbury on the Shore.

Pat Chatterton Knepp is an outstanding crossword “pro” at Blakehurst in Towson.

Mary Dom Brown is another “unchanged” member of the Snyder’s group. She and her husband live in Baltimore with a view of the Gwynn Falls. She still volunteers in her local kindergarten, where she’s been since 1990. (We commend you!) Her active life includes being recording secretary for Retired Teachers Association.

Dot Scott Atkinson remains an active member of the Woman’s Club and volunteers at the Galesville Museum.

Catherine Bishop on Bellona Avenue in Baltimore was a professional librarian and now serves in that same capacity at her church.

Rev. Fred Eckhardt and Nancy reside in a lovely historic Maryland home in New Windsor. Though still active and have an oceanfront home in Fenwick Island, Fred no longer ministers at weddings and funerals, but enjoys the true luxury of retirement. He joins us with wonderful memories of our time on the campus of Western Maryland College. As Nancy says, “It’s nice to make new friends, but the old are precious.”

Josh ’43 and I are truly blessed and indeed grateful. We are healthy. Josh walks three miles each morning and I continue to volunteer both near our Florida condo and our Maryland home in Westminster with weekly “tours” at the thrift shop, Angels in the Attic, and at both the Space Coast Chamber of Commerce and Carroll County Chamber, as well as committee assignments at Carroll Lutheran Village. Josh’s garden is his pride and joy and the neighbors enjoy his sharing. With four children, in-laws, 10 grands (five married), and six “greats” we’re busy. As I tell them, “Y’all may be GRAND, but don’t forget granddaddy and I are GREAT!”

It’s a real honor and joy to be your class secretary.

Pat Patterson Ensor
233 St. Mark Way
Westminster, MD 21158

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Twenty-two members of our class were able to attend our 55th reunion in May. We may have aged in years, but we are still young at heart. We reconnected with conversation and memories of our four years as classmates.

On Sunday afternoon of reunion weekend a ceremony was held to induct Charles Wheatley into Phi Beta Kappa. His family attended to witness this honor. For Charles, May was filled with end of semester classes for his students at Carroll Community College, Board of Zoning Appeals hearings, and Commission on Aging meetings. In addition, he was asked to return to assist his former biotechnology company associates. He helped in their successful launch of a new cancer test. This test was approved to provide the first method in the world to accurately tell what FDA-approved drugs will be most successful in providing the best selection for a patient’s breast cancer...
prior to commencing treatment. In June, Charles and Charlotte Davis ’56 traveled to Idaho to visit their son, Craig ’81, wife Elaine Lippy ’83 and grandsons Tyler and Travis. They attended Travis’ high school graduation, went trout fishing, trap shooting and had countless other wonderful experiences.

In the summer they played host to their four grandchildren, children of son, Charles IV ’80, and daughter Cheryl Wheatley Wilhelm ’86. A program called hippotherapy is held on their farm. This is a special horse riding program that successfully treats many physical disabilities and neurological disorders such as autism, MS and muscular dystrophy. It is complementary to the work that Charles and Charlotte have been doing for the last 15 years in improving learning disabilities. Charles was in touch with his roommate, Bob “Spike” Dennie in Florida. At the time Spike was recuperating from an illness and wife Sandy said he was much improved.

Our distinguished classmate and doctor, Charles “Chick” Silberstein retired from his full-time position on Johns Hopkins Orthopaedic Faculty on June 30. He will continue with two morning clinics at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, seeing patients of all ages with Cerebral Palsy-related conditions. He also gave up his pediatric orthopaedic clinics in Hagerstown and Cumberland in the spring of 2007. For the first time since 1966 he no longer has any connections with the orthopaedic care of the Baltimore Orioles, having turned that job over to his junior faculty members at Hopkins. Chick and wife Barbara continue to enjoy weekends and the month of October at their cottage in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Harry Grander, a hard working reunion committee member, is enjoying life in Liliana, Ala. He volunteers one day a week at the national Naval Aviation Museum just over the border in Pensacola, Fla. He does the Homefront World War II Exhibit and security duties. He met and enjoyed talking to visitor Barry Ellenberger ’68 who was also a fellow Bachelor. He also enjoys reading military history (especially U.S. Naval) and attending stock car races at Five Flags Speedway. He enjoyed visiting McDaniel campus for the reunion committee meeting in January and hopes that anyone visiting in his home area will look him up.

Betty Walz Dahloff and husband Frank keep busy at their retirement home in Yantis, Texas. They are active in their church where Betty is busy as librarian. Frank tends to their three acres or is busy in his woodworking shop. Happiness, she says, is having three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. This year included a trip to Branson, Mo., and returned on May 23 to witness her granddaughter’s graduation from McDaniel College, Marlboro, Md.

David “Nick” Gwynn, who also attended reunion, says five years is too long to wait for the next one. He wants to get together more frequently. Nick may retire completely this year after 50 years of practicing law in Upper Marlboro, Md.

Nancy Caskey Voss attended reunion May 2 and returned on May 23 to witness her granddaughter’s graduation from McDaniel. It was a very special event for Nancy and Jim ’53. A trip is planned for October with Nancie and other McDaniel graduates. Nancy and Jim are planning a trip to attend reunion in 2010.
family

“I Do” Even If “I Don’t”

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A Salute to the Alumnus of the Year

William C. “Robbie” Robinson ’41 remembers being admitted into WMC within 10 minutes after another student dropped out. Four years later… “I got a diploma, a commission, and a wife,” he quips.

Robinson was honored as Alumnus of the Year during Homecoming celebrations. A 1941 graduate in Economics, he joined the Air Force, where he first reported to Fort Myer, Fla., as a member of the 176th Infantry Regiment in April of 1942, only five months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Later he transferred to the Army Air Corps and trained as a navigator in a B-24 bomber. He flew 33 missions in the closing months of WWII and his 20-man crew never suffered a casualty.

After the war, Robinson continued his military service, earning both an Air Force Commendation Medal and Legion of Merit honors, and was promoted to full colonel prior to his retirement in 1968. He joined the administration at George Washington University, where he managed the graduate degree programs in Government and Business Administration until he retired in 1990.

Robinson, a staunch and loyal supporter of his alma mater, has led alumni events for the D.C. and northern Virginia area for more than two decades. In 1990, he was the travel leader for alumni touring the U.S. National Parks. He has served as an effective fund raiser for his class reunions and as a member of the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame Committee from 1991-95. He also organized the travel leader for alumni touring the U.S. National Parks. He has served as an effective fund raiser for his class reunions and as a member of the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame Committee from 1991-95. He also organized the travel leader for alumni touring the U.S. National Parks.

Jane Hutchinson missed reunion due to conflict with final exams and commencement activities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has completed her 45th year as a member of the graduate school faculty. She walked one more Ph.D. student across the stage this year. Work with her dissertation has consumed most of her time lately. She still has three more dissertations before she feels she can retire. Jane visited Madrid at the opening of the Renaissance Portrait Show at the Prado and visited with friends in Cordoba and Seville last year. She usually gets to Washington, D.C., a few times a year to visit with two siblings and their offspring and checks out exhibitions at the National Gallery.

Fred Hubach says life is good in spite of a few more aches and pains. He talks with Don Haut often. Both are still practicing medicine though. Fred takes the summer off to enjoy his summer home in Maine. Fred and Wilma Robertson ’58 celebrated 50 years of marriage in June ’08. They enjoy their nine grandchildren and see them as often as possible.

Lois Carmack Runnels also missed reunion due to the fact that she was attending her granddaughter’s high school graduation in Atlanta. Since Lois lives in Bethany Beach, Del., summer was a busy time filled with family visits. Three of her grandchildren stayed all summer having found jobs at the beach. Lois’ hobbies are swimming and singing with the Sweet Adelines. Husband Bucky keeps busy playing golf as often as possible.

In May, Michael Pezzella and Chris attended a reunion of his Marine Corps Company from Korea. He enjoyed getting together with some of the men who shared the experience of the Chosin Reservoir Battle. The site was Dayton, Ohio, so they also took in a tour of the air Force Museum. In late August they took a fun-filled cruise to the eastern Caribbean on the Royal Caribbean Line. Mike says our reunion was an enjoyable affair and it was great seeing classmates again.

Nancy Bayliss Fogler and Lou ’55 thought it was special to be back in Westminster again. They stayed with Mary Lee Younger Schmoll ’55 while attending reunion. Nancy says she had a change of heart and became grateful that our alma mater had been renamed for such an outstanding professor. She was favorably impressed with so much that has happened on campus under the guidance of President Coley. Nancy wants to thank the reunion organizers especially Charles Wheatley and Patty Herman Douglas for her unique prizes.

Donald Erb had numerous ups and downs during the 2007-09 period. In last 2007 he experienced an accidental fall, resulting in a head injury, requiring surgery, a 30-day hospitalization and rehabilitation. Subsequently in 2008-09 there were cardiovascular issues requiring surgery and four hospital visits and more rehab. These problems were correctly diagnosed and successfully addressed thanks to the careful attention he received from family and numerous doctors, surgeons and medical specialists. The time demands of these health issues has reduced the frequency, distance and duration of traveling and has reduced time available for his hobbies.

He and Lois continue their love of Dixieland jazz and have attended recent jazz festivals in Tennessee, Ohio and New England. Don continues his work on isotope production and applications as a member of the advisory committee of the Idaho Accelerator Center/Idaho State University where the current research focus is on the production of alternative methods of isotope production. This production (if successful) will not require the operation of a nuclear reactor. Currently the U.S. nuclear industry is heavily dependent on the continued uninterrupted operation of four nuclear reactors which produce these medical isotopes, none of which are in the U.S.A. Don says this is a fragile unsustainable situation and an issue of increasing importance for our society—especially for people of our age.

Janet Cross and John “Skip” Berends are both doing well. Skip is still working and enjoying the challenges that each day brings. He also keeps busy playing tennis three or four times a week. Janet plays golf twice a week and belongs to a women’s group, Red Hat Club, and two book groups. Of their seven grandchildren, two are in grade school and two in college. Janet concludes that they have much to be grateful for.

Ernie ’50 and I echo Jane’s comment especially since our Marine grandson, Scott, safely returned to the U.S. from a deployment in Afghanistan. For now he is stationed at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and we are grateful that occasionally we will be able to see him. Thank you for writing as it does keep us connected. Till next time I wish you happiness, good health and peace in your lives.

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1960 Reunion April 30-May 2, 2010

I can’t believe it is time again for a Class of 1960 Column! And that our 50th Class reunion is coming up, Jim Thomas and the reunion committee are already at work on the planning for this event. His enthusiastic e-mail gave me some idea of what is in store. He wrote that our 50rh class reunion will be held Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2, 2010. Highlighting the weekend will be a luncheon hosted by President Coley, at which each of us will receive a 50th reunion medalion from the College. On Saturday there will be the evening cocktails and dinner celebration, with light entertainment and time to visit. On Sunday there will be a memorial service for our classmates who have passed away and then a farewell brunch.
Most activities are complementary for us, at the exception of the Saturday dinner. At our last reunion those attending were asked to contact non-attending classmates and encourage them to attend the 50th. Jim wrote that the reunion committee is hoping for a large turnout, so please make an effort to contact a friend or classmate and encourage that person to come back to the College for this amazing celebration!

On a more personal note, Jim and Mil Dickey '62 Thomas moved into an “over-55” community in April ’08 and are very happy. In December ’08, they accompanied their daughter, her husband and Carlie, 4, to China to meet and bring home Thomas Wubin Jeffries, Carlie’s big brother. BinBin, as they call him, was 6 years old at the time and had been in an orphanage his whole life. They traveled in Beijing, Nanjing and Guangzhou and Jim noted that it was interesting to see the changes which have occurred in China since their first trip there in 1998. Jim and Mil spent three weeks in South America in the winter of 2009, which included a two-week cruise from Santiago, Chile, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was a great trip, which of course included sailing around Cape Horn on calm seas.

Lloyd Myselman is still in Oklahoma City, Okla., and wrote that he has been retired from full-time teaching for over a year. However, he still teaches in Oklahoma City University’s Singapore program twice a year. In fact, he and Nancy returned in early March from his latest stint. On their way home, they stopped over in Japan for five days. They took the bullet train from Tokyo to Hiroshima, and spent two days touring there. He figured that as an American historian, he should visit Hiroshima at least once. The tour group was made up of him and Nancy, Ms. Masako (their guide), and Katie, a 6-foot, 2-inch captain in the British Army, just back from Afghanistan. They made quite an interesting group. The Peace Park, the Museum — everything — was thought provoking and indeed everything he would have anticipated. “A very meaningful trip,” he wrote. If anyone wonders about the pervasive influence of America’s “soft power,” he gave these instances as examples: In the Shinjuku Train Station in Tokyo, an ice cream seller had music coming from his wheeled cart. And what was playing, but “Camptown Races.” And as they walked from the station to their Tokyo hotel, they heard coming from some shop or another two songs in rapid succession. First, “When the Saints Go Marching In” and then (of all things) “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.” There are more stories, but says he will save them for the reunion.

At the time Lloyd wrote he was looking forward to not only our 50th class reunion, but another “biggie” in October ‘09 — the 50th anniversary reunion for the 1955 soccer team’s victory over defending national champion Drexel University. Lloyd wrote, “It looks as though we will have the majority of the guys coming back, and most will bring spouses. The reunion will coordinate with the Hall of Fame dinner and Homecoming. I think it is going to be very nice.” Lloyd closed his e-mail with a bit of dark humor, as it involved some recent Mohs’ treatment for basal cell carcinoma, followed by plastic surgery on his left temple. His figures that by the time of our 50th class reunion he will be back to normal, and will not have a little moon crater on his head. His closing remark was, “I am disappointed that the plastic surgeon was not able to fulfill my request — he was not able to make me look any more like George Clooney than I already do. Which, as I am sure you remember, is not much like George Clooney.”

Bob Harris called me from Susquehanna, Pa. to talk briefly about the upcoming 50th class reunion, and said he is also looking forward to the 1955 soccer team’s reunion commemorating their victory 50 years ago. Bob is busy archiving conference records as a result of a church consolidation.

Karl and Joan Zajac ’66 Silex are enjoying retirement and their three grandchildren (ages 7, 2, 2). While still healthy, they travel away from Baltimore quite a bit. Last year they traveled to Ireland, France and again Germany where Karl is re-learning his native language and often visits relatives. Karl noted that he, too, is also looking forward to the soccer team reunion.

John Karrer has been holding off on a knee replacement so he can get in some golf, but he thinks it’s a losing cause. He is also looking forward to the soccer team reunion in October, writing, “50 years since we beat the defending national champs — Drexel Institute of Technology — in my old hometown, Philadelphia.” He wrote that he was back for the soccer team’s 45th reunion in 2004 and hardly recognized the campus, noting, “Even the soccer field looked bigger — good thing we played when I was younger!” He sends greetings to all from Cincinnati, as he puts it, “Home of the worst NFL team ever.” He is still an Eagles fan, and now retired.

“Well, I haven’t submitted anything for alumni news since graduating in 1960, so I guess I’m a little overdue,” wrote Lew Johnston. He noted that since leaving the Hill, he and his first wife, Janet Sutherland ’59, lived in Maryland, Rhode Island and New Jersey. Sadly, Janet died in 2004 after a long illness. They had a great life together, including the birth of twin sons in 1965. Scott graduated from Brown, and Mark from Oberlin. Both are happily married to terrific women, and Lew now has four wonderful grandchildren. Janet spent her entire career teaching high school English, something she just loved. Lew retired after 40-plus years in various sales and marketing jobs in the lighting industry, and has now remarried. His wife, Susan, retired last year after many years as an English teacher at an independent school in Baltimore. They travel a lot and have been to Greece, Italy and Switzerland as well as numerous places throughout the U.S. At the time of his writing they were planning a train trip across Canada from Toronto to Vancouver. When they are at home, Susan does a lot of writing and Lew is fulfilling a lifelong dream of learning to play piano. In closing he wrote, “Seems like enough info! Perhaps I’ll write again before another 50 years passes.”

The postcard Edwin “Jeb” Matthias sent from Altus, Okla., indicated that he is also on the reunion committee, and plans to attend our 50th class reunion. He has been back to the campus several times in the intervening years.

Patrice Blair Richardson sent an e-mail that struck me as being very timely, and I write it here, almost word for word: “I will try to give you something to write about. A few years ago I said that you knew when you were old because your only social life was meeting with the doctor, dentist, ophthalmologist, rheumatologist, etc. Whoops, I left out the lawyer! It has now come to this! When not visiting the aforementioned professionals, she manages to visit family in the Florida Keys. Her husband passed away in December ’08. It was very sudden, and it has taken some time to get organized. There are many decisions to make and then wonder if the decisions are the correct ones. She is still in Catonsville and had an addition put on the back of her house. Her daughter sold her house and now she, her band and her dogs are living with her. “It has worked well so far. They have their space, and I have mine,” she says. She is still trying to pull the genealogy information together. Her new computer does not want to recognize the information created on my old one, so she has to repeat some data.” When I am not on the computer, I am busy getting rid of stuff. It is amazing how much stuff is collected during a lifetime. I don’t think I really need my Security from first grade. George Carlin had a great routine about stuff. Anyway the Goodwill is very profitable thanks to me and downsizing is getting easier.”

Don’t and Carol Westerfield Rabush sent an e-mail upon their return from a month-long road trip. They bought an RV last April and this March they took a trip from Palm Springs, Calif. to Maryland where their younger son, Mark, was living, (though planning that he and his family would soon be moving back to Maryland). Carol and Don have moved permanently to Palm Springs, Calif., where, as Carol wrote, “The weather is always great, especially in winter. Gone are the heavy clothes, except for the few we keep for the Christmas holidays in Baltimore.” They play golf and travel around the area. Both sons have undergone employment changes in the last year but have come out of it — so far — OK. The grandkids are great and they do miss seeing

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family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Patty Crouse ’78 to Steve Hutton ’78 on June 29, 2008. They reside in Severn, Md.

Emily Firor ’96 to Markus Berheide on October 4, 2008. They reside in Medford, Mass.


Sara Crigger MS’02 to Travis Rhodes on June 5, 2009. They reside in Loyal, Pa.


Megan Rhine ’04 to Edward Winkler on June 6, 2009. They reside in Westminster, MD.

Artina Young ’04 to Samuel Anstead II on June 20, 2009. They reside in Westminster, MD.

Kathryn Bryan ’06 to William Schaeffer on June 6, 2009. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Tara Callegary ’06 to Andrew Winner on May 30, 2009. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Jen Goldstein ’07 to Curt Reichart ’06 on May 17, 2009. They reside in Reading, Pa.

Jillian Hoffman ’07 to Brian Snyder on May 17, 2009. They reside in Eldersburg, Md.


Jamie Janowich ’07 to Matthew Lufkin ’07 on July 25, 2009. They reside in Middle River, Md.

Artina Young ’04 to Samuel Anstead II ’04 on June 20, 2009. They reside in Bangkok, Md.

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Lifelong Scholar

At 71 years old Ray Stevens '58, professor emeritus of English, continues his academic research and writing. In fact, he recently received notification that the Modern Language Association's Committee on Scholarly Edits has awarded his latest scholarly work, Joseph Conrad's Light Years, its seal designating it an MLA Approved Edition. The book will be published in about a year by the Cambridge University Press.

Ray Stevens '58 and Ruth Ann Wilson Stevens '59

them more than a couple of times a year, but the move has been fine. Both are looking forward to the reunion in 2010. And they hope everyone will do their level best to get back to the Hill.

Mina Kirby wrote that she has been enjoying writing poetry, memoirs and stories and publishing them in little books—four this year—including Limerix, Lilacs; Poetry of Home; Lilacs II: Stories of Home; and Critters I Have Known. If anyone is interested in having one or more of them, they can e-mail her. She has done a little singing and song writing, but she noted that arthritis in her hands makes it less than fun to play the guitar very much. She did have the opportunity to tape a half-hour TV show reading her poems and singing her songs on the local station near Altadena, Calif. The economy took away her part-time job of teaching at Citrus College, so she is now retired. Pete is still working in Maryland and gets home a couple of times a year and Ginny is living at home. Mina wrote, "We still enjoy five pets—two dogs, two cats and a rabbit, and of course numerous spiders that think this is also their home."

Barbara Bell Woodley is also on the reunion committee, and she sent an e-mail so chock full of news that I will print it here basically as she wrote it, with just a few exceptions. She wrote, "The storytelling continues with joy. I perform regularly at a couple of retirement centers, schools, Celtic festivals and civic groups. Currently I am working with a classical pianist, Ina Allen, to collaborate on an opera. We will present The Magic Flute by Mozart sometime in the nearish future, we hope, although we don't know yet who our audiences might be. The other thing that I love to do is play handbells. We have a regular handbell choir at church, 'Bells' Bells,' named for my parents in whose memory I presented the bells to the church, as well as a smaller ensemble that sometimes is a duet, or a trio, or a quartet, or more recently a quintet. We are called 'Belkissimo,' which interestingly enough is the new name of the restaurant in Finksburg where we have had several of our reunion dinners.

"Joel and I also have 5-month-old 'twins,' they are chocolate cocker puppies, Truffle and Mocha. They are a real picnic, although I will say that two puppies are four times as much work as one! I try to swim twice a week at the Maryland Athletic Club in Timonium, thus attempting to stave off some of the effects of aging. Our son, Bruce, married a wonderful lady with a daughter who is now 7, so we at last have a grandchild to love, and maybe spoil a bit. Joel is a volunteer on the curatorial staff at the Walters Art Museum on Friday mornings, and really enjoys it. He also occasionally gives tours of the really ancient section—Egypt, Babylonia, Greece, Rome—for friends, particularly if asked nicely or if prodded by me. The only other news that I have is that we expect to take an 11-day trip to Egypt in November. It will fill a lifelong dream of Joel's, and I'll find it thrilling too."

Don Lowe's e-mail began on a sad note, for Tom Ward had called him to tell him of the death of his wife, Diana. Tom said Diana had been in decline for quite a while and they knew her passing was imminent. She died on June 2, 2009, and a memorial service was to be held June 28. Don also wrote that he was excited about going on what he calls his annual exotic summer trip, this year to Japan for two weeks in June. Last year he went to Thailand and Cambodia for 20 days. He is also enjoying his grandkids Austin, 9, Allie, 8, and Anni, 4. Don went on a cruise with his daughter and family last March to the Caribbean and really had a great time. He is still doing two part-time jobs. One is developing a mentoring/teaching program for at-risk youth with Safe Passages, a day treatment program in Prince Georges County, Md. Don has been doing this since he retired from the ministry in 2009. Also, he has been teaching two classes in the Art of Pastoral Care to lay caregivers and is ready to begin his 27th year with that. He is working on establishing a lay caregiving visitation program at his church, Foundry United Methodist in D.C. Don wrote, "I do not think I will ever retire, but will continue to re-direct as my journey continues."

Capt. Jim McMahan sent word from Bel Air, Md., that he is still on the County Council for Harford County and notes that being retired has definite advantages in political office. He still has a presence with the state guard for ceremonial duties. He expected to be at the Naval Academy Oct. 27 for the French Monument Ceremony and recently word that he has been nominated for the Gold French National Defense Medal. In that regard Jim wrote, "I am really humbled by this. He will be a grandpa for the second time later this year. He wrote that his health is good, but would not turn down a winning ticket to the lottery. And he is looking forward to seeing everyone next spring.

Bob and Lani Stange '62 Anderson continue to enjoy retirement, and their daughter and grandchildren in Rochester, N.Y. Their oldest granddaughter will be getting married in August. Bob plays tennis in winter (doubles only now) and golf in summer. They are active in church and volunteer work and feel that life has blessed them in many ways. They hope to make the 50th reunion in 2010.

George Fringer sent a lovely letter which, like others, covered the passing years, and the current times in such a manner that I chose to print it almost in its entirety. George wrote, "Hello again to my 1965 classmates. It seems impossible to think that next year will mark 50 years since that June 6 graduation. It was a beautiful morning when I wished WMC a fond farewell. Paradise around the campus in my cap and gown, 1 was looking forward to my teaching assignment at Francis Scott Key High down the road in Uniontown. Thirty years later (1990), after retirement, my life as a single person was about to change. My first wife, Doris, and I married in 1991. At her death on Dec. 30, 2004, there was a year of emptiness until I met my next wife, Meda, in 2006. When we married in Ellicott City, Md., I was fulfilled until her death on Dec. 30, 2008. Isn't it strange how both deaths occurred on the same date? Now, at age 71, I have new friends who have kept me on an even keel even as I face the challenges of daily living. I keep aloft, writing my weekly column, Looking Back, and continuing to serve as recording secretary of the Carroll County Retired School Personnel Association. Older, and I hope wiser, my days are filled with new adventures and satisfying reminiscences. I hope to see my classmates at the 50th class reunion takes place."

Edna Mae and Bill Bruce continue to enjoy cruising and traveling the Southwest, Midwest and Northeast U.S. Their family has added a great-granddaughter in Nashville, Tenn. It was noted that both Edna Mae and Bill have hit the Big 75, and are still enjoying their farming skills in Carroll County, with their children living close to them. They continue to be involved in many church-related activities, and Bill still loves his antique farm tractors.

Jim and Peg Harring '65 Goldring moved."

Bobbie Beall Messenger's e-mail arrived in an envelope, and she noted that she and Don moved to Lothian, south Anne Arundel County, Md. They have a new little grandson, AJ, born to their oldest daughter, Colleen, and son-in-law Jay. Now there are six grandchildren altogether. Bobbie is still on the Maryland State Arts Council (a six-year tenure which will be up this year), which is an agency of the Department of Business and Economic Development, a Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts. She wrote, "I still paint; need to paint more!" Don is still practicing law but is taking more time off. Their youngest daughter, Melanie, and son-in-law Scott, have a pizza business in Virginia. The family spent Easter week in the Grand Caymans. They all love to snorkel, and Bobbie feels the water had miraculous healing powers as it took her forever to get over pneumonia this past winter. Everyone enjoyed an exciting event when "Grandbobb" fed a stingray—with the captain's help. The Messengers still have a beach house in South Bethany, Del., where everyone is always welcome. Bobbie is hoping to attend the reunion next spring.

Bev Schott Myers noted how it seems amazing that 49 years have gone by. At the oldest grandson's high school graduation she was remembering our graduation in 1960. The recent graduate is going to MIT in the fall. She wrote that she played bridge with Sharon Board Chilcoat, Jill Brown Hurlbrink, Jackie Sapp Skarbek, Phyllis Cassetta Karrer and Joan Schafer Weyrich '59 at McDaniel College, and after the game they went over to Blanche Ward dorm and visited all of their..."
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old rooms. The dorm had just been remodeled and looked great. Jon '65 and Bev still spend winter and summer in Vail, Colo., and are still skiing, snow shoeing, and hiking. Children and grandchildren are all doing well. Bev is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in 2010.

John "Jack" Bowen's e-mail opened with the identical thought. "Can you believe that it's really been 49 years since we trod the paths of the WMC campus? Must surely be getting old "cause I often catch myself daydreaming about those days in Westminster." He retired almost a decade ago after 32 years as a research professor in plant physiology at the University of Hawaii. Now he's well into a second career conducting specialized training programs for firefighters, and also law enforcement and military personnel, nationwide and occasionally internationally. He feeds the current state of world affairs definitely guarantees job security. Hawaii is still home but Maryland and southern Pennsylvania are tugging at him pretty strongly, he notes, as he has a heartfelt "aloha" to everyone with hopes to see us at our 50th class reunion.

According to Allan Dworkin, he received my e-mail and could still read the small print! He responded by writing that he is still practicing his profession as a pediatric dental surgeon in Baltimore (40 years). "Once a Bachelor always a Bachelor," he notes, having been a single parent for 30 years. He enjoys his blessing of health and traveling the world on bicycle for 20 years in Europe: Croatia, Spain, France, Italy, Sweden, etc., etc. His three daughters and four grandchildren take much energy and all his love with them. Allan was a chief dental officer for two public companies, one from Spain, and one from Texas. He closed by writing, "All in all I feel very, very blessed and enjoying my gift of LIFE!"

Toni Steinacker's e-mail arrived from her home in Falmouth, Mass. She wrote that at the moment there is not much happening except garden work until she starts writing papers this summer. She plans to stay in Woods Hole all summer and to work for a month in Texas in the fall. She is also project going to China in October. She vacationed in Mexico for eight days this past winter with her niece's family and wrote that she is getting lots of grand nieces and nephews by now. One grand nephew is in his third year at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, majoring in "heavy duty" chemistry. Toni went to Waltham, Mass., to watch him crewing for Navy in the Divisionals. She also has a grand niece, 10, who is studying English, of course, but also Spanish and a third year of Chinese. She noted that she thinks it's true what they say about this younger generation being smarter than our generation.

I am in touch with my college roommate, Mary Jo Smith Bostic, and we often reminisce about our college days. She lives with her daughter and family on the old farmstead in Sudlersville. Another daughter and family live closely. Though health issues have restricted her ability to get "out and about," she is still very active in managing "control central" for her busy and active family. I have also spoken with Nancy Thorn, still living and working in Towson, and involved with her dear friends and neighbors, and lively dogs.

As for me - I am still belly dancing, though not publicly, and djammin' on my djembe, frequently in public. The economic downturn has resulted in a company downsizing, which has led to my full retirement, and involvement in projects which have expanded to fill more than their allotted space and time! Maybe there is a rocking chair on a porch somewhere in the future for me, and that is very appealing, I must admit. But at this juncture in my life, it looks like I will have to construct it first! My term on the local Audubon board is finished, though I expect to continue with my participation in that organization. How can I not, considering the crowd of birds in my backyard - including a very vocal, and visible, great horned owl. Of course, family and yard work, (I gave up gardening years ago; it was a losing proposition what with the deer, the turkeys, and the woodchucks), take up much of my time and attention, and bring me much joy and pleasure. I still use genealogical research as an excuse to do some traveling, and have joined the Delaware County (NY) Historical Association, as a result of a recent visit there.

Many thanks to all who responded to the requests for news, and to those who did not respond as well as I hope that my small remainder of our days at WMC (there, now I've done it!) will perhaps encourage your attendance at our reunion next year. It looks like I will perhaps encourage your attendance at our reunion next year.

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Gerald Winegrad has retired after 16 years in the Maryland State Senate and House and lives in Annapolis, Md. In relation to his work on environmental issues he is now teaching at the University of Maryland plus speaking and publishing articles on the Chesapeake Bay restoration. He and his wife love eco-touring and have visited Brazil and Argentina. In the works is a big bash for former Preachers at his home.

Barbara Meirose Cole has retired in New York after 16 years with the Hunter Mountain Ski resort. She has started a new business doing homecare for the elderly. With her significant other she has purchased a farmhouse near the Catskills and visit their 19 grandchildren.

Bob Scott and wife Carolyn Seaman '61 still reside in Westminster, Md., where Bob continues to practice dentistry, teaches a class at the University of Maryland, travels once a year on the dental mission to Ecuador, and has raised 4,000 grapevines! They have also built a vacation home in Deep Creek Lake in Maryland.

Bob and Mary Lou Englebrecht Deckert live in Salisbury, Md., where Bill is working part time for Shore Bank. Mary Lynn is substitute teaching and both are doing volunteer work. They are new grandparents of twins and have two other grandchildren.

Dorothy Chance Strawburg retired from the State of Maryland and is now working part time in a private mental health clinic. Time now is spent on hobbies and family visits from two sons and two daughters who live nearby in Thurmont, Md.

Diane Bemnekamer has been senior minister at the Congregational Church in Cumberland, Maine, for 11 years. She is chair of the local church ministries for the United Church of Christ, which involves travel. Her church is sending their seventh mission team to Guatemala this summer. She and her partner golf and spend time at Prince Edward Island each year.

Darrell Linhart has retired after 25 years of teaching and research in engineering at the University of Central Florida. He and his wife live in Winter Springs, Fla., where they help care for parents who are 100-plus. He is enjoying volunteer work, sports and travel and has had visits with Dr. Jim Lightner '59, Robert Creighton, Grayson Winterling, Rob Hendrickson, Jeff Harris, Don Green and Joyce Magnotto Neff.

Anne Marlow Vose and her husband live on Martha's Vineyard full time. They are busy with community, church, and sailboat racing. After the cold of January, they usually go away and have traveled to South Africa and also Key West. They have two sons, a grandson and twin granddaughters in Boston.

Joyce Magnotto Neff reports from Old Dominion University in Virginia where she is a professor of English teaching in the new doctoral program. She has been recently honored with two awards and has co-authored a recent publication. She and her husband live in Norfolk and enjoy traveling, most recently to Panama. They have a blended family of four children and six grandchildren. Each year they take one grandchild to a national park for a week; this year they went to Yosemite.

Bob Davis and wife Carolyn live in West Chester, Pa. Bob works in rotorcraft for the U.S. Army and has had work-related travel to the United Kingdom. They are blessed with lots of beautiful grandkids.

Mary Lee Warren Fisher and husband have retired and have lived in St. Petersburg, Fla., since 1983. Their most northerly visit now is to North Carolina to visit daughter and husband and granddaughter.

Pat Thompson McGoldrick is living in Arizona and works as a private investigator in Las Vegas, Orlando, and Puerto Rico. Her loves are her two grandsons from whom she
has learned a lot about tracks.

Joe Brock and wife Rosalie live in Colorado Springs, Colo., but still get back to Westminster a couple of times a year to visit family in Maryland. Their trip of the year was to Egypt and Jordan where they rode a camel, climbed a pyramid, floated in the Dead Sea, cruised the Nile and visited Petra.

Betty Fleming Young works at Locust Books in Westminster, Md., creating monthly booklists for patrons.

Judith Elaine Grieb Burdette and husband Mack live on a farm in Frederick County, Md., but she visits the farm. They work part time answering gardening questions at a store nearby and is involved in church and in the community. She has gone on disaster response trips to New Orleans and Indiana.

Carolyn Koerber and husband Michael Brown have been married since 1976 and live in northern Baltimore County, Md., in a former tenant farmhouse with over two acres and a lot of invasive plants. Carolyn has been a puppeteer and teaching artist since 1970 and is now doing performances and conducting residencies in elementary schools in Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

John Emens has retired again after nearly six years of federal government service at the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Nancy, moved to Atlanta where they have a daughter and then began traveling, first to see their son and triplets (3 years old) in California and then to Egypt and Jordan. John is still keeping his hand in assisting small businesses working for a company in Irvine, Calif. He remembered Major Jim Moore, commanding officer of WMC's ROTC department, who died in Vietnam in 1968, as he watched the President lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier this year.

Ed Lowry reports from Oakton, Va., saying he retired from Verizon in 2001, is active in his church and is trying to keep up with five grandchildren — all boys!

Dottie Dragoo Klander Wilson lives in Charlotte, N.C., and stays mostly in an office now after years of following storms adjusting on site for Met Life. Her husband passed away in 2008 and her baby is two black pups. The Klander blended family includes five children and three grandchildren and her mom in Maryland. Paris was her destination this summer.

David Cheng '66 has retired and is living in China in Hainan Province.

Linda Bryson Truitt and husband built a new home in Elkins, Md., in 2006. Sadly, her husband passed away, but Linda stays very busy during her retirement. She sees Doris Weaver Sanders '66 weekly.

Dave Horton celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary and writes from Davidson, N.C. They live near their daughter who has three children and are excited that their son and family are returning to Andrews Air Force Base after three years in Hawaii. Dave plays tennis and he and his wife have achieved life masters in tournament bridge.

Hans and Dianne Petrovich Himler are both retired and living in Durham, N.C., where they enjoy Hans's hobby of gourmet cooking. They have a daughter in Princeton, N.J.

Robert Creighton and his wife live in Cambridge, Md. He has just retired and they celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. They stay busy boating, golfing, traveling, and helping with their four grandchildren.

Judy Rowe Antosik and her husband moved to Aurora, Colo., in 2005 to be near grandchildren. Her husband at age 50 took up tap dancing! Judy performs musical comedy and sings jazz with a senior center and is in charge of their road shows.

John and Louise Nelson Ballard have retired from teaching music and are now working with a retirement community. One son lives near them and the other son and wife are missionaries in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia. They see their granddaughter there through the miracle of skype.

Charlotte Twombly teaches sociology and is chairman of her department at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md. Her husband, Paul Lim, has a restaurant, China Chefs, in Columbia, Md. Charlotte travels and presented a paper at an international conference in Athens, Greece. They have two daughters in the area.

Tom Bageant remains retired, has been married for 43 years, and lives in Gig Harbor, Wash. He has two daughters and enjoys his three grandchildren and golfing and working in his shop. He stays in touch with Bill Spangler.

Ida Bockelman Stephens Rodgers, after the passing of husband Jim Stephens in Vietnam, remarried, had two sons and is now divorced and living in Ohio. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Arizona and a Ph.D. in Texas. She is an adjunct professor teaching online for the Maryland University College.

Bruce Robinson is practicing law in Williamston, N.C., in the area of medical malpractice and nursing home abuse. He and his wife have two children and two grandchildren. He says he has not hypnotized anyone since graduation nor done any magic tricks. He rides his mountain bike, kayaks and hikes.

Rick White and his wife retired in rural Montrose, Colo. His family lives all over the U.S. and they travel by plane and car to see them. He is still officiating football, volunteers and substitute teaches. They have been visited twice by Bruce and Anne Spencer '67 Knowles. Rick’s brother, who attended all college away from them, passed away in 2008.

Bruce Knowles and wife Anne Spencer '67, married for 43 years, stay busy traveling, seeing their three grandchildren, and kayaking. Bruce is 99 percent retired in Julian, Calif. A month was spent on the Iberian Peninsula after volunteering to speak English to Spaniards. They also went to Spain, Morocco and Portugal with a trip to Sedona in the U.S.

Martha "Merr" Goode McLain reports she is now called Marty. She has retired and with her husband is now living in Lewes, Del. They have three grandchildren in New Jersey, Utah, and Italy. Marty is enjoying the sand, volunteering at a wildlife refuge, delivering meals and learning to kayak.

Linda Mahaffey Spear lives in Cherry Chase, Md., with a summer home in Dewey Beach, Del. She has seen many WMC friends of 1966 including Doris Brown Chambers, Lynn Mack McDonough, Betsy Murphy Schueler and Barbara Smith Law.

Raymond Edwards is retired and lives in Lexington Park, Md., with his wife, Kathy. They are very active at the Lexington Park Baptist Church. He has three stepsons. Last year he worked for Mike Huckabee's campaign.

My husband of 43 years and I live in Salisbury, Md., and have a summer home in Rehoboth Beach, Del. Our three children live in New York City and Hilton Head, S.C. My husband is still full-time CEO of an engineering firm and I volunteer like so many of you and we travel and I continually garden and have lots of flowers. I have enjoyed hearing so warmly from all of you who replied so thank you and let me hear from you anytime.

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Barbe "Lil Barbe" Volz Gill's children are married and out of the house. No grandchildren yet and probably won't be for a few more years. Her son is continuing to work on his Ph.D. in astronomy. Her daughter works as a physical education teacher in Howard County and is working on her master's at McDaniel. Barbe and her hubby are empty nesters and not retired. She still works for Carroll County Public Schools as a hearing resource teacher and has a couple more years before she retires. She is trying to reach 30 years in the county — only two more to go. Her husband of 37 years is semi-retired. She can't believe that she has been out of college for 37 years or that she is close to retirement. Barbe keeps in touch with Carol Jones Schanche via e-mail. She visits Barb Smeak Wiggs every summer when her family takes their yearly Outer Banks vacation. Barbe sees Louise Gill Hansch at family gatherings. Louise has retired and is living in a small Virginia town. She is enjoying life and her new home. She also has a granddaughter, 1.

Wilkins "Wilkes" Hubbard hasn't been back to the Hill for many years but always enjoys reading the columns in The Hill. Just when he thinks life should get more manageable, everything speeds up and gets more complex...
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Family

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Family additions this season:

Aaron Christopher Conrad, on November 26, 2008, to Mark and Rebecca Britton ‘90 Conrad.

Ryan John Pickersgill, on July 25, 2009, to Raymond ‘94 and Alison Pickersgill.

Joseph David and Taylor Lynne Bosley-Smith, on September 7, 2009, to Joe Bosley-Smith and Teatte Louderback-Smith ‘96.

Abby Marie Mirra, on June 21, 2008, to David ‘96 and Amy Rice ‘97 Mirra.

Theo Slaughter Neuberger, on October 30, 2008, to Thomas and Cindy Slaughter ‘96 Neuberger.

Emily Elizabeth Repp, on March 18, 2009, to Erich and Melanie Phipps ‘96 Repp.

Noah Patrick Shermeyer, on August 10, 2009, to Tony and Amy Laughman ‘96 Shermeyer.

Sarah Campbell Stein, on February 25, 2009, to Marc and Rachel Green ‘96 Stein.

Peyton Nicole Van Deusen, on January 13, 2009, to Brian ‘96 and Melissa Van Deusen.


Sebastian Victor Chapin, on April 9, 2009, to Ryan and Sonia Stoy ‘97 Chapin.

Lindsay Tourjee Pearse, on July 21, 2009, to Austin and Lisa Hill ‘97 Pearse.

Brandon Duean Stiles, on August 13, 2008, to Duean and Dawn Downey ‘97 Stiles.

Annie Elise Cerringer, on May 11, 2009, to Kurt and Mandy Hofstetter ‘99 Cerringer.

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number of Preachers often, Ron Cristy, Tom "Lumpy" Brown, Dr. Bob Fox and Dr. Fred Kiemle. "When do you think the Preachers will be coming back to McDaniel?" He’s also become a regular with the WMC/McDaniel Crab Guys, organized by Dr. Gordon Shelton ’68.

Lily Chen is semi-retired in California, still contracting graphic services, but has cut down the number of days "to spend time with my mom when she is with me." She travels a couple times a year to southern California to see high school friends from Burma, treated with lots of great Burmese food. Last year, Lily went to a fund-raising event for the victims of Nargis in Burma where over 200,000 people died. "The latest news is about the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest for 13 of the 19 years." Lily spent six days in Maui with a high school friend from Burma who now lives in New York. Candace "Candy" was planning to visit Lily in July, and Lily was entertaining the idea of accompanying Candy back to Maryland when she returned home from her visit to California. "We’d love to spend a day at WMC (now McDaniel) to see the changes on campus, with a few friends from WMC and from my high school."

Fred and Kathi Stetter Laurence live in the Hanover area where they grew up and celebrated their 37th anniversary on June 10. They have two grandchildren, Sofia, 2, and Daniel, a few months. "All my kids live in the Hanover area so Fred and I are very fortunate in that way," Kathy is "still teaching Latin at my alma mater South Western High School," and Fred is still in the restoration business. Currently Fred and son Travis are reconstructing a log cabin for a client. Two of their favorite pasttimes include spending time in Stone Harbor, N.J., in New York City..."The Hill "Bob Haynie ’72 has been “out of the loop for a long, long time” in central Washington on Lookout Mountain.

Robert Read lives in Ellicott City with wife Clare McFarland, who is an actuary with the Medicare and Medicaid services wing of the Department of Health and Human Services. Robert is senior vice president and actuary with Swiss Re Life and Health in Armonk, NY. He works some from home and spends several days a week in the Armonk office, planning to retire at the end of June ’09. They vacationed in Aruba last spring and planned to spend the annual month at the beach in Stone Harbor, N.J., this summer. Son Bryan is an athletic trainer in Towson. He graduated from Hofstra in 2006 and obtained his master’s degree from the University of Virginia in 2009.

Ron "Tar" Cristy’s daughter, Nicole ’11, will be in her senior year at McDaniel after transferring from Wake Forest two years ago. "She has been All-Conference the last two years on the women’s golf team and this past spring they were conference champs. Hellewa lot better golfer than her dad. Good to know she has all the old scrambled eggs on the Preachers to keep the history alive on campus. She’s even etched something about T. Lumpy Brown on several classroom tablets! See the Lindsays, and play golf with Sue Lumpy is the king of e-mail. Anything more than a week with something from him doesn’t seem right,” Tar planned to see some of his old friends, "like parking, and clinical observation. He and his wife Bonnie celebrated their 12th anniversary and have two granddaughters.

Don Mohler and Linda Stevens ’70 prepared to celebrate their 30th anniversary. "How can that be?" Linda still teaches French at Catonsville High School and Don continues to enjoy his job as senior advisor and communications director for Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith. They have three grandchildren and another on the way. "Please give a shout out to all of my Phi Delt brothers."

The year 2008 was not good for Sandy Gochar Brown. She had two cycling accidents. The first fall in July ‘08 broke her foot. The second accident in October ‘08 was much more serious: a 12-foot fall off a bridge from her bike onto rocks below. After 10 hours in the ER it was clear that her helmet, based on the dents, saved her life. She is hopefully getting back on the bike soon. In both cases
Gary Will's wife, Diane, was biking with Sandy. Diane has vowed never to bike with her again. Both Sandy and Diane completed (without a fall!) the Zumba 10K in Annapolis in May '09.

Tom and Sandy Brown "are blessed to have our two daughters and grandchildren living nearby in Columbia and Baltimore." Sandy continues to coordinate the Interpreter Training Program at the Community College of Baltimore County. Tom is entering his sixth year directing a fitness center for DOD workers near Ft. Meade.

Jesse Houston is still planning director for Ocean City (26th year) and Bonnie Kimmel is still happily retired from U.S. Airways. "We are both playing golf in our spare time, although Bonnie has much more of it than I do!" wrote Jesse. "We are enjoying condo living on the bay front in Ocean City next door to our favorite restaurant/bar. Our major social undertaking last August was a party hosted by us and Joedy Waters '71 and Ruth at their home on the St. Martin's River in west Ocean City. What started out as a weekend visit from Fred and Kathi Stetter Laurence became a party attended by many (too many to name in your column) WMC classmates and friends living within a three-hour drive. The guests included Coach Ron Jones '55. We also became grandparents for the first time in November '07, as Nicholas DelFavero came into the family," Bonnie writes. "Spending three or four days a month doing mothering things at their home in Lehighton, Pa. Nick already has a pretty substantial Redskins wardrobe."

Eric W. Reitz completed his 37th year on the faculty of the Community College of Baltimore County as associate professor of reading. Daughter Sarah '05 just completed three- and-a-half years as an elementary teacher in Carroll County and became engaged to be married sometime next year. Daughter Molly '07 completed a year in the master's program in applied health physiology at Salisbury University. "Since I've paid off my mortgage and most of my daughter's education expenses, I will be able to retire from full-time teaching by next August. Then I can spend more time working on my Oxford home and doing some traveling."

Linda McWilliams Broderick and husband Rick live in Reston, where they spend some of their winter in Naples, Fla. They are too young to be full-time snowbirds. Linda still subs at the local elementary school, while Rick, who is retired, spends most of his time on the golf course. Their three older children live and work in the D.C. area while the youngest is a junior at Roanoke College.

"Strangely, I am back in the same village in Spain, my first time here since I e-mailed you two years ago," wrote Jim Wilberger. "But I'm not on a rooftop this year (from which he wrote two years ago); I guess the neighbors wired us up and got secure wifi, but I found an Internet cafe. Life goes on, although I've had much less paying work in the last two years. It seems to be picking up again now that Screen Actors Guild finally reached agreement on a new contract (it took a year). I have been making a few more movies for the Hallmark Channel, including Ice Dreams, about a skating competition, which airs in October '09. I'm producing a Christmas movie next. Somehow we always make those in the summer."

Last March Jim went back to McDaniel to speak to four drama and film classes and conduct a little seminar. "It was so much fun. The students are enthusiastic, the campus is in great shape, and the faculty is fantastic. I think McDaniel is in better shape than ever. They wrote an article about my visit on the alumni website. I recommend that all alumni try to give the benefit of their experience to the students by speaking there, or by signing up for the alumni mentor program (check out the McDaniel alumni website). You will find the students and faculty to be very appreciative, and it's a great way to reconnect with the College. And the food at Baugher's has not changed a bit!"

Susan "Sue" Baker finished her third year as assistant professor of management at Morgan State University's business school, where she teaches Leadership, Ethics and Organizational Behavior. This summer she worked on research papers in leadership and followership. Sue is also co-authoring a book chapter about moral courage; the book is targeted at students.

Ruth Howell can't believe she's starting her third year of semi-retirement, but is still teaching part time at Goucher College in the graduate school of education. Between semesters, she travels as much as possible. "I went on Sue Bloom's Jan term trip to southern Italy in 2008. It was a wonderful trip with WMC alumni and current students. We all learned more about Italian art and saw Pompeii and spent a marvelous week in Sicily. She took a recent trip to London, Brussels, Germany, Hungary, Czech Republic, and Slovakia for several weeks "which was remarkable." A trip to Vermont for a niece's wedding and a visit to Oregon to see a good friend allowed Ruth to visit more around the U.S. as well. She also enjoys her book club, singing with the Choral Arts Society of Frederick and volunteering at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Lynn Boniface resides with his family in northern Virginia. He retired from the FAA in 2007 and went back to his same desk as a contractor. He and wife Marialena recently celebrated their silver anniversary with a two-week trip driving around Italy (praises to Garmin GPS). They have three children, mostly grown. Two girls, both graduates of Virginia Tech, are gainfully employed and their son has completed his second year at the USMA, West Point. He intends to go into aviation. Lynn no longer flies but still enjoys their summer house at Cobb Island, Md. "Those who still remember are still welcomed."

Jeanette Ergler Maybin retired from teaching after 31 years in June '08. "The first year of retirement flew by. I taught art classes for home-school kids one day per week here in my home and also at a local church. It was nice to keep my hands in teaching, without having to get up every day at 5:30!" The year was peppered with health problems. Husband Butch (Clemson '69) broke his femur near the hip and recovery has been slow. Jeanette has been trying to remodel the house and keep them afloat while dealing with a pinched nerve that messed up her right arm. "Somehow we survived and are happy to report that we are much better!" Daughter Lindsay, 28, recently married. She is working on her Ph.D. in history at University of South Carolina. Their youngest, Caitlin, 23, will finish her degree in anthropology next May. Jeanette has started back into riding and the kitchen remodeling project is almost complete, "so for now, life is very good!"

Sherman "Bucky" Paper wrote, "I do not think I have ever written regarding WMC, but as we age we seem to reflect, so here it goes." He and wife Karen (of UMBC not WMC) just celebrated their 36th anniversary. Their daughter has given them two grandchildren. Their married son is a dentist who works with Fred Rudman '73 in Middletown, Md. Bucky came back to Howard County three-and-a-half years ago after spending the previous 10 years in New York running a diet analysis laboratory. "When our daughter informed us she was on a fast track to engagement, marriage, and children, we decided 235 miles was too far away. We came back to Maryland and bought house number six (Karen tells me the last one if I intend to stay married to her) in Ellicott City." Bucky is currently laboratory director at Washington Hospital Center. "The job is great, the commute is horrible, but I sure am happy to be home."

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Brady James Luse, on April 24, 2009, to Paul '99 and Jaime Walker '99 Luse.

Lucy James Baker, on April 2, 2009, to Bryce '00 and MaryEllen Baker.

Connor Adam Schmidt, on June 24, 2009, to Michael and Janelle Milam '00 Schmidt.

London Addie Butler, on February 5, 2009, to Wendell '03 and Jennifer Butler.

Clara Ellen Lettau, on July 10, 2009, to Shane and Jen Geiman '03 Lettau.

Jasmine Elizabeth Miller, on February 15, 2008, to Scott and Jennifer Thomas '07 Miller.

Jocelyn Bailey Graper, on March 18, 2008, to Joseph and Brittany Maffei '08 Graper.
Ira Zepp, a 1952 alumnus and professor emeritus of religious studies who inspired generations of students to lead lives committed to service, activism and peace, died on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the age of 79.

Zepp dedicated the better part of his 79 years to our community on the Hill. He joined the faculty in 1963, first as dean of the chapel, then as professor of religious studies, and continued to teach full time until his retirement in 1994. His electrifying courses on taboo topics at the time like human sexuality, death and racism packed classrooms and changed lives, as did his serious scholarship on a wide range of subjects, from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X to the culture and religion of Islam.

Zepp was a mentor, role model and friend to many, dating back even to his undergraduate days, when he was nicknamed the “Big Easy” for his broad shoulders and even temper on the football field and awarded the Bates Prize for outstanding male student at graduation. Zepp went on to graduate magna cum laude from Drew Theological Seminary and served churches in Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey before joining the faculty on the Hill. He earned a Ph.D. in 1971 from St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore and studied theology in Edinburgh, Scotland and Gottingen, Germany, as well as at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Hartford Seminary and in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He also spent a summer studying Christian-Marxist dialogue in Eastern Europe and was a Fulbright scholar in India in 1967.

A three-time winner of the Distinguished Teaching Award and the 1989 Maryland Professor of the Year, Zepp was a humble seeker of truth who believed that questions unite while answers divide, and that the true purpose of acquiring knowledge is to use it for the common good. One of his favorite sayings was: “To know and not to act is not to know.” Zepp’s good works inspired others to honor him with special forms of recognition. These include the Distinguished Teaching Award, the Ira and Mary Zepp Center for Nonviolence and Peace Education, and an endowed scholarship to provide financial assistance to an upperclass student who demonstrates a genuine commitment to improving the lives of the poor in rural or inner-city America. He was also a founding director and the inspiration behind Common Ground on the Hill, and both taught and took classes at its summer programs on campus that foster an appreciation for diversity through music, art and philosophy.

In the 1960’s, Zepp served on the committee that helped desegregate many restaurants in Westminster and, in 1965, he participated in the historic march on Selma, Ala., with Dr. King and other civil rights demonstrators. His advocacy of civil rights wasn’t always popular. The Zepp family received hate mail and dirty looks from neighbors who didn’t like the sight of black guests at their house.

“By virtue of taking stands you will have some people who are on the other side. I’ve made enemies, but I never think of them as enemies,” Zepp once said. “I will love the hell out of them, or better yet, heaven into them.”

Among the dozen books he authored were also those that zoomed in on his beloved College and hometown, including Sacred Spaces of Westminster, A Grateful Memory: the History of Baker Chapel, and The Journey Outward: Protest & Service in an Uncommitted Generation, a History of SOS and Hinge at Western Maryland College, which he edited.

“Ira adored McDaniel College — and yes, he embraced his alma mater’s new name,” said President Joan Develin Coley. “In fact, my friend and colleague for 35 years provided counsel and assurance during that difficult transition that this community’s heart and soul would retain its strong identity by any name. And, of course, he was right.”

After his retirement, Zepp continued teaching part time. For him, teaching was a religious experience and he still meditated in preparation before each class. In his book about the art of teaching just published this spring, he wrote:

“A teacher is someone who is willing and humble enough to drink from the instructional wells of those who have preceded us and continue to be nourished by them: the Hindu sages, the prophets’ call for justice, the discipline of the shamans, the wisdom teachers of all traditions, the gifts and graces of the saints, plus every teacher we’ve ever had.

“A teacher is someone who is devoted to students and is willing to endure the vertigo of vulnerability which inevitably accompanies the intimacy of human relationships and unanswered questions. This is the pedagogy of the heart.”

More than 600 family, friends and former students attended a memorial service at Baker Memorial Chapel to honor him. To listen to the inspiring service, which celebrated Zepp’s life, download the podcast at commongroundonthehill.com.
look forward to growing old together. Becca is about to self-publish a book, "Generation RX, Kids On Pills, A Parent's Guide." It should be on Amazon, etc., by next fall. Her next book will be on "Methadone, the Bad Boy of Drug Treatment." "After that I plan to treat myself to finishing a book closer to my heart, a children's book that I started to write some 15 years ago, but never finished the illustrations." Becca enjoys seeing her two kids out of college and finding good lives.

Daniel "Dan" S. Green writes that "Life is good." He and Donna have one grandson and another expected by the next summer. Donna is retired and Dan hopes to retire next June. He's been with the Freehold Regional High School District (six high schools with 12,000 students) in New Jersey for 37 years. Dan is supervisor of art and music at Howell High as well as a performing arts magnet program at Howell which serves the entire district. "I'm proud to announce Howell High School has been named a Model School for Arts Education by the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership and the New Jersey Department of Education." The magnet program was also named the 2009 outstanding arts education program of Monmouth County by the Monmouth County Arts Council.

Mark Vidor is in his 25th year as a social worker with the Baltimore County Department of Social Services, having been the administrator for the agency's child protection and family services programs for 17 years. Retirement, while at times a very exciting idea, is still probably six or seven years away. I've made the adjustment to the empty nest. My son, Dan, is in New York City living the life of the struggling actor. More power to him! I have a circle of friends, a steady companion for the past six years and two cats. So life isn't empty, just the nest." He ran into Mike Mock '73, Milford Specher '73, Dave Petrucci '73 and Bill McCormick '73 entirely by chance last summer at a Frederick Keys game. It didn't seem like a reunion, just a conversation that had been interrupted.

Jim Yates wrote, "Being a Trustee for Md. Daniel is sometimes like having a second job. I get a bit behind sometimes but it's a great way to keep up with the school." With his oldest daughter teaching school, second daughter a senior at Towson and youngest a junior in high school (driving and not at home much) he and wife Nancy are traveling more. They went to Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, Scotland, and England last year. Jim is president of N. H. Yates and Company, Inc., in Cockeysville.

After 28 years teaching, then a school administrator in special education "on the beautiful coast of Maine," Chris Reinert Tofani is getting ready to head to New Orleans to work with the KIPP Charter Schools as the director of student support services. "What a huge change this will be! I am looking forward to learning about education in an urban setting, about the cultural differences and experiences that enrich the lives of the children there, and to joining the tremendously positive energy that is very much New Orleans. Having been a 'northerner' for so many years, I hope my time south of the Mason-Dixon line at WMC will help to provide at least a little credibility with the native Louisianans! I would love to hear from any WMC alumni residing in or around the Big Easy."

Melissa Smith Barnes and husband Leo live in Littlestown, Pa. She retired from State of Maryland service at the end of 2007, and does part-time proposal development for an IT consultant -- teleworking -- "yay!" Counting step-grandchildren, they have a combined total of 10 grandchildren, ages 1 to 13 years old. "All but three live locally, so we get to enjoy them!" About a year and a half ago, Victoria and Leo were both licensed to the ministry in the Church of the Brethren. They're currently taking courses toward ordination, with the vision of serving as co-pastors at a small country church. They're both active in three-day retreat ministries such as Kiratos and Credo.

Celishia Harrison Scarpone is still in Point Pleasant, N.J., "and guess I always will be. That brief stay in Maryland to attend college must have been a fluke. But it's a nice town, convenient to everything, and close to our kids. What more could you ask?" This fall she and husband Frank and will be married 32 years. They're celebrating with a trip to Alaska. They had intended to do that for their 30th, but postponed it to celebrate daughter, Amanda's, marriage. Both their children are married. In February '07; son Dan and wife Angela had a baby girl, Emma Victoria. "She is, of course, the most beautiful, kissable, adorable little girl imaginable. I simply love being a granny!" Celishia is in her 12th year with the Ocean County Library System as circulation supervisor for a mid-sized branch that is conveniently located about six blocks from home.

"Retirement, now in year 15, continues to be a fun adventure!" wrote John Van Horn. He and wife Susan stayed on Tybee Island for a week in spring '08 on their return from wintering in the Florida Keys. During their stay they met with old friends at their vacation Villa on Hilton Head Island for lunch. "In this crazy real-estate market, somehow we ended up being their new-door neighbors the following day. We had no intention of purchasing a second home, but someone had gutted this unit to redo it on speculation and ran out of money and it was too good to pass up. We hired a contractor who did a great job totally rehabbing the unit and now have a nice little place 150 feet from the ocean." John continues to photograph a lot and they do volunteer work particularly through their involvement with Rotary. He ended his lengthy job as president of the local library board last year and thanks to term limits, "which I endorse for good governance in any organization."

In February '07, I (Kathy Bryant) went to Paris for four weeks to visit my cousin who was with the American Embassy. While there, I traveled to Venice, Avignon, and Ancey in the French Alps. My biggest news is that this winter Prince George's County, Md., awarded me a $47,200 grant to restore my house in College Park. The house, a designated historic site, has been in my family since it was built in 1888. The grant will go toward repairing hidden box gutters, rotten house sills and joints, and exterior painting. As I think I wrote previously I've published two books through Arcadia, "Images of America: Prince George's County," and "Images of America: College Park." Both have been available on Amazon.com and at Barnes & Noble. I'm in my sixth year traveling five states and D.C., taking sports photographs for LifeTouch, the largest high school yearbook in the U.S. On gorgeous days I'm out shooting golf, soccer, football, lacrosse, etc. My main endeavors are gardening, historic preservation and the environment.

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Debbie Tull Paulsgrove finished her 10th year as music teacher at Sykesville Middle School in June '09. She completed a master of liberal arts degree in May '07 at McDaniel College. Her final project was a year-long research of the history of the school where she teaches and all the schools that have existed on those grounds since the first one was built in 1891. Debbie met a number of former WMC grads in conducting the oral history interviews for the project. Her husband, Gary '75, just passed the 34-year anniversary of both his graduation and beginning his employment in the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn. He is eligible for full retirement, and is giving it some serious thought. His health has improved since an aortic valve and stem replacement in September '07. Their middle child, Valerie, graduated from UMBC in May '09 with a degree in photography.

Jeff Smith is a government civilian employee and works at the Pentagon (commuting with the bus — less stress). His daughter graduated from George Mason University in May '09 and is attending a school at the University of Virginia.

Korby Bowman and Pete '77 Clark celebrated their 30th anniversary in June '09. Their youngest, Jennifer, graduated from Enid College in May '09 and began a nursing job in June. The Clark's are proud to have a nurse in the family. Their eldest daughter, Keegan, was married in July '09. Son Joe is coaching football at Trinity College. Korby and Pete work a lot in the spring, summer and fall at their golf course. They are able to

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50 Years Later, Victory Still So Sweet

Because there were no divisions among the nation's colleges and universities 50 years ago, Oct. 10, 1959 found Western Maryland College's soccer team traveling to Philadelphia to play Drexel University, the defending national champions.

A powerhouse boasting many European and South American players, Drexel was expected to be stronger than the previous two seasons when it defeated Western Maryland twice by an aggregate score of 15 to 3.

Many thought that if Western Maryland could keep the game close for the first half, they would score a moral victory.

That day, WMC produced one of the most shocking results ever recorded in collegiate soccer. Some described the 3-2 victory as the greatest game in their history. The players were exhausted at the finish and knew it was one of the most hard-fought games they had ever played.

Over Homecoming weekend, 11 of the guys gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that glorious team, whose record of eight wins, one loss and one tie still stands as the best winning percentage for a single season.

(From left) Wayne Whitmore, Harry Rumberger, Don Shure, Jim Gibson, Karl Silex, Jack Baile, Coach Denny Harmon, John Karrer, George Varga, Lloyd Musselman, Bob Hyde, Tom May, Bob Harris

get away from New England winter weather and spend two months in Florida every year, which they love. Korby still plays tennis and does work for their charity, The Jimmy Fund (cancer research). In May '09 Korby saw her college roommate Sue Ogilvie Luchey '56 in Ocean City while visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Robbie '81 and Connie Thompson '81 Bowman for Robbie's 50th birthday. In the fall of 2008, Korby attended a Phi Alpha Reunion at McDaniel College and it was great to see everyone there.

Bruce Belt lives in Herndon Va., and works for Lockheed Martin since retiring from the Army in 2001. Both of his children are in high school. Sadie is a freshman who excels at lacrosse and Erich, a senior, has aspirations of being the kicker this year. Bruce stays busy coaching youth football — his league is after their third straight county championship this year. He still stays in touch with Brandon Trumpower and Dave Delrick, and plays an occasional round of golf with them. Bruce looks forward to retiring near Reedville, Va., and spending time on his new boat while fishing and crabbing.

Life continues to be busy for Barb Meister Kroberger. In November '07 she changed jobs after 15 years. She is the director of social services at Dock Woods Community, which is a Mennonite continuing care community in Lansdale, Pa. She is working harder than ever expected to at this stage of the game but is enjoying the challenge. Her son has been living in Brooklyn for the past year working for a publishing company and trying to work his way into the film industry. Her daughter finished her first year of teaching high school art in June '09 and spent the summer at the Jersey shore with a bunch of girlfriends. Oh to be 24! Barb and her husband took a car trip throughout the Southwest — the Albuquerque Balloon Festival and the Grand Canyon are at the top of the list.

George Metz is currently serving as chair of the education department at Bluffton University (Ohio) where he was recently promoted to professor of education. He is completing a two-year term as faculty senate chair. They keep busy with university responsibilities, which also include serving the NCAA faculty athletics representative and director of the graduate programs. They are active in their church and are local share holders in a coffee house co-op. George completed his seventh May term experience with 20 university students, spending three weeks in NYC working in local service agencies and schools in Washington Heights.

Bruce Belt lives in Herndon Va., and works for Lockheed Martin since retiring from the Army in 2001. Both of his children are in high school. Sadie is a freshman who excels at lacrosse and Erich, a senior, has aspirations of being the kicker this year. Bruce stays busy coaching youth football — his league is after their third straight county championship this year. He still stays in touch with Brandon Trumpower and Dave Delrick, and plays an occasional round of golf with them. Bruce looks forward to retiring near Reedville, Va., and spending time on his new boat while fishing and crabbing.

Life continues to be busy for Barb Meister Kroberger. In November '07 she changed jobs after 15 years. She is the director of social services at Dock Woods Community, which is a Mennonite continuing care community in Lansdale, Pa. She is working harder than she ever expected to at this stage of the game but is enjoying the challenge. Her son has been living in Brooklyn for the past year working for a publishing company and trying to work his way into the film industry. Her daughter finished her first year of teaching high school art in June '09 and spent the summer at the Jersey shore with a bunch of girlfriends. Oh to be 24! Barb and her husband took a car trip throughout the Southwest — the Albuquerque Balloon Festival and the Grand Canyon are at the top of the list.

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Nancy McKenzie is living in Westminster, although she is an empty-nester, since her son moved to Pennsylvania three years ago. Loneliness isn't a problem, however, since she and Ned Landis '68 are engaged at present. They are trying to empty out two houses of packrat collections and consolidate into one house. They are also merging his family of two cats with Nancy's household of four cats and a border collie. Although Nancy gave up her weekly column for the "Carroll County Times" Neighborhoods section a few years back, she still does occasional features and photography for that section as well as other publications. She judges for many county fairs in Maryland, as well as the state fair. Whenever she is in St. Mary's County, she stays with John "Chip" and Debbie Lazarz '79 Roberts. They all still gather at Homecoming with Wendy Gross '79, Norma Edie Campbell and her husband, Patrick. Nancy has had a challenging few years, health wise, with many surgeries. She is back on her feet now. Being disabled really stinks, except for the parking sticker. Nancy keeps pushing herself to do as much as she is able, because she doesn't want to think that she never tried.

Richard Bacon lives in Albuquerque and enjoys being a financial advisor, although the last two years have been rough. Recent activities have primarily focused on daughter Sofia. Rich and Sofia coached an AYSO (youth soccer) team of mostly fourth-grade girls in 2008-09 with Sofia as the head coach and Rich as her assistant. It was an enjoyable experience although it was a bit of an adjustment for Rich taking orders from a teenager. Rich also was involved with conducting Sofia's college search. She decided that after visiting nine colleges in six western states on
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attending Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Ellen "Missy" Green Dumas flew out to Alaska to visit Susie Terwilliger and her husband, Jeff, in late May '09, and had a marvelous trip. It was so good to see Susie after 31 years since our graduation. A bit overdue! Missy can see what drew them to Alaska, "it is absolutely amazing! Mountains everywhere! I cannot wait to go back." Her daughters, Jessica and Kristina, 25 and 23 years old, are doing well, Jessica, who graduated with a history major and French minor, from Bates College in Maine in 2006, is testing out archeology, which she seems to enjoy. Kristina is a senior at the College of William and Mary. She is in the college's business school and focusing on environmental policy. She had a summer internship with the State of Maine DEP. Missy continues to greatly enjoy her work with people with disabilities in the local area as a vocational rehabilitation counselor. She continues her lifelong love of the State of Maine.

Jamie Mosberg is in the fourth year with a Global Recruiters Network franchise. He enjoys owning his own business. Chris Dryden Mosberg celebrated her 20th year at Sanford School, where she teaches mathematics. Chris and Jamie also enjoy their attempts to play golf on the weekends. Their three sons have finished college. Their eldest, Jake, will be getting married in April '10. All three of their sons have been writing and hope to someday sell a script; watch for the J. Mosberg brothers in the movie credits in future years to come.

Patty Crouse Hutton married Steve Hutton on June 29, 2008, and spent a wonderful two-week honeymoon traveling to Colorado, San Francisco and Sonoma Valley. Anyone looking for a unique vacation in an unforgettable setting should check out Dunton Hot Springs nestled in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Dunton is a restored 1800s mining town, with luxurious cabins (yes, there's indoor plumbing!), hot springs on the property and a chef on the premises preparing five-star meals three times a day. They live in Severn, Md., where Steve is a human relations consultant for IBM and Patty teaches middle school English at Trinity School in Ellicott City. Their family has expanded by two grandchildren: Brady, who will be four in September and his sister, Kiley, 1. The Huttons were fortunate to have them (and their parents) living with them for a short time while they house-hunted.

The youngest of their five boys graduated this year - one from Elizabethtown College with a degree in theater and one from Pennsylvania College of Technology with an associate degree in collision technologies. Hopefully, they will soon join the other three in being gainfully employed. The Huttons stay in contact with Chris Schmick Campbell, Kimbire Shewbright Tantillo, Rich and Jill Carmel Broo, Theo Braver and Steve and Kate Shrey '01 Luette.

Dave Rae and his wife, Bonnie, live in Aberdeen, Md., and play golf as much as possible. Dave works at Aberdeen Proving Ground and runs marathons.

Jane Trafton-Winch completed a month-long sojourn with her family to the Rocky Mountain states, the Northwest and West Coast in June '09. Her husband, Eric, is semi-retired and has been bitten by the travel bug (in addition to wanting to escape the incredibly hot summers of San Antonio). They have been fortunate to go to some wonderful places this past year to include Aruba and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Another highlight was a trip to Key West, where they were able to visit the Dry Tortugas National Park (the most remote in the park system). It took two hours on a very fast catamaran to get there, but the rough ride was well worth it. Jane loved seeing the six-toed cats at the Hemingway House.

She is momentarily semi-retired as an occupational therapist. It is hard to work with so much traveling going on. However, she plans on returning to the work world in the fall on a part-time basis with eventual progression to full time as their eldest daughter has one more year of high school, tuition bills will start rolling in. Their younger daughter entered high school this fall. Jane keeps busy with volunteering for Girl Scouts and at the schools. She demonstrates and sells Stampin' Up products. Jane recently connected with David Taylor on Facebook and it is wonderful to locate long-lost friends through this great technology.

Helen Troy Kiefert reports that she has semi-retired as an occupational therapist.

Gary Imm is a dentist in Westminster and loves tennis like his dad.

Dave is still busy with his dental practice. He has an associate now. Tennis is still a big part of his life. Last year Dave ranked number four in the state of Maryland for 50 and over and he coached Tyler's junior tennis team in the Baltimore Patrons League. Living down the street from the Magothy River, they spend a lot of time boating during the summer. They love taking the kids and friends tubing and water skiing. They are not great at fishing although Fred DiBalsico '75 did help Dave break his curse this past spring when they caught a 39-inch Rockfish. Beth still works in Dave's office in the afternoon doing paperwork but also teaches preschool in the mornings. They love getting together with their friends from WMC whenever possible.

Judith Byrd Fox and her husband, Chris, and their children, James and Katie, live in Ellicott City, Md. Judy and Chris both work for the Howard County Public School System. Judy is the program head with the Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in the county schools and Chris is a computer technician with the Networks and Technology Division. James is studying accounting at UMBC and Katie who graduated from Howard High School in May '09 is studying at the University of Maryland, College Park. Judy still gets together with her girlfriends from WMC when they find the time, and every so often runs into alumni at a party. It reminds one that the world is very small.

Gary Imm is a dentist in Westminster and does a lot of sedation and cosmetic dentistry. His wife, Lisa Cooper Imm, is a dental hygienist and they work together. They have two wonderful daughters, Laura and Amanda. Laura is married and is working on her master's in special education at McDaniel and should graduate in May '10. Her husband is the youth pastor at Frederick Church of the Brethren. Gary and Lisa are anxiously awaiting the birth of their first grandchild.

This is a very exciting time in their lives! Amanda is a senior dental hygiene student at UMB also to graduate May '10 with her bachelor of science degree. The Imm's are active in their church community, spend time with their family, and like to play golf and hike.

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New Roommates Share Lots in Common

After months of constant texting, hours chatting via Skype and seemingly ceaseless cell phone conversations, freshman roommates Sophie Diven and Kelsey Warthen were glad they'd taken the time to get to know each other before arriving at Whitford Hall for Move-In Day.

With matching comforters and coordinating bed sheets, both said they'd been orchestrating their move-in from afar since February, not long after they friended each other on the McDaniel College Class of 2013 Facebook page and learned they had so much in common that they wanted to room together. Later, they met in person on campus during Admitted Students Day.

“The more we talked, the more we learned how similar we are,” said Warthen, as she and Diven decorated and settled into their ground-floor room.

For starters, both have parents who are alumni. Warthen’s father, Michael Warthen, graduated in 1977. Diven’s mother, Anita Diven, who attended the College from 1980-1981, also lived on the ground floor of Whitford. In Diven’s room are two custom-made shelving units — constructed by her great-grandfather — that her mother also had in her dorm room as a student on the Hill. And both Diven and Warthen are particular about their living environment.

“We both hate for anyone to put their feet on our beds,” Warthen laughed. “We’re not antisocial. We love people. But please don’t touch our beds!”

As they waded through dozens of bins, suitcases and duffle bags filled with necessities — and more than a few creature comforts — from home, they acknowledged feelings of disbelief that their freshman year is officially beginning.

“I can’t believe we’re at college,” Diven said. “It hasn’t sunk in yet.”

Warthen added, “It’ll sink in when my mother leaves.”

Roommates Sophie Diven and Kelsey Warthen

Nancy Hess Fritzsche lives in Monument, Colo. (just outside Colorado Springs). Her husband, Mark, is retired from the Air Force. Nancy works part time as the Christian education director at their church, and also as the women’s lacrosse coach at the local high school. Chad, 20, is in a ministry internship program in Birmingham, Ala. Beck, 18, attends Gonzaga University. Garrett, 15, is a freshman and keeps his parents busy with soccer and basketball games. The Fritzsches see Sherry Wensel and Matt 77 Bowers each summer during their annual vacation in Ontario on Red Horse Lake. They spend their days in an inner tube floating on the lake, and their evenings canoeing among the loons. Nancy was privileged to participate in the wedding of Anna Bowers ’06 and Tom Shortridge ’07 in 2008 in Little Baker. It was exciting to be back on campus again. While there, she had a wonderful visit with her freshman roommate Chris Carter Karman ’75 and her husband, Tim ’74.

Life moves on in the Ed Ginsberg household. Jeannie and Ed’s son, Stephen, is in the middle of a doctoral program in psychology at the University of Denver. Their daughter, Laura, got married in 2008, and recently completed law school at New York University. She intends to clerk for a judge in Manhattan next year while her husband completes law school. Aside from not having the kids local, Denver and New York are great cities to visit. Jeannie and Ed celebrated their 30th anniversary this past summer. Jeannie continues to enjoy her job as director of guidance at Beth Tfiloh High School. Ed now has two fantastic partners, as well as two associates in his pediatric dental practice. He writes that they are fortunate that their practice continues to thrive and grow each year.

Martha Pratt and Austin ’79 Gisriel live in Williamsport, Md., with daughters Rebecca and Sarah. Rebecca and her husband, Jesse Dice, graduated in early May ’09 from Roanoke College and were married in October. Rebecca majored in business administration and minored in Spanish. She studied for the professional in human resources (PHR) certification exam while searching for a job in this difficult economy. Sarah is a senior at Williamsport High. She truly enjoys high school, so her parents are trying to convince her to begin thinking beyond her graduation in June ’10 to plan her future. She enjoys photography and at this point is considering studying photojournalism.

Austin officially retired from his landscaping business, Castles in the Air Custom Gardens. He was finding the 80-pound pushers heavier and heavier each year. He has resurrected his writing career and has had several recent publications, including an article on the Valley League (a wooden-bat collegiate baseball league in the Shenandoah Valley) in the July/August ’08 edition of Virginia Living magazine, as well as several articles in Hagerstown Magazine, Go! (a AAA publication), and Maryland Life. He is currently writing a book about the New Market Rebels baseball team (one of the Valley League teams) in which he follows the team from the final game of the 2008 season through the final game of the 2009 season. The book should be published later this year. He also writes a blog (to which he posts twice a week) entitled “Baseball, Life, and Other Stuff” (http://baseballlifeandotherstuff.typepad.com). Martha works at City Hospital in Martinsburg, W.Va., where she is the senior human resources associate. She received her PHR certification in December ’08, which was quite a challenge. Martha felt the effects of being out of the classroom for over 30 years.

Beth Dunn ’79 and Paul Fulton celebrated their 30th anniversary in June ’09. How time flies. Their oldest daughter, Ryan, was married in June ’08. In Zepp ’52 performed the ceremony. He also married Beth and Paul all those years ago. Their daughter, Killian, also graduated in June ’08 and currently attends High Point University in North Carolina. Their middle daughter, Colleen, completed her second bachelor’s degree in nursing from Florida Gulf Coast University. She received a bachelor of psychology from the University of South Florida. She is looking for a job in the Baltimore area this summer. Paul still owns a construction company that does remodeling work around Baltimore County and City. The Fultons live a mile from the McDaniel campus. For enjoyment they have a power boat that they use on the Chesapeake Bay. The boat is moored in Rock Hall during the summer and this past winter they had it in the Canton area of Baltimore. Through boating they have met a lot of wonderful people who they enjoy the Bay with.

Adele Weinberg Connolly’s daughter, Heather, 21, graduated from the University of New Haven with a B.S. in forensic science in May ’09. She also has a minor in criminal justice, chemistry and physics. She served an internship with the FBI the summer of 2008, and she is looking to turn that experience into permanent employment after graduation. She is also making plans to get married in 2011. Adele’s son, Patrick, 16, is a junior in high school, and is looking toward a career in the military after graduation. Adele continues her work with the State Division of Rehabilitation Services, providing technical assistance to staff working with the electronic case management system. She is also a grant coordinator for a Literacy Project in Baltimore City. In her spare time, she sings with the Acappella Showcase Chorus, a mixed acapella chorus that sings in the Frederick area. They sing a variety of music, from popular music to Doo Wop, 1960’s and 1970’s style, and even occasionally throw in some barbershop style music.

Linda Watermeier Landis and her husband, Wayne, celebrated their older daughter’s
high school graduation in June '09. She is attending Northern Arizona University to major in physics and astronomy. Their younger daughter is a high school sophomore. In June '09, their city of Bellingham, Wash., noted the 10-year anniversary of the gas pipeline explosion which brought about numerous national changes to pipeline safety laws. Linda continues to substitute for the school district's paraeducators, often in high school life-skill classes, and Wayne, continues as a professor of environmental toxicology at Western Washington University.

It had been 27 years since Susan Terwilliger saw Ellen "Missy" Green Dumas of Maine, but she visited this past spring. Looking through the WMC yearbooks they wondered how everyone is getting along. Susan had not seen anyone from college years (Georgann Morekas was the last one five years ago, and no one before that so), but they were glad to see Missy was a "nice convergence of her past and present lives. Susan and her husband, Jeff, are now four years in Alaska. Moving there "just because it is beautiful" has been the hardest and most wonderful thing they have ever done. They bought a little house in Eagle River two years ago with enough projects to make them feel like homesteaders. Susan is in her 21st year of "catching babies" as a midwife in a home-birth practice. It has been a good career for her, even though she sometimes questions that fact when called to a birth at three in the morning, racing through snow over ice in the deep dark at 20 below.

Dave Henderson recently celebrated his 25th anniversary working for the Baltimore County government. He has spent the last five years working for the forensics section of the police department as their budget officer, procuring all those neat instruments you see on CSI (at least the ones that actually exist). Hard to believe he can retire in five years, although he doubts he will. More like in 10 years. Dave is a member of a couple of historical groups, including the Baltimore Civil War Roundtable, the Sons of Union Veterans, and the B&O Train Museum. He taught a class last semester for Essex Community College on "Maryland in the Civil War." He is thinking about teaching part time when he retires. He is the secretary for a movie club, "The Imaginative Cinema Society," that he helped found 10 years ago. When the weather is nice, Dave takes his 1969 Camaro out to car shows.

Joan Angelos Hayes is an optometrist in private practice with her husband, George. This year will mark their 27th year of practice and they continue to enjoy the patient interaction. They have two children, Deanna (Theano), 21, and Edward (Anastasio), 18. Deanna is a senior at Ursinus College where she has a dual major in studio art and business. Edward is a sophomore at Messiah College where he has a dual major in criminal justice and accounting. Joan and George love having their children home!

Debi Higbie-Holmes '80 and Will Holmes have joined the ranks of empty-nesters. Fortunately, Will continues working for Toll Brothers in spite of the housing and economic downturn. Debi is heavily involved with students at Montgomery College as director of student life and manages to teach a couple of classes as well. Their youngest daughter, Brinley, graduated from high school this year and is now in college. Kelsey graduated from college this past spring and has applied to the Peace Corps. After graduating from college and working as an AmeriCorps volunteer for a year, their oldest daughter, Aubry, is a first-time homeowner in American, Ga., working at Habitat International's headquarters and has begun work on her M.B.A. In spite of their various schedules, the Holmes still have managed to connect for holidays and family vacations (Aruba, France, Denmark, and Hawaii).

My work as a senior vice president at Dynmac Corporation, an environmental consulting firm, continues to challenge new ideas, new services and new clients. I spend many hours a month volunteering for local and international charities. My love of friends, travel, gardening, reading and my standard Schnauzer, Lucca, provide needed diversion.

It is always a great pleasure to receive updates from you!

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Krystie Adams Herndon sends greetings from Bloomington, Ind. She began a new job in the summer of 2007 and loves it. She is a multi-departmental academic advisor for the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences, advising undergraduate students in the majors of criminal justice, folklore and etnomusicology, and linguistics. Though they are very different departments, she is having a great time fitting them together. She was recently nominated for Advisor of the Year. When not advising college students, Krystie and her husband, Tim, spend their time steering their three children in the right direction. Matt, 20, is a happy and busy second-year theatre and drama major at Indiana University; Zach, 17, is a high school junior busy with band, the school musical, Japanese, and drawing; and Grace, almost 14, sang the national anthem 10 a stroke July 17, 2008; she was 43. Though she will be missed by her family, Krystie and her sister, Audrey Adams Bigelow were extremely grateful to have old friends like Heidi Snyder Wethered and Denise Humphrey join them for Vicki's memorial service. On a personal note, Krystie, Audrey and their sister Vicki sang at my wedding in September '84. I will always treasure the song Vicki sang called, "Joy of my Morning." She wrote the song to her mother, but graciously offered to sing it for Mike Conner '82 and me at our wedding, and it was a beautiful tribute to the joy found in loving relationships. Our condolences go to the entire Adams family at their loss.

Vic Calutta sends greeting from his quaint New England home just off Cape Cod. He is now working as special assistant to the chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and always looks forward to summer after the brutal New England winters. He's recently reconnected with fellow alumni via LinkedIn and enjoyed pleasant visits from Liz Siegenthaler-Rubin and Allan Bernardini '85.

Ann Hilton Horn is feeling very old as her daughter is a junior in college and her son is a senior in high school. However, since they've kept her so busy with all their activities for the past 20 years or so, she does feel ready for empty nest. She continues to teach all levels of biology and chemistry classes at South Carroll High School. Not only does she see Kathy Eichelberger Barna '85 with her children at South Carroll, but has also had the pleasure of teaching Robin Erickson Staub's '83 daughter. Living in Carroll County gives her the opportunity to run into some of McDaniel's professors like Dr. Sam Alspach, who she ran into at Walmart. She is a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution which should keep up the busyness factor in the coming empty-nest years.

Linda Block is still enjoying rural mountain views in Leicester, N.C., which is near Asheville. She is a lead risk assessor and healthy homes specialist which affords her the privilege of coordinating a Lead Prevention Program at UNC-Asheville. Her job has her interpreting work at Walmart.

If you would like to submit information for the DEPARTED section, please send it to the alumni office at the Conservatory of Music, 200 Euclid Ave., Baltimore, MD 21218.

In August of 2009, the Conservatory of Music said goodbye to a number of people who were important to the Conservatory.

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Ms. Carolyn Conkling Mulhy '63, of Baltimore, Md., on May 5, 2009.

Dr. Eugene Willis Jr. '64, of Ellicott City, Md., on August 12, 2009.


Mr. Daniel H. Roser Jr. MEd '65, of Wrightsville, Pa., on October 22, 2007.

Mr. William N. Ensor Jr. MEd '69, of Manchester, Md., on May 24, 2009.

Mr. Mano Swartz II '67, of Towson, Md., on August 21, 2009.

Mrs. Ann Petty Teleis '68, of Virginia Beach, Va., on December 26, 2008.

Mr. Philip H. Horn '75, of Belcamp, Md., on December 23, 2008.

Mrs. Teresa Koontz Levendusky '76, of Ellicott City, Md., on July 14, 2009.

Ms. Suzanne J. Johnson MS '90, of Laurel, Md., on May 27, 2009.

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At Home and Work in Africa

Nearly 20 years have passed since Professor Ira Zepp encouraged Lori Michau ’92 and her classmates in a social justice course to take risks, to venture beyond what was politically correct or even personally comfortable — to work to create a more just world. Today, the methods Michau and partner Dipak Naker developed to mobilize communities to prevent violence against women and children are in use in 60 countries in Africa and around the world.

Raising Voices, the organization co-founded by Michau and Naker, is based in Kampala, Uganda, and recognized regionally and internationally as a pioneer in preventive approaches with proven capacity for creative and practical programs. They are regularly sought out by a variety of international organizations and decision-makers to consult on program design and development.

Michau first traveled to Africa as a volunteer with Visions in Action at a Center for Children’s Rights. She was instrumental in the development of jenge! Women’s Center for Sexual Health and served as its program development coordinator until 1997. She spent a year back in the U.S. serving as a consultant with the Center for Health and Gender Equity, where she conducted an extensive field review of programs under way worldwide to prevent violence against women and girls.

During Homecoming, Michau’s work was recognized with an Alumni Association Professional Achievement award.

A glimpse of Lori Michau’s life in Africa with baby Kavita and partner Dipak Naker.

some university students and to Guatemala with a friend who was born there. Wow, what a busy schedule, which I guess is the benefit of being single with no children or pets.

Robin Garland Bair lives in Columbia, Md., with her husband, Todd, and their two teenage daughters, Kendall, 15, and Caroline, 13. She is a stay-at-home mom who keeps busy by volunteering at church and driving her daughters to all their musical and athletic activities. She often sees Ludley Howard jogging past her house at 6 a.m. and recently spoke with Beth Gray Knudsen who was awaiting the arrival of her brand new triplets.

Audrey Adams Sigelow writes that her husband of 22 years, Mike, retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel, but they have stayed in Springfield, Va., in order for their boys to finish high school and go to college at one of Virginia’s great state schools. After so many years of renting houses while in the military, they bought their first house several years ago. Mike is the command historian for the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., so they plan on staying in the area until his second retirement, some 15-20 years into the future!

Their oldest son, Michael Jr. (aka Buster), 19, is finishing up his freshman year as a music education major at Christopher Newport University, a Virginia state school in Newport News, Va. Son number 2, David Andrew (aka Drew), 17, is a high school junior at West Springfield High School, looking into college art programs around the area. Audrey is presently working part time as an administrative coordinator for a small college office at Regent University, working around her women’s ministry volunteering and singing schedules. Audrey’s younger sister, suffered a major stroke in July ’08, and died a week later; she was only 43. Words can’t express how much Audrey and her sister, Krystie Adams Herndon appreciated Denise Humphrey and Heidi Snyder Wethered coming to spend time with the family during that week. On a brighter note, Audrey and Heidi do try to get their families together as often as they can, and Audrey got the chance to hang out with Julie Fringer Palekas at a Christian women’s conference in Dallas this past November.

Becky Poynter ’83 and Tim Kirkner are one step closer to the empty nest as their son, Jake, graduated from high school last year. Their daughter, Kelly, is a sophomore while their daughter, Jenny, is in her third year at UMBC. Tim has been teaching at Montgomery College for 15 years and still enjoys getting up each morning and heading to work. As his knees are still holding out, he is running his 21st marathon this fall. Thanks to Facebook, he has been able to reconnect in person with Paul Ruther ’83, Meredith Zimmerman ’83 and Ellen Schaefer-Salins ’83. Tim and Becky enjoy the benefits of technology from their mini-farm in Damascus, Md., complete with horses, dogs and more barn cats than even Tim can count.

Greetinges from Bob ’83 and Becky Jackson Butler in Wellsville, Md., where their family is busy, busy, especially during lacrosse season. Woody ’82, their oldest, just finished his freshman year at McDaniel. He is playing football and adjusting well to life on the Hill.

Jake ’13 is a freshman. Their youngest, Cole, will get the house to himself as a sophomore at Middletown High School. The good news is that despite the current state of the economy, Bob’s decorative concrete company continues to do well. Bob and Becky keep in touch with many of the “Techs,” most often Scott “Killer” Kohr ’83, Jack Kneis ’83, Jeff “Norm” Kiley ’84 and occasionally Steve Ports ’83.

Lea Ruggiero O’Shea is living in Basking Ridge, N.J., with her two boys who she says are growing up way too fast! About a year ago, Lea started her own photography business. Check it out at www.ald-photo.com. Her business keeps her working hard photographing families, kids, weddings and anything else that comes her way. She writes that she is happy to be on Facebook and to reach out to her friends’ children applying to McDaniel, given of course that we are all still so young. Time flies, but Lea is hopeful to get back and visit the Hill soon.

Jim Rapp still works for the good ol’ U.S. of A. in the department of defense. His son, Daniel, is a freshman in high school. Jim is engaged to Betsy Hanneken, but since it has been a four-year engagement, he’s thinking that 2009 could be the year for the wedding. As with many of us, Jim has lost touch over the years with many WMC friends and compatriots so he invites old friends to contact him.

Tom Zimmer writes that the Zimmer family continues to thrive in Ocean City, Md. Tom is still an assistant principal at the local high school, and his wife, Beth Chapman ’85, Zimmer works for a land developer. Their oldest, Sarah, 22, is teaching 10th-grade English at Stephen Decatur High. Kate ’11 is a sophomore elementary education/sociology major on the Hill, where she is a member of the women’s basketball team. Corey, 16, is in the 10th grade. He will be going for his license soon, which always adds extra thrills into a household. Tom and Beth see many alumni in Ocean City, N.J., including Greg Shockley ’83, Regan Smith ’83 and Ray Thompson. Tom says life is good in Ocean City, so do your part for the economy and come on down and bring your wallet!

Chris Soto and her husband, Rex Whitfield, have moved to Johnson City, Tenn., from Florida. They are now both telecommuting so he works in one room while she works in another; then they meet for lunch.

Chris telecommutes as an editor of a small
magazine and not only enjoys her job, but is grateful to be working during these somewhat uncertain economic times. Chris and Rex finally took the plunge and purchased their first house in the move, and are enjoying the fresh mountain air and slower pace of life in Tennessee. They are not too far from the Appalachian Trail so they can take advantage of lots of outdoor activities. The nearby town of Jonesborough has some great contra dancing, and they hope to soon explore Asheville, N.C., only an hour or so away. Chris sends her best to all her classmates.

One of our classmates, Ann Blizzard Dell, has returned to the Hill to take some more graduate classes in order to recertify herself in school guidance. Her certification lapsed once the children arrived. While waiting for her certification, she keeps busy working at the Behavioral Educational Support Team program at Robert Moton Elementary School. She sees Sherron Barks Heckle at the school every day, and credits her with helping to maintain Ann's sanity. Ann has two boys who are growing up fast. One has finished his freshman year in college and the other has finished his freshman year at high school. The younger spent a week on campus at McDaniel this past summer attending piano camp.

Laney Fisher Howard writes that her daughter, Alexis, 20, is a junior at Salisbury University and her son, Cole, 14, is in his first year of high school, which tends to make Laney feel a bit old. Cole keeps her busy however, attending his basketball and baseball games which she really enjoys. Laney's husband, Ronnie, is with the Somerset County Sheriff's Department since his retirement last year from the Maryland State Police. He just can't get away from police work, which is a good thing considering he really enjoys it. Laney still works at the Somerset County State's Attorney's Office helping prepare victims and witnesses for upcoming court trials. It is very interesting work but can be heartbreaking at times when the work involves child victims and their parents. The family stays very busy with church activities as well. Ronnie is a church deacon and the kids are very involved with the youth group. Laney and her family are truly thankful for their church and church family.

This year finds Anne Mercer Bowes '85 and her family in Yorktown, Va., for the fifth year which is a record for their traveling military family. Their youngest, Ben, just graduated from high school and is attending the local community college while he figures out what he wants for his future. Their daughter, Kaitlin, is still at Christchurch Newport University and works for a veterinarian in her spare time. Since Anne was no longer homeschooling, Ben, she spent the winter getting her feet wet in the job market by preparing income tax returns. Anne's husband Andy is still on active duty with the Army and it is likely that by the time you are reading this, they will have relocated to Fort Monroe, but are beginning to dream about their retirement home in the country.

Carol and Jeff Trice now have three, yes three, teenage daughters, Rebekah, Sarah, and Katly. They are all sports minded, with such varied interests as equestrian dressage, cross country and volleyball. The good news is that the older ones are driving now, so Carol and Jeff get a little break on their shuttle bus responsibilities. The two older girls got selected to go to on a "People to People" trip to Europe this past summer so Carol and Jeff got to experience international travel vicariously through them. The final frontier — College — is looming on the horizon, so Jeff and Carol and the girls have started the search process. Carol and Jeff just recently celebrated their 25th anniversary and Carol is thinking about going back to work. The small company Jeff works for has become part of a much larger company, Metavante, which provides technology services to financial institutions.

Mary Chaney Dawson is a target intervention teacher at Wolfsville Elementary in Frederick County, Md., while Jeff is a senior scientist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where he works on pesticide regulation and public health issues. They have two children, a daughter who is a high school freshman and a son who is a senior. Mary and Jeff live just outside of Frederick and keep busy with school stuff, college preparations, lots of gardening, watching their kids' activities and as if that wasn't enough they make time to enjoy their place and boat in Rehoboth, Del. Their daughter, Elizabeth, plays soccer and their son, Josh, has earned his black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and is currently working on becoming an Eagle Scout. Jeff has enjoyed his opportunity to travel with work to China and Brazil, and Mary enjoyed the opportunity to teach a continuing education class this year for her colleagues. Jeff and Mary routinely see Phil and Sharon Poole Hannaby at church and soccer and Mary works with Becky Jackson Butler.

From his home near Reading, Pa., Ken "Chip" Fox writes that he continues to work as a conservation inspector for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. In his spare time, he still designs for, instructs, and judges competitions for high school marching bands and indoor color guards. Like many others, Ken keeps in touch with many of his college friends on Facebook, but it's keeping up with his 10-year-olds' soccer, swimming and recreational schedule that really keeps Chip moving.

Bruce and Tracey Woodward Gregory send greetings from Myrtle Beach, S.C., where they have been living for the past six years, and still love the southern weather. Bruce is the senior associate athletic director at Coastal Carolina University, which affords Bruce and Tracey the opportunity to enjoy many different athletic events as well as travel to watch the teams. For fun, Bruce runs marathons, having run a total of 16 so far, including four Boston Marathons. Tracey still works at Books a Million with a schedule that allows her time to travel with Bruce and hit the beach a lot in the summer. We'll all try to squelch our jealousy at that one!

During the summer, Bruce and Tracey are in the typical "parents of teenager" mode whereby their kids are not home much between their work schedules and social lives. By the time this is published, that will have changed as they will be true empty-nesters! Megan, 20, is a second-semester sophomore at Coastal Carolina. She had to take a semester off in spring '08 due to a severe illness, but is now doing great and back at school full time and working in a local retail store, Margaretville. Brian, 18, is a freshman at Coastal Carolina looking forward to college life, but will still keep his job at a local restaurant.

Even though the campus is just down the road, both kids will be living there giving them their empty nest. Tracey and Bruce hope that their children have as good an experience at Coastal Carolina and they had at WMC.

Deborah Hildebrand Hoover reports that she loves her job as the librarian at Shallow Brook Intermediate School in Manchester, Pa., where she works with kids in grades four through six. She knew her political science degree would come in handy one day and it has now. She finds that she is able to use many of her political science skills when she has to work with state and federal legislators on education/library budget issues. Even though she's been in her current house for a year, she is still sorting through boxes and pulling it all together, but she happily says the piles are getting smaller. She hopes to spend some time with WMC buddies Betty McLaughlin and Wendy Gage Carver. Debbie and her husband, Carl, were to celebrate their 25th anniversary in October. Debbie is convinced that Iris Zapp '52 added in some extra blessing into her and Carl's wedding vows because, according to her, even the rough parts have been a joy.

Gina Breuer Booy says she is thankful to be celebrating 16 years of marriage to her husband, Tim. They have four children ranging in age from 2 to 14 and they are truly a blessing to their parents. They are doing well in their home-school studies and each is pursuing their own niche in life. Those niches include having farm animals again. Gina and her clan stay busy with the many events they attend through their Christian Home School Association, church gatherings and family reunions at weddings and showers. Gina considers herself blessed with her life in Washington State.
8 Score Entry in Sports Hall of Fame

More than 200 guests rallied in Gill Gymnasium Oct. 23 for the annual Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony. This year, eight alumni-athletes were honored and presented etched-crystal awards.

New inductees include Donna DuVall Sellman ’45, Gordon Shelton ’68, Bruce Bozman ’70, John Montanye ’84, Joe Menendez ’83, Stephen Hallowell ’97 and Julie Backof Boden ’98. The names of these athletes, with their biographies and athletic records of achievement, are now added to the Sports Hall of Fame electronic kiosk displayed in Gill Center’s Klitzberg Pavilion.

Bob Heaps has been keeping very busy and can’t believe it has been 25 years since graduation. Bob and his wife, Cyndi, have two children. Loren is in her second semester at James Madison University and Bobby Jr. is a senior at North Harford High School. Knowing that both children will soon be done with high school makes Bob feel just a little bit older. In 2004, Bob and his family built a home on his parents’ farm in Harford County, Md., and really enjoy life there. They have a beautiful view of the countryside and pond, and can enjoy spending time with the kids, Cyndi’s daughter, Dixie, her son-in-law, Mike, and granddaughter, Mia. I guess that makes Bob a step-grandfather — can you believe that?

Amazingly enough, Greg and Courtney Quinn Jones celebrated their 17th anniversary in July, and are wondering how they got that old. Courtney remains very busy with their four kids. Their oldest daughter, Rachel, just finished her first year of high school, which she loved. Lauren has completed seventh grade and Kendall and Nicholas just finished fourth and fourth grades, respectively. The girls are all in Girl Scouts and all four kids play soccer and basketball, which means that Courtney’s days are pretty much spent getting the kids to where they need to be. In between car trips, she does a lot of volunteering at their schools. Due to financial issues, Courtney’s part-time job was eliminated at the end of 2008, so she was looking around for something to do when the kids got back to school. Courtney keeps in touch with Susie Matthews Harris, Colleen Gohegan Rosberry, Becky Bankert Cook, Barbie Hess McAloose ’85 and Tracy Woodard Gregory, though not as often as she would like. Her take on life, “Things are busy, but good!”

Yellot Canby sends best wishes to the class of ’84 from his farm in southeastern Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Ann, and sons Ethan. Ethan is 9 and attends St. Mary’s School in Lancaster, Ohio. He is a big help on the farm and plans to show a steer at the fair this October. Besides farming, he also likes playing little league ball. Ann is a stay-at-home mother and does a lot of volunteer work at Ethan’s school, but also helps manage their growing beef cattle herd, which they raise to sell for locker beef. In raising cattle, their farming duties also include baling hay and raising feed corn. In addition to the farm, Yellot freelances as a video production truck driver. In so doing, he has covered such events as golf tournaments, the Country Music Association Awards, the Oscars, and even the Super Bowl. He has worked at the last three Super Bowls cabling the stadiums. Last year his TV work took him all the way to New Zealand for two golf tournaments. There is the possibility he will get to return this year! As if that weren’t enough, he still has a Victorian-style wrought iron fence business, though the snow economy has cut into his sales a bit. Even with the economy as it is, his business provides fence and gates to destinations throughout the country.

Now that Liz Siegenthaler Rubin’s children are starting to leave the nest (Julia’s a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh and Jessica is a Wootton High School senior looking at universities that match her track and cross country talents), Liz has finally been able to return to work. At the end of March, she began working as a staff attorney with the Maryland Court of Special Appeals in Annapolis. So far she’s finding it great to be working again, after being out of the work force for about 15 years. Her husband, Ron, who is a Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge, jokes about his wife working on a higher court than him. In June they took a family vacation to their beach house in Corolla on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The weather was great, and they were able to avoid the nerve-wracking hurricane season.

Taking care of nature is a hobby of Patty McLaughlin. She volunteers at local nature centers where her main responsibility is to check bluebird boxes during the nesting season. In September ’08, she was able to take part in a volunteer vacation with the American Hiking Society. She spent a week in Oregon at the National Umpqua Scenic River, camping in tents and maintaining a section of the trail to Susan Creek Falls. For Patty, it was a very rewarding experience to see the results of all her hard labor on the trial. She would recommend such an outing to others, and don’t worry if you don’t have anyone to go with. Patty says there is great camaraderie on the trip. When not volunteering, Patty works at the Prince George’s County Health Department. She lives in Upper Marlboro and is involved with the Board of her condominium development. She did travel to northern Maine last winter to visit some friends and found the scenery beautiful, especially under 15 feet of snow.

As for me, my husband, Mike ’82, and I are still in Doylestown, Pa., where Mike telecommutes to a company headquartered in Australia. He was able to travel there last summer, but alas my schedule didn’t permit me to go. Maybe next time! We are caught between several worlds — one child in college, one in the teenage years and one still in elementary school, so essentially there is never a dull moment in the Conner household. I’m thinking that a few dull moments during the empty-nest years would look good about now. When I’m not fulfilling one of my unpaid jobs: speaker for the Bucks County Historical Society, treasurer for my son’s Home and School Association, or Sunday school teacher, I enjoy playing the piano, reading for my book club and exercising. Well maybe not so much the exercising, but it is a necessary evil at our age.

I started taking piano lessons this year after a 20-year hiatus and it is truly a relaxing enjoyable activity. Twenty-five years after graduation, we still spend New Year’s Eve
Greetings, Class of '90, and thanks for your great electronic response to our request for news. It has been quite a year for our classmates — exciting travel and career changes, many military moves, and our own Frank Krautvl was elected to the U.S. Congress through the support of numerous alumni and members of the college community. Facebook is connecting alums worldwide like never before, but plenty of alums are getting together the old-fashioned way at local happy hours, on road trips and other impromptu reunions in locations from Maryland to Thailand.

After three years jockeying between Tampa, Fla., and the Middle East as a war planner at USCENTCOM, Lt. Col. Mike Adkerley returned last summer to where he belongs, flying B-52s out of Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. As a squadron director of operations his primary job isn’t flying but he still gets away from his desk once a week to fly the venerable B-52. Mike’s girls, wife Kristin and daughters Erin and Katherine, loved Tampa and were sad to go but are now re-settled back in the northwest Louisiana lifestyle... Cajun food, high humidity and, unfortunately, no beach. Thanks to Facebook, Mike keeps in touch with Jeff McAndrew ’92, Mark Muelle and Jeff Smith ‘88 but unfortunately nothing in person since 2004. He says hi to all the Sig Ep’s and promised to try to get ‘home’ for Homecoming in October.

Life is good and full for Bob Brown and wife Lisa. Their three sons Joshua, 4, Caleb, 3, and Silas, 1, make for a lively household. Bob still teaches math at the Community College of Baltimore County, Essex, to pay for diapers, and, despite the pleas of music critics (and other people with ears) everywhere, he finally released his seventh full-length CD, entitled “gnashville!” as the one-man Christian hand moron. He also continues in his positions as the president of Harford County Right to Life and as a board member of Maryland Right to Life. He welcomes all e-mailers at BobBrown@MDRTL.org.

Reene Lemire Carnochan lives in beautiful Caroline County, Md., with her wonderful husband and daughters, Emily, 12, and Mailly, 9. Reene is a reading resource teacher at Greensboro Elementary and working on her administration certification. She keeps in touch with Phi Alpha sister Mindy Hastings ’91, getting together at the beach over the summer and holding a yearly trip to Six Flags with their four daughters.

Lori Clov is with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a primary patent examiner in biotechnology. She is loving life in Edgewater, Md., where she is having a new home built that will keep her within waterfront view. Lori recently went on an amazing trip to Thailand with fellow alums, Deborah Thigpen Bailey ’91 and Wendy Plager. She describes it as the trip of a lifetime. Lori sends out a big hello to Wendy Wilson Leatherman, Ted Graves, Jess Diller Graves ’83, Roland McCahan ’89 and Jennifer Lee ’92.

Rebecca Britton Conrad is happy to announce the birth of her son, Aaron Christopher Conrad, born Nov. 26, 2008. She was in the hospital on Thanksgiving Day and certainly was thankful! She has a daughter, Lauren, who is another light of her life. Rebecca says, “Motherhood is the best!” In August she will start her 20th year of teaching seventh-graders at Northern Middle School. She loves it, and is also thoroughly enjoying the whole Facebook connection, keeping up with Jon Marsh, Scott Aaron, Rosanne Prickett Bangura, Mandy Lauzen, Ellen McCarthy and Lisa Brown Arnesen and others from Daniel McLean.

Missy Ridgely Covolesky is an active duty judge advocate general (JAG) officer for the Army’s Family and MWR Command in Alexandria, Va. She switched from the military police corps to the JAG Corps in 2008. Missy spent a little time as a defense counsel but now she’s a lawyer for everything fun in the Army. She travels between the Armed Forces Recreation Centers and other sites to ensure contracts, labor and employment laws, fiscal laws and command policy is being implemented appropriately. She claims it’s more fun than it sounds! Missy’s husband, Dave, just returned from his third tour in Iraq in April and is working in Crystal City, Va. They commute from Mt. Airy to northern Virginia each day (quite a haul) but they love their jobs and their four-acre farrette so they plan to keep it up for the foreseeable future. Missy and Dave recently celebrated their 15th anniversary and are planning a vacation to Hawaii in October. They see Rhonda Mize Sullivan and Jeff Hayman ’85, Blake ’83 and Stacey Herrmann ’93 Austensen. Missy sends a shout out to her roommate, Linda Needle Plummer ’91, on her 40th birthday!

Charles “Chuck” Cruise and his wife, Laura Balakir ’91 Cruise, live in Hanover, Pa., where Chuck is pastor of the Hanover Fellowship Church, a five-year-old church currently meeting at the Hanover movies. Chuck is working toward a doctor of ministry degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In his spare time he enjoys playing indoor soccer with fellow alum John Grimes, watching his daughters Jessica, 14, and Tara, 9, play soccer, and learning to play the violin.

David Dinges is the principal of Seoul American Middle School in Korea for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. He and his wife, Valerie, have three children. Seth is a senior, Luke is a sophomore and Sophia is a seventh-grader. They spent the last eight years in Germany and one in Japan prior to their assignment in Korea. He keeps in touch with Dimitrios Garefalakis ’93 and John Kressler and sees them when he visits Maryland during summer break.

Edward “Ted” and Jessica Diller ’88 Graves live in Walkersville, Md., with their son, Chariton (a.k.a Chilli). Ted’s business, Pleasant Hills Custom Builders, is going strong and Jessica enjoys her career as a sign-language interpreter. Chilli is quite a snowboarder and went to Mt. Hood in Oregon for a few weeks over the summer. They stay in contact with Wendv Wilson Leatherman and would love to catch up with more friends, including Lori Clov and Roland McCahan ’89.

Ken Hammann is in his 17th year of teaching and his sixth year as director of bands and performing arts at St. John’s College High School in Washington, D.C. This year he is sending one of his top jazz students to the Hill as a freshman, and Ken finds it rather neat that a jazz student of his will now be studying with his former college jazz professor, Bob Eckard. On August 7, Ken and his brother Brian ’92 celebrated the three-year anniversary of Brian receiving a kidney transplant from Ken — an amazing milestone the brothers share. Ken sends a special hello to his friends from the music department.

Bill Jacobs is in his second term as president of his condominium board, and is the
Green Terror Cruisers

You can take them away from the Hill, but you can’t take the “carpe diem” spirit away from these alumni, who enjoyed an adventure together on the Colorado River.

(Front, from left) Shelly Mazer ’63, Jack Baile ’62, Carol Baile ’64, Janice Hobart ’63, Judy Pearson ’65 and Dan Pearson ’65. (Back row) A (Alice) Leishure ’64, George Gebelein ’64, Fred Wooden ’64 and Don Hobart ’62.

founder of a startup computer leasing and repair company, First Stop Tech, that is experimenting with something he calls “cloud employment.” He says the concept is simultaneously exciting and terrifying.

Greg and Colleen Dolan Lang recently moved from Ft. Campbell in Hopkinsville, Ky., to Middle Wallop in the United Kingdom, near Salisbury and Stonehenge. Greg is working with the British Aviation Branch as a research physician. They live on the camp and Colleen home-schools their four children, Mary and Rachel, 10; Rebecca, 8; and Sean, 6. They hope to travel, horseback ride and enjoy lots of tea time while in the UK for the next two or three years. If anyone is traveling to the UK, they suggest you look them up, or reach them at gre_language@hotmail.com. Greg and Colleen say hello to Pat and Chris Jarlowicz ’89, Feehan, Ben ’85 and Tina Franklin. Blake ’88 and Stacy Hermann ’92 Austensen and their roommates Lisa, Alex and Rob.

Karen Quinias Mayhew and husband George ’88 live in Wisconsin with their three children, 9, 6, and 5. Karen began substitute teaching in the spring and loves it. They traveled back to Maryland this summer for the first Phi Mu Reunion in 20 years. Karen had a blast catching up with so many sorority sisters again, and sends her love to all her little sisters.

Karen Baldridge Moskowitz and husband Dan ’89 recently celebrated their 18th anniversary. They have three terrific kids, 15, 13, and 6, whose activities keep them very busy. The Moskowitzes recently moved full time to their vacation home at Lake Anna, Va. They love the lake, the rural setting, and their proximity to the mountains. During the move, Karen unearthed some pretty hilarious memorabilia and photos from their college years. She has enjoyed getting reconnected with college friends and Omegas on Facebook and through e-mails, and is looking forward to seeing folks face-to-face at this year’s Homecoming game and the Omega reunion.

Michelle Cirona Palko reports that life has been great. Her daughter, Cianna, recently turned three and is a blessing. Michelle and her husband, Craig, recently celebrated their 10th anniversary, and the family enjoys most of their summer at the beach in Brigantine. Michelle has been with her employer, Hospicomm, Inc., for 17 years and is a regional business office manager. She was promoted when she returned from maternity leave with the perk of a four-day work week. While it means more travel, the shortened week is a welcome benefit. She remains on the Phi Sig Thirsty Thursday e-mail list and hopes to make at least one gathering this year. Like many classmates, Facebook has allowed her to chat with old friends. Michelle remains in touch with Stan ’92 and Erica Velleggia Hudson, and is planning a visit with them later this year.

Rob Paul continues to live in the Chicago suburbs with wife Wendy and daughter Amelia Joy. As vice president of operations for DeVry University, he oversees DeVry’s more than 90 North American locations. He remains involved in martial arts, primarily as a rabid fan of the Ultimate Fighting Championship. Rob and Wendy take frequent jaunts to Vegas to enjoy UFC events live and in person. Rob sends his regards to all the Sig Ep’s of Maryland Delta, especially Jim Bora ’92, Scott Bally, John Turner, Mike Adderley and Jim Mitchell, a.k.a. Team Rouzer.

Since our last column, Wendy Ploger jumped the river from Manhattan to Brooklyn in search of fewer tourists and more creative minds. In addition to sharing her photography with the fine arts world, her work now includes portrait and wedding photography. Earlier this year she took the trip of a lifetime with Lori Clow and Deb Thigpen Bailey to Thailand. It was truly an incredible experience for her.

Jenny Otto Ramirez teaches art history at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. She enjoys living in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Afton, Va., with husband Doug and their three children, Sander, 7, Zoe, 4, and Sage. Jenny tries to get together at least a few times a year with Kelly Sell, Kelly Beres, and Jenny Dempsey Oberfeld. She and Kelly Loiacono had a good time at the Phi Mu reunion this past spring. She stays in touch with Tracey Zirfas in Florida.

In January ’09, Doug Ripley and his wife had their first child, a baby boy. Doug began his 19th year as a teacher this fall, and he hopes to see many of the Class of 1990 for our 20th reunion.

David and Diana Little Ross celebrated their 17th anniversary earlier this year. They enjoy spending time with their four daughters, 4 to 11, supporting the girls’ year-round swimming, and being involved in their church.

Mike Schmall works in DOD wireless sales for Sprint. He has been married for nine years, with two daughters, Emily, 7, and Sara, 4, and enjoyed spending time recently with fellow alums Jim ’89 and Frances Fato ’89 Carden, Chris Flatter ’89, Jon Bugg ’89 and Eric Fairfield ’89.

Shari Barnes Serafin and her family left New Jersey in the fall ’05 to move back to Maryland, building a house less than a mile from Shari’s parents in Hampstead. Shari remains in the finance industry, working for a financial consulting firm in Lutherville. Her son, Scott, 6, recently finished kindergarten and is Shari’s joy of joys. He keeps Shari and her husband, Paul, very busy, boasting a much better social calendar than they do.

Shari keeps in touch with the usual suspects: Debra Rayne Weber, Ellen Marth McCarthy, Trish Koch Ryan, Lori Wieder, Kim Andrews O’Connor and Julie Biddinger Jones to name a
few. They try to get together a few times during the year, usually every October at Shari's home and every summer to swim at Julie's pool.

Rhonda Mize Sullivan teaches English for Central Texas College online and is looking forward to some extra free time this year when her daughter joins her son in elementary school. The family lives in Ft. Belvoir, Va.—at least for this year. By next summer, they'll move to their new duty station, Ft. Knox, Ky. Maybe there they'll be able to see the Kentucky Derby live instead of watching it on television with Missy Ridgely Covleovsky! Rhonda enjoys taking their camper out on weekends; arranging a Disney World trip, shuttling kids to gymnastics and baseball, and hosting alumni get-togethers. Last summer, Mike and Debbie Camara Kunzer, Mike Nicholson '91, Glenn '91 and Lisa Allowne '93 Anderson and Missy Ridgely Covleovsky attended.

Wendy Wilson Leatherman is happily home-schooling her twin boys, Buck and Wally, 6, and loves it. She also cares for her Grammy, 89, part-time. Wendy's husband, Paul, has been a pastor with the Church of the Brethren since December '07 and they are still ministering at the Longmeadow Church of the Brethren in Hagerstown. They celebrated their nine-year wedding anniversary July 1, and run an owned operator hauling business. Paul drives and does all the mechanical work on the tractor-trailer and Wendy does the office work. They live in the family home Paul renovated with relatives on every side. Talk about knowing your neighbors—they definitely do!

As a sideline business, Wendy sells fresh eggs. She has 24 beautiful Buff Orpington hens that lay over a dozen eggs a day. Wendy says they are funny to watch and actually have individual personalities. Who knew? The business just breaks even since the egg money buys the feed and the cycle continues. Wendy keeps in touch with Ted and Jess Diller '88 Graves and Lori Clow.

Josh Valentine is still making cakes at SugarBakers Cakes in Catonsville. It has been a great year for the bakery, with SugarBakers being voted Baltimore's Best Cake for their Smith Island Cake. Josh and his partner, Steve, enjoy Rehoboth Beach on the weekends during the summer. He enjoys spending time with: Rhonda Myers '88, Darolyn Milends during the summer. He enjoys the weather in California, she is excited to be closer to friends and family on the East Coast. She is hoping for a smooth transition for her girls Jordan, 4, and Keira, 1.

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President Joan Develin Coley prepared to award the James Brant Cup to the Alpha Nu Omega sorority. The memorial award is given annually at Homecoming to the Greek organization that excels in academics, varsity sports, leadership and community service. Kappa Delta Rho was named winner of the best-letters painting on the Bair Stadium hillside.

Presidential news:

By Amy Laughman Shermeyer and her husband, Tony. One month later, they moved into their newly built home. Amy was able to stay at home with the baby until January when she returned to work as a chemistry teacher at Littlestown High School.

Kathy Gaston Bihari is still living in Massachusetts and working for MIT Lincoln Laboratory. She was promoted to assistant group leader of her working group in August ’08 and she continues to enjoy the job and its challenges. June ’09 marks her 10th anniversary with husband Jon. The children, Maia and Julia, began pre-school last fall and absolutely love it. They are sweet, funny, and a real handful.

Thomas and Cindy Slaughter Neuberger were thrilled by the arrival of their son Theo in October ’08. Cindy is staying home with Theo and continuing to work part time as a realtor in the Baltimore City area. Excitement was high for a planned move to a new home in Stoneleigh at the end of the summer. Cindy has play dates with Shana Burdick Hospelthorn ’95, and she attends the local girls’ wine night with Sarah Sheekels Hendrickson ’97, Jennifer Doetsch Yeager ’97, Michelle Crow Feracci ’98 and others when she can.

Karen Beamer Willoughby is working as a tax manager at Select Medical Corporation in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Karen bravely reports that she and husband Brian suffered the stillbirth of their first son, Jonathan James, in October ’07. Happily, they are now the proud parents of their second little boy, Logan Andrew Willoughby, born in October ’08.

Chiara Beringo Fox is still working at Adaptive Path in San Francisco as a senior user experience designer. She is really enjoying life on the West Coast.

After doctoral work in Scotland and a university professor stint with Towson University, Melvin Brennan now sits as executive director with the Y of Central Maryland at the site of old Memorial Stadium. He has also been selected for the GBC Leadership class of 2010. Mel led the rebuilding of a community playground that burned down due to arson last September, and he began a podcast/radio station experience for youth in the city. He is now launching a massive online citizenship community in CitizenLife.com. If that’s not enough, he has nearly finished a book on his time at CONCACAF and FIFA. “Maybe it’ll be done by the next update,” Mel says.

Jennifer Nash Herman is a national board-certified history teacher at Winters Mill High School in Westminster, Md. Her additional responsibilities include department chair, service learning coordinator, and head track and field coach. She is also mom to two beautiful daughters, Olivia, 9, and Emma, 6.

The Cyprus accounting firm Konde & Company CPAs continues to grow with founder Hilmari Konde at the helm. In addition to accounting, audit and tax consulting services, they have started to provide advisory services to private equity firms. On a personal note, Hilmari’s daughter is now 7 years old. He traveled to New York for a conference in September ’08 but was unable to make it down to visit McDaniel during the trip. He cannot wait to attend the next reunion and see his old friends.

Gail Conway Nowicki and husband Ryan welcomed their daughter, Elsa Johnson Nowicki, into the world on July 15, 2008. They are loving parenthood and life with their beautiful baby girl. Elsa keeps them smiling, especially when she finds humor in anything that their dog, Indy, does. In addition, Gail has been working with the current Omega sisters to plan the 50th reunion for the fall of 2009. They are all looking forward to a great time.

Susan Foreman White has completed her 11th year in special education. Since the last update, she did another sailing tour, this time to the West Indies, including Guadalupe, Illes de Saints, Marie-Gallande and Dominica. “I highly recommend Dominica as it was a truly unique island,” says Susan. Plans for this year include a sailing tour of the Chesapeake Bay. On the home front, she has begun renovating her house. Another big thing has been reconnecting with folks through Facebook.

Karen Yankoski ’93, Shannon Wyble, Linassa Bean-Andrighetti, Michelle Zapp Nicke, Stephanie Goldy Sersen, Desiree Cook ’95, and Dave Radosevich ’94 are among the alumni that Susan has found online.

The big news for Melanie Phipps Repp is the birth of daughter Emily Elizabeth Repp on March 18, 2009. She is still living in Hampstead, Md., and working part time as a design engineer for a small land-planning firm in Mt. Airy. Melanie hosted a spring cookout this year for many of her S.T.A.Y. acquaintances, including myself, my wife Amy Rice Mirra ’97, Jen Light Dottelisy ’97, Teagte Louderback-Smith, Julie Kuerner Messina, Blair St. Amand and Cara Ditto.

Cara Ditto lives in Timonium, Md., with her husband, Jeff, and children Ryan, 4, and Sarah 2. She continues to enjoy her work as a therapist with victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Teagte Louderback-Smith continues to practice family medicine in Bel Air, Md. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Joe, daughter Haley, 4, and twins Joseph and Taylor. The twins were born on Sept. 7, 2007.

Amy Rice Mirra ’97 and I added to our family with the birth of our daughter, Abby Marie, on June 21, 2008. She is now a bright-eyed 1-year-old who is adored by her big brother, Kyle, 4. We still reside in Sterling, Va. In another “it’s a small world” moment, Amy ran into my former swimming teammate Meghan Joyce Maher ’99 at a recent Sterling Mom’s Club event. I also saw aspiring Ph.D. Seth Noone, noted restaurateur Ridge Knauff, and man-about-town Blair St. Amand last winter at an annual holiday celebration at the Crackpot Restaurant in Towson, Md. Sadly Steve Bickling couldn’t make it because he had the sniffles.

That’s all for this year’s report. Best wishes to everyone, and make sure that you keep in touch!

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Ryan Lillis is married to Sophie Roberge. The couple welcomed their first child, Aiden Maxwell Lillis, on Dec. 29, 2006. Ryan is employed at EMA in the corporate human resources department and works full time as the employment and benefits manager. Ryan will graduate from McDaniel College, again, in May ’08 with a master’s degree in human resources development.

On Christmas Eve ’08, Melissa Magnuson was engaged to Danny Salemie. Two of Melissa’s bridesmaids are ’07 grads: Melissa Mulcahy (maid of honor) and Chelsea Phillips. Melissa works as a special investigator for Keypoint Government Solutions, contracted by the Office of Personnel Management.

Jennifer Thomas Miller married Lt. Scott A. Miller in August ’06. For a while Jennifer worked as a social worker helping dually diagnosed clients rehabilitate their lives while receiving mental health and substance abuse treatment. Jennifer gave birth to her first child, Jasmine Elizabeth, on Feb. 15, 2008. Shortly after giving birth, Jennifer’s husband received orders to be stationed at Ft. Richard-son, Alaska. The couple currently lives outside of Anchorage and has adjusted to long winters and dodging moose on the highways. Presently Scott is deployed in Afghanistan with Operation Enduring Freedom, and Jennifer and her daughter are patiently waiting for him to come home.

Having not seen her since they were 10 years old, Sami Hamler parted her best friend Amy’s address online and invited her to be a bridesmaid in her upcoming wedding. The two old friends were reunited for Sami’s wedding to Derek on July 7, 2007. Sami and Derek spent their honeymoon in Niagara Falls, Ontario, enjoying the trip so much they returned a year later for their first anniversary. After the honeymoon, Sami received a license to sell property and casualty insurance. On March 27, 2008, Sami and Derek spent their honeymoon in Niagara Falls, Ontario, enjoying the trip so much they returned a year later for their first anniversary. After the honeymoon, Sami received a license to sell property and casualty insurance. On March 27, 2008, Sami and Derek bought their first home — the left side of a two-bedroom duplex, complete with a backyard and balcony. The couple spent the spring and summer of 2008 making changes and upgrades to their new home. During the winter of 2008, Sami was convinced, by English Professor Dr. Robert Kachur’s wife, Susan, to submit her resume to the City of Westminster. Subsequently Sami was hired as an information desk receptionist. She thoroughly enjoys her job and knows she’s chosen her permanent career.

Cecelia Randall ’07 swore she’d never go back to school, however she began a master’s degree program in thanatology in 2008.
**Chelsea Phillips**. Melanie currently works in the viral oncology lab at Johns Hopkins.

Currently residing in Eldersburg, Md., Jillian Hoffman Snyder was married to Brian Snyder on May 17, 2009. Jillian is currently working as a community employment program coordinator for The Arc of Carroll County (an agency devoted to assisting persons with developmental disabilities achieve personal and vocational goals and aspirations in life). She is also pursuing a master's degree in counselor education at McDaniel College.

As has been seen, a McDaniel education is a great springboard for grad school and marriage. It is also good preparation to enter the "real world" of job searching. Despite difficult economic times, many '07 grads have found fulfilling careers. Kevin English has been working for Pepsi Bottling Ventures since March '08. He currently manages the merchandisers at the Salisbury, Md., location. When he isn't working, Kevin enjoys hunting or golfing with his twin brother Keith English. Kevin recently ran into fellow DU's Ferris Bond '09, Zach Hetrick '09, and Ryan Sheahan '09.

**Tyler Falcone** is currently working as a relationship banker for BB&T in Hunt Valley, Md. He lives in Westminster, Md., and is also working to obtain his M.B.A. from UMUC.

Having earned a master of social work degree from West Virginia University in May '09, Jessica Van is a licensed graduate social worker and currently works at Pressley Ridge, in Cumberland, Md.

As for me (Chelsea Phillips), after graduation from McDaniel I spent the summer of 2007 interning with the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. I then worked for the Frederick County (Md.) Chamber of Commerce as its legislative aide and event coordinator. In July '08, I moved to College Station, Texas, and began a Ph.D. program in American politics at Texas A&M University (Go Aggies!). Unfortunately in March '09, the professor I was working with at A&M announced he was taking a position at another university. Unsure whether to stay at A&M and way behind the eight ball on admission deadlines, I applied to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In April '09, I was thrilled to learn I'd been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Carolina where I have since transferred to study political psychology (although, once a Terps fan, ALWAYS a Terps fan). Perhaps even more exciting than moving back to the East Coast, I was asked to be a bridesmaid for three of my senior year McDaniel roommates — Heather Williams Barton, Melissa Magnuson, and Melanie Scocco. Since graduating, my favorite memories are all of fun times with McDaniel alums.

Thank you to everyone who sent stories and updates for this issue of The Hill! I look forward to continuing to hear where life takes you and the many wonderful things you do along the way. Good luck and God bless. Please keep in touch!

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**2008**

Christine Boynton is currently working as an assistant editor for an aviation magazine in Washington, D.C. She lives in Columbia, Md., with her roommate from college, a fellow 2008 graduate and Gamma Sigma sister, Virginia Dale. She enjoys taking Kay Maia classes and doing indoor rock climbing on the weekends, and looking forward to joining a new alumni chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Caitlin Concannon got married on June 13 to Daniel VanSant.

Cavin Lutz accepted his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps this August and will be attending The Basic School in Quantico, Va., for six months. Following the completion of the school he will be attending flight school (naval aviator's course) in Pensacola, Fla., for 18 months to become a naval aviator.

Katie Sari finished her first year teaching third grade for Frederick County Public Schools. She married her high school sweetheart, Peter Wiley, on July 24, 2009. Three McDaniel alumni were in attendance at the wedding: Jordan Williams '07, Lisa Markline, and Jamie Fleming. She and Peter enjoyed honeymooning in Antigua. They also bought a townhouse in Frederick where they currently reside.

Brittany Maffei got married Sept. 15, 2007 to Joseph Graper, and on March 18, 2008, they welcomed a new addition to the family, a girl, Jocelyn Bailey Graper.

Timothy Snyder returned to graduate school at McDaniel to earn a master's degree in art education through the BEST program. It's a two-year program so he is currently working on finishing it. He has also been working as the head graduate assistant for McDaniel's athletic department. He acted as an assistant coach for Francis Scott Key High School's cross country and track programs this past year. He plans to work as the graduate assistant for McDaniel's cross country and track programs this year, working beside his former college coach, Doug Remmer '80.

Since graduating, Erin McKeon has been employed at Echo Hill Outdoor School on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Her job title is naturalist/teacher and she spends her time educating hundreds of middle school students about the Chesapeake Bay. She could not think of a better experience in which to
were in attendance and whose presence helped make their day truly special. Also, in the wedding party was Maria's sister and future McDaniel student Veronica Lathrom '13.

Pat and Maria have settled into an apartment in Owings Mills and love married life, which includes more time for relaxation now that wedding planning is officially over. They started their family with a dog this past summer. Professionally, Maria just finished her first year teaching English at Century High School in Carroll County where she particularly enjoyed challenging her honors 11th-graders in her British literature classes. She will be returning for her second year at Century this fall. This past summer, she began the school library media program at McDaniel working toward becoming a media specialist.

Sarah Shank made the jump and officially became a Maryland resident, leaving her parents, Tim '79 and Lisa Bryant '81 Shank, behind in Florida. She currently works in the office of alumni relations and annual giving at McDaniel, where she sees Meagan Flannery and Pat O'Toole '07 on a daily basis. She lives in good old Westminster with Leah Beck '09. She keeps in touch with several of her Phi Mu sorority sisters, including Emica Boutilier (via email since she is living in the United Kingdom!), Caroline Gannon, Jackie Miller, Leslie Shirk (who is working as a paralegal in Washington D.C.), Rachel Siegel '07, Lauren Keneally '07, and Kaelynn Miller '07. She hopes to keep as busy this year as she has this past year.

Joseph Barndt moved to Federal Hill in Baltimore after graduating. He reports that he is having a great time living there despite the toll it takes on his wallet fairly often. He said that it is always fun running into fellow alumni around Cross Street and discussing "real life" post-McDaniel. He works for Wells Fargo Bank N.A. as a security analyst II in their corporate trust services division. The hours can be long and arduous but he's getting great experience and has already been given more responsibility and has seen some rewards as well. He has been in touch with some local investment boutiques in hopes of getting started in the financial world of Equity Markets or Investment Banking.

Bill Kauffman moved to Bethesda, Md., after leaving McDaniel to begin working for Rebuilding Together as an AmeriCorps member. Rebuilding Together is a national non-profit dedicated to preserving affordable homeownership through home repair and revitalizing neighborhoods. Sunday afternoons in D.C. keep him busy playing kickball and flip cup. His last status report is that he is sporting a .330 kicking average with three home runs and 22 RBIs and that his flip cup skills only continue to get better.

Donnie Bell works for the Department of Defense and says the job is really exciting. "I'm still shocked every two weeks when I see that they remembered to pay me/haven't fired me yet. I'm getting used to cooking for myself — a stir-fry accident permanently charred my balcony." Immediately after graduating, I continued to take graduate classes at McDaniel for counseling and working as a graduate assistant for the alumni relations and annual giving office. While taking classes, I lived in Owings Mills with classmate and friend Mark Winkelstein as he worked for the rental car company, Enterprise. I shared classes with fellow '08 graduates in the five-year counseling program including Brittany Edie, Ashley Zimmerman Lindsay, Whitney Hines and Meredith Orr. I spent my summer in Ocean City, Md., with fellow McDaniel alum/Green Terror, Lee Oliver. Sarah White and Stephanie Sudbrook '09. This summer I also achieved my master's degree in community mental health counseling from McDaniel College. Lee Oliver also attended graduate school at MICA in Baltimore before moving to Ocean City. We lived in an apartment next door to '08 graduate and former roommate James Cosby. I would like to say hello to all my fellow alums as well as friends continuing to attend McDaniel.

Maria Lathrom O'Toole married her McDaniel sweetheart Pat O'Toole '07 on May 30. The ceremony was held in Big Baker which they thought was appropriate given the origins of their relationship. It was very meaningful for them to become husband and wife where their love story first began. Alumni serving as attendants in the wedding were Pat's Alpha Sigma Phi brothers Chris Kon, Brian Kastner '07, and Brian Patterson '05; Pat's sister and Maria's fellow Gamma Sigma Sigma sister, Kristin O'Toole '09; Maria's Gamma Sigma sisters Amanda Franklin and Jesse Feldman '06; and her former roommate, Jessica Dittman. She expressed that it was wonderful to see many other fellow alumni who
October 2009
Senior Andrew Tucker (left, in gold shorts), a dual theatre and English major, played the role of Rocky in the College’s production of The Rocky Horror Show.

It rocked. There was such a buzz about Rocky Horror because it’s such a cult classic. The show is basically just about sex, drugs and rock-n-roll. I was in Amadeus last spring and I do like the plays where you can sink your teeth into these really dramatic characters. But you do the dark stuff for so long and then you say, “OK, I need to do something else before I kill myself.” The show kind of re-energized the theatre department.

We had a whole preshow set up that explained to the audience when and how to use the props, sort of a Rocky Horror 101. We had an usherette selling water pistols and confetti. We were prepared for the callback lines, because that’s just part of Rocky Horror lore. But it has sort of given me a new view on the actor-audience relationship; the idea that it’s not just us entertaining them, but having the experience be interactive.

It was fun to physically change myself for a role. I shaved quite a lot of my body and I took a bunch of gym classes to prepare. I’d been looking for a part that I could do that with.

I am by no means an overly promiscuous person. I asked my grandmother not to come see me in Rocky Horror. I did send her a picture of me in my costume because she wanted to see.
Are you a Green Terror Fanatic?

1. The Green Terror's all-time leading scorer in men's soccer history played on the 1959 soccer team. Name that player.
   A. Denny Harman
   B. Lasko Zsebedics
   C. George Varga

2. Which Green Terror quarterback held the Centennial Conference career record for rushing yards by a quarterback until it was broken by Dickinson's Ian Mitchell in 2009?
   A. Jamie "Boo" Harris
   B. Brad Baer
   C. Ron Sermarini

3. The women's basketball team recently set a new mark for consecutive victories. How many in a row did the team win and during which year?
   A. 18 during the 2007-08 season
   B. 19 during the 2006-07 season
   C. 23 during the 2005-06 season

4. What is the men's basketball program record for victories in a season?
   A. 16
   B. 17
   C. 18

5. What is the record for most goals scored in a single game by a Green Terror men's lacrosse player?
   A. 8
   B. 11
   C. 12

6. Who is the only known Green Terror athlete to currently hold career records in two different sports?
   A. Julie Backof
   B. Katie Haley
   C. Marie Mules Herman

A Midnight Madness celebration Oct. 21 gave fans a sneak peak at the men's and women's basketball teams and, with the help of the Green Terror mascot, got them pumped up to become the best 6th man in the Centennial Conference.

Compiled by Director of Sports Information Luke Stillson with research assistance from Courtney Cogolinski '08 and Brian Garbutt '11.

PRIZE: All correct submissions will be entered into a drawing to win a free McDaniel College sweatshirt.

Submit to: Trivia Challenge, The Hill magazine, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD, 21157. Or e-mail to kasch@mcdaniel.edu
“Success has nothing to do with how much money you make, it has to do with the fact that you are doing something that is deeply satisfying to you as a human being.” — Malcolm Gladwell

Malcolm Gladwell, author of Outliers: The Story of Success, visited campus Oct. 6 to discuss the ideas in his provocative bestseller with first-year students who read the book for their summer reading assignment. See story page 22.