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Dr. Roger Young is working
to solve the problem.



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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
Monkton, Md.

**"Executions,
in my opinion,
do not deter a
capital crime."**

— 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.



My son!



Stay Connected

- Reunion Weekend is May 1-3, 2009. See page 26 for details.
- The College's Career Services office is ready, willing and able to assist alumni in their job searches. Go to www.mcdaniel.edu/careerservices and see page 53 for details.

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.



Puzzled No More

Behold, the solution to the McDaniel College Crossword Puzzle we published in the Autumn issue.

Carol Sause Burch '54, a confessed "crossword puzzle addict," is the winner of the drawing for a free copy of *Fearless and Bold*, a chronicle of the College's history by Jim Lightner '59, professor emeritus of mathematics. Burch says she consulted the book frequently to help her complete the puzzle. She plans to give her prize to a deserving classmate.

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.



REGAN VICKERS '14

Kaya is top dog on campus — actually, she's the only dog permitted to live in a college residence, thanks to her status as therapy-dog-in-training.

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 Kaya'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.

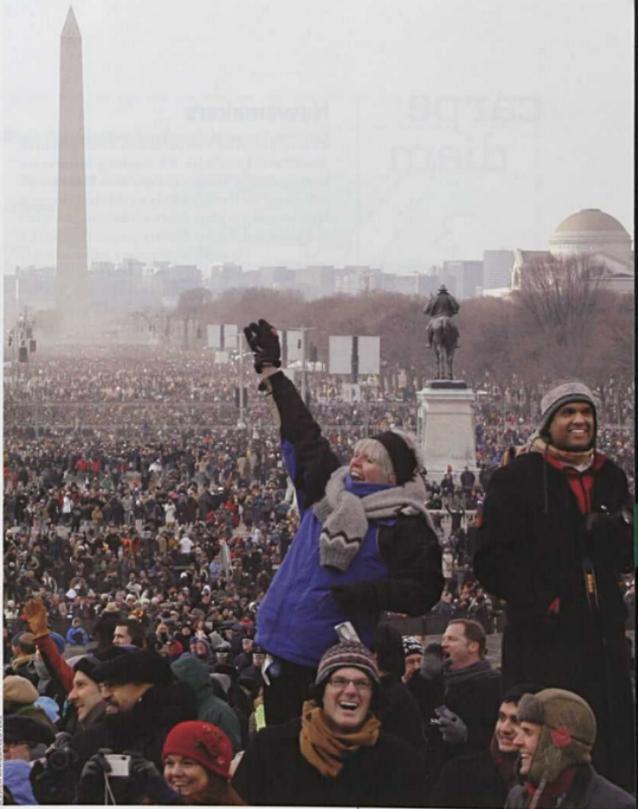
And for Music Lecturer **Eric Byrd '93**, having his

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.

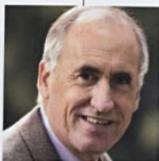
"I've never felt more proud to be an American, more inspired to serve in government or social issues, more thankful to support this particular candidate for what he represents for kids, or more blessed to be black," Byrd said after witnessing Obama's inauguration. ■

Spectators on the National Mall react following the inauguration ceremony of Barack Obama as 44th President of the United States.



Newsmakers

• 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).



Skip Fennell

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 on-line interactive leadership modules.



President Joan Develin Coley

• 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.



Stephen Spinelli

• 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. ■

Ask the Expert Our nation's capital, just 56



Steven Pearson, associate professor of art and art history:

I really enjoy going to the art museums, such as The National Gallery, The Hirshhorn, The Phillips Collection, and the American Art Museum. As a dad to a 2-year-old who loves pointing out every plane he ever sees in the sky, I enjoy the Air and Space Museum. But my favorite monument is the Lincoln Memorial. The sheer scale of the sculpture gives a sense of power and gravity to the memorial that seems to hush all visitors into silent awe.

Susan Milstein, professor of business administration:

Both the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Vietnam War Memorial cause me to pause with awe and sadness in my heart and think of the brave men and women who endured such horrific circumstances. Both sites also cause me to give thanks that I am lucky enough to live in this great country, which although it has its faults, does afford its people the opportunity to accomplish almost anything and everything one can imagine.

Doug Renner, head coach for track and field/cross country:

I'm a big fan of the National Cathedral because of its great architecture and because it affords a great view of the city.

...niles from campus, can be a pretty inspiring place. Which Washington landmark is your favorite?

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.

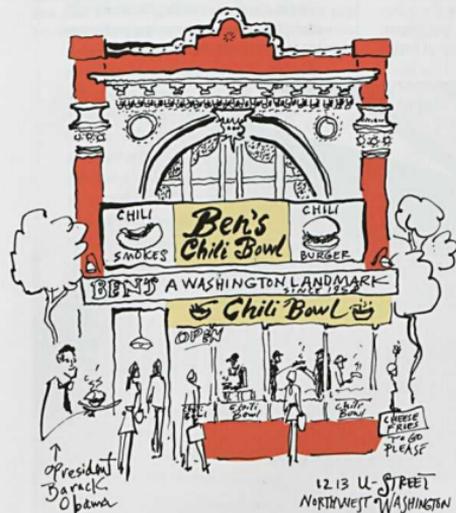


Joyce Muller, editor, The Hill magazine:

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 happi-

ness 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. ■



REBEY FRODICE

Jes Osrow '10 is happily settled and at work in the new Art Studio addition.



C. KURT HOEHLER

Don't you want every elected official
to have the soul of a poet?

—English Professor Kathy Mangan on celebrating the election of her former creative writing student, Maryland Congressman Frank Kratovil '90.

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 Glotfely '11 finished first at heavyweight to lead McDaniel to a third-place finish at the 2009 Centennial Conference wrestling championships at home Feb. 21. Glotfely 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.

first person

In my own words

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."



Fred Stoever, founder and president of Stoever, Glass & Company, and his wife of 47 years, Renate, who is at work on a memoir.

“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.

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. ■

It takes teamwork

Fred: I got a job at Leberthal [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.

JOHN IMBERSON

on location

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 vinyls. "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 of 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.



Full Steam Ahead

At the B&O Railroad Museum, Courtney Wilson '75 honors the past and puts the future on track

BY KIM ASCH

Back 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, 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



allow streams of light to illuminate the gleaming tongue-and-groove wood floor radiating from the giant turntable in the center.

On a recent Thursday morning, as a crowd of first-graders and preschoolers swarmed the place, it was easy to see why the B&O is routinely rated among Baltimore's best museums for families.

The children marveled at the No. 25 William Mason, the mid-19th century's most popular steam locomotive, and climbed aboard the hulking freight locomotive, Clinchfield No. 1. In addition to having the chance to take real train rides departing from the museum station most days of the week, there's a lot to engage all the senses at the museum. Wilson has put his previous experience as an exhibition designer to work to bring many of the idle trains to life for visitors.

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 Halloween 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 round-

house floor. Then he looked up to see patches of sky where portions of the roof had collapsed under the weight of six-foot 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 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.

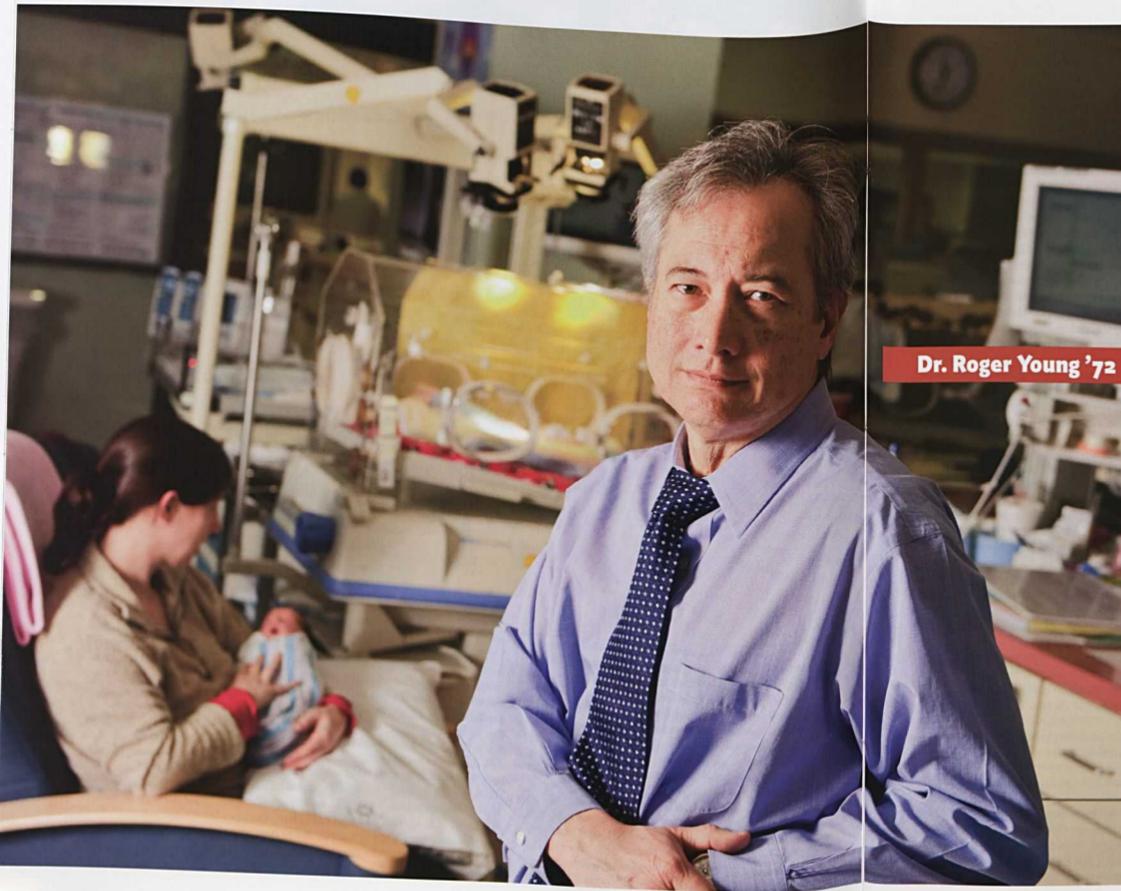
After 22 months and the completion of a \$30 million international recovery capital campaign, the museum reopened to the public on Nov. 13, 2004. New and expanded visitor facilities and public programs were unveiled and an on-site, state-of-the-art locomotive and rolling stock restoration facility was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



Dr. Roger Young '72 Labors to Solve the Growing Premie Problem

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."

Experiences like Glackin's are what drives Dr. Roger Young '72 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.

By Kim Asch

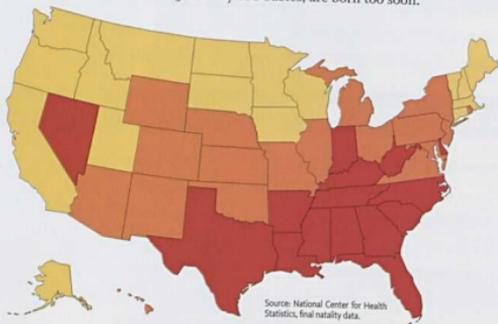
Babies born too soon and too small can have a host of health issues. Most require a stay in a neonatal intensive care unit, or NICU, where they can adapt to the world in a womblike incubator hooked up to monitors, IVs and all manner of equipment, for weeks or even months. They sometimes suffer from respiratory 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.

Premature birth as a percent of live births, 2005

- Under 11.9%
- 11.9-13.3%
- Over 13.3%



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, final natality data.

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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 contractual 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 over 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

two weeks additional for the baby to actually develop more, we've really been unable to find any medical therapy that's better than simple bed rest."

With a background in photochemistry, Dr. Young has much experience in the reductionist approach to science, which zooms in on the smallest components of a complex system to answer questions like which gene turns on which gene protein. Now he is looking at the bigger picture, testing primary mechanisms in an effort to understand how and why the uterus contracts and cross-correlating his understandings of this basic science knowledge with his fellow clinicians.

"One of the big things is that clinicians don't think differently about the frequency and strength of pre-term labor contractions. They think contractions are contractions. One of the things I'm trying to say to clinicians is that a patient who presents with really strong infrequent contractions may have a different defect than a patient who presents with a lot of frequent but less strong contractions," he says.

Details of that difference are yet to be understood.

The lack of progress "can be frustrating," acknowledges Dr. Alan Fleischman, medical director of the March of Dimes Foundation, which awards between \$30-35 million annually to fund new research into prematurity. "But there's also excitement because there's some very exciting new science. With brilliant minds and these new tools we're sure there are going to be breakthroughs."

Dr. Young's work in the field gives Dr. Fleischman hope. "One of my goals was to add to the board of trustees a substantial expertise in both science and clinical medicine in areas related to perinatal health. Dr. Young gives us exactly that kind of multi-faceted, high-quality support and consultation in areas related to our core mission," he says. "In the modern medical world where science has become more complex and clinical care more demanding, it's unusual to find someone who is truly outstanding in both aspects."

If it wasn't for a touch a squeamishness and the birth of his first daughter, Kristen, Dr. Young may well have missed the chance to do good work in a field where much work still needs to be done. He'd planned to become an ophthalmologist after completing his Ph.D. in chemistry and postdoctoral research on electron transfer reactions across an artificial membrane. The artificial membrane was very similar to a nerve and it would have been easy to segue those mathematical and physiological learnings to the eye.

In his third year of medical school at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, he went into the operating room to observe a retubular block. "The doctor reached over to the table, got a needle about 4 inches long, and I thought, 'I wonder what he's going to do

with the needle? And he went straight up and three inches deep right behind the eye," Dr. Young recalls. "And I said, 'OK, that's it for ophthalmology for me.' I was never really able to appreciate it after that."

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, Kathie 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."

Prematurity affects everyone — the child, the parents, the siblings and the extended family.

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." ■



class notes

News and views about life since college



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1933

Toivo E. Puro 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.

1939 REUNION 2008

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 Fowle**, they quieted down! Dorothy would love to know who's left and what they are doing.

1940

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

Pucker Up

Alumni and their sweethearts on campus for the Valentine's dinner enjoyed a warm-up exercise in Little Baker Chapel prior to cocktail hour.

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 for-

tunate 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. Luise 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 in 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."

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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 Lees. 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 Rein-dollar '45** from Hanover and Taneytown. They miss others who used to join them including **Idona Meh-ring 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 ne'er 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

Pass It On

Members of the 1949-59 soccer team invite alumni to join them in honoring **Philip E. Uhrig ME'D '52**, former coach and director of Alumni Affairs emeritus, with gifts to an endowed scholarship to celebrate "Phip's" passion for soccer and his dedication to his players. To make a gift, contact Major Gifts officer **Megan Kula** at 410/386-4607.



Md., where they have immersed themselves in the busy lifestyle there. They frequently have lunch with **Carroll '45** and **Nan Austin Doggett** and **Lloyd '49** and **Charlotte Goodrich '49 Hoover**. One day in a burst of nostalgia, they broke into singing the Alma Mater. College ties can never be broken!

Mary Gene Kennedy Carr writes that the most exciting item of interest is that her granddaughter, **Allison N. Short '12**, is a freshman at McDaniel. Her grandfather, **William W. Carr '44**, found 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's 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 Leichter** and **Natalie 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 host 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 DeCastele High School sent 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.

Aleck A. Resnick writes that there is not much new news from Pikesville, Md., but he does have a great-granddaughter. He is still lege. Look for Aleck and his wife at the Colombe 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, **Sam 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 Adcraft writes that not too much has happened since May when he was on the Hill for the class of 1953's 55th 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 Silver 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 McMath Clayton send greetings to all of their classmates. They write that it was great to see some of them at the 55th 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 "MIMI 13" it's Raymond's wife, **Norma**, driving. The tag represents their 13 grandchildren and Norma's name "MIMI."

Jo Althouse Hilde was sorry to have missed the 55th reunion in May due to a stubborn flu bug, but got cell-phone reports straight from campus. Attendees **Genny Jones Stehl** and **Barbara Bankson Hiestand** called as they sat on benches gazing nostalgically at **McDaniel Hall**. **Genny**, **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 recent 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 **Mantoo, N.C.**, resident **Katherine Wiley Pearce**. "So, we seem to prove the point: "College ties can never be broken."

Get Back Reunion Weekend 2009

FRIDAY, MAY 1 -
SUNDAY, MAY 3

Watch your mailbox and the College website (www.mcdaniel.edu) for more details in the coming months.

Questions?

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at 410/857-2296 or e-mail alumni@mcdaniel.edu.

Who's Celebrating? All classes whose graduation year ends in a "4" or a "9" and the first-year-out class.

Who's Planning My Class Event? It could be you! Each reunion class forms a committee to organize class-specific events in addition to the weekend's all-alumni activities. Call the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at 410/857-2296 or e-mail alumni@mcdaniel.edu to get involved.

Where Will I Stay? It's not too early to make reservations. Rooms have been reserved at the following Westminster hotels: Best Western (formerly Comfort Inn): 410-857-1900 or 410-876-0010
Boston Inn: 1-800-634-0846 or 410-848-9095
Days Inn: 410-857-0500

Where Will I Park? The College annually hosts large events and is adept at handling parking for large groups. Shuttle buses from Westminster hotels will be provided, as will on-campus transportation.

Who's Invited? Reunion Weekend is being planned for alumni who are celebrating a reunion. However, all alumni who would like to attend events are welcome to register.

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 Fleischer '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 hmctecr@msm.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-2008 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 Whitmer, 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 J. 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 21133. Or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 410/857-2296.

1958

"College Ties Can Ne'er 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: 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 Fonner 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 — **Ardy Campbell Darlington**, **Jean Lambertson Hort**, **Gail Mercey Getz**, **Natalie Warfield Palmer** and **Dick Gardner**. 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 for 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

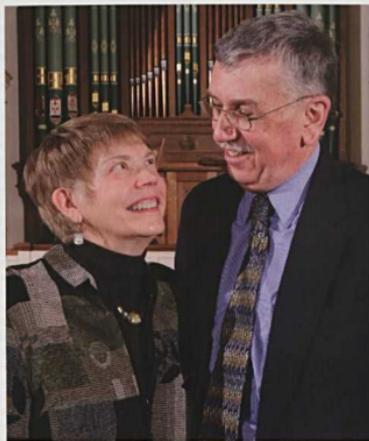
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Vows, Revisited

After 37 years of experience, this is how **Linda Green '70** and

Bob Lentz '69 would rewrite their marriage vows:

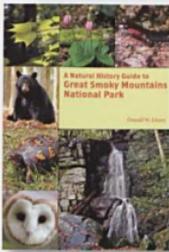
- Be willing to accept what the other has to say
- Live in a house of visions
- Trust to give independence for each other's journey and the faith to know the other will always return
- Always, always let there be laughter
- Give each other the gift of time
- Always be ourselves
- Always let our feelings 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



COURTESY: LINDA GREEN

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 vivid of complex jargon. Available for purchase at online booksellers.



A Natural History Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park

following their return from reunion they planted like crazy and have created gardens a new mission to them. They've determined to find a new blessing 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."

Jo Mehl Wooten wrote that book sales for her novel, *Those Who Can, Teach*, went well. The retired superintendent of schools, Dr. Ken Madden, who has her superintendent when she taught in Sedford, DE, 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 **Jan Lambertson Hort** frequently. She spoke to **Fred Stever** 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 McVicker '61** Director, in Aiken, S.C. After two years as a director of the newcomers' 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 Rosov. The wedding took place in the gardens of the historic Pace 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 grandchild 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 anniversaries 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 enjoying seeing those class members who were at reunion, and thought the campus was very attractive. Walking around certainly brought back a lot of mem-

ories. Billy and Tony spent the night with **Dick Crowe '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. '79' Clark McDea**, 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 Billy 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, Billy 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 to France, Italy, Malta, Tunisia, and back to Barcelona.

Don '56 and **Mary Lowe 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 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's well! 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, 43-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 recurrence 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 Euler and Arlyne 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. They were in Oregon, and they spent Thanksgiving in Connecticut. They enjoyed seeing all 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, text 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 Katie Prell 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 Katie 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 spinal 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 Chorus. She attends classes at Washington College, plays golf, works part time in a busy ladies clothing store and best of all, she 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; Patricia has two children; and Nick, Jr., has one son. Nick retired from Baltimore County Public Schools in 1990 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 high schools 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 Sparrows Point Country Club where he is on the Board of Governors. He is so looking forward to seeing all of our next reunion.

Our 80th reunion preparations started early for **Nancy Willis Rich** when **Dick Plaskett** 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 Plaskett**, too, before Dick's death. Even though Nancy and Dick had not been close on campus, the bonds began there allowed them to speak from the heart.

Nancy recalled, "Reunion Weekend itself was joy-filled, full of laughter and memories. Some of us — **Barbara Hunt Ketay**, **Carol Enser Peterson**, **John Coolahan**, **Jack and Jane Roeder Peterson**, **Marge Hull Harper** and **Wray Mowbray** — gathered after lunch on Saturday to assign parts and practice for the Sunday Memorial Service. But we began to laugh and remember so many wonderful times that the years disappeared and we were teenagers again! By the time Sunday rolled around, we had managed to regain our composure, and all of us were very touched to recall so many classmates who were with us in spirit. An

other highlight was a great book of photos that **Ardie Campbell Darlington** brought showing some of the **Blanche Ward** types at our finest moments! Add to this seeing our classmates, after-parties in the dorm (oops, I meant motel!), all the great planning by the **College staff**, wonderful food (despite a power outage in Carroll County Saturday afternoon as dinner was being prepared), and the rides on the golf carts — who knew how grateful we'd be — and seeing all the wonderful changes on campus. It was a memorable occasion!" Back in Cleveland, Jim and Nancy keep track of their four children and two grandchildren who are scattered about.

Marge Hull Harper thought the reunion was wonderful and that the College went out of its way to make everyone feel very special. It was so great to see and reconnect with everyone there, and those not there were certainly missed. Marge noted "I'll never forget **John Coolahan's** description, at the banquet, of his life on the football team and in **Vet Village** — what a riot!" Reunion was the jumping-off place for Marge to tour Maryland and visit family in Baltimore and old friends on the Eastern Shore. Such nostalgia: she managed to eat her fair share of crab!

Fred Stonesifer was delighted to have two of his best friends, classmates and frat brothers visit him at his farm last summer — **Masha Reifnyder '59** (whom Fred knew from high school) and **Bob McCormick and Carol Petersen '59** and **Erch Willen**. He is looking forward to having them visit again in 2009. **Everett '57 Fesser** noted nothing exciting to report from Prescott, Ariz. He's still playing cowboy and golf prospector when he can find time. He's 76, but works at staying healthy and it has paid off. He noted that if everyone in the world felt as well as he feels, it would be a happy world.

Renate and **Fred Stoever** were very impressed with what they saw when they attended reunion in May. That impression also included the entire staff and **John Develin Coley** and **Chip Junkin**, in particular. **Fred Stoever** was very happy to see so many of our classmates again. He was so impressed that he plans to apply to McDaniel in her next rearticulation.

Dan and Gail 'Merce' **Mercey Getz** had a good year, finally getting off to a wonderful journey to Alaska, with so many amazing sights to see. The plant life particularly intrigued Gail as it was so gorgeous and lush. **Dan and Gail** also traveled to Ohio to visit their grandchildren and family. They had a grand 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 Craftsmen 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 Plas-**

ket, who died two weeks after our 50th class reunion, **Betty Lou Reel Stotler**, and **Ursula Grace Baker Johnson**.

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.

Barbara Hunt Ketay
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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 long-time 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 so young. I suppose we are going to a McDaniel reunion, but it will always be a Western Maryland reunion to me.

A Waller Leishure writes with some sad news. Her husband, **Sam Leishure '65**, died of heart disease on Jan 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. Sam was working as an academic advisor for Howard Community College at the time of his death. His hobbies included carving decorative decoys and hybridizing dahlias. Together they enjoyed "being needed" by their granddaughter, Olivia, 3, 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-

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Lester "Bo" Knapp '65 to **Theresa Giles** on August 23, 2008. They reside in Weybridge, VT.

Christopher Yingling '92 to **Heather Ayres** on October 18, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Md.

James Naughton '94 to **Erin Baden** on July 12, 2008. They reside in Boca Raton, Fla.

Mary Walsh '96 to **Markus Mueller** on September 13, 2008. They reside in Bethesda, Md.

Katherine Breedlove MS '93 to **Timothy Johnston** on July 11, 2008. They reside in Grand Blain, Mich.

Joshua Durham '99 to **Mary Kaminski** on June 20, 2008. They reside in Manchester, Md.

Jessica Duquette '00 to **Jeffrey LiPira** in March 2007. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Margaret Einker '00 to **Ryan Deckinga** on August 5, 2006. They reside in Brandon, Fla.

Kenneth Fischer '00 to **Heather Bruckman** on August 8, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Andrew McCord '00 to **Ashley Harvey** on October 5, 2007. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Lauren Henry '01 to **Jordan Ricketts** on November 21, 2008. They reside in Union Bridge, Md.

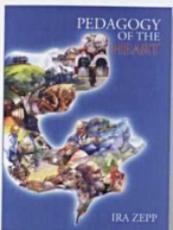
Jason Boone '02 to **Heather Wilhelm** on August 2, 2008. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Bill Krebs '02 to **Brendan Henderson** on July 26, 2008. They reside in West Haven, Conn.

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Zepp Teaching Credo

"Good teaching is predicated on a caring community of fellow seekers," writes **Ira G. Zepp**, professor emeritus, whose book *Pedagogy of the Heart* explores teaching and examines the "intimacy of human relationships" in pursuit of wisdom. To order your copy, go online to www.commongroundonline.hill.org.



issues 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 Breckenridge 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 '66 and **Millie Dickey '62 Thomas** and spend time with them and other college friends at Children 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 Roelke '65 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 really get past the outline and purpose statement. He is also enjoying the luxury of finally being master of his own schedule. David lives in Flemington, NJ.

We hear from **Dennis Quinby** that he and **Mary Ellen Coleman '65** 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 northern 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 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 Casablanca, 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 in 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 Lesbighy Guide to Selecting the Best Fit College or University and Enjoying the College Years." Previously he had produced a DVD based on the same research, "From the Hallways of Ivy: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Students Speak Out About Their Lives on Campus." He is currently finishing writing an academic ethnological "Excursion." "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; Elise, 2, in New Jersey; and Connor, six months, also in New Jersey. Most of his leisure time is spent traveling with his spouse to visit the grandchild and parts of the world he has yet to experience.

From Colorado we hear from **Fred Woodin**. After breeding and raising horses on his farm near Manchester for 20 years, he put the land into 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 Gebelstein'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, at Gall 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 attend to yous 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, classmates **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 Chicao Meszaros** and **A Waller Leishure**. I see **Dave Fisher '67**, who works for McDaniel part time, **Rick Chicao Meszaros**, **Gordon Shelton '68**, **Rich Boswell '78**, **John Osh '67** and **Ron Roth** regularly and periodically see **Jerry** and **Fran Sybert '65** **Baroch**, **John Carey '67**, and **John 'Olm** **Heritage '68**. At McDaniel 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 Mooney**. "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 Hammond 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.

Janette Brendahl Hull 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 telecommuting; 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** on 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 limited

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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 Mitchell on August 22, 2008. They reside in Toms River, N.J.

Terrae Whiting '02 to Jonathan Fried on August 16, 2008. They reside in York, Pa.

Johnna Hooban '03 to David Roberts '03 on July 7, 2007. They reside in Trenton, N.J.

Carrie Waddell '03 to Daniel Scoone, Jr. on September 6, 2008. They reside in Gwynn Oak, Md.

Wesley Winters '03 to Kristen Pickett on Westminster, Md. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Amy Johnson '04 to Jason Morrill on September 29, 2007. They reside in Ellicott City, Md.

Jennifer Parry '05 to Christopher Maize on October 18, 2008. They reside in Butler, Pa.

Rachel Carr '06 to Matthew Paletti on September 15, 2007. They reside in Olin, Md.

Kelly Gruber '06 to Brian Belida '06 on October 11, 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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ited to the two Washingtons — D.C. for daughter Amy and other family and Seattle for son Patrick. Both fun places to visit and they have found some very nice small apartments to stay when they are there. Jerry finished three years on the board of governors of their club, and, since the last year was as president, he is enjoying a second retirement.

"Fredie said that he's up for the reunion in May so it looks like we'll make it. 45 years! How time do fly," says **Joyan Cascardon Nicoll**. "My 'news' hasn't changed much from the last time. Of course I haven't gotten any older, have you?" she says. Everyone in the family is doing well. Fred's mother, **Virginia Holland Nicoll '29** celebrated her 100th birthday this past July. Hope that Fred has her genes so that he can take care of her in her dotage! Daughter **Tracey Nicoll Pate '88** and son Jamie and families continue to thrive. Since both are residing in the Baltimore County area, JoAnn and **Fred '62** get to kill two birds with one stone: when they travel West for a visit. Considering the cost of gasoline this is quite a plus.

Okay, instead of name-dropping the la-de-da places that they have visited (which seems to be the thing to do after retirement) over the past year she decided to name-drop the friends that they have seen recently. At the Bachelor Reunion on Nov. 8, they sat with **Ozzie '61** and **Aimee Stewart and David '62** and **Diane Briggs '63 Martin**. They talked about the election results and didn't get into any fist-fights, thank goodness. They also caught up with **Albert 'Terp' '62** and **Donna Ward**. Terp looks exactly like he did in his college years — wide grin on his face and twinkle in his eyes. "I wonder if he had just blown something up?" As she recalls he was known as the mad bomber of A.N. Ward Hall. They chatted up **Bob '62** and **Peggy Hoye '63 Warfield** who lives in their neighborhood in Ocean City. **Lois Chikoff Meszaros** and JoAnn, rooms in Blanche Ward, reconnected and made plans to meet again in May at the class reunion. They saw **Jack '62** and **Carole Richardson Baile**, **Alex Ober '63**, **Don '62** and **Susan Mooney '63 Hobart**, **Bill '62** and **Sue Deaner**. There were lots of people at the Bachelor Bash from the class of '65: **Tony Magnotta '65**, **Charlie '63** and **Mara Dilson '65 Walter**, **Danny '65** and **July Hobart '65 Pearson**. Of course **Richie Kitzberg '63** and **Doug MacCowan '63** kept everyone entertained with their remembrances of the wild times of long ago. Those two will never change. She and Fred cocktail-dined, and danced on the porch of Englar Hall and actually stayed up past their 9:30 bedtime. Can you imagine that? Life is good.

July Firestone McDade continues to follow all of our classmates in *The Hill*. She and **Joe '62** were getting ready to go with a group of 10 friends from Rome, Ga., to Budapest for four days, Prague for four days, and a seven-day Danube River Cruise with Amadeus Waterways when she wrote her note. July

and Joe just received some good news: their son, Michael, his wife, Renee, and their son, Jake, 5, will be relocating from Boston to Atlanta. Judy says it will be great to have them near, after 17 years away. She hopes to see everyone at the reunion.

Just Ryan Gaardsmoe writes, "Since I have never spent a day in before, I thought I might just send a quick note this time." After 41 years with the same company, Judy retired at the end of 2007. She started her career working with wiring diagrams for Navy cruisers and finished as a human resource director. Judy lives in Lisbon, Md., (too small to have a post office) with her husband, Robin. They have two children and four grandchildren — one who just graduated from college, two who are still in college and one who is a senior in high school. Judy and Robin have been enjoying their family, friends, animals, and spending some time landscaping their home. They hope to do some traveling in the future.

"My husband and I are retired from the U.S. Army civilian life and spend most of our time between Charlottesville, Va., Finksburg, Md. and here (Bel Air, Md.)," writes **Kathy Langus Tarquin**. University of Virginia is where daughter Leisa and her husband, John, work as health administrators. The two spend as much time in Virginia as they let them, not so much because they love them, but because she and Frank watch (maybe spoil is a better word) their three children: Joseph, 13, Anthony, 10, and Alyssa, 8. When they're not there, they spend time in Finksburg where son Frank has his chiropractic business. They try to help him since he lost his wife to adult cystic fibrosis on July 13, 2005. She was only 34, and they had no children. Actually, Frank does more for the children and grandchildren than Kathy does. Her mother lives with them, and her health limits Kathy's travel. She turned 85 on Nov. 24, and is currently doing well.

On Oct. 24, they celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary with a five-day cruise to Bermuda. They left Baltimore and spent three days on the rough Atlantic where many three days ago they spent in Bermuda. It rained. Let's say she wouldn't recommend it, at least not at that time of the year. As with most families, life has its ups and downs, and they just try to make the best of it.

Key Gochenour Rudolph doesn't even remember when our last column appeared in *The Hill*, but her news is mostly health-related. She had major back surgery last October and has had several related and unrelated complications since: a stress fracture in her knee, shingles, a broken finger, a basal cell carcinoma on her nose, and, worst of all, breast cancer that requires radiation and chemotherapy. She's involved with the chemo now, so is not doing much else. She did take a wonderful three-week trip this summer with her sister **Nancy Gochenour**

Stitner '66 and her husband to New England, Nova Scotia, PEI, and New Brunswick. They ate lots of lobster! She's still living in Conway, S.C. (10 miles from Myrtle Beach) and would love to have classmates drop by if they're in the area.

Linda Truitt Wrightson retired from full-time church work on June 29 for 30 years at First United Methodist Church of Tucker. She now only directs three bell choirs and enjoys doing other things. Last fall she broke her right ankle and foot and so was really retired until the middle of October! Will continues to run his business, Packaging and Design, but is beginning to talk about retirement. Last year, she and Will were lucky enough to be able to purchase a house on Lake Hartwell big enough to hold all of the family at once. Though the drought has sharply affected the amount of water in the lake in the last year, they have had some wonderful family gatherings there. They are hoping to be able to get to the May reunion and hope to see everyone there. It's been a long time.

Lois Chikoff Meszaros is still working for Chimes, Inc., in Delaware as a clinical director. Her grandson, Kevin, is 14, and the family is actively searching for his new high school. All this good news makes her a soccer/lacrosse grandmoor; OK, no lipstick jokes. In early 2007, Lois visited Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine, to see a friend, and they had a great time. In July '07 she took her family on a cruise to Bermuda, and they enjoyed being a fun family for an extended period of time. In early October, she visited **Jack '62** and **Carole Richardson Baile** in their Ocean View, Del., home with **A Weller Leishure** and **George Gebelein**. They had a great time just seeing great friends, reminiscing, and visiting several of the Delaware after-season tourist locations. Lois has been very active with McDaniel College in several ways. She is the chairperson of the Founders' Committee, involved with the Independent College Fund, which promotes scholarships for non-state independent school funding, and the Women's Leadership Network. She's also involved with The Friends of the Uniformed Services University, which helps educate doctors, dentists, and nurses for the military. A film titled *Fighting for Life* was in theaters around the country and will be on public TV, but the viewing dates have not yet been determined. She has been actively involved with our McDaniel 45th reunion committee by calling several classmates who, in turn, will be calling others in our class. Lois hopes all classmates will make every effort to return to campus to come see some of their best friends during the first weekend of May '09.

Louise Harms writes from Miami that she has not communicated with any classmates for so long that she does not know where to begin. Therefore, she is starting with today and moving backwards. On Jan. 30, 2009,

**Rosemary
Hopkins Jones
'64 writes from
Irvine, Calif.,
that she offici-
ally 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, which was placed in her retirement salary, which was as well as her retirement salary to open a business and reform to be a consultant for school change/refers and a Supplemental Education Services (SES) provider through NCLR. 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/principal/intercessor at 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 an A and maintained it through 2008. In fact last year the school ranked 13th over 200 elementary schools in the district.

Louise was proud to perform with a special group of fourth- and fifth-grade students, her Principals' 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 designs as her "Hialeah Boys," and cajoled them to join her at the opening of the 2005 school year hand 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/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 meditated 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 alrhams@bellsouth.net or 305-562-8744.

Phyllis Ibach 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. Both of her daughters are fine. Lauren lives in San Diego and works for AFLAC. Cathleen 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 with 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 retirement even more since she stopped working in August. They will be travelling in earnest in the coming years and if things get too bad 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 so 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 passage and Chilean fjords. He did the same trip solo two years ago on the maiden voyage of QMA 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 sense of being in 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 — 220 miles, begins 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 line. Rosemary is looking forward to more time with her kids and grandkids. 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 on-line 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's "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 eating out together.

Stirling Haines writes from San Antonio that he was delayed in responding to my card 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.

Street **Brood** went to St. Thomas on Nov. 14 to celebrate his birthday with some friends. He brought a three-bedroom timeshare (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 fair 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 movable.

Janet Brozik Biles writes that she and her husband, Roy, enjoy retired life. They are involved with their children and grandchildren Jacob, 6, and Hannah, 4. All summer they swam in their pool. Last February they flew to Jacksonville, Fla., where they visited with **Linda Robson Aetle** 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, 8, 7, and 5, 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 1967. 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, and Collette Maxwell. Tonya Whitenton, Sean Whitenton, Sgt. Joseph Reconnu, and Thomas Reconnu, 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 Meszaros** and **Jo Ann Carscaden Nicoll**. I do get 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 Cloisters 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 Gail, 8, and Schroeder, 3. Son Ted lives in Chicago, where he is a freelance writer and the author of two books.

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John "J" 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 DC, which is getting old after eight years. Still traveling a lot of 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 '08. 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 Richard '73 Barnes** and the entire family. Daughters **Carolyn Barnes Kinner '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 Marten '71 Pecora** and **Mike "Zippy" Elliott**.

Danielle Greenip Barry says, "Things are well here. Job-wise, I'm in my 16th year at nearby Raritan Valley Community College where I am an adjunct associate professor (if you can believe that!) in the theatre department. Still directing student productions with a large one coming up this spring. Fun stuff. Also work at Barnes and Noble (five years). My Roy seems to be improving with age, I'm glad to say. Just in time as my little ones leave. Roy is an estate planner and works much too hard. We teach acting workshops and direct at local theatres as well. Meredith is paying dues in the hotel business and will be promoted and transferred to open a new hotel in Virginia with her company soon. Millie heads to Spain for her semester abroad, carrying a crushing load of academics (two majors and a minor) and service commitments at Lafayette in Easton. Pa. She is amazingly focused. We are blessed — health pretty good, spirits good; some better fortune has visited us after a long period of hard times. Karma, I hope. That's about it. Hi to everyone. So sorry I had to miss the last reunion. Hope to make it to the next one."

I suggested that 2008 might have been a year of milestones. **Randy Blume** writes, "60 years, more scalp visible, bifocals and a gray beard. Things are slowing down with my consulting. Now it seems like I'm mostly giving free advice to friends on options avail-

family

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Ashlee Patterson '06 to **Jason Dye '05** on August 9, 2008. They reside in **Ellicott City, Md.**

Lindsay Ricks '06 to **Christopher Biel** on October 18, 2008. They reside in **Ellicott City, Md.**

Samuel Slater '06 to **Danielle Lynch** on October 4, 2008. They reside in **Glen Burnie, Md.**

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

David Wiles Jr. '06 to **Jennifer Pitzer** on October 20, 2008. They reside in **Hanover, Pa.**

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

Matt Hatton MS '06 to **Carol Schmaeller 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.**

"Toga wrapping and chariot races are still part of my life," says Penny Williams Cipolone '70.

able to help out their older parents rather than working with government and not-for-profit agencies in developing those services. **Lynn Gallant-Blume '71** and I still are traveling. We made two recent trips to Europe to discover that we enjoy river cruising and have been making an annual western national parks trek. Daughter Kirstin graduated cum laude as a doctor of pharmacy from the University of Sciences in Philadelphia. My highlight of her education was being told how smart I was. I was a sociology major and that was the toughest course she had to take in the first four years. I figured that either organic chemistry or anatomy and physiology would have been up there. But no: Intro to Sociology."

Penny Williams Cipolone has been teaching in the same school in New Jersey for 38 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 '72** and **Linda McWilliams Brockerick '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 in five gyms and is a personal trainer. If anyone in the area needs to stay in shape, she will make home 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, W.Va. So, despite a shaky economy, we're doing okay. Son Chris is a department head for the Baltimore City School System. Daughter Lucie works with me. I have one grandchild, 3. She gets everything she wants from me, of course. I see **John "C" Allen**, **John Seaman** and **Bill Griffith** a couple of times a year. I still live in Annapolis with my much-younger girl friend. 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" Diggs** 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 Diggs** 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 eye 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 '77**. As a result, while I am concerned about the value of my portfolio, the ups and downs don't affect my lifestyle very much. We traveled to the Netherlands and Belgium in April '08 along with Sue Blom (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 Hoskins 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 in Mexico with friends each January. I'm still in touch with roommates from my freshman and sophomore years at WMC, **Annie Zahn Newell** and **Karen Tolan**. Life is good."

John Kintzang 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 MEd '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 try to give 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. As 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 spooling his four grandchildren or relaxing at his condo in Ocean City."

David Moore reports that he is alive and well... still sticking 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 choirs, 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-Kochars shares, "Along with the big birthday this year has been an even bigger event, the birth of our first grandchild, Dylan Andrew Kochars. He's cute, 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 '69 continues to work as an optometrist in Pocomoke, and **Anne Rogers 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 Nancy Sewell-O'Brien** who says that she "moved to Florida in 1977, 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 I, Buccaneer and Rays fans. When the economy was better, we enjoyed sailing 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 confidence 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 College 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 O'Brien** 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 Catington '72 Porter are entering 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 a superintendent for 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 they 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 chateau 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 very long 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 Roy** and their boys. "We welcomed Wesley, 17, back from Los Angeles where he completed his MA in professional writing. As we 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 2003, 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 year round, and they travel to the Gulf of 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 Westminster High School where I had spent 14 of the past 16 years, seven as principal, to Francis Scott Key High School where I taught and coached from 1970-92. I plan to remain as principal here until retirement, unless the county has other plans. Considering it is my 29th 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 50 percent of the parents of the current students at FSK. **Vivian Higdon '72** 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 Mangers 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

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Family additions this season:

Erin Gallagher, in July 2008, to **Jim and Cynthia Schrader '88 Gallagher**.

Chase Frank Heyman, on August 14, 2008, to **Michael and Stacy Greenberg '89 Heyman**.

Catherine Elizabeth Waskey, on August 29, 2008, to **William and Mary Van Pelt '89 Waskey**.

Brendan David Ainsworth Heaver, on May 4, 2008, to **Phil Heaver '92 and Marilee Ainsworth '94**.

Aidan Burnette, on March 12, 2008, to **Aidan Burnette '92 and Angie Brennan-Burnette '92**.

Caroline Jayne Fannon, on September 24, 2008, to **Bill and Helen 'Libby' Bieling '92 Fannon**.

Erin and Jaden Hiller, on August 20, 2008, to **Douglas and Michelle Dayot '92 Hiller**.

Delaney Jane Herchelroath, on September 4, 2008, to **Bryan and Deborah Milstein '94 Herchelroath**.

Marissa Carmella Felus, on December 4, 2008, to **Carmen '95 and Jennifer Felus**.

Laurel Elizabeth Maloney, on September 23, 2008, to **William Maloney and Tiffany Urbansky-Maloney '97**.

Thomas Matthew DeMoss, on September 3, 2008, to **Matt and Cori Lawrence '98 DeMoss**.

Imagine Elizabeth Peltier, on September 29, 2008, to **Brian '98 and Honesty Drumgoole '01 Peltier**.

Carver Christian Alvarez, on December 29, 2008, to **Jonathan and Amanda Greening '99 Alvarez**.

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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 200 to 200 other "liveaboards" in the region has brought great regrets, he says.

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 clubroom. 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 about 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 in Old Town, Alexandria. Our 'special daughter' (formerly foster daughter), Thy, 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 no 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."

Wima VanHart and Ed '71 Smith "don't have any exciting news since the last column. Daughter Lisa and husband David live in Charlottesville, where he is a cardiologist 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. Bob 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 — might be 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 Tagges**. "Turning 60 this year with my Delt sisters in Quebec was magnificent. 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 Morales Vining**, **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 Margie Cushen Trader** welcomed their first grandchild, Mackenzie Ann Trader, daughter of Doug '69 and wife Lorrie. "Mackenzie is cute and charming and has quickly become the center of every thing. The Traders are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Caitlyn Anne Trader, future daughter of **Scott '00 and Amy Ellis '08**. The 4-D sonogram pictures show Caitlyn with full cheeks and the cutest button nose you have ever seen. Any can hardly wait to deliver this bundle of joy... and Scott is learning all about girl chores. In all, the Trader clan is blissfully happy."

Will Werley 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 Wink 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 Hanover, Pa., with my wife of 20 years, Paula (a Carroll County girl). My two grown daughters live nearby as do my grandchildren, Isabella, 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-50s. 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 began with folks like **Vra Zepp '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, Zepp 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 is 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 Reichsbach '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!"

Life is good here 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 D.C. 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 **Carol Hoerhigs Moore** and **Donna and Bill Elliott** have visited with us here on Spring Island. Why don't you?

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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 begin 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 briefly, 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 Power Division at the Information Management Agency for almost 35 years and is currently employed in the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. She 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 master'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 busy trying 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 ap-

peals. 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, WVa. 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 did get to the beach this summer to visit **Kenny Haje** and **Craig Silbert '75**. They shared many good memories of their time on the Hill.

Jim Lathroum wrote from one of the farthest distances, the Tallil Airbase in Iraq. He was surprised in August with the news that he would be deployed, and is now doing his job (physician's assistant) in Iraq. He's going back and forth between southern Iraq and the Baghdad area working at several TMC's (Troop 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 OFlaherty 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 collage 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 Chessie.

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Peyton Michelle Fyock, on April 12, 2008, to **Andrew 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 '01** Conroy.

Gabriella Michele Pifer Fultz, on December 2, 2008, to **Edwin and Shannon Sockrter '09** Fultz.

Jocelyn Amber Ellis, on February 14, 2008, to **Paul and Kristen Fraser '08** Ellis.

Vander Christopher Hartzell, on February 9, 2008, to **Stevens and Stephanie Nemecek '08** 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 Sermarini, on July 28, 2008, to **Ron '00 and Malissa Morin '01** Sermarini.

Olivia Aneliese Smith, on July 24, 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 Vandemat, on June 21, 2008, to **Jon '00 and Sherry Vandemat**.

Matthew Luke Visco, on July 24, 2008, to **Matthew and Heather Pinto '00** Visco.

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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.

Twillman 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 Sadnier 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 Heimbach 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 teams were 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 in 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 Viny 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. His 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 Regenera University after transferring from University of Baltimore (she missed Virginia and her boyfriend, probably proud of 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 Um writes from Hobart, 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 lobectomy 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 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 go to their places in Montreal and the Bahamas as much as one 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 MidAtlantic 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 '76ers regularly, but stays in touch with **Diane Spink Czar** and **Cindy O'Neil Keefe**.

Sandy Owens Sneed writes from Atlanta. Her oldest, Ginny Neel, graduated from Randolph-Macon in 2007 and is living and working in Richmond. She works at Collegiate Sealed. Dore is a junior at Meredith College in Raleigh. Dore is here 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 from Tustin, Calif., where he is and Marilyn live with Jennifer, 11, and Daniel, 10. Both kids are taking piano lessons and are doing very well. John is working on a new business venture.

Kathy Hamilton Trezise is 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-

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Natalie Jenkins, on September 29, 2008, to Brad and Sarah Amoss '01 Jenkins.

Abigail Grace Jenkins, on April 23, 2008, to Ryan and Caren Newman '01 Jenkins.

Thora Elizabeth Nail, on May 7, 2008, to Darrin and Joy Aspelmeier '01 Nail.

Christopher Brian Burch, on June 21, 2008, to Brian Burch and Courtney Bishop '03.

Landen Kennedy, on October 23, 2008, to Dustin and Jaime Rosenbery '03 Kennedy.

Caylin Elise Zimmerman, on September 28, 2008, to Ryan '02 and Julia Kacala '03 Zimmerman.

Seth Allen and Nicole Elizabeth Haines, on September 8, 2008, to Randy and Kimberly Martin '04 Haines.

Jameson Joyce, on July 2, 2008, to Kevin '05 and Christine Joyce.

Brayden J. Adams, on May 9, 2008, to Bryan and Holly Schoenberg '06 Adams.

Elizabeth Robertson-Green, on June 25, 2008, to James Green MS'07 and Katie Robertson-Green MS'08.

Clara Esperanza Medrano-Bernstein, on September 15, 2008, to Melvin Medrano and Jessica Bernstein '07.

gized 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 Collins 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 payee 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 Monkton, Md., and frequently get together with a group 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 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 "baby," Christopher, 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 things 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 in the great Northwest please give them a call. They love to entertain (they have a wine!) and show visitors the many things that Seattle has to offer.

Bob and Del Wogland 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.

Gay Boyston writes that life is great in South 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 '97** sent him pictures of the class of '98 Gamma Beta 30-year reunion party. What a hoot! They all still like to hear from **Fred Jameson** and **Bob DuVal**, the wildest roommates in Bachelor history.

Jim and Beth Paterson Anderson write that contrary to the buzz on the street, the Andersons have not been exploring the real estate markets in Zimbabwe, Tibet or Afghanistan. They're sticking to their cover story of doing a quiet life in northwest Florida, dodging hurricanes and watching their 401-K slip into dust. Their oldest daughter is still turn into adult. Their special girl on FEMA. She is trying to put a positive spin on FEMA. She lives and works in Orlando. The pesky pa-parazzi photographed her in Malawi a year ago. Their second daughter is getting ready to trip the light fantastic and leave college life and D-1 running behind with a degree in public health. Their son, known as "He Who Will Carry the Family Name Onward" is having the last year in high school, loving cross country, and is definitely a chip off the old life, and his bohemian parents, saying he is going to major in something like African romantic poetry. He will pin an Eagle on his Boy Scout uniform at Christmas, proud positive that there is a God in heaven watching after us.

Beth and Jim tool around on matching silver Vespas. Sophia and Carlo, 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 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 the creeker and creeker 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 1920s 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 Westminister, her mom, passed away May '08. They sold her house to a nice couple, the small works in admissions at McDaniel, wife works!

After 30 years in United Methodist parish ministry, **Bob Schofield-Bocf** became president and CEO of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport (CT), Inc., on July 2, 2006. They are an ecumenical agency of 96 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. His wife, Cindy, is head of technical services at Southern 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 Stiffer '77 Cooney** in May during a trip

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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.**

to Washington. The Cooneys haven't changed a bit either and it was wonderful to see them.

Patti Burch Rankin retired from Virginia Beach City Schools in June '07 after 26 years of service. She retired because an opportunity came available at a prestigious independent school called Norfolk Academy. She is now in her second year of teaching calculus and pre-calculus there. It is a wonderful environment and she is enjoying it very much, but just did not think that she would have to work this hard at this stage in her life. It is great to receive a pension and a salary, though. She has taught a total of 33 years in all. Her husband, Steve, also just recently secured a new job with a major steel company after being an independent dealer in the steel metal building business. At an age when a lot of people retire and also in this economy, this position is a major blessing.

Other blessings include the birth of their first grandchildren. Their son, Mark, and his wife, Rachel, have twin boys that are just over a year. And a new baby brother for them is due in March. The couple will have three boys 18 months and under. This was a major surprise, but the family is thrilled. Patti is sure she will make trips to visit them during school vacations so that they can have some relief. Daughter, Kelli, is a senior at Elon University and will graduate in May '09. She studied abroad in Italy during the spring semester in 2008 and Steve and Patti were able to visit her during spring break. Patti talks to **Heather Humphries** and **Linda Garland** each every month or so and to **Sue Wagner McCoy** at least twice a year.

Heather now lives in Bucks County, Pa., outside of Philadelphia. Her husband is a pilot for Pfizer and after selling her business she had for over 20 years she is now getting recertified in teaching physical education and considering new career paths.

Linda Bergofsky 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 Po 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.

Coryme Courpas 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 alumni 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 Timmer is superintendent for Canewau Valley School District in New Oxford, Pa. He continues to love hunting and got an elk last year in Montana. **Kathy Chason Timmer** 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 enjoyed 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 just 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 Rangers games when they are home. He thinks he has died 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 but it was still work related. When you have your own business, you are never off!

Joe Ingolia has responded for the first time since graduating. He and his wife, Diane, have lived in Snow Hill, Md., for the last 20 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 some summer 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 Poconos, followed by a trip to Las Vegas that she won on a radio call-in. They have an adorable daughter, Baleigh, 7, who goes to the Montessori School of Westminster. At present she takes ballet and guitar lessons, and this past fall was her soccer coach. They also have three dogs, a German shepherd, Josey (after the movie *Outlaw Josey Wales*), a Pomeranian, JJ, 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, WVA.

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 wants to see the boys in Ireland last November. Rick saw **Larry Hess '75** after a long hiatus.

Steve and Beverly Vandegriff 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 their 10-year-old to Disney World for the first time. Steve says he's getting too old for those trips. He continues to help young entrepreneurs with their startup technology companies, and has set up a network with several partners in the internet-led 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 Darne-stown, 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 their favorite place to get away — the Caribbean and most often Jamaica. Their daughter Erin, just graduated with dual master's from Boston College and is busy looking for a position in international development for a position in international development. Son, Steve, a West Virginia University Mountaineer student, is working locally as the aquatic manager for a health club.

Paul and **Donna Cushman Michlin** send their update from Southington, Conn. Their daughter, Rebecca, is a freshman attending Colgate University, as a Benton Scholar as well as playing varsity soccer in goal. When she wrote, the team had just qualified for the Patriot League tournament. Their son, Alex, purchased a house in northern Maryland and still works for AFG. She and Paul are getting used to one child at home — Steve, their dog. Where does the time fly?

Bob '73 and Rhonda Dahl Buchanan are still teaching at the University of Louisville, Bob is a chemistry professor and also an associate dean of research and graduate education. In addition to teaching Spanish classes, Rhonda directs the Latin American and Latino studies program. It keeps her busy, but she still finds time to translate Latin American fiction. She just published a bilingual and illustrated anthology of short stories by the Argentine author Ana Maria Shua, *Quick Fix: Sudden Fiction* (White Pine Press, 2008) and her translation of *The Secret Gardens of Mogador: Voices of the Earth* by the Mexican writer Alberto Ruiz Sanchez will be published this year as well. Rhonda was very saddened by the news that her beloved WMC Spanish professor, Georgina Sabat de Rivers, passed away in 2008. She kept in touch with her and Elias over all these years. Rhonda always tells her students that Georgina Rivers was

her role model and the reason she became a Spanish professor.

Robert and **Linda Ackley Ricks** fulfilled a lifelong dream and moved to the Eastern Shore in June '07. They moved to Ocean Pines and love it. They both continue to work — Robert at BWI Airport fire department and Linda teaching sixth grade special education at Snow Hill Middle School. They love being close to the beach, playing golf, kayaking and having lots of company. Their daughter, **Lindsay Ricks Biel '06** got married October 18. There were many WMC-Daniel grads of all ages at the wedding (Lindsay worked in the alumni office for a year after graduation). They were able to get a group picture (Linda thinks she was the oldest). Their son, Ryan, is a pilot for Continental Express and is moving back to the Baltimore area from Cleveland, which they're very happy about.

All is well in Northborough, Maine, with **Bee Price-Cade**. Matt, 25, is back at 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 also purchased a ranch in Perry, Okla., about 55 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 he 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, Lesli, 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, Oliver. He sings in the Mercersburg Community Chorus, is active in 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

family

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Those who will be missed:

Mr. George R. Cole '27, of Millers, Md., on March 16, 2006.

Mrs. Esther Gray Zander '29, of Delray Beach, Fla., on August 19, 2006.

Mr. Harry V. Scott '30, of Altoona, Fla., on November 4, 2008.

Miss Mary S. Barnhart '31, of Baltimore, Md., on January 3, 2006.

Miss Victoria A. Budnick '31, of Richmond, Va., on May 28, 2005.

Mrs. Joanna McKinstry Hesson '32, of New Windsor, Md., on June 18, 2007.

Mrs. Hilda Cohen Schomer '33, of Passaic, N.J., on October 14, 2007.

Dr. I. Carlton Brinsfield '35, of Cumberland, Md., on February 15, 2008.

Mrs. Margaret Frederick Shank '35, of Baltimore, Md., on October 17, 2008.

Mrs. Eleanor Schmidt Tate '35, of Dunedin, Fla., on October 8, 2008.

Mr. Randolph H. Owens '36, of Hyattsville, Md., on October 10, 2006.

Mrs. Rosalie Silberstein Sauber '36, of Baltimore, Md., on July 28, 2008.

Mr. Paul F. Wooden '37, of Towson, Md., on September 10, 2008.

Mrs. Virginia Brittingham Coble '38, of Clinton, N.C., on April 6, 2008.

Mr. E. Pershing Volkart '38, of Aberdeen, Md., on August 26, 2008.

Miss Emeline T. Newman '39, of Tucson, Ariz., on July 23, 2008.

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class notes

**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."**

Owensboro, Ky. Bill left the aluminum industry in 2004 and is now regional district manager for Columbia Sportswear. It's a great company, plus he gets fantastic discounts. Karen is still teaching Spanish at College View Middle School. She's not thinking of retirement, yet. She says she will when (a) it is no longer fun, (b) she is the oldest one in the building, and (c) she has to wear those glasses on a chain around her neck! So far, none of those apply. Since their children have grown up, they no longer spend time coaching soccer or presiding over the local dance theatre, so they have more time for boating. Their son, Michael, is a graduate of Southern Illinois University in aviation management and works as an aviation planner in Dallas, Texas. He's a licensed pilot, and got married in May. Their daughter, Mandee, is a senior at Savannah College of Art and Design, majoring in film and television. Look for her in Hollywood some day. Both of their children were interested in fields that couldn't be pursued at McDaniel, so unfortunately, the legacy stopped at four generations. Karen and Bill have been back to the Hill numerous times in the past few years, especially during the time of the College's renaming. **William Roberts McDaniel '88** was Karen's great-grandfather. He enjoyed seeing classmates two years ago at the reunion, but wished more had been in attendance.

Ken and Laura Hayner Barnes are doing well, stunned like everyone else by the plunge in their net worth, but thankful for many blessings. Ken took early retirement from Fannie Mae December '07 and after nine months returned to work as a regulator for the government, overseeing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. They can all breathe more easily now that he is on the job. Laura works as an academic advisor at Carroll Community College where she sees several other WMC alums. She goes by McDaniel frequently — it's kind of surreal. Their three kids are thriving. Heather, 24, is married and a graduate student at Wake Forest University. Their middle son is a senior at Mary Washington University and is stressing about getting a job like most other college seniors. His closest friend going back to elementary school is Ross Chilcoat, son of **Barb Lewelyn Chilcoat '80**. Their youngest son, Tommy, is a junior at St. Mary's College of Maryland. He plans to study abroad in Italy for the spring semester. Ken's mother died in April '08 so they were particularly glad that they had established a WMC scholarship in his parents' name in 2007. She loved the College. The highlight of 2008 for them was a 16-day trip they took with the boys to Italy and Switzerland. They covered a lot of ground and had great fun.

Ron and **Teresa Koontz Levensudsky** are still living in Ellicott City, and still working for NSA at Fort Meade. Teresa has been chief of staff for an office-level group of about 300 people for three years but will probably re-

tire from that position as soon as she's eligible, which will be in July '09 when she reaches that magic age of 55. The big news is that their daughter, **Kathleen '11**, is now a sophomore at McDaniel, and loving every minute of college life. Teresa tried to be a very behind-the-scenes mom as she visited colleges and made her choice, but had to admit she did a little dance of joy when she made her decision and told her to "send in the deposit check, mom." Quite unlike her math-major parents (Ron also majored in math at the University of Pittsburgh '75), she's majoring in history, with minors in French and theater arts. Teresa enjoys being back on the Hill again when visiting her. So much has changed, but so much is still the same, even some of the professors. She had the pleasure of seeing **Dr. Jim Lightner '59** at the alumni luncheon on move-in day.

Cheryl Clark writes for the first time that she's in her 27th year in secondary education, the last 18 as a high school counselor and is still loving it. She's been married to a great guy for 14 years, **George Marero**, who's retired from 3M Company. He's their soccer dad and chief home-maker deluxe. They have a beautiful girl, **Jaclyn**, 10, and **Cheryl** also has three stepchildren, five grandchildren and Grace, a Jack Russell terrier that thinks she's a Rotweiler. When live in a 175-year-old home that she loves and says that it's a great life in Lambertville, N.J., on the Delaware River. It's a cool, artsy, open-minded, touristy place across the river from another artists' haven, New Hope, Pa., for those who know it.

Diane Johnson Cash lives in Statesville, N.C., and is still teaching ESL at the same elementary school. She loves working with the students and their families. Outside of the classroom she presents system-wide workshops and mentors national board candidates. This summer she'll spend two weeks in Costa Rica as part of a mission team, getting to build a church and practicing her Spanish. Diane and her husband, **David**, have reached the empty-nest stage and appreciate it very much. Both children are only about 30 to 40 minutes from them and they see them frequently. They went to visit friends in Colombia, S.A., in July '07 for a wonderful tour of that country. They went to Phoenix and the Grand Canyon in January to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

Lynn Thompson Blumberg is currently working as the director of the Adams Gallery in Boston, which presents exhibits of original materials or reproductions focused on the history of Boston. It's located at the beginning of the Freedom Trail, which links 16 historic colonial sites in the city.

Steve Lummis responded to my request for news for the first time ever. I want to first include at his request what he sent me in a later e-mail, which will be followed by his current news. "One thing I'm a bit passion-

ate about, is that I'm now a prostate cancer survivor! Three years ago, I found out that I had an aggressive form of the disease. I had surgery at Johns Hopkins just in time. The only reason it was diagnosed is because of the regular blood work. Although my PSA never went above 3.0 (4.0 is supposed to be the 'no worries' level), the trend was of concern and sure enough... I regularly ask my guy over 50 what his PSA is. If he doesn't know, he should! Thank you, Steve, since all of our classmates and most of our significant others are over 50 now.

On a lighter note, Steve says he's been living within 5 miles of the Hill for the last 15 years, the last eight in a little house in the woods behind the airpark. They love the solitude, the long walks in the woods and even the too many leaves to clear in the fall. Steve just passed his 25th anniversary with Procter & Gamble and is currently an IT manager responsible for rolling out computer systems to P&G factories in North, Central and South America. His wife, Donna, is working at Goucher College driving the technology training programs. He'd love to think retirement is right around the corner, with his son out of college and on his own now, but they have two daughters in eighth and ninth grades, so that'll have to wait. Steve has not kept up with anyone from WMC. His wife tells him his communications skills are not quite there for that kind of stuff. He says it's always a flashback to drive by the campus, see the seventh green and the pavilion and think back to what happened there, but for this newsletter, that'd be TMI.

Dave and Deb Hoesy White ask, "What's been going on with us since our last appearance in the alumni notes?" Not much unless you count: Deb becoming a retirement coach and restarting her consulting business; travels to Switzerland and France; Dave retiring after 32 years in Howard County government/schools; Dave and Deb moving to Greensboro, N.C.; their daughter, Laura, getting married; their son, **Daniel**, graduating from college. They are fortunate to enjoy a new lifestyle as early retirees living in a historic neighborhood in downtown Greensboro. They've parked their cars and can walk to theaters, parks, restaurants and pubs, several universities, even a minor league baseball stadium. The transition from life in the Maryland suburbs has been dramatic and rewarding — tinged by separation from old friends and neighbors, but ameliorated by southern hospitality. They're busy renovating their home which is a major time suck. Deb is finishing her novel about corporate mergers and acquisitions and Dave maintains his travel websites and writing projects. They also are raising a chocolate Labrador puppy just to keep them on their toes. To get the dog's viewpoint, go to www.Retirement-DogBlog.blogspot.com.

Janet and Rick Cox have lived in Pittsburgh for 30 years and will celebrate 30

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 13 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, WMC. 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 quiet rural crossroads of Alton, Va.

Rob Platky 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 Schmatzer 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 spend 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 Lioji 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 Ogilvie 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 gross 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 Sues (Luchey and LaHatte) 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 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, Alli, 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 officer of the firm Bouchard 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 Potts 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 Factset 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-

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rects and in which Brian's daughter, Olivia, plays. Jim's physical education job working with handicapped children was cut due to budget problems, so he is now teaching elementary physical education in West Boca. He really enjoys "the little munchkins" but misses his old job a lot.

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 4 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 Hutschentreuer '84** 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 Francis Carico '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 **Mike Hutschentreuer 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 Millsville University. They have Amanda, 13, at home who's into drama and Jeremy, 10, who loves sports and just started playing the drums. Unfortunately, though many things are failing, 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 WMCC" 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 "Checka" Leinwald 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 at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Gil is still teaching chemistry at UNCC. 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. Detailed planning, life is very full.

Randy and Wendy Lucas '85 Butzer are approaching the 20-year wedding mark in June. They have three wonderful girls: Stephanie, 17, Madeline, 14, and Julianna, 10. Fortunately, they do have a male dog, Ripken, to help balance the equation slightly. "So yes, I haven't lost my Oracles 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 his new Jersey fix during the show. Randy has seen **Scott Lohmann '83** and **Mike Easley '81** 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 this 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 Shaw 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, Sydney's rec 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 Linkoff 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 Linkoff, Kim Wagner Dalton, Sydney Deeds James, Lisa Segal and Lori Rafferty** on a regular basis.

Sue Frost Mosbacher lives 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

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 spot, 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 two of 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." Her 11-year-old has two years left before her Bar 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 1998 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 Bohm (**Vince '81** and **Diane Caver Bohm's** son) play football at West Point.

Kathy Timmins O'Leigh 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 pre-school which gives her more flexibility to volunteer at Colleen's school. Husband **Mike O'Leigh '80** is at Cres. 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 look Kathy up. She'd love to see you as they don't get up to Maryland that often.

Betina Youssef-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 grad-

uated 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. She has been substituting for 10 years and is looking forward to having her own elementary class in the fall '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 **Rick Kopolowitz '83** 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, Nedick Lighthouse (aka Nubble Light), Sequin Lighthouse (only accessible by boat) and Owl's Head Light. Their oldest, Sarah, just started high school in August and loved 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 responsibility 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 job 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 send pictures of the kids growing up. "Interesting, how we send pictures of our kids and not of ourselves... Hmmm."

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. Amanda is a high school senior and Stephanie 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 Zuidema 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 Destito Simpson** and Traci "Breeze" **Holland 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. Work is extremely busy for Pam, but she still enjoys it and was scheduled for a business trip to Kauai in January if the budget didn't get out. 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 Destito Simpson**.

It was so happy to hear from **Fr. Santo Crichio, OFM (Sam)**. After a 10-month deployment as a U.S. 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, N.Y., 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 humbles him, making him want to be a better friar-priest. The Navy is wrapping up his stint with the Marines ("awesome to work with by 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 Kernan Lacy**, **Nan Sadler Neely**, **Beth Green Jarokiewicz** and **Andy 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 Darcy and **Jane Vickers** continue to live in Salisbury. Kevin is still practicing at Peninsula Eye Center and Jane works part time as an ICU supply clerk. 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 PCA 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. **Elen '11**, their youngest, is a freshman at McDaniel so she gets to see her sister (and all call on her for advice and rides) quite a bit. Adam, her middle child, is in Florida. Since they now have both daughters in Maryland, they recently bought a small townhouse in and near 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 the 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 25-year reunion is that they got a dog, a Labrador, who is a lot of fun. Also, Daniel, 16, is driving. So Melissa is playing a lot more! Melissa thought it was wonderful to catch up with folks at the reunion, especially **Ronnie Destito Simpson**, **Nancy Zuidema Radcliffe**, **Pam Damon Kenworthy**, **Kim Wagner Dalton**, **Claire Morris North** and **Dr. Don Rabush '82**. She and the rest of us wish that **Sherry Linkoff** and **Corjie Simmons Tarlton** had made it to such a fun day.

So wraps up another 1982 recap for The Hill. It's always fun to hear from you all. I's writing, you still look 22. We here at the North household are doing well, just coming off a fun football season with our son, Mike, and trying to figure out the big high school choice for next year. It just brings back so many memories that really do seem like yesterday. Keep the news coming and if you don't see one of your friends listed here, bug them to e-mail us for the next issue. Until then, hope all are happy and in good health.

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1988

Dawn Deffenbaugh Anderson and family recently moved back to Harford County, Md., after living in Pennsylvania for five years and she says it's really nice to be home. She has two boys who play multiple sports and keep her rather busy. She hopes to catch up with the Thrifty Thursday group soon. Dawn and her family spent Christmas in Arizona with her mom, **Suzanne Blair Deffenbaugh '58**.

Since 2004 **Mary-Martha Peil Bahn** has been living in Bozeman, Mont., running a B&B and Wolf Sanctuary. She loves it there, even though the winters can be brutally cold and rather long. She reported that she ran into a McDaniel alum in her small town from the class of '65. Her two girls keep her busy with music and swimming. Her husband, Chris, teaches at Montana State University. They try to make time back to Denver, Colo., at least once a year to visit family. Life is good.

Kim Baker is still the athletic trainer at Potomac County High School in Maryland. She also teaches as an adjunct faculty member at University of Maryland Eastern Shore in the exercise science department. She reported that she had just spent time with **Lois Mapes Davis '87** planning their 25th high school reunion. She said she loves getting *The Hill* and catching up with the Phi Alphas.

Now in her 21st year of teaching for Baltimore City Schools, **Melinda Shatzer Bowersox** has entered her 11th year as a technology teacher and still enjoys instructing students through the use of technology and sharing ideas with teachers on how to integrate technology into their lessons. This past year, she completed the process to become a National Board Certified Teacher and is currently waiting for the results to see if she successfully completed the challenge, and a challenge it was! She and her husband, Gordon, still live in Pikesville, Md., and have enjoyed traveling, mostly to the Caribbean, to dive with their two boys who are now 15 and 11.

Jim Fultz lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and has lived there for the past 13 years with his wife and his 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 long time, he does exchange e-mails with **Mike Reyes '89** from time to time, and it still waiting for **H. Monteleone '86** to e-mail so he can find out what he is up to these days.

Life in Wilmington, N.C., has been busy for **Cynthia Schrader Gallagher**. She, her husband, Jim, and son Ryan, 4, welcomed a baby girl, Erin, into their family in July '08. She is currently taking a few months off from teaching to stay home and part of the fun is

family

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Mrs. Barbara Deane Morgan '53, of Houston, Texas, on April 23, 2008.

Ms. Ruth Lowe Phipps '53, of Woodinville, Wash., on October 11, 2008.

Mr. Gilbert W. Stange '53, of Baltimore, Md., on May 22, 2008.

Mrs. Donna DeCoursey Connors '54, of Westminster, Md., on December 18, 2008.

Mr. Wilbur L. Robertson Med '54, of York, Pa., on July 13, 2006.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Blohm Tisdale '54, of Abingdon, Md., on June 19, 2008.

Mrs. Anne Stitt Combs '55, of Frostburg, Md., on February 22, 2005.

Dr. Larry S. Crist '55, of Nashville, Tenn., on June 13, 2008.

LTC Roy T. Etzler (Ret.) '55, of Fayetteville, Pa., on September 15, 2008.

Mr. Howard M. Hege Med '55, of Chambersburg, Pa., on September 17, 2008.

Mr. Joseph K. Bury '56, of York, Pa., on August 21, 2006.

Mr. Charles W. Ridenour Med '56, of Hagerstown, Md., on January 19, 2008.

Mr. Frederic A. Laird '57, of Munnhall, Pa., on October 7, 2006.

Dr. James E. Habecker Med '58, of Litzitz, Pa., on August 30, 2008.

Dr. Richard L. Plasket Sr. '58, of Lexington, S.C., on May 17, 2008.

Mr. Richard L. Apperson '59, of Dillwyn, Va., on July 31, 2005.

Abdulaziz al-Futaih '59, of Cairo, Egypt, on February 12, 2009.

Mrs. Jean Ripple Humphries '59, of Hanover, Pa., on August 16, 2007.

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class notes

**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 motor-
cycling, hiking,
playing volley-
ball and reading.**

being Ryan's soccer coach.

Lisa Sullivan Hoffer enjoys living on the Chesapeake Bay in Chesapeake Beach, Md., with her two daughters, Jordan, 13, and Haley, 10. She spends a lot of time volunteering at their schools.

It's been a good year for **Nancy Sue Hart**. In December '07 she opened Healthy Hearing and Balance in Westminister, Md., and has been serving area patients who have hearing loss and vertigo. The practice is growing steadily and she's working closer to home. **Lloyd '88** continues to tinker around with vintage Rolls Royce and Bentleys while running his own company full time. Their daughter Abby, 12, is a good sport about having two parents who own small businesses. They're still in touch with **Bill '87** and **Cyndi Schafer Mann, Kate Halton '87**, and **Cyndi Leik '86, Kim Hohen Sample '89, Kristin Albert Jones '89**, and **Patrick Dall '89**.

Things continue to be pretty great with **Kelly Wilson Jester's** family. She has three children: Madelyn, 6; Abigail, 4; and Luke, 18 months. Three children make for an awesome, crazy time and she's thankful to be able to stay at home. Kelly and her family live in Bel Air, Md., where she gets to see friends occasionally and keeps in touch with the Thirty Thursday crew via e-mail. She said seeing friends at the 20th reunion was incredible and can't believe how much WMC/ McDaniel has changed. She hopes more classmates will come to the next reunion.

Mary Beth Kepner moved from Juneau, Ala., to Anchorage in 2006 with her husband, Floyd Spinner, Ranger, the dog, and her cats, Scout and Addicus. She has had no contacts with bears or moose to date, just politicians. She 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. This summer, she and 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 Anne 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 McConnell, Ferren DeMore Boletta '87, Julie Bugg Maher '87, Bill and Kathy Brady Boletta, 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 re-

cently celebrated her 10th year as a certified massage therapist. She is working towards her chiropractic assistant certification.

Beth Sturges 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 13. 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, **Star Stump Streett** 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 also 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 McVoy**. 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 go 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 always busy making 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 to 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 DeMatha 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*. She works for The Johns Hopkins University as a continuing medical education (CME) coordinator and travels to the National Institute for Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Md., several times a month. Rhonda reported that this year was filled with concerts, a vacation at Deep Creek, Md., and day trips up to New York to see plays and show her children, Courtney and Craig, will turn 18 in February and she's looking forward to their upcoming graduations and preparations for college. She keeps in touch with fellow classmate **Tania John, Darolyn Milburn '89, Josh Valentine '90** and **Wallace Henry '91** as well as **Bryce Baker '00**.

A year-and-a-half ago, **Carol Boore O'Neil** went back to teaching and is currently teaching second grade at St. John Regional Catholic School in Frederick, Md. This is the same school that her daughters attend, and she really loves teaching second grade. Her oldest daughter is now a freshman in high school at Mt. de Sales Academy in Catonsville, Md. The family spends a lot of time in mom's taxi driving to and from school and activities, but her husband, Brian, and she enjoy their family life.

Summer '08 **Sharon Pierce Reith** and her family moved to Las Vegas, Nev., for **Dave's '87** job. It was a huge transition for the family to move from the East Coast, where they have always lived, to the West. Sharon reported that they were there for two months before they saw a drop of rain! Sharon has spent all of her time trying to get the kids settled into their new home and schools. J.D. is a senior in high school and they are busy looking at colleges on both coasts. Jennifer, an eighth-grader is still very involved in her singing and Ben loves the pool in the backyard. They send all of their love to their friends back home.

Kris Tyeary Rienefeld still loves life in warm Arizona, and doesn't miss the harsh Midwest winter one bit. Kris is an assistant city prosecutor for Lake Havasu City. She loves her job, and can't believe that she has been there over two years. Her husband, Bob, is still doing well with his painting business. When they are not working, they both enjoy spending time outside and with friends, enjoying what the Arizona weather, while their motorcycles and venturing out into the desert in the jeep. Kris' parents came for a visit in late October, and it was nice to spend a week with them. They traveled to Iowa for the holidays this year to see Bob's family. Kris thinks of her friends at McDaniel often, and wonders what **TraceyAnn Tokar Smith, Kim Hoben Sample '89, Melissa Schaffner '89, and Kristin Albert Jones '89** are doing these days. Maybe one day she will get back to the Hill for a Homecoming or class reunion.

Karen Martin Ritzenhauer reported that it was a busy spring and summer for her family. When they weren't cruising around town in their antique motorcycle with a sidecar, her

husband, Tom, and son, Jack, 3, were camping 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 office 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 last touched 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 reunion with **Jon Slade**, **Andy Raitm**, **James '89** and **Amy Heebner Davis**. He also got together with **Karen Saar** and **Lia Whittle Arbaugh** 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 Smith** and family went to Disney for 10 days and had so much fun. They had not been there since their honeymoon 15 years ago. Tracey reported that it was just as wonderful, but definitely a different experience with kids. Their three boys are growing up fast. Jeff is still working as a contractor for Perot Systems on a government 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 '99** and **Ray Carbone '99**. She and Jeff also received a weekend in Hershey, Pa., from Aerotek. TraceyAnn keeps in touch with **George and Karen Quidas Mayhew '99** as well as her sister, **Cindy Tokar Hall '93**, and husband Brian. Jeff and TraceyAnn send a big shout out to **Dennis '87** and **Lori Perugini '91**. **DeMatte**, **Kim Hoben Sample '89**, **Kristin Alban Jones '89**, **Kris Tysner Riefenfeld**, **Steve '89** and **Johns '89**, **Henry '91** Bowler.

Unfortunately, **Sarah Stump Streett** 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 growing and creative world of blogging, and currently has three blogs. She has two personal blogs and another blog she writes for, called **Mothers With Cancer**. She has tried to spread awareness though 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 husband **Matt '87** are enjoying life in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our jobs 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 Barlow '90** Fitzsimmons and their daughters, **Erin** and **Kyan**. In October '07 we enjoyed a trip to Mexico with **Dave '87** and **Marja Fishlie '99** Douglas and their family.

J. Susan Scalley Herold, have 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 for the County police in Collective Bargaining for the County. I married Bruce Herold 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 daughter, **Holly**, 19, graduated from high school last year and is attending Anne Arundel Community College where she is pursuing a nursing degree.

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

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1994

The most common complaint I heard from the Class of 1994 was "Nothing new is happening!" Don't worry; I love hearing from everyone anyway.

Mariele Ainsworth and Phil Heaven '92, where 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 Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. They are enjoying lots of new friends, spending time with family, and exploring upstate New York.

While staying at home with her three kids — **Zoe**, 6, **Graham**, 4, and **Phoebe**, 2 — **Jennifer Veteto Bain** practices her lawyering skills on them since she is no longer in the courtroom. She lives in Colorado with her husband, **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 Laguna 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 nursery, and generally enjoying the spectacular climate out there. He stays in touch with a few alumni, **Chris Kintzel '93**, **Chris Betz '93**, **Steve Helmerman '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 rescue 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 working, 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 DeFillippis recently stopped working to be a stay-at-home mom to **Emily**, 3, and **Elliott**, 1. She says it is still an adjustment 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 husband, **Sean**, and two children, **Mason** and **Jenna**, **Amy Bridgeman Fritzes** enjoys her girls' night out with **Phil Sig** alumni. She keeps in touch through Facebook and has gotten **Stephanie Ross Kavanagh** and **Laura John Wrobleksi**, among others, addicted as well.

Deborah Mistein Henschelroath had her second girl, **Delaney Jean**, on Sept. 4. She moved to Delaware just 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 Mistein Johnson '93**, of course, and **Kerri Wagner Rapp**, **Shana Burdick Hospelhorn**, **Susan Pollard Feinlis**, **Heather Wakefield Spire '93** and **Raul Galindo '92**.

Heather Bel Imirie e-mailed **Julie Simmons Fabula** to wish her a happy 36th and remembers the details of her 21st birthday as if it was yesterday. She is still working as a reading specialist for Baltimore County Public Schools. Living in Millersville, Md., she keeps busy with her sons, **Orville** and **Brooks**, husband, **Greg**, and dog, **Hank**.

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

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

family

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Mrs. Helen Twining 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. Edward 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 September 8, 2008.

Mr. Roger V. Haskell '62, of Gladstone, 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 '63, of Williamsport, Md., on May 13, 2006.

Mrs. Lois Brumbaugh King Med '64, of York, Pa., on April 2, 2007.

Mr. J. Allen Martin Med '64, of Hagerstown, Md., on March 20, 2008.

Mr. Richard L. Whitenont '64, of Fairfax, Va., on November 12, 2008.

Mrs. Romaine Dusan Fuhrman Med '65, of Hanover, Pa., on January 31, 2008.

Mrs. E. Virginia Lillard Med '69, of Hagerstown, Md., on August 25, 2007.

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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 John 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 Motoviljak'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 Michaelson '93**, **Brian Gallizo '95**, **John Wilson '95**, **Chuck McLean**, **Eric Gettemy '91**, **Eric Miller '91**, **Eric Watkinson '91**, **Steve Cones '93**, **Rick McIntyre '93**, **Tom Brandt '93**, **John Pitaresi '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 **Ben 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. On 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 Satchem 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 Oney, 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 18J (January and June) girls' weekends with **Dawn Motoviljak Pipken**, **Karen Litishin Reddel**, **Heather Beal Imirie**, **Amy Bridgeman Fitzger**, **Stephanie Ross Kavanagh**, **Randi Defino Bauernhub**, **Carolyn Sciarappa Kline**, **Julie Simmons Fabula**, and **Kirsten Stockel Lawrence**.

All is well in Lancaster, Pa., for **Todd Wisotzky**, **Dianne Byerly '93** and **Todd cele-**

brated their 15th anniversary this year. Their children — Kayla, 10, Raymark, 8, Xiao-Wei, 6, Hirovt, 4, and Vincent, 3 — have been joining 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 Wrobleksi, **Laura John Wrobleksi** enjoyed seeing **Stephanie Flood Canales**, **Cynthia Spack Lourido '96** and **Amy Bridgeman Fitzger** 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 Bاندان 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 beautiful here and I am having lots of fun being a stepmom. I miss my good friends from WMC. This year, we had some sad times — losing Emily "Laini" Stamathis '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."

J 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. AJ continues to run a life skills program for multiply handicapped students at Hammonont 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

Phi Sig sisters.

Christina Kulow Biser and her husband, Mark, are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Reagan Alexis. She was born on July 17, 2007, in Westminster, Md., and weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Amy Cipollini Baler and her husband, Chris, were blessed with another son, Matthew Joseph, who was born on April 8, 2008. He joins her brother Jacob Dominic, 3. Both sons keep Amy and Chris laughing and smiling. Amy continues to work as a medical speech-language pathologist in acute care at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. Recently Amy and her mom started a small business, Cippy Stitches, in which they sell specialty cloths in a variety of materials and NFL, along with changing pad covers, infant hats and custom embroidery. They hope to open an eBay store in the near future. Her husband, Chris, continues to work at T. Rowe Price, while working on his master's degree in graphic design. Although their lives are busy, Amy and Chris still see and stay in touch with Omega sisters Melinda Virts Glavin '99, Shelley Hughes Benson and Amy Absher Beekler '99. Last September Amy enjoyed the company of Katie Crowe Wood, Jacie Macatis Patterson, and Courtney Wunderlich '02 at the bachelorette party of Lauren Hooks Ricketts '01 in Ocean City, Md. Amy looks forward to seeing everyone at the 30th Omega anniversary in the fall.

Margaret Kolman Brooke and Scott were married on June 9, 2007 in Bethesda, Md. The couple lives in Owings Mills, Md., with their Golden Retriever, Bayley. **Jenifer Fratzei Strine**, **Stacey Rohrer Hose**, **Jaime Moser O'Connor** and **Dani Stacey Hose**, Jaime Moser O'Connor '99 in addition, were part of their bridal party. In addition, Brian Hose, Sean O'Connor '99, Aaron '02 and Chris King, '99 Glickstein, Chris and Laurie Jones Schmidt '99, Joanna Gurbada '99, Jamie Goldsmith, Erin Carrouthe Thomas, Jim Hegmann '99, and Kasenia Landry '99 attended the wedding.

After graduation, **Lindsey Drager** went to law school in Bristol, England, and completed an LL.M. in commercial law. She then moved to London and worked for the Law Society of England and Wales, which represents and regulates all lawyers. Lindsey met and married her husband, Richard, in England, and decided to move to the U.S. for a while so he could experience life here. They've been in Annapolis for two years now working for law offices in Annapolis and completed the 10-minute commute. Lindsey also got certified as a personal trainer specializing in pre- and post-natal exercise, which she does part time. They recently bought a house in Annapolis and adopted two cats from the AACSPCA where Lindsey volunteers. They also volunteer as mediators for a community mediation center in Annapolis.

Shannon Benson Dauphin and **Matt '99** have been living in Pennsylvania for the past four years. They welcomed their first child, Char-

lotte Elizabeth, in August '07. Shannon stays at home with Charlotte and loves it. Over the past two years they have been fortunate to do some traveling. They have been to Rome, Italy; Lisbon, Portugal; and most recently to Athens, Greece.

After graduation **Margaret "Moe" Einekter Deckings** moved around a bit — living in Roswell, Ga., for a year, then in Baltimore, and then backpacked through Europe for three months in 2002 with fellow Phi Alpha **Leah Galvin '03**. Upon returning to the States, Moe moved to Bradenton, Fla., where she has remained. Moe reports that she "finally put my social work degree to some use — first as an alpha counselor, teaching fourth- and fifth-graders about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, then as a victim advocate for a local rape crisis center." Moe is now taking online pre-requisite classes with hopes of attending the speech and language pathology master's program at USF Tampa. She works at Pinnacle Academy, a private school for children with autism and related disabilities. Moe married Kristin Ryan Deckinga on August 5, 2006. **Kristin Harkins Kober**, **Lynda Oxlley** and **Tara Webb '03 Galvin '03** were all in the wedding party.

Matt '99 and **Laurel Monroe Evans** are busy raising two kids, 2 and 1. Laurel has been raising two kids with **Jessica Seidel Antonakis**, **Matt '99** and **Laurel Monroe Evans**. She stays in touch with **Kirsten Carroll Evans**, **Emily Wilson Rollins '02**, **Kristi Simon**, **Erin Webb '99**, **Jessica Seidel Antonakis**, and **Katie Crowe Wood**.

Kirsten Carroll Evans lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, James, and 2-year-old son. They're building a house in Baltimore County. In addition to work they stay busy having play dates with **Laurel Monroe Enoch**, **Emily Wilson Rollins '02**, **Betsy Schnoor Cunningham '05** and their respective little ones.

Kristen Frazer Ellis passed the Maryland Bar Exam in June '07 and works as the director for intergovernmental affairs at the Department of Energy. She lives in Prince William County, Va., with her husband, Paul, and daughter, Jocelyn Amber Ellis, born Valentine's Day '08.

Shannon Sockitter Fultz and her husband are enjoying life with their son and daughter. **Liz Price Glover** is still teaching third grade at Ocean City Elementary School in Ocean City, Md. She enjoys spending time with her husband, John, and their son, Mason, 1. Steven welcomed **Stephanie Nemecek Hartzell** on Feb. 9, 2008.

Emily Murphy Hollins works for Hagerstown Community College and is entering her last semester of classes at McDaniel to receive a master's in counseling. She also just returned from a trip through Italy and still photographs weddings.

Cynthia Holloway reports that she is the clinic director of the Hagerstown, Md., location of Physiotherapy Associates, an outpatient physical therapy clinic. She has been in this role for the past two years.

Congratulations to **Brian and Stacey Rohrer '03 Hose** who just completed negotiations to purchase the independent pharmacy where Brian has been employed by for the past two years. Sharsburg 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 "canaridly" 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 a recycled rain water for washing dishes and a recycled rain water 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 Wildesen '97**, her brother **Cherestey '97**, **Chad '03** and **Tara Webb '03 Lovett**, **Michele Jarman Bossick '99**, along with other Phi Alpha sisters **Kristin Harkins Kober**, **Amy Eagan '01**, **Lara Henderson**, **Jenny Patterson Israel** and **Moe Einekter Deckings**.

Chris Hydorn will be completing his orthopedic 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 2, 2008.

Elton Keith Knupp was married on April 12, 2008 to Brian Knupp in Annapolis, Md. Her bridesmaids included college friends **Roxann Ingram Todd** and **Faye Ingram Hillman**. Several other college friends were there to celebrate including **Dan Todd '01**, **Hendrik '03** and **Cassie Domeser '01 Lammers**, along with **Dan '97** and **Melissa Farrell '97 Franko**. 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, Md., where she teaches AP government and civics.

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 Loewenheim 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

family

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Mr. James P. Nopolus '72, of Baltimore, Md., on October 6, 2008.

Ms. Linda V. Annala MED '75, of Glen Oaks, N.Y., on April 10, 2007.

Mrs. Marilyn Seely Hamberger MED '75, of York, Pa., on June 15, 2008.

Dr. W. Michael Kemp MED '75, of Alexandria, Va., on November 24, 2008.

Mr. John T. Trumbo '76, of Silver Spring, Md., on April 10, 2008.

Mr. William J. Williams MED '75, of Weedville, Pa., on March 25, 2008.

Miss Linda J. Peck '76, of Anundale, Pa., on October 8, 2006.

Mrs. Virginia McNulty McNamara MED '77, of Los Angeles, Calif., on April 3, 2006.

Mr. Frederick W. Barnett MED '78, of Walkersville, Md., on September 5, 2005.

Ms. Joanne Mariner-Harrison '79, of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., on April 27, 2006.

Mr. Richard D. Patterson '79, of Bowie, Md., on September 9, 2008.

Mr. Mark R. Alecsinski MED '81, of Delavan, Wisc., on December 25, 2005.

Mrs. Suzanne Desmarais Vinyard '85, of Baltimore, Md., on August 25, 2008.

Mrs. Barbara Giampietro Case MS '04, of Woodsboro, Md., on November 30, 2007.

Ms. Emily E. Stamatich '05, of Baltimore, Md., on December 12, 2007.

Ms. Mary Ruth Acker Craig MS '04, of Easton, Md., on July 30, 2007.

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 has 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 classmates 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 Glenolden, 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 '05** Englebrake, **Josh and Andrea Williams Alcombright**, **Jeremy "Pugs" Osteen '06**, **Matty Wachter '06**, **Paul Charbonnier '09**, **Chris '08** and **Sarah Rasinsky '08** 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.

Lynsae Gates Ruchia married Varanout Oat Ruchira on May 25, 2002. Lynsae and Varanout welcomed their first child, a son, Taevin Knox Ruchira, on Oct. 1, 2008. They live in New Market, Md.

2008 was an exciting year for 30th birthday **"Wally" Santillo**. He celebrated his 30th 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 Morrisstown, N.J. The club has been open since 1921. Wally has

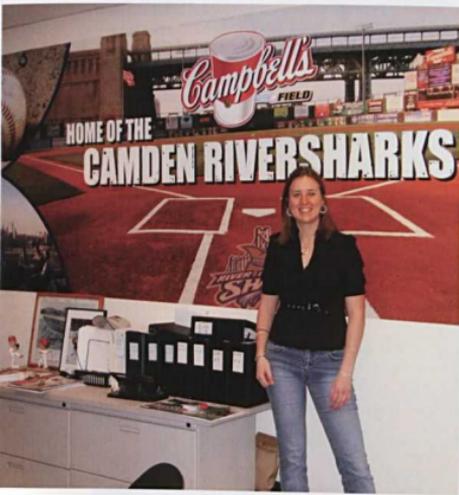
worked at Spring Brook Country Club since 1994, in various capacities such as caddie, bag room employee, pro shop assistant, and assistant golf professional. He hopes to reconnect with all his Phi Kappa Sigma brothers and golf teammates at Homecoming or in the near future.

Heather Tolkauch Farrell and Scott Farrell were married on June 20, 2008, in Pismo 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 Visco and her husband, Matthew, welcomed their first child, Matthew Luke, on Aug. 2, 2007. Since then Heather and Matthew have celebrated their third 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 24, 2008, they welcomed their second child, Olivia Anelise, 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 Westminster 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 Breneman '01**, **Steve '01** and **Natalie '01** Phelps Broadwater, **Kevin Worley**, **Tom Lathrum**, and **Brian '88** and **Beverly Templeton '91** Wladkowski. After a brief stint in Cambridge, Mass., where Jason had a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University and Erin worked in 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 Scynexis, a pharmaceutical research



and development company. When they are not working on their fier-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" '01 and Katie Crowe Wood are still living in Massachusetts and both working for the University of Massachusetts; Katie as the senior associate director of annual giving overseeing the parents fund, and Woody as 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, DC, 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 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 krewwood@aol.com or kristenrider@hotmail.com.

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2006

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. **Mark Ryan** currently lives in Durham, N.C., with **Duke University** for a doctorate of physical therapy. Mark works as a process engineer for Fuel Tech in Research Triangle Park (RTP). **Becca** is still in touch with her roommates **Rebecca 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'Steen 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 Col-

lege 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 Brown** has focused on changing lives through biotechnology. She has worked with the National Institutes of Health on a meningitis vaccine project and is currently working on the development of an HIV candidate vaccine. During the summer, Britany enjoys being an instructor at junior golf camps for children 8-18.

Currently, **Natalie Hardy** lives in Washington, DC, 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** works as an office manager for the Frederick Keys and assistant event services manager for the Baltimore Ravens.

Since 2006, **Erin Herbert** has worked as a production artist/associate technical illustration for Merrick Towne 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 Shelton Martial Arts. He has performed all across the U.S. at the World Boxing Championships in Chicago, the Urbanathlon 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 Vercoutos 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., **Jesse Leppson** has been working for the World

Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia.

Many 2006 graduates have been hearing wedding bells. **Lee Stewart** married **Viviana Heather Mangano** on Nov. 1, 2008.

Katie McNamee Freeman married **Eric Freeman** on Oct. 18, 2008, and they now reside in Swedesboro, N.J. Katie 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.

Rachel Carr Paoletti 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 Beil on Oct. 18, 2008. Many McDaniel (WMC) alumni were present for the nuptials: **Lindsay Ackley Ricks '76** (mother of the bride), **Lindsay Schneider**, **Sarah LeBaron '05**, **CJ Schleicher '05**, **Jannine Lewis '05**, **Pat Hayes**, **Matt and Laura Baggeley Doyle**, **Kristen Lathrum Lister '99**, **George '85** and **Robin Adams '86** Brenton, **M. Lee Primm '99**, **Rodney '91** and **Lynn Kingen-smith '90** Williams, **Adam Van Deusen '96**. **Rebecca Young '06** 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, NY.

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

We also must thank and think of our classmates serving in the armed forces. **Lt. Jesse Ringgold** recently returned from a tour in Kuwait. **Lt. Andrew "Drew" Mitchell** was deployed with the 101st Airborne Division in March '08 to Afghanistan for a 15-month tour.

Thank you to all who contributed to this news column. Please feel free to keep me updated through 2008. 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 resumes 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.

back story

What they were thinking

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.

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takes a swipe
at the flu

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at his office in Research
Triangle Park, N.C.
Photograph by Steve Exam



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about Maryland's favorite
crustacean, the blue crab?
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"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 I 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.

Stay Connected

- Visit *The Hill* magazine's new blog at [ILoveTheHill.com](http://LoveTheHill.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.

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.

Thanks for Asking

I completed the readership survey today. I think it's wonderful that you're reaching out to alumni about their opinions. I wanted to emphasize the importance of publishing in print. At least in my demographic, we read most of our news and do most of our work online. Getting an actual piece of mail that isn't a bill is very much appreciated. I value *The Hill* more because of this, and I therefore encourage you to remain a print publication. If you are looking to save costs, you could always publish supplementary information online.

Tara DellaFranzia Meacham '03
Lumberton, N.J.

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.

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

In the Spring issue, we asked you to describe something that, in the midst of these trying times, makes you stop and smile or gives you hope for the future. Anne Drenning '63 is the winner of the drawing and will receive a free McDaniel sweatshirt. Below is her entry.

PAUSE AND APPLAUD

Just the Beginning

President Obama

A rare, all-inclusive, family dinner

Calving season, a celebration of life

Pond frogs energetically announcing spring

Holding hands with my grandchildren

Baking a perfect loaf of bread

Silence, singing, hugging, music

Early morning at the barn

Driving my farm truck

Phone calls from my children

Precious recollections

Greg Mortenson's humanitarian work in

Pakistan and Afghanistan

Life-long friendships

Wedding pictures

Anne Drenning '63
Waterford, Va.

[THE SPRINGTIME
CHALLENGE REPORT]

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.

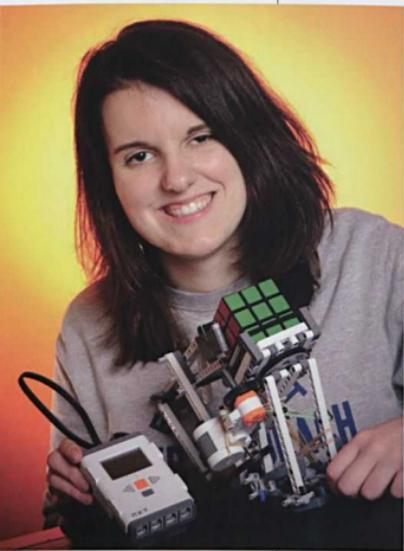
"I wanted to do something people would understand — something everyone could relate to," said Jackson, who graduated in May with a double major in mathematics and computer science and was hired by AAI, a defense contractor in Hunt Valley, Md., where she interned for the past two summers.

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." ■



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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 and the 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 McDanielEdu/LGE. ■

14 Flags

A total of 477 master's degrees and 448 bachelor's degrees were awarded May 23 at McDaniel's 139th Commencement. These are flags of the countries that were represented by graduates.



France



Hungary



Jamaica



Mongolia



Nigeria



Peru



Poland



Russia



Sri Lanka



Tanzania



Turkey



U.K.



U.S.



Vietnam

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



President Joan Develin Coley

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.



Herb Smith

• 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.



Jim Kunz

• 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. ■



FRANCIS BLAKE



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 is 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. ■



Yes! Laura Descher, Greg Dubicki and Mary Beth Bounds are off to France to teach English.

The Sky’s the Limit

BY GINA DAVIS

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 my shoeboxes, 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 in that 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 professor is to create for my students a similar experience in the classroom,” she says. “I want them to try out new ideas and engage different perspectives, and I have to create a classroom environment in which they trust that I’ll do my part when they take such risks.”



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

English professor Reanna Ursin flies beyond her comfort zone.

“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.”

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 they 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,” she says. “And that’s essentially what I ask of my students.” ■



Assistant Professor of English Reanna Ursin says taking trapeze lessons has made her a better teacher: “I am more willing to take risks in the classroom.”

first person

In my own words

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 sorority, Gamma Sigma Sigma. She will intern 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 freshman year stating my goals and the things I wanted to achieve. I knocked on every door in Rouzer and Whiteford and put fliers and posters around. With me, 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

Nigerian native and Class of 2009 President Kadijat "Yemi" Oladiran and her family, who are dressed in traditional celebration attire.

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 gosh! This is what I want to do!"

Hair extension connection

My mother off campus is Miss Dolly Snyder [trustee, MED'63, L.H.D.'89]. 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 hosted a Nigerian girl and she knew a lot about my culture. 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 ruler 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 it is one reason why we are here. When it comes to that is one reason why I love my culture. Here, everyone is into being an individual, while in Nigeria everyone is family even if you're not related. If you're out of table salt, just walk next door and get it out of someone's house. For some reason I just can't let Nigerian culture go. I would love to go back for retirement.

A meaningful journey

For Jan Term 2007, I went to Poland and Israel. That trip was a highlight of my college career because it exposed me to a lot of stuff. I never really understood the whole Holocaust thing, and when we went to Poland we went to three concentration camps and that just hit home for me. In Israel, we followed the Christ trail and that was really meaningful for me.

Wary of disease and thieves

In Nigeria the health-care system is beyond awful. We just pray never to get sick.

The number-one concern for visiting Africa is safety. People know you're coming from America, they assume you're carrying one million bucks in your suitcase, and they will want to steal it. It's all because of the government. I just wrote a 17-page paper for my economic development class about the corruption in government.

Family reunion

We're going to Nigeria for six weeks this summer. We do have a huge, huge family — don't even go there. We kind of had polygamy way back when. My grandfather on my dad's side had two wives and my grandmother had four kids. My grandfather on my mom's side was really wealthy so he had six wives and my grandmother had seven kids with him. We love family gossip. When you're with them there's always laughter; you laugh your butt off.

My personal slogan

Never give up even if the odds are against you.

Reading for pleasure

Oh, trust me, I love books, especially books that go with movies. I'm like addicted. I already have my summer reading list and it's going to about 20.

Relationships are everything

I'm sure not a lot of seniors could say they can go up and give President Coley a hug or just talk to her as if they were talking to a mother. Dean Gerl and I just had lunch. The relationships we developed here I don't want to forget because it's one of the key things you can keep forever and ever.

McDaniel is a lot like Nigeria

When we were coming to McDaniel I told my mom that this place reminded me of Nigeria and everyone in the car looked at me like they couldn't get what I meant. I guess I didn't fully understand what I meant until after all my four years here. This place reminds me of Nigeria because of relationships.

Leading by example

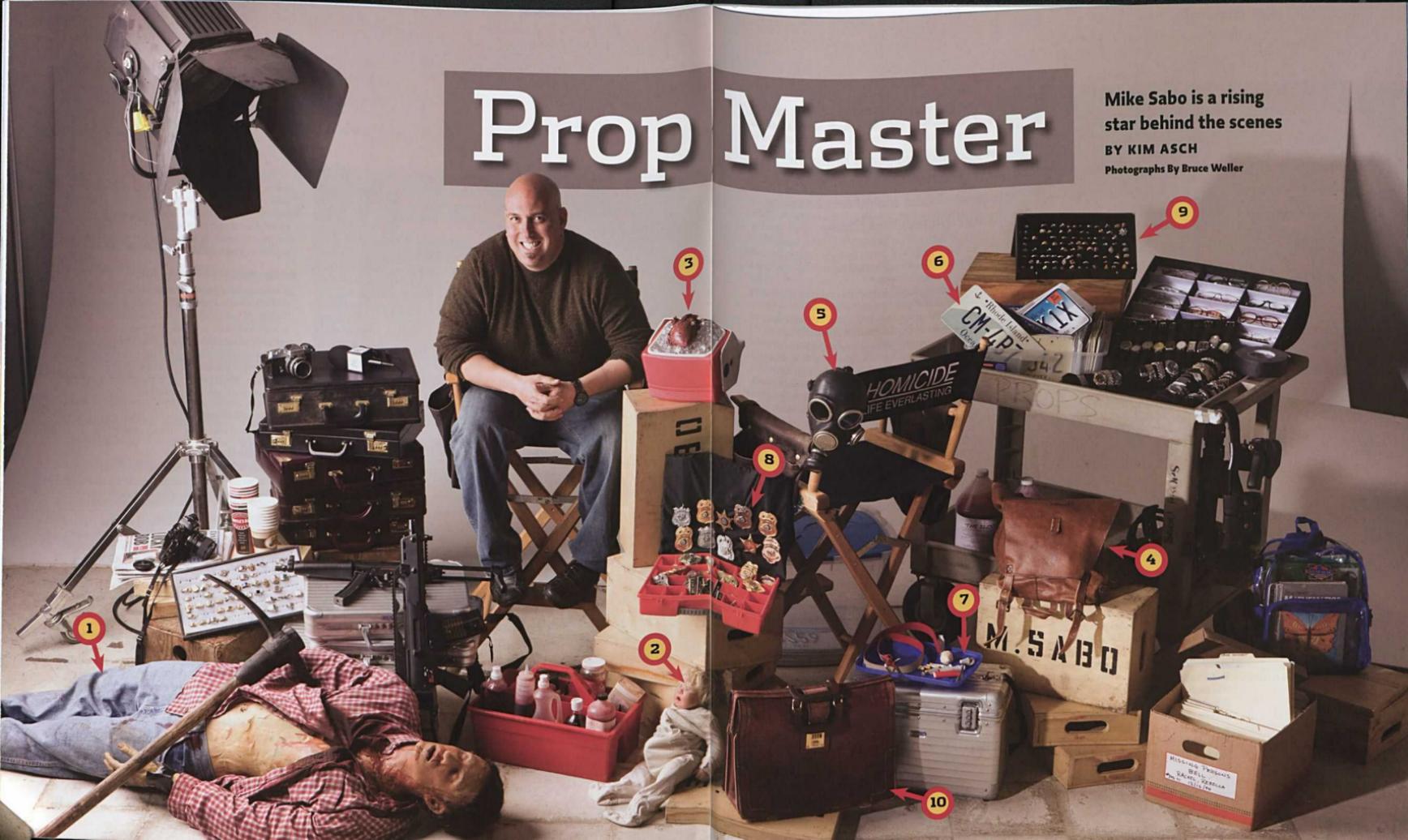
I absolutely love this school. I'm such a geek, I was the first senior to make a class pledge and the first to make an alumni pledge. ■

Prop Master

Mike Sabo is a rising star behind the scenes

BY KIM ASCH

Photographs By Bruce Weller



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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.



A dummy used in many movies, most recently *Tell-Tale*, based on Edgar Allan Poe's book, *The Tell-tale Heart*.

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 seedier 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 busi-

ness 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



This life-like doll was used in *Homicide*.



Heart from the not-yet-released *Tell-Tale*.

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.

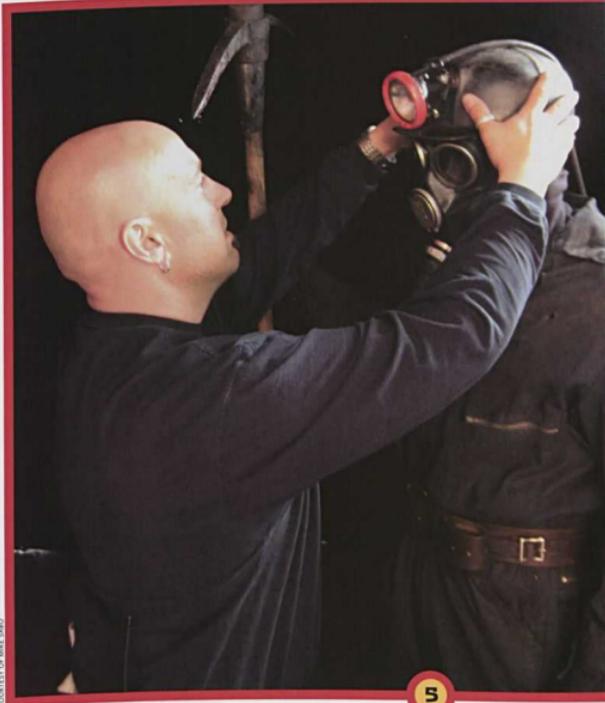
"The business is kind of addicting," he says. "What makes it fun for me is doing different things and never knowing what you're going to do next. Also, it's finite. When the project is done, it's done. There are very few industries like that."

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."



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The miner in *My Bloody Valentine* wouldn't be so scary without the Russian gas mask. Prop master Mike Sabo found it on eBay.



Anne Hathaway's bag from *Rachel Getting Married*.



"The Wire was a hard show in that it was real life. The ghetto really brings you down."

THE WIRE



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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



6
License plates from every state make cars authentic for any location.



7
Specially made syringes give the illusion an actor is shooting up.



8
An assortment of fake police badges used in *The Wire* and other shows.

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 firearm and teaches actors how to handle their weapons.

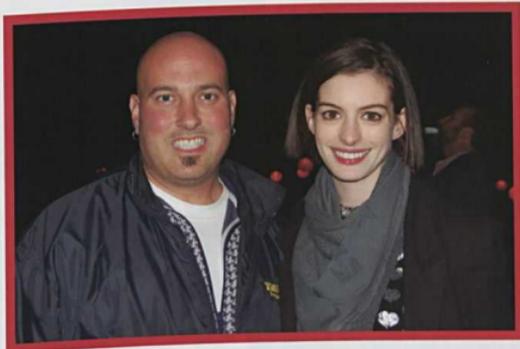
For *The Corner*, Sabo had to show the actors how to be drug users. "I had never even seen someone fire heroin," he says. "So for two weeks I went to a rehab center and met with recovering addicts. I listened to their stories. They showed me how to shoot up heroin and smoke crack. I then had to teach my actors how to do it and be believable. I had a retractable liquid syringe 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 after 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 episode aired on March 9, 2008, Sabo was ready for closure—if disappointed about the end of such steady, local work. "The *Wire* was a hard show in that it was real life. The ghetto really brings you down. You feel terrible people are living that way," he says.

Sabo's own life is a strange mix of stability and transience. He lives with his wife, Michelle, and their three boys in Finksburg, Md., near both sets of grandparents. (His mom, Dora Sabo, was the College's long-



COURTESY OF MIKE SABO

time switchboard operator.) The kids go to the same elementary school he did. And his union, the Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, provides health insurance and pension plans.

On the other hand, his 12- to 15-hour days and unpredictable travel schedule make coaching his kids' sport teams or even having dinner with them and putting 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 required in the future since Maryland ended its competitive 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 behind 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 always worked." ■

Mike Sabo '91 worked with Anne Hathaway on *Rachel Getting Married*.



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



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

McDaniel Confidential



*It's a world waiting
with you, because I know
you wouldn't write
-w-ll be
wonderful.*



A community finds healing in sharing its secrets

By Kate Maloney '09

"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?

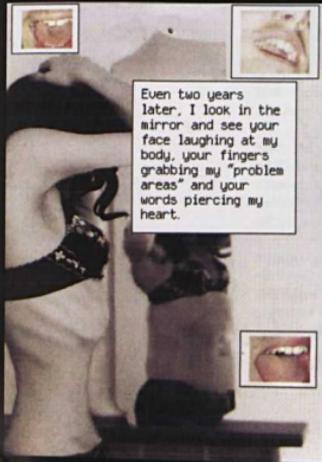
I had been inspired by Frank Warren, a native of Germantown, Md., who is the founder of PostSecret.com. He initiated an ongoing community art project in which people could anonymously share their secrets on one side of a handmade postcard and mail them to him. Some of the thousands of 4- by 6-inch artworks 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



I am so lonely,
but I hide it really well.



you probably have no idea I feel this way.



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

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The Wrong
first step

People think I'm an
ACHIEVER...

but I'm actually
FALLING APART

When the toilet paper gets low, I leave just enough paper on the roll so that the next person has to change it

FLUSH

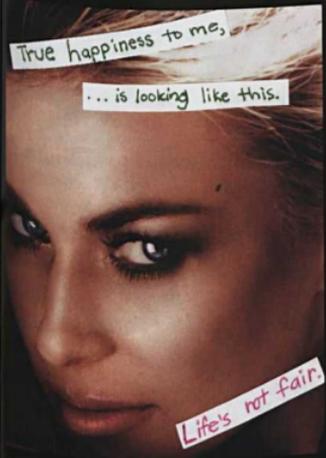


I USED TO DANCE BEFORE I GOT FAT.



True happiness to me, ... is looking like this.

Life's not fair.



I Am Spiraling Downward On A Daily Basis.

When I Smoke I Feel like A Dragon



there are few things I get more pleasure from than watching Peeps explode in the microwave



I'M STILL WAITING for my first kiss

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 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

I was working in the barn one day when a bird landed on my finger and perched on my shoulder.

I never believed in reincarnation before, but now I do. I miss you.

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



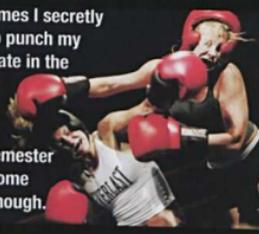
to get extra credit



I WISH I WAS AN ARTIST



Sometimes I secretly want to punch my roommate in the face.



Next semester can't come soon enough.

I'm a 4.0 Kappa student,

but I can't follow the plots of action movies.



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 boobies" and included two images comparing average and below average ("like mine") 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 recurring 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.

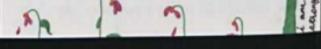
Kate Mastroianni, a counselor at the McDaniel College Wellness Center and one of Active Minds' advisers, reminds us how important

I STEAL SHIT FROM GLAR



Everyone's got a secret...

I was 5 & you were dad, how could you molest me?



4	5	6
I	ONLY	
11	12	13
SHOWER		
18	19	20
1 DAY		
25	26	27
A WEEK		

I poke holes in our condoms
to make him stay with me.

i really want to
throw rocks
at
EMO
kids.

When eating
fresh produce,
the prospect
of ingesting small insects
makes me
Happy.

i am 60 years old and i
have lost all my money...
i am sad i have nothing
to leave my children.

WHICH THIS IS NO... NON-NEGOTIABLE

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

In So
Much more
Emotional
than you
THINK

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and I can
love or
be the
and my dumb ass
fucking out of
back

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. ■

FOR SOME REASON
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LAUGH
unconsciously
WHEN I'M IN PAIN.

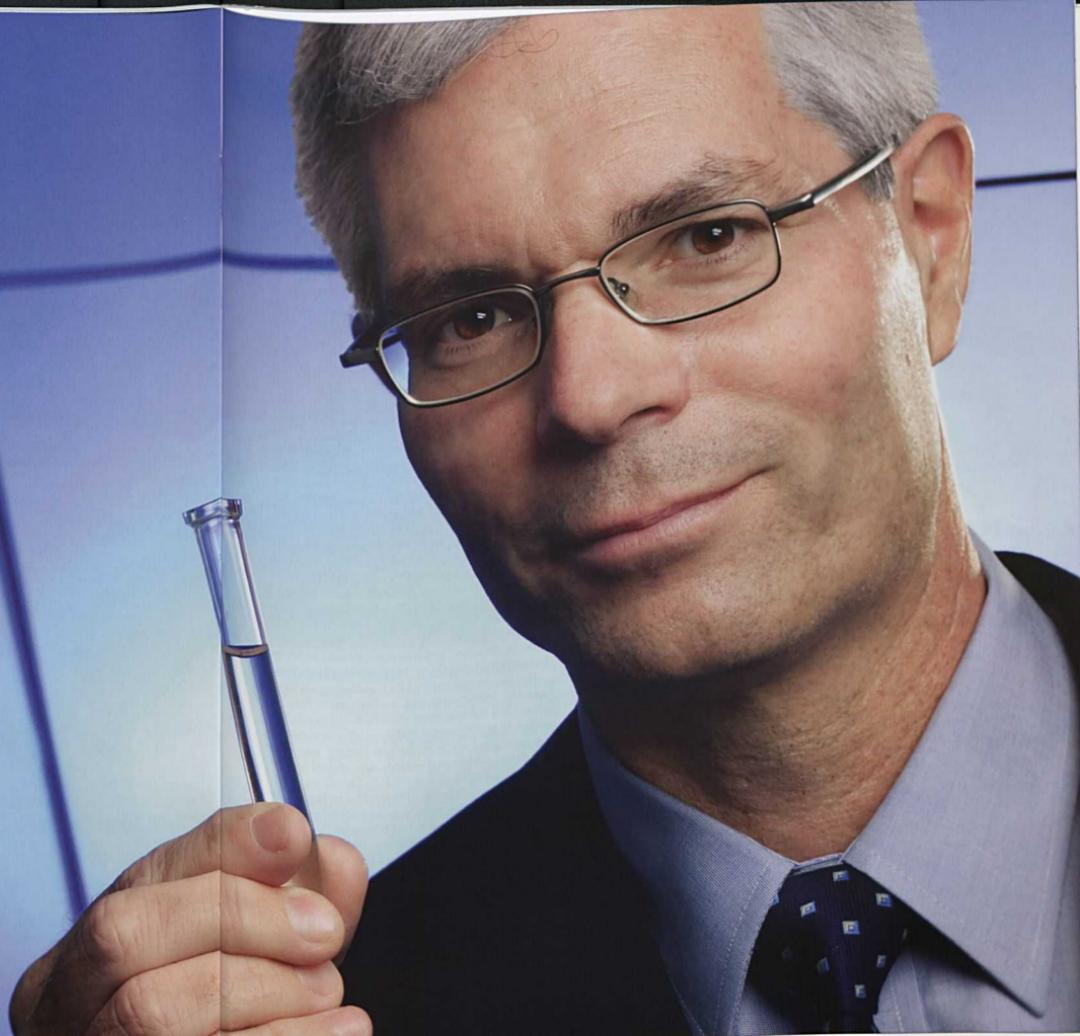
While sitting outside
a Liquor Store
I Realized
THAT:
1) I lost \$20
2) My Bag
Smelled like
weed...
(Em 18)

Could a Flu Drug Be Sam Hopkins' Next Big Thing?

By Kim Asch

Photographs by Steve Exum

When 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.



"I think we've got a very novel way to approach both pandemic influenza and seasonal flu in general," Sam Hopkins says.

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, heaced 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 this 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.

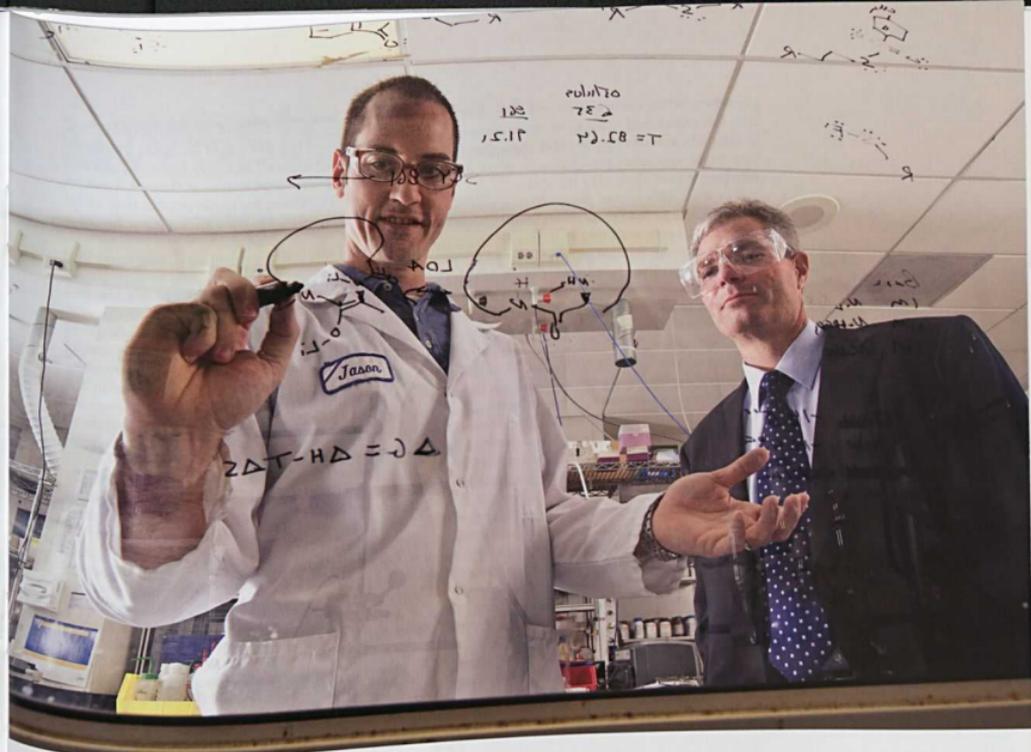
Devising this new approach to HIV-1 treatment was almost the easy part. Turning theory into a tangible product was the larger challenge.

"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-1 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 Lazeari, 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

Serendipity and a passion for scientific discovery brought Jason Valentine '00 and Sam Hopkins '80 together at the same biotechnology firm in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

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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.

“I’ve 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, Auto-Immune, 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 Fuzoon, 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 HiN1 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 Leavay 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

class notes

News and views about life since college



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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-Solonons 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,

Photo:

Mike Habegger and Melanie Chupein, both members of the Class of 2008, race each other down the inflatable slide during Reunion Weekend.

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.

Md., that she lives in her own home and drives her car. She does all the everyday things that need to be done but is limited in traveling. She is so glad she and Jesse got to travel in years past.

Ellen Giles Carey reports from California that she has been there for 47 years and she still misses the Atlantic Ocean. She keeps in touch with **Judy Collinson Garber**, **Bill Adolph** and **Dick '42** and **Jean Lamoreau '42 Baker**.

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 Deakne 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 Baughers with **Bill** and **Margaret Reynolds '42 Adolph**, **Benjamin "Bud" Smith '43** and **John "Nemo" Robinson '43**.

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 Councill 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 Robosom 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.

Lilyan 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 temporary

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@mcddaniel.edu.

ily out of commission. My health is good, my family is thriving, my waist is expanding, my eyes prefer daylight driving, my humor is veering toward the silly. I continue to work as an hourly consultant for the local school district. I am full of hope for the future of our world if we get cracking." She spent four months this year in semi-primitive living in the Rocky Mountains, attempting to capture the essence of her great-grandmother's life in Telluride. She has published on the Internet in Quiet Mountain Essays, a women's journal. "Life is dandy and much longer and more



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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amazing that I would have dreamed. My best to the WMC Class of '59 (I know, McDaniel College)."

Kitty Bond Allen writes that there is really little to report in her life — same job as assistant to the chaplain at GBMC, same four wonderful grandchildren, same involvement as editor of newsletters for her church, the Baltimore Guild of Organists, and the Baltimore Symphony Associates, and participation at church in the choir and on various committees.

Carol Petterson Willen and her husband were looking forward to the reunion. Last spring they went on a College-sponsored tour of Holland in April. **Jim Lightner** was along as well **Dick Gardner '58** and his wife. It was just the right time to see the tulips and windmills. She says that they try to grow tulips where they live in Shoreham, N.Y., but

they are just part of the daily smorgasbord for the deer. The past year has been busy with trips and lots of visitors, foreign and domestic. They are able to walk to Long Island Sound for swimming and sailing, and are only 15 minutes from an ocean beach. Their sons and their wives, and the six grandchildren visit often or they travel to Boston or Philadelphia to see them. She enjoys gardening, Jazzercise, tennis, and being an elected Village trustee, though that is not fun at the moment with the current economic situation. They continue to enjoy season tickets to the Metropolitan Opera.

Sherry Phelps Jackson and husband Roger enjoy their "log cabin" life in the Catoctin Mountains, keeping busy with their antique hobby/business. Their son, **Michael '83**, is a colonel in the U.S. Army, posted to Oahu, hopefully their next trip destination. Their oldest grandson, **Woody '12**, is a freshman at McDaniel and they have enjoyed watching him play football. She mentions how much she, **Joanne Neil** and **Norma Lee Etzler Dennis**, enjoyed meeting with **Kay Mitchell Kantorowski** and her husband as they traveled through Maryland. Sherry and her husband had dinner with **Pat Schaefer Anderson** and her husband after the McDaniel/FM football game in Lancaster.

The husband of **Char Bayliss Edson** sent an interesting letter about her, listing some of her many activities and the honors she has received in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She has served in eight different national chairmanships, one of the most important being the six years she was national chairman of the Continental Congresses. She has also served as national officer, librarian general, on the National Board of Management serving as liaison to the DAR Library; national chairman of the Statue of Liberty Gala, and on a number of boards of directors, and membership in 15 lineage societies including Colonial Dames of America and National Society of Mayflower Descendants. Char's husband is a retired commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Their daughter, Paige, is an accomplished horsewoman, and their grandson is a proficient skier.

Sloan Stewart writes that his youngest son, Douglas, has been hired by the Oregon State University to be the first assistant to head coach, Craig Robinson, who is Barack Obama's brother-in-law. Last year OSU lost all their Pac 10 Conference games but this year has shown progress, winning 10 games, five in the conference.

Marsha Reinfynner McCormick is still in Santa Fe where her husband, **Bob '58**, retired from his medical practice last June. Shortly thereafter, he had both knees replaced and is doing very well. She says she has survived his retirement and looks forward to doing no more bookkeeping, tax forms, and bills. Their son, Jonathan, and his wife are doing well in Albuquerque. She still paints water-

colors with a group and volunteers at the hospital. They were looking forward to seeing everyone in May.

Since their retirements, **Beckie House Pullig**, her husband, Jack, and **Laura Jean House Shaff '61**, have traveled extensively to Russia and the Baltics, Egypt, the British Isles, Spain, Morocco, Portugal, Denmark and Scandinavia, Germany and Bohemia, and Italy. Another favorite was France, including a river cruise, Provence, and the Cote d'Azur, emphasizing the French language and the Alliance Francaise. Visiting the southwest USA and the western national parks were also great experiences. Since moving to Delaware, she has been involved with church activities, the AAUW, Delaware Art Museum, Classical Association of the Atlantic States, and the Alliance Francaise. She was looking forward to the reunion.

Life continues to be good, says **George Schaeffer**, as he writes from his "little piece of heaven" just outside of Union Bridge. He is an elder of his church and is involved in many Masonic activities, serving as secretary for the Shrine Clubs in Westminster and Union Bridge as an advisor to the new potentate. He feels blessed and that God has been good to him and his son. He was also looking forward to the reunion in May.

Marianne Shears Poston says that they are doing well in Tucson, starting to slow down some, but that she still has to sit at her desk every day. She made plans to see everyone in May.

Karen Helbig Whiteside returned to campus in November '08 to receive an Alumni College Service Award from the College. They stayed with **Priscilla Ord, '63**, who taught with her in a Baltimore County junior high school years ago. Their oldest granddaughter in Plano, Texas, Emily Campbell (who is also the granddaughter of **Peggy Van Dyke Campbell**), is quite a glora, ranking number two in Texas 12 year old Junior LPCCA. They also visited **Carmela DeFlora Velt** last summer on the way home from a visit to Connecticut.

Ruth Ann Runkle Brown continues to volunteer at the historical society library and with the public library, selecting and taking books to a nursing home. She enjoyed two cruises last year, her favorite being on the *American Queen* from New Orleans to Vicksburg. The other was from New Jersey to Quebec with stops in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. She is also looking forward to the reunion.

Gail Armstrong Petersen lives in Muscatine, Iowa, where she still does rubber stamping on cards. She will not be able to be at the reunion but sends her best to everyone.

John Waghestain had a heart attack in May '08 and got a stent, but is not slowing down much, still teaching six courses, doing two war games each year since 2003, and the odd lecture at the War College. He says since the rediscovery of Counterinsurgency, he is back in vogue and the think tanks, the press and

DARPA et al keep the phone ringing.

Teresa Mancuso Albright led the "Wellness Matters" Ministry Team at her church and recently accepted an appointment to the advisory cabinet for the Wellness Ministry of the Church of the Brethren denomination. She and Bill were so happy to host **Ann Palmer Ricker** and Walt during their recent visit when they "warmed up" plans for the 50th.

Kay Payne Beckett and husband, **Tom '58**, had a busy 2008 taking a cruise, their first, to the Panama Canal, Aruba, Curacao and Costa Rica in January; going to Tom's reunion in May, a June trip to Alaska where they rented an RV for three weeks; a drive to the St. Lawrence River region for a reunion with three couples who were their boating friends in the Abacos in 1997; an annual trip to Sunset Beach with the family in August; and the wedding of their daughter, Anselia, in Dupont State Forest in October with the reception held at their home. They also enjoyed a motorcycle trip to Marysville, Ohio, to the Honda (Goldwing) Homecoming in July. She says they were operating under the idea of "do it while we can." They plan on staying home this year, except for the reunion. She still works during tax season and then part time for their son, Dan's, software company. They are fortunate to have all three children in North Carolina with two in Hendersonville. They now have six grand-children.

Marjorie Woodward is living in Camp Hill, Pa., with her husband, Dale. She loves retirement and being able to do the things she wants to do. She recently returned from a week on Sanibel Island, Fla., with her daughter, Diana, her son-in-law, and their twin granddaughter and grandson. 3. She planned to visit her other daughter, Evelyn, in Hawaii, in the spring.

Juanita Sellman has made several trips to California where her daughter lives, traveling last summer to Yosemite, her "favorite place on earth," but then had to endure the smoke from the California fires. She was planning to be at the reunion and hoping that many of her old friends would also be there. She will also make a trip to Pennsylvania to visit her sister and to Maryland to visit her sister-in-law, **Donna DuVall Sellman '45**, who was alumni director for 20 years. Having always been interested in politics, she really enjoyed this past election and is happy to see the progress our country has made in some crucial areas.

Pat Cooper McCoy writes from New Mexico where she has recently retired from New Mexico State University after 31 years at the counseling center. Her husband, Hue, has made his third retirement and says it's his last, though he will continue teaching the spring semester. She is going back to work at a different office, helping struggling students who have academic and personal problems. They drove across the country last summer to spend time with their family and

family

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.

Oyuntsetseg Dagsa speaks 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 (ONK-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.



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Hobart Steps Up

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

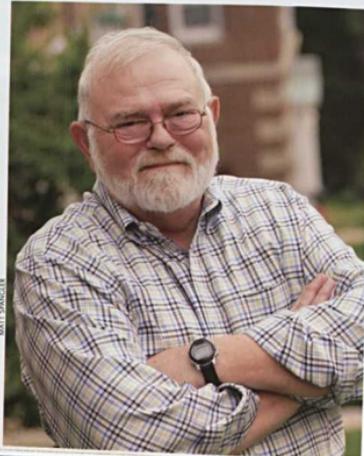
An expert in kinesiology, Hobart taught anatomy at the University of Maryland at Baltimore for more than 20 years and his popularity with students was proved when they endowed a scholarship in his honor in 1991. As assistant chair and associate professor of the UM Physical Therapy Department, Hobart 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 **Dr. 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.



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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 Richmond Sauerbrey 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.

Sonia 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 been 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.

Gini 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 Chery 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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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 crashed landed on the house where they stayed and knocked out the power! They landed unhurt 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 CHFP (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 he 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 skiff off his wife's favorite city. Ed will be showing the Rockies with some of his eight grandkids 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**

Martin is back at George Washington University as the associate dean for student affairs in the engineering school. In that role she is responsible for recruiting new engineering students at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Dianne 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, 4. Jennifer helped to establish the speech pathology unit 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. Dianne and Dave had a wonderful trip to China last summer, and Dianne was invited to speak in Moscow in October after a two-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, bison, and lots of elk up close. They traveled to Italy in September and October with **Charlie '63** and **Mara Olson Walter** on a hiking trip to the Cinque 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.

Gary 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 Foundation 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 Clinics in the United States. He resides in Rehoboth Beach with his partner, Jerry, and Ziggy, a Weimaraner. Gardening, surf 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 him all over 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 get 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 Engle** 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 Leusch** is that he will be leaving USA Today after 23-plus years, and a total of over 40 years in the advertising business... he's not! He doesn't use the R word because he hasn't gotten ready to quit 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. Then they'll see where things might lead Ben in the 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.

Gil Smik and his wife continue to enjoy their retirement and to do a little traveling. This year they met their daughter in Mazatlan, Mexico, where they vacation every year. Their daughter lives in Frankfurt, Germany where she is a flight attendant for Lufthansa Airlines. They do a lot of their traveling out West where they visit Salt Lake City and Winter Phoenix. Gil does a lot of skiing at Seaside Park/Mary Jane ski area where he has a season ski pass. Most of the time they are run on a B&B in Golden, Colo. Gil was planning to visit Maryland in May to see his folks and his brother who lives right near the College.

Stan Makover is retired from teaching, but still coaches the high school tennis team in Port Washington, N.Y., and is the athletic director of a day camp on Long Island. Stan and Judy will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary in June. They spend a lot of time with their eight grandchildren in both Florida and in New York. They have gotten to **Mauro and Tony Magno** and his family in D.C. and in Florida and New York.

Art Lange is now officially retired from his management consulting business and living very happily on Orcas Island in Washington State. He has gotten involved in the community by being on the boards of the medical center and the arts and cultural center and by consulting with the fire department as it grows. Most importantly, he is in love with a wonderful person. He enjoys saltwater fishing in Mexico and Alaska and on the Washington coast and just bought a new set of drums to renew an old but passionate interest. The first singer he played to was James Brown and it brought back so many memo-

ries of **Gerry Winegrad '66** and all the Preachers rocking to James at the Gun Club frat parties. Those were the days!

Debbie Dudley Michaels retired from full-time work in December '06. She had planned to take a state-mandated six months off to travel and visit family before returning in 2007 part time; but, as often happens, fate intervened. Instead, she had two unplanned surgeries. Fully recovered in 2008, she returned to the college library part time in May and continues to enjoy providing reference service and teaching. **Tom**, the best care-giver on Earth, continues with consulting projects in the pharmaceutical/medical device industries. Their most recent travels took them to the Tides Inn on the Rappahannock for their anniversary, to Middleburg, Va., for the Gold Cup steeple chase races and to the Olympic Peninsula to visit friends and explore Victoria, Seattle, and the San Juan Islands. They moved their sailboat to Annapolis, Md., where they enjoy sailing her on the Chesapeake Bay. They're there most of the summer and spend the rest of the year in Wilmington, N.C., Stop by and see them.

Barb Petschke Broadbent retired from teaching in June '08. She has been spending time with the kids and grandkids, Sandy, Matt, Ben, 8, Lexie, 5, and Ken, Allison, Everett, 3, Katerina, 1. She visited **Carol Morelock Patterson '66** in Niagara Falls, vacationed in West Palm Beach, Deep Creek Lake, Ft. Lauderdale, and took a 14-day cruise through the Panama Canal. The house projects are 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 football, which Connie says you have to see 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 Frederick '65** joined them for a visit in Florida. They contacted **Jerry '64** and **Fran Sybert Baroch** who live in the Sarasota area and joined them for dinner at their beautiful home in Osprey. They were in sunny Florida as this writing and were to leave for a long trip by car for home via New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Asheville and Durham.

Ginny Krebs Wright is settled back in St. 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 grandchildren, Dylan, 4, and Haley, 2, and their son who lives in Chicago. Ginny was back on

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Margaret Caddick '77 to **Bob Martin** on October 31, 2008. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

David Sinclair '00 to **Angela Gass** on October 18, 2008. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Brooke Vizzi '10 to **Ranageley King** on October 21, 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 Budde** on August 29, 2008. They reside in Worthington, Ohio.

Carrie Vivian '00 to **Tim Pistel** on July 5, 2008. They reside in Bel Air, Md.

Danielle Keresztesny '05 to **Alfred Martin Litardo** on November 8, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Jobi Larrick '05 to **Joseph Duke** on July 25, 2008. They reside in Fort Collins, Colo.

Betsy Rosenbaum '05 to **Robert Cates** 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.

Colts 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.

Top of the Class

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.

tive in the Prairie Star Quilters Guild and chaired the making of 18 raffie 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 HSBG 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" Knapp has had news as well as good. His son, Daniel Andrew Knapp, 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" Knapp Sr.**, '41, 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 1965 were commissioned. Bo says these two deaths on either side of him made him feel like the last grandsons to cheer him up, especially since his daughter and son-in-law gave them both the last name Knapp, 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, Santiago 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 his 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 Garvin** and his wife, **Joan Smith**, Bo's favorite waitress when he worked in the dining hall, are also in Vermontland, a "Jawz 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, he published 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 (Boyd's) 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 Case**, **Claire Rolker 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 D.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



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Three New Trustees Are Familiar Faces



Christopher C. Newman

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.

this part of West Virginia) and had a towboat named for him last year. Ed met Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck when they were there for a gala fundraising dinner/dance last fall. Charleston is Jennifer's hometown. Ed is serving on two national boards and writing some columns for *Trusteeship* magazine—the Association of Governing Board's magazine. His wife, Janet, and he traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand last summer. Ed says he is having difficulty understanding why so many people are retiring so young!

Mara Dilson Walter was afraid she missed the column deadline — which happens all the time when she dreams about WMC — somehow she is always missing a deadline, or a pen, or a room number or a final email! She says she used to be on top of things, but now that she's retired, everything takes longer to do. Those 20 years of work for The Arc, work that she loved, seem but a fleeting moment ... having the time for family and friends, doing peace work, and travel, is priceless. Classmates **Nancy Whitworth McIntyre**, **Susan Snodgrass** **Cass**, **Claire Rolker Oates** and **Mara** frequently meet for lunch. **Charlie '63** and **Mara**, **Susan** and **Sam Cass '63**, and **John '68** and **Pat Krebs '61** and **Snowberg** spent eight days hiking Italy's Cinque Terra in September having broken in their hiking boots (and legs) together on their '08 trip to Machu Picchu, Peru. They enjoy seeing **Don '62** and **Janice Mooney '63** **Hoebart** throughout the year (when they're not going to Africa, Egypt, China, India, etc.), and recently spent an afternoon with **Bob '62** and **Peggy Hoey '63** **Warfield** in Florida.

Their single greatest joy of 2008 was the birth of their first grandchild, little **Marnie**, the daughter of their son, **Hugh**, and wife **Jenny** who live in nearby **Darlington**. (Mara thought other grandparents were exaggerating the thrills of grand parenthood — they're not.) She loved reuniting with classmates at a November WMC Bachelor gathering, and would love to see all of the other classmates who meant so much to her at WMC. Mara says that if we can get **Doug MacEwan** on our 2010 Reunion Committee, it'll be '65 all over again...

Charles and **Sherry Fischer Manning** are starting an interesting year, balancing their lives between Nashville, where Charles serves as Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, and St. Michaels, where Sherry manages the **Hamblen Inn**. Charles has announced his retirement for this summer, so they are looking forward to new adventures. This Christmas they had a wonderful trip with all of their family to Sandpoint, Idaho, staying at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, **Charlie** and **Kimberly**. Sandpoint is right at the base of **Sweitzer Mountain** so everyone skied and boarded on the mountain every day. Their two grandsons, **Curran** and **Jenson**, took lessons, and by the end of the week, they could almost keep up with everyone else. One of the great

enthusiasms of Sherry's life is serving on the McDaniel Board of Trustees, finding it is both a humbling and challenging experience to be part of governing our great college.

Tom Bloom wrote that he has no news, but then said he has been acting and directing in **New York**. Recently he was in **Cyrano** on Broadway, and on **PBS**. In the summer '08 he made a movie, and he has a recurring role on **Guiding Light**. This spring, he was acting with a McDaniel alum in a show at Center Stage in Baltimore.

I am deputy director at the **Wicomico Public Library** in Salisbury, Md., and manage an automation consortium for the four county library systems on the Lower Eastern Shore. I haven't had much time for travel, but do manage a couple of quilt retreats each year.

If you wish to contact any of your classmates, their contact information may be accessible in the online directory on the College web site.

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Little did you (or I for that matter) know when I agreed to be our class columnist, lol those many years ago, that I was actually in a private investigator training program. That's right. **Sam Spade**, **Magnum**, **Spencer** (for **Hine**) have nothing on me. I can out-sleuth them all. There's no other explanation for how I managed to get the information you're reading in this column, much of it from folk who claim there's nothing new going on, who "forgot" I was trying to get news from them, who tried to distract me by talking about what's up with other folks, or who conveniently remained silent — obviously taking the fifth amendment — thinking that I would find nothing. Little did you know ...

Joedy Waters knows I have ways of getting information, so he wrote back before my e-mail had time to reach his in-box. He revealed that he and **Ruth** took a fall getaway to St. Simons Island, Savannah and Charleston. While they were in Charleston, they had a chance to catch up with **Marshall Adams** at his Great American Tea Plantation and **Joedy** reports a great tour of the plantation and factory. (He also notes that tea goes great with vodka, at least according to **Marshall**. But then again, I did just receive a gift of Sweet Tea Vodka, so I guess they both know about what they speak.)

Joe also spilled the beans on **Tom Mavity** who is playing regularly in the lower Delaware area with a band called **The Barren Creek Boys**. I trust there are a few cigars being smoked between sets. Passing along sad news, **Joe** let me know that he is missing his best friend, **Jim Nopius '72** who passed away last fall. More than 30 alums gathered at a party for Jim in late August, a testament to

the fact that he was a "very generous, great guy."

Marshall Adams himself chimed in that business has him commuting to Charleston, S.C., every other week since Biglow Tea purchased that Charleston Tea Plantation — America's only commercial tea farm. The farm is located 20 miles south of downtown Charleston and has roots (no pun intended) and several hundred thousand tea bushes that date back to colonial days. Biglow Tea built a state of the art factory and opened the factory and farm to the public. It's already a major tourist attraction (that's where Joedy and Ruth come in) in the area so if anyone is heading to Charleston they should let Marshall know. "Never thought I'd be a farmer at 60!" he says. In what seems to be less and less spare time, **Leslie Hohn '73** and Marshall continue to enjoy the ranch in New Mexico. (What ranch? Inquiring minds want to know!) It's definitely a major part of your retirement plans in a few more years.

Laying low in Norman, Okla., **Steve Kaplan** also has some farm ties. Reminding me that I mentioned grocery lists at acceptable "news," Steve mentioned that he and **Joan Rudrow '73** are busier than ever with their grocery store which features local and organic products. Steve invites everyone in need of some buffalo meat to drop by and see them. If Oklahoma seems a bit off your beaten track, you can order from the Native Roots Market online at www.nativerootsmarket.com.

Moving further West, I found **Glenn Hopkins** in California, willing, as always to let me know what's happening. He says, in his own words, "Last fall for five Sundays we presented my Eleanor Roosevelt play here at our house converted into a theatre. And last spring I turned it into a screenplay and am looking to get it produced as a movie. One of my students is Henry Winkler's Man-Friday and has delivered my Saul-David-Jonathan trilogy play to him for consideration." "The Ponzis" would make a great prophy Samuel in the style of Mel Brooks, I think. Our daughter, Choice, is 12 and my son Bucky, 35 is about to be the father of a little boy and says he thinks I'll make a good grandpa. Meanwhile my mother, 81, who has Alzheimer's, is in my care from Friday lunch to Sunday dinner every weekend. I'm using mom's sarcastic remark to almost everything I tell her as the title of a play I've started writing about the situation: "Goodly!" This is an invitation to all classmates to look me up if you're in L.A. I'm listed." Thanks Glenn, I can always count on you.

Continuing to enjoy his professorship at James Madison University, **Harold** "on the brink of 60" **Baker** is mostly involved with grant research at present, but didn't mention any of it is top secret. Last year, Harold worked on the Congressional EMP Commission and a National Research Council Committee looking at protecting the large dams

out West and he presented papers in Lausanne, Switzerland, and in Copenhagen last summer. He also enjoyed playing keyboard (who knew?) in a reconstituted rock band to entertain Aberdeen State High School alumni including classmate NASA Administrator Mike Griffin. Aside from all that and three grandkids, Harold says things are "ho-hum,"

Gloria Phillips Wren wrote that she is "up to (her) usual," which for most of us would be highly unusual. She is now chair of her deedly big department at Loyola College and claims that it is "soooooo much fun." Gloria was invited to speak at a large conference in Croatia — Zagreb, actually, which was interesting because it's one of the places she hadn't been before. I'd venture to say it's one of the places most of us haven't been before! She didn't reveal of her time there, but on the way much about her time there, but on the way she met up with her two sons in Munich for a week of hiking, biking, luge runs, and driving over 100mph on the Autobahn. Gloria especially liked Mike's Bikes tour where you ride awhile, then drink awhile, ride awhile, weave awhile and laugh the whole time. She claims it was hard keeping up with the guys, but you gotta wonder who was keeping up with whom. **Jim Lightner '59** had a dinner party for Gloria and her husband last spring on the occasion of her inductio as an alumni member into the McDaniel Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. It was fun catching up.

Another college professor with nothing allegedly new to report, **Bob Gagnon** is still teaching part time at the University of Maryland and still running his engineering consulting business. Many of his friends are getting ready to retire (tell me about it!) but Bob plans to keep plugging away because he enjoys it so much. (Sure, he does...) Having revised all of his books into their second edition, he now has his time to read **Jim Lightner's '59** book on the history of the College. Bob enjoys working folks with McDaniel's Alumni Council and sitting folks at the Founder's Society dinners. He has also established a mathematics/computer science scholarship at McDaniel and tries to keep in touch with the recipients. As if working on our reunion committee isn't enough. (Ack! We have one coming up in 2011!) Bob does the same for his high school. He arranged the introduction of two high school sweethearts at his most recent high school reunion, and I recently got word that they're married. For Bob's sake lets word that they're happy marriage!

Retired once, **Barbara Shipley Guthrie** is back at it again. She is teaching "Administration in Human Services" at Stevenson University which is part of an articulation (code for something I'm sure) with McDaniel College. Barb's son, Sam, is in middle school, which excites her no end. She also sees her daughters, Laura and Jessica, all the time and gets to keep her two grandchildren, Adam and Alyssa, overnight frequently. **Steve Med'84** is still on the full-time track as assis-

tant superintendent with Carroll County schools. While her students are doing their homework, Barb stays even busier with lots of community work. She is on the boards of the Historical Society and Department of Social Services, and still involved with the Stacey Davis Breast Cancer Fund. As you can well imagine, she is still running — "very slowly but glad to be putting one foot in front of the other."

Ah, yes, grandchildren. Anyone who has 'em, loves talking about 'em. (Note to self: re: great investigatory technique. Ask about the grandkids.)

In fact, **Ellen Ritchie Logan** took time to write before she got "busy with (her) precious grandson." She retired (Ouch, there that word again!) from teaching music last spring after more than 30 years and now gets to babysit Logan, who was nine months old when she wrote. Logan's mom, Heather, is a teacher and moved with her family to Bend, Ore., after six years in Washington DC. — now they're only three miles away. Chris, 27, lives in Portland, Ore., with his wife, and works at the University of Clark College, enjoying life in a big city after spending his childhood in Bend. They are three hours away, Mike, 24, got married in March. He will be attending graduate school at OSU next fall, hoping to become a hydrologist. Mike is three minutes away as he lives next door to them.

Ellen and retired husband Paul spend the little bit of spare time they have at their cabin that is in the forest 30 miles away (I'm detecting a distance theme here!) camping, hiking, biking, canoeing and, in the winter, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Always one of our more musical classmates, Ellen is learning to play the cello and she sings with The Central Oregon Masteringers. Still using the training and knowledge she learned on the Hill, she was honored to sing a solo during a performance of "The Messiah" last December.

Jack Harborth spent a lot of years as an agricultural "investigator" up in New Jersey, so he knows a bit about how to keep secrets. I had to track down his wife, Kitty, on Facebook to find out that I hadn't heard from them because they had "nothing to report." Ha! Jack and Kitty do have two granddads and two grandaunts — and a new Sonata. At the time, they were waiting for spring which they are sure is just under the snow somewhere. Jack says, "No news is good news."

Facebook has turned out to be an investigative reporter's new best friend. I discovered that **Darryl Burns** is still single and in Monterey, Calif., where he has a podiatry practice. Perusing his photo gallery, I learned that he and Buddy, his absolutely adorable French bulldog, are "biker buds" (literally, Buddy has his own special seat right behind Darryl on the Harley!) and that Darryl seems to go to a lot of events where he is usually surrounded by beautiful women.

Found **Tom Beam** on Facebook too, look-

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Annie Elfer (*on May 11, 2009*), to **Mandy Hofstetter Ferringer '99** and **Kurt Ferringer**.

Joshua Leland and Autumn Marie Jordan, on *January 22, 2009*, to **David and Jaime Moyer '99** Jordan.

Lillian Marie Barnum, on *May 11, 2009*, 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, 2009*, to **Jason and Kerry Wilson '00** Duvall.

Haley Knupp, on *February 25, 2009*, 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, 2009*, to **Robert '00 and Shannon Taber**.

Tyler Jon Repko, on *January 4, 2009*, to **John and Amy Horin '01** Repko.

Nicholas Clark Collins, on *October 10, 2008*, to **Darren and Karen Orchard '01** Collins.

Andrew James Ingram, on *May 25, 2008*, to **Brad '03 and Dana Fraser '09** Ingram.

Rhiannon Lydia Kelly, on *January 16, 2009*, to **Jeremiah '01 and Aimee Kelly**.

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Back on the Mat

Jim Scharter'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 Scharter '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," Scharter said. "I'm using the gifts that God has given me."

Less than a month before turning 60, the 5-foot-3 Scharter 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, Scharter 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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ing good sitting in a big ol' rocking chair on a big ol' porch somewhere having a big ol' cup of coffee. At least I'm assuming it's coffee in that cup! He isn't giving up much info, but I managed to discover that Tom has had a wedding in the family recently (son, Justin, it appears) that seemed to involve a Cheez-its eating frenzy.

Gary Wachter responded to my Facebook plea with a rather cryptic message. "Switched jobs 17 months ago. After I pumped him for more info about the location of said job, he replied, again cryptically, 'Fort Meade. If I told you any more, I'd have to kill you.' No one ever said being a PI was going to be easy!

A bit more forthcoming, **Brenda Murray** says she's still working as a math intervention teacher at West Middle School in Westminster — right down the hill from the Hill, and the same school she retired from in 2001. Go figure! She's hoping the job still exists next school year or she will find out what it means to really be retired. After school, Brenda hangs with her niece, 6, and nephew, 8.

Unfortunately for all of you, I have discovered that when semi requests go unanswered, whining is perhaps my most powerful investigative tool.

Jim Schwertzer, in hiding for years, cried "uncle," saying I'd whined enough! Life since the Hill has been good for Jim. 34 years of it spent teaching mostly in southern Jersey. A baseball fanatic on the Hill, he kept up with his passion by coaching high school baseball for 26 years (and sending quite a few students on to McDaniel) and playing in a few semi-pro leagues. He also sent along fond remembrances of **Fern Hiltcock '47** who, Jim says, taught him about baseball, coaching, and life. When they both retired from teaching, Jim and Vicki packed up and moved to a 30-acre farm in York County, Pa., where they built a new house and Jim settled into the retired lifestyle of a gentleman farmer, except when he and Vicki are off traveling. Oh, wait, that's the retired lifestyle of a gentleman farmer. Son Chris is a sound engineer in the Philadelphia area working with live bands and also for the East Coast Recording Company. While living in New Jersey, Jim ran into **Bill Dudley '59** a lot. He didn't mention how pleasant those run-ins were given that Bill was his dentist, but he did say they had some good talks about the College.

"Mike and I have nothing significant to report," wrote **Cathy McCullough Shultz**, but, "I am reminding because you are so persistent." They continue to enjoy work, children, grandchildren, friends, garden, sailboat and community activities in no particular order. Cathy also mentioned a great visit to the Hill for the **Chris Bothé '72** Poetry Reading again this year. She also hopes to join the Zepp Center's Civil Rights tour one of these years. "I thought of that trip and the seminar I took with **Dean Ira Zepp '52** on Martin Luther King," she said, when she and Mike re-read

the very powerful Letter from the Birmingham Jail for a seminar at St. John's the Saturday before the inauguration. "The inauguration weekend was so amazing," Cathy said, "the entire election year was mesmerizing and energizing."

Offering to give me something just to ease my stress, **Hugh Carew** wrote that he is retiring from the Smithsonian Institution. I have not yet discerned the exact tasks he will be leaving behind, but, be that as it may, he's done, and he and **Sue Ball** are moving to a new house in Burlington, N.C., that will bring them closer to the grandkids. Seems as soon as they get there though, they will be off to China on a self-guided tour. Their son (another Hugh) is with the Army Reserve and has recently returned safely from Iraq, having already done two tours in Afghanistan. Let's wait for peace soon.

My whining got to **Paul Wells**, too. "Your plaintive plea finally caused me to cave and respond," he said. Paul is, he says, nearly 14 years, still "a working stiff" (the administrator) in an adolescent addiction program called Mountain Manor Baltimore. He lives in Finksburg, within shouting distance of the College, with his wife, Sheila, and they have three grandkids that put the "doting" into grandparenting. Paul is also contemplating 60 in a few months and is looking forward to the aches and pains associated with it. That thought was enough to divert him to someone else's situation, so he let me know that he stays in touch with **Joe Slett** "who has been a lay bum for a few years now" (Paul's words, not mine, Joe!) having retired from working for the federal government.

Gary Scholl actually thanked me for whining to "motivate this crew" and he opined that our lack of communication must have something to do with the fact that we are all turning 60 this year. "It's not easy to fire up old people," he said. Gary then claimed that there is nothing new in his still teaching, still no grandkids, still running a Pow Wow at John Carroll (ninth year running), still playing pond hockey and AM B-Ball (90th year), still heating by wood stove (31st year). Way too predictable and boring." But there is "maybe one cool thing." Gary and Kathy went to the Inaugural Pow Wow in D.C. where he "Gourd Danced" (I don't even want to know) with many folks from Oklahoma and "celebrated Barack Obama's election the Indian way. Nice." Sounds really cool to me.

Leon Cronce is rather resistant to whining, but I finally got to him. He got the initial plea, and the reminder, but he still waited a few days extra. Good grief. He camouflaged his news with news about other folks like **Art and Ginny Golden '72** Blake. Leon and Betty get together with them often with fishing, hunting, and now following McDaniel wrestling with **Davey Blake '04** as head coach. Last August, the Cronces were invited (due to Artie and **Tom Mavity**, he says) to a "Bachelor

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,
I just have to sip.
I have the old person's blues.

Nails have ingrown,
My skin just stags,
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.

this economy a little more retired 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 'yo 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! 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-riously 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 thought they could avoid a mention by waiting a loooooong time to send me some news. They have no idea how late I can be! (Just ask the column maven in the alumni office.)

Donna 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 hetically 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 Jacuzzi, but I digress. 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. Donna gets together with Gloria Phillips Wren and Mary Lou O'Neill Hoopes 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' 'yo 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 Elliott City back last fall and mentioned a book signing. It looked intriguing, and, even from the postcard, the illustrations looked wonderful. But what book was there was the author's name: **Ellen Cook Nibali**. Could there be two, I wondered? Putting on my best deer-stalker 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 Secrets 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.

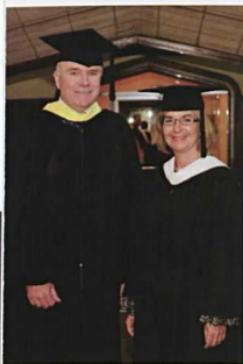
You'd think it would be hard to misplace **Charlie Moore**. He's a pretty big guy and I daresay would have trouble hiding behind telephone poles and such. But, what other explanation is there for my not getting an e-mail from him this time around? Not easily daunted, I realized that I did really need an e-mail with news. We've been in touch enough about other things for me to glean some juicy tidbits. Like, Chas'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 Murewa District of Zimbabwe. On this trip, Chas was one of 10 working side by side with the people of Harwa, 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

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 frostbite series — Sunday afternoon races for those who prefer cooler weather. (Frostbite 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 ideal), rope swinging, finding 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

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C. KURT HOELTER

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 special projects liaison for McKesson Pharmaceuticals in Pittsburgh. Kevin, 22, graduated from Elizabethtown College in May and is working for Liberty Mutual in Schaumburg, Ill., as an underwriter. In July, Betsy visited **Loni Myers** Bechen at Lonn'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 Denenfield Leansun**, **Judy Wood**, **Jan Wilder**, and **Loni** 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 Steifer Cooney**, **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.

Loni Myers Bechen writes that her life still revolves around Arabian horse show competitions and dressage shows, and that she is in her 23rd year teaching middle school English. Husband Scott is still a boat captain running out of Port Canaveral, Fla. This past year Loni's horse won multi-southeast regional championships, and was in *Arabian Horse World* magazine twice. Loni 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 out-side consulting work with teachers. Matt has

moved to the urban public safety beat—a 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 Breneman 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 Hughes Cibrowski** 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 archaeological consultant. She graduated from Colorado College in 2004. Jo Carol had fun seeing **Steph Lambert** when she went to Denver and when she, **Sue Snyder LaFalle**, and **Steph** made a pilgrimage to Santa Fe to celebrate their 5-0 birthdays. Phil and Jo Carol recently visited Maryland and saw **Kathi Mosser Danielson** and **Sue Bormeman '78** as well as Phil's roommate **Dennis Kirkwood '74**.

Randy and Debbie Scatone '79 Day are also 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 Benetac Oceanic CN, 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 for the Metro Atlanta YMCA and is now the chief develop-

ment officer.

Nancy Schwarskopf 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 divorcees. 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 30th anniversary. Two summers ago, the **Munchkins (Beth Hecker Tevis, Nan Hollinger Gangler, Terry Holland and Brenda Eccard Dellinger '79)** came for a visit to celebrate their 30th birthdays. They had a fantastic time touring the area and catching up.

Nan Hollinger Gangler writes that she is still teaching at Southern Garrett High School in Carroll 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, **Maeve**, 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, **ATX**, from offices near Philadelphia and in Shenzhen, 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 Delta Pi Alpha.

Cathy Clayton Heinhaupt writes that this last year was a very busy and exciting year for the Heinhaupts 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 Reser 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 30th wedding anniversary in Hawaii this past year following Mary's retirement

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from Charge, 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 State 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/McKenzie College in recent years.

Christine Olenica 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 Fall. 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 aiming for a degree in community counseling at Argosy University in Virginia. Cynthia is still a software engineer at Fort Detrick working for EDS, who just merged with HP. Cynthia celebrated the 80th birthday of **Katherine McMahon Struck** '60 posthumously in November with **Kimberly Baugher** '80, **Johna Ruffe** '78, **Suzie Tucker Taylor** '80, **Robin Orlan Duff** '79, **Peggy Gibson Klein** '80 and **Judy Byrd Fox** '79. Katherine will never be forgotten.

Sue Snyder Lalette writes that 2008 was a great year for catching up with old friends and classmates. She had a mini-reunion with **Clark Ogilvie Luchey** '76, **Leta Ritchie Strain** '76, **Sue Kirby Bowman Clark** '78 and **Ann Luckenbill Koster** '76 in July in Ocean City, Md. She also saw **Steph Lambert** in Baltimore when she came East for her son's lacrosse tournament. Sue keeps up with **Gay Jewell Love** and **Jo Carol Hughes Ciborowski** regularly. Sue and Kevin is still living and working for J.L.C. Ventures in Atlanta. Their daughter, Jenny, is to be married this August to an old friend from Dulany High School. She is teaching in Baltimore City. Dan is a junior at the University

of Florida, majoring in telecommunications and minoring in history and education. **Hand Bernie** has been with Whiting-Turner almost 29 years. Sue is tutoring part time and facilitates a women's study group at church. Lots of tennis keeps her busy as well.

Jerry and Cathy "C" Dannenfeldt Landsman live in Boonsboro, Md., although Jerry commutes to Towson every day where he is at IWIP as the director of fraud operations. Cathy is the registrar at the Washington County Historical Society in Hagerstown, where she maintains the archive collection, assists people researching family genealogy, and edits the membership's newsletter. Andy drew, 23, has moved into a house in town with some buddies and is one semester from completing his master's in environmental bi-ology at Hood College. He's working full time for the National Park Service as a park ranger at Antietam National Battlefield. Amy, ranger at Antietam National Battlefield, College 19, is a sophomore in elementary education and she is a member of the Westover Honor Program. She worked as a teacher for a church school over the summer. Jerry and Cathy are very much into gardening and landscaping, and are enjoying the pond they put in. Jerry splits his free time between the gardens and his woodshop.

Harry Malone is in his 10th year at Lockheed Martin and continues as the vice president, legislative affairs, and direct combat. He is a colonel in the Army, con- programs. Deb, a colonel in the Army, continues to manage a software development firm. Brian and Greg are both attending NVC. Harry has taken up some new hobbies, such as collecting rock music, going to retro concerts (15 in 2008), becoming interested in old Corvettes, and acquiring the esteemed in old Corvettes, and acquiring the 100th-anniversary model of the Road King Bull Classic Harley. He participated in the Thunder through D.C. over Memorial Day weekend, made a cheese steak run to Philly, attended the Corvettes at Carlisle, Pa., and rode out to the Skyline Drive for leaf-viewing. Last fall, Last Christmas, the Malviewings went on a Caribbean family cruise to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Everything was wonderful except Harry and Deb came down with Norwalk Virus on Christmas Day and son Brian sprang his ankle.

Meg Caddick Martin was married this past October in a small ceremony in Charleston, S.C., to Bob Martin. They are continuing to live in Maryland for a few more years until she decides to retire.

Karen Miller and her husband have been married for 17 years, and still live in northern Baltimore County with their two dogs and three cats. After 20 years of fighting the traffic into Friends School in Baltimore City, Karen decided to go into business for herself in June '06 with a private tutoring and educational consulting practice. She loved the flexibility (for once they actually went on a September vacation!) and was doing well even in the struggling economy.

That being said, she gave up her private practice this past summer and returned to Oldfields School, the school where she began her career in 1977 right 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 Mini-tour Open, a gathering of Bete brothers. The 2008 group included Mike "Art" Cottingham '78, Gary Walters, Chuck "Wizard" Boehm '78, Mike "Count" Modica '79, Judd Miller '78, Ray Via '79, Jim "Lightening Rod" Lamont '80, Mike "Snippy" Speth '78, Bob Irvn 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, Shelby, is in her senior year at the College of Charleston, and their 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 nearby in 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 Northrup Mills Mall. De also works for Technologies for about 7 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 Spinell's daughter, Kathryn, was married on Sept. 13 on Nantucket 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.

Mrs. Helen L. Jones '32, of Galena, Md., on June 28, 2007.

Mrs. Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes '32, of Crisfield, Md., on April 18, 2009.

Dr. Charles R. Ehrhardt '88, of Sun City West, Ariz., on March 30, 2009.

Dr. Joshua S. Bowen Jr. '39, of Cary, N.C., on January 5, 2009.

Miss Clara L. Bricker '39, of Taneytown, Md., on March 27, 2009.

Mrs. Virginia Willing Elliott '40, of Salisbury, Md., on April 19, 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.

Mrs. Helen M. Harris '47, of Washington, D.C., on June 11, 2007.

Mrs. Marilyn L. Brillhart '49, of Towson, Md., on April 14, 2009.

Mr. John R. Conover '49, of Village of Palm 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 Biglerville, Pa., on April 12, 2009.

Mr. Robert R. Herr '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 MDaniel 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 1977 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 arguably 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."

Among 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.



Retired Lt. Gen. Otto Guenther '63, Maj. Gen. David B. Lacquement '77 and Brig. Gen. Annette Deener '75.

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 '09. 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, BSA Trail to Annapolis 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, Buse, Wally, Dorfier, Clem, LaVern, Gary, Brad and the rest of the crew. QUAD - RIP.

Robyn Kramer Talbott and Guy are celebrating 30 years of marriage this June. They are very excited about their grandson Quint (Guy V), 9 months. Guy still captains sport fishing boats out of Ocean City, Florida and the Bahamas and owns BOATCUTYS, 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 29 years) and is active in her church and loves to travel with family to the Caribbean.

Marjorie Feuer Waxenberg's husband, Steve, had a tough 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 buses 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 Cameraata 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 coop I run and making wedding cakes as I have the opportunity. Bethany, Joel and I enjoyed having lunch with **Robyn Kramer Talbott** in Foccombe 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 time 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 '83** over dinner in northern Virginia.

Kurt and Anne Claeser 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 Ven 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. Josiah, their youngest, is severely mentally handicapped and attends the regional school in Lynsburg. 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 their 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 Montanya '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 Urdike '85** this fall at his home. They spent a long weekend in February in Florida with **Hunter '81** and **Katie O'Dwyer '83** Steadley and many others in celebration of Hunter's 30th birthday. Several other Betes, including **Rick Watts '84**, **Scott Killins '81**, **Steve Aaroff '81**, and **Wade Heck '81** were in atten-

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 eatin' 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 hobbled and anxiously awaited the Emmy announcements.

Slade earned his MFA in Cinema-Television Production from the University of Southern California in 1991. 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.



Emmy winner Jon Slade '88 celebrates with his wife, Novia.

enjoyed to days in Hawaii last summer.

Stacy Proctor Shaffer works with the juvenile court in Carroll County and loves her job. She gets to see the impressive legal skills of **Erin Bell Danz** on a fairly regular basis, as well as lots of other alumni who grace the court system with their talents — legal and in the juvenile justice system (**Rob Johnson '96** and **Amy Lawrence Gass '98**, among others). She and her husband, Clark, have two daughters. Clark is busy in his law practice, but also keeps in shape by playing as much golf as is humanly possible — he also is an adjunct instructor at McDaniel on occasion. Stacy is still actively involved with the Carroll County Arts Council (which has its home in the old Carroll Theater on Main Street), and is trying to create as much art as she can in her free time.

Risey Leberher Hoult works part time as the Children's Christian Formation director at her church. She and husband Chris have two children. Chris is still with Merrill Lynch.

Michèle Neuman Schum has been with Citibank's fraud division for 22 years. She also teaches fifth-grade religious education classes at her church. She and John have two children. John is doing well, working at Vintage Video, and volunteering for the Hagerstown Aviation Museum. To celebrate their 20th anniversary they took a trip to Bermuda.

Suzanne Herbert-Forton is making and exhibiting her art work, teaches as an artist-in-residence in schools around Maryland, and does wardrobe work in Baltimore theater. She did a series of embroidered shirts that are being "embroidered" by one of the characters in the movie "My One and Only" shot in Baltimore this summer.

Shelley Haydak Sweeney and husband Neil continue to enjoy life in Sykesville. They have two children in high school. Many of their classmates have parents who are WMC alumni. Shelley has been a psychiatric social worker at Howard Hospital for 20 years.

Lynn Goldstein Phillips lives in Washington State, living out in the country and loving it, but just 30 minutes from downtown Portland. They have two children, chickens, cats, and a Border collie. The family spent an amazing trip camping in Yellowstone this summer with snow still in the campground, seeing the most incredible sights ever. Lynn has finally found a way to drink for a living. She gives guided wine tastings for Wine-Sleep-At-Home. She comes to your home or office, and guides you through six bottles of artisan wines, mostly from California. She says that it is very fun (is that before or after the tasting!) and you have the option of buying these wines at the end of the tasting.

William Campbell McKegg lives with his wife, Meg, and two sons in Indianlake, Fla. He has worked for Symetrics Industries, a defense and aerospace business for approximately 22 years. In their spare time they go to the beach and travel around the state attending soccer tournaments.

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.sisterstoser.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 Kohr**. 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**, **Sharon Bullard McCellan** 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 grandkids) 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 Kohr 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 Techs on Super Bowl weekend — **Jack and Cindy Jarokovic '88 Knies**, **Jeffrey "Norm" '84** and **Deb Weber '88 Kiley**, and **Bob and Becky Jackson '84 Butler**. He and Lynn continue to run in marathons.

Lisa Kulick 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-

ing some work abroad in the not-too-distant future.

Matt and Theresa Gertner Korman live in Glenwood, Md. They have three children. Matt is working at the Federal Aviation Administration and Theresa teaches music in the Montgomery County school system. They regularly get together with **Jim and Cindy Cook** and **Nelson Thacker '82**.

Paul Parlette sent a short and very sweet note. He and **Nancy Turner Parlette '82** are still alive and kicking and have been happily meeting for 25 years.

PEG "Maigie" Houghton Kelly and two children faithfully volunteer at the Washington Animal Rescue League at least once a week and have managed to collect five dogs and two cats. She is a school counselor at Hammond Elementary School in Laurel. She says the stories she hears would have you rolling on the floor laughing or pulling out your hair. Her husband, Rich, is still working for Eagle Alliance and is still unable to discuss what he does there! She and **Kaki Brusca Wynn** started talking about what they should do for their 50th birthdays and the fact that we were discussing such a subject was horrifying. "How did we ever get this old?"

Becky Poyner Kirkner and **Tim '84** are still living in Damascus on their mini-farm with their three kids and pets. Tim is a counselor/professor at Montgomery College and she is a systems analyst at Westat in Rockville. They have two horses on the front acre, two dogs, more cats than she wants to say, a couple birds and a turtle. If that weren't enough to keep them busy, she also has a booth at an antique shop and Tim is writing music and performing locally. She's recently reconnected with some WJAC friends through Facebook and enjoyed seeing **Lisa Stahl Gastelle** over the summer.

Steve Goon and wife **Michelle** have lived in Utah for nearly 14 years. This past year he embarked on his third career; after 14 years in aerospace engineering, and 11 years in financial management, Steve is now an assistant manager for a minerals and fertilizer company near Ogden, Utah. Steve still has two of the five children left 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 from **Chris '84** and **Jean White '85** Kane. The days of week-long motorcycle trips is over, as grand-parenting is settling in the number one spare time activity. Steve would like to hear from **Paul Ruther**, **Tim Kirkner '84**, and **Dan Mocuzulski '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 **Harley**.

Wayne L. Keen and wife **Erica** have three children. They still live in Marietta, Ga. He is self-employed and Erica is a regional manager with J. Hillburn. 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 or not she is learning how to wear make-up. Mostly though she is in it for the skin care, she has 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 Yurcin lives in sunny Valencia, Calif., 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. and history at Broadneck High School, and history at Broadneck reinforces my decision 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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1989

Greetings to the wonderful class of 1989! I hope this issue of *The Hill* finds all of you happy and healthy. I am writing our 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 I send out the 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 gathered at "Glar" 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 with out

you.

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 Wythe in the clinical regulatory compliance function. Last year they visited **Chuck '90** and **Laura Balakir '90** Cruise at their home in Gettysburg.

MaryEllen "Ma" Faltrecht 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 Borms is still enjoying Hartford County, Md. Her young family is getting older: **Austin**, 7, **Shane**, 5, and **Haley**, 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 **Greg**, Masonry. **Sandy** enjoys running into all of the alumni in Hartford County. She still keeps in touch with **Lisa Kate of Maseritz**, **Sandi Stevens Corbo**, **John Giza '88**, **Eric Hummel '87** and **Lisa Finn Bockstie '90**.

Chris and **Jenn** **Myer 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 "Betes" 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 picked up where he left off in his related studies and is pursuing an associate's degree in industrial controls. He is still the union chaplain and sergeant-at-arms. **Mike** is a black belt in taekwon do. His wife, **Tracy**, teaches at a behavior unit (K-12) for kids thrown off general campuses due to violence. Their daughter **Teran**, 15, is also enrolled in the martial arts with **Mike**. **Teran** was the MVP for her Marshall High School cheerleader squad and is taking AP classes. The son, **Marek**, 13, is an extremely talented football player, 400-yard-dash track runner, and is popular with the girls. He is in the gifted and talented program and has already taken the college SAT's.

Bev Megenhardt Thomas Flowers is still teaching in Carroll County. This year her oldest child is attending her school (or is she teaching at his school?) and they are enjoying the experience. Between work and the kids' activities there is not time for much else. **Bev** is proud to say that she has participated in the MS walk over the past four years and

family

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Mr. Robert M. Wallace '75, of Philadelphia, Pa., on January 28, 2009.

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 J. Waeger '04, of Bethesda, Md., on March 16, 2009.

Mr. Luke S. Conrad '06, of Mercer Island, Wash., on June 5, 2008.

Mr. Thomas W. Rouleau '11, of Gilboa, N.Y., on February 6, 2009.

class notes

**Class of 1989
members Mary
O'Hara Zorbach,
Jim Cardea and
Elizabeth Burkitt
Howes catch up
during Reunion
Weekend.**

has raised \$10,000 for multiple sclerosis.

Maria Filshie Douglas is still living in Easton, Md. She and **David Douglas '87** 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 Alpha friends. Maria and Dave recently enjoyed a trip to Mexico with **Matt '87** and **Tracy Buckman '88 Dunes**. They are looking forward to traveling again with the Dunes 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 taking classes towards her M.B.A. She keeps in close touch with **Kim Bechtel Spinoso**. Debbie recently attended a "Thirsty Thursdays" event at **Val Butta Shinsky's '88** 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 Alpha via Facebook. Last summer Elizabeth's family enjoyed spending time with **Katherine Ertz Cloyd** 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'hear?"

Garrett Goim 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 Bechtel-Stonebraker 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 Descak 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 Bete 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 "Panz" Panettiere** 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 all is well with the members of the "core group."

Holly Conklin Welch 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 Pilate's fit-

ness 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 Benjovisk McClanahan, 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 she graduated by seeing her classmates' 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 Cecil lives in Westminster with his wife, Leslie, and three daughters: Kayleigh, 8, Alexa, 6, Julia, 6, 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 '91** 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, 5. 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 '90 and **Barb Pierantozzi** are still living in Bel Air, Md. Their son, Col-



class notes

Facebook reuniting with sorority sisters and former WMC classmates.

Things in Westminster are the same as ever, says **Carolyn Wraase**, 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 Greenmont 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 happy 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 Si sisters and gets together with them whenever possible.

Hydee Johnson Streett married Keith Streett in 2002. They built a house on the family farm in Stewartstown, Pa., and love being back in the area where they grew up. They share 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 Leshar Fox**, and says hello to all the Omegas out there!

Karen Jenne Stevens is busy homeschooling her two daughters, Abigail, 8, and Meghan, 6. Her third child, Benjamin, is 2. In her spare time, Karen is also a Brownie Girl Scout leader and manages to help her husband, Brad, run his own business, Castle Doors and Glass, in the Westminster area.

New parents **Tim** and **Sandy Fox Reilly** welcomed their long-awaited first child, Jason Timothy Reilly, on Aug. 23, 2008. He was 8 pounds, 6 ounces and 21½ inches long at birth. The three couldn't be happier enjoying life together in Columbia, Md. They look forward to the summer issue of *The Hill* and seeing what is going on with fellow 1995 classmates.

Jenn Glatfielder is still living in Lutherville, Md., with her boyfriend, stepson, 6, and daughter, 2. She works in White Marsh as a pediatric nurse practitioner and loves it. She finds life a little hectic at times, but truly loves being a mom, temper tantrums and all. Jenn would love to reconnect with former classmates so if anyone gets a chance drop her an e-mail.

Julie Esher Alghary is temporarily living in Michigan with her husband, who is a missionary and pastor. Julie freelances in graphic design from home and takes care of her son

Joshua, 2. She keeps in contact with **Kari Dunn Aloisio** and **Jenaine Hodge '66**.

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 whenever possible. 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.tabletmatters.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 Alpha **Cynthia Spack 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 Breen Brinard 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 Brinard**, and recently saw her

new baby girl. Check out her website: www.littlepotter.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 ventures 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, — one boy, Claran, 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 degrees 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 Festival party held by alumna **Vincen "Tony" Halloran**.

Jed and **Leah Dantime '02 Spencer** welcomed their first child, Riley Jackson, on Sept. 17, 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 '03**, 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 Mascarella married Deborah Thompson of Westminster, Md., on April 14, 2007 and they reside in Los Angeles, Calif.

Karen Jenne Stevens '95 is busy homeschooling her two daughters, Abigail, 8, and Meghan, 6.

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 Center-Stage, 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.



Peter Kendall '08 (left) in *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*. Photo by Richard Anderson '71, courtesy of CENTER-STAGE.

with Melissa Reynolds Page '00.

Joy Aspelmeier Nall married Darrin Nall on June 24, 2007 and welcomed their baby girl, Thora Elizabeth, on May 7, 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 Hailey, 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 eighth anniversary with the company. They have enjoyed seeing friends including **Shauna Oplinger Thomas, Jennifer Donner and Melissa Connor**.

Jon and Amy Horin Bekko 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 Fitzgerald McKay, born on Jan. 7, 2008. His hobbies include climbing stairs, taking all of the Tupperware from the cabinets, and saying fun words like "sack," "light," and "no." They are very proud of him!

Holly Carswell Lambert is teaching elementary school 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 Stroppe 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 Voigt Schmor**.

Shauna Oplinger Thomas and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, Calli 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**.

Jeremiah Kelly and wife Aimee had their second daughter, Rhiannon Lydia, on Jan. 16. 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 an associate 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.

Jessica 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 alumni including: Madilyn's godmother, **Sarah Fike Layman, Michael '00 and Christina Simms Blundin, Mike and Michelle Voigt Schmor** and **Jay Bearr**. Madilyn is enjoying playing with the children of **Brad and Dana Fraser Ingram, Quintin and Jeff Ciesla '99, and Jed and Leah Dantinn '02 Spencer**.

Brooke Vizzi King has been residing in Charlotte, N.C., for three years. Brooke works for Premier, Inc. and takes the role of manager of strategic sourcing, negotiating capital, medical and surgical contracts with vendors for over 23,000 hospitals and affiliates in the United States. Work is where Brooke met her husband, Rangleley King, and was married on Oct. 11, 2008 at Mrs. K's Toll House in Silver Spring, Md. She keeps

in touch with **Miranda Snavely '02**.

As for me, Justin '02 and I continue to love life here in Baltimore. Our rescue chocolate lab, Smokey, enjoys running around Canton and chasing squirrels in Patterson Park. I am still serving as director of admission for the College and enjoy seeing our alma mater grow and flourish. Thank you all for submitting your news to me, and I am so happy to see all of us so blessed. Hopefully I'll hear of more great news in 2011.

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Emily Kirchner recently completed her first year as a school counselor at Washington High School in Somerset County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Next year, she plans to relocate to the Carolinas to continue her career.

Erin Duffy and fiance Vincent William Martarano, of San Ramon, Calif., live in Dogers, Md., with two cats and one dog. Erin is working as a graphic designer in Rockville while building up her dance school, The Duffy School of Irish Dance.

Elizabeth Wantz Chaney is married to Towson University alumn 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 townhome 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.

Denny Ward is living in Baltimore and working as a trainer and senior tech for Vectorworks, an architectural design software company.

Catherine 'Niki' Lepson lives in York, Pa., with her fiancé Col Infantino.

Calvin Woodward has been working as a premium auditor performing workers' compensation audits on businesses for American International Group (AIG) since April '06.

Kimberly Ratliff is currently living in Mount Airy, Md., with her fiancé Scott Schwelz. 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 Pistel is working for Baltimore County as a senior financial analyst. She married Tim Pistel on July 5, 2008. Among the bridesmaids were **Heather Seavolt**, **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 not the only McDaniel alum at the company. She works with fellow Phi Sigs **April Gelwicks '05** and **Christy Shaw** and Phi Del **Chris Taueger '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 Opyrsko and **Rusty LaMotte** were married Aug. 25, 2007, at St. John Catholic Church in Westminster. Fellow alumni in their wedding party included **Kim Schlipper Middleton '03**, **Tiffany Putro Wingeart '03**, **Becky Arnold**, **Jason Cashen** and **Justin Naylor**. 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 Heavner 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.

Aimee 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 Greenberg.

Stevens Smith graduated in the summer chemistry at 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.

On Sept. 8, 2008, **Kimberly Martin Haines** and husband Randy welcomed twins Seth Allen and Nicole Elizabeth. Kimberly reports that they are happy babies and are growing like crazy. Friends **Beth Chaney**, **Jen Pullen**, **Sarah Voskuhl**, **Carrie Vivian** and **Heather Seavolt** all attended the baby shower. Kimberly has been working as an account executive for Maryland Sign. Despite recent graduation and continues to help coach horseback riding. She and Randy live in Westminster and will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary in the fall.

Libby Wallace Gorman and husband **Mark Gorman** celebrated the arrival of their first son, Nathaniel James Gorman, on April 24, 2008. He's been a great joy. Two weeks after birth, Libby graduated from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Sciences with a master's degree and started working as an evening reference librarian at North Carolina Central University in Durham in October. Mark University in Durham in October. Mark started the master of divinity program at Duke Divinity School in August '08 and continues as the music director at "New Hope Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill.

Last summer, **Chris Dupreski** spent eight weeks at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, studying math under a grant from the National Science Foundation and the Australian Academy of Science. He planned to graduate in May '09 with his Ph.D. in mathematics but plans to start a new job in Virginia. In August, he plans to start a new job as an instructor and postdoctoral researcher at the University of Georgia.

Ina Puleri O'Carroll and **Andrew O'Carroll** were married July 15, 2006. Ina finished her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Virginia Tech in February. In May '08, Andrew received his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Virginia Tech and works as a veterinarian at Airglen Animal Hospital in Westminster. The park recently moved to Mount Airy, Md. where they are constantly entertained by their English bulldog, cat, two snakes and guinea pig.

Beth Buckheit continues to work for Johns Hopkins University as a communications specialist for the Center for Data-Driven Research in Education. She got engaged in January to Matt Constock, a Towson University grad. They are looking forward to getting married and buying a house together this year.

Becky Arnold is currently serving as chair of the Alumni Association GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Committee for McDaniel College and is a member of the 2004 reunion committee. She purchased her first home in February '09 in Westminster. In

May '09, she earned a master's degree in human resources from McDaniel. She keeps in constant contact with friends **Julie Opyrsko**, **LaMotte**, **Kim Schlipper Middleton '03**, and **Tiffany Putro Wingeart '03**.

Amanda Massis 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 with 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 Intergollege 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 "Waeger 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 Cicly Waeger, his beloved fiancée Meghan Rodgers, three sisters, a brother, three nieces, two nephews and six dogs. Memorial contributions may be made to the NCCF, P.O. Box 14190, Silver Spring, MD 20911.

Katie Champion Riley was promoted to managing editor of the *New Market/Urbana* 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 10, 2008, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Jhamsville, 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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What they were thinking

Feb. 20, 2009
First-year student Rachel Walega '12 won the 100 breast-stroke event at the Centennial Conference swimming championships in a program-record time of 1:07:26.



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.

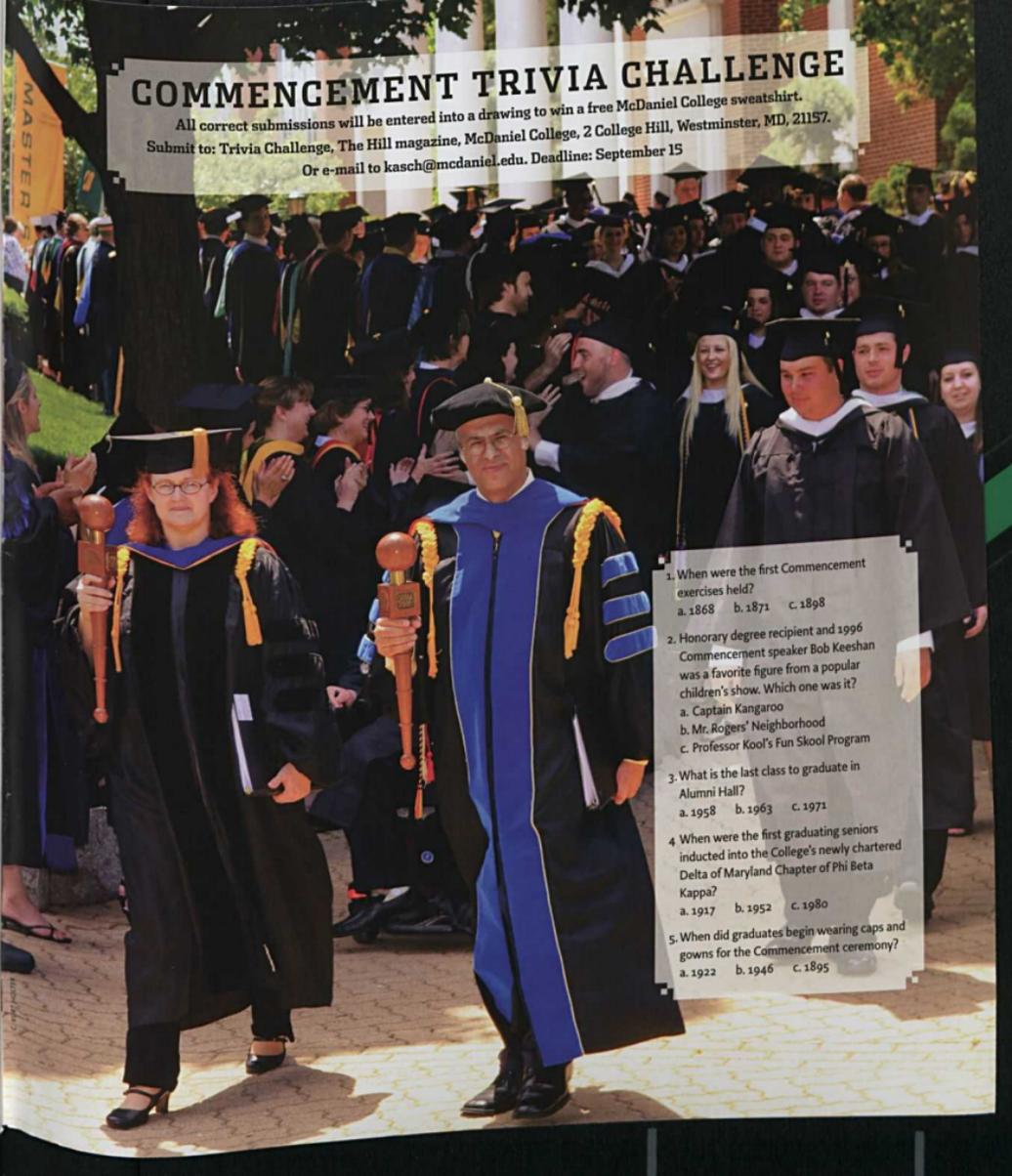
It's been great swimming with the team at McDaniel because you get on campus and you have an automatic group of friends. Over the course of the season, because you're spending so much time with them, they become your family. Everyone supports each other. Coach [Kim] Easterday knows so much and has so 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. ■

COMMENCEMENT TRIVIA CHALLENGE

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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

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While studying in Ecuador, senior Jes Osrow observed iguanas and other exotic wildlife on a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

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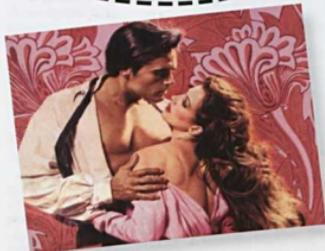
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Guess whose daughters
are freshmen roomies?
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'Fess up.



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. Lacquement '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.

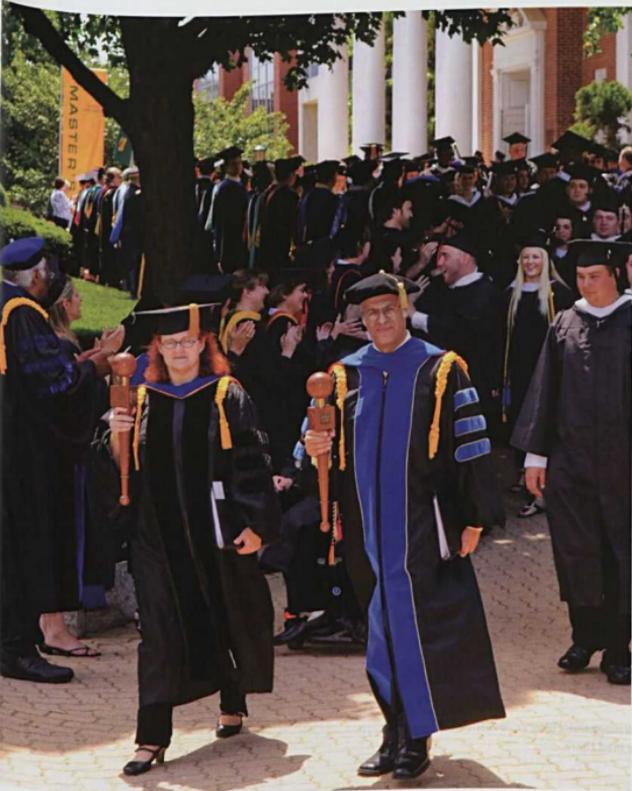
Keep *The Hill* in print!

Ray Albert '62
Annapolis, Md

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- 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.

COMMENCEMENT TRIVIA CHALLENGE REPORT



Winner Ed Herrmann '70 is the only entrant who answered every question correctly. For his prize, a McDaniel College sweat-shirt, 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?
a. Captain Kangaroo. "Whatever you do, do it well," he advised the graduates. "But do it with kindness and with gentleness."
3. What is the last class to graduate in Alumni Hall?
c. 1971. 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."

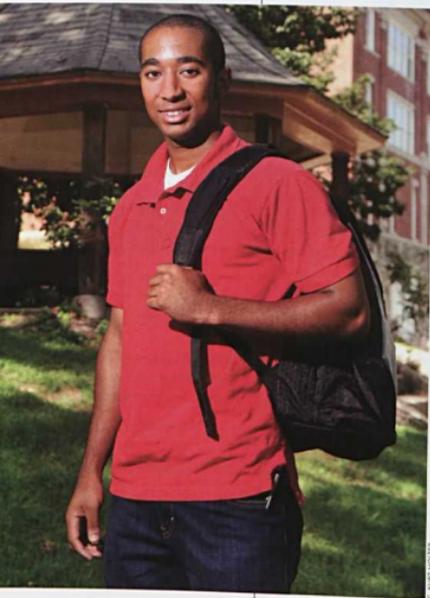
Baines is back to full-time student status this semester after competing in almost 70 games over the summer. He arrived on campus just hours after making two hits and helping the BriSox win their final game of the season 6-4 against Elizabethton in Tennessee.

"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." ■



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RICH BROWN

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 downturn 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). Mary-

land 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 prospectives 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 halftimes. "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.



Mohamed Esa

- 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.



Scott Hardy

- 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 '90, 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/presidentialsearch) 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. ■



(From left) MaxJulian Ham, Joe Dressel, Jose Flores, Mike Webster, LeRoy Panek, Herb Smith, Eric Byrd, Henry Reiff, Jim Kunz and Joshua Bronson.

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; MaxJulian 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. ■



ERIC HANIGAN/ARTS

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 with 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 Conven-

tion 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."



(Left) Lee Milburn's search for a bike built to fit people with dwarfism prompted Russ Morin to launch his business Little Cycles. (Above) Bikes for young little people are a big hit.

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." ■

first person

In my own words

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 Herchelroth '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

"Accountants are always in demand. Somebody's gotta count that money and keep it straight."

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 alumni 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 here 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. ■

"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."

double take

Sights worth a second look

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.



Never play for a TIE

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.

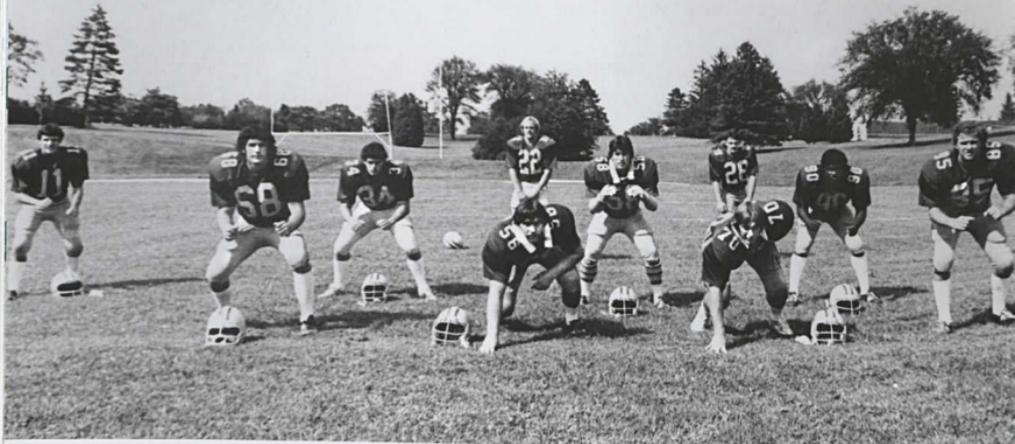
"Jim was the first person I ever met who took ambition and dreaming and put it into action," says Steve Spinelli '77, a former player who was among Hindman's first drafts for his Jiffy Lube team. Spinelli eventually became co-owner of 47 franchises, went on to earn his Ph.D. in economics, become vice 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

Coach Jim Hindman and Assistant Coach Ed Kelley achieved victory together in football and at Jiffy Lube.





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:

11 Mike Modica '79 earned his law degree from Emory University and worked in the law department of Jiffy Lube to earn tuition money.

26 Mike Sanders '79, 35 Joe Menendez '85 inducted this year into the College's Sports Hall of Fame, has worked for both Jiffy Lube International and as a franchisee.

85 Ricci Bonaccorsy '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 ex-

perienced 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



To be on the receiving end of a hallmark Hindman chewing-out was a rite of passage, a sign of the coach's fierce attention to you as a player and as a person.

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 fierce 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 mister!' 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, MED'80, to the garage with his Cadillac. It needed an oil change and he didn't have the time to do it himself. But the work orders got mixed up and when Dolch went back to pick up the car, the dashboard was in the front seat. In the process of starting work on the wrong job, the mechanic had broken a part and the new part wouldn't arrive for three days.

"There's got to be a better way than this," Hindman thought.

He thought some more when he learned that 126,000 neighborhood corner garages across the nation had closed because they couldn't make it without selling gas and the gas was now being sold cheaper at the pumping stations that were springing up everywhere. "That meant unbundling of ser-

vices," Hindman says, slapping his hands together loudly. "You used to get your oil changed at those garages. There was already a transmission place. There was already a muffler place. But there was no oil-change place, so we said..." Clap!

Hindman bought the original seven Jiffy Lube locations, along with the name, in Utah and Colorado and sent Spinelli out to run them. His intention was to turn the operation into a franchise with a recognizable brand. He would partner with Pennzoil and build the company to 100 franchises quickly, recruiting dozens of his former football players along with friends and family members into the business, then expand from there.

"I knew that franchising was a way to give a person a manageable-sized business with a book, just like a football playbook, that told you every single step along the way and really was available to handle your problems," Hindman says.

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.

Jim Hindman has stayed close with his former players, including (from left) Dave Dolch '77, '80MED, who is a high school athletic director; Jim Selfridge '83, the president and owner of a construction business and (far right) Eric DeGross '80, who was a Jiffy Lube franchisee.



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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 learn 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 the 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 Mod-

ica 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." ■

Senior John Modica, the son of former Hindman-era football player Mike Modica '79, is learning all about the coach's philosophy of "intensity, intimacy and integrity" while working for him as a researcher.

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,

Rewriting Success Stories

Outliers
author Malcolm Gladwell speaks with students about what it really takes to realize their potential

By Kim Asch

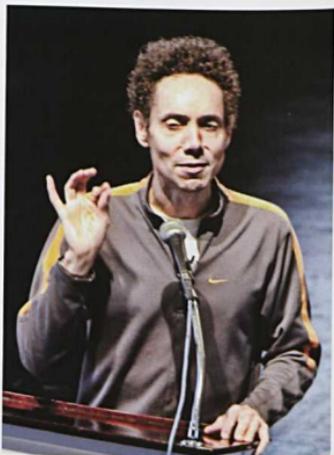
including family, social class, cultural background and even seemingly random birth dates.

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

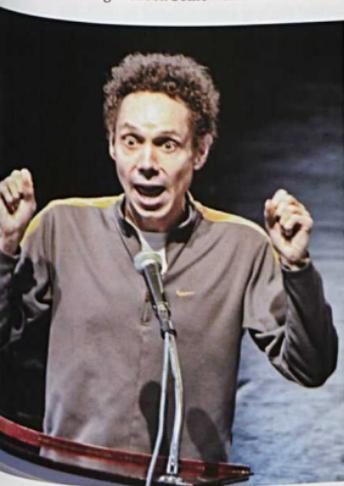


mentors and faculty members as special guests, Gladwell said that the overall message of his book is one of hope because it reveals how more people can realize their full potential for the good of society as a whole.

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.



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 conse-

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

sequences. 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 cutoffs 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

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 admirably 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." ■



While classmates waited in a long line to have their copies of *Outliers* signed, first-year student Ro-Z Edelston asked Malcolm Gladwell to autograph the pencil portrait she created.

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

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 \$300 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.

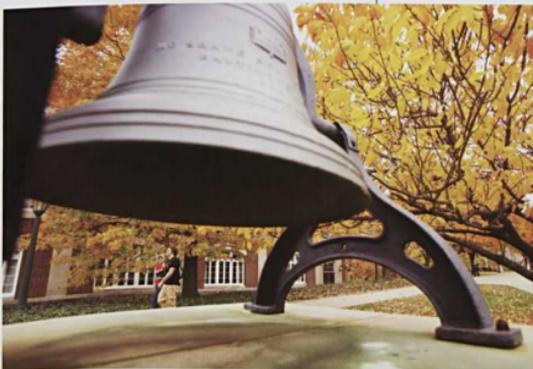
"One of the ideas the College promotes is helping others to get a good education. If the little bit that I give can help, then that's what I'll do."

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There are still about 24 of our '35 class living; however 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 Village. She has been there for four years and enjoys the activities, especially twice weekly bridge. She has a son, five grandchildren and four great-grands 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 Rotarian 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 person in town and has had good health. She is kept going by family, friends and church activities.

Marcellene McClung Wharton resides in a retirement 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 includes three granddaughters and four great-grandchildren 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 recently heard that, at age 93, I'm the oldest female member of Our Shepherd Lutheran.

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Linda Sullivan
Schulte '68
recently had the opportunity to cross an item off her "bucket list" and jump with the Golden Knights tandem team. "I figured if an 85-year-old former president could do it, a 62-year-old 'Fearless and Bold' alumna could too," she said.

What have you recently accomplished on your bucket list? Share your adventures and photos with us at kasch@mcdaniel.edu.

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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 is busy 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 **Clarabelle Blaney Price** reiterated her enjoyment at attending our 60th reunion. She visits **Mary Alice Hershefeld**, who has Parkinson's and is in a nursing home section of Charlestown in Baltimore. She also stays in touch with **Fern Ray Grubine**, **Phyllis Houck Smith** and **Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski**.

Back in Maryland a group of gals gather in the spring and fall at Snyders for lunch which **Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski** and **Mary Ruth O'Kelly Else-road** 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

Bette Mason Fissel '48 golfs, still mows her acreage and is still interesting to know.

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 reuniting 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.

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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

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prior to commencing treatment. In June, Charles and **Charlotte Davis '56** traveled to Idaho to visit their son, **Craig '81**, wife **Eaine 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 granddaughters, children of son, **Charles IV '90**, 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 'Chuck' Silbertsen** retired from his full-time position on Johns Hopkins Orthopaedic Faculty on June 10. 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. Chuck 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 Lillian, 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 Dalhoff 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 a cruise to Alaska.

Jim and Carolyn Redden '57 Levay continue to devote much of their time, talent and treasures to Trinity Episcopal parish in St. Augustine, Fla. They have also become cruisers in their advancing years. Jim has been a

chaplain at Flagler Hospital for the past year and feels blessed with his new ministry. Grandson Matthew received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington, Seattle, and has accepted a teaching position at Harvard. Granddaughter Elizabeth is a freshman at Georgetown College, Ky., majoring in voice. She is a high jumper on the track team having received scholarships in both areas.

David Hottenstein and wife Claudia continue with their volunteer work and traveling. In the last two years they have been to the Caribbean twice, Germany, Prague and a three-week tour of South America.

Mary Ann Kifer Closson says she and husband Hal are fine. They are enjoying the arts and music of Santa Fe, N.M., and were looking forward to the summer's opera season.

Dick Titlow, who lives in Bethesda, Md., enjoyed the Saturday luncheon at reunion and says he had some great conversations with **Harry Grander**, **Charles Wheatley**, **Bob Wilson**, **Pasty Herman Douglas** and **Nick Gwynn** among others. He is teaching history at both Montgomery College and high school. His wife, **Tove**, occupies her retirement by working part time for Montgomery County library. They had a fabulous trip to the Galapagos Islands off of Ecuador. It was a breathtaking experience for them. Dick recommends it to everyone since global warming will result in the loss of several islands in the next two or three years and with them the unique birds and animals living on them.

Best, the oldest son of **Tom Douglas** and the late **Dottie Phillips Douglas**, is the head of the math department at North Texas University. Second son David is teaching computers in elementary school in St. Cloud, Fla. Daughter Suzanne is working at the V.A. Hospital in Iowa City. David's son, Ben, graduated summa cum laude in computer science from the University of Central Florida. Tom is a stay-at-home dad, while wife Lisa travels around the country teaching survival Spanish to police, correctional officers and emergency medical teams. Their eldest, Alex, just graduated from high school and son Forrest is a sophomore in high school. The triplets have begun middle school. Tom was planning on coming to the reunion but with five children at home and wife Lisa out of state on assignment it was impossible.

Donald Radcliffe and Diane continue to live in Tarpon Springs, Fla., and thoroughly enjoy the Sunshine State. A heart attack and quadruple by-pass a few years ago and a partial knee replacement in January managed to slow Don down for awhile. He is still able to get out on his boat several times a week and exercises by riding a bike and using the condo pool. Ten grand-children ranging in age from 6 to 27 are all doing well. At present, two have completed college, five are in college, one in high school and two in elementary school. This year Don will have completed his 12th year of mentoring students in local schools. The last three of his

students graduated in June. He has lost count of the number he has mentored, but at least six of them are in college. It has been a very rewarding experience. He refers to them as his surrogate grandkids.

Marie Chennette Landau and **Vince '51** have lived on a horse farm in Mt. Airy, Md., for 30 years. Marie says caring for the farm is getting to be a bit much but their five children and eight grandchildren will never let them sell because they love it so much. Even before Vince retired from HUD, where he was assistant general counsel, they bred thoroughbred horses on the farm. They would take turns sleeping in the barn when the mares were near their due date and enjoyed seeing the foals born in the spring. It was great fun for years but now they just have boarders. Marie completed her education at Towson University and worked for awhile with 7- to 10-year-old autistic boys. Her hobby is working in her pottery studio. She sends regards to all who remember her.

Patricia 'Pasty' Herman Douglas is keeping busy with her children and six granddaughters. The oldest granddaughter has completed her freshman year at Franklin and Marshall. The next one starts college this fall. There are also 10 13-year-olds, a 12-year-old and a 10-year-old. Her three sons, **James '79**, **John '75**, and **David '87** are all graduates of WMC. Pasty says reunion was great fun and old friends are a joy to see again.

The sad part of writing this column is always the reporting of those who are no longer with us. **Shirley Jeffrey** Strong passed away in October '07. Both **Jim Roach** and **Gwen Blohm Tidwell** passed away in June '08. **Donna DeCourcy Connor's** death was in December '08. We remember them fondly and convey our deepest sympathy to their families.

Bob Wilson has retired from his dentistry practice in Gaithersburg, Md. His son has taken over the practice. Bob still flies his airplanes and hunts deer.

Adeline Allen Parker enjoyed seeing classmates at reunion. She incorporated the reunion trip with visits to cousins and friends in New Jersey and Virginia. Adeline moved from the Seattle, Wash., area to Estero, Fla., six years ago and has finally acclimated to Florida summers. The decision to move to Florida was the right one for her. She likes waking up to sunshine and enjoying the benefits of the warmth to soothe old bones. Adeline also likes exploring southwest Florida, fitness classes and reading.

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 Nan-

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Who's Celebrating?

All classes whose graduation year ends in a "0" or a "5" and the first-year-out class.

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cy's brothers cruising the Snake and Columbia Rivers.

At age 85, **Weldon Reed** says he and Louise are doing very well. He is active in the VFW in Ozaukee County, Wisc. He assembles the rifle squad and does military honors for comrades who have passed on. They are both active in the West Bend Dance Club which meets once a month. His daughter, **Barbara Reed '75**, who did a semester at WMC in the '70s, has an alpaca farm in Chester County, Pa. Seven grandchildren are either in college or have graduated. Weldon and Louise love living in Port Washington on the bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan.

Alma 'Jo' McKeldin Brody stays busy with her church choir and the Senior Star Showcase performers at Essex Community College in Baltimore County. She took a trip to Florida in June to celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary along with her daughter and son-in-law who celebrated their 10th.

Barbara 'Bobbie' Plasket Toman now lives in a 55-plus community in West Grove, Pa., where she doesn't have to shovel snow or mow the lawn. She lives very close to the beautiful Longwood Gardens and welcomes anyone who visits there to give her a call. She has five children and nine grandchildren who fortunately all live within visiting distance. During the school year she attends the Academy of Lifelong Learning which is part of the University of Delaware. Bobbie takes courses in oil painting and chorus. She also sings in a church choir and serves on the Kenneth Symphony League.

In July **Bill Harvey** began his third year as senior pastor of an inner city United Methodist church in Canton, Ohio, working as a team with two African-American pastors. He begins his 10th year as minister of visitation at a nearby United Methodist church. He enjoys both of these ministries. Bill and wife Nancy celebrated their 60th anniversary June 27.

Bob Steelman was sorry he missed our 55th reunion but prostate surgery prevented his attendance. In June, two of his grandchildren graduated from high school and his great-granddaughter celebrated her first birthday. On Aug. 1, Bob and Eileen celebrated their 50th anniversary. The Steelman clan treated them to a week's vacation at Moosehead Lake in Maine. Bob sends good wishes to all in the class of '54.

Aileen 'Lee' Gongloff Callender and **Clark '53** send proud news of granddaughter Elissa who is a student at The College of New Jersey. Along with her teammates from Rowan University and Rutgers University they won the Disneyland Image Nations Design Competition. From over 100 teams competing, three teams were in the finals. Elissa's group submission was Disney Spaceport. Each of them received summer internships at Disneyland in California. Lee was looking forward to spending time with **Bobbie Plasket Toman** at Ocean City the end of June.

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"I Do" Even If "I Don't"

For **Nancy McKenzie '78** and **Ned Landis '68**, their happily-ever-after story has a pragmatic twist. They are married in spirit, they might soon even be man and wife in the eyes of their church — but it remains to be seen whether they will ever be legally betrothed.

For one thing, they are still "living together" in separate houses. Both are admitted pack rats who study Civil War history, have way too many books and are fiercely loyal to their cats. "We have so much in common. We are, let's just say, artistically disarranged domestically," Landis says.

Landis is a widower (wife **Jeanne DesLauriers Landis '69 MLA '78** died in 2005) and retired special education teacher. McKenzie, who is divorced, is a former software designer who does some freelance writing and occasional teaching.

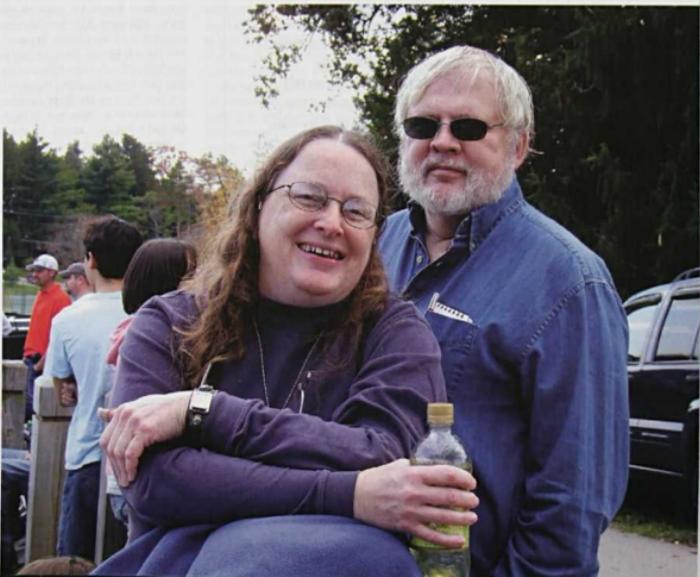
They met, appropriately enough, in the classroom. Not on the Hill, but at Carroll Community

College where McKenzie was teaching a course in nonfiction writing. McKenzie thought they hit it off, but Landis didn't pursue their friendship beyond the classroom. Then they began running into each other everywhere. "We both ended up in a class to learn how to organize our clutter," McKenzie says.

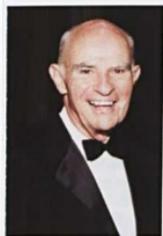
"She chased me until I caught her," he says. They've been together for two years, much to the delight of their alumni friends.

Having been around the block already, the couple is stepping gingerly into the details of their union. "Our financial advisor told us that being legally married would cost us too much in taxes," Landis explained. "My feeling is that the lasting bond is already there. And our pastor agreed to perform a ceremony for a union in spirit only."

Now they just have to pick a date. But first they need to flip a coin to decide whose house will become their home.



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 13 missions in the closing months of WWII and his 10-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 fundraiser for his class reunions and as a member of the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame Committee from 1991-95. He also organized the first-ever military alumni reunion in 1998, when more than 100 veterans and guests from all service branches returned to the College.

All 23 ROTC graduates in his Class of 1941 were commissioned, but no one was killed during their military service. Robinson lives in Alexandria, where he served as president and longtime member of the Rotary Club and still maintains a perfect attendance record of 38 years. He was married for 59 years to Jane Fraley '42 Robinson, who passed away in 2001. He celebrated his 90th birthday in September as the College's ROTC program began its 90th year.

Jane Hutchison 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 dissertators 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 Cernak Rummel 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 Billy 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 Baylis Fogler and Lou '55 thought it was special to be back in Westminster again. They stayed with Mary Lee Younger Schmall '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 Pasty 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 surgeries 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 Dixie-land 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 medicine 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. Days 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.

Emie '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 50th 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 medallion 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, with 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, Nanchang 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, and those of course included sailing around Cape Horn on calm seas.

Lloyd Musselman 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. Their touring group was made up of he 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 "Campown, Pa.?" 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 1959 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 Mols' treatment for basal cell carcinoma, followed by plastic surgery on his left temple/forehead. He figures that by the time of our 50th class reunion he will be back to normal on his head. His closing 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 1959 soccer team's reunion commemorating their victory 50 years ago. Bob is busy archiving connection records as a result of a church reunion.

Karl and Jean Zaleski '61 Silax are enjoying their third and their three grandsons (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 43rd 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-something 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 "Yeb" 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.

Patricia 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 they 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 that."

When not visiting the aforementioned professionals, she manages to visit family in the Florida Keys. Her husband passed away in December 2005. It was very sudden, and it has taken some time to get organized. There are many decisions to make and then to wonder if the decisions are the correct ones. She am still in Catsville and had an addition put on the back of her house. Her daughter sold her house and now she, husband and two 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 Sleepy Doll from first grade. George Carlin had a great routine about stuff. Any way the Goodwill is very profitable thanks to me and downsizing is getting easier."

Don '62 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 via Florida 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

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Patty Cruse '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.

Erika Wunderlich '99 to Christopher Hite on July 3, 2009. They reside in Virginia Beach, Va.

Sara Crigger MS'02 to Travis Rhoades on June 5, 2009. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Justin Naylor '04 to Melissa Ann Murphy on May 23, 2009. They reside in Louisville, Va.

Megan Rhine '04 to Edward Winkler on June 6, 2009. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Artina Young '04 to Samuel Anstead II '04 on June 20, 2009. They reside in Bowie, Md.

Tracey Brown '06 to Christopher Cavey on June 28, 2009. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Kathryn Bryan '06 to William Schaeffer on June 6, 2009. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Tara Callagary '06 to Andrew Winner on May 30, 2009. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Jan Goldstein '07 to Curt Reichart '06 on May 17, 2008. They reside in Reading, Pa.

Jillian Hoffman '07 to Brian Snyder on May 17, 2009. They reside in Ebersburg, Md.

Elen Iverson '07 to Mark Wheeler '05 on June 28, 2008. They reside in Downingtown, Pa.

Jamie Janowich '07 to Matthew Lufkin '07 on July 25, 2009. They reside in Brantley, Md.

Rob Jones '07 to Brittany Gelwicks on June 27, 2009. They reside in Middle River, Md.

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Lifelong Scholar

At 73, and some 12 years after retiring from the faculty ranks, 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 Editions has awarded his latest scholarly work, Joseph Conrad's Last Essays, its seal designating it an MLA Approved Edition. The book will be published in about a year by the Cambridge University Press.



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Ray Stevens '58 and Ruth Ann Wilson Stevens '59 at her 50th reunion in May.

them more than a couple of times a year, but the move has been fine. Both are looking forward to the reunion in 2012. 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: *Limeric; Lilacs I: Poetry of Home; Lilacs II: Poems 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 Atlanta, Ga. 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 check 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 'Bellissimo,' 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 spot 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 ful-

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 had a memorial service to be held June 28. Don also wrote that he was excited about going on what he calls his annual ecotour 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 Anna, 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 mentoring/tutoring 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 2000. 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'n Jim McMahon 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 got the word that he has been nominated for the Gold Fern National Defense Medal. In that regard Jim wrote, "I am really humbled by this." He will be a grade 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) 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 60th 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 1960 classmates. It was mark 50 years since that June 6 graduation. It was a beautiful morning when I wished WMC a fond farewell. Parading around the campus in my cap and gown, I was looking forward to my teaching assignment at Francis Scott Key High down the road in Uniontown. Thirty years later (1990), after retire-

ment, my life as a single person was about to change. My first wife, Doris, and I married in 1995. 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 Ellcott 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 living in I face the challenges of daily life. I keep afloat, 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 when 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 Herring '64 Goldring moved to **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 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 market, 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 "Grandbobby" 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.

Rev. Scott Messers 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**, **Bill Brown Hurlbrink**, **Jackie Spaul Skarbeck**, **Phyllis Cassetta Karrer** and **Joan Schaeffer Weyrich '59** at McDaniel College and after the game they went over to Blanche Ward dorm and visited all of their

old rooms. The dorm had been just remodelled and looked great. **Jon '61** 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 34 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 feels 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 sent a heartfelt aloha to everyone with hopes to see us at our 50th class reunion.

According to **Allan Dworkin**, he received my card 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 dental officer for two pulp 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 projecting 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 Worcester, 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 Botic**, 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 closeby. 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 Thom**, 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 far 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 reminder of our days at WMC (there, now I've done it!) 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 '69 Scott** 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 also have built a vacation home in Deep Creek Lake in Maryland.

Bob and Mary Lynn 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 Strawsburg 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 near in Thurmont, Md.

Diane Benekemper 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 Linton 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 traveling and has had visits with **Dr. Jim Lightner '59, Robert Creighton, Grayson Winterling '59, Robert Jeffrey, Jeff Harris, Don Green and Joyce Magnotha 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 two granddaughters in Boston.

Joyce Magnotha 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

family

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Anna Kulow '07 to Brooks
McNew on March 21, 2009. They reside in Friendship, Md.

Cecilia Randall '07 to **Benjamin Miller '06** on June 7, 2009. They reside in Frederick, Md.

Heather Williams '07 to **Chase Barton** on June 27, 2009. They reside in Norfolk, Va.

Caitlin Concannon '08 to **Daniel VanSant** on June 13, 2009. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Maria Lathroum '08 to **Pat O'Toole '07** on May 30, 2009. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Katie Saris '08 to **Peter Wiley** on July 24, 2009. They reside in Frederick, Md.

has learned a lot about trucks.

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 Grier Burdette and husband Mack live on a farm in Frederick County, Md., where Judith bid watches, gardens, works part time answering gardening questions at a store nearby and is involved at 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 Emms 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 Drago 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 babies are 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 has retired and is living in China in Hainan Province.

Linda Bryson Truitt and husband built a new home in Elkton, Md., in 2006. Sally, 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 Han'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 their 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 presents 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 Wilmington, 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 mother, who attended all college away football games, passed away in 2008.

Bruce Knowles and wife **Anne Spencer** '67, married for 42 years, stay busy traveling, seeing their three grandchildren, and kayaking. Bruce is 90-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 'Merf' Goode McLaren reports she is now called Mary. She has retired and with her husband is now living in Lewes, Del. They have three grandchildren in New Jersey, Utah, and Italy. Mary is enjoying the sand, volunteering at a wildlife refuge, delivering meals and learning to kayak.

Linda Mahaffey Spear lives in Chevy Chase, Md., with a summer home in Dewey Beach, Del. She has seen many WMC friends of 1966 including **Doris Brown Chambers**, **Lynn Marck McDonough**, **Betsy Murphy Schuele** and **Barbara Smith Law**.

Raymond Edwards is retired and lives in Lexington Park, Md., with his wife, Kathi. 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 husband stays their yearly Outrigger 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.

Wilms '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 his should get more manageable, everything speeds up and gets more complex

David Cheng '66
is retired and
living in China
in Hainan
Province.

and time is so short. But, many patients he sees in his practice would jump at the chance to be able to be too busy. He is the most senior member of an 11-person surgical practice in Norfolk, Va., where he has been since finishing medical school and surgical residency at University of Virginia in 1981 and returning after another thoracic fellowship in England in 1985. He is heavily involved with the Eastern Virginia Medical School and Surgical Residency Training Program.

Wilkes says, "I think that I enjoy the teaching part of practice more than anything else. I really have loved surgery and have felt that it was always a real fit for me. I have never had a day that I hated going to work. I'm thankful that Dr. Sturdevant, my advisor at WMC, encouraged me towards that career path."

Candy Stecker '74 and Wilkes are now grandparents to Timothy Christian Star, 16 months, and their daughter, Courtney, and son-in-law, Tim, are expecting their second child in December. "I've been privileged to have a wonderful daughter (who is a nurse) and a great son-in-law. It's been as much fun watching them grow as parents as it has been watching the little guy. Although surgical practice is demanding and hectic and takes the greatest toll on the spouse, Candy has been my anchor at home and we have had some great opportunities. God has been gracious to us over the years and we have had some great mentors, friends and experiences here and abroad. We look forward to what new chapters He has for us."

They have been able to travel some and took their first real vacation in five years to Alaska last year and had a Queen Mary II cruise planned for this fall. "Living in Norfolk and being exposed to so many Navy families has given me a tremendous appreciation for our country and the sacrifices that so many make for the freedoms that we take for granted. It certainly influences one's political views and opinions about the direction of our nation. But, that's another story. I've always had better than I deserved. I never dreamed that I would be afforded such a good education starting at WMC and have had the opportunities that I have had. It's good to know how much God loves you and for that I am thankful."

Bob Whitney writes, "Life here in Providence, R.I., is great." He has worked at Trinity Repertory Company since the summer of 1979. "Trinity Rep is one of the foremost professional regional theaters in the country and certainly here in New England." A few similar regional theaters are Center Stage in Baltimore and the Goodman Theater in Chicago. For the last 20 years he has been director of operations, responsible for the day-to-day operations of their facilities which bring through their doors annually over 200,000 patrons and 30,000 students to view their productions. Bob also oversees the operation of their acting/playwriting and directing schools for the post-graduate programs of the

Brown University/Trinity Rep Consortium.

Over the years Bob has also had the opportunity to perform in over 10 productions with the company. He has worked with all five of Trinity Rep's prior and current artistic directors, including Oskar Fustis, now the NYC director of the Public Theater in Manhattan, who recently accepted on that theater's behalf Broadway's Tony Award for the best revival of a musical. Hair, Bob's partner of 34 years, Bill Lane, has been Trinity Rep's resident costume designer for the last 30 years. "We live in an octagon house with a fenced-in yard in an historic district in Providence just to minutes away from our work. We have a three-year-old wheaten terrier named Maggie and a 19-year-old tabby named Toby." They took a month-long vacation in July to Vancouver, the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Jasper, Toronto and Montreal with horseback riding, hiking, white water rafting, helicopter riding and whale watching, including by train and car. "Life is good. We're healthy. I can't believe it's been 37 years since graduating from (to me it will always be) Western Maryland College. Best to all and thanks to my WMC mentors **Billy '56**, **Max Dixon**, **Tim Weinfield** and the great Esther Smith!"

John '70 and **Vivian Higdon Seaman** greatly enjoy their 1929 home in Westminster. John is principal at Francis Scott Key High School where he began teaching 39 years ago. He plans to retire next year after 40 years with Carroll County Public Schools. John hikes the Appalachian Trail in segments and began the hiking club in their church. Vivian enjoys a small craft business at local farmers' markets and festivals. Having a teenager, 15, is a challenge. Their two adult children, Holly and Jeff, and spouses, have given them three grandchildren, with one on the way. They vacation together in Ocean City with sister and brother-in-law, **Nancy Higdon '69** and **Dick '69 Morgan**, and their families. They also visit with **J.C. '70** and **Patti Wade Allen**, **Mike Elliott '70**, and **Bill Griffith '70** and Marilyn in Rehoboth Beach every summer.

Bob '74 and **Dawn Campaigne Miller**, of Millington, Md., wrote that after 33 years of teaching, Bob is retired and happily pursuing photography, teaching and his artistic goals. Dawn joins him in photography and has won a few awards. They enjoy traveling to Africa, the Arctic, Iceland, France, Italy, and the Galapagos – photo ops everywhere. Dawn writes monthly scripts for the Church Hill Theatre Radio Show and won first place in the Maryland Writer's Association Short Works competition for one of her poems. A serious poet, she is working on her fourth novel. After being homeschooled, both children graduated with honors from Juniata College. Son Ryan got his master's from SAIS, out of Johns Hopkins University, and works in D.C. Daughter Raina is general manager of Gold's Gym and is highly successful, married last year and bought a lovely home.

Barbara "Barb" Shull Chilton cannot believe she has lived in Chicalagonia for almost five years. She and husband Jim have been married 26 years. Son Jimmy, 23, graduated two years ago from James Madison University and is an IT consultant for Indus Corp in McLean, Va. He married Marissa Cappel in October '08 and lives in Falls Church. Daughter Rachel is a rising junior at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., majoring in international relations and minoring in Chinese and East Asian studies. She spent Jan. term '09, studying at Shanghai Normal University and second semester '09, studying at Xiamen University. Barb is sad about the "empty nest," but happy their children are enjoying life to the fullest. She attended her 40th high school reunion (Catonville class of '68) with her two best friends from high school – and the years simply melted away. Great fun! It has been somewhat exciting to live in Illinois in the past year. Politically I was able to participate in celebrations of Barack Obama's presidential victory and it is always amazing to listen to our disgraced, former governor ("Blago") rationalize his criminal activity. I miss the East Coast, however, and hope my husband ties of managing the O'Hare Modernization Project so we can move back closer to family and friends."

Eugene "Eue" and Joanne Chatham '73 Lindsay live in Hunt Valley, Md., at the same house they built in 1983. However it suffered a serious house fire in 2005, was torn down and rebuilt over the ensuing 13 months. "We are back in and all is well. Fire was a disruption, but we all survived the scare and stress." Eue continues to be a financial advisor, now, through multiple mergers, with Wells Fargo, who bought Wachovia, who merged with First Union, who bought Wheat First Butcher Singer. Where! It seems hard to believe that the Dow Jones Average was 574 when I started in 1974 and is now 8,800, down of course from 14,200 back in 2007. Man, these bear markets are getting tougher and tougher to take so I approach '60."

Their three kids are doing great. Megan, 31, received her master's in biotechnology from Johns Hopkins and loves being a mom to her daughter (their first and only, as yet, grandchild), Lindsay Elizabeth, 2. Megan works part time for Human Genome Science in Gaithersburg, Md., and lives in Reston, Va., with husband, Drew Shontz. Son Geoff, 27, lives in Baltimore and works locally for CBS Radio, 105.7, The Fan. Son John, 21, just graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. Joanne continues to be a social worker for Baltimore County in high-risk adoptions and also does adoption searches. "This is year number 36 doing that fairly stressful, low compensation work. Thank God for people like her to do these things for all of us. Joanne stays in touch with a bunch of Phi Alphas and was happy to hear that the Purple Coins are coming back to McDaniel." Eue still sees a

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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 15, 2009, to Raymond '94 and Alison Pickersgill.

Joseph David and Taylor Lynne Bosley-Smith, on September 7, 2007, to Joe Bosley-Smith and Teatete Loderback-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 Austin and Melanie Phipps '96 Repp.

Noah Patrick Shermeyer, on August 10, 2008, 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.

Logan Andrew Willoughby, on October 29, 2008, to Brian and Karen Beamer '96 Willoughby.

Sebastian Victor Chapin, on April 9, 2009, to Ryan and Sonia Stoy '97 Chapin.

Lindsay Tourjee Pearre, on July 21, 2009, to Austin and Lisa Hill '97 Pearre.

Brandon Deuan Stiles, on August 13, 2008, to Deuan and Dawn Deussen '97 Stiles.

Annie Elise Gerringier, on May 11, 2009, to Kurt and Mandy Hofstetter '97 Gerringier.

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number of Preachers often, **Ron Cristy**, Tom **'Lumpy' Brown**, **Dr. Bob Fox** and **Dr. Fred Kamle**. "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 mum 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. "Would love to spend a day at WMC (now McDaniel) to see the charges on campus, visit 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." Kathi 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 pastimes include spending time in Stone Harbor, N.J., and attending Ravens games in Baltimore. "We have FSUs in rows seven and eight in section 105 if anyone is in the stadium, come and check us out!"

Last summer they visited **Jerse and Bonnie Kimmel Houston** in Ocean City and attended a wonderful get together at Ruth and **Joedy Waters' '71** house to celebrate an evening with **Jimmy Nopoulos** (deceased October '08) and other Bachelors and Preachers. "What a fabulous way for all of us to say our goodbyes."

"You know, I think I have never communicated with anyone writing the column," **Sue Head** wrote. After graduating, she received additional degrees in psychology and finance, and became a certified financial planner specializing in charitable gift strategies. She and husband Dan Verdrime live in Gladstone, N.J. He is retired "so I am the worker bee! He spends his time between home, NYC, where they have an apartment on the west side, and his boat. Sue is senior vice president at Wachovia (Wells Fargo) in the Philanthropic Services Group. "I am selling investments to not-for-profit organizations which is great fun! Have been doing this for more than 20

years covering New Jersey, New York and some of the mid-western parts of the U.S. When I am not working, I am with Dan or our nieces/nephews, my sisters, friends or in NYC."

For the past 11 years, **Susan Sedicum Douglas**, who lives in Owings Mills, has various roles related to the travel industry. Earlier this year, she became the retail office manager of the AAA office in Wheaton, Md. Last fall, Susan was able to take her mother with her on a cruise to the western Caribbean while she was participating in a "seminar at sea" through AAA. Husband Phillip is in his 12th year of working for Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland based at a church in Towson. Son Gordon, 23, graduated from the Art Institute of York, Pa., with a degree in retail and fashion marketing. Daughter Amanda, 21, is working on two careers, hoping to become a licensed massage therapist and a full-time pharmacy technician. Amanda has a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, 2, who is their pride and joy! Susan stays in touch with cousin, **Linda Newton Reid '69**, and planned to see her family this summer. "A number of our classmates were at our high school reunion, Franklin High School, held at Martins Westminster in November. **Linda McWilliams Broderick** was one of the organizers, and it was a wonderful evening."

Robert Reid 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, N.Y. He works some from home and spends several days a week in the Armonk office, planning to retire at the end of June '11. 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 2007.

Ron 'Tim' 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. Helva lot better golfer than her dad. Good to know she has all the old scuttlebutt 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 **Lindsay's**, and play golf with **Ue. 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 "the boys" and their wives in June for the wedding of **Nina and Roy Skiles'** daughter, **Meghan**, in High Point, N.C.

Jay McCabe is still senior vice president of CES Security. Daughter **Jennifer McCabe '99**

moved back to Baltimore last year with husband, Frank Diller, and daughter, Chloe. "So, we are all delighted that they are back!" He stays in touch with and sees **John Bennett, Bill Eberhart, Gary Will, Dave Webster, Chuck 'The Kahuna' Sullivan** and **Tom Resau** on a regular basis. "On a personal note, I remarried last October at Little Babe Chapel which brought back many memories and even brought my good friend, **Ira Zepp '52**, out of retirement to perform the ceremony! My wife, Wendy, and I are living in Lutherville with our Labrador retriever, Mandy."

"Out of the loop for a long, long time," **Bob Haynie** is retired and lives with wife **Peggy** in central Washington on Lookout Mountain — the eastern rim of the Cascades. He sent an e-mail with a spectacular view of his house and the Cascades. He still hears from **Jim Wilberger** from time to time and keeps in touch with **Les Schwartz**, now Williams.

Gary Furbush, in his second career, teaching chemistry and astronomy at residence in Central High School. He just finished his fifth year and was honored in being selected to speak at the graduation ceremony on June 7. He continues to live in Elersburg, Md.

Emanuel and Peggy Jones '73 Demedis still live and work in Calvert County, Md. Emanuel is the county attorney, and Peggy is the library media specialist at Plum Point Elementary. Daughter **Katie** has been part of the Teach for America program in New York City for three years; she is now moving back to this area to attend law school. Son **Steve** lives in Montana and worked at Glacier National Park this summer. Emanuel, Katie and Peggy planned to fly to Montana to see Steve at the end of June and drive back to Maryland. "I promise to be quite a trip!"

James Harne of Hagerstown retired in July '08 after teaching physical education and coaching for 36 years at South Hagerstown High School and Mountaintop Elementary School. Now he works part time at Washington County Hospital doing courtesy van, valet parking, and clinical observation. He and wife **Bonnie** celebrated their 12th anniversary and have two granddaughters.

Don Mohler and **Linda Stevens '9** prepared to celebrate their 38th anniversary. "How can that be?" Linda still teaches French at Catonsville High School and Don continues to enjoy his job as a 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 Ed 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

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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 '08 and MaryEllen Baker.

Connor Adam Schmidt, on June 24, 2009, to Michael and Janelle Milam '08 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.

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 Zooma 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.

Jeese 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 Jeese. "We are enjoying condoning 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 **Jody 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 '56**. We also became grandparents for the first time in November '07, as Nicholas DeHaven came into the family." Bonnie spends three or four days a month doing grandmother things at their home in Lehighton, Pa. Nick already has a pretty substantial Redkins 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 daughters' 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 Reisterstown but 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 we wrote two years ago); I guess the neighbors wised up and got secure with, 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 **Street 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 lecture series. "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 York College of 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 to 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 nice 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 Redface 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 **Marianna** 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 in 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 band **Butch (Clemson '68)** broke his femur near the hip and recovery has been slow. Jeanette has been trying to remodel the home 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 dialysis 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."

Liz Sewell Wildasin and Ed (UMCP '71) still live in Easton with their two cats, Fidget and Queen Anne. Ed retired from accounting in May '08, "but since it's still fun, I'm still teaching grades 7 to 12 instrumental music at St. Michaels Middle/High School." Daughter **Lee** (UMCP '00) lives in Salisbury, and is a CT Tech at Peninsula Regional Medical Center. Son **John** (Radford University '00) is director of purchasing at Shapiro & Duncan, Inc., in Rockville, Md. and wife **Lindsay** (College of William & Mary '99) lives in New Market, Md., with daughter **Cassidy**, 5, son **Britton**, 3, and their Jack Russell terrier, **Carmen**. "Ed and I are enjoying spoiling our grandchildren."

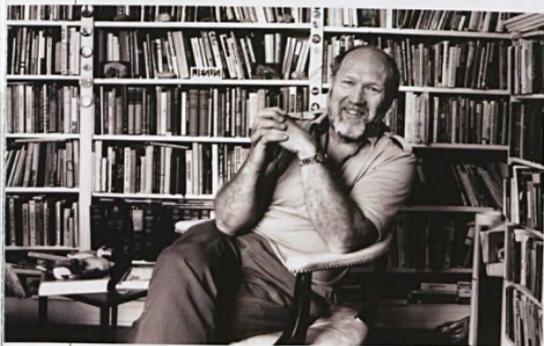
Rebecca "Becca" Jones works at the methadone clinic in New Bedford, Mass., and has a private therapy practice in Westport, where she lives. "I had a good year. I got married last October, and we are very happy to have found each other at this stage of life and

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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 Göttingen, 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 our 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 end of 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 Arts 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 enticing 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 I'm not empty, just the nest." He ran into **Mike Mock '73**, **Billford Sprecher '73**, **Dave Petrucci '73** and **Mill 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 McDaniel 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 Reinhart 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 ur-

ban 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 WCM will help to provide at least a little credibility with the native Louisianian! I would love to hear from all WCM 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, she 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 also active in their church retreat ministries such as Kairos and Credo.

Cathisa 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 their 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 having a grandy!" Cathisa 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 up 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 next-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 thanks to term lim-

its, "which I endorse for good governance in any organization."

In February '07, **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 Anancy 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., and taking sports photographs for Lifestock, 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 Tut Paulsgrove finished her 30th year as music teacher at Skyeville 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 1892. 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 at 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 aortal 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 by the bus - less stress). His daughter graduated from George Mason University in May '09 and is attending law school at the University of Virginia.

Korby Bowman and **Pete '77 Clark** celebrated their 30th anniversary in July '09. Their youngest, Jennifer, graduated from Endicott 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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Those who will be missed:

Dr. Mary E. Humphreys '30, of Salisbury, Md., on August 25, 2009.

Mrs. Katharine Merritt Bell '33, of North Kingstown, R.I., on April 2, 2009.

Mrs. Margaret Erb Mann '33, of Westminster, Md., on April 23, 2009.

Mrs. Elsie Kalb Chapin '34, of Saranac Lake, N.Y., on July 14, 2009.

Mrs. Emily Dashiell Leckey '35, of Princess Anne, Md., on June 15, 2009.

Mrs. Mary V. Workman '37, of Frostburg, Md., on July 19, 2009.

Eve Eugene R. Ackerman '39, of Westminster, Md., on May 9, 2009.

Mrs. Louise Jameson Higby '39, of LaPlata, Md., on August 7, 2009.

Mrs. Marjorie McKenney Slayman '39, of Newport News, Va., on January 5, 2009.

Dr. Frank M. Shipley '40, of Annapolis, Md., on July 20, 2009.

Mrs. Mary Clemson Wilson '40, of Taneytown, Md., on December 22, 2007.

Mr. O. Harper LeCompte '41, of Southold, N.Y., on February 25, 2009.

Mrs. Clara Archer Huffington '42, of Churchillville, Md., on May 27, 2009.

Mr. Kenneth D. Mitchell '42, of Merced, Calif., on May 1, 2009.

Mr. Roger W. Saltzgrave '42, of Baltimore, Md., on July 5, 2009.

Mrs. Virginia Waters Auld '43, of Sykesville, Md., on May 26, 2009.

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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 '76** 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 **Brian Trumponer** and **David Detrick**, 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.

Liz continues to be busy for **Barb Meister Kroeber**. 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.

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 shareholders 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. George and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary with a cruise to the Mediterranean in June '09.

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 packet 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 Lazare '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 look like 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 21 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 in archaeology, 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 Stanford 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. The Huttons were fortunate to have them (and their parents) living with them for a short time while they house-hunted.

The youngest two 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**, **Kimber Shewbridge Tantillo**, **Rich and Jill Carmel Broo**, **Theo Braver** and **Steve**

and **Kate Shirey '80 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 Trafon-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 the 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 Hemmingway 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 oldest daughter has one more year of high school, so 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.

Heleen Troy Kiefert reports that she has greatly simplified her life: her shoe size, hair color number and last digit of her street address are all the same, so she only has to remember one number, 9. She is happily retired, which gives her time for volunteering at the AVAM (American Visionary Art Museum), the Baltimore Zoo, the Towson Police and Community Relations Council, and other local organizations. It also allows her to drive neighbors and friends to the airport, train station, and their colonoscopy appointments. She is still living in the same house in Loch Hill and swing and ballroom dances.

Here's the latest from **Kathy Chandler** and **Tom '80 Ambruster**. They are in the Russian Far East in the formerly closed port city of Vladivostok until the summer of 2010. They have no idea where they will go next! Last year, **Kathy** attended Seattle University's School of Teaching English as a Second Language to become a certified TESOL teacher. She teaches English a few days each week and holds an informal speaking club for Russian students at a local cafe. Tom is the social general and his news is usually posted on the consulate's website www.ladivostok-usconsulate.gov. He loves what he is doing and hopes to help reset relations between the U.S. and Russia.

Beth Silivius and **Dave Detrick** are fine and

live with four children continues to keep them busy. Their third child and second daughter graduated from Severna Park High in June and attends the University of North Carolina Wilmington. She had considered **McDaniel** where their niece, **Michelle Detrick '12**, attends, but in the end left UNCW was a better fit. Their oldest daughter lives in NYC where she is working for Planet Hollywood and auditioning for musical theatre shows. She has not had any luck yet but is loving life in the Big Apple. Their oldest son is working at Best Buy. He started at the community college briefly but school is not for him. Their youngest is going to be a junior next year at Severna Park High 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 Magogy 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 DiBlasio '75** did help Dave break his curse this past spring when they caught a 39-inch Rock fish. 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.

Judy Byrd 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. **Katie** is studying accounting at UMBC and **James** 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 and to graduate May '10 with her bachelor of science degree. The Imms are active in their church community. They spend time with their family, and like to play golf and hike.

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Mrs. Katherine Clemson Turner '44, of Lexington, Md., on June 22, 2009.

Mrs. Jeanne P. Corkan '45, of Woodbridge, Va., on August 2, 2009.

Mrs. Jeanette Milholland Royston '47, of Cokeville, Md., on April 27, 2009.

Mrs. Eleanor Lee Kunz '48, of Bel Air, Md., on May 12, 2009.

Mr. Frederick C. Osing '48, of Silver Spring, Md., on July 4, 2009.

Mr. Thomas F. Albright '50, of Boca Raton, Fla., on April 14, 2009.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beamer Bernos '50, of Baltimore, Md., on May 20, 2009.

Mrs. Charlotte Heagy Hollinger '50, of Westminster, Md., on May 17, 2009.

Mr. Charles C. Parker MED '50, of Frederick, Md., on April 8, 2009.

Judge Donald M. Smith '52, of Westminster, Md., on August 19, 2009.

Dr. Ira G. Zapp Jr. '53, of Westminster, Md., on August 1, 2009.

Dr. Stuart J. Abrahams '53, of Greensboro, N.C., on May 18, 2009.

Mr. Albert L. Donnelly '53, of Reisterstown, Md., on August 26, 2009.

Mrs. Mildred Beamer Mays '53, of Lewisville, Md., on June 10, 2009.

Mr. Walter M. Preston Jr. '55, MED '68, of Sykesville, Md., on May 10, 2009.

Rev. David A. Balcom '56, of Ashburn, Va., on April 19, 2009.

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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 roommate **Sophie Diven** and **Kelsey Warthen** were glad they'd taken the time to get to know each other before arriving at Whiteford 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 1980-1982, also lived on the ground floor of Whiteford. In Diven's room are two custom-made shelving units — constructed by her 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 duffel 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 Tliloi 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 Girolini** 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 Williamsport. High. She is a senior at 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 pavers 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

Hagerston 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 late this year. He also writes a blog (to which he posts three times per 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. **Ira 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 acappella 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 gasoline 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 skills classes, and Wayne, continuing as a professor of environmental toxicology at Western Washington University.

It had been 27 years since **Susan Terwilliger** had seen **Ellen "Missy" Green Dumas** of Maine, but she visited this past spring. Looking through the WMC's yearbooks, they wondered how everyone is getting along. Susan had not seen anyone from college in years (**Georgann Morekas** was the last one five years ago, and no one for years before that), so being with Missy was a nice convergence of her past and present lives. Susan and her husband, Jeff Strobe, are now four years in Alaska. Mike Strobe is "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-based practice. It has been a good career for her, even though she sometimes questions that 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. Most 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 (Theanno), 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 Tot 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, Auburn, is a first-time homeowner in Americus, Ga., working at Habitat International's headquarters and has begun work on her M.B.A. In spite of their various schedules the past couple of years, the Holmes have still managed to connect for holidays and family vacations (Aruba, France, Denmark and Hawaii).

My work as a senior vice president at Dynamic 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 fridans, travel, gardening, reading and my friend, Schmeizer, Luca, 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 '09 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 ethnomusicology, and linguistics. Though they are very different departments, she is having a great time fitting them together. She was recently nominated for Assistant 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 at two Indiana University women's basketball games this season! Obviously the Herndon children have inherited the Adams' musical talent.

On a more somber note, Krystie's family suffered the loss of her younger sister, Vicki, to 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 **Heldi 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 **Mia Gomez '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 Culatta 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 Kern** 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 she 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 busy-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 Poisoning Prevention Program at UNC-Asheville. Her job has her inspecting homes and doing lots of educational trainings and presentations in both Spanish and English. As a volunteer, she conducts community mediations, serves on the board of Building Bridges, which leads dialogues on black-white relations, chairs a fledgling National Coalition Building Institute affiliate chapter that plans to lead diversity-related workshops, facilitates a weekly Spanish conversation group, and does some interpretation work at a local health clinic. If that isn't enough to keep her busy, she also teaches Appalachian clogging classes which brings in a little extra income, and just for the fun of it, she is a part of several book-learning circles and a poetry group. Believe it or not she still finds time to run, skate, hike and dance. Her dancing includes performances with the Green Grass Clingers. In 2008 she traveled to Bolivia with

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Mrs. Margaret Simon Jurf '57, of Westminister, Md., on August 22, 2009.

Mrs. C. Joanne Parrish '57, of Salisbury, Md., on July 23, 2009.

Mrs. Carolyn Conking Muhly '63, of Baltimore, Md., on May 19, 2009.

Dr. Eugene Willis Jr. '64, of Elliott City, Md., on August 12, 2009.

Mrs. Pamela Bobbett Mitchell '65, of Towson, Md., on July 3, 2009.

Mr. Daniel H. Rorer Jr. MD '65, of Wrightsville, Pa., on October 22, 2007.

Mr. William N. Ensor Jr. MD '67, of Manchester, Md., on May 19, 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. Hom '75, of Belcamp, Md., on December 23, 2008.

Mrs. Teresa Kooms Levendusky '76, of Elliott City, Md., on July 14, 2009.

Mrs. Suzanne J. Johnson MS'90, of Laurel, Md., on May 27, 2009.

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 *jiengel 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 Bigelow 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 on 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 woman'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 **Heldi Snyder** weathered coming to spend time with the family during that week. On a brighter note, Audrey and Heldi 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.

Greetings from **Bob '83** and **Becky Jackson Butler** in Wolfsville, Md., where their family is busy, busy, especially during lacrosse season. **Woody '12**, their oldest, just finished his freshman year at McDaniel. He is playing football and adjusting well to life on the Hill. **Jack '13** is a freshman. Their youngest, Cole, will get the house to himself as a sophomore at Middleton 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 "Kiley" Kohr '83**, **Jack Knies '83**, **Jeff "Norm" Kiley '84** and occasionally **Steve Ports '83**!

Lea Ruggiero O'Shea is living inasking 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.ale-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 in touch with lots of familiar faces. She does find it a little unerving, however, to see her friend's 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. Tom is still an assistant principal at the local high school, and his wife, **Beth Chapman '83**, 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/psychology 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 '81** 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 communicates 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's drive away. Chris sends her best to all her classmates.

One of our classmates, **Ann Bizzardi 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 Education Support Team program at Robert Moton Elementary School. She sees Sherod Bari 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 Bowers '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 Christopher 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 Katy. 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 shuttles 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 research 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 Chawen Dawson is a targeted intervention teacher at Wolfville 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 kid's 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 Hamnaby** 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 Woodard 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 their typical "parents of teenager" mode where 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, Mar- tinez. Brian, 18, is a freshman at Coastal gartaville. Brian, 18, is a freshman at Coastal Carolina looking forward to college life, but Carolina linking 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 hoped to spend some time with WMC buddies **Patty McLaughlin** and **Wendy Gage Carver**. Debbie and her husband, Carl, were to celebrate their 25th anniversary in October. Debbie is convinced that **Ira Zepp '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 Bruer 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 playing the piano, writing stories/books, pursuing marksmanship sports, entering crafts in the county fair and learning general life skills. Future plans for the Booy family 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.

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News from our Master's Alumni

Daniel Perna MD '80, president of **James Daniel and Associates, LLC**, co-authored the book **Reading to Learn in Secondary Classrooms: Increasing Comprehension and Understanding**. The book was recently highlighted at the Southern Region Educational Board's High Schools That Work conference in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Perna offered two workshops for school leaders from across the nation.

Paul Welliver MS '90 was inducted into the Maryland Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in May. A longtime athletic trainer in Carroll County, he has served at WMC, Westminster High, North Carroll, South Carroll and presently at Winters Mill.

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 Shelman '45**, **Gordon Shelton '68**, **Bruce Bozeman '70**, **John Montanye '84**, **Joe Menendez '85**, **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.

Jeff and **Leslie-Ann Yarrow Asmus'** heads and hearts are still reeling from the changes and blessings over the last years. While celebrating that they had filed paperwork to adopt a child from Russia in late 2003, Leslie-Ann became pregnant, so 2004 was quite the year for family growth! They came home with their 8-month-old son Alex in April and their second son, Connor, was born in August. Things settled down for a stretch until they were offered and happily accepted an ex-patriat assignment in Shanghai in 2007 and thoroughly enjoyed spending the holidays in Bali, Phuket, Sydney and of course, a number of other locations throughout China. They recently moved back to their home in the north Dallas area and are quickly getting back into an American routine of church, family, school and lifetime fitness. Leslie-Ann expects to return to teaching at Southern Methodist University this fall.

For **Denise Humphrey**, life has been busy but rewarding. She still calls Mount Airy, Md., home and absolutely loves the area. She is still working for the federal government and is currently the assistant director for security education, training and awareness for the Defense Security Service. She was recently selected as a defense intelligence senior leader (DISL) and had her appointment ceremony on June 6. Among the well-wishers were **Audrey Adams Bigelow** and her husband, Mike. Later that evening **Hedi Snyder Wethered** and her family were able to make it to the promotion party. On the lighter side Denise took up scuba diving two years ago and has been fortunate enough to dive several parts of the Caribbean. In addition, Denise admits to being a Disney World fanatic and therefore makes it to Florida to see Mickey regularly. Should you ever get there, Denise highly recommends diving the Living Seas at EPCOT because you really get to ham it up with the visitors looking at you.

Gail Leek Klakring is doing fine in Davidsonville, Md., just outside of Annapolis. While working as the senior legal editor with the Maryland Secretary of State's office, Gail was promoted to the administrator of her division, the Division of State Documents, and she is looking forward to taking on the challenges it will bring. Gail's husband is in sales in the construction industry, so they are weathering the current economic storm and, along with many others, are hoping things start to improve soon. Gail and her husband keep busy with their two boys, 9 and 6, and have survived the first year of their 9-year-old playing violin. They've taken a break from organized sports, but suspect that baseball will lure their oldest back into the grind this winter. In contrast, the summer finds the Klakrings spending a lot of time on their boat — a perk of living near the Chesapeake Bay, and taking some long weekend trips. They've held out for as long as they could, but suspect that the obligatory Disney World vacation is in their near future.

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 second grades, respectively. The girls are all in Girl Scouts and all four kids play soccer and basketball, which means 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 Cohegan Rosberry**, **Becky Bankert Cook**, **Barbie Hest McAloose '85** and **Tracy Woodard Gregory**, though not as often as she would like. Her take on life, "Things are busy, but good!"

Yelott Canby sends best wishes to the class of '84 from his farm in southeastern Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Ann, and son, 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, Ann is 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 balding hay and raising feed corn. In addition to the farm, Yelott 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 slow 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 trail. 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

with college buddies **Paul '83** and **Nancy Turner '82** **Parlette** and this summer will be the 20th anniversary of our summer vacations to the Outer Banks with two other families. When we started, we were six adults, one child and one on the way. We are now six adults, 10 children and (we hope) zero on the way. We're not quite ready to be grandparents yet. Got a wonderful birthday present last summer when Mike whisked me away for a surprise weekend in Charleston, S.C. I really enjoyed the southern flair of the city and am especially thankful for grand-parents who are willing to hang out with our kids, allowing us such treats. Thanks again to all who sent updates. Enjoy!

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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 Kravitz** was elected to the U.S. Congress through the support of numerous alumni and members of the college community. Facebook is connecting alumni worldwide like never before, but plenty of alumni 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 USCENCOM, **Lt. Col. Mike Adlerley** 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, love 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 Mullis** and **Jeff Smith '88** but unfortunately nothing in person since 2004. He says hi to all the Sig Eps 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, 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 band 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 BBrown@MDRTL.org.

Renee Lemire Carnochan lives in beautiful Caroline County, Md., with her wonderful husband and daughters, Emily, 12, and Maily, 9. Renee 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 Clow 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 water-view. Lori recently went on an amazing trip to Thailand with fellow alumni, **Deborah Thigpen Bailey '91** and **Wendy Ploger**. She describes it as the trip of a lifetime. Lori sends out a big hello to **Wendy Wilson Leatherman**, **Ted Graves**, **Jess Diller Graves '88**, **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**, 3, 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 Lauzau**, **Ellen Marth McCarthy** and **Lisa Brown Arnesen** and others from Daniel McLea.

Missy Ridgely Covelocky 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 farmette 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**, **Jeff Hayman '85**, **Blake '88** and **Stacey Hermann '91** Austensen. Missy sends a shout out to her roomie, **Linda Needie Plummer '91** on her 40th birthday!

Charles "Chuck" Cruise and his wife, **Laura Balaban '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

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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 Dependent Schools. He and his wife, **Valerie**, have three children. **Seth** is a senior. **Luke** is a sophomore and **Sofia** 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, **Charlton** (a.k.a. Chili). Ted's business, **Pleasant Hills Custom Builders**, is going strong and **Jessica** enjoys her career as a sign-language interpreter. Chili is quite a snowboarder and went to Mt. Hood in Oregon for a few weeks over the summer. They stay in contact with **Wendy Wilson Leatherman** and would love to catch up with more friends, including **Lori Clow** 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, **Bo 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 Mazzer, Eric Buckner '63, Jack Baile '62, Carol Baile '64, Janice Hobart '63, Judy Pearson '65 and Dan Pearson '65. (Back row) A (Alice) Leishure '64, George Gebelien '64, Fred Wooden '64 and Don Hobart '62.

founder of a startup computer leasing and repair company, First Step 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_lang@hotmail.com. Greg and Colleen say hello to **Pat and Chris Jarkowic '89**, **Feehan, Ben '85 and Tina Franklin, Blake '88 and Stacy Hermann '91**, **Austensen** and their roommates Lisa, Alex and Rob.

Karen Quidas 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 Baldrige 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, N.J. Michelle has been with her employer, HopiComm, 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 Thirty 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 '91** 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, 4. 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 Eps of Maryland Delta, especially **Jim Borra '91**.

Scott Baily, John Turner, Mike Addeley and Jim Mitchell, a.k.a. Team Rouser.

Since our last column, **Michelle and Jerry 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 Baily** 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, 2**. Jenny tries to get together at least a few times a year with **Kelly Sell, Kelly Willes Loiacono** and **Jenny Dempsey Oberfeld**. She and Kelly Loiacono had a good time at the Phi Alpha reunion on campus back in March. She stays in touch via phone and e-mail with **Tracey Holter Zifas** 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 Schmalz works in a 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**, **Cardea, 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 Sharli's home and every summer to swim at Julia'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. **Missy Ridgely Covesky/LRhonda** 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 Alwine '91 Anderson** and **Missy Ridgely Covesky** 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 owner-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 Cлов**.

Jim 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 Milburn '89 and Wallace Henry '92**.

After many years in the D.C. area, **Lori Wieder** moved to State College, Pa., last summer. Her "Happy Valley" home includes her husband, Dave, son Ben, 3, and one exuberant yellow Lab. Lori continues to run her graphic design/copywriting business (wcomunications.com) and is also a part-time group fitness instructor. She and her family are loving life at Penn State's Beaver Stadium.

Jim Young resides in Harrisburg, N.C., on the outskirts of Charlotte, with his wife and two sons. They recently celebrated the birth

of their second son, born in April '09. Jim is an attorney in private practice, and he continues to make humanitarian trips to central and southern Africa, usually once a year. Countries he has visited thus far are Zimbabwe, Malawi, South Africa, and Swaziland. He stays in touch with fellow alum **Brian Small '92**.

As for me, **Becky Cosentino Robertson**, I continue to enjoy a very busy but very fun life with my husband, Chip, and children, Benjamin, 8, and Olivia, 6, in Davidsonville, Md. I am in my 14th year with Booz Allen Hamilton near Ft. Meade, Md. In addition to my normal work responsibilities, I support Project SCOPE, a Ft. Meade Alliance initiative that encourages middle and high school students to pursue careers in intelligence and government service. It's a great way to help kids see the positive impact they can have on the world, but really it's just a fun excuse to hang out with people way younger than me.

At home, I spend any time I can volunteering at school, coaching soccer and going to football, wrestling and lacrosse events. We always seem to have a home-improvement project going on, although last year we were distracted by an unexpected cardiac procedure our daughter underwent at Johns Hopkins. Fortunately, the procedure was a success and we are back to our normal crazy life. We had a great family trip to Disney World recently, plus take regular trips to the Delaware and North Carolina beaches with our extended family. Ben and Liv's sports and activities rule our lives, so we are grateful for an occasional weekend away with friends.

For all you Facebook fanatics ... I am seeking a partner to help me author future class columns. If you are looking for a way to connect with old classmates and get involved with only a small time commitment, let me know because I could use your help! Feel free to forward updates any time to Robertson_becky@bah.com or to my home address.

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1996

Brian Van Deusen was married on the beach in Cabo San Lucas on April 14, 2008. He and wife Melissa had their first child, Peyton Nicole, on Jan. 13, 2009. Brian is still teaching and coaching football at River Hill High School in Clarksville, Md. River Hill has captured the Maryland State Football Championship for the last two years.

Two boys, ages 6 and 8, keep **Chad Albertson** busy with sports and other activities. They are living in Monks, Md., out in horse country. Chad is a field sales manager for a liquor and wine distributor in Maryland dealing with bars and restaurants in Baltimore and Annapolis, where he occa-

sionally runs into some McDaniel alumni. Like many of us, he is also using Facebook to track down Sig Eps that he has lost touch with over the years. He was very excited to find **Bill Andre '95** on there after 10 years.

Rachel Green Stein and her husband, Marc, welcomed their second child, Sarah Campbell Stein, on Feb. 25, 2009. Sarah's older sister, Hannah, is crazy about her and loves being mommy's helper. If having a new baby wasn't enough change they bought a new home and moved to Medfield, Mass., just four weeks before the baby arrived. The family finally got out of boxes in time to enjoy the spring. At the time of this writing, Rachel was looking forward to an annual get-together with **Anne Larson Brakeman, Callie Thompson Gould, Amy Luebehnen, Kristine Crocker Rymar, Denise Saver Smith and Emily Fry Berthide** in June.

Emily Firor Berthide was married to Markus Berthide on Oct. 4, 2008. They live in Medford, Mass.

Denise Saver Smith lives in Ellicott City, Md., with her husband, Chris, and their children Cooper, 5, and Sadie, 2.

Jennifer Preston Sharif was enjoying life on California's central coast in the small town of Cayucos, but things are changing with a planned relocation to Easton, Md. Although she loves 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 kids Jordan, 4, and Keira, 1.

At the end of summer '08, **Sandra Elman Hoyle** moved south to the San Diego suburb of Del Mar, Calif. Her family is enjoying life there and keeping busy with lots of walks to the beach. Her husband is developing a wind-energy project and she is keeping busy chauffeuring their four daughters, Jolie Ana, 7, Catherine, 5, Emerson, 4, and Livvi Belle, 2, to competitive gymnastics, dance and swimming. The girls are asking for other activities to participate in, but they have run out of hours in the day! In her free time, Sandra is putting her McDaniel degree to good use doing public relations and communications for the school PTA. They had a memorable trip to Las Vegas for the wedding of **Char Gaylin-Elsa** in October '08, and they had fun in the snow with **Aaron Rosen '95** in Lake Tahoe in January '09. Sandra was planning trips East in May and again in December '09 with hopes of seeing other friends and family.

Paul Matkovic has been working at an outpatient clinic in New York City doing psychotherapy and psychoanalysis while completing his analytic training at the New York Psychoanalytic Institute. Paul and his wife, Charis, live on the Upper East Side of Manhattan with their dog, Charlie, a 3-year-old West Highland white terrier. Paul and Charis narrowly missed appearing on *The Daily Show* after being interviewed while out on a walk following the 2008 elections.

The arrival of little miracle Noah Patrick Shermeyer on Aug. 10, 2008 was celebrated

Paul Matkovic '96

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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.

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, 4, 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 Hospelhorn '05**, and she attends the local girls' wine night with **Sarah Shekells Hendrickson '07**, **Jennifer Doetsch Yeager '07**, **Michele Crow Feracci '08** 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 Berlingo 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 Univer-

sity, **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 initiative on 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 **Hilmi 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, Hilmi'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 30th reunion for the fall of 2009. They are all looking forward to a great time.

Susan Foreman White has completed her 10th year in special education. Since the last update, she did another sailing tour, this time to the West Indies, including Guadalupe, Illes de Saintes, Marie Gallante 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. **George "Bill" Yankovsky '93**, **Shannon Wylie**, **Larissa Beaven-Andrighetti**, **Michelle Zepp Hicks**, **Stephany Gody Sersen**, **Desiree Cook '05** and **Dave Radosevich '04** 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 doctoral work her S.T.A.Y. suitmates, including myself, my wife **Amy**

Rice Mirra '97, **Jen Light Dottelle '97**, **Taettee Louderback-Smith**, **Julie Kuerer 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.

Taettee 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 myring **Ph.D. Seth Noone**, noted restaurateur **Ridge Knauft**, 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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2007

Barely two years removed from our days on the Hill. Members of the McDaniel College Class of 2007 have been busy earning advanced degrees, planning weddings and taking new jobs.

Many members of our class left McDaniel with plans for graduate school. **Kristen Bender** is in her third year of law school at Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, Pa. She will graduate and receive her J.D. in May '10.

Martin Camper graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in 2008 with an M.A. in rhetoric. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in English language and literature with a concentration in rhetoric at the University of Maryland. In addition to his studies, Martin co-authors the blog *Religious Rhetorics* (www.religiousrhetorics.com) examining contemporary issues in religion and politics for a non-academic audience.

Having recently graduated from Mount Saint Mary's University with a master of business administration with a concentration in finance, **Britnie Greene** plans to become a financial analyst.

Christy Searing Hines graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Maryland Baltimore County with a master of arts degree in applied sociology. She married **Jan Hines**. They currently live in Baltimore City

and love hanging out with fellow McDaniel alums. Ian is working as an aide to Mayor Sheila Dixon in the City of Baltimore. He is also pursuing a master of public administration degree at the University of Baltimore.

Sean Masrin writes that, "After struggling to make a living as a liquor store operator and operating a lighthouse, [he] decided to enroll at the George Mason University School of Public Policy." Sean plans to pursue a degree in chemical and biological weapons policy and national security. With this degree, he hopes he'll finally be able to figure out "just what the heck Dr. Neal meant about the science of muddling through." Sean currently lives with fellow graduate **Andy Cummings** in Washington, D.C. Sean looks forward to returning to McDaniel College "so he can have a drink at Ernie's, see **Josh Russin** talk to 30 people he doesn't know, and watch **Keith Metius** do back flips off of Rouzeur."

Having transferred from McDaniel to Towson University after her sophomore year, **Molly Reitz** earned a degree in psychology. She is currently a graduate student at Salisbury University studying applied health psychology.

After graduating from McDaniel, **Cecilia Randall** swore she'd never go back to school. However, in the spring of 2008 she began a master's degree program in thanatology at Hood College, in Frederick, Md. She will graduate in December '09 and plans to work with Hospice. Eventually, she hopes to earn a degree in counseling so she can open her own grief therapy practice. In addition, Cecilia got married on June 7, 2009, to **Benjamin Miller '06**. The couple currently resides in Frederick, Md.

Kristin Sackloh moved to Canton, Md., after earning a master's degree in social work from University of Maryland in 2008. Having obtained a social work license in October '08, she began working at a non-public special education school, where she works with middle and high school students who have emotional and behavioral needs. She says that, "Nothing happens coincidentally. Everything comes with a purpose and a reason."

After completing the Maryland Institute College of Arts Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in the spring of 2008, **Chloe Watson** chose to continue her graduate studies at MICA's Mount Royal School of Art where she currently focuses on sculpture and drawing. Chloe attended an artist residency program at the Vermont Studio Center in the summer of 2009 and will receive her master of fine arts in studio art in spring '10.

Erin Wilson lives in beautiful downtown College Park, Md., where she is currently pursuing a master's degree in public policy at the University of Maryland. She specializes in international development and writes that, "if anyone has friends at Samaritan's Purse who would like to hire me, let me

know!" Additionally, she is still working at Northrop Grumman as a financial analyst until she gets her degree. Her only complaint is that UMD is not nearly as charming as McDaniel!

Kathleen Woodward graduated from Arcadia University with a master's degree in medical science in May '09. Having passed her board exams at the end of May, she is currently a certified physician's assistant.

While these alums have been busy furthering their education, other '07 alums have been enhancing their fit futures by saying "I Do." **Laura Miller Araujo** married Alberto Araujo on Nov. 3, 2007. The couple has two children, Noah and Gloria. Laura currently works part time at McDaniel teaching Spanish in the Foreign Language Department and also works part time for Carroll Community College teaching English as a Second Language.

On June 27, 2009, **Heather Williams Barton** married her high school sweetheart, Chase Barton, in an outdoor ceremony at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club. Four of her five bridesmaids were '07 McDaniel grads, including **Melanie Socco** (maid of honor), **Chelsea Phillips**, **Lindsey Grieb**, and **Lenae Rader**. The couple currently lives in an apartment in Norfolk, Va., where Heather is in her second year of medical school at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Stacy Fitzwater took a big "plunge" in Nov. '08 — skydiving out of an airplane only to land in front of a marriage proposal to Mike Leard! Stacy is currently teaching music at St. Anthony Catholic School in Washington, D.C., while attending Trinity University for her master's degree in education.

On June 28, 2008, **Ellen Inverso** and **Mark Wheeler '05** were married. All of Ellen's bridesmaids were 2007 McDaniel alums including: **Lenae Rader**, **Allison Bradley DeAugustino**, **Ashley Baker**, **Sarah Black Ward** and **Allison Moss**. The couple purchased their first home and is currently living in Downingtown, Pa., with their puppy, Belladonna. Ellen is in the third year of her clinical psychology Ph.D. program at Immaculata University, where she also works as a graduate assistant coordinating the educational programming and outreach program for student affairs. Additionally, Ellen works with a 6-year-old autistic child part time as an in-home therapist.

Jamie Janowich and **Matt Lufkin** were engaged over Labor Day weekend 2008. They are currently living and working in Baltimore, Md., where they are both employed by a government contractor.

On June 27, 2009, **Rob Jones** married Britany Gelwicks. The couple had been together since the beginning of their senior year of high school (August 2002). Rob and Britanny bought their first home in April of this year. Rob is currently employed at Legg Mason as an analyst in the technical department. He has been working for the company since July '07.

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 '10 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 Jill L. 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. Richardson, 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 Hemler Parthoe** found her former 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 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.

Jon Goldstein Reichart and **Curt Reichart '06** celebrated their first wedding anniversary on May 17, 2009. Additionally, the couple recently had a new home built in Reading, Pa., and moved in over the summer.

With two of her senior year roommates already engaged, **Melanie Socco** went on a scavenger hunt ending in a marriage proposal by McDaniel sweetheart, **Keith Greenway**. Melanie's bridesmaids include several '07 grads — **Heather Williams Barton** (matron of honor), **Theresa Hess**, **Lindsey Grieb**, and

Cecilia Randall '09
swore she'd never
go back to school,
however she began
a master's degree
program in thana-
tology in 2008.

Brunch Bunch

Before the rain arrived on Homecoming, over 150 alumni from the last 10 years had a great time at the GOLD Pre-Game Breakfast in Harrison House.

From left: **Derrick Hayford**, **Kenton Dunsun '06**, **Kim Jones**, **Justin Yerkes '07**, **Ashley Chandler '07** (front), **Alli Biggs '07** (back), **Kara Delenick '07** (back), **Sarah Franz '06** (front).



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 UMLC.

Having earned a master of social work degree from the University of Maryland, **Deborah Goff** became the executive director of a non-profit human service organization that helps prevent homelessness. She has recently become an empty-nester, as her son headed off to college and her daughter is a teacher. Deborah says, "McDaniel's tag line states that it's been 'changing lives since 1867' — and it's true! I'm living proof that it's never too late to return to school to change

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 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 Sheahin '09**.

your career track, and ultimately your life!"

David Greisman writes, "Riding on the Straight Talk Express, knee to knee with John McCain. Sitting down for an interview with Michelle Obama right before the nation's first primary. Being cursed at by Mike Tyson. My three professional highlights. To think I once merely had Mike Tyson." David has worked for *The Keene Sentinel*, a newspaper in southwestern New Hampshire, for the past two years. He covers the city of Keene and is the newspaper's political reporter. In addition, he still writes about boxing on the side. This was recognized by the Boxing Writers' Association of America for the best boxing column. He also received honorable mentions for boxing event coverage and boxing news story. David says, "I always lived for my writing. Now I get to write for a living."

Since graduation, **Suzanne Lester** has gotten a wonderful job and a beautiful niece. She currently works for the government as a video production specialist. She is one of five technicians running three broadcast studios in Woodland, Md. She does everything from editing on final cut pro, to creating graphics, music, and set designs, to technical directing a control room, lighting, and sound.

Emily Taylor is currently teaching pre-kindergarten in Westminster, Md., at Lean On Me Learning Centers. She is working on a master's degree in early childhood education at Towson University. In April '09, she attended the wedding of **Laura Wood Wyatt '08** and **Justin Wyatt**.

Having graduated with 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 graduating 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 the 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 Socco**. Since graduating, my favorite memories are

all of fun times with McDaniel alumni.

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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Christine Boynton is currently working as 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 Sigma sister, **Virginia Dale**. She enjoys taking Krav Maga 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**.

Gavin 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 course) in Pensacola, Fla. for 18 months to become a naval aviator.

Katie Paris 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 **Jaime 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 Renner '80**.

Since graduating, **Eric 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

get a head start in her teaching career.

Geoff Peckham began interning with the Baltimore Ravens' New Media Department after graduating. He worked for the website, helping to coordinate all the content that goes up and even wrote some of his own as well. He attended every home game during the 2008 season, working from the press box. He got to interview players and coaches for features, write breaking news articles, and blogged and tweeted on behalf of the site as well.

Stephanie Gilbertz still attends McDaniel in order to earn her master's degree in human resources development. She lives in Elkridge with her fiancé and works part time while earning her degree. She frequently gets together with fellow 2008 graduates, **Kristin Pavlovsky** and **Kristina Belich**. She'd also like to say hello to all her former bosses in the development office.

Chanann Delivuk has been doing well since her time at McDaniel. She lives in Washington, D.C., and attends graduate school at George Washington University. She is pursuing her master's degree in fine arts and has been enjoying the experience. She loves living in D.C. due to its diversity and the great people and connections. She was in a group show in New Jersey in January that was not school related, which was great because it made her feel like an actual artist. She had a show that opened June 20, 2009 in D.C. She works for Project Create, a non-profit in D.C., teaching art to children living in government-funded housing in southeast D.C. She tries to stay connected with the community, especially through art.

This past summer, she worked for One in Ten, an LGBT non-profit in D.C. She feels that McDaniel really did provide her with the skills and training she needed in order to make it where she is today. There are many people she wished to thank for their help over the years, including Steve Pearson, Dr. Lusch, Dr. Scott, Dr. Dobson. She continues to be a part of the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network, which is a great way to stay and feel connected. She came back for the OMS banquet, and it was great seeing Ms. Bryant, Dean Reiff, Dean Stokely, President Coley, and Dr. Johnson-Ross.

Maria Lathroum 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 Koon, Brian Kastner '07, and Brian Patterson '05**; **Pat's** 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/have'n't

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 Lathroum '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 '82 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 Miller, Leslie Shirk** (who is working as a paralegal in Washington D.C.), **Rachel Siegel '07, Laurel Kenney '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 securities 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 reports 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/have'n'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 program including **Brittany Eyer Edie, Ashley Zimmerman Lindsay, Whitney Hines and Meredith Orr**. I spent my summer in Ocean City, Md., with fellow McDaniel alum **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.

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Go ODAMA

The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, or ODAMA, hosted a tent at Homecoming. On hand to welcome alumni were, from left, **Abiodun "Abby" Orebwa, Jessica Watson '05** and Acting Director **Mahlia Joyce '03**.

back story

—What they were thinking

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?



A Midnight Madness celebration Oct. 21 gave fans a sneak peek 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.

- The Green Terror's all-time leading scorer in men's soccer history played on the 1959 soccer team. Name that player.
 - Denny Harman
 - Lasko Zsebedics
 - George Varga
- 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?
 - Jamie "Boo" Harris
 - Brad Baer
 - Ron Sermarini
- 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?
 - 18 during the 2007-08 season
 - 19 during the 2006-07 season
 - 23 during the 2005-06 season
- What is the men's basketball program record for victories in a season?
 - 16
 - 17
 - 18
- What is the record for most goals scored in a single game by a Green Terror men's lacrosse player?
 - 8
 - 11
 - 12
- Who is the only known Green Terror athlete to currently hold career records in two different sports?
 - Julie Backof
 - Katie Haley
 - Marie Mules Herman

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@mcdanield.edu

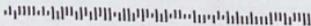


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**"Success has nothing to do with how
much money you make, it has to
do with the fact that you are doing
something that is deeply satisfying
to you as a human being." — Malcolm Gladwell**

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.