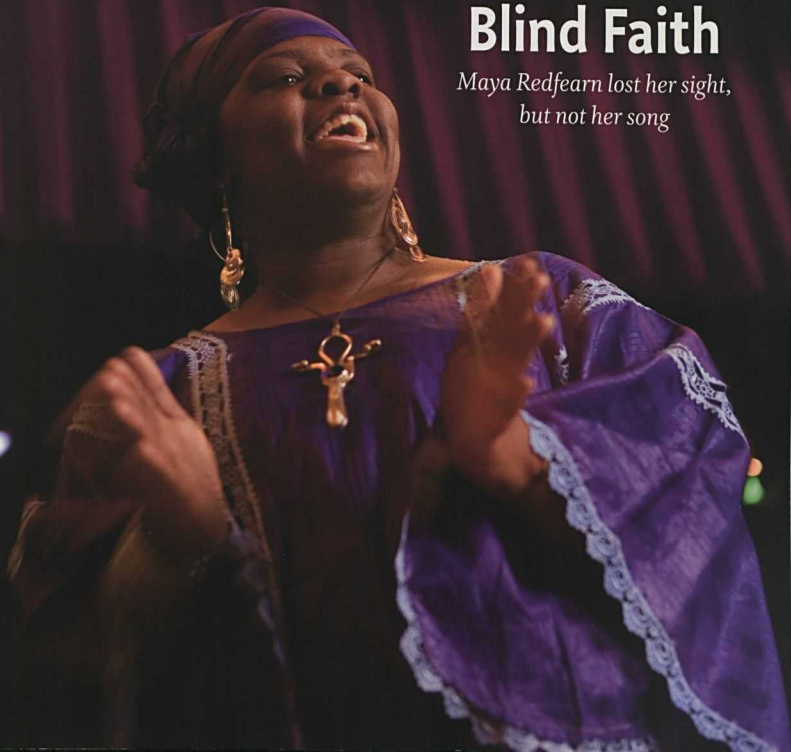


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but not her song*



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to the stage of Alumni Hall  
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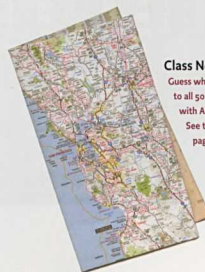
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**I have seen firsthand how the face of farming has changed — much out of necessity. The image of Drew and Dave in a modern American Gothic pose says it all!**



## The Changing Face of Farming

I was impressed after reading the story about the Reineckers and their success with the family farm. I am a University of Maryland faculty member and community educator for Maryland Cooperative Extension in Caroline County. Through this position, I have seen firsthand how the face of farming has changed — much out of necessity. The image of Drew and Dave in a modern American Gothic pose says it all! Most farmers now have a college education, are technologically savvy and quite business-oriented.

Thanks for your impressively accurate coverage of this cultural shift!

*Crystal Terhune '99, Greensboro, Md.*

## You Talkin' to Me?

We hope so. The Mail section is your chance to sound off about what you read in *The Hill*. Tell us which stories kept your attention, which ones made you feel your time was well spent or wasted. We can take it.

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## Name that Building Contest Winner



In the autumn issue of *The Hill* we invited readers to find out if their memory of campus was sufficient to correctly identify the campus building featuring this architectural detail and to correctly answer questions about the building's history.

Contest winner Geraldine "Jerry" DeFlora '61, a physical therapist from Phoenix, Md., was surprised to learn she was the only entrant to get all five questions right. "And I didn't even graduate *cum laude*," she joked. DeFlora will receive a McDaniel College sweatshirt for acing the quiz.

### Correct Answers:

Q. This is an architectural detail on which campus building?

A. McDaniel Hall

Q. In what year was construction of this building completed?

A. 1923

Q. This building first housed on campus:

A. The women's dorm

Q. The cost of construction totaled:

A. \$140,000

Q. Where in this building is "Onion Hall" located?

A. The first floor

*Editor's Note: Contest winner DeFlora lived on "Onion Hall" all four years. She says, "Supposedly single women faculty lived there, and the name, 'Onion Hall' had to do with the odors from their cooking."*

*College Historian Jim Lightner '59 confirms: Music professor Maude Gesner had a penchant for baking onions at night.*





Chatting is a major part of the job for Language Immersion House directors (from left) Clementine Sagot-Duvauroux, Analía Musso and Anna-Lena Schenck.

## Speakers of the House

They hail from France, Argentina and Germany. Each is fluent in English. They adore traveling and strong coffee, and share a passion for teaching.

Meet this year's Foreign Language Immersion House directors. As native speakers of French, Spanish and German, respectively, it is the job of Clementine Sagot-Duvauroux, Analía Musso and Anna-Lena Schenck to provide opportunities for upper-level students to hone their conversational skills and gain insights into another culture.

The trio hosts film screenings and parties, offers tutoring and assists professors in class. As required by their student visas, Immersion House directors also enroll in three courses per semester.

"This is a peer learning relationship," says Foreign Languages Professor Martine Motard-Noar. "The native speaker is also a student on campus, but is there to reinforce linguistic skills."

Foreign language majors are required to either study abroad for one semester or live in a language house for an academic year. "In the French house, the students don't have a lot of speaking experience, but they have made a lot of progress because they are practicing the language" on a daily basis, says French House director Sagot-Duvauroux. Conversing in English inside a Language Immersion House is *verboten*. *Prohibido*. *Interdit*.

One frigid morning, the three were sipping hot coffee and laughing together like old friends, even though they have been neighbors for just a few months. The French House is actually an apartment in the new North Village and the Spanish House is next door on Pennsylvania Avenue. This year, there is no official German House so Schenck stays in the French House and hosts events at various locations around campus.

Exploring off campus was a highlight of winter break. They managed to get to New York, Boston, Montreal and Quebec. Navigating new cities is easy — when you speak the language. ■





Philosophy professor Peter Bradley seizes the opportunity of a pretty spring day in 2006 to hold class in "Red Square."

## Mellon Grant Funds Focus on Teaching

A \$200,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will support the College's commitment to faculty development as it implements a new general education curriculum in fall 2007.

The grant will establish the Center for Faculty Excellence and new programs in two areas critical to the success of the new curriculum: the Sophomore Interdisciplinary Studies Colloquium, collaboratively taught courses that introduce students to a range of disciplinary perspectives; and the Junior Writing Experience, which will support students' growth as writers in their respective fields.

Specifically, the grant provides the following:

- A preliminary operational budget for the Center for Faculty Excellence and a director who will be appointed from among the faculty. The center will be located in Hoover Library and will support the work of faculty with attention to teaching and advising, curricular development, student-faculty collaboration and experiential learning.

- Two faculty coordinators for the Sophomore Interdisciplinary Studies Colloquium who will orga-

nize training and professional development workshops for participants. The grant also provides summer stipends for up to 30 faculty members.

- A director of college writing, to be appointed from among the faculty to support the Junior Writing Experience, will coordinate a series of professional development workshops on writing pedagogy. The grant will also provide modest summer stipends for up to 20 faculty across departments who develop projects for the Junior Writing Experience.

The current process to revamp the curriculum began in 2001 with a \$50,000 Officer's Grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, followed in 2003 with a \$48,000 Officer's Grant that prompted the faculty to examine current course requirements in light of the changing global marketplace. Courses in the new curriculum fall not under subjects or departments, but under categories that describe specific approaches to knowledge: Scientific Inquiry, Quantitative Reasoning, Social, Cultural and Historical Understanding, Textual Analysis, and Creative Expression. ■

## Ambassador Rocks

A dozen political science students and their professor, Christianna Nichols Leahy, attended a benefit concert at the Hungarian Embassy after Hungarian Ambassador to the U.S. András Simonyi personally invited them during a model European Union two weeks earlier. Simonyi doubles as a guitar player in the headlining band "The Coalition of the Willing."

"They had just seen the ambassador in a suit and tie, and here he appears in ripped jeans and a T-shirt," recalled Leahy. "The band played great rock-and-roll."

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Henry Reiff also attended the event. Simonyi and Reiff previously played together at the Common Ground Blues Night.



## Newsmakers

- Associate Professor of Education **Mona Kerby** is the author of a new children's book, *Owney the Mail Pouch Pooch*, illustrated by award-winning artist Lynne Barasch and published by Frances Foster/Farrar, Straus & Giroux. The book, due out spring 2008, tells the true story of a mutt who traveled all over the country riding on mail trains during the early 1900s. Kerby has also been approved as a Fulbright Senior Specialist candidate.



Jehan Sadat with  
Joan Develin Coley



Dr. Alva "Buzz" Baker



Linda Semu



Debra Lemke

- President Joan Develin Coley helped host **Jehan Sadat**, Egypt's former first lady, at the "Women of Excellence" luncheon organized by Network 2000, a non-profit organization of which Coley is a member that promotes the advancement of women in business. Sadat said that empowerment of women is one of the greatest challenges facing the Arab world. Also attending the event were members of the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network who work to provide educational opportunities for young women with leadership potential.

- **Dr. Alva "Buzz" Baker '66** is director of the newly founded Center for the Study of Aging, established through a \$150,000 start-up grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, as it develops and runs both degree and continuing education programs related to the field of aging. The certified geriatrician will continue as executive director for the Copper Ridge Institute.

- It's been four years since Assistant Professor of Sociology **Linda Semu** visited her hometown in Malawi. But even from her desk in Lewis Hall, she is able to touch lives in the tiny country in the south central region of Africa after joining the academic support network for Raising Malawi. The nongovernmental organization co-sponsored by Madonna and Michael Berg helps orphans and starts programs for children traumatized by HIV/AIDS, poverty, malnourishment and disease.

- Associate professors of Sociology **Debra Lemke** and **Lauren Dundes** were awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Maryland State Department of Health to develop a leadership program for middle school boys.

## Ask the Expert

**Already, the 2008 presidential race is all over the news. Why is it getting so much buzz almost two years before the general election?**

**Herb Smith, professor of political science and international studies:**

It's an interesting election because it's the first time for about 80 years that there's been no vice president or incumbent seeking re-election. Because it is such a wide-open race, and because of the problems we're facing, this could be one of the most significant presidential elections in our history.

Hierarchy is always a force in modern society. So people coming from a position of vice president or incumbent president have a considerable advantage. That hierarchical advantage is largely absent in '08, which helps explain the hordes of candidates on both sides seeking the presidency.

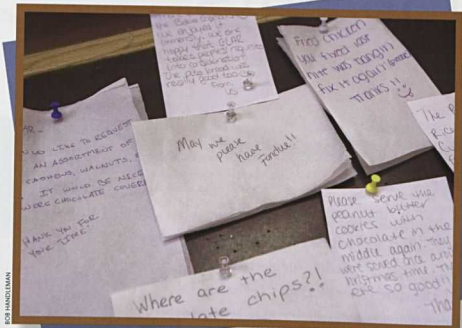
Hillary has positional advantage; she's in the public eye and has established identity and she's running first among Democrats in these early, not altogether irrelevant polls. It's true that the early polls are sometimes misleading. Jimmy Carter was famously at 3 percent before the Iowa caucus in 1976. But, you go back to 2000, Al Gore was ahead



in the very early polls and he was the Democratic nominee. And George W. Bush was ahead in the Republican polls. In 2004, Kerry was running third or fourth until the Iowa caucus and then he took off. The pattern is that it's better to be ahead than behind, but sometimes the folks on the balcony come down to play on the main stage.

In many ways the campaign process is too protracted. But is a year too long? Probably not for the leader of the wealthiest, most powerful, affluent country in the world. It's really not bad for these presidential wannabes to go out and talk to New Hampshire and Iowans and Californians and Marylanders. JFK never understood poverty until he campaigned in West Virginia. He reflected on that. So, the primary process is not a bad one, it's just the notion that it has to be almost a two-year process is ridiculous. Perhaps a national starting time of a year out wouldn't be a bad idea.

Different people make very different presidentialcies. You have to be totally committed to historic inevitability to believe it doesn't matter who's president. Given the problems that we're facing with Iraq, with global warming, with our balance of payments, with the structural deficit, with the retirement of the boomers, we better get this one right because there's really precious little margin of error left. ■



The "napkin comments" bulletin board is where today's students speak out about the menu.

## Pickled Souse Spawns Generations of Dining Hall Gripping

It was a Saturday evening in January 1924. Students were seated for supper. Back then, everyone ate at assigned tables and received single servings of the same main dish and sides. On the menu this night? Pickled souse.

Souse, by the way, is a gelatinous, briny abomination made from pork "trimmings," usually the animal's head, feet and heart.

The students recoiled and then rebelled, all 400 of them. Since nobody could stomach the idea of waging open warfare on the Sunday Sabbath, they waited until Monday to stage a hunger strike. Not a single student reported to breakfast or to lunch. The protest was covered in the *Democratic Advocate* newspaper.

Then-President Albert Norman Ward was not at all pleased. He was quoted in the newspaper: "I feel like spanking them! When students pay \$400 a year for everything, including room, board and tuition, they can't expect fancy meals."

Eight decades later, students eat like royalty compared to their predecessors. Every day they can choose from a vast selection of hot and cold offerings, from fresh roasted turkey to individually prepared gourmet salads to stir-fry. There are special sushi nights, steak-and-lobster feasts, nacho bars and cotton candy parties.

But the complaints, critiques and suggestions keep coming. Jason Easton, director of operations and catering, invites students to post "napkin comments" on a bulletin board at the entrance to Glar and he tries to satisfy all requests.

President Ward also attempted to accommodate his students. He discussed the problem with student leaders and with the dietitian, Mrs. Lilly, who promptly presented as proof of her high-quality meals a sample midweek menu: fried scrapple for breakfast, fried bologna for lunch and fried fresh sausage for dinner.

The students responded that the menu read well enough but "the breakfast bacon was burned, the bologna was thin and tough, the cereal a mysterious mush, and the sausage an unfamiliar-looking mixture." ■



## Fencing Makes a Point

By Kim Asch

Pursuing a double major in philosophy and psychology leaves little room in Cory Graybill's academic schedule for electives. That's why he appreciates McDaniel's general education curriculum, which still requires students to complete physical activity and wellness courses in order to graduate. It was this requirement that prompted him to take a stab at fencing.

“When you're forced to do it you find the time,” said Graybill '08, a compact athlete who plays on the tennis team. “And now I can actually say that I learned how to fence.”

Dave Seibert '78, MS'81, has been the College's sole fencing instructor since he began teaching and coaching baseball at his alma mater, and it has become something of a pet project for him. On the first day of the class, he circulates a thick packet chock-full of fencing history, photos and trivia, as well as texts describing the technicalities of the sport.

Like most of his classmates, Graybill knew little about fencing before signing up for the month-long course — despite its status as one of only four sports to be included in every modern Olympic Games since the first in 1896. The term summoned images of masked men, swashbuckling heroes and hand-to-hand death matches. Now he knows that fencers don't fight duels, they compete in bouts. Their weapons are not swords, but foils, épées or sabers, depending on the fencing event. And points are scored when a fencer is able to accomplish a harmless “touch” on his opponent with the tip of his weapon.

“Fencing is very much a finesse sport, it requires coordination. You have to be fast on your feet and



mentally quick. And you have to be courageous, because you're competing one on one,” said Seibert, who took fencing during his student days on the Hill. “It's not for the slow and timid.”

Seibert's students learn foil fencing, dubbed “the sport of kings.” The foil is a descendant of the light court sword formerly used by nobility to train for duels, according to the United States Fencing Association. It has a flexible, rectangular blade that's about 35

**“Fencing is very much a finesse sport — it's not for the slow and timid.”**

— Dave Seibert



PHOTO: HANZELMAN (2007)

inches long and weighs less than a pound. Points are scored with the tip of the blade and must land on a valid target: the torso from shoulders to groin in the front and to the waist in the back. The arms, neck, head and legs are off-target. This concept of on-target and off-target evolved from the theory of 18th-century fencing masters, who instructed their pupils to attack only the vital areas of the body. Of course, the head is also a vital area of the body, but attacks to the face were

considered unsporting and therefore discouraged.

Competitors win a fencing bout by being the first to score 15 points (in direct elimination play) against their opponent, or by having a higher score than their opponent when the time limit expires. Each time a fencer lands a valid hit, called a touch, on the opponent, a point is awarded. Fencers are penalized for crossing the lateral boundaries of the strip, while re-treating off the rear limit of their side results in a touch awarded to the opponent.

Early on a chilly autumn morning, Old Gill gym was loud with the staccato sounds of metal against metal, as male and female students clad in heavy white jackets and protective head gear practiced lunges, feints, parries and remises (for a definition of terms, see sidebar). The class full of novices had enough of the basics midway through the course to begin competing in round-robin tournaments, with opponents paired by gender.

On one side were the graceful young women with perfect postures — left hands poised high above and slightly behind their left shoulders, straight backs turned sideways in order to protect the vulnerable zone of their torsos. When they advanced on their opponents, their feet skipped lightly, almost danced, across the floor. Giggles and apologies often followed an attempted attack.

The young men also played by the rules faithfully, but more loudly and with much more force. Their shoes squeaked as the balls of their feet rushed across the polished wood, and the clashing of foils sounded more like a storm than the light rain of the women clashing.

"The guys tended to be more aggressive," recalled Graybill, who found that his tennis skills were helpful but his diminutive stature was a disadvantage. "There were a lot of bent foils and broken handles. But nobody got hurt."

In fact, everybody got Three Musketeers bars on the last day of class. Seibert handed out big bars to the champs and miniatures to everybody else. "I definitely didn't win," said Graybill, with no regrets. "I got the consolation prize, which was tasty." ■

## Fencing for Beginners

### En Garde

Position taken before fencing commences.

### Feint

A false attack intended to get a defensive reaction from the opposing fencer, thus creating the opportunity for a genuine attack.

### Lunge

Attacking technique in which fencers launch themselves at their opponent by pushing off from their back leg.

### Parry, Counter-Parry

Defensive action in which a fencer blocks his opponent's blade.

### Remise

Attacking again immediately after the opponent's parry of an initial attack.



# first person

*In my own words*

## Winning Style

**Carol Fritz**

*Associate Director of Athletics*

She coached volleyball for 23 years, basketball for 13 and softball for four, racking up 575 wins and 134 losses in volleyball alone. She is a tenured full professor with an Ed.D. from George Washington University who has netted nearly 40 years on the faculty. She championed and helped implement Title IX, the 1972 law that brought equality to female athletes, and became the first woman president of the Middle Atlantic Conference. Her historical collection of women's athletic uniforms, and the fashion shows she stages, serve as a visual reminder of the many obstacles female athletes once faced.

### Before Title IX

When I came to the College, it was 1967-68, and we had four sports for women. It was field hockey, basketball, volleyball and tennis. The men had just about all the sports they have today. We did play games here in Old Gill, but we had no locker rooms here. The men had them. So we had to dress in the dorms. We had one lavatory. The opposing team had nowhere to dress; they had to come dressed.

### The trouble with skirts

Society said that women should look nice. So women never had uniforms to play in, they had outfits to look nice in. Every girl, despite her sport, wore the same thing — a green tunic. We used to bounce the basketball and it would get caught underneath the





skirt of the tunic. The officials would stop the game to get it out. We didn't get shorts until the early '70s.

### **Victory in the Locker Room**

When they were building the Gill Center, for some reason they put in large and small locker rooms. In the small locker rooms, they installed sanitary disposal bins; in the large locker rooms they had urinals on the walls. I mean, you didn't have to be a brain surgeon to know what they were trying to do. Some of the top women faculty came over to look at the facility and they noticed and they complained about it.

My phone rang and it was the president [Ralph John]. He said, "I'd like to see you right away." I thought, "Oh God, I've lost my job." And then I remembered, "No, I can't. I'm tenured." So I went to see Dr. John — and we were close friends — and he said to me, "What would it take to make you happy over there?" I said, "One of those large locker rooms. We should have a large home locker room for the women." And he said, "Done."

Today we have as many sports as the men. And we fill up that large locker room.

The small ones are now visiting locker rooms.

### **The drill sergeant in me**

I made my players practice things over and over and over. I'd say, "Do it again. Do it again." And you could start to see their faces were getting redder and I'd say, "You know we're going to do it until we have it right, so do it again." In sports you have to be able to do the fundamentals and if you don't you can't play the game.

### **My soft side**

I think I was in some ways tough on the kids and pushed them as hard as I thought they could be pushed. And yet, they always knew I was there for them. I always said to the kids, "You gotta make me laugh." And we did, we laughed our way through.

### **Early role models**

I would say Billie Jean King, especially when she won "The Battle of the Sexes" in 1973 playing against a man, Bobby Riggs. All the guys around here were betting on him. I watched that game with [coaches] Fern Hitchcock and Ronnie Jones. Billie Jean started

beating him and these guys could not believe it. It was fun. It was fun.

### **Today's Green Terror women**

They're better athletes because they're better coached; they've been coached since they were little girls. They have more muscle definition. They're taller and definitely stronger, much stronger.

### **And another thing**

They say what they think more often, which is good and bad.

### **It isn't easy on the sidelines**

Once a coach, you're always a coach. And it's very hard as an old coach to watch a game. When you're a spectator you have no control at all. I'll watch and if we start to not do well, I'll leave and walk around for a while and then come back. It's very difficult.

### **Winning does matter**

Don't tell me it doesn't matter if you win or lose. It does matter. You wouldn't say that about your job, would you?

### **I don't root for the Ravens**

I'm a football fan from Harrisburg, Pa., and the Philadelphia Eagles are my home team. I love to watch the Phillies too. I'm a real sports fan. I will sit and look at sports until my eyes start to glaze over.

### **Why I passed on a Division I job offer**

I would have been unhappy just being a coach. I wanted to be a professor and I wanted to do all the things I get to do here at Division III.

### **Lessons are more important than winning**

I hate people that are rude. And I wouldn't put up with my players being rude. One time, one of our best players said, "That official sucks." I hate that word. I told her, "Get on the bench." I brought in another player and the kid said to me, "We're going to lose." And I said, "OK, then we're going to lose because she's not playing tonight." And by the way, there's no happy ending; we lost. I don't think I could have taken her out in Division I. ■

**"You can never  
give the sport  
back as much as  
the sport gives  
to you."**

**—Carol Fritz**

# double take

Sights worth a second look

## Rock the Boat

Donnie Bell '08 prepares to execute a roll while practicing kayaking in Harlow pool. About learning the roll, Bell says: "The hardest part is you have to convince yourself not to get out and breathe. If you react against your instincts and keep doing what you're taught then you'll flip over and get out of the water OK."



# Is There a Silver Lining Behind Climate Change?

By Kim Asch

**Where's the snow?**  
Frustrated sledding enthusiast Kevin Harrison, assistant professor of environmental policy and science, warns that mild winters are a result of man-made climate change.





Driving with the top down on his Miata convertible is among Kevin Harrison's favorite pastimes, along with sailing small boats during big storms when the wind is whipping above 30 knots and "you can go really fast."

One positive aspect to global warming, says Harrison, the College's resident expert: as the Earth's temperature rises, pursuing both activities will be possible for a greater portion of the year. Too, gardeners will enjoy longer growing seasons, beach bums more time in shorts, and surfers and extreme sailors like him rougher seas and killer waves since higher-intensity tropical storms are spawned by warmer water.

Of course, climate change is mostly bad news. And not just because Harrison, co-director of McDaniel's new interdisciplinary major in environmental policy and science, is an avid sledder. "I come from a family of sledders," says the New Jersey native. "I drive around during the winter with a sled in my car. Except these days, because of global warming, it's less likely I'll have the opportunity to use it."

During the past century, especially in the last few decades, the Earth's temperature has been rising and its climate has changed. There's been a rise not only in air temperatures, but also in ocean-water temperatures and in global sea levels. Glaciers are melting, severe storms and droughts are increasing in frequency and intensity. In the Arctic, climate change is happening at an accelerated pace, causing concerns for indigenous peoples and wildlife there, but also ringing an alarm for the rest of the world.

Scientists predict that by 2100, sea levels will rise between four inches and three feet. Low-lying areas, such as Louisiana and Bangladesh, are vulnerable to every inch of sea-level rise. Drew Shindell, a physicist and climatologist at NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, has said that global warming is too cozy sounding; the more ominous "global meltdown" is apt.

"Ninety-nine percent of the scientific community is now certain that climate change is occurring and that it is happening because of us," says Harrison, 42, who began studying various aspects of climate change while earning a master's degree at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and a Ph.D. at Columbia University.

Human activity contributes to global warming by adding large amounts of heat-trapping gases to the atmosphere. Fossil fuel use is the main source of these gases. Every time we drive a car, use electricity from coal-fired power plants or heat our homes with oil or natural gas, we release carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases into the air.

Believe it or not, this is where the silver lining comes in: since much of global warming is caused by

us, we have the power to change it. "We can't stop climate change, but we can slow it down and mitigate its effects," says Harrison. "The question is, is it more cost-effective to prevent global warming than it is to pay for the consequences of global warming?"

"Yes," Harrison answers himself, adding, "The effort would create jobs and help the economy."

The first approach — and this is where the policy questions get interesting, he explains — is to convert to a renewable-energy, hydrogen-based economy. Harrison favors windmills for the job: "To generate all of the power needed in the United States, we could put windmills in all of North and South Dakota. It would cost less money and we wouldn't have any problems associated with drilling for oil or excavating and burning coal."

Getting the energy from the windmill to all the houses across the country could be accomplished by converting the energy to hydrogen — a simple process, he says — and then pumping the hydrogen through existing natural-gas lines. When it reaches your house you can convert it back to electricity using a fuel cell.

The second way to curb climate change is through conservation. "Through conservation alone we could cut our energy consumption by 50 percent," Harrison says, conceding that driving a Prius instead of a Miata makes more sense for the planet.

"I never mention a problem without offering a solution. And the more people who know about the problem and the potential solutions, the more quickly we'll attain those solutions," he says.

Harrison inspired his students to do just that while teaching at Boston College. One went to work in Africa on a project to install solar panels on a hospital to provide electricity for refrigeration. Another is working with the Clinton Global Initiative training world leaders about solutions to global warming. Others are involved in scientific research.

Harrison expects more great things from the 30 majors in McDaniel's environmental policy and science program as they learn about the social, economic, political and cultural forces that shape the international debate about how best to achieve environmental sustainability.

The scientist in him knows all about the worst-case scenarios, but the "adrenaline addict" in him feels energized by the challenge.

"I am optimistic about the future," he says. "At some point the politicians, the businesses and the consumers are all going to realize that conserving energy, i.e., letting less carbon dioxide out into the atmosphere, is good for them, good for the environment and good for the country — and it's going to happen." ■

## 5 Ways You Can Help Beat the Heat

### Unplug vampires

Vampires are electrical appliances that waste power while not in use. Unplug cell phone and iPod chargers. Use power strips to turn off TVs and stereos if you're not using the timer functions.

### Go fluorescent

If every U.S. household replaced one standard incandescent light bulb with an energy-saving compact fluorescent model, we could reduce global warming pollution by more than 90 million pounds over the life of the bulbs — the same as taking 6.3 million cars off the road, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists.

### Plant a tree

Trees store carbon and by providing shade can reduce fossil fuel usage for air conditioning.

### Speak up

Tell your elected officials you expect them to take action to curb climate change.

### Drive it home

Consider a hybrid for your next purchase. "The Lexus hybrids and Honda Accord V-6 hybrid actually accelerate faster than their conventional engine counterparts," says Harrison. "So you're putting that extra efficiency into making the car go faster and you get better gas mileage too."

# An Experimental Profile of Avant-Garde Poet Jesse Glass

## [The 234-word Glimpse]

Jesse Glass '79 grew up on a farm in Westminster and in the early years worked in factories and on construction sites to pay the bills. **26**

He always carried a small notebook and, despite sore muscles and heavy eyelids, took 20 minutes each night to write so that "I felt that I had not given the day over to numbness and death." **62**

At 52, Glass is many things, but mostly he is an innovator, a wordsmith who builds verbal sculptures called poems. **82**

His work is challenging and well regarded, especially by other modern poets. **94**

He has been featured in literary magazines and has won awards. **105**

Glass is also an academic with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee specializing in 19th-century American prose and 20th-century American poetry. **127**

He is a historian who has published volumes about and continues research into the role of slavery, the Civil War and ghosts in his native Carroll County. **154**

He is a pioneer on the digital frontier, publishing e-books and other online works through Ahadada Books, a small press he co-founded, as well as sound recordings of his readings on Ubu Web. **187**

And he is an expatriate. **192**

For the past 15 years, he's lived in Japan and is now a tenured member of the faculty at Meikei University. **213**

He makes his home in a suburb of Tokyo with his second wife, Mayako Hori, their son, Yoichi, and daughter, Tennessee. **230**



## What I Ate for Breakfast this morning

Miso soup done Nagasaki-style with small blocks of tofu and sliced onions.

A bowl of rice. Some fish. Coffee.

My wife and children ate rice and "natto" — a fermented bean spread that smells like cheese and is sticky. I can't manage to eat it, though it's almost universally liked in Japan.

**Japanese Delicacies I Politely Decline:** I don't eat "basashi," raw horse meat, which is a delicacy here, though I've tasted it. Other delicacies here are Spam and canned corn! They put canned corn on everything, including pizza.

**Other Favorite Foods:** Sushi, especially "kakkō," or oyster sushi; "ebbi," or shrimp sushi; "ikka," or squid sushi; and salmon sushi. I really enjoy "champon," a great seafood noodle soup from Nagasaki, and eat it any chance I get. It was the first real Japanese food I had when I arrived in Japan.

### The Writing Routine:

I'm usually at my best between 2:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. The wife and kids are asleep then and it's just me and my goldfish. I often write with music playing — recently it's been Cornelius Cardew, but Baroque trumpet is very good too.

### Top Three Professional Feats

1. *The Passion of Phineas Gage and Selected Poems*, published in 2005 by West House Books, U.K., and the book's reception. It's been purchased by many of the best libraries in the world, and can be found at Oxford, Cambridge, Yale and Harvard, among others. Great reviews from *The Guardian* book section, *Jacket*, an important online publication for experimental poetry, and other places.

2. The University of Maryland Libraries bought my literary papers, letters, notebooks, magazines, letters and other publications this past year and will conserve them in its Special Collections.

3. The online publication of *The Witness*, a guide to the subject of slavery in Carroll County, Md., as reflected in the antebellum newspapers published in Westminster. (Confronting Hard Truths:) I think that slavery is the equivalent of the American Holocaust. In Westminster, they sold slaves on the courthouse steps. In order for groups of people to live together peaceably and to understand each other, the past has to be uncovered.

### (And may I add one more?)

4. My *Many Rivers Crossed*, which the Human Relations Commission of Carroll County has undertaken. This is an ongoing oral history project for African-Americans in Carroll County. This is truly a dream come true for me. Black Americans in Carroll County have never had a chance to tell their story until now.

More about Phineas Gage: He was a 25-year-old Vermont railroad foreman whose life was changed in 1848 when **an iron bar was sent rocketing through his brain** in a freak accident with black powder. After the head injury, Gage became a profane social outcast. In the 46-page epic, *The Passion of Phineas Gage*, author Glass recounts historical events and imagines their aftermath through the eyes of doctors and loved ones using the tools of postmodernism, like collaging and fragmentation, along with a keen understanding of poetic forms and traditions that stretch back to Beowulf.

### Sculpting an experimental poem

Strange to say, but the free forms of many of my

poems have more to do with my **saying the words out loud** — or

"singing" the poems and trying to find a visual equivalent (a score) for the song I spontaneously make up as I create the text.

Thank God my wife and kids love me and the walls are rather thick in my apartment because

I must sometimes sound like I'm insane. This method of composition, by the way, was suggested

to me by a rather bizarre description, by the publisher Leon

Genceaux, of Isidore Ducasse's manner of composing *Maldoror*:

"He wrote only at night, seated at his piano. He used to declaim, would coin his phrases hammering out his tirades with the chords..." (Lykiard trans.) Substitute my tape player or computer sound files for piano and you have my technique. So sound comes before "look" but, yes, the visual field also has a part in the poem's "look" on the page: the wrapping around of lines, and visual spacing all should be seen in terms of musical score.



## A Vision of Snow-White Cranes I'll Never Forget

Where you see the real Japan is in the countryside where I first lived in Kyushu — the southernmost island this side of Okinawa. It's out in the middle of the rice fields, with those big snowy swans stalking about as they hunt for food, and the blue, snow-capped mountains. There are temples and shrines everywhere, some just tiny boxes with a statue of a snake or a water spirit inside, or a Kobo Daishi wearing a bib, or a Jizo with a staff in hand. My previous job was at a woman's college in the middle of the countryside. I'd ride a train an hour and a half one way and get off at a tiny station called Oho. Then I'd walk another twenty minutes around the rice fields to get to the school. It was generally beautiful out there. I recall one autumn standing behind the main building and watching a thunder-head blow in over the mountains. A beam of sunlight pierced through the black clouds, and circling high before them were twenty or more snow-white cranes flying around and around against a backdrop of black, lowering clouds and blue mountains. It was a sight I'll never forget.

## Americans Abroad

I feel that every American should live in a foreign country for a while to get a sense of how America is viewed by the rest of the world. Sometimes, watching things from afar, I get the feeling that America is like a big luxury ship that has lost its way and that everyone is too busy taking care of themselves to take a look out the portholes to see exactly where they are, where they've been and where they're heading.

## [Reflections from an Early Mentor, Del Palmer]

A mid-1970s issue of the Carroll County newspaper featured a very talented young high school poet named Jesse Glass and a collection of his poems. The poems sampled in the paper had the compactness, concreteness and intriguing freshness that poetry teachers might see in students only two or three times in a career. So I was doubly pleased a little time later when a tall, gangly youth appeared at the top of the stairs outside my office on the second floor of Memorial (now Hill) Hall and asked how he could get an adviser for some English courses. In addition to the talent I'd already seen in print, **I now observed a veritable aura of energy and eagerness radiating out from this student — so I snatched him up, thinking I could help him by teaching him everything I know. Wrong!** Every day of two for the next several semesters Jesse would appear at my door to tell what he'd read the night before. He asked me what I thought of whatever it was, but I soon learned that he really wanted to express his own thoughts about the book, author, movement, poems, whatever. This reading included little-known authors like Poe's friend Thomas Holley Chivers as well as literary giants like Kafka and Dostoevsky. It included accounts of strange, paranormal happenings of the nineteenth century as well as current, cutting-edge poetry and poets. It included philosophy, history, psychology, painting, music. His interests were catholic, and he carved out and followed his own syllabi. If the class had been assigned a Tolstoy short story for discussion, he'd pop into my office to brush that aside. He'd say he'd already read practically everything Tolstoy had written, but what did I think of the Black Mountain poets. And the energy came out in other ways too. Not believing that people wrote in a vacuum, he organized a writing club on campus with readings and a Writer's House. It didn't take me long to realize that the best thing I could do for Jesse was to keep out of his way and just maneuver him through the maze of academic "requirements" so that he could graduate. Since the seventies I've kept in close touch with Jesse. He's calmer now but still astonishes me with his cutting-edge literary output and the worldwide web of literary contacts he maintains. I've never met a more widely read and energetic practitioner of the art of reading and writing.



## [An Expert Testimonial]

Professor **Rane Arroyo**, who taught *The Passion of Phineas Gage and Selected Poems* in a graduate-level creative writing class at the University of Toledo, says:

Jesse Glass' poetry is smart, funny, daring and honest. In many ways his poems are contemporary meditations that have no tolerance for overblown language or artistic postings. He is clearly influenced by William Carlos Williams, who established the plain line that leads to complex thoughts. It's a testament to Jesse that so many different reading audiences have claimed him — from the experimentalists to those working through historic models and to others, like me, who think of him as a poet's poet. I am constantly amazed how simple he makes his sophisticated poems seem.

### Everyday Life in Japan

Weekdays I get up at about three o'clock in the morning and work on projects. I go back to sleep for an hour just when the first trains start to arrive at Shin-Urayasu station (I can see them and hear them from the apartment) and get up for good at 8 a.m. I check CNN for the news over coffee, get ready for classes, hop on the bicycle (the university is 10 minutes away), go to lift weights at the gym, then return, have lunch and prepare for afternoon classes. First class starts at 1 p.m., and I teach sometimes until 6 p.m. with a short dinner break.

On Wednesdays I make the trek to teach part-time at Waseda University in Tokyo. That's an hour away by train. Going down, I run into the legendary congestion: folks running everywhere at once at the stations, and being packed into train cars by "pushers." These are men (sometimes women) whose job is to cram each train car full and to make sure arms, legs, heads, are away from the automatic doors as they close. It's an odd and sometimes scary feeling to be so close to dozens of other people. You may be almost literally cheek to jowl with everyone else.



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On weekends I usually stay at home and work on projects. Sometimes we go out with the kids to see an art exhibit or take in a concert. Or we go to Disneyland or Disney Sea, which is only 20 minutes away by bicycle. Sometimes we can actually see the evening fireworks display from our balcony.

### Last Wyrd

I'm a great believer in the Anglo-Saxon idea of "wyrd,"

that is, fate, or the more ominous doom, and throughout my various travels and various lives,

I simply feel that I've been following this wyrd of mine.

It pretty much embodies what I feel about things, especially the refrain: "That changed; this may too."

### Returning to My Roots

I'll be back in Westminster in March to give talks for the Historical Society, the Public Library and the Human Relations group that is involved with the Carroll County African-American oral history project, *Many Rivers Crossed*.





# BLIND

## MAYA REDFEARN LOST HER SIGHT

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## BUT NOT HER SONG

BY KIM ASCH

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She doesn't see the handful of smartly dressed congregants greeting one another by the door, or the way their smiling faces seem to take on extra wattage when they spot her walking toward them, white cane tapping the way.

Maya Redfearn '02 has returned on this snowy Sunday in January to her old East Baltimore neighborhood to worship at Mount Zion Church of God in Christ, the church she grew up attending with her mother, her two sisters and brother. It is a tiny building on a city corner, much like the corners up and down East Oliver Street where other children are left outside to be snatched up by every kind of trouble you read about in the newspaper. But growing up, Redfearn was here every week, at least Sundays but sometimes other days, too, dressed in her best clothes, praying and singing and praising shoulder to shoulder with men and women who knew her since the day she was born.

So when she reaches the church and looks at but doesn't see the people who bustle her through the door, it doesn't matter. She knows their voices and embraces each by name. They call her their "Drama Queen," a term of endearment that refers to her lifelong talent for singing and acting and directing and

writing plays. It is here where she got her start in theater, belting out solos in the youth choir and stealing the spotlight in Christmas and Easter pageants. And it is here where she built the spiritual strength for her most challenging role to date: the independent, successful, daring, joyful Maya the Phenomenal Woman Who Happens to Be Blind. There is no dress rehearsal for this part. This is now real life.

Redfearn, 26, hasn't seen a sunset, or the faces of her mother and siblings, or her own beautiful smile for that matter, since March 11 of last year. The trouble started a week or so earlier with pounding headaches, and when her vision became "smoky" she went to the emergency room. Over the course of several days, she saw many good doctors at reputable healthcare centers like the Wilmer Eye Institute and Johns Hopkins Hospital, but the blood clots that lodged in her brain, stopping the flow of blood and oxygen and deadening the

**Maya is  
more than  
alright –  
despite  
losing not  
only her  
sight, but  
her senses  
of taste  
and smell,  
as well as  
her job, her  
apartment,  
her boyfriend  
and the lead  
role in  
Dreamgirls  
last year.**

nerves behind her eyes, were not suspected until after the darkness had fallen for good. The final trip to the emergency room that landed her in the hospital for two weeks came the night she was to begin rehearsals for a production of *Dreamgirls* at Coppin State University. She'd won the lead and was finally going to realize a dream of her own playing Effie, the most bodacious member of the musical trio.

"When the doctor told me I was blind, I started crying. But at first I wasn't crying because I lost my sight, I was crying because I knew I'd lost the lead in *Dreamgirls* and that is a production I always wanted to do," she says.

Her mother, Jan, whose husband died when Maya was 4 and was left to raise their children alone, had taught her oldest daughter to have faith in Jesus even, especially, when life gets hard. She reminded her of that lesson as she sat at her bedside. "Maybe that's not what God wants you to do right now. Maybe God wants you to be a star in a way you can't even imagine."

Church friends called and prayed with her, both from Mount Zion and from the church with the larger, younger congregation she now regularly attends. Friends from the College flocked to see her at the hospital. Gospel Choir Director Eric Byrd '93, a former teacher and current friend, drove from Westminster down to Hopkins the day he heard.

"I went there because I guess there was a part of me that wanted to believe that it wasn't true, and then I wanted to be sure she was OK. I brought my pastor with me because I wasn't confident I could offer anything constructive," he recalls. "The thing that stays with me about that whole episode was I said, 'Maya, what do you want me to tell people?' and she quoted something from the Bible and that was: 'We walk by faith and not by sight.' And then I thought, she's going to be alright."

Maya is more than alright – despite losing not only her sight, but her senses of taste and smell, as well as her job, her apartment, her boyfriend and the lead role in *Dreamgirls* last year. Anyone would forgive her for feeling a little bit sorry for herself, or scared or angry or defeated. But if she spends any time on those emotions you wouldn't know it. Her mother always coached her, "If you're hurting, the whole world doesn't need to know you're hurting. You can still have a smile on your face." And, besides, Maya the Phenomenal Woman Who Happens to Be Blind finds she has a lot to smile and sing about.

She sings everywhere and everything. She sings gospel and show tunes and blues. She sings Etta James and Patti LaBelle and Aretha Franklin. She sings herself awake and she sings herself asleep. She is always singing.

"A lot of people look at it like losing your sight is just a terrible thing. But no, for me it has been life

changing and life saving," she tells everyone who asks. "I was in a job that I didn't really want to work and I was in a relationship I didn't really want to be in. I was becoming content and satisfied with where I was and who I was and knowing that I had more but I just didn't know how to tap into it. Losing my sight helped me realize all the things I thought were really important, and that I broke my neck for, really were not that important. This is my test."

Says Byrd, remembering that Redfearn seemed invincible even as an undergraduate, "If there was going to be someone to lose their sight and inspire others with what they could achieve, it would be Maya."

After just a few months back at home with her mom and little sister, Charee, she enrolled in an intensive, eight-month residential training program at Blind Industries and Services of Maryland (BISM). Since October, she's been sharing a West Baltimore apartment with another blind student and relying on public transportation to attend classes, eight hours a day, five days a week, at BISM's main building on Washington Boulevard.

There, she has learned to cook, thread a needle and sew buttons, make a bed, read Braille, accomplish light carpentry projects, operate a computer using software for the blind, get around on all forms of public transportation, dress herself in her hallmarked hip style, walk everywhere with a white cane as a guide and generally navigate the world without being able to see anything in it.

"By the time I graduate, I'll be able to do everything a sighted person can do except drive," boasts Redfearn, a communication and theatre arts major. "And now I can cook, which I could never do before I lost my sight."

Redfearn has learned all sorts of alternative ways to go about accomplishing tasks in the dark. The number five on all cell phones has a raised button in the middle of the keypad, so she counts from there to get to the number she wants to dial. Together with her independent living instructor, Brawyn Evans, she devised a label system so she could put together her fashionable outfits. She sews one bead on a garment to signify that it's black, a safety pin for red, etc. At the computer, she ignores the mouse and uses the keyboard to navigate. At the grocery store, she exercises her legal right to a personal shopper. And she says, "I refuse to be illiterate, so of course I'm learning to read Braille. My goal is to read 125 words per minute."

One afternoon at BISM, Evans (students call her Miss B) is guiding Redfearn in the preparation of scrambled eggs. Her roommate Arnay Thomas is stationed at another counter using a slate and stylus to make Braille labels for bottles of assorted spices. They are humming and joking between instructions.



"In front of Maya I can sing all the time. She just puts me in the spirit to sing and act crazy," says the previously shy Thomas, 20.

Maya quips, "They're trusting me with fire," before getting to work. She finds the middle of the frying pan with her fingertips, then gives it a quick spray of Pam. After a moment, she dips her hand into a nearby cup of water and sprinkles some drops into the pan. The sizzle tells her it's ready for the eggs she has already beaten and seasoned with salt. Voilà! She carefully dishes the eggs onto a plate. Redfearn says she makes more of her own food now that she is blind and turns out a pretty mean meatloaf.

Miss B, 31, is also blind though it takes a while to figure that out when you first meet her. She scurries around the school's well-appointed kitchen, shoes click-clacking as she pulls ingredients from the shiny SubZero refrigerator and organizes her workspace on the spottless countertop. She is Redfearn's assigned mentor but has also become a friend and role model.

"I know this is going to sound crazy but the number one thing I worry about is how do you walk in heels?" says Maya, who has on flat brown suede boots with her long skirt and burgundy Batik jersey. "And Miss B walks in 'em, you know what I mean?"

Much of the chatter in school today concerns the variety show and fundraiser Redfearn is cooking up with another classmate. God does work in mysterious ways, and how else to explain the intersection of her path with Will Lindsay, a singer and performer with a gospel CD due out soon. Lindsay is a 30-year-old husband and father whose retinitis pigmentosa is rapidly

taking his sight. Together, the two thespians are writing and directing the musical production, titled *Show BISM*, featuring current students and alumni. Students are also producing all of the promotional materials for the May 5th event.

As is her way, Maya the Phenomenal Woman Who Happens to Be Blind has become a unifying force among her six peers in the training program. "We call ourselves the BISMites, but we mean for the letters to stand for 'Blind Independent Shakers and Movers,'" she says. "We're like a little fraternity or sorority. We're all brothers and sisters and we're all in the training program together and where one of us is weak the other is strong. Right now we have two exceptional Braille readers, where the others of us lack, so naturally the Braille readers are like, come on, we'll help you. We have some exceptional cooks, where the rest of us can't cook. We're in this together. And when one person graduates we'll all feel we've had a part in that person's development."

Maya the Phenomenal Woman Who Happens to Be Blind is starting to get an idea about the kind of star God might want her to be. "I'm going to become the first African-American blind playwright," she says. "I want to be first at something."

Theatre Professor Ira Domser, who describes his former student as a gifted and prolific writer with a keen, almost ribald, sense of humor, says, "I wouldn't be surprised if she succeeded." After all, he's the one who suggested, while she was still a student, that she

**Thanks to her Independent Living instructor Brawyn Evans (left), Maya Redfearn says she cooks more now than before she was blind.**



send in one of her many comedy sketches to *Saturday Night Live*.

"It was called PC County — as in politically correct — and she had yuppie white people meet city black people and try to make sense of each other. It was like two groups of people separated by a common language," he remembers with a laugh.

On campus, Redfearn made it her mission to educate an increasingly diverse, but still predominantly white, campus about African-Americans. In fact, she chose to leave her comfort zone in the inner city for

of that she is one of the most creative students I've ever taught." He thinks of her as a member of his "millionaire's club," the classification he assigns a select few former students he would love to back professionally if he had a million dollars. "This is why you teach, because you want to be inspired by students who have this kind of talent and a certain spark," he says.

Nowhere was that spark more alive than when she was singing with the College Gospel Choir. Byrd describes the performance:

"Her singing voice is loud: imagine a brick through a plate-glass window. It's not a trained operatic, pristine, porcelain sound. It's a raw, almost untamed, passionate one. It's not a suggestion; it's a directive. Her voice is not a good idea, it's an absolute shot between the eyes."

Redfearn was literally moved by the spirit of the music. Byrd says he never knew where she would take the vocals, or where she would physically go during a show. She would get excited, walk up and down the aisle and start preaching to the audience.

He says, "Maya always sang like her life depended on it and I think because it did."

Back at her home church on this winter Sunday, Maya the Phenomenal Woman Who Happens to Be Blind has a story to tell. She stands in front of the intimate group assembled in the pews, microphone in hand and silver dangle earrings aglitter. "I used to think that I was the pilot of my life, God was the co-pilot and Jesus was hangin' on for the ride," she says. "Now I know that God is the pilot, Jesus is the co-pilot and I'm the one's hangin' on for the ride."

She says she used to sit in the back of the church listening to Sister Sylvia testify that she was thankful she could get herself up in the morning and dress and feed herself and she would wonder, now why is she thanking God for that?

"Then I was in the hospital and I couldn't dress myself. I had to call a nurse to go to the bathroom. And then I realized what she was thanking Him for. Because it is truly a blessing," Redfearn says.

Later, when the congregation offers up prayers for the sick, no one mentions her name. Why should they?

Maya the Phenomenal Woman Who Happens to Be Blind is here with them, standing on her own two feet, clapping and swaying to the music, raising her hands high in thanksgiving. She belts out: "You are a mighty God. You are migh-ty Gooooood. Mighty God. Mighty God, YES, you are a mighty God." And she croons, "What God Has, It Is for Me." She shouts "Hallelujah, Ha-lay-lu-YA" and "Amen."

She sings with all her heart, as if her life depends on it. She doesn't see, but she knows that God and everybody else are watching. ■

**Will Lindsay and Maya Redfearn rehearse for Show BISM, a variety show and fundraiser for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, to be held on May 5. For more information, call 410/737-2600.**

Carroll County because, her mother says, "She wanted to make a difference; she wanted to show white students that their stereotypes weren't true."

She was active in the Black Student Union and produced and performed original dramatic monologues and musical pieces to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month. Her confident, sassy, alluring dramatic rendition of Maya Angelou's poem *Phenomenal Woman* helped establish the annual Phenomenal Woman banquet that celebrates female campus leaders among the ranks of the faculty, administration, staff and student body.

Rasheeda George '01, a sociology major with stage fright, remembers being recruited to sing in one of Redfearn's productions, titled *A Woman's Nia*, about the principle of Kwanzaa that refers to purpose. "I didn't want to be in the spotlight, but I did it because I was her friend and she asked me. It was such a good experience I told her anytime she needed anybody she could count on me," she says.

Byrd says he could always count on Redfearn to be mature, rational and focused in her thinking. "On top



## Unlocking Your IRA: Give More, Sacrifice Less

By Peggy Fosdick

Alumni and friends of the College are among the growing number of seniors across the country taking advantage of a new charitable giving option that benefits donors as well as the nonprofits they support.

"It's a win-win situation," says Don Clarke '50, referring to the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) rollover provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. In August of 2006, after more than a decade of discussion, Congress passed the legislation, which offers a tax incentive to seniors of a certain age who make contributions directly from their IRAs.

Under the provisions of the new but temporary law, donors who are at least 70½ years old may transfer up to \$100,000 each year in 2006 and 2007 from an IRA directly to a charity without counting the distribution as income. The gift can help satisfy the donor's required distribution, yet it is not considered income and is not taxable as such.

In 2006, Fletcher Ward '49 made his annual gift through an IRA rollover and will do the same in 2007.

"My wife [Maradel Clayton Ward '49] and I have always been involved with the College," Ward says, adding that the College did great things for him and support is one way he and his wife give back. "Like anything else, using the IRA rollover involves some paperwork. The check has to go directly from the IRA to the charity, but it's not taxable and it counts toward your minimum required distribution," he says.

"Alumni and friends of the College now have one more way of giving," says Gail Oppel, director of gift planning. "And they are taking full advantage of it."

Since August, McDaniel has benefited from the provision both in new donors and increased gift amounts from those who support the College every year.

"We've seen some very large increases from donors who made their gifts this year through direct IRA rollovers, and we've had some new donors give their first gifts through the provision," Oppel says, adding that she expects IRA rollover gifts in 2007 to top the \$249,000 received from 11 donors during the provision's first four months in 2006.

Among those to whom the law is most advanta-

geous are seniors who are required to make withdrawals from their IRAs but don't need the income.

They can now transfer these distributions to a charity, without claiming the amount as income and therefore lowering their gross taxable income. Depending on individual circumstances, a lowered taxable income may put retirees in a better financial position than if they were to claim a charitable-gift deduction.

"For many taxpayers, it's more beneficial to knock down adjusted gross income than to claim the charitable deduction," says Clarke, a former trustee and longtime donor who first learned of the provision from the College, but since has shared the news with other charities he supports.



A gift made through the IRA rollover provision must be outright — it may not go into an account, such as a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity, that produces income for the donor — and donors may not claim a charitable deduction for the gift.

Many nonprofit organizations and their associations are supporting efforts to have Congress extend and expand the current legislation. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education, with a membership of more than 3,300, including McDaniel, has taken the first step in that direction by gathering information about the impact the IRA rollover provision has had on its member institutions. However, for now, the IRA rollover provision expires Dec. 31, 2007.

For more information, contact Gail Oppel at 410-857-2249 or gshaivit@mcDaniel.edu. ■



## New AVP of Development

As associate vice president of development, Lawrence Read Junkin will oversee the operational organization of the College's fundraising program.

Junkin comes to the Hill from Pennsylvania's Westtown School. He also has professional experience as a consultant for Ketchum, Inc. of Pittsburgh where, as managing director, he advised clients on broad-based activities related to securing philanthropic support ranging from campaign planning to volunteer training.

## Gift Highlights

**\$500,000** from Virginia Decker for the renovation of Decker College Center.

**\$448,535** bequest from the estate of Louise Orem Hart '35 for unrestricted endowment.

**\$200,000** grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for the Center for Faculty Excellence (see story on page 5).





## 1929

**Virginia** -Holland Nicoll, of Salisbury, Md., writes that she is 98 years old and is one of the remaining few members of the class of 1929. Her brother **Charles Holland** is 99 and is in a nursing home in Berlin, Md. Virginia is now living at Mallard Landing Assisted Living and would love to have visitors.

## 1933

**Virginia Helmstetter Goodman** is still young in mind and heart at 94 years of age and makes her home in Baltimore, Md.

**Toivo E. Puro** writes that there were very few cars on campus in 1933 and students used slide rules to do their arithmetic. In 2006, parking space is scarce and the students carry a cell phone. Computers do the math. Money was scarce and sometimes not there at all. That is not the problem now. Class of '33 survived the hard times but old age has reduced our ranks. Toivo also writes that Western Maryland College prepared them to live in that changing world and sends thanks to the College faculty, athletic coaches, ROTC instructors, advisers and Dr. Ward for their guidance. Toivo sends wishes to McDaniel College as you pick up where we left off, you have made a great start in that direction. We are with you.

## 1934

**Arlene Guyton Runkles**, of Mt. Airy, Md., is 94 years old, lives alone and does volunteer work. She plays piano every week (for others to sing) at a nursing home, senior center and at her church. Life is great. She also does yoga and watches her diet.

**Mary Haig Hartger** writes from Vista, Calif. She relishes the many happy memories of her years from the 1930 to 1934. Since those were the first years of her depression she was reminded of how lucky they were to be in school and an excellent one too. In spite of losing her husband, she's happy to report that she's enjoying her children and grandchildren. She sends best wishes to all.

**Elise Kalb Chapin** also sends best wishes to her classmates and hopes they are happily situated and comfortable. She recently returned from a ride in the ski gondola at Whiteface Mountain. She writes that

## Flashback Photo

Once was the time when student servers dished out meals family-style on the first floor of Memorial (now Hill) Hall. The scene might inspire more recent alumni to look back more kindly on the variety and quality of the offerings in Glar.

Recognize anyone in the photo? Please help us identify these diners. Send us an e-mail at [kasch@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:kasch@mcdaniel.edu) or call 410/857-2290.



**Mary Robb '39**  
teaches an adult  
Bible class and  
is a pianist for  
worship services  
at Grace Baptist  
Church.

hanging in mid-air with the woods and snow below was a very exciting place to be. Her days are happily spent with some volunteer work, playing bridge and taking day trips. Elise makes her home in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

**Elizabeth Landon** writes from Hagerstown, Md. She resides at the Somerford House since June. Her new residence provides a beautiful location and enough activities for a 93-year-old.

**Elizabeth Mellor Johnson** is still hanging in there. She spends most of her time reading novels and doing some painting. Her health is good and she was to celebrate her 94th birthday in January. Elizabeth writes from Easton, Md.

## 1936

**Allen Dudley** of Hanover, Pa., writes that he was the only one from the class of '36 in attendance with his wife **Caroline Smith Dudley '38** at this year's reunion. On June 8, Allen had open heart surgery to replace his aortic valve. His recovery may be slow but he is glad to be alive.

**Elizabeth Hagen** sends greetings to all survivors of the class of '36. She is finally giving up independent living at the age of 91 and entering a retirement home to be determined. She resides in New York, N.Y.

## 1939

**Julia Berwager** sends greetings from Manchester, Md. She writes that life goes on — a great pace. She encourages all to accept changes even though it may not be easy. Despite handicaps slowing her down her fondest memories remain while at WMC.

**E. Allison Ford** is still in Salt Lake City, Utah, but expects to move to a retirement home in Ohio in 2008. His daughter and son-in-law are retiring from their jobs in Germany and moving to Ohio next year. Six grandchildren are scattered around the country. They didn't go abroad this year, just to Maine and the West Coast. Allison is planning one last trip to Europe in the spring and still refuses to call it McDaniel College.

**Winifred Harward Howell** writes that life has been good to her. She's now living in a lovely cottage at William Hill Manor in Easton, Md. Geese were calling as they flew to the river in their beautiful formation.

**Louise Leister Haifley** makes her winter home in Bradenton, Fla. Her friend **LeRoy "Monk" Campbell '38** was recuperating at Fairhaven and she found **Grayson Bradenburg Clarke '37**. She recalls the good times with them in the '30s. She is very proud of her twin granddaughters. The youngest by 13 minutes will graduate from medical school on Friday, June 15, 2007, at Rockefeller Center Music Hall in New York. The older twin is managing a day care center for dogs

in Washington, D.C. She owns a Great Dane and her son treats him like a grandson. Louise spends her summers in Manchester, Md.

**Mabel Lyons Thompson** writes that although it has been many years since she graduated from Western Maryland, she has never forgotten the two years that she spent there. She and her husband, a West Virginia University graduate, have spent 65 years together traveling throughout the beautiful world. They reside in Mountain (Westernport), Md., and spend the winter months in Florida. Her daughter, Sara Gibbs, has just published a cook book, *Southern Highways*.

**Mary Robb**, of Cumberland, Md., continues to be busy. She teaches an adult Bible class and is a pianist for worship services at Grace Baptist Church which gives her an opportunity to use her God-given talents for the Lord. She also uses them in the Cumberland Woman's Civic Club and the music and arts club. Mary has many opportunities to enjoy dramas and music available in her area.

**Aaron Schaeffer** is still working one day a week with the orthodontist he sold his practice to. Three days a week he goes to the gym. His wife, Phyllis, has been a docent at the Baltimore Museum of Art for 40 years. He and Phyllis have traveled to Tuscany, Italy; Southern France, Kenya and Tanzania; Beijing, China, Bangkok, Manila and 35 Christmas vacations have been spent at Caneel Bay in St. John's. He hopes that everyone is well.

**May Snider Claggett** sends greetings, blessings and best wishes from her home of six years. She is active and busy at the Carroll Lutheran Village. She lost her husband, **Royal '53**, in 2005. She's grateful for her support system and family at the village.

**Frances Stout Taylor** of Princess Anne, Md., writes that the year 2006 marks 40 years she and her husband have lived on the beautiful farm on the banks of the Wicomico Creek. Their four children and eight grandchildren are all grown and gone out into many parts of this and foreign lands. They take great pleasure in cards, letters and occasional visits. They do not travel far since they care for stray dogs and cats, five of each at present. Sadly, the last of their two mules died in June at the age of 35. Frances and her husband will both be 90 in 2007!

**Carolyn Timmon Suit**, of Easton, Md., mentions her roommate **Frances Stout Taylor** lives in Princess Anne. They seldom get in touch. Her son still lives on the Figi Islands. Carolyn's daughter and son-in-law live in Severna Park, Md. She does not have any grandchildren yet. She's always glad to hear news from WMC.

## 1940

**Clarence Beard** writes that he left Glen Meadows Re-

tirement Community in April '06. They moved back to their old home (which their eldest daughter owns now) to live with their daughters in Baltimore. Md. Clarence's wife, LaVaughn, is not independent. They sold their motor home several years ago. Her age is showing a little. He is four years older than his classmates, still has his license but seldom drives. He will be 92 in February '07.

**Ethel Barnes Berry**, of Salisbury, Md., writes that Old Mother Nature has been good to her but is getting a little out of patience with them now. The old pill bottle is grinning at her. She has a family of 17 and is grateful for all of their accomplishments. She has a grandson home from the war, three grandsons in college, two doctors and two professionals and winners on every team in the sports world. Husband **Charles Med'63** is still carving his birds and she does crossword puzzles. She says that they are lucky to have each other. She hopes that many of the class of '40 have made it this far. She's anxious to see who's still "kicking." She sends "cheers to all on the Hill, may you continue to live many long and prosperous years." She sends love to all.

**Dr. John Carnochan, Jr.**, writes that he moved to a retirement community in Adamstown, Md. He sends greetings to his fellow classmates.

**James Langdon** makes his home in Winchester Park in Westminster. He lost his wife **Ina Rakes Langdon '41** last August and son-in-law this past January. He's able to get around with a walker and thanks to many friends who drive him around and fix his meals. He always looks on the bright side.

**Marguerite Kuhns Scott** of Northampton, Mass., writes that it's hard to believe that she's been away from the Hill for such a long time. She is enjoying good health and living near her two daughters and three grandchildren in New England. The area is beautiful with a great pond nearby for daily walks. She enjoys getting together with friends for movies and dining out. She also does a lot reading and knitting, as well as taking short trips and taking advantage of stimulating activities of the nearby colleges.

**Doris Mathias Hood** sends greetings to her friends on the Hill from Springfield, Va. Her health remains the same — no major illnesses but she's unable to get around on her own. Her daughter and granddaughter live close by and visit her frequently, helping to take care of her. She hopes that her friends keep in touch so that they can find out the scoop on each other!

**Norma Nicodemus Knepp**, has moved to a very nice retirement community in Columbus, Ohio to be near her children. Husband **Lester "Bo" '41** suffers from Alzheimer's disease and is receiving special care.

**Lalia Scott Riley** of Sykesville, Md., has been living

at Fairhaven Retirement Community since Dec. 1, 2004. Her husband, Ray, was at Copper Ridge due to an extreme illness. He died in April '05. She misses living in Westminster, but is pleased with the exceptionally fine cottage she resides in by herself.

**Grace Scull Rand** says that life at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md., is easy indeed. There are quite a few WMC-McDaniel classmates to continue the tradition.

At 89, **Dr. Frank Shipley** is happy and essentially healthy. His time is spent reading, playing bridge, golfing and enjoying his family. He lives with one of his twins and her family in Annapolis, Md. His other daughters are all within a few miles of him and he has four granddaughters. He has been a widower for way too many years.

**Grace Smith Dougherty** says hello and good wishes to her classmates. She hopes that everyone is doing well. She's fine and enjoying life at Westminster Shores, a retirement community on Tampa Bay in St. Petersburg, Fla. It's a little like being in college — a 30-acre campus, resident buildings a bit like dormitories, meals in a dining hall, sharing activities with people of similar age. She's come from one Westminster to another. She likes it. She had a nice visit with **Kay Fertig Higgins** one day in August. Both of them were saddened by the death of **Patty Payne Valenzuela**. Her family keeps growing, a fifth great-grandchild arrived in August.

**Charles Swinderman** makes his home at the Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md. He is getting ready for his 70th anniversary.

## 1941

**Charles Horan** sends cheers from Washington Grove, the town within a forest.

## 1942

**Lynn Bertholf Westcot** says: "I feel like a black sheep because I have neglected to keep in touch over the years. I have retired three times and am, like the Energizer Bunny, just going and going and going. I married rather late (for those days): I was 39. The following year I produced Jon Frederick II and 22 months later, Anne Haden. My husband, Bob Neal Westcot, died of cardiac myopathy and congestive heart disease at the age of 52 when the children were 4 and 6. That was when the Energizer Bunny kicked in. My parents, Lloyd and Martha Bertholf, were wonderful. Daddy, who had been dean at Western Maryland, went later as vice president to University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., was at the time of Bob's death, President of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill. I was professor of nursing at IWU the year

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after Daddy retired. I had enjoyed a variety of positions in nursing, including supervisor and instructor in obstetrics at Johns Hopkins where I earned my diploma in nursing.

When I retired, after 64 years, I soon learned that I was restless without a job. I am in my 11th year as a parish nurse. I am 84 years old and proud of it. Mother lived to 101 and Daddy, to 103. Family and friends predict for me a long life. I treasure my years at Western Maryland (I'm trying to learn to say McDaniel). I have had two other alma maters, but I got the best start with my A.B. I could go on and on with recollections of students and faculty, especially Dr. Wills, a wonderful old English Professor who used to play chess with Daddy on Friday evenings; and Dr. Jim Earp who got me a summer job caring for his sister's children on an island in Lake Winnepesaukee, NH; and "Miss Daisy" Smith, Home Ec faculty, who made me prepare beef heart when I was "hateses" in the Home Management House and invite my parents to dinner. What wonderful memories!

### 1943

**D. Robert Beglin**, of Hanover, Pa., writes that at 87 years of age, the Hill is still a favorite with him. Those college years gave him lifelong friendship along with his wife and love of 58 years. The name change from WMC to McDaniel could not affect his memories or the broadening experience given to a depression era student. Alzheimers is now his enemy.

**Jean Bentley Thompson**, of State College, Pa., sends best wishes to her fellow '49ers! She missed the luncheon in Ocean City but hopes that she attends next year.

**Francis J. Blair** sends greeting from Hernando, Fla. Blair has been in and out of hospitals for the past few years. He believes he's on the road to recovery. He feels fortunate to have wife Gerry nursing him back to health. He hopes all is well with the class of '43.

**Louise Fox Dubin** still lives in the same house in Baltimore, Md., since 1950 when she was married. Her son lives on the second floor of the house and helps her a lot since the passing of her husband. He drives her around.

**Doris Harman Krusen** writes that she's still enjoying sunny Venice, Fla. She and Rex just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They keep fit by swimming, traveling and occasionally taking a cruise. They recently crossed paths with **Louise Grow** and **Wes '42 Sheffield** who had been in Venice.

**Mary Frances Hawkins Galbreath** resides in San Antonio, Texas. She writes that it's been a busy year for her. She went to Oregon in August and again for Thanksgiving with her granddaughters. Last May there was a very special family wedding in New York which turned out to be a real reunion with her Galbreath family since all joined together for the occasion. Since they were already in Manhattan she had the opportunity to have her first visit with her granddaughter, Hannah, who works for a studio as a designer. She visited the Empire State Building, Ellis Island; saw a New York ballet, a play and had a carriage ride in Central Park. They celebrated her 85th birthday and her son, Sam's, 62nd birthday — the best gift she ever had.

**Elizabeth Gable Kantrous**, of Stratford, N.J., writes that her children and their spouses,

plus her five grand kids have been her mainstays most recently during surgery and recuperation. She misses those glorious days for the class of '43. It was an unbelievable drama of WWII that invaded the lovely peace of her freshman days.

**Wes '42 and Louise Grow Sheffield** moved to Bay Village, a retirement community in Sarasota, Fla., last September. Louise continues to lead her women on women discussion group. Wes will begin his creative writing groups in January. Wes and Louise will again journey to the keys where they will visit friends from their first parish in Massapequa, N.Y. They visited their son and three grandchildren in Atlanta during the holidays.

**Pearl Bodmer** and **Lee Lodge**, of Frederick, Md., continue to be "out and about" albeit at a slower pace. Visits with area class and college mates are bright spots on their calendar.

In the last year, **Elizabeth Neidert Smith**, of Stevensville, Md., has welcomed four great-grandsons! She is still active in the community and thankful for good health.

**Frances Ogden Moore** continues to live in her cottage in Chestertown, Md. Since her husband, Bob, passed away in December '02 she continues to enjoy living and being able to use the exercise room and pool six days a week and frequently walks at least a mile. The advantage of living in a continuing care facility is that when one loses a friend, there are always new and younger members to come in. They have trips, entertainment, dances and best of all she's only a few blocks from Washington College where she takes life-long learning classes. The atmosphere is much like WMC. At last count she has four

# Get Back Reunion Weekend 2007

FRIDAY, APRIL 27-  
SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Watch your mailbox and the College website ([www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu)) for more details in the coming months.

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Contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at 410/857-2296 or e-mail [alumni@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:alumni@mcdaniel.edu).

### Who's Celebrating?

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

### Who's Planning My Class Event?

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

children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Joseph Y. Rowe**, of Orange, Va., writes that November '66 finds him in good health. He continues to write and garden. He is active in the local Episcopal church and the local historical society. He takes four pills every day and does not plan to move to an "old folks home."

**C. Frazier Scott**, of Bethesda, Md., writes that it was wonderful to be on the beautiful college campus four times this year seeing alumni, improvements and old memories. He's proud of the college. He and wife **Lee Beglin Scott '47** hope that fellow classmates near and far keep in touch, have good luck, fine fortune, plus carpe diem with ties that bind.

**Earl P. Schubert, Sr.** sends greetings from Annapolis, Md.

**Marie Steele Cameron**, of Melbourne, Fla., sends greetings to all of her classmates. She lives near her youngest daughter. She has such fond memories of the time spent in Maryland and Delaware. She participates in many activities and wins lots of chocolate when she plays bingo. She misses her fellow alumni.

**Walker Metger** makes her home in Greenwood, S.C. She is in fairly good health and keeps busy by volunteering at a local museum and various activities at church. She is still able to drive her own car and makes trips to Atlanta and Charleston. She enjoys her family and especially her great-grandson, 2. She is saddened to hear of classmates passing away and is still hanging in there.

**Maud Wilson Shirey** is well, happy and still playing bridge. She sends her best from Silver Spring, Md.

**Eleanor Healy Taylor** had a great Christmas. All 13 members of her family came Christmas Eve and stayed all week. She is enjoying her grandchildren who all live nearby — two are in college, one in high school, two in middle school, one in elementary school, and a three-year-old. Eleanor keeps busy watching high school sports, singing in the church choir, teaching Sunday school and writing a column.

**Joshua D. Ensor** writes that while in Florida he had to have emergency surgery. He is doing well now. That was his first time in a hospital. His wife, **Patt Patterson Ensor '48**, ran back and forth from the new condo in Viera, Fla. The family is well and he feels blessed. When in Westminster, Md. he sees Benjamin "Bud" and Jeanne "Duffy" Dieffenbach '44 Smith, Lee and Pearl Bodmer Lodge, Bob and Margaret Haller '46 Beglin and Bill '41 and Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds '42 Adolph, and many other alumni living nearby in Carroll Lutheran Village.

**Rhonda J. Myers '88**  
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## 1946

About 25 of our classmates responded to the request for news which is about 25 percent of the '46 graduates. I think that's a good response 60 years after we graduated. We've been through the start of careers, weddings, births of children, getting back into the work force, the children's college graduations, more weddings, births of grandchildren, retirement, lots of travel and now we have settled into a slower, quieter life. I think of this period in life as one of giving up things we used to be able to do. I am one of those giving up kicking and screaming.

I now have people taking care of the gardens, which used to be one of my joys, and a girl to clean, which I don't mind giving up. I can no longer browse through the malls finding interesting surprises. The problem is that inside I feel 40 but my body says 82. All of you who couldn't make it to the reunion were greatly missed. There were 13 of us who did come. Two couples left after lunch to go on a wine tour. The rest of us gathered around one table and caught up on news since the last reunion and remembered those good days at WMC.

**Eleanor "Polly" Higgins Green** is one of the travelers, to Maine and Connecticut, in the spring and fall to see a brother, son, granddaughter and great-grandson, 1, a sister and brother-in-law and many friends. Polly babysits four great-grandchildren in Carlisle and is active in her small church. She volunteers at the local library, helps two blind ladies with tapes and drives for the homeless shelter. Polly says it sounds "kinda" boring, but it doesn't sound to me that you have slowed down much. You are making a great contribution to life. Polly keeps in touch with **Jane Dudderar Gorsuch**, **Irene VanFossen Myers** and **Erma Young Gebb** at lunch meetings.

**Erma Young Gebb** moved to Carlisle and lives in a flat attached to her daughter's renovated house. Her first and only grandchild was born in June '05 when she was 82 and she thinks that this is a record. I thought I held the record since my first and only grandchild was born in June '05 when I was 81. I surrender my title to you, Erma. Erma accompanied **Polly Higgins Green** on her trip to New England. To escape the March '05 weather she went on a birding adventure to Trinidad and Tobago. She still enjoys gardening, music, birding and sports.

**Jane Dudderar Gorsuch** is one of our classmates who is still working. She has emphysema but still manages to go to work every day in the accounting office of the business she and her husband started in 1964. Her husband died in 1984. They have four children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Nancy Dawson Bolden** is also still working. She has been a receptionist for 15 years and loves it. She has a busy life. Her two sons have always been a joy and help to her.

**Hennietta Jones Moore** works in her book/antique shop six days a week. She and **Polly Shipley Moore** took a trip on the Delta Queen on the Mississippi and the Tennessee Rivers.

**Idona Mehning Teeter** moved to Charleston a year ago to be near her two daughters. Her other two children are in D.C. and Charleston, W. Va. She has seven grandchildren, 11-22. She lives in an independent living community at Franke, a member of South Carolina Lutheran Homes. She is very satisfied with her new home and new friends. She is finally free to pursue a hobby, watercolor classes. Her daughter, **Holly**, is executive news director at ABC in D.C. **Holly's** FBI agent husband is on a one-year tour in Baghdad. One grandson is back from a second tour in Iraq.

**Mary Jane Harris O'Rourke** still likes to travel. She enjoyed two trips — the Derby on the Delta Queen and a fall cruise to Nova Scotia. After having books published by the Naval Institute Press, **Pat Caruso** has a third manuscript in progress. Congratulations, Pat.

**George Savitsky** cannot walk and is in a nursing home in Ocean City, N.J.

**Ann Stevens Garman**, who attended the reunion, is living at Carroll Lutheran Village. **Patt Patterson Ensor '48**, who also lives there, organized a ladies-only luncheon but some husbands came anyway.

**Margie Little Zerkel** tells us that the focus of her life has become the deepening of understanding among persons in our community, nation and world. Her efforts have been channeled through her still expanding family, her church, St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Westminster and the women's club of Westminster. She has been a member for over 50 years together with husband **Bernie**, who is a minister. Margie says, "My values are of increasing importance as we actively pursue personal and spiritual growth in our effort to be responsible citizens of our complex and problematic world."

**Jo Bove Bernie** is sorry she missed the reunion. She was in Ceduna, Australia, having a wonderful time. Her children are taking her on a two-week cruise. Jo says, "As you can see, I love to travel. I do as much as I can. Remember the good old days."

"It's a long way to reunions these days," says **Millie Vanderbeek Barthel**. She is still active in her community of apartments — conducting a poetry class once a month, reading to residents who have lost some of their sight, and she is in charge of speakers for a once-a-month group of 25 residents. Two children live nearby, **Millie** and **Idona Mehning Teeter** keep in touch.

**Fred Morgan** called me the other week to tell me what has been going on with him. He hasn't been able to make it to the last couple of reunions. He and **Rosemary** live in Westminster Canterbury, a retirement community in the Richmond area, and they love it. He was tested for Alzheimers and passed the

# family

## We Still Do

**Mary Frank and Gary Honeman**, both members of the Class of 1977, celebrated Valentine's Day, and 28.5 years of marriage, at a romantic dinner back on the campus where they met freshman year. Thirty-seven alumni couples attended the love feast hosted by **Mary Dodd '49** and **Ira Zepp '52**. It was Ira who married the Honemans in Little Back Chapel back in the summer of 1978, and Ira who led them in a renewal of vows, also held on the Hill, a decade ago.



Couples created at the College seem to have uncommon staying power. Over the years, even while working busy jobs and raising two sons, the Honemans say they've made spending time alone together a priority. Mary indulges Gary's soccer passion by joining him at D.C. United games. Gary escorts her to the theater. Both adore the beach and plan to be far away for their 30th anniversary — in Hawaii.



# Surprise from the Past

**George Van Nostrand '53** and his wife, Mittie, have been happily strolling down memory lane — literally. Over the summer they went to the Life Station Museum at the Inlet end of the boardwalk in Ocean City, Md., and were surprised to see a picture of Mittie in an outdoor display at the museum. It was an enlarged postcard that was made in the summer of '52.



Both George and Mittie fondly recalled that summer because it marked the beginning of their courtship. They were both working at the Rideau Hotel on the boardwalk. She didn't know about the postcard until long after it was printed. That's her on the right side of the lifeguard stand.

test with flying colors — a relief to both of them. What they did find out was going on with him was Adult NPH — fluid builds up in the brain and causes pressure in the brain. Fred had to have an operation to put in a shunt to siphon off the fluid, which is all done magnetically after he is alerted by certain symptoms. Fred wanted to get this information out because this is a little known problem and sometimes it gets overlooked in a diagnosis. Fred and Rosemary were instrumental in starting a support group at the Medical College of Virginia.

**Fran Moleworth Bartlett** taught physical education and English in Lucknow, UP, India from 1949 to 1953. This past May she visited one of her students in England where the student had become a doctor. When she retired in 1958 she came to Maryland to visit Fran. They hadn't seen each other for 45 years. It took Fran eight years to return the visit. Fran says, "The reunion was great!"

**Jean Anderson Markowitz** regrets that she had to miss our 60th reunion. She is "presenting a moving target" by traveling and keeping busy. Last summer she took her twin grandkids, 11, to New Zealand on an intergenerational trip. She celebrated Thanksgiving in New York and spent her 80th birthday in Ireland. She still makes and exhibits quilts. A quote from her card, "I have most of my marbles and less hair."

**Ada Thomas Petrun** felt so bad about missing our 60th. Why couldn't they have had it on Saturday, she wanted to know. She got back from Puerta Vallarta on Friday. Her husband, Paul, and she still do contract services in special education for the state and school district. They retired in 1993 but she still involved in Phi Beta Kappa, and act as guardian for two special education adults. They have four children, six grandkids and three great grandkids.

**Lucy Jane Stoner Nasser** is still thankful to be alive and blessed with 52 years of a very happy marriage to Mike. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Lucy says, "Even though my pace is much slower I find that attitude determines altitude. My best to all of you and God bless."

**Nancy Finley Rodokoh** is fine and still active in community groups as well as AAUW. She worked for the government for years and traveled over most of the world. She has a daughter and two grown grandsons who are in college. She loves her life.

**Pat Herkl** began wrote her card on November 16, when they were having a day of tremendous rains and gale-like winds with tornado warnings. **Bob's** 43 Alzheimer's puts a damper on his memory and causes some depression, but no complaints. Perksays, "We try to go for football games at the College — poor season for the team this year — probably not as bad as the Redskins. There's always a good crowd, it's a good outing for Bob. We also attend choral concerts. Other than that we are not socially active, just glad to be here."

**Grace Bevard Erb** missed seeing many good friends who didn't come to the reunion. She thinks the new College entrance is worth a trip. Thank you **Cassie Schumann Kiddoo** for this landmark. Grace is still in Westminster doing things and happy to be doing them. Her grandchildren are spread out. One granddaughter is at Vanderbilt, another is in Boston and a grandson finishing at NCS. She does a little volunteering, plays her keyboard and reads to excess. She says that she heard that McDaniel is adding courses in geriatrics — perhaps we should be advisers!

**Dottie Bept Waddy** brings us up to date on what's going on in her life. She and her husband are enjoying their retirement, living at Homewood during the spring and summer and wintering in the Florida Keys. They visited **Audrey Donaldson Baker** at Fairhaven, and saw **Josh '43** and **Pat Patterson '48** Enor at a mutual friends' 80th birthday. Dottie says, "The reunion was quite wonderful but sadly missed by many."

**Cassie Schumann Kiddoo** sent a letter with a wedding picture of her beautiful granddaughter and her husband. This took place in England. It sounded like a beautiful wedding and a beautiful place to have a wedding. The couple graduated and completed master's degrees at Cambridge University. They honeymooned in Croatia and now live in Naples, Fla. She spent six summer weeks on Gibson Island, Md. A fall Naples Philharmonic program is ahead.

**Ed Furlow** and Marylyn had a delightful cruise on the Baltic last May. They found the North Sea and the Baltic like millponds. They visited friends in Copenhagen and took a brief look at the other Scandinavian capitals and Finland. A walk in the old city of Tallinn turned out to be an unexpected pleasure. Their stop at St. Petersburg wasn't quite as nice. The traffic to and from St. Catherine's Palace reminded him of the traffic in the Washington, D.C., area during rush hour. The old girl's Palace as beautiful as ever, shows the enormous amount of restoration on the building as well as the grounds necessitated by destruction caused by the Germans during WWII. Unfortunately, their visit to the Hermitage was scheduled for a Saturday which seemed to be the most popular day for the locals to pay a visit. Here at home they visited the exhibit of Constable's great landscapes. The six-foot paintings are being shown at the National Gallery.

**Pat Barrett Klove** moved into a senior retirement center, Greenspring Village, in Springfield, Va. She is slowly getting used to a two-bedroom apartment. **Elton Dunning Brihart** and her husband, Gladden, also live there. She has not traveled for a while. She did take a cruise to Bermuda before she moved.

**Ruth 'Toots' Hagemann Hiltz**: Although everybody is moving to Greenspring, I am not ready to give up my house — no more fresh lima beans. I talked to **Barbara Richter Click**

and she doesn't want to give up her house either, which is much nicer than my track house. Hers is a beautiful beachfront house. The day was a beautiful blue sky day and as we talked she described the lovely scene she saw out the window. The town is a real beach town and when the summer people go home it is pretty quiet but almost nice. Barbara and I have been friends for 68 years since we met in ninth grade. When we talk we still have so much to say to each other. Pick a year and I'm sure we can find some personal drama to remember. I also talked with **Charlotte Suduth West** hoping I could talk her into coming to the reunion. She was still grieving the death of her husband, Barbara, Charlotte and I all lost our husbands in 2004.

"In October, **Jean Burris** came back for a visit to Virginia from her home in Venice, Fla. She spent several days with me. It was like being back in the dorm but much nicer. We filled almost every moment of the three days with talk. We also went to look at Greenspring as Jean is checking out retirement communities to move to when the heat in Florida gets to be too much. I continue with my "ladies who lunch" life. I spent years holding officers' organizations and volunteering in time mostly with the Washington National Opera — stuffing envelopes, sewing costumes, writing down the measurement of the singers for the costumes, working on the silent auction and forging David Lloyd Kreeger's signature on letters and invitations. The Kennedy is a wonderful place to work even if one doesn't get paid. The joy of my life is my delightful granddaughter, Elizabeth, 17 months. She is the center of all our gatherings. My friends have to put up with looking at and "aching over" all the pictures I bring to every bridge game. It was a long wait but we have been blessed with a wonderful little girl."

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and  
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## 1950

**Virginia Lee Armacost Kirchner** does mission work with her husband. In November '06 "Ms. Ginny" traveled to Taiwan and spent three months. After the holidays they traveled to Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. They planned to return in March '07. Their home is in Akron, Pa.

**Dr. Cecil E. Eay** has new developments to report. One is a hip replacement surgery which resulted in him walking wonderfully. The second development is regarding his new book about American volunteers in the Spanish Civil War (1930's) entitled *Comrade and Commissioners* due in March for Penn State University Press. He makes his home in

Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Marion Aud Geyer** has been a resident of the Carroll Lutheran Village since October '05. Since that it has been an interesting and exciting time. She keeps up with bridge, water aerobics and is enjoying being in the "Senior Singers" at the Methodist Church in Westminster. Life is busy and enjoyable. Many former Western Marylanders are here too.

**Ola Bruning** writes that she loves her home on the water in Arnold, Md. They have two kayaks and Ola has not quite mastered the way to enter the kayak. The last swim was on October 21st when she fell in again. She's just glad she can still try.

**Michael F. Conover** of Lutherville, Md., is in good health, enjoying life and retirement. His hobbies are still reading, walking, TV, football and socializing at the coffee shop.

**Dr. Charles J. Hammer, Jr.** continues to enjoy retirement, traveling and spending time with his 10 grandchildren. He sends warmest regards from all from Mercer Island, Wash.

**Priscilla Lankford** and husband Bill still live in their home in Nelsonia, Va., for more than 53 years. Traveling consists of visiting family. She doesn't see any alumni. She also visits by phone. Her family consists of three married children and spouses, seven grandchildren and a new grandson-in-law, a proud U.S. Marine!

**Millard Knowles**, of White Marsh, Md., retired from the ministry July 1. Millard had served Old Otterbein United Methodist Church in Baltimore since 1992. He originally retired after 42 years in the ministry in west Ohio. He's been so busy caring for family members that they haven't had time to realize that he's retired. Since retirement he participated in the funeral services for Joe Culotta in the early fall. He and his family were active members of Old Otterbein. Class President **Jim Hackman** also participated in the service. Reading through the yearbook stirred up memories for the service and reminded Millard that "College ties can never be broken."

**Dorothy McClayton Krimski** sends greetings from Naples, Fla. She and husband Gene are still volunteering at the hospital and conservancy two days a week. She did not play too much golf during the summer due to the heat. Since the weather has been cooler she plays twice a week. Her twin grandchildren graduated in June and are now in college. The oldest is working at GMC and the rest are still in school. If anyone is in Naples give them a call. They're in the book. She's looking to her 60th and sends her best to all.

**Howard G. Myers** is enjoying retirement in Westminster, Md.

**Chris Nikolopoulos** sends greetings from Kifissia, Greece. His wife, Katy, recently visited the good old USA last April to see their daughter, Marlena, and her family which includes three grandchildren, Tom, 20, Chris, 19, and Zoe, 16. Around Greek Easter they booked a cruise in the Caribbean and then

returned home to Kifissia, a suburb of Athens. His daughter visited Greece with their granddaughter for a few months to be near them now that the boys are in college. Zoe is attending the American Community School in Halandri, just outside of Athens where pupils from many countries are attending, making it a wonderful experience for her, including a chance to learn the language of her ancestors. Chris would love to have any fellow alumni visiting Greece to get in touch with them cnicols@hol.gr. The best time to visit is in late April, May through the early fall. It's best to avoid the summer months June-August.

**W. Howard Shannon**, of Daytona Beach, Fla., is a Luddite who has yet to buy a computer. He is busy reading many books he should have read in college. The delay is not the fault of any of the wonderful instructors he had at WMC, but they might have warned him that this time would come.

**Miriam L. Simmons** writes that there are no changes, thank heavens, that all is well in Hanover, Va.

**Peggy Stacy Jones**, of Baltimore, Md., writes that all is well with her and Gene and sends wishes of joy, peace and good health to all of their classmates.

**Reverend Edward H. Wright** has been retired for 12 years. He is currently preaching and teaching Bible for English-speaking members for Virginia-Korean Unified Methodist Church in Suffolk, Va., with wife **Libby Schubert Wright** '52. They reside in Hampton, Va., and have been preserving a 15-year-old chestnut log cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains and enjoy visits with their 14 grandchildren.

**Kenneth Munroe** recently sold his house and purchased a new house in Las Vegas, Nev. He moved to Nevada to be closer to his daughter, Pam, and family. He will have surgery once he has settled in. He enjoys sports and won his football pool.

## 1953

**Dr. Stuart J. Abrahams** is still teaching gym at Wake Forest School of Medicine, pro bono; still living six months in North Carolina and six months in Jackson Hole, Wyo. (summer and winter); still backpacking avidly, especially in the winter; still have the same great wife; still visiting everyday and trying to make the most of what's left.

**Mildred Beamer Myers** has been married for 53 years. They have four children who married and now have to grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. All have chosen very satisfying professions. Mildred enjoyed volunteer work of those years with many different agencies. Perhaps her favorites were with the local Ronald McDonald House and the cancer society for which she knitted hats for patients who had lost their hair due to the chemo treatments. She also tutored a number of students in algebra and higher math and was a substitute teacher. After that

she worked at H&R Block and later for an accounting firm preparing income tax returns. She enjoys handwork of all kinds and is still doing some of those things. In addition, she stays fairly busy and enjoys traveling on a small scale.

**Ashby Collins** and wife Doris live in Carlisle, Pa., and enjoy the beauty of each season in Cumberland Valley and the opportunities to cruise as well as visiting the extended family. **David '77** and **Cheryl Collins '79 Reincker** and **Andrew Reincker '04** in York Springs, Pa., the Langfords in Smithfield, Va., and the Strommers in Louisville, Ky.

**Mary Ellen Earl Perry**, of Walworth, N.Y., continues to enjoy life in upstate New York and is actually looking forward to winter - shoveling snow is great exercise! As an independent textile consultant, she helps small historical societies and related organizations with their costume and textile collections. She sends best wishes to all.

**Judge Raymond M. Faby**, of Lutherville, Md., writes that after almost 50 year as an attorney/judge, he is rapidly approaching retirement age with good health. He should make the 30-year mark in four years. He is reminded of Bob Barker, who after 50 years on TV and is 83 years young stated that he wants to pursue other endeavors while he is still young.

**Dorothy Friedrich AHR**, of Haddonfield, N.J., and husband Larry are enjoying life. He loves his antique cars and she loves doing needlework and DAR. They have six grandchildren ages 8-22. Daughter Nancy lives in Braintree, Mass., and son David lives in Jefferson, N.C. She hasn't done much traveling because of a pinched nerve and difficulty walking, but with therapy is improving. She often thinks of the good times had at WMC.

**Betty Herbert Saltmarsh** traveled with **Dorothy Stackhouse** to Iceland in 2005 and Russia in 2006 in addition to Anaheim, Calif., and Cancun, Mexico. Those airports are getting hard to stand in line and fight through security. She's enjoying her days in Vero Beach, Fla., without hurricanes this year.

**Dr. Richard D. Hockstein** is now in his 12th year of retirement from medical practice. He and his wife are enjoying their kids and grandkids. Their grandson is in his first year of college and is pre-med. Their son is a physician in D.C. His son is following in his footsteps and keeps up with his hobbies. They take a cruise every winter. They visit the Hill every few years. Next June will be his 50th anniversary of graduation from medical school. He feels blessed and resides in Cheltenham, Pa.

**Elizabeth Kuhn Clarke**, of Santa Fe, N.M., would love to hear from her classmates. She works at the Santa Fe Animal Shelter and one of Santa Fe's museums. Her four sons live on the East Coast and she's able to see them and her grandchildren frequently. She will be spending the winter on the ocean in Florida with **Joanne Althouse Hisee** and ex-

# family

## WE DID!

### Wedding vows exchanged this season:

**Linda Bergofsky '76** to Donald Street on June 11, 2006. They reside in Laurel, Md.

**Phillip Vail '96** to April Hagan on September 9, 2006. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Aaron Burleson '00** to Jennifer Kaupa on August 5, 2006. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Brent Fuchs '00** to Lucy Jarrell on September 16, 2006. They reside in Hockessin, Del.

**Dan Gadd '00** to Ruth Deperon on May 6, 2006. They reside in Chicago, Ill.

**Dan Harman '00** to Mindy Hoking on October 14, 2006. They reside in Falls Church, Va.

**Roxann Ingram '00** to Don Todd '00 on May 6, 2006. They reside in Washington, D.C.

**Lolita Johnson '00** to Alpha Daye Bah on September 29, 2006. They reside in Columbia, Md.

**Elizabeth Price '00** to John Glover on December 17, 2005. They reside in Ocean City, Md.

**Jodi Reese '00** to Rick Vallaster on September 14, 2005. They reside in Frederick, Md.

**Karey Sellers '00** to Jimmy Parrott on September 30, 2006. They reside in North East, Md.

**Scott Taylor '00** to Kim Smith on September 2, 2006. They reside in Lutherville, Md.

**Jon Vandermant '00** to Sheramy Pelletier on December 23, 2006. They reside in Towson, Md.

**Nicole Averill '00** to Amos Guinan on May 13, 2006. They reside in Frederick, Md.

**Aaron Bartolain '01** to Tara Spicer on June 10, 2006. They reside in Sykesville, Md.

(Continued)

**Thomas A. Page**  
'53 won  
five medals  
(Gold, Silver  
and Bronze) in  
the Maryland  
Senior Olympics  
2006 in track  
and field.

pects to see **Barbara Wilson Kohmeier**, **Nancy Wagner Phillips**, **Barbara Bankson Hiestand** and **John Logan Kearney** there also. There are no friends like old friends. She sends an invitation to join her or call her in Santa Fe.

**John and Nancy McMath Clayton**, of Forest Hill, Md., keep very busy with volunteer work through the Department of Community Service and church programs. John sings with both the Harford County Barbershop Chorus and the Chorus of the Chesapeake (Dundalk, Md.) as well as the church choir. Their son is in the military in Germany now but plans to be transferred to Aberdeen, Md., next year. They do have eight grandchildren, four of which are in college. They feel lucky to be able to keep in touch with all of them.

**Harold S. McIver** still resides in Seaford, Del. **Roland Fleischer '52** made it to the "shore" for a visit. He also sees **Roger Ault '52** who lives nearby in Rehoboth, Del. He keeps busy with family gatherings and grandchildren happenings. He has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who live nearby.

**Thomas A. Page** continues to enjoy his blessings of good health and stays active with family, church, masons, MDA Army Association, Maryland Senior Olympics (MSO) and community activities. He won five medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) in the MSO 2006 in track and field. He and Sybil will celebrate their 50th anniversary next June. They plan to take a Bermuda cruise with the family in July 2007. They have two wonderful daughters, Linda and Sandra, and two great granddaughters who are very involved in their church activities. He's also been on world trips with the church and makes his home in Bowie, Md.

**Patricia Ray Guckes** writes that despite her BS in home economics she's had the great pleasure of teaching oil, acrylic and pastel at the Ocean City Arts Center in New Jersey for the last 12 years. She and Jim took one of the best voyages recently. They visited Antarctica seeing the penguins, Falkland Islands, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. It was scary to see the fast melting ice there. Patricia invites alumni to "Google" her on O.C. Arts Center. She resides in Huntington Valley, Pa.

**Dave Rhoads** reports from Kitty Hawk, N.C., that all is well on the Outer Banks. He still works a couple of days a week as a starter at the Pointe Golf Course. He and Barbara will be up in the Bowie area in December for their grandson's wedding and then maybe a trip to Ft. Sila, Okla., where Zed Lt. David is

in basic officer's school.

**Elmer Richards** sends greetings from Haverstown, Pa.

**C. Edgar Shattuck** and wife Shirley have moved to Brownsboro, Ala., to be near their grandchildren, 10, 13 and 15. He's retired for the second time (no more income tax preparation) and now has time to travel a bit. So far the travels have been in the United States. He's been active in a nice church. Their health remains good and they're excited because they won't have to shovel snow but will miss it. They will have to go to Colorado to visit their second son to get a little winter-time reminder.

**Patricia Spessard Witmer**, of LaVale, Md., writes that she is the great-grandmother to a 3-year-old and loves it! Each generation gets greater. She is now retired from 30 years of volunteerism at Western Maryland Health System in Cumberland. It has been a wonderful experience. What will she do now she ponders and then says that she'll find something.

**George Van Nostrand** is in good health and good spirits. He was reviewing pictures taken from the past. He met his wife, Mittie, in Ocean City in the summer of 1952. Their summer job was working at the Rideau Hotel located on the Boardwalk. Mittie was a waitress and George was a bellhop. She had just graduated from Maryland Institute of Art and he was a senior at WMC. She had been relaxing on the beach doing some reading during her time off when she was approached by a photographer. He introduced himself and asked if she would mind being in a picture he was taking of some lifeguards. She accepted the invitation and soon was climbing up one side of the lifeguard tower and posed for the picture which was destined for an Ocean City postcard. Then, this summer they went to the Life Station Museum at the Inlet end of the Boardwalk and were surprised to see a picture of Mittie in an outdoor display at the museum. It was an enlarged postcard that was made in the summer of '52. She was thrilled to see it and recalled the story. She did not know about the postcard until a year later.

**Nancy Wagner Phillips** is still living in Bowie, Md., keeping herself busy with going to the health club, taking classes at the Bowie Senior Center, volunteering at the Bowie Interfaith Community Pantry, doing church work, book club, social activities with friends and best of all being close to her grandchildren. Every once in a while she's able to get a trip in.

**Hugh W. Ward, Jr.**, is fine and in great health. He stays busy with a variety of things including helping with the operation of prison halfway houses for Christians coming out of prison. He sings in the church choir and does other church-related work. He's in and out of homeless work and cabinet work for the church and halfway house. He spends more time in prison since turning 70 than

before. He also escorts two to three golf balls around the course most afternoons depending on how fast he gives them swimming lessons. Hugh makes his home in Tucson, Ariz. **Rev. Carroll C. Warner**, of Columbia, Md., writes that life is good and that his health is fair. His oldest grandson, Michael, started at the University of Maryland, College Park this fall. His brother, Nicholas, is a sophomore and marching band drummer at Alhathorn High School in Columbia.

**Barbara Wilson Kohmeier** looks forward to news from her classmates. She and her husband, Lou, have downsized to a condo and continue to divide their time seasonally between Rockville, Md., and a rental home on Cape Cod. Lou is semi-retired but maintains office space at American University in Washington, D.C. Their daughter, Ann, lives and works in Charlotte, N.C. Their grandchildren, Keley, 15 and Eric, 12, are busy with scouts, sports and school activities. Their son, Dan, died from a stroke at the age of 45 in November '05 and the family has been adjusting to the tremendous loss. Many of their closest classmates have been so supportive during the past year. The Western Maryland ties of an era remain strong!

I'd like thank the Honor Class for the great number of responses. I truly appreciate everyone sharing their lives with me and allowing me to report the news. Take care!

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## 1958

"College Ties Can Ner' Be Broken" with our 50th reunion less than two years down the road.

**Ron Claeser** sent an e-mail from Alaska that he did contact **Bob McCormick** and got some dialogue going after 40-plus years. Ron and Sue, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in December '07, have been in Anchorage for 35 years. The scenery in Alaska never seems to get dull or uninteresting. Whales, all kinds of sea birds, good deer hunting and bears seem to abound. The weather has been a little extreme the last two years. Usually they spend Thanksgiving at their cabin 165 miles north of Anchorage with a balmy minus-10 degrees, but last Thanksgiving the temp was minus-32 degrees at the cabin, so they stayed in Anchorage. Ron still works as an orthodontist three days a week with a week off per month or two. Ron says, "Need to stop working some day!! Where has the time gone?"

**Ray and Ruth Ann Wilson '59** Stevens devote most of their retirement travel to Ray's lectures on Conrad, Byron and Menckens, which have taken them to universities from Potchefstroom and Cape Town, to Kazimierz Dolny, Zhytomyr, Vancouver, and to a dozen cities in between. During an August excursion to the Huntington Library in California

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they studied a Conrad manuscript that they had sought for 25 years, and which suddenly surfaced. Ray says, "Thank you, Whitfield, Wenner, Hovey and Henderson for getting me started." Their son David (LTC Army) is on his fourth Near/Mid East tour, and Joel administrators skilled care/elder care facilities in Massachusetts.

**Aleatha Arbrough Carlson** entered college with us, not as a high school graduate, but as a wife and mother of three children in school. Their older son entered WMC a year after she graduated and the younger son graduated from WMC 10 years later in 1968. She was thankful for the support and help she received from many students in our class. She and her husband, Melvin, had a wonderful life and celebrated their 64th anniversary two months before he died in November '04. She still lives in their home in Westminster and enjoys having her eight grandchildren and spouses and 15 great-grandchildren nearby in Maryland, plus a grandson and family in Florida and granddaughter in West Virginia. She is a charter member of the Church of the Open Door, a member of the COD Super Sixties group and supports Carroll Christian School where she was the first principal. She especially enjoys sending and receiving emails from missionaries and friends around the world—a great way to keep up with geography and history. Aleatha writes, "I am thankful for each day and for the way God directed me through my 84 years. Praise the Lord!"

**Ray and Arlene MacVicker '61s** Wright continue to enjoy their retirement in Aiken, S.C. They are busy, but look forward to every new adventure which comes their way. They are still involved with volunteering with Habitat-for-Humanity, a therapeutic horseback riding program, church soup kitchen, and mentoring students at the local middle school. Ray was recently elected to the board of their homeowners' association. The highlight of the past year was the arrival of their newest grandchild, Madelyn Grace Wright. Fortunately Maddy and her parents live only about three hours away so they get to visit often, but their daughter, Jennifer, a Navy wife, and their other grandchildren live in Groton, Conn.

**Fred Stonesifer** still lives on his farm in south central Pennsylvania and breeds Appaloosa horses to race in Oklahoma. He expects his filly to be named Champion this year, which will be his third Champion since he retired.

**Peggy Conover Cheney** has come out of retirement to lend "expertise" to some former co-workers who have started their own consulting firm. She agreed to help them with the understanding that she could travel whenever she wanted to. She was in Austria and Switzerland in September, and often goes to see her young grandchildren. Both of her daughters are married. Maryellen is a stay-at-home mom, and Julie lives in Phila-

delphia and works at the Federal Reserve Bank Payment Card Center.

**Ardele Campbell Darlington** delighted in getting together with some of our classmates throughout 2006. **Jean Lambertson Hort** ran a wonderful Bed and Breakfast for a number of classmates: **Vi Fonner Carrick**, **Judy Board Hayes**, **Judy Corby Osborne**, **Joe Mehl Wootten**, **Natalie Warfield Palmer**, **Carol Burton Cordes** and others on several occasions. They had such a good time, and many laughs as they reminisced about names of classmates and facts from the '50s. Aradella has relocated back to Pennsylvania from California, but travels West frequently to visit her grandsons, revisit friends in Nevada and spend time in her favorite city, Las Vegas, where she and **Vi Fonner Carrick** take in shows and shopping. Last year she enjoyed a week in Germany and she and **Jean Lambertson Hort** took an Elderhostel course on The Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia and spent some extra time touring in Halifax. She has never taken an Elderhostel course she didn't enjoy and attending with a college friend made it extra special.

**Tony Sarbanes** does not plan to run for elected office any more, but will continue with civic involvement in the community on a volunteer basis. Between his school days and elected office, he has fulfilled his community commitment. His wife, Billye, is a breast cancer survivor and has been very active in Women Supporting Women, as well as other activities. Their daughter, Beth, continues to teach, working with parents in Title I schools. Her husband is an attorney, and their little daughter, Zoe, is 6 years old. Their son, **Jimmy '92**, is a local attorney, and he and his wife have three children, Eve, 4, Anthony, 3, Tony and Billye had three interesting vacations this year to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Branson, Mo., and their annual trip to St. Maarten. They also had a luncheon at **Jean Lambertson Hort's** home with other grads and it was great to spend time with them.

**Brooks and Arlyne Euler** are enjoying their wonderful new home in Tennessee and are glad they made the move from Florida. They continue to travel a great deal, enjoying their trips to Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and many other places. They had a visit from **Tom and Kay Payne '59 Beckett** last summer. Brooks has been doing arbitration for the NASD and has been an expert witness in security cases in a number of states. Retirement has been very busy.

**Bob Christian** is in his 39th year on the faculty of Methodist University (formerly Methodist College) in Fayetteville, N.C., where he is a professor of English. Bob's wife, Kathy, works in the Davis Memorial Library on campus. They both thoroughly enjoy their involvement with the students.

**Marge Hull Harper** reports a new grandchild, Lily Sage, born to son Scott and his wife, Debbie, in June. They live within a

four-hour commute, so grandma goes babysitting on occasion. Herb and I, our son, and three grandchildren had a grand, but short, visit with Marge in August '05 after we attended a family reunion in New England. Marge was in Baltimore in the fall of '05 for her nephew's wedding and got together with Jack and Jane Roeber Anderson, Dale '51 and Millie MacKubin Townsend, and Mary Lou Fowler Austin.

**Pattie Krell Yates** continues to travel, go to the theater, and volunteer at the D.C. Animal Shelter.

**Jack and Jane Roeber Anderson** continue to enjoy retirement. Jack is very busy with his responsibilities as co-chair of the summer programs committee for the Pennsylvania Chautauqua. Jane still works with the deaf of the Columbia School for Deaf and enjoys the Longfellow Garden Club. They enjoy traveling and learning. Their latest trip was to St. Petersburg, Russia, and to Scandinavia. They have six wonderful grandchildren, the youngest, a boy, "Jack", and the oldest, a girl, in her first year at West Virginia Wesleyan College. They wrote, "Hope to see a lot of you at '08 reunion."

**Fred Stoeve** attended his 50th school reunion to find that he was the only one working full time. He admits to tiring more easily lately, but still enjoys the challenge and excitement of Wall Street. In 2003, he got to India to photograph tigers and to Spitzbergen for polar bears. In 2006, he and his wife, Renate, went to Yellowstone, but his wife was disappointed that she did not see a moose, so Fred is busy painting one for her. He is searching for a top New York agent for Renate's book of her childhood survival in WWII Germany. They are expecting their second grandchild in June.

**Nancy Willis Kirk** retired for the second time in June. She left parish ministry several years ago to focus her energy on spiritual direction. She worked with four other women at a spirituality center where they held retreats and long-term programs for women. She also had a private practice. She spent a month in Arizona, and is looking forward to traveling with her husband, Jim, to visit various children: a daughter who is also an Episcopal priest, in Michigan; their son and his family in Columbus, Ohio; a daughter in Alexandria, Va.; and another daughter in Cleveland. They're slowly preparing to move from their home into a condo, but that's in the planning stage. Retirement is still new to her, so she is feeling her way. "There's a lot more life ahead—I sincerely hope—and I want to savor every moment."

**Carly Ensor and Ron Peterson** took a trip to Maine and Wimbledon last summer, along with a hike in the Cotswolds. In the fall, they went to Greece and Turkey. Ron continues as the church gardener and Carly continues to volunteer for Hospice. In mid-October she spent five days in Rhode Island with her grandchildren, while their parents were

# family

## WE DID!

(Continued)

**Amanda Boyd '01** to Brad Miller on October 7, 2006. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Gina Rende '01** to Justin King '02 on September 23, 2006. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

**Liz Bryan '03** to Zach Walderick '03 on October 6, 2006. They reside in Prior Lake, Minn.

**Chris Cullison '03** to Sara Darmofalski '03 on July 3, 2006. They reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Jennifer Geiman '03** to Shane Lettau on August 4, 2006. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

**Stefanie McPherson '03** to Teron Powell '02 on September 23, 2006. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Susan Stem MS '03** to Earl Hurley on September 30, 2006. They reside in Mt. Airy, Md.

**Ina Puleri '04** to Andrew O'Carroll '04 on July 15, 2006. They reside in Blacksburg, Va.

**Steven Haines '05** to Jennifer Vi '02 on July 14, 2006. They reside in Falls Church, Va.

**Autumn Hancock '06** to Zachary Hurst on May 26, 2006. They reside in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Andrew Schultz '06** to Michelle Rapp on October 6, 2006. They reside in Blackwood, N.J.

**Brigid Seay '06** to Travis Johnson on August 12, 2006. They reside in Skylesville, Md.

**Jennifer Thomas '06** to Scott Miller on August 4, 2006. They reside in New Windsor, Md.



Everett Feeser  
'58 is still in  
Arizona, trying  
to look like  
and act like  
a cowboy. He  
goes to lots  
of livestock,  
saddle and  
tack auctions.

away for a long weekend.

**Flo Mehl Wooten's** thrill this year was publishing a novel about teaching. *Those Who Can Teach*. "You will remember the cliché—those who can, do, the rest teach." Her former superintendent, who became state superintendent, said it's the best book about teaching he's read. For a copy, send your name and address and a check for \$13.60 to Flo Wooten, 333 Whitman Avenue, Salisbury, MD, 21801.

**Natalie Warfield Palmer** is still battling cancer but has quit chemo and radiation and is trying to gain some quality of life. She and **Dick '59** managed a trip to Maine and drove to Texas for Christmas. They are super active in their church and Dick is singing in a six-man capella group and the St. Patrick's chorale. She misses not being able to sing, but is active again in her garden club and Master Gardeners. Their children and six grandchildren are great, ranging from age 5-22. **Lori Jones Gore** drove from Virginia, a three-hour drive, to help garden since Natalie has been out of commission—so kind.

**Josef and Chris Wilke** have been living on the Eastern Shore for over 25 years. He enjoys the hunting and fishing. They work at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Dorchester County. He has been a member of the Cambridge Rotary Club for 25 years.

**Roger Schelm** is in "Who's Who in America," again. He and Gloria have three daughters, three granddaughters and two grandsons. Life is good!

**Millie Makubin Townsend** and Dale '51 keep busy with community and family activities. However, they did find time last year to take a 19-day cruise from Victoria, B.C., to Los Angeles, Calif., via the Hawaiian Islands. They have also had two church trips to the Mississippi Coast to help repair Katrina-damaged homes and hope to return.

**Dick and Fran Layton '52** Gardiner spent time visiting **Karlene and Elizabeth Flier Plasket**, **Judy Corby Osborne** and **Jim Lightner '59**. **Stan Dennis** spent two weeks with them last fall and is doing well. They attended the Founders Dinner and enjoyed their dinner conversation with **Erich and Carol Petersen '59**, **Willie, Mike Savarese '57** and **Jim Lightner '59**. Their first grandson was born in January '06 and is doing well.

**Everett Feeser** is still in Arizona, trying to look like and act like a cowboy. He goes to lots of livestock, saddle and tack auctions where he meets real live characters right out of western novels. The great weather and a holistic lifestyle help keep him fit and active.

**Dick and Bette Flier Plasket** remain busy in their ministry. Dick has made numerous mission trips to the Far East region of Russia and Bette has joined him on mission trips to Taipei, Taiwan. In 2004, Dick was diagnosed with cancer, which was eventually traced to Agent Orange in Vietnam. After five months of chemo his cancer was declared in remission and he was off to Russia and then to Tai-

pei. His cancer resurfaced again last May, and, following more surgery, he was referred to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. They continue to vacation in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Destin, Fla., every year. However, now they have a cabin in the South Carolina mountains and a small place at Myrtle Beach, so they plan to stay close to home. Last April, their daughter, **Caryl Lynne**, was married. She and her husband live seven miles up the road. Their son, **Rick**, and his wife live in Newman, Ga. Drop in and visit if you are coming through South Carolina.

**Margaret Whitefield** is still teaching piano, violin and viola privately. She is director of music and organist at Westover Baptist Church, in Arlington, Va. She directs the adult's, children's, and hand bell choirs. She also accompanies professional singers including one from the New York Metropolitan Opera Company. She has two children and seven grandchildren.

**Kenneth George Hayward** responded to my postcard asking what school was having a reunion. I sent back a message, **McDaniel College** in Westminster, Md., but that it was WMC in 1958. He responded with the following: "Actually I did go there for one year. I was thrown out for putting a cow in **McDaniel Hall**. Dean Davis didn't think that was a good idea." He graduated from University of Maryland with a BS in medical technology, then got a degree in clinical pathology, and worked at Union Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, and University Hospital. For the last 12 years he has been a financial planner, working as a Medicare counselor. In 1979, he became interested in the theater, took acting workshops, and has appeared in many plays and movies. He enjoys bass fishing in the tidal waters of the Eastern Shore.

**Walter Bloodworth** continues to live in Lakeland, Fla., and enjoys the weather year round. He can't imagine living in the cold, snowy North. He spends his time with music. For the past five years, he has studied, practiced, and played for six to eight hours each day and for the first time in his life he feels like he knows how to play. He has four keyboards set up and running, a harp, marimba, extensive set of Latin percussion, ukuleles, mandolin, a collection of recorders, etc. etc. He has recorded one CD and has two more in the process to be completed before the end of 2006. He anticipates recording four more in 2007. He had to slow down with the watercolor painting since all walls in the house are covered.

**Erich and Carol Petersen '59** Willen continue to live in Shoreham, N.Y. Erich retired from Brookhaven Lab last year but is still regular schedule. "Science keeps getting more interesting!" He and Carol are both active in their village government, enjoy regular trips to New York City, occasional trips to distant places, and visits with their six grand-

children in Philadelphia and Boston.

**Barb Lawrence Meadors** still lives in Leavenworth, Kan., with her two dogs and a cat. She spends part of the winter in Mesa, Ariz., and plays golf regularly. She had a slight heart attack last September but is doing fine. She says, "Rehab has been good for me!" She is planning a trip to the Final Four in Cleveland in April and then a trip down memory lane: her home in western Pennsylvania and then WMC, Ocean City and the surrounding areas.

**Gail Mercey** and **Dan Getz** feel so blessed to still be able to go and do to their hearts' content. Numerous hair-raising medical procedures and pharmacology enable them to continue their favorite pastimes. Gail helps the county historical society with exhibits, and summertime finds her putting in the garden quite often. Don still hunts and builds muzzle loader rifles. Their grandchildren all live on the East Coast. "We so treasure many old and new friendships, particularly those forged years ago at WMC. Go Green Terror!"

**Dave and Linda Harper** have been married 30 years and have lived in Shelton, Conn., since he became a full-time pastoral counselor in 1983. He is presently involved in pastoral counseling and psychotherapy at Tennessee Institute in Westport, Conn. After serving five different parishes as a pastor, he wanted a ministry that provided opportunities to work with people at greater depth, as they embraced their lives more fully. "Our faith has become even more precious to us over the past 15 years. The loss of a grandchild at age 2, the brain surgery endured by our daughter, and now the various illnesses Linda is experiencing brings us to our knees in thankfulness for life itself." Dave remains pretty healthy and continues under his wife's appointment to the counseling ministry. He finds great joy in composing; especially hymn tunes and sacred music. He also enjoys woodworking, which affords him some balance in life. And on the lighter side, there is always the University of Connecticut men's and women's basketball to support, and the New York Yankees to cheer on. They look forward to celebrating the half-century mark with old friends.

Condolences to the families of **Susan Davidson Eulder**, **Eileen Gallin Gilmore**, **Jaqui May McSparrin** and **Phyllis Arla Sanderson Conn**.

**Herb and I** continue to enjoy living on the California desert. We attended a Kety family reunion the summer of '05 in New Hampshire, with our son and three grandchildren, toured parts of New England, and had a hard, but too brief visit, with **Marge Hull Harper** at her Vermont home. Last October, I attended the American Dietetic Association annual convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, with a fellow registered dietician, who was honored as a 50-year member. I will have my 50th year as a dietician in 2010. While there, I visited Pearl Harbor, a most moving experi-

ence. Each year we fly to San Antonio, Texas, to spend time with our son, Mike, his wife, Christine, and three grandchildren. Our daughter, Priscilla, is a special education teacher in the Tempe, Ariz., high schools. I continue to work part time as the renal dietitian at the Kidney Institute at Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage, Calif. We dialyze almost 100 patients three times a week.

As always, thanks for all the replies. Look forward to seeing all of you in 2008!!

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## 1964

We as the class of 1964 of then Western Maryland College (which still regard ourselves as graduates of WMC) are now into what some call our "golden years." We're still young enough to enjoy life but have reached retirement and grandparent age. Many of us are reveling in our new work-free lives, though some are still plugging away.

Barbara Holland-Eytan writes that she loves retirement. Never knew how basically lazy she is. Still living in the same house for 32 years in the Baltimore area, where she and her husband, Allan, have a part-time business helping seniors (even older than they are) with every step involved in downsizing and moving to retirement communities. For the past three-plus years they have enjoyed spending as much time as possible in the peace and quiet of their home in Rehoboth Beach, Del. The exciting news this summer was being present for the birth of their first grandchild, a beautiful 8-pound, 4-ounce girl, Sierra Alyson, in Delray, Fla. This event has then working to prepare their Baltimore home for sale (it's much easier downsizing for strangers so they can find a place in Florida and become snowbirds).

We hear from Barry Lazarus that he has been a "hell"Va" a year for the Lazarus clan. Barry and Fran were picked to be on *The Amazing Race* (TAR), the Emmy-winning CBS reality show where teams of two race around the world searching for clues, performing tasks—all in the pursuit of \$1 million dollars to the team that finishes first. They were the only team (of 11 teams picked from 18,000 teams applying) over 50. They finished fifth (not bad for old folks). It was a very emotional and stressful five weeks of racing, but they loved every minute of it. While TAR was airing on TV, they were in Copenhagen seeing their new granddaughter, Hannah Lie, born Feb. 1, 2006. From there they flew to Bangkok and were at the delivery of their daughter's son, Kalden, born March 22. They stayed in Thailand for two weeks and then trained overland to Laos with the baby and family. They finally returned home to Colorado in mid-May and have been enjoying the mountain life hiking and biking. They were in Italy and Copen-

pen in October.

David Taylor tells us that, as of early 2007, he plans to take full retirement and then finish a book that was promised long ago to a publisher on a philosophical topic: a comparative study of Maimonides and Thomas Aquinas. (He says he probably comes down on the Maimonides side of the equation.) He is also taking courses at a Jewish Theological Seminary in order to broaden his background in Jewish thought, which has been his primary area of interest in recent years. He is also hoping to spend a bit of time visiting Europe again after two many years absence.

Both Mary Ellen Coleman '65 and Dennis Quinby retired in June. He taught mathematics for 38 years in Baltimore County and she worked in the registrar's office at Towson University for 30. Their retirement trip was a two-week cruise to Alaska that they enjoyed tremendously. They also spent a week at Bethany Beach, something they have always wanted to do but never could since he was always working in September. Their oldest daughter, Shelly, presented them with a new granddaughter, Kassie, in May. This makes five granddaughters and three daughters total. The joke at work is that Dennis is incapable of "solving for x!" Plans for the future include travel, being doting grandparents, doing charitable work for their church and private tutoring.

Denny Kephardt writes that he is thinking of retirement in 2007 after 40 years of practicing dentistry. Barbara, his wife of 39 years, stays young except for knees. Daughter Sarah Kephardt Otchet '64 works at CFO at a software company. Denny and Barbara have two granddaughters, 3 and 2. Daughter Ellen Kephardt Clark works as a cosmetologist and dental assistant in Denny's office. Denny has good memories of our great small class of 1964.

Diane Simpson Krell writes that this is a great time to have a column, because she has some very important news. She has her first grandchild. And a special birth date; he was born Christmas Eve 2005. But after all, when else could you expect a child who is named Nicholas Joseph III to be born, and when his parents are named Christine and Nicholas Joseph II? He is bringing much joy to the family; he was the first baby boy born since Diane's "baby" brother, 49 years ago. She has one daughter, Chris, and six nieces. Diane moved in September '06 to Southern Maryland to be near her daughter and family, near Solomons Island and Lexington Park. She took early retirement two years ago from her job of 20 years as a research lab technician. That was after working 35 years total, 29 of those in science, and 27 of those in lab science. Retirement is wonderful. She is catching up on all that sleep she missed and has found out that she's a night owl. She also loves doing some babysitting for her young grandson. She feels fortunate that she was

able to sell her townhouse in three days.

Earl Armeriger wrote a short note to tell us that, in the past year, his wife, Mary, retired and grandchild number six was born—life is good. He's not retiring—having too much fun. Earl is president of Orchard Development Corporation in Ellicott City, Md.

George Gebelein writes that not a lot new is happening with him; but here goes. Best regards to all our classmates, and he would like to remind us that our 45th reunion will be in late April/early May '09—plenty of advance notice. He has gone from full time to part time (three days a week) working for McDonough School in Owings Mills, Md., which is the high school from which he graduated. He continues to work for the development office and enjoys the job. He is working from home and does not miss humping the freeway five days a week. He enjoys the extra time trying to get his house in shape and doing some of that "puttering" that he has heard about. His grandchildren are now over 3 and 5 years old and are a handful of activity and energy. George stays in contact with Lois Chilcoat Meszaros, Ron Roth, and Fran Sybert '65 Baroch, and Jack '62 and Carole Richardson Bale. He has the great opportunity of seeing many of his fraternity brothers at their biennial affinity group gatherings at the College. He also saw Denny Quinby about a year ago as a surprise guest at a gathering of the freeway five days a week. He has some more free time, he plans to do some volunteer work for the McDonough College Alumni Association once again. He is heading to Riviera Maya in early March for some relaxing time off. "Stay well; looking forward to seeing many of you at our 45th in 2009."

Jeannette Breland Bauserman Hull writes that most of the members of the Class of '64 are probably turning age 64 this year. She now lives in Tallahassee, Fla., where her son and his family also live, so she gets to spend time with her two grandchildren. Tallahassee is a wonderful city with plenty to do and lovely live oaks that create scenic canopy roads. She works mornings from home, in her bathrobe and fuzzy slippers, as the news editor for the BenefitsLink.com website—under deadline each weekday to publish two electronic newsletters on employment-based benefits. Afternoons are spent improving her 70-something-year-old house.

Jerry Baroch finds it hard to believe he and his wife Fran Sybert Baroch '65 have been retired for 11 years now. One of these days he may miss working, but it hasn't happened yet. He and Fran are actively involved in their residential country club community in Osprey, Fla.; both with tennis and golf, and he is on the Board of Governors. They enjoy the great boating in the area, having moved to power boating after many years of sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Travel is the break from the normal routine. They spend a month in the spring in Maryland with family, friends, and their daughter, who lives in

# family

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### Family additions this season:

Elia Benitez, on March 6, 2006, to Mike '82 and Pamela Benitez.

Elia Victoria Richardson, on Nov. 23, 2006, to David and Jennifer Hannah '91 Richardson.

Margaret Grace Bergen Sullivan, on Feb. 5, 2006, to John '91 and Kim Bergen '92 Sullivan.

Stella Presley Coyne, on Feb. 14, 2006, to Brett '92 and Stephanie Lee '95 Coyne.

Phoebe Bain, on Oct. 23, 2006, to Will and Jennifer Veteto '94 Bain.

William Joseph Holland, on Feb. 6, 2005, to Bill and Aimee Grayson '94 Holland.

Eliza MacPherson Brakeman, on Nov. 21, 2005, to Ken and Anne Larson '96 Brakeman.

Nishi Latif, on Aug. 27, 2006, to Arman '96 and Raj Jubal '00 Latif.

Hannah Agnes Stein, on Sept. 9, 2006, to Marc and Rachel Green '96 Stein.

Graham Edward Putnam, on Oct. 9, 2006, to Kenny and Brandy Mullen '97 Putnam.

Madalynn Leigh Ench, on Sept. 25, 2006, to Matthew '99 and Laurel Monroe '00 Ench.

Aubrey Ann Toothaker, on Aug. 20, 2006, to Shane '99 and Tracie Browning '99 Toothaker.

Raegan Michele Alcombright, on July 25, 2006, to Josh and Andrea Williams '00 Alcombright.

Hailey Lyn Barchetto, on Nov. 16, 2006, to Andrew '00 and Julie Barchetto.

Keira Milam, on Nov. 23, 2006, to Michael and Shiloh Jeffrey '00 Milam.

Kade William Owens, on Nov. 18, 2005, to Shaun '00 and Tara Owens.

Canden Ray Yowell, on June 14, 2006, to Christopher and Kristi Thayer '00 Yowell.

Kylie Ann Knight, on July 7, 2006, to John and Jennifer Martin '01 Knight.

Cori Catherine Raster, on Oct. 2006, to David and Laonna Hinkle MS '95 Raster.

# Senator's Vote for Reunion

**Ed Kasemeyer '67**, the new majority leader for the Maryland State Senate, welcomed President Joan Develin Coley and a contingent of McDaniel professors and students to Maryland's capital in February. In the spring, Coley and others will return the favor when the Democratic representative for Baltimore and Howard Counties comes back to the Hill for Reunion Weekend April 27-29.



Kasemeyer, who has served as the member of the Senate from 1987-1990 and since 1995, attended his 35th reunion and says he wouldn't miss the 40th. "I like seeing and reacquainting with old friends," he says, adding that there will be few surprises where he is concerned. "I'm a pretty consistent guy."

D.C. Also got out to Seattle once a year to visit their son. They went to China for a few weeks, highlighted by nine days cruising the Yangtze River. They still get in a ski trip once a year out West but old age may be sliding down the hill faster than they are. They visited with Barry and Fran Lazarus last year just before they were on *The Amazing Race*. They would enjoy visits with old friends down here; give them a call.

Since retiring from his general surgery practice in 1997, **John Kressler** has been teaching physical geography and cultural (human) geography at Anne Arundel Community College. Actually, he was teaching geography courses even before he had to retire from surgery because of developing chronic lymphocytic leukemia. In addition to teaching, he is pursuing a Ph.D. in ethnobiology at the University of Maryland at College Park. He has completed all the course work and passed the two language exams and the comprehensive exam. He is now a doctoral candidate and is busy working on his doctoral dissertation. If he lives long enough, he should graduate in May '07. He is also enjoying his two grandsons, 4 and 2.

**Katherine Fries Kesterson** tells us that she has missed sending in news the past few times so she'll try to catch up. In the last few years her family has had a graduation, two weddings and a birth. Daughter Erin graduated with a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is currently working on becoming ordained and getting her Ph.D. Son Matt married Kathryn Auman in October '03. Seven months later her daughter married Jay Bowers. Their wedding took place in Cunnock, Scotland. The groom wore a kilt, as did most of their male American guests. They had a wonderful time. This past April, Matt and Kathryn had a son, Levi. They live just a few miles from them, so you can imagine they get to see their grandson a lot.

**Linda Truitt Wrightson** writes that she and Will are doing fine but working too hard. Retirement is not planned as yet. She is still the director of music at First United Methodist Church of Tucker, Ga. This church is an Atlanta suburban church with about 1,600 members. Will still runs his own business, Packaging and Design, in nearby Stone Mountain.

Daughter Kara has presented them with two adorable granddaughters, 2 and 6. Daughter Kristi has earned her doctorate in naturopathic medicine and is currently in Santa Barbara, Calif., doing an internship as a registered dietitian.

**Lois Chilcoat Meszaro** traveled to the Ukraine in October, where she spent some time in Kiev and hoped to get to Russia, particularly St. Petersburg. She is still a soccer grandmother, watching her grandson, Kevin, who plays on a traveling team in Carroll County. She is still remodeling her house, which she enjoys. She serves on several com-

mittees at McDaniel College and continues to do some teaching. She's active in politics. She spent the Labor Day holiday on the Outer Banks in North Carolina on the beach. Lois continues to work full time as the clinical director of Chimes Metro. Both of her daughters, Shari and Debbie, live close by, and she sees them frequently. Her mother is still healthy and also lives nearby. She enjoys living on the water and doing some boating.

**Nancy Milnic**, with receiving the post card, remembered what an exceptional and just plain nice class we had and wishes happiness and good health to all. She is loving life at this age and stage with a new retirement career being "Aunt Nancy," a Washington D.C. tour guide for students coming from all over the country for their class trips. She keeps busy with family, friends, traveling, chasing good music, and trying to catch up with all she missed learning in school.

One of the most exciting things for her, related to WMC, is that her daughter is married to **Caroline Evans** (son, Caroline is Mrs. J's (of McDaniel Hall) niece who was our classmate for just freshman and sophomore years. They are now best of friends, co-grandmothers and have traveled round the world together. Good stuff.

**Kathy Langius Tarquini** is sorry for responding so late, but feels there is nothing very exciting to tell. She is still living at the same location in Bel Air, Md., and still married to the same man (good old what's his name) for 42 years. She has four very rewarding part-time jobs that occupy her time: watching her three grandchildren Joseph, 11, Anthony, 8, and Alyssa, 6, grow; being a substitute receptionist for son Frank, who is a chiropractor in Finksburg (most of us will not remember Finksburg, but it's the area around the Forest Inn; helping her mother, who is now 82 and lives with them; working as a system's analyst for a government contractor on the STRYKER (8-wheeled group of vehicles seen and/or written about in the Iraq war news). Husband Charlie spends two to three days a week in Charlottesville, Va., watching the grandchildren while their daughter works part time as a health administrator. Her husband is a full-time health administrator. Both work at University of Virginia. He spends a couple of days a week helping Frank, and sometimes finds time for golf. They take a once-a-year summer vacation. For the last couple of years it's been to the Outer Banks. That sums up their exciting life. They are still dealing with the tragic death of their daughter-in-law, who passed away on July 13, 2005, from cystic fibrosis.

**John Carscaden Nicoll** lets us know that she started drawing Social Security. Doesn't make her feel very "secure!" Medicare is just around the corner. Children and grandchildren are all doing well. She spends a lot of time in the Baltimore area visiting them and watching the little ones in plays, sports events, dance recitals, etc. **Fred '62** is finally

back to "normal" after the knee replacement two years ago and has returned to the golf course. It has been a long haul but it was worth it. She hopes to begin traveling again now that he feels more like it. Remember Bridge at the Grille? She is now into Mah Jongg at the restaurant and loves it. She and her friends work out at the gym, shower and play all afternoon and into the evening. Fred thinks that she has a part-time job since she's gone two or three days a week! She's seen many college classmates this year so she'll "name-drop." **Fran Burnell and Hunter '62 Kirkman, Clark Kirkman '60, Rhos Ireland '61 and Tony '61 Wiles, Peggy Hoy '62 and Bob '62 Warfield, Dave Martin '62, Judy Ellis '60 and Don '62 Rembert**, to name a few. Remember the first week of our freshman year at school and how Don entertained us with his "Mr. Smooth" guitar playing? Well, he's still a pickin' and a grinnin' and, of course, is still "smooth." She has many college friends who are e-mail buddies, which is really enjoyable. She is grateful for all of her blessings and doesn't take them for granted like she did when she was younger. "Maybe I'm getting wiser at last."

**Ron Roth** writes that life has been good, having retired completely over four years ago and being semi-retired for 10 years before that. He and his wife, Clara, now have two grandchildren who they enjoy spending time with and watching how fast they grow. He has spent a lot of time traveling. One of his favorites is doing transatlantic crossing on the *Windstar* line. He has made this trip over 10 times. He and Clara go to Chile to visit her parents, who retired there, and then they spend extra time exploring this beautiful country from the deserts in the north to Patagonia in the south and all the parts in between. They did a long trip to the Southwest last summer and another to Canada and Alaska this year. Once Clara stops working (someone has to support him in the manner to which he is accustomed) they will do more travels all over the world. A few years ago Ron went to China and traveled with **Dave Sutton '63** and would love to go back. He and Clara also did a trip to New Zealand and would love to spend a few years a year there. So many places, so little time.

Even though **Sandy Riggin** is close to being eligible for Medicare, she is still enjoying her work as a health educator for a small health district in Tidewater, Va. She and her partner still enjoy sailing the Chesapeake and spending some summer time in New York's Adirondack National Park. They have extended families in Asheville, N.C., Baltimore and Philadelphia. 2007 will mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown and big things will be happening around there to celebrate. Even the Queen will be visiting in May.

**Sterling Haines** has completed his Air Force career and has retired. He lives in San Antonio, Texas, runs a courier business, and



tries to enjoy life as he is getting older. Like everyone, his children are grown, and he is fortunate to live in the same community with one of his sons. He has had open-heart surgery with multiple bypasses and an implanted mitral valve, but all seems to be well now almost three years since the surgery.

**Street Art Brands** retired from Black & Decker and has started his own business, "Easy Street Enterprises. It involves business consulting and "executive management." On the consulting side, he's working with a start-up business (OSDC) who is developing a software that answers the age old question: "What do I want to be when I grow up and how do I get there?" (Something he wishes was available when he was in high school!) The other side is moving vessels up and down the East Coast, or wherever, and on-board boater training, etc. He has had several jobs so far, but needs to develop it a lot more. He has a job taking a 45-van Trawler from the Potomac down to Savannah, GA, and back for a week or so. He has made a couple of trips to Florida and back and a couple in the Northeast. If there is anyone who ever wants to go along as "crew" let him know. He has three "grand" children now and loving it.

**Sue Ann Allport Tabler** has retired again after 15 years as the executive director of the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. Now she can join her retired husband, Robert, and do some traveling and spend time with their two grandchildren, Parker, 9, and Emma, 6, who live next door. Daughter Deb continues to teach in Howard County and her husband, Paul Matthews, is a professor at Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University.

Well, life in Israel certainly has its ups and downs, writes **Sue Gordon**. Who knows how things will be by the time this class column is published. Susan's dad passed away this past February at the age of 90. "It's still hard to adjust to his not being on the other side of the phone. **Nancy Millin** drove up to visit during the Shiva mourning period, and it was such a comfort to see a dear friend at that time." Other than that life is pretty much unchanged since last time we all wrote in. She is still working part time maintaining the database for the Desalination Directory. She took a beautiful month-long trip in October '05 to Spain and Portugal, and in December to China for 10 days. Susan has gotten into more photography since getting her first digital camera (an Olympus 770). Anyone interested can take a look at her "galleries" at [www.phase.com/susan\\_1016](http://www.phase.com/susan_1016) and click on the little thumbnails to enlarge them. She has really been enjoying that and cooking great meals with Michael, who is an excellent cook. Actually she is better at cleaning up as he cooks! She enjoys not being employed full time. She has also been trying to walk three or four miles a day, well, maybe only five days a week, to be honest. She met

**Ray '58 and Arlene MacVicker '61 Wright and Becky Wright '63** in Jerusalem last November when they were on a tour with their church. That was a great treat. They spent the whole day tripping around the city and catching up on each other's life. Arlene was from her hometown, Madison, N.J., and her younger sister, Barbara, and Susan were close friends in high school. "What's becoming more clear as the years go on — being in touch with people we grew up with and spent our formative years with is a comfort and an important way of linking the present and the past. If anyone has a chance to visit this very wonderful country, please don't hesitate to contact me."

**Howard Mooney** writes from Elliot City that life continues at a fast pace for the Mooney family. He now works for SAIC as a program manager for logistics assessments. Jane is employed as a guidance counselor at Hammond High School in Howard County. Youngest daughter **Andrea MS '06** graduated from McDaniel College with a master's degree in guidance. They stay in touch with Eugene "Pebble" Willis, Dennis and Mary Ellen Coleman '65 Quincy, and Streett and Barbara Petschke '65 Broadhead. Howard sends his hopes to each of our 64 class members and hopes to see all of us at our next reunion.

Watching their grandchildren, 2 and 4, four days a week keeps **Janet Brozik Biles** and her husband, Ray, busy these days. Two summers ago they had their in-ground pool renovated, and this summer they rebuilt the deck. They visited southwest Michigan for a family wedding and did some touring of the towns along Lake Michigan. Last February they enjoyed a week in St. Martins and plan to go again this year. **Lois Schurman Donaldson** and her daughter Joanna, along with her two grandsons enjoyed the pool as well as did **Lynda Robson Astle**.

Substitute teaching is keeping **Phyllis Ibach Hawkins** busy. She also enjoys the Mechanicburg Middle and Senior High School students. She just retired as program director of the Harrisburg Civil War Roundtable, though she is still an active member. Grandsons Logan and Dylan are still very active in New Hartford, NY, ice hockey.

**George Knefel** can't remember what he has told us since it's been so long since he's written. He's still practicing internal medicine in Pensacola, Fla., and wife Cappy is teaching history at the University of West Florida. Daughter Alison got her doctorate in chemistry and now lives outside of Philadelphia with her chemist husband. As soon as he gets his second hip replacement, George will be back on the tennis court. According to George, Pensacola is still Florida's best-kept secret.

**Del Pokorny** writes from Rehoboth Beach, Del. that he and his wife, **Jo Bunting '69**, continue to enjoy living at the beach and being retired. They celebrated their 40th anniversary this year while continuing to enjoy their grandson Jack, 4. They have been traveling

both internationally and throughout the U.S. as the spirit moves them.

**Judith Polley-Nelson** tells us that her career has been in virology and cell culture safety testing of biopharmaceutical products. She has been in this field since its inception. In 2005 she received an outstanding achievement award from SAIC Frederick Inc. (her employer), contractor at Ft. Detrick of the National Cancer Institute at Frederick. The award was for the development of novel assays that assess genetic stability and product safety of viral products in the Biopharmaceutical Development Program.

**Trudy Jo Hahn Snader** has a life filled with care taking at Carroll Lutheran Village for her mother and her husband. The blessing is that her two sons and their families live close by, and her four granddaughters balance her life.

**Helen Holmes Terry** wants to know if she and **Ray '63** are the only ones still working at the same jobs. She guesses the kids keep them going. Ray started the new high school three years ago, and things are going well now. Helen is a counselor at the middle school next to the high school. They are still at the games on Friday nights — like they never grew up! Their kids and families are happy and healthy. Helen wants everyone to come and see them in Naples, Fla..

**Kay Gocheour Rudolph** can't believe 42 years have passed since our graduation. She thinks that was a lifetime ago! It was Kay can't remember if she reported the death of her husband, Don, on Sept. 11, 2002. Kay is very involved, and using her English skills, with her retirement community and her church in Conway, S.C. She is on the board of directors for the neighborhood and is one of three who put out a lengthy newsletter each month. They also have many activities there, most of which involve eating. At church, Kay is the proffesor for all printed material, and in January, will begin a three-year term as communications director (volunteer). It's a full and happy existence. If anyone goes to Myrtle Beach, please call Kay.

Continuing to be world travelers are **Carol Wilkinson Coffeen** and her husband. They did a cruise around the tip of South America in January and a tour of China in March. That makes six continents that they have visited. Their two daughters, with their husbands and five grandchildren, live within a mile — for which they are very happy. The triplets are 6, and the other two are 5 and almost 2. Travel, grandchildren, crafts and participation in a lot of organizations keep them constantly on the go.

**Joe Wenderoth** and his wife, Cassie, have three grandchildren and expect a fourth early next year. He is still several years from retirement, but they travel as often as they can to see the grandchildren. They also stay very busy in the community. Joe finally caught up with **Nelson Sheeley** by e-mail. They have been trying to get him to high school re-

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Those who will be missed:



Fern R. Hitchcock Jr.

Fern Hitchcock '47 spent 25 years taping, bandaging, caring for and worrying about the physical condition of student-athletes. Our beloved baseball coach and trainer died Jan. 29 at age 82. He was famous for his proverbial sayings, urging players to hit, hustle and steal bases during his 15 seasons, and compiled a record of 161-110-3 including nine conference championships.

When Hitchcock retired in 1984, he wrote to his former baseball players requesting help to fund dugouts. Not only did the assistant professor of physical education emeritus lay the foundation for funding, but he literally laid the bricks too. The dugouts were completed in 1988 in time for the first baseball game.

During off-season, Fern worked for the Baltimore Colts at summer training camps held on campus. Famous QB Johnny Unitas insisted that his ankles were always taped by Fern. Family, trout fishing, deer hunting, gardening were avocations, too, and, of course, sideline cheering for the Green Terror.



**Alice Berning  
Franks '70 is  
still managing a  
colony of mice  
with induced  
mutations at  
the National  
Institute of  
Diabetes,  
Digestive and  
Kidney Diseases.**

unions for years.

I am still living in Lansing, Mich., part of the year and in Venice, Fla., the other part (in the winter). I retired a year ago October from my job as executive director of Child Abuse Prevention Services. I began receiving Social Security this past June (the Federal government is finally paying me after all the years I paid them). I love my retirement — my time is finally my own. Soon after I retired I went to Silver Spring, Md., to help my son, Andrew, and his family after the 11-week premature birth of his son, Schroeder. Schroeder spent seven weeks in the NICU and I spent seven weeks in Maryland. I had to get used to cooking for a family again. Schroeder is now a year old and in perfect health. We are blessed. He joined his older sister, Sara Gail, 6. Andrew is still the deputy CFO at the Corporation for National Service. Daughter Amy lives in Baltimore, where she is a manager in the cervical cancer program at Hipigco, an international woman's health organization that is affiliated with Johns Hopkins. My oldest son, Ted, recently relocated to Michigan after many years in Chicago as he has taken an editorial job with Lake Magazine. I am currently proofreading the manuscript of his second book, *The Third Coast*, which will be published next year. Much of my time is spent reading, walking, taking an exercise class, traveling to visit the grandchildren, and doing whatever else I feel like doing. I plan to do more traveling with my friend Nancy in the coming year. Life is good.

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## 1970

Greetings Classmates! Many thanks to those reporting — there is lots of good news to share.

First to report in was my McDaniel Women's Leadership Network co-chair, **Barbara Payne Shelton**, who has left full-time college at Towson University and building a consulting business in Early Childhood Education. "It's a bit scary but invigorating to be starting something new at my age. Besides, it gives me more flexibility to play Gran to my 2-year-old grandson!"

Next in was **Mary Lynn Durham**: "As I write this, **Bill Roj** is in New Delhi and will also stop in Shanghai before returning to the United States. When he is not traveling on behalf of ERICO International, Bill and I hold out in Shaker Heights, Ohio, where I continue to practice corporate law. Our older son, Wes, is pursuing a graduate program in professional writing at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Doug, 21, will graduate from Kenyon College in May '07."

**John and Margaret Cushen Trader** have had a busy few years. Both sons, **Scott '00 and David '03**, were married during the '04-'05 ac-

ademic year. "To celebrate their first anniversaries, and Christmas, and any other holiday we can think of, all six Traders spent eight wonderful days in Scotland last summer. The scenery, the people, and the military tattoo were extraordinary, but the flight home amid security and terrorist threats was scary. We're glad to be in America again, but are already planning another summer '07 trip. Once you get the travel bug, you just can't get rid of it."

**Nancy Hoskins** still lives in Westminster and frequently visits her Ocean City place and spends about four months a year there. During a good part of the school year, she commutes back and forth to Westminster to work part time as a media specialist at Carroll County's alternative school.

Love is in the air every day for **Karen Wagner Tegen** as event coordinator at Swan Harbor Farm in Hays, de Grace, Md. She helps to coordinate the 100-plus weddings and festivals that grace the farm's 531 acres on the Bay. "I joke that I will be staying there to work there in such a gorgeous setting, but not until college tuition ends." **Jerry '68** continues to work at Clorox and fishes whenever he can. Their girls are 24 and 19 and the oldest plans to be married next summer. "Come visit me at Swan Harbor and enjoy a little piece of heaven ... and bring fishing rods if you like 25-pound catfish!"

**Mark Raim** says, "I'm hanging in there, still with multiple health problems, but 'NOQY' (Not Quite Dead Yet). I spend my time reading, collecting sports cards and memorabilia, and taking care of Buddy, our Chihuahua mix dog." He and his wife, Ellen, celebrated a 30th anniversary in March. Ellen has been cancer-free for more than six years and will shortly return to her job as librarian at Norbel School in Elkridge, Md. Son Andrew, 25, had a five-hour surgical procedure (orthognathic surgery) in July to correct severe facial deformities caused by a combination of a tiny upper jaw, a huge lower jaw, and a very poor bite. He came through the surgery uneventfully, and although he will be on a soft diet for several more weeks, he returned to work just two weeks after the operation! He is a systems engineer for Advertising.com, a company located in Locust Point near Fort McHenry. Andy has nearly completed his coursework for a master's in computer science. Son Brian, 22, graduated from Washington College in Chestertown with a degree in English in May.

After majoring in art in college, **Sue Morales Yungling** never pursued the field for work or for fun — until now. "Finally, I am beginning to 'play in the dirt' and sling mud again. I started taking pottery classes earlier this year and am now in the process of putting together a small studio in our basement. I started with hand-building and raku firing (an awesome outdoor experience) and am now trying my hand at throwing on the potter's wheel again. It feels good to have my

hands in clay again after being away from it for so very long." Sue tells us to look for a new snack product in the Baltimore area called "Chili Nutzer" made by BMoreNutz. Her son, Brian Gottlieb, designed the package — his first major professional graphic design project. He is doing all of their graphic design work including their website, [www.bmorenutz.com](http://www.bmorenutz.com). Can you tell she's a proud mama? Brother Greg just became a first-time homeowner in Winter Park, Fla.

"I'd like to say that **Carroll 'Splinter' '68** and I will be going to Florida this winter to check it out, but so far, the only one with a plan is **Splinter** who is heading to Orlando with a bunch of 'old men' to play golf!" **Splinter** continues to serve as president of the McDaniel Alumni Association and enjoys the time he spends with alumni (and alumnae), college staff, and anyone else he can interest in our college. "As always, the football schedule dictates our fall social calendar. My sister, **Bev Morales Wilson '73**, and I try to get to all the games at least by half-time so that we can say we were there." Sue is still working part time at Carroll Community College in Westminster as an academic adviser. She enjoys the one-on-one contact with students and a flexible work schedule that allows her to slip away to North Myrtle Beach with **Splinter** for a long weekend every now and then.

**Emma Moore-Kochals** completed her seven-year term as San Diego's Methodist District Superintendent last year, and returned to local church ministry. She is senior minister of La Jolla United Methodist Church and enjoying it. Daughter Caroline works for a dot-com start-up in the Bay area after completing her MS at Stanford. Son Matthew continues at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, and is engaged to be married. In August, Emma traveled to Chicago where United Methodist clergywomen gathered to celebrate 50 years of full clergy ordination for women.

After 36 years with ACF Industries, **Roger Wynkoop** retired as president and accepted a new job with Trinity Industries in Dallas as president of their railcar leasing company. After 27 years in St. Louis, they relocated to Colleville, Texas, and are enjoying everything but the weather — 41 days over 100. Oldest daughter Karen is expecting their first grandchild, and "since she lives in St. Louis we are very good customers of American Airlines — buy their stock!" Daughter Jennifer and husband live in Ventura, Calif. Relocation and a new job (and that grandbaby) will keep him away from McDaniel/WMC for a while, but he still looks forward to checking up on the webpage for sports results.

**Ed Hermann** reports that change is good. When his Citifinancial office closed in 2005, he retired, "about two years earlier than I had originally planned." Fortunately, his training in economics at WMC came in very handy over the years. His Commercial Credit stock and severance pay and bonus have

provided him with a new investing career. **Wife Susan Burgard '77** is still working as a paralegal in Towson for a large Baltimore law firm. She helps pay for the health insurance until he turns 65 and can go onto Medicare — “Can you believe that will be in less than seven years?” Ed and Susan set up a scholarship for either an economics/business administration major or an English major (Susan's major) about three years ago. They also put stock into a charitable remainder trust with McGee as beneficiary, collecting the income in the meantime and “I got a charitable deduction last year for 30 percent of its value.” Bravo, Ed!

The newest member of the **Carol Hoeichs** and **Charlie '71 Moore's** family is Edward Charles born to daughter Julie and her husband, Todd on August 31. He joins sisters, Annabelle, 5, and Georgia, 3. Son Andy and his wife, Jen, celebrated their first anniversary in September. Carol and Charlie attended the wedding of Gail Howard, daughter of **Brenda Shires** and **Harry Howard**, on Sept. 23 in Delaware. “We have kept in touch with special friends over the last 36 years and have our years at WMC to thank for great relationships.” Charlie is planning another trip to Zimbabwe with 15 others from Community United Methodist in Crofton in March '07. “If anyone is inclined to support this project, they are going to be building a church in Juru, near the capital city of Harare. We have been in mission in this area for more than 10 years.”

**Randy and Lynn Gallant '71** Blume continue to enjoy a semi-retirement with a couple of cruises; a trip to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and another to Washington for Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier and Olympic National Parks with a side trip for some wine tasting; a family reunion in Washington's Yakima Valley; the annual, or more frequent, DisneyWorld trek; and a few short trips to Virginia and North Carolina. “It sure beats commuting 70 miles roundtrip daily.” Daughter Kirstin is in her fifth year of a six-year program at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, aka USP, leading to a doctor of pharmacy. “The small school urban campus in West Philadelphia is sure different from WCI Once in a while we let her join one of our trips; she much prefers the Caribbean beaches to the National Parks.” Randy continues to do some consulting in the area of home and community-based long-term care services for older adults and people with physical and developmental disabilities, providing an opportunity to combine business with a leisure trip. Randy had the privilege to be on staff for New Jersey's Obesity Prevention Task Force and to write the report to the Governor. “Unfortunately, I am one of those in the ‘before’ pictures... not the best advertisement.”

**Lynne Price** writes, “I thought I'd go ahead and let you know what's new here in Fred-nock, now that I have a lot more time on my

hands.” Still blissfully retired, she did answer the call of Frederick County Public Schools and returned for two spring semesters to teach Latin at Tuscarora High School. “The principal there, who was my former principal at Walkersville High, asked me to do this since they couldn't find someone to teach the upper levels, so I agreed. I had my belly full of kids at the end of the 2005-06 school year, so I did see Tuscarora's first graduating class get their diplomas before I bid a fond farewell to teaching, this time for good.” Lynne began her 10th year of singing with The Washington Chorus in September. She is also into the second year of being the membership coordinator of TWC, acting as liaison between the music director and the section leaders, the singers and the section leaders, coordinating and running auditions for new and returning singers, and just generally being the “factotum” for the music director. In January, Lynne will be flying off to Japan for a three-month visit with significant other Alain, a commercial officer at the American Embassy. They plan to do lots of traveling, most likely to Thailand and Vietnam, and about to visit Japan. “If anyone happens to be in Tokyo then, please let me know so we can plan to get together, OK?”

**Alice Berning Franks** is still managing a colony of mice with induced mutations at the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (a part of the National Institutes of Health). Husband Rollin is an administrative officer there. Daughter Kelly, 28, is in her third year of law school at Catholic University. Son Scott, 25, has just finished up a four-year stint in the Navy as a quartermaster. Alice's passion for the past five years has been running, at local races most weekends. She has completed six marathons, including two in Boston and one in New York City. “I even managed to win my age division this past April at the Country Music Marathon in Nashville.” Congratulations, Alice!

**Joy Ridington Boyce** is hoping to retire in four years from her later-life career as a physical therapist assistant. She is still interested in the arts, fitness, music, modern dance and choreography — she still takes dance classes and choreographs.

**Carol Harris Dietrich** is in private practice in Westminster, working four days a week. She also teaches two classes at Villa Julie College and loves it. “The students are great and I teach what I do!” Earl '69 is still in the insurance business, but plays golf every chance he gets. “If we do retire to South Carolina (like some of our friends) he could play more.” Son Aric lives in D.C. and “works in Alexandria for a real estate development company owned by a Mr. McWilliams, related to a few of those McWilliams children who attended college with us.” Daughter Alison is back in school, now studying for her certificate in nutrition education. She is a personal trainer and teaches at several gyms and

would like to add nutrition to her training. Carol's dad moved to Colorado several years ago and loves it there. She tries to visit a few times each year and will be going out at Christmas again and making a side trip to Breckenridge which is beautiful in the winter. “I had lunch with my Round Robin friends on Friday, **Sue Morales Yingling**, **Susan Robertson Cline**, **Karen Wagner Teggers**, **Sherry Swope Cline** and **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro**, who was in town from New Hampshire, and we laughed and talked for a few hours. Karen Teggers has become quite a storyteller and never runs out of material.” I'm sorry I missed that one, pals.

**Russ Davis** and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary this fall with a trip to Italy with another couple celebrating their 30th. They stayed at villas in Siena and Assisi and took day trips to several hill towns and to Rome, Florence, and, oddly enough, Brescia. Russ is still writing law books as an independent contractor. “Really, if you need a law book written, call me.” He went to a high school reunion for the first time in August (Wicomico) and “Sue Bruce, I.C. and Bunk among them were there. They look pretty much the same! It was nice talking to them again.”

**Jo Farinholt Donaldson's** daughter, **Catherine '04**, “loved WMC as much as I did.” She is working at Environmental Profiles in Catonsville. After working as a news reporter for six years, Jo has been the public affairs officer for the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce for the past two years. Recently, she and her children set up a website: [www.kindredpress.com](http://www.kindredpress.com) primarily to promote Catherine's recently published book and as the beginning of a freelance business Jo wants to pursue when she retires. Son John, who lives in California, is the webmaster. Check it out — there's a photo of Jo on the home page!

**John Heider** agrees with me, “It can't be 40 years since we started at WMC. It seems like just yesterday when we were freshmen.” John is still teaching history in Cherry Hill, NJ. It's his 36th year and he can see retirement in the not too distant future. He and **Sandy Gomanne '71** live in Haddonfield. Sandy is a social worker at a private school in Cherry Hill that specializes in students with Aspergers syndrome. Son Jake, 27, works in marketing. “He tries to explain to me exactly what he does but I'm still not exactly sure. I guess I should have taken a few business classes 40 years ago.” Daughter Emily graduated from East Carolina University last May and is working for the Korman Corporation in Philadelphia.

This just in from **Jan Van Sickle**: “Wow. What a year. It's been interesting — in the Mandarin sense. Started with the aftermath of Nero strummin' his guitar as the Big Easy went down. And, now we have the possibility of a balanced government back — better to have two dogs fighting over the carcass than one eating the whole hog!” Huh? Wife Robin, is working part time as an RN in the Kai-

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**Robert H. Hartman**

**Robert H. Hartman, 76**, professor emeritus of philosophy, died from pneumonia Feb. 11, 2007. During his 26-year tenure he had been the tireless chair of the philosophy and religious studies department for almost two decades and worked both on and off campus to educate students about leadership and social issues.

Dr. Hartman conveyed to generations of students the grand heritage of European history from the pre-Socrates era to the 20th century. In his Commencement address of 1995, he summed up advice to the graduates in three words: “Be more erotic.”

“Eros is the source of all creating, building, thinking, imagining, dreaming, striving, reaching outward and upward,” he said. He also spoke of his love of and respect for Plato, who lived to be 80 and never stopped questioning or examining and critiquing his own philosophy.

Hartman was a founding member of the Western Maryland Interfaith Housing Development Corporation and created an undergraduate course, “Poverty and Economic Justice,” that helped earn a \$250,000 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation. This grant provided essential start-up funding to build affordable housing for low-income families. In 2005, the 1,000th home was completed and includes a street named in Hartman's honor where 150 homes were built in Taneytown, Md.

## Bill Griffith '70 reports that he's working at Somerset Hills School, down the hall from his son, Jack '03, and Jack's wife too.

ser Santa Rosa operating room. Her daughter, Lee, is her boss! So Mike, and his wife, Linda, live in Half Moon Bay and both work at Genetec. Son Matt and his soon-to-be wife, Bonnie, live in San Francisco. Both travel a lot. Matt finds start-up companies for environmental venture capital and Bonnie is a travel writer. Son Jesse, is still living at home and taking courses at Santa Rosa Junior College. "I'm fine (except for an extra 10 pounds or so) and having a good time working as a marine surveyor – still playing with wooden boats. Besides the dog and four cats, we have a duck, a couple dozen chickens and one rooster (he's got it made), several pair of finches, and three quail. Good thing we don't have more room or we'd have a goat and horses too."

**Jeff Carter** is wondering if Okatie (where I live) is anything like Pocomoke (where he grew up) – yes, but in a southern sort of a way. Jeff went back to Pocomoke last summer for his 40th high school reunion. "**Clifton 'Kip' Kilmon** came down, too. We all had a good time (in a 'senior' sort of way). Amazing so much time has passed! Like everyone else, he and Gail are pretty much empty-nesters now. Daughter Kyle finished up at Dickinson seven years ago and is now working as the manager of development services (that's fund-raising) at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. She bought a townhouse in the Federal Hill area of the city last summer and loves the life in downtown Baltimore. Son Gavin finally got his fill of college and decided to pursue his first love – auto mechanics. He is in an auto tech program outside of Pittsburgh. Then, it's on to the NAS-CAR circuit, at least that's his dream. He's going to have to come on down to South Carolina! Jeff celebrated his 33rd year with Citigroup this past July. "Who says you can't survive corporate mergers? I've been managing the corporate treasury operation in Baltimore for the past few years and, if I can keep under the radar screen by riding the freight elevators, perhaps I can skate by for a couple more years. God knows Gail doesn't want me home yet." Gail keeps her plate full with her involvement in the music programs at church as well as other volunteer activities, most recently the National Aquarium (go figure). They did a "nest vacation" a couple of years ago in Maine (don't laugh) hiking in Acadia National Forest. It wasn't exactly 'roughing it' since we stayed in a lodge or B&B each night and all the meals were provided. Good thing I didn't have to rely on the old survival training from ROTC. Actually, we really enjoyed it and it was great to see that part of the country." Jeff keeps in touch with Kip, **Bill "Wine" Westervelt '71**, **Phil Enstice '71**, **Neil Messick '71**, **Jim Hobart '71** and **Gene Grosh '71**. Maybe you can get them to write next time.

I didn't hear from him this time, but last time (after the deadline) **John Berry** wrote that he was COO at Clinch Valley Medical

Center. Wife Marian was a computer specialist for Century 21 and a substitute school teacher. Son Chris was in the doctoral program in physical therapy at Elon in Burlington, N.C.

**Bill Griffith** reports that he's working at Somerset Hills School, down the hall from his son, **Jack '03**, and Jack's wife too. Son Nick works in the other family business with his wife's brother. Bill still paints and is represented by the River Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. For fun, he plays classic rock in a hobby band and skis as time and weather permit.

**Suzanne Gifford Alvett** lives in Hunt Valley, where two of three girls are graduated college and living elsewhere. She looks forward to more freedom to travel on short trips when her husband's business allows. They also enjoy their beach condo and visiting their son in Florida.

**Francis Sullivan** is still director of mental health for Anne Arundel County. First grandchild Ian arrived in September to daughter Carolyn, who lives in Virginia. Daughter Susan is married and lives in California. Sully still lives in Crownsville and keeps in touch with **Glenn Wiggs '71** and **Charles "Chuck" Spickall**.

**Lynn Coleman** and Doug '69 **Smarte** are "doing great." Doug is with the National Association of Power Engineers. Lynn is managing proposals for Lockheed Martin. They are still living in Arlington and spending as much time as possible at their little cottage in South Bethany. Son Chris is a junior at James Madison and they love spending time with their special daughter, Thuy, and her daughter Nina.

**Jeff Davis** says that conservative politics consume most of his spare time. "While Susan and I were disturbed that Governor Erlich and Lt. Gov. Steele lost their elections, we were gratified that Rep. Roscoe Bartlett will continue to represent us." Jeff is active in several National Rifle Association initiatives and has volunteered to help the Minutemen patrol our southern border. He and **Pete McGaughlin** bought a house on the Pacific Ocean in Costa Rica.

**John Mosca** says that "three times a charm," so he will marry Sky Goddess (Southwest flight attendant who shall remain nameless) in 2007. They bought a place in St. Petersburg, Fla. and plan to marry there with all four kids, then get a limo and burrito.

**Earl and Alice Griffin Schwartz** retired and moved to Florida, enjoying year-round outdoor tennis and fishing. One son is an Army captain; the other son and his wife are fourth-year medical students. Living in the Ocala National Forest, their neighbors include alligators, bears, foxes, armadillo and rehus monkeys.

**Hallie Cross Davis** is enjoying life as a retired optometrist. She and her husband, Jim, and son Chris traveled to Seattle last summer to explore the Olympic Rainforest and seashore, then headed into Canada to enjoy

Banff and Jasper Parks, then back into the U.S. for Glacier, Yellowstone, the Tetons, Rocky Mountain Park and a rodeo in Jackson Hole.

**John Offerman** continues in his 37th year as the Guidance Chair at Towson High and 37 years with the Baltimore Public School System.

**Michelle Catington '73** and **Keith Porter** are enjoying Raleigh, NC. Since he needed something to do, he began teaching middle school and coaching football and softball. "I enjoy working with the kids." Their son is a superintendent for Orleans Parish in Raleigh and their daughter is a police officer in New Castle County, Del.

**John Seaman** is in his sixth year as principal of Westminster High School and 37th year in education. "Retirement is not in our vocabulary with a 12-year-old still at home."

**Vivian Higdon '72** and **John** did retire from foster parenting as grandchildren arrived. Daughter Holly, a nurse in St. Mary's County, Md., contributed granddaughter Julia and grandson Adam. Son Jeff, a regional vice president with Rydex Investments, lives in Charlotte, NC., with new wife Martha. John gives on the Appalachian Trail whenever possible. They visited with **JC and Patti Wade '72 Allen**, **Bill** and **Marilyn Griffith** and **Mike Elliott** in Rehoboth Beach in July.

**Will Werley** sends Season's Greetings on a card featuring Rash Field in Baltimore, where he says he used to go skating almost every Saturday morning. "No other rink was outside or open in the morning. And unlike private rinks, they didn't have a rule against listening to a Walkman. Slow blues is the best." He sent me an interesting collection of newspaper clippings and a Christmas CD with an eclectic mix of artists. Thanks, Will! You are the first to send presents – perhaps others will take the hint!

**Mike Elliott** is now CEO of his own ad agency, Elliott & Branagan Advertising. He is living happily in Annapolis, his old home town, after being a spyer from 1957-2003. Son and daughter live close, which is nice, since she's a grandfather, too. I'm still trying to square this with the Zippy I remember.

**Missa Marten '73** and **Tom Pecora** reported in just under the wire from Akron, "Yea, Buckeyes! We're now considered Ohioans – starting our fifth year as estate managers." They were in Sterling, Va., at Thanksgiving to visit son Adam and his wife, Shannon; then to Baltimore to see daughter Mandy, husband Brad and baby Julia who celebrated her first birthday; then son Aaron and fiancée Marissa flew in from Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada; then Alissa and husband Chris from Charleston for their baby shower. From there, they moved on to Atlantic City where oldest son Lt. Commander Drew and his wife, Crystal, are stationed with the Coast Guard. Their son is Thomas Andrew II – "we never thought there could be another TAPI!" Life in South Carolina is very good for me



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### Joel A. Goldblatt

College trustee and alumnus Joel A. Goldblatt '68 of Manasquan, N.J., 59, died Feb. 6, 2007, after a long battle with cancer. He was the managing partner of Spire Capital Partners, a New York-based private equity fund. Elected to the McDaniel Board in 2003, he served on the Academic Affairs and the Budget and Finance committees.

During the '70s he joined a cable television consulting firm in D.C., traveled to 40 states in three years and learned this young industry firsthand. After launching a cable station in Greenville, S.C., he moved to New Jersey in 1978 where he built and managed a storefront cable-TV operation, which grew to operate 400 serving 31 communities. Joel was always involved in community service and philanthropic activities.

College roommate, fraternity brother and economics professor John Olsh remembers Joel as smart, competitive, athletic and someone who left you smiling.

As an undergrad Joel earned top grades during the "Dr. Price years" and worked summer jobs ranging from dipping ice cream to toting cement to afford tuition. "He had a great memory for numbers," said Olsh.

"When I learned of his passing, I looked across the hall to the plaque outside the first-floor Lewis Hall classroom where Joel and his wife Karen's names are engraved honoring their gift funding its renovation," said Olsh.

In a final blessing, family and friends dropped dozens of yellow roses tied up in green and gold ribbon upon Joel's grave.

Alumnus Dennis Sicco '68 has established an endowed scholarship at McDaniel in Joel's memory. To make a gift to honor Joel through this fund, call Rich Kief at 410-857-2250.

and Tom. The natural beauty here is breathtaking and we are awed and thankful every day. This was a travel year for me — Rancho la Puerta in Tecate, Mexico, in January, a Caribbean cruise in February, Moscow and St. Petersburg in April, then Jackson Hole and Montana in June. Next year, Tom has a "big birthday" (if you know what I mean), so he's planning a trip to Europe for next spring. I'm winding up my work with Habitat and next time will take part of a new endeavor. Tom's lawyering a few days a week to help a friend he met while serving as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, which provides a few chuckles now and then. Daughter Kristen and her husband, Adam, are living in D.C., where she is working in the family business (Kip Kilmon's Tysons Ford) and he continues at Marriott International. No grandchildren yet, but we have two granddogs and three grandnieces! Son John is home for a while with our pets, Stanley, the rescue dog, and two rescue cats, Miss Kitty and her daughter Annie (Oakley). They, we live on a ranch!

Please keep those cards and emails coming — your classmates really are interested in what you're doing.

Blessings,  
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As you remember, I sent out postcards mentioning that not only did we just celebrate our 30-year reunion, but we passed into that 50-something decade. The first to respond was one of our youngest, **Charlie Thomas**, who reminded me that she was younger than any of us at graduation. She is still in the Hershey, Pa., area. Her husband, Jose, is a GYN/Oncologist (Same husband — a freakin' miracle). Her kids are: Ana, 24, married with one daughter, 2, and due again in May; Margot, 21, and recently graduated from Tusquehanna University; Rachel, 20, still a student, married with one child and one on way, also due in May; and Camille, 17, graduating high school this year, planning to go to Brown in fall '07. So she claims that though she is still younger, with all these grandchildren she is feeling ridiculously old. She stays busy with field hockey activities with the youngest and the now successful college search was her full-time job.

**John Norment** has been appointed vice president and chief information officer (CIO) for Success Capital, a commercial mortgage brokerage company. Prior to joining Success Capital, John was vice president, a chief technology officer (CTO) and an enterprise program manager for New Century Mortgage Corporation. John, his wife, Marilyn, and two children live in Loudoun County, Calif.

John and I also graduated from the same high school, as did **Lynn Thompson Blumberg**. She also has moved far from Westminster,

still living in Brookline, Mass. She has four great kids: Ari, 21, is a student at Northeastern University in Boston; Anna, 19, is a student at Bates College in Maine; Alex, 17, is currently applying to colleges; and Adam, 12, is a seventh-grader. Lynn recently returned to work as a social worker where she is able to use her art background while working with pre-school kids.

**Lisa Berzofsky** sends her big news that she married Don Street on June 11, 2006. Her husband is a paralegal and volunteer firefighter and an all around wonderful man. She is blessed to have inherited a whole new family in the process, including four grown lovely daughters and four growing grandchildren. They were thrilled that **Sharon Crane Siegel '75** was able to come up from Florida to attend the wedding. She is still a social science analyst in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, working in D.C. and making the commute from their home in Laurel, where they live with their cat, Thomas.

**Bruce Jones** is serving as senior pastor at Concord-St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Bethesda, Md. He and his wife, Dawn, live in Derwood, Md., in their own home. They have one daughter, Courtney, 12, who is in seventh grade. Dawn works for the Department of Homeland Security, in the Transportation Security Administration. Bruce's oldest, Kristin Kittle, lives in Germany at a U.S. Army base in Baumholder. She is awaiting the return of her husband from Iraq from his second tour. They have one daughter, Mylah, 15 months old. His second daughter, Katie, graduated in 2004 from the University of Rhode Island and now lives in Newport News, Va. His third daughter, Lindsey, is also enlisted in the Army, and is presently at the Army Language School, part of the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. She is learning Arabic, Chinese, and Korean. She already knows Russian and Spanish fluently. Bruce is pleased to report that he is in good health today and is a 10-year survivor of Stage III colon cancer. Bruce, we'll continue to celebrate your milestones along with our own reunion years.

**Don and Peggy Harding Huskin** have been married since July 31, 1976. They have two sons: Matthew, 25, and Michael, 20. Matthew has graduated from college as an electrical engineer and is working for a government contractor at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. He is representing the U.S. on a joint project with NATO and attends meetings all over the world. Michael is also studying to be an electrical engineer while working as a radar technician at Patuxent River. He has completed two years at the local community college and has begun his junior year at Capital College in Laurel, Peggy, Don, and Mike have in Hollywood, Md., and when he is home Matthew lives about 30 miles away in Ridge, Md. Don is the course manager for the mechanical and construction trades at

the College of Southern Maryland. Peggy has been a civil servant since college and is now working on the Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP) project for the U.S. Navy, also at Patuxent River.

Don and Peggy are both active in the local church with Don serving as a trustee and Peggy as church treasurer. Don serves on the County Board of Electrical Examiners, teaches classes for those preparing for their master electrician exam, and is chairman of the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing and Examination Committee (MUELEC). Don is also a member (22 years) of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Don was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) about 10 years ago. He uses a cane and a scooter for long distances, but otherwise gets around pretty well. They also enjoy traveling, camping and boating.

**Ray Um** retired from the Salisbury, Md., police department on Aug. 1, 2006, after 30 years of service. He was planning on just taking it easy for the rest of the year and so far, reports that he is making excellent progress. Congratulations Ray.

**Bee Price Kade** can't believe he had a 30-year reunion. Her oldest, Matt, 23, is in his second year of a Ph.D. program in chemistry at University of California Santa Barbara. Marie, 17, is a junior in high school and is very busy. She does a lot of babysitting, works about 20 hours a week in a local grocery store and still gets good grades. Jack, 12, is in sixth grade, and is still the athlete in the family. He recently made the Northboro Mudcats, the 12-year-old baseball All Star team that will travel to Cooperstown in August. He's made the adjustment to middle school, and continues with soccer, basketball, golf, and of course baseball. Her husband, John, a CPA, is looking forward to semi-retirement in a few years, while Bee recently passed her 30th anniversary with Delta. She and John gave up competitive volleyball a few years ago, but both play golf, with varying degrees of success. Bee reports that she saw **Gymnastics** "improvement" medical spot on TV when she was home visiting her folks.

**Bill and Robin Rudy Dennis** now have two out of three sons away at college, but their youngest, Carter, manages to fill the empty spaces left by his brothers quite nicely. He just got his driver's license, so they already can see the empty-nester life looming ahead. So far nothing seems to have slowed down, though, and they like it that way. She says there is nothing like a house full of teenagers to keep things lively. Reed is a senior at Guilford College and Christopher is a freshman at the University of Georgia. (Yes, they have a stone building wearing a red sweater on their front stoop, Go, Dogs!) Robin is running marathons to keep from looking as old as we are, and Bill is still flying with Delta. They still live in and love Atlanta. Life's been good in the South, but she doesn't let her Yankee family hear her say that.



**Susan Blackman**  
**'76 is director**  
**of arts programs**  
**for the Pittsburgh**  
**Arts Council and**  
**president of a**  
**small community**  
**foundation that**  
**is dedicated**  
**to progressive**  
**social change.**

I was happy to hear from **Julie Saulnier** for the first time since I've been writing the column. She reports that she and Mark Friedrichs have been married for almost 21 years and have 16-year-old twins, Matthew and Melanie. They are new drivers and just beginning the college testing process (yikes!). She is deputy director of the consumer policy division at the Federal Communications Commission, where, with the help of others, she produces consumer education materials on telecommunications issues such as digital television, voice over Internet and media ownership. One of the highlights of her life since college has been living in Paris in the '80s and getting to travel all over the world for business and pleasure. She keeps young by riding her bike to work several days per week, an 18-mile round trip.

Another first-time contributor, **Stacey Capelle Mathis**, is currently teaching kindergarten and living in Elkridge with her husband, John. She finds that even with the kids out of the house, life is still overwhelmingly busy. Their daughter, Christine, recently graduated from Lebanon Valley College, was married this past August and is now living in Virginia Beach. Their son, Mark, is serving with the 18th Military Police Company in Iraq. We wish him a safe return, Stacey.

Still more first-time contributors, **Kathy Chason** and **Dan Trimmer**, write from the Pigeon Hills outside Hanover, Pa. After graduating, Dan was a biology teacher with Susquehanna High School in Glen Rock, Pa., for about 10 years, and then was a guidance counselor for several more years. He has been at the Coneago Valley School District in New Oxford, Pa., for the past 18 years, first in guidance, then as assistant principal and then principal at the high school. He then moved into the central office as an assistant superintendent and now as the superintendent. He had returned to WMC to get his master's, and two years ago got his doctorate in education through Immaculata University near Philadelphia.

Kathy's experiences have taken a couple of turns over the years. After graduation she was an adult parole and probation agent in Westminster for about six years. She left to have their daughters and to stay home with them when they were young. Once they were in elementary and intermediate school, she earned an elementary teaching certificate through Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa. After substitute teaching for a while, mostly in the special education field, she returned to WMC to earn a master's in special education. Since 1998 she has worked for the Lincoln Intermediate Unit as a learning support teacher in the Dover, Pa., Area School District. She has an eighth-grade class in which she teaches math and language arts to students with learning disabilities. It's challenging and immensely fulfilling.

In her spare time, she plays guitar and leads their church youth choir, plays in the

bell choir, tries to teach herself to play hammered dulcimer, and plays alto recorder with a Renaissance recorder ensemble named Tapestry. Dan's main hobby is hunting: deer, caribou (in Canada), geese, and next year a trip to hunt elk out West. They have two daughters. Bethany, 24, just married this past month, and lives in Fairfax, Va., with her husband. She has a biology degree, and hopes to earn a master's in the next few years. Alyssa, 22, is a senior at the University of Pittsburgh where she majors in archaeology and works part time for a firm in that field. She wants to work on her master's after she graduates in May '07. Kathy still sees her roommates **Judy Jones O'Brien '74** and **Ginny Bevans Powell** and her husband, **Jack Powell '77**, at least once a year. They see **Richard Loper '75** and his family from time to time.

Life is blessed for **John Schutt**. He and Sharon will soon celebrate their 29th anniversary. They have five children. Noel, graduated from Taylor University Upland with a degree in computer engineering. Luke is a junior at Taylor University Upland and is studying computer science and graphics. Janelle, Anna and Charis are still home schooled. John recently became full professor at Taylor University Fort Wayne and is enjoying teaching college science more than ever. He teaches general education science courses, including biology, environmental science and geography. Last fall he was elected as president-elect of the Indiana Academy of Science and will be president in 2007. For recreation, John enjoys reading, photography, native plant gardening and home remodeling.

In September, **Martha Kitts Skovenski** received her 25-year award for service to the Camden Central School District in upstate New York. You can also find her included in the current issue of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Congratulations Martha! She also finds time to cantor and play her saxophone each week at her church. Her son, Michael, graduated from MMI in Phoenix and is now building Harley Davidson's.

**Bob Toner** has been with Lowe's since 2003 as a store manager. His store is in Radford, Va., which is five minutes from Radford University and 10 minutes from Virginia Tech. The store opened in January '06 and is doing well. He and his wife, Annette, are doing the "long-distance relationship" thing as she is still employed as a tax consultant at Smithfield Foods. Their daughter, Blair, graduated from Hollins University in June '06 and is going to law school next year. Daniel is going to Tidewater Community College and hopes for a career in law enforcement with the Virginia State Police. Bob spoke with **Bob Kehler** about nine months ago and he and his family are well also. And for those who remember him well, some vices never leave. He is still driving a Corvette convertible.

Having two kids in college sure brings back a lot of memories for **Ann H. Jones Koch**.

Talking about having to call out "man in the hall" and having one phone for the entire floor brings lots of blank stares. Catherine is a junior at St. Mary's in southern Maryland majoring in elementary education. She is off for a semester in New Zealand this spring. Alex is a freshman at UVA looking to major in business (or anything else that looks like it will make money). Matt is a freshman in high school and loves sports. Ann continues to work with land preservation programs in Baltimore county. Husband Don Koch is an environmental engineer.

**Donald "Skip" Chambers** is entering his 27th year of teaching social studies at Boonsboro High School and his 24th year as assistant basketball coach at St. Maria Goretti High School, a private college preparatory school in Hagerstown, Md. Skip and his wife, Karla, are still getting used to the empty-nest syndrome. Their oldest son, Chip, graduated from Salisbury University in May '05, with a degree in communications and marketing. He is still looking for his dream job. Their daughter, Katie, is a senior at Loyola College of Maryland, and sad to see her college years come to an end. She studied abroad in Australia for six months during her junior year and is a member and captain this year of the competitive club basketball team at Loyola. She has participated in basketball all four years. Katie has already accepted an accounting position with the Ernst and Young Accounting Firm office based in Baltimore after graduation. Their youngest son, Andrew, is a freshman at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. He is playing basketball for the Shoremen and they are looking forward to the next four years of many road trips. They do miss the children but are looking forward to retirement and spending more time with all of their parents at their homes in Florida. They also spend a lot of time with **Craig Silbert '75** and **Dave Cole '74**. Karla's brother.

**Rhonda Dahl** and **Bob Buchanan '73** celebrated their 25th anniversary in June. They've both been professors at the University of Louisville for over 20 years. He's a professor of chemistry and associate dean of research and graduate education and Rhonda is a professor of Spanish and the director of the Latin American studies program. In 2000 she won the university's Distinguished Teaching Award (Bob won the same award in 2005) and in 2004 she received the Trustees Award. Congratulations to both for such recognition. Spring semester 2006 she had a sabbatical leave and spent some time in Argentina. She enjoys translating fiction by Latin American writers, running with Max, their two-year-old black Lab, and of course spending free time with Bob. They still make it back to the Baltimore area to see both of their families whenever they can.

**Jeff Chircus** remains in Paradise Valley, Ariz., with his wife, Robin, who is now retired from nursing and law. Their three chil-

aren't still all in Arizona for now. Jessica is a junior at Arizona State University with a major in communications and a minor in spending daddy's money. Josh is a high school senior actively on the college tour. They are having so much fun visiting campus; it almost makes Jeff want to go back to school. Jill is a high school sophomore somewhat delirious about her new-found freedom as she prepares to get her learner's permit to drive (even though she has been driving us crazy for years). Jeff retired as vice president of Brachytherapy Division of CR Bard in 2004 and has now officially retired from the active practice of urologic surgery and direct patient care, but has not given up yet on his teaching activities. He still travels to teach prostate cancer minimally invasive intervention to urologists and radiation oncologists around the globe. He has founded a new company, Prologics, in the service and product distribution sector of medical care delivery through the country.

On a more fun note following his passionate hobby of home entertainment and automation, he has developed a company called Elite Home Technology in Scottsdale, Ariz. Elite offers very high-end audio, video, theater, security, communication and automation services and products to clients building mega-homes in the valley of the sun. He is finally getting to wear dirty jeans and a tool belt to work and more importantly is getting a chance to be creative in design and engineering. We'll have to wait till the next newsletter to see if he succeeds at his second career. So much for retirement.

**Barbie Vose Armstrong** writes from Frostburg. In February '05, she and **Dave Llewellyn '87, John '73 "Shugs" '87**, first cousin, purchased her father-in-law's insurance agency. They've moved the office to a new location and are pleased with the changes and the progress they've made over the last 1.5 years. Shug retired in August from Beall High, where he had 31 years in the Allegheny County Board of Education. He is now working at Rocky Gap Lodge and Resort in the pro shop, quite a change from the world of education. Their son, J.C., is completing his last year of law school at University of Maryland, has a law clerk job set up for next year and a position for the year after that with a firm in Baltimore. Their daughter, Rachel, is a junior at Randolph-Macon College. She's interested in genetics, spent all summer in Ecuador, plays soccer and golf, and manages the men's basketball team. They felt fortunate to have a new kid's home at Thanksgiving to enjoy them along with the other cousins of the family.

**Schofield-Bodt** became executive director of The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Conn., July 1. It is an ecumenical agency of 96 member churches 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 30 area feeding programs; and a variety of connections between faith and community (the most recent was a conference on Abraham with Islamic, Jewish and Christian scholars). Cindy is head of Technical Services at Southern Connecticut State University. Although they celebrated 25 years of marriage in 2005, their celebration trip was this past October; they took a 10-day trip to France. Their son, Dan, 21, is a senior majoring in government at Harvard. Their son, Adam, 18, is a freshman majoring in theatre at Western Connecticut State University. Brian has stayed in touch with **Ira '52 and Mary Dodd '49 Zepp**.

**Susan Blackman** also has made contact with **Ira Zepp '52**. She went to our reunion in the spring with her partner, Mary Jo Dorsey, her red-haired librarian. They met **Ira Zepp and Bill Tribby '56** there. She's director of arts programs for the Pittsburgh Arts Council, and president of a small community social organization that is dedicated to progressive social change. She is also on the planning team to create a free coaching service for women who are preparing for salary negotiation. Her daughter, Emma, 17, was on the Today Show to talk about a "girlcott" by Girls as Grantmakers against Abercrombie and Fitch, who ultimately pulled several of their tee shirts from stores. In the summer '02, Susan, her two sons, now 15 and 19, and Emma took a trip to Scotland and England to see the architecture there.

**Jeff Leed** and his wife, Faye, are staying very busy with their jobs. She is a sales professional with Berks Medical, and Jeff is approaching his 30th year in the environmental consulting and management field. His company, Leed Environmental, Inc., is now clients. Leed and his wife have had many great clients who have provided some very challenging projects in the areas of superfund site assessments and cleanups, solid and hazardous waste management, soil and groundwater remediation, environmental auditing and regulatory compliance work, and others. In the little free time they have, they keep very busy with the kids' sporting events. Lauren, now a junior in high school, plays field hockey, soccer and track. Jake, already in seventh grade, plays football and baseball and wrestles. They live in Reading, Pa.

**Dell Woodland Elias** says life is great in Tahoe, and somehow as busy as ever. She always thought that life would really calm down after the girls were both away at college, but it hasn't happened. Julie has returned to University of Colorado after two years studying in London. She is finished with her history requirements for her degree but decided to audition for the music-theater program there as well. So after about two more years, she will have a history degree as well as a BFA in her additional major. Kristine is a sophomore at the University of San Diego majoring in international relations. She and husband, Bob, have traveled a lot in

the last year. They went to London a couple of times and stayed with Julie. They also took a two-week trip to Ireland this summer. Their two golden retrievers keep them outdoors. She is still active at their church in music, women's events and Bible studies, and VBS each summer. She claims she will always be behind with her photo-scrapping, for some reason she is always taking photos and traveling.

**Ted and Donna Laird Webster** are celebrating both of their sons' weddings in this next year. Matt, 21, a senior in elementary education at Rowan, married on December 30th, while Mike, 23, will tie the knot next August. This is Mike's second year teaching English at a university in Beijing so he proposed to one of his American co-teachers on the Great Wall. Donna joined him in China for two weeks in April, while Ted attended our 30th reunion and enjoyed hanging out with **Heather Humphreys Law, Linda Garland Chell, Sue Wagner McCoy, Patti Burch Rankin and Randy Witter**.

**Brenda Manahan Sears**, husband Jim and daughter Jessica all send "greetings" from Perkasie, Pa. Jessica is now a senior at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School where she is active in the National Honor Society and student government. For the last several months, most of the family's free time has been devoted to the great "college search" and Jessica should have her applications in the mail by now. During the summer months, since Jim and Brenda are self-employed, they pack up their office and move to their beach house in Cape Cod. Jessica even has a summer job on the Cape at a local bookstore. Life is good!

**Eileen McCauley Hirsch** has been keeping busy with work having just celebrated her 30th anniversary with Prudential last fall. She is also very active in her church and its various missions. She is a pre-K church school teacher, worship chairperson, mission committee member and plays handbells in their handbell choir. Her older daughter, Michelle, is a second-grade teacher and is expecting to complete her master's degree for becoming a reading specialist in May '07. Stephanie (her "baby") just turned 21, will complete Ramapo College in May '07, and is aiming for a career in public accounting.

**Kathy Clevenger Jones** and her husband, Bruce, just celebrated their 20th anniversary. She is still an itinerant teacher for deaf and hard-of-hearing students on the mid-shore. Their son, Cory, is a sophomore at University of Maryland Baltimore County. They still spend a lot of time volunteering and traveling with the Maryland State Boy's choir, even though Cory has "retired" from singing with them. They hope to be building a new house on Kent Island soon.

**Guy Rouston** finds that life is great. He and wife Kristine live in Laguna Niguel, Calif., which is halfway between Los Angeles and San Diego. He is vice president of finance for

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**Mrs. Velma Richmond Albright '27** of Alliquippa, Pa., on May 18, 2006.

**Mr. George R. Hitchcock '30** of Sandy Spring, Md., on June 24, 2004.

**Mrs. Eleanor Gumbly Watts '30** of Crisfield, Md., on December 23, 2006.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Humphreys Mahoney '34** of Annapolis, Md., on October 27, 2006.

**Mrs. Louise Orem Hart '35** of Peoria, Ariz., on September 11, 2006.

**Mrs. Edythe Child Latham '35** of Severna Park, Md., on October 9, 2006.

**Mrs. Mary Benson Walburn '35** of Catonsville, Md., on September 21, 2006.

**Mrs. Doris Smedes Stonebraker '36** of Westminster, Md., on September 10, 2006.

**Mr. Robert F. McKenzie '37** of Killingworth, Conn., on September 27, 2006.

**Mr. H. Leroy Campbell '38** of Westminster, Md., on January 3, 2007.

**Mr. James C. Davis '38** of Richmond, Va., on September 2, 2006.

**Mr. William E. Beatty '40** of Rochester, N.Y., on July 9, 2006.

**Rev. Edward S. McLaughlin '40** of Madison, N.J., in August 2006.

**Mrs. Eleanor Perry Reif '40** of Kensington, Md., on August 29, 2006.

**Mrs. Ruth Field Solt '40** of Fresno, Calif., on October 29, 2006.

**Mrs. Martha Payne Valenzuela '40** of Columbia, Md., on September 8, 2006.

**Miss Eleanor R. Brown '41** of Gaithersburg, Md., on September 30, 2006.

**Mr. William H. Dennis '41** of Palmyra, Pa., in April 2006.

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## Steve Vandegriff

'76 says,

"Beautiful

red-headed,

blue-eyed

daughters with

boys circling is

some payback"

for his early

transgressions.

a national environmental engineering firm that is in the acquisition mode so he gets to travel all over the country. It is always good to go home to southern California though. He planned to be in Baltimore in December and have dinner with **Bob '79** and **Mary Lee Thomas '79** Le Sueur and **Terry Koenig '78**. He and Kristine have been busy with home remodeling, trips to Yosemite, Mammoth, Tahoe and Catalina and chasing after golf balls.

**Sandy Owens Sneed** sends greetings from Atlanta. They moved there after another move with Wachovia for husband Jim. Their oldest daughter, Ginny Neal, is a senior at Randolph-Macon, Jim's alma mater. Middle daughter Dare is a freshman at the University of Alabama (roll tide), loves it, she pledged Chi O and couldn't be happier. Youngest daughter Sarah James is in the seventh grade at Atlanta Girls School and loves it. Needless to say, the school is all girls, grades 6-12, and they wear a uniform and that makes Sandy very happy. She is still unpacking and learning her way around, as well as also having to cook dinner again after having Jim do the weekend commute between Atlanta and Charlotte for 18 months.

We are well represented at our alma mater. **Corynne Courpas** has recently begun her term as president-elect of our Alumni Association. She was involved in a great weekend of Homecoming festivities this past fall beginning with the Sports Hall of Fame banquet, lunch at President Coley's house for alumni award recipients and a winning football game. She will also be a visiting member to the Board of Trustees. They are going to keep her quite busy. Her other "hobby" of course, remains the political front. She and her husband, Scott Markle, opened the Carroll County field office for "O'Malley for Governor," this past fall. For those of you outside Maryland, she was celebrating as I wrote this. She is in her 19th year as a food-service consultant with PFC/Carroll County Foods. It remains fresh as this industry is constantly growing and changing. She is using her biology background as they handle the E coli scares, and also as they expand their penetration of the senior living market. Like everyone, life seems crazy at times. She is happy to have mastered the Internet and can't imagine how she got things done before. She does take time to enjoy life. She and Scott have learned that they must schedule their time to do fun things and that is what they do.

**Greg Sherry** and **Peggy Powell Sherry** are still enjoying life in Somerset, Ky. Greg's internal medicine practice is as busy as ever and Peggy handles the art exhibits at The Center for Rural Development as well as a variety of painting and mural commissions. They recently went on their fifth Bike Vermont trip with eight friends from Somerset, and their group was photographed for the '08 Bike Vermont brochure. Chris, 22, and Kathleen, 20, attend University of Kentucky

and are having a wonderful time. Chris backpacked around Europe this summer and gave his parents a few gray hairs by running with the bulls in Spain, skydiving in Switzerland and "canyoning" in Interlaken. Kathleen would also like to study abroad, but will probably pass on the bull running. I have Peggy's e-mail address and she would like me to pass it on to anyone of our class who would like to contact her or visit them in Kentucky. Just drop me a note.

**Linda Garland Chell** is still getting used to the idea that her son, **Ryan '99**, is going to McDaniel. He is a sophomore and majoring, for the moment, in communications. He also is sports co-editor for the school newspaper. He aspires to work for ESPN along with over half of the male population. It brings back so many memories going back to campus. Linda splits her time between working at their used car lot with husband Doug and taking care of their other son, Blake, who is mentally handicapped and also has lots of medical problems. When he is healthy, he participates in a day program, ARC of Northern Chesapeake. He has a job coach house and works at Rite Aid Distribution Warehouse and packing them. He loves it and it is a great thing to give Linda a break. She and Doug were planning to go to Nevis in November for a business/pleasure trip. She went with **Patti Burch Rankin**, **Steve Wagner McCoy** and **Heather Humphries Law** to the reunion weekend this past spring. It was great seeing a few of our "old" classmates — **Ted Webster** and **Randy Witter** to name a couple. They pooled their collective memories (now that we're over 50) and managed to learn a few new things that we didn't know about our years at WMC. They were disappointed that more people didn't show up. Next time they hope to inspire (or blackmail) others to attend. It really was a good time.

**Bob Chell** has been in Seattle (Woodinville, Wash.) since July '99 and loves it. He is still with Jiffy Lube, 20 years now. He is a regional manager for the largest franchise of responsible for 90 stores and 900 employees in the Pacific Northwest. It definitely keeps opportunity to stay in touch with many — **Jack Tracey '75**, **Steve Brownlee '75**, **Felix Liceli '75**, **John Feldman**, **Bruce Moler '75**, **Rich Heritage**, **Pete '77** and **Korby Bowman '81 Clark**, **Larry Matthews '75**, **Bruce Preston '75**, etc. Bob and wife Robbie have been married for 24 years. She has stayed with him during every move in his career(s) — St. Louis, Houston, Los Angeles and now Seattle. Now that the kids are older, she got a job last year at Chateau wines in guest services. He says she pours wine to bring home and then they give her outdoor concert series every summer. If anyone ever wants to visit, they are 10 minutes away

with plenty of room for friends. Just drop me a line for his e-mail address.

The Cahills have three children. Lauren, 23, works for the City of West Covina, Calif., and is also finishing her degree at LaVerne University. Juliette, 20, is a junior at San Diego State University, an officer in her sorority and is majoring in marketing. Christopher, 17, is a junior at Woodville High School, plays soccer and is enjoying life as the only child at home with mom and dad. He has his sights on attending Notre Dame but will hopefully settle for the University of Washington. After living around the country, and seeing the world while with the airlines for 10 years, Bob has been blessed by having landed in some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.

**Jim Lathroum** claims that the 30 years have gone by at warp speed (yes, he has been a Star Trek fan for 40 years). He and his wife, Tish, celebrated 31 years of marriage last May. Their three boys have grown and led the nest. Jim still enjoys his two jobs as a physician assistant, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, and in the U.S. Army. He made a good career choice. For those classmates who remember him as a WMC jazz band trumpet player, he's still playing, with a fine 16-piece worship band at a church in Lutherville.

**Diane Johnson Cash** is still teaching elementary English as a Second Language and loving it. However, each year November isn't her favorite month because she has to stay late two or three afternoons every week to translate parent-teacher conferences. That doesn't do much for her sanity or family ties. She's still mentoring candidates for national board teacher certification and teaching an online course about twice a year for classroom teachers who need help in working effectively with non-English speaking students. Free time is spent walking her dogs, doing yoga and weights, reading, gardening and some traveling. Diane and her husband, Dave, attended his reunion at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill last spring, which is where they met. Their daughter is in the middle of a doctorate program in physical therapy there. Their son is studying to pass an exam to become a general contractor next month. He's still at home, but may be moving out before long. Right now he's into electric guitars in a big way, and they are eagerly awaiting the empty nest stage of their lives.

**Steven Wingate** works in marketing for Olin Mills. His wife, Gayle, is a homemaker and mom to their two children at home, Christian, 16, and Christina, 13. They reside in Hampstead, Md., and enjoy serving the Lord at Grace Bible Church. He went on a disaster relief trip to Louisiana this past fall to help rebuild and share the gospel of Christ. In 2000 they camped their way to California and back and found the experience awesome.

**Steve and Ann Luckenbill Koster** are still on Long Island. Steve still works in New York City doing graphic design and will probably



never retire. He works for himself and if anyone needs graphic design work they can look him up. Ann works part time from home for Au Pair Care and oversees about 50 au pairs and host families on Long Island. Drew, their youngest and only son, is in sixth grade, doing well, plays the saxophone, plays soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Carly is in ninth grade and plays all the same sports and is always busy. Paige is in her first year of college in North Carolina at High Point University and seems to like it. Hailey is attending Queens College after transferring from Villanova. Hailey was to get married in November. Allison graduated from Elon University and is waiting for her New York teacher's certificate (which seems to take forever to be processed) as she wants to teach in New York and has her North Carolina license. Lauren graduated from the University of Richmond and is working for a company called FacSet in Norwalk, Conn., and will soon be traveling for her job. Ann and Steve also recently saw **Pete '77 and Kirby Bowman '78** Clark in New York City. They are doing great and they had a nice visit.

**Rich and Jodee Engle MEd/Bo Heritage** are doing well. Brad graduated in June from Dartmouth, is working in New York City, and playing for Chicago in the MLL. Dana began her freshman year at Middlebury College last month and is trying her luck at college field hockey and lacrosse. Todd, their youngest, is a freshman at Cheshire High School and is busy playing whatever sport is in season. Jodee and Rich spend a great deal of their weekends in different locations keeping an eye on each of them in their different sports activities. Rich says it's been a blast watching them. Things should be a bit less hectic now that Brad has graduated. They see the Clarks, Spinnells and Laws from time to time. All are well.

**Steve Vandegrift** and wife Bev have lived in Austin, Texas, for the past 14 years, with no plans to move. Their twin daughters, Carly and Jenna, are in 10th grade and starting to think about college. Steve says, "beautiful red-headed, blue-eyed daughters with boys circling is some payback" for his early transgressions. Their youngest daughter, Mara, 8, is in third grade. It is somewhat distressing to see the parents of her classmates and realize that many of those parents could be their kids, based on the age ranges. He claims that waiting later in life to have kids definitely keeps you young. Bev continues her recruiting business, both freelance with her own firm and for the University of Texas, recruiting women into the College of Natural Sciences as professors, graduate and undergraduate students. Steve left the venture capital business a year ago and has gone back to being an entrepreneur, helping start several new companies. He has also found a way to leverage his economics degree, being honored to sit on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, San Antonio

branch. He got to meet Alan Greenspan several times, as well as the new Chairman, Ben Bernanke.

**Jim and Beth Peterson Anderson** are doing pretty much the same things that the other 50-somethings that graduated from WMC a million years ago are doing, but doing it from the Florida Panhandle: took the kids (two young adults and a teenager, actually) to Europe (Scotland, France and England), saw old friend daughter graduate from the University of West Florida and find a life of her own working for FEMA dealing with hurricanes. The second kid is getting ready to take the MCAT and doing Division I running at the University of North Florida, and the "baby" is getting ready to get his driver's license (thank goodness — how many activities can he possibly be ferried to in one week?) Jim is taking a bit out of terrorism working at Joint Spec Ops University. Beth is taking a bit out of ignorance teaching reading to middle school kids who say "Thanks but no thanks" to reading. Jim and Beth are bicycling the Natchez Trace and were getting ready for hiking and were camping in Colorado before Christmas. At least four Andersons hope to hike the Napali Trail on Kauai this summer if the island doesn't shake itself into oblivion before they get there.

Since he last communicated, **Tom Lewis** has changed jobs and is now the assistant superintendent for RICA-Baltimore, a facility for 12-18-year-olds with mental health and emotional issues run by the State of Maryland. They have up to 45 residential clients and up to 80 day students. In June he finished 30 years of employment with the State of Maryland. His son, Tim, is a high school senior this year and is looking forward to college. He hopes to play soccer, a sport he has gotten pretty good at. Tim and Tom were refereeing recreational soccer games this past fall and Tom will be coaching the girls' varsity soccer team at PHCS this spring. His daughters, Kristen and Anna, are both active in recreational soccer and Kristen plays for PHCS in the spring. Kristen, 15, is president of her sophomore class and Anna turned 9 in September. Tom and his wife, Mary Beth, stay busy with kids and various church and school activities.

**Debbie Baird** lives at Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland. She has three daughters and a granddaughter. Rebekah has seven more months until she has her Ph.D. in immunology. Rikkielee is a sophomore majoring in music education (oboe) and Benay is traveling for a year before she begins college in Arizona. Debbie is still working with people who have disabilities. Her goal is to go to all the national parks and all 50 states. She went to Alaska this past summer and was going to Hawaii in December. She only has two states and seven national parks left to go to reach her goal. She enjoys riding her motorcycle and following Pearl Jam around the country as well as traveling to Atlanta to play with

her granddaughter, Charlotte, 16 months. In her spare time, she is into flower gardening and photography.

**Brian Twillman** and his family are doing well in their new house in Olney, Md. Brian continues to serve as lead training officer and organization development specialist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition to being qualified to administer the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Brian is certified to administer several renowned emotional intelligence assessments, including the BarOn Emotional Quotient Inventory. Brian and his wife, Mary, have a successful communications business, featured on their website, [www.strikingchords.com](http://www.strikingchords.com). Mary is a freelance graphic designer. Maura, 9, and Matthew, 8, are enjoying school and other activities, including horseback riding, music, writing and caring for their two cats, Alfalfa and Chessie. The family is full of "Raven Maniacs" with season tickets to the games.

**Dave Mowry** is still working at the Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopaedics at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. Things there keep him pretty busy. He was able to get down to Ocean City with his family the last weekend in September for several days combining a conference with a mini vacation. He gets to see **Steve Pearson '78** when he comes to town for Department of Defense business.

**Carol Sandhofer Sweetner** is currently the interim dean of students for the Woodbridge campus of Northern Virginia Community College. She and her husband, Al, still live in Springfield, Va. Al retired from the Army in 1995 and has successfully transitioned into a civilian career. Their son, Adam, 22, graduated from Bridgewater College in December '06. Carol and Al just renewed their wedding vows on their 25th anniversary in 2006.

**Donna Cushen Michlin** writes that 30 years sounds like a culture shock to her. She updates us from Southington, Conn., where she and husband, Paul, live. Their oldest son, Alex, is a mechanical engineer working for the Army (as a civilian contractor) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He can't say what he does, but they know he loves his job. Their daughter, Rebecca, is doing the college-search thing. A junior in high school, she's the varsity soccer goalkeeper, plays all the time whether indoor or outside and is looking to play in college. They traveled to San Marino, Italy, this past summer where she played in the San Marino Cup, finishing second. While there, they were able to watch Italy win the World Cup on a very large, outdoors television screen on Lake Como. The year before, they also traveled to Brazil for a tournament.

**Heather Humphries** Law sent a quick note about attending the 30th reunion with Patti, Sue, and Linda. All is well with her in Doylestown, Pa.

**David Stout** says life is pretty much the same as before. He travels about 70-percent of the time for business and pleasure

# family

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**Mrs. Margaret Fallin Tate '43** of Towson, Md., on April 20, 2006.

**Mrs. Ethel Hale Talbert '42** of Shrewsbury, Pa., on January 11, 2007.

**Mrs. Marjorie Rue Cropper '43** of Wilmington, Del., on September 9, 2006.

**Mr. Warren A. Ledford '43** of Parkville, Md., on August 7, 2006.

**Mrs. Betty Smith Yingling '43** of Westminster, Md., on November 26, 2006.

**Mrs. Margaret Smith Cassell '44** of Salisbury, Md., on December 10, 2006.

**Mrs. Shirley Noll Merkle '46** of Woodstock, Md., on November 5, 2006.

**Mrs. Mary Filsinger Reardon '46** of Scituate, Mass., on April 28, 2006.

**Mr. James C. Elliot '48** of Timonium, Md., on January 15, 2007.

**Mrs. Mary Jane Corbett Mason '48** of Englewood, Fla., on September 29, 2006.

**Rev. George W. Pfedercut '49** of Bel Air, Md., on December 4, 2006.

**Mr. Joseph S. Culotta '50** of Manchester, Md., on August 30, 2006.

**Mr. John B. Fritz '51** of Ridgefield, Wash., on July 4, 2006.

**Mr. Douglas F. Paulsen Sr. '51** of Midlothian, Va., on May 1, 2005.

**Mrs. Patricia Moore Ruth '51** of Union Bridge, Md., on December 17, 2006.

**Mrs. Kersey Gates '53** of Towson, Md., on June 19, 2006.

**Mr. William R. Shoemaker '53** of Charlotte, N.C., on March 15, 2006.

**Mr. Patsy S. Burkholder MEd '55** of Gettysburg, Pa., on September 4, 2006.

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# Navigating Life with ADD

Navigating life after her middle child, Michael, was diagnosed with ADD and learning disabilities taught **Terry Elizabeth Stauffer Nolan '82** that "the journey is the destination." She doesn't make the pronouncement lightly, but after tens of thousands of road-trip miles and a newly released book documenting both her figurative and literal travels, *Michael's Mom: A Road Warrior Without a Map*.

The journey began out of "pure exasperation," Nolan says. Michael was 8 and struggling within the traditional school model of rote memorization and children seated at desks in a perfect row. She suggested a project that might motivate him, a goal to work on together: "Let's see all 50 states before you graduate from high school."

Every available break and summer vacation, the two hit the road. Often, they were joined en route by dad, Kevin, and the couple's two other children. (When her youngest child, Christine, was also diagnosed with ADD, Nolan and Michael made room in the car.)

Their longest trip out West spanned 34 days and 9,659 miles. Hands-on learning experiences became their mantra. Along the way, Nolan says, they explored historic landmarks, became expert map readers and gained insights into all kinds of people.

They discovered "a wide-open world that Michael could embrace and a wide-open world that embraces ADD right back," Nolan says, adding that she got as much of an education as Michael did. "What I ultimately learned on the road was that

it was not my son who needed to be fixed, it was my expectations of my son that needed fixing."

Nolan continues to manage her investment advisory firm, but is spending more time "sharing the message of hope." She recently joined the board of the Wye River Upper School, a college preparatory high school that offers a supportive yet challenging curriculum for students with a wide range of learning styles and needs. The

school was co-founded five years ago by **Chrissy Moore Aull '80** and another mom after they failed to find a setting where their learning disabled children could thrive.

Both Nolan and Aull will give a talk about their journeys over Reunion Weekend, April 27-29. Call the Alumni Office for more information at 410/857-2266.

For more information about *Michael's Mom: A Road Warrior Without a Map*, go to [www.Michaelsmom.com](http://www.Michaelsmom.com).



and has had the great opportunity to see much of the world. As president of GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, he has spent a lot of time on pandemic flu issues and had the pleasure of serving on several panels at the World Economic Forum in Davos last January related to bird flu and pandemic planning. He wrote that he didn't hear or see many WMC or McDaniel classmates in Philadelphia so I helped correct that by getting together with him in December when my family was there for the Army/Navy game. We had a chance to catch up and Dale and I enjoyed the evening.

I also saw **Lee McConnell** this past fall when McDaniel football played Urrinus there. He and wife Barb live nearby in Malvern, Pa. He continues as vice president of purchasing for Blommer Chocolates. Daughter Chris has started high school and has hung up her figure skates for ice hockey team. Son Mark is in sixth grade and is very active in baseball, including a trip for both he and his father, the coach, to Cooperstown this past summer.

Dale and I continue to live in Rockville, for 24 of our 28 married years. We have one son at home, Trevor, who is a junior in high school and wants to pursue ROTC in college, as he is active in his high school's JROTC program. He had been doing year-round baseball, including leading his junior varsity team in batting average, but has announced that he wants to focus only on golf now. Our second son, Dana, has survived his plebe year at United States Military Academy at West Point. He spent his first two years as an enjoys life there greatly. Our oldest son, **Matt '07**, is a senior at McDaniel and was a wide receiver for the Green Terror. He led the team in receptions, yards and touchdowns this past fall. I saw many alumni at games throughout his four years. He is an exercise science major and is applying to grad schools for physical therapy (**Bob DuVall**, we will be calling!). Dale, as vice president of finance, and the other executives at BridgeStreet Worldwide have just taken their company private, so new adventures await him. I have joined Marriott full time doing accounting at their corporate headquarters. We are traveling a lot. I missed our reunion because I joined Dale in Paris for a conference. He also travels to London frequently and I have been able to join him there.

Thank you to all who wrote. I know e-mail is making it so much easier now. If you have written after my deadline, I will save your news till the next time. Feel free to send news in the interim and have a great year.

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As you are reading this, I am sure you are packing your bags, listening to BRUCE, and teasing your big hair to get ready for our 25th reunion in April. Do come, we are hoping to have the best class participation - there'll be a prize.

Here's the update on your classmates, a little sneak peek before the real thing.

**Corrie Simmons Tarlton** and husband Bill continue to wrestle the "crazy schedule" of their daughters, 16, 15, 13.

**Veronica "Ronnie" Desto Simpson** and husband Bob are in Columbia, Md. Ronnie has the "can't say no" bug. She has been substitute teaching a lot lately and trying to keep up with three different school schedules.

**Anne 14**, is in high school, Mary 12, is in middle school, and Robert, 9, is in fourth grade. Ronnie keeps up with **Corrie Simmons Tarlton**.

**Nancy Zudema Radcliffe** and **Tami "Breeze" Holland Anderson '83**, had recently ran into **Eric and Karen Heck Walker** at her daughter's field hockey game where **Randy Heck's** niece was the goalie. Got that? Small world.

**Nancy Zudema Radcliffe** and husband Richard are in McLean, Va. Nancy spends her days driving to activities and volunteering at school and church. Her daughters are third grade and 2 years old.

**Pam Damon Kenworthy** and husband Pam are in Columbia, Md. Pam is in fifth grade. Pam is with the National Exchange Carrier Association in the Corporate Governance Department. Her job has taken her to Hawaii and Alaska among other places.

**Kelly Liescheidt Goldsmith** and husband Don are both working for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Atlanta. Kelly is happy to be working for a company that gives back to the community. They spend their time watching Don's sons play soccer. Kelly holds myriad volunteer positions: organist, Stephen Ministry, a social ministry committee, etc. Kelly sees **Stephanie Opahul Huhach** when Steph visits for her PCA ministry.

**Fred Huhach** is in his 19th year at Case New Holland as a senior design engineer responsible for balers used worldwide. He continues to serve on the Session at church and teaches the Explorers Sunday school class for adults with intellectual disabilities. Fredy, 17, is a runner at Ephraim High School. Tim, 15, is a drummer who plays in a praise band at church. **Stephanie Opahul Huhach** is doing disability advocacy work and is chair of Lancaster Christian Council on Disabilities. She recently had a book published by P&R Publishers entitled *Same Love, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched By Disability* which is designed to "renew our minds to think Biblically about disability."

**Melissa Pruitt Cockerill**, her husband, and three sons have taken up skiing. They fly by Melissa only to wait patiently for her at the bottom of the hills. Melissa's oldest, Daniel, competes in basketball against **Jane Burch**

Fridell's oldest so they run into each other periodically. The Cockerills still love living in Virginia Beach and have recently moved to a house on the water. Look for Melissa on the next cover of *Modern Maturity*.

**Sherril Linckoff Hoffman's** oldest, Melissa, has gone to college! She loves University of Maryland and Sherril is only consoled by the fact that she has two more girls at home. She sees **Kim Wagner Dalton**, **Sydney Deeds James**, **Elizabeth "Noot" Mathias Cahill**, **Ann Royston Davis** and **Diane Cava Bohm**. She also keeps in touch with **Lori Rafferty** and **Lisa Segal**.

**Sydney Deeds** and **Steve James** chauffeur their girls to club, recreational and school games. Caitlin is a senior at Maryvale, Madeline is in sixth grade at Notre Dame Prep and Leigh is a kindergarten at Carroll Manor (finally!). Steve is vice president at James Keely. Sydney plays tennis and does occasional graphic design work.

**Lisa Segal's** crew is up in Massachusetts — Zack, 15, Olivia, 13, and Emma, 10. Lisa is enjoying building her video business. They are planning a Bat Mitzvah for the summer.

**Elizabeth "Noot" Mathias Cahill** has been "crazy busy" with the elections and two kids in high school, college applications, looking at colleges and trying for the driver's license. How stressful is that? Noot's working for Nolan Plumbhoff and sees **Sydney Deeds James**, **Diane Cava Bohm**, **Kim Wagner Dalton**, **Sherril Linckoff** and **Ann Royston Davis**.

**Pat Greene Barnes** remarried in '05 and is now the mother of five. Her son, Jason, walked her down the aisle. **Helga Ben Penner** was the matron of honor and **Katie Miller Beckhardt's** husband married them — always the College ties!

**Jonathan Dickey** is an investment advisor with Wachovia Securities in Columbia, Md., where he and wife April live.

**Bob Landsman** is director of pharmacy at q.d. pharmacy in Frederick, Md. His wife, Nancy, is also a pharmacist. Their oldest son, David, is a junior at University of Maryland majoring in engineering. Daughter Julie is a freshman at York College majoring in nursing. Martin and Matthew are in grades 9 and 7. All like to hike and bike.

**Martha Voss Gannon** is living and working in "lower, slower" Delaware. Her daughter, **Caroline '90**, is in her second year at McDaniel. In addition, to being an empy-nester, Martha says she gets to visit the beautiful campus frequently which is full of "awesome" memories.

**Nancy Turner Parlette** has started her own business, Healthy Living Strategies, which does nutrition consulting and speaks to "any group that wants me." Nancy is writing a book and getting ready to start her master's in human nutrition. Her sons are Andrew, 13, and Wes, 18, who attends Howard Community College. **Paul Parlette '83** is still working for that "secret spy agency." The Parlettes enjoy seeing **Mike** and **Michele Hutchenreuter '84** at Conner.

**Mike Conner** took a job as director of clinical manufacturing for Incline Systems in '05, so the family moved to Doylestown, Pa. Mike says it's a bit of a commute to New Jersey, but nothing like in D.C. The family visited Mike's brother and family in St. Petersburg, Russia. They went to a pool/spa in Finland where the kids loved swimming back and forth from indoor pool to outdoor — in freezing weather. **Michele Hutchenreuter '84** and Amanda, 11, were limited to visiting two palaces, while Mike, Philip, 16, and Jeremy, 8, caught a hockey game and some "cool" military museums. Back home, they're into college applications and a drive-in theater. They see **Nancy Turner** and **Paul Parlette '83** on New Year's Eve.

**Kay Davis Moore** has such sad news. She and Paul were able to travel to Italy and see Florence, Kay's dream, despite Paul's lung cancer returning and spreading. This September, the two went on Paul's dream trip, a safari in Tanzania, where Paul passed away in his sleep. Our deepest sympathy, Kay!

**David Simpson** has a solo law practice in Salisbury where he lives with his wife, Cheryl, son Chris, 20, and Kristin, 17.

**Risa Bush Halpern** works as a math/science resource teacher for Baltimore City Public Schools. She is also the family educator at her boys', 11 and 14, religious school. They went to the Hill this summer for Ravens Training Camp — her husband is a cameraman for home games.

**Terry Stauffer Nolan** is in Easton, Md., with her three kids and husband of 22 years. Terri has written a book out this past fall called, *Michael's Mom: A Road Warrior Without A Map*, documenting life with Attention Deficit Disorder and her effort to reach and teach her ADD son through travel to all 50 states. They were hoping to visit the last three states this past fall.

**Mike Benitez** and wife are happy to announce they are parents of two beautiful girls, Zee, 2, and Ella, born March '06.

**Cathy Bosti** and **Dore Divillo** have been in Maine for four years with their two girls, Hope, 8, who horseback rides and plays soccer, and Sarah, 12, who is continuing dance. Doug continues as vice president of clinical service at CMC. Cathy drives kids all over and is happy working on her garden despite living in zone 4! She also does machine embroidery, sewing and handicrafts, and volunteers with Women's Hospital Association as chair of the Gala Committee. Doug golf's frequently and volunteers for USGA when the U.S. Open is in the Northeast.

**Kevin Darcey** and **Jane Vickers** are still in Salisbury, but at a new address. Kevin still practices optometry when he's not cycling and Jane continues her part-time job as a clinical social worker. Both volunteer in civic/community organizations. Their niece **Heather Powell Ferro '03** was married this summer.

Francesca "Checka" Leinwall has been at

University of North Carolina at Greensboro for the past three years as associate director of student life. She loves making a difference in young lives. Checka got her Ph.D. this summer from University of Virginia. With her new free time, she is serving on the executive board of her neighborhood association and working to start a Triad Alumnae Panhellenic Association. Her significant other, **Gil Reitz '81** also works at UNC teaching chemistry. They took a trip to Napa Valley to continue their "studies" of wine!

**Barbie Peterson** and **Jim Dawson** have two kids in college: Jenna is at Queens University in North Carolina and Brian is at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, both playing Division II basketball. Sara is in high school and playing varsity basketball. Jim is still working with disabled children in public school and running Boca Hoops camp all summer. Barbie has been doing murals and other art jobs for about two years. They all played basketball with **Jane Burdch Fridell** and family in Virginia Beach in summer '05. The Dawsons got hit hard by Hurricane Wilma. They were without electricity for 10 days and the kids were out of school for three weeks. Barbie says that doing laundry in the tub is hard on the back.

**Marianne "Mimi" Eby** is in D.C. with husband Tom Wood and kids Spencer, 6, and Isabella, 4. They own a firm that trains and consults in business negotiations around the world. Mimi says she may be the oldest mom in Pre-K, but loves the "coolness of young family life in my 40's."

**Randy Hucker's** son, Stephen, is a sophomore at Middlebury College in Vermont and spent last fall in Vina Del Mar in Chile studying Spanish (and surfing). Three Heck girls are in high school. Julia is college shopping with McDaniel on her list. She spent three weeks in Fiji living in villages in the back country. Anna, Ella and Randy went on a safari in Kenya in July. Randy highly recommends the trip to this beautiful country. **Cindy Swezey '83** spent two weeks in France and Holland with friends. Randy made his annual ski trip with his brother, **Wade '81**, **Jim Selfridge '83**, and others, staying at "Joe Mendez's '81 home in Colorado."

**Kathy Rosvold Bessley** has moved from Rossmore to the Richmond area where she is an instructional specialist in special education for Chesterfield County Public Schools. She is working on her Ph.D. in educational leadership and public administration and hopes to finish before her son, Ben, a freshman at Hampden-Sydney, graduates. Her daughter, Anne, is a junior in high school. Her husband's job brought them back to Richmond.

**Corey Mann** teaches chemistry and coaches wrestling and soccer at St. Anselm's Abbey in School in D.C. He also teaches part time at Trinity College. He and his wife, **Rachel Kaufman '83**, celebrated their 24th anniversary this year. Their son, **Richard '08**, is a junior at McDaniel.

## family

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**Dr. L. William Clem '56** of Brandon, Miss., on November 9, 2006.

**Mr. James W. King Med '56** of Chambersburg, Pa., on October 12, 2006.

**Dr. H. Ira Conroy '59** of Gainesville, Fla., on June 22, 2006.

**Mr. Carroll T. Giese Jr. '61** of Baltimore, Md., on September 27, 2006.

**Mr. Harry W. Haight '63** of Sykesville, Md., on September 28, 2006.

**Mrs. Ellen Gundersheimer Oberfelder Med '69** of Baltimore, Md., on October 2, 2006.

**Dr. Christy Sunday, Med '70** of Reisterstown, Md., on June 17, 2006.

**Mr. Bernard A. Pfeiffer '72** of Columbus, Ga., on August 9, 2006.

**Mrs. JoAnne Bischoff Day '73**, Med '76 of Williamsport, Pa., on March 24, 2005.

**Mr. Robert K. Billingsley Jr.**, Med '75 of New Oxford, Pa., on August 15, 2006.

**Mrs. Nancy K. Roche Med '76** of Bethesda, Md., on December 12, 2006.

**Mrs. Rebecca Cassilly Borland '81** of Jupiter, Fla., on June 30, 2006.

**Mrs. Jennifer Testa Clayton '90** of Westminster, Md., on August 17, 2006.

**Dr. Harlow Fullwood Jr.**, honorary doctor of public service '03, of Baltimore, Md., on January 13, 2007.

**Mr. Michael S. Chapman '05** of Charleston, S.C., on September 9, 2006.

**Mrs. Alison R. Costa '05** of Hagerstown, Md., on November 11, 2006.

**Mr. Robert A. Flynn**, head coach, men's basketball, of Catonsville, Md., on January 12, 2007.

**Mike Hardesty**  
**'82 is pretty**  
**sure he had his**  
**mid-life crisis**  
**last year when**  
**he "adopted"**  
**a beat-up old**  
**1951 Willys**  
**Jeep and totally**  
**restored it.**

**Joe Impallaria** left active Army duty in '99, only to be recalled after September 11. He then traveled to Colorado Springs, Dallas, Iraq, Japan, Okinawa, Korea and back to Ft. Meade, Md. He keeps in touch with **Dennis Yanchewski**, who was also recalled and is serving in Germany. Joe's son plays varsity football and lacrosse at Culbert Hall College High School and daughter Marlena is at Notre Dame Prep and has convinced Joe to be in the Senior Follies where he'll have to dress in his daughter's uniform. Joe coaches basketball and lacrosse for Dominic, 10.

**Charlie Tangries**, his wife, Jackie, son Timmy, 6, and daughter Jenna, 4, are living well in Bel Air, Md. Charlie retired from the Army and is now double-dipping as a Department of the Army Civilian at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. He played in the *Bette/Phil* Alpha Charity Golf Tournament this summer and saw lots of fellow fossils. He still sees **Dominick "Dino" Messina '83** and **Neil Epstein '83** quite often, as well as the band *YO-QUASH* featuring **Glebe Kleb**, **Steve Short '84** and **Charlie Brown '81**.

**Brian and Pam Huffington Aucker** are in St. Louis, Mo., where Brian teaches at Westminster Christian Academy and Pam is a part-time math tutor. Their oldest, Erin, graduated from Covenant College in May '06 and married that June. Nathan is a sophomore at Taylor University in Upland, Ind., where he plays soccer. Rachel is a freshman at Westminster.

**Larry Byer** is still treasurer of Provident Bank and **Linda Blackett** teaches seventh-grade language arts at St. Mark's. They live in Catonsville and their three girls, 10, 15, 19, are doing great. The family spent a wonderful two weeks in Rome, Tuscany and Venice this past summer.

**Kim Reeves** and **Charlie '80 Wheatley** will have been happily married for 24 years in April. Charlie is still working at Northrop Grumman. Kim returned to Northrop three years ago after being home with her two daughters for 10 years. The Wheatleys are very blessed by their two daughters: Caitlin, 13, is very musically gifted and is studying harp, violin, piano and composing her own music; Emma, 10, is a graceful dancer. Both are straight-A students. The Wheatleys have been doing a lot of traveling: three weeks in Britain and the two weeks in Idaho and Washington State this past year. They see quite a few people from old WMC. **Linda Blackett** and **Larry Byer** live a few blocks from them and share the same schools and church. They are still very close to **Laura Dick** and **Bruce '81 Sweet**.

**Donna Butler** and **Scott '83 Nichols** saw Eric and Karen Hock Walker, Ann Landwehr and Marcus Israel. Bill and Janet Timmer '81, Bryne, Kathy Malkin and Doug Hock and Ken Bello, recently. The Nichols' oldest, Chris, 20, is in his third year at West Point and on the football team. John, 17, is a senior, and twins Emma and Jojo, 16, are juniors at Middle-

town High School. They all live in Myersville, Md. Scott is systems analyst for Datatel and Donna is controller for MacRo Ltd Real Estate Services in Frederick.

**Marcus Israel** is with Computer Sciences Corporation as a program manager investigating healthcare fraud. **Wife Ben Landwehr** is home schooling both boys. Ben is in ninth grade and Stephen is in seventh. They swim competitively year-round. Ann is a yoga teacher at Avalon Studio in Catonsville. For two years, she's been on the faculty of the International Childbirth Education Association and has conducted Prenatal Fitness Teacher Training Workshops.

**Ron Antlitz** has settled into Portland, Ore., where he is teaching special education in a high school classroom for students with behavioral difficulties. The work at Rex Putnam High is both challenging and rewarding. Ron's wife, Sharon, is settling into her practice. His son, DJ, 4, is in his second year of pre-school and step-daughter Lacey is graduating from New York University with a degree in romance languages in the spring. "Life has been full of turns, but I have found happiness with a wonderful family."

**Gillian Davies** and **Jack '84 Springer** have been living in Bethlehem, Pa., for the past six years. Two of their three children are in college in North Carolina. David, 21, is a junior at Elon University, and Kellyn, 19, is a freshman at Wake Forest University. Hope, 12, is in sixth grade and adjusting to the quiet at home. Gillian keeps busy with volunteer work at Hope's school and ministry involvement at church. She also co-coordinates the Parent Course for the Lehigh Valley. Next year she'll be returning to school for a master's in Biblical counseling. Jack left Johnson and Johnson after 12 years to run a start-up company. Last Spring Gillian joined him on a trip to Japan and Australia. Gillian is part of a group of classmates working on our 25th reunion in April, so here is her first plug! Attend! She would love to see all of you there and still thinks of you and the years at "eh hem," McDaniel fondly.

**Barbara Hays Stevens** started The Gentle Care Animal Hospital three years ago which takes up much of Barbara's time. Her "clients" have been a "welcome distraction" hub of her parents passed away in the school and her son is in high school. They and her husband are her "cheering squad" as she's gotten the clinic underway.

**Kathleen Timmins O'Loughlin** can hardly believe that is going to be 25 years soon. Her oldest Thomas, 21, is at East Carolina University. Patrick, 18, graduated high school in June and then went to Germany for three weeks and stayed with a local family on an exchange. He is now at North Carolina State in the engineering program. Colleen, 7, their youngest is enjoying first grade. She continues to amaze with her ability to adapt to any-

thing. Kathy completed her second triathlon this year and also rode in the North Carolina MS 150 bike ride in New Bern. She went back to work as an aide in the 2-year-old classroom at a local pre-school getting lots of hugs. **Mike '80** is still at Cree and loving it. He is Kathy's best supporter at all these athletic events, and hopefully he can join her next time. Kathy's niece, **Abby Walker '80**, is now attending McDaniel College as a freshman. She is enjoying her classes and having fun. The O'Loughlins are enjoying Chapel Hill and all it has to offer.

**Robin McCausland Forbes** is still working for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since graduating WMC, which is now 24 years. She manages the Injury Prevention Center's extramural resources grants and contracts. She has two boys, John, 13, is in the eighth grade, and Robbie, 10, is in the fifth grade. Her husband owns a 1966 Airstream that he refurbished and they all love to go to the "hunting camp" and ride four-wheelers and relax. The Forbes have a 2-year-old fox terrier, Trisla. Robin stays busy juggling all the schedules and logistics for everyone—the normal mom type of stuff that pretensions require. Robin hears from **Sherry Bennett** Ray and **Corbie Simmons Tarlton** at least a couple times a year.

**Nancy Held** works for MEXEX, an assistance company. She started in the Emergency Response Center (ERC) as a coordinator and now is in Resource Development managing their database for them as well as writing medical reports for corporate clients. She also credentials a select segment of the company's air ambulance providers and medical advisors. Other alumni work there as well, and yes, they all refer to the college as WMC. Nancy still has Nancy Held Studios, but that's "nothing more than a vehicle to pursue my own half-finished 'pet projects' from years gone by." Nancy meets with **Jayne Kerman Lacy**, **Nan Sadler Neely**, **Beth Green Jar-kowicz** and **Cyndy Church Clatterbuck**. "It is so nice to be around a group of people that know you so well and can reminisce about the very crazy and immature things we did in college and even earlier, ha!"

**Mike Hardesty** is still enjoying traveling, and recently got back from a Western Caribbean jaunt that included exploration of Mayan ruins in Belize. Mike's pretty sure he had his mid-life crisis last year when he "adopted" a beat-up old 1951 Willys Jeep and totally restored it. If any fellow WMCers are interested in Jeeps, please invite them to check out his website [www.jeepteam.com](http://www.jeepteam.com) where they can see a photo diary of the Willys Jeep restoration and other neat Jeep stuff. The Willys Jeep he restored won a first place trophy at one of the biggest Jeep-only shows in the U.S. in July, and has been featured on a number of websites. It also was featured in an issue of an internationally distributed Jeep magazine released in December. Mike has a son who is a junior at Frostburg State



University and a daughter who is a senior in high school. "Man, does that make me feel old!"

**Tom and Jeanette '84 Summers Smith** have been married 22 years. Their eldest, Tommy, is a freshman at Rochester Institute of Technology. Billy, 13, is a Life Boy Scout where Tom has been the scoutmaster for the last five years. Traveling soccer has kept the family busy on the weekends. Joey, 9, is playing recreational soccer and is active in Webelos. Jeanette has been with PTA, education, and finance boards. Tom has recently changed careers and now is working for a non-profit organization within IT as a client interface manager.

**Meredith Traugott Selby** and husband Mike are back in the Washington, D.C., area after two years in Hawaii. Very sad to leave paradise but they still have lots of friends here and are having fun catching up with everyone. Mike will be at the Pentagon, working on the Joint Staff for the next couple of years. They bought a townhouse in Old Town, Alexandria—a bit of a fixer-upper but very close to lots of restaurants and the metro. They also have a puppy, a Samoyed, about 7 months old, as of this writing. He's quite a treat despite his penchant for "digging to China" in the back yard. In July '05 they went to Spain to visit their Navy friends living in Madrid, and this past summer to Italy with family, renting a 300-year-old farmhouse in Tuscany.

**Jay Wingate** is finally adjusting to life in southern California and relieved that the home renovations are nearly complete. Guests have been numerous despite the chaos, dust and lack of kitchen. **Ken Ballou** visited a couple of months ago and he has been Jay's link to McDaniel College, keeping Jay updated on **Eric and Karen Hock Walker**. Jay is hoping to spend time with them when he returns to the East Coast to visit family.

**Betina Youssef-Hatch** says it has been a very busy year. They have been selling their house and plan to move further outside of Indianapolis after the kids, Nadine, 12, and Nick, 9, finish out the school year. Betina is still a social worker in the HIV Program at a local hospital in Indianapolis and husband Steve still works at Eli Lilly in the cancer division. Betina stays in touch with **Melissa Rubin, Carmen Delgado Chalek** and **Amy Kaplan**, and a few others from other graduating classes. She spends a lot of time going back and forth to Maryland to visit family when she gets the chance, which is easier now that she has been working part time for two years. She hopes everyone is having a wonderful holiday season and has a fantastic New Year.

And finally, the **Norths** are great. Mike, in sixth grade and way over-involved—exactly what I said I never do. We went on a wonderful trip to the Canadian Rockies and came back and adopted an eight-week-old Lab mix. When needs another toddler in the house when you have a rambunctious puppy?

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our 25th. As always, it's fun and humbling to read all the amazing things my classmates are up to. Keep up the good work and see you in April!

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## 1988

**Blake Austensen** is still working at Dunbar Armored at the national headquarters in Utah Valley as the director of training, and his wife, **Stacy Hermann '91**, is working full time as a mom and part time as an exercise specialist for Frederick Memorial Hospital. Their twin boys, Zach and Jake, just started second grade and Stacy now has some long awaited and deserved peace and quiet. Blake recently hung out this summer with fellow **Sig Eps**, **Ed Swanson '88**, **Dennis DeMatte '87**, **Paul Maiano '87** and **Allen Mott '87** at **Todd Mitchell's '87** wedding party at Cascade Lake—a familiar **Sig Epi** alumni gathering place. Blake writes, "We plunged this past year and took the boys to Disney World in Florida. We had a blast, but I think Mommy and Daddy had more fun riding the big kid rides." Stacy surprised him on his 40th birthday by buying him a hot air balloon ride. He had about five minutes to get psyched up before jumping into a tiny basket 1,500 feet in the air over beautiful rural Carroll County. The original plan was to literally fly over "the Hill" where they met at WMC, and to celebrate Blake's entry into the "over the hill" old fogie club. However, the wind changed direction, and well, he went with the wind. Such is life. He will remember the trip and the view for another 40 years.

**Suzanne Davis Peters** and husband **Jim MS'92** still live in Westminster with their three children. After teaching preschool for several years she has gone back to the Carroll County school system as a school counselor at Manchester Elementary. She works with **Dawn East Paxton** who is a teacher there. Her children, Emily and Sam, are in eighth and sixth grades at East Middle School and Zachary is in third grade at Cranberry Station. She is no longer coaching high school lacrosse, but coaches Emily's club team, Central Maryland Lacrosse. **Stacey Bradley DeCelle** is helping coach and her daughter is also playing. Suzanne still sees the Thirsty Thursday gang every month and hosts them and their families for a crab feast every August. She runs into many other alumni around the county. Suzanne went to Disney in October; it was a first time trip for the whole family.

**Lori Ebert Miller**, her husband, and two children, McKenna, 4, and Tristan, 8, moved back to Maryland from Colorado Springs three years ago. They are now living in Carroll County (Hamstead). She had no idea when we were at WMC that she would ever live near the school! Lori has been with T. Rowe Price for the last 12 years in internal

audit. Lori claims it's actually not as boring as it sounds. She stays in touch with many of her Phi Sig friends.

**TraceyAnn Tokar Smith** and husband **Jeff** vacationed this summer at Topsail Island, N.C. This is their fourth year there and they love it more each year. Jeff and TraceyAnn's youngest child started kindergarten, the middle child is in third grade and the oldest is in the fifth grade. Jeff and TraceyAnn are adjusting to "Life at 40." She says it has its pros and cons. She and Jeff are celebrating 13 years of marriage (and 13 is their lucky number), and also 20 years of being together. Jeff is still active in baseball as the president of their community's Little League; this year they hosted the state Little League tournament—a lot of work and fun too. Jeff is still involved with the Sig Epi chapter as well (as president of the alumni board). TraceyAnn doesn't have a lot of free time, but when she does, she is either gardening, scrapbooking or doing some home improvement project. This past summer they built up theiriceps by putting in stone steps and a patio in their backyard. TraceyAnn keeps in touch with little sis, **Karen Quidas Mayhew '90**, but is admittedly pretty bad at keeping up with just about everyone else, although she thinks about them often. She sends a special big "hey and I miss you" to **Kim Hoben Sample '89** and **Kris Tyevery Rinfeld**.

**Michelle Hubbard Maiano** recently has been busy the last few years. She recently got married, moved to a new state and started a new job. She now lives in Bordentown, N.J., with husband Darrell and daughter Lexi, 11. She just started teaching again at a Lutheran school in New Jersey.

**Sharon Pierce Reith** has been living in Virginia for four years now. She returned to the classroom for six months this past school year, teaching second grade. However, she has decided that she enjoyed being home much more. So, she is staying close to hand for their children, son JD, 15; daughter Jennifer, 12; and son Ben, 6. They are currently in three different schools, on three different schedules and that's enough stress for Sharon. **Dave '87** is still busy working as the controller of the Northport Grumman Newport News Shipyard. They enjoyed a 10-day vacation to Orlando this summer which included a Disney Cruise. Sharon hopes to catch up with a lot of their class of '87 friends at the 20-year reunion and see all of you at our reunion in 2008.

After being in school for what seems like forever, **Nancy Shaw Hart** finally graduated with her doctorate in audiology and works in private practice in Baltimore. She is still happily married to **Lloyd '88** who has indulged in a childhood dream of purchasing an antique Rolls Royce. He's learning how to do mechanical things and it's been fun to watch. Their daughter, Abby, 10, is doing well at the local Montessori school and they continue to renovate their old farmhouse in Westmin-

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## News from our Master's Alumni

**Maggie Park MS'82** has been promoted to principal in the Division for the Deaf at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. She has been an elementary school teacher for deaf students at the school since 2000 and served as interim assistant principal in the Division for the Deaf last school year.

**Mildred Doehrer MS'86** has been involved with Good News Jail and Prison Ministry at the Carroll County Detention Center since 1994. She was elected the Gideon's Auxiliary Chaplain in 1994 and decided to start a women's Bible study program at the detention center, which is still offered to inmates. In a recent walk-a-ton, Mildred, an 80-year-old who uses a walker, raised more than \$1,700 for the ministry.

**Rita Becker MS'89** has been appointed as assistant superintendent for the Eastern York School District. Rita was director of elementary education with the Dallastown Area School District and has also served as principal at Leaders Heights Elementary School.

**Dave Cornell MS'04**, former lead defensive assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame, has been named coach of the men's lacrosse program.

**Alberto Prado MS'04** has been appointed to interim coordinator of multicultural affairs at Wilkes University. He previously served as a student advocate in Upward Bound and Act 101 at Wilkes and in the student support services program at East Stroudsburg University. Alberto will continue to serve as coordinator of academic services.

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# Call of the Wild



After 12 years in Denver, Mary-Martha Peol Bahn '88 left her big job as vice president of

Human Resources at Janus Funds and moved with her husband, Chris, and daughters, Alexa and Delaney, to begin a much less stressful — but in many ways more exciting — life running a bed-and-breakfast near Bozeman, Mont.

The fact that the property includes a federally licensed wolf sanctuary makes their adventure especially wild.

Bahn says that most of the guests at Howlers Inn, a 6,000-square-foot log house on 42 acres in Bridger Canyon, are drawn there by six wolves who occupy a three-acre enclosure that abuts the Inn. Guests are often serenaded at night by the howling creatures and can catch glimpses of them during the day.

They have had a therapeutic effect on Bahn. "I am a lot calmer and I am a lot closer to my true self than I was in the corporate world," she says, adding that she continues her executive coaching business, mostly by phone. "I am much more able to appreciate life and the moment. It's a good place to be when you're only 40."

ster. They often see **Kim Hoben Sample '89** and **Bill '87** and **Cyndi Schafer Mann**.

**Lisa Sullivan Harford** has lived in Chesapeake Beach, Md., for four years. She has two daughters, Jordan, 11, and Haley, 8. She retired from the Carroll County Board of Education in 2001 and has kept busy coaching her daughter's basketball and softball teams. She and her family love living on the bay.

**Kim Baker** has some great news. She got engaged on July 19 while vacationing in Colorado. He is definitely a keeper because his name is Will Baker so she will still be holding on to the nickname "Baker." She is the athletic trainer for Pocomoke High School now so life is a little slower paced now that she is out of the college arena and she has her summers off. Kim will still work at Layton's in Ocean City for the summer. Be sure to come in and see her this summer if you are in Ocean City.

**Melinda Schatz Bowersox** is starting her 19th year of teaching this fall. She continues to be a technology support teacher in the Baltimore City Schools. She and her husband, Gordon, delight in watching their boys, 9 and 13, grow and get involved with sports, scouts and musical endeavors. The four of them had a great time traveling to the island of Bonaire to dive this summer.

**Rhonda Myers** is still working in Towson, Md., as an events coordinator. Her daughter attends Western School of Technology High School and is studying culinary arts and her son attends Randallstown High School. She has been keeping in touch with **Josh Valentine '90** and **Wallace Henry '91** as well as **Darlyn Milburn '89**. She still enjoys writing the Honor or Class column. Rhonda would like to send greetings to all of the MSA/BSU members as well as her Phi Mu sorority sisters.

**Robyn Catano Dailey** is living in Woodbine, Md., with husband David, daughter, McKenzie, 9, and son, Craig, 8. They stay busy with their sports and went on a family cruise for spring break. She works part time as a financial consultant at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and enjoys seeing many Phi Sig friends like **Cherie Thompson Conrad**, **Roxanne Benjovick McLaughlin**, **Suzanne Davie Peters**, and **Cindy Boyer Thompson '89** every month.

**Todd Staub** is the C.E.O. at Utz and he would like to encourage everyone to eat Utz snacks.

**Alice Schwarzkopf Gwinn** and her husband, Neil '87, still live in the Catonsville area. Their four children Megan, 13, Danny, 11, Dylan, 8, and Jenna, 6, keep them busy. They are very active in soccer, year-round swimming, basketball and school. Alice still plays a little basketball and does a lot of running with the kids, especially since Neil coaches all four of their teams. Alice works as a consultant to the Finishing Trades Institute of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades developing curriculum for their apprenticeship program. It's great because she primarily works from home and can

manage the demands of home and work fairly well that way. She keeps in touch with many alumni friends, especially those who live nearby: **Keith '86** and **Lisa Buscemi Berlin**, **Carol O'Brien Sauter '86**, **Matt '87** and **Denise Pinkerton '87**, **Jackson**, **Gayle Adamecz Pickard**, **Jorge and Debbie Wood '90**, **Marini**, **Kathleen Hodgkins Martin '87**, **Denny Snyder** and, of course, the Thirsty Thursday gals.

**Joe Broadhurst** and his wife, Jeannie, still live in Atlanta, Ga., with their two daughters, Katie, 7, and Kristen, 5. In addition to his paid job, he coaches his daughter's softball and soccer teams. Being a proud father, Joe boasts that both of his girls were the leading goal scorers on predominantly boys' teams this season. Joe wishes he could coach children's sports for a living instead of going to the office and traveling.

**Beth Spangler-Lamp** reports in from Frederick, Md. Beth got her master's in counselor education in 2005 from McDaniel. She found it both strange and comforting to be back on the Hill. She also found it strange to be the oldest person in most of her classes and certainly strange to be nine months pregnant and sitting in some of the same classrooms she sat in as an undergrad. Yes, during her graduate studies, she had a son, Joey, who is now 3. Beth also has a son, Ronnie, 9. She says her boys are great company. She is manager of a local moving company by day and a drug and alcohol counselor by night. Beth feels her life is richly blessed and she is a very lucky lady. She keeps in touch with **Sarah Stump Streeter** and wishes the rest of the Hall Postcards would look her up.

**Kathy Little** continues to be employed as an elementary physical education teacher with Carroll County Public Schools. Residing in Hanover, Pa., she is the athletic director for Sacred Heart School in Hanover where she coordinates the athletic programs for the school children in grades 5-8. Her most recent vacation was to Disney in honor of her parent's 50th anniversary. She travels each year to the Women's Basketball Final Four to take in the championship games and to get sight in the host city.

**Donna Graham Moltz** is still working at Jarrettville Pharmacy and drives the family taxi. Her daughters like to try some of everything. No big vacations this year but lots of yard work got done. Basically, she is trying to enjoy every day to the fullest because she can always see time flying by too quickly. She hopes everyone else is doing well.

**Jennifer Martin Hussey** was a bridesmaid in **Carin Michel's** wedding when Carin got married at Antrim 1844 in Taneytown. According to Jennifer, Carin looked amazing. She said Carin now runs ultra-marathons, which are marathons of 50-plus miles at a time. In July '06 Jennifer and her family moved to San Antonio with her husband's job with the Army. They completed the adoption of Nikolai in April '06. Nikolai is from Perm, Russia.

**John and Michelle Giangrandi '89** Rooney

moved to Deerfield Drive in New Hope, Pa., after living in temporary housing for a year. They spent four years in the Midwest and are glad to be back on the East Coast. John went back to the Gamma Beta Chi Phi reunion. He said it was a great opportunity to see many old friends. John is now heading up the marketing for Terumo Medical Corp. Michelle is really busy with their children, Michael and Abigail.

**Gary Goldberg** and his wife cherish raising their two young daughters. They travel to warm climates over the Christmas holiday to escape the icy grip of Alaskan winters. Gary has a position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This continues to provide Gary with opportunities to work with the public and travel to interesting places.

**Mary-Maria Peel Bahr** left Denver in May '04 with her husband, Chris, and daughters, Alexa and Delaney, after 12 years in Denver. They moved to Bozeman, Mont., where they run a Bed and Breakfast and a Wolf Sanctuary. Caring for wolves was never part of their life plan, but has been an unexpected blessing. In addition to running the inn and sanctuary, she is an executive and leadership coach working with human resource professionals and mid-senior level management on leadership development issues. She stays in touch with **Austin Isemann** and **Susan Mallus Brown '86**.

**Kristin Tyeveder Riewald** and her husband, Bob, moved from Iowa to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., in October '04. She took the Arizona Bar Exam and obtained her law license in Arizona and is now an assistant to the city prosecutor. Her husband started his own painting business, which is something he always wanted to do. They love living in Arizona and don't miss old man winter one bit. They spend their free time riding their Harley's and taking trips into the desert in their Jeep.

**Elizabeth Kopp Theibaut** and husband Danny celebrated the birth of son Alec in 2005. She is teaching part time. They enjoy visiting with **Cresson Walsh Holden '89** and her family.

**Laurie Levin Tuzynski** and husband John are still living in Woodstock, Md., with their two cats. Laurie has worked for the Internal Revenue Service for more than 18 years. For the last four years she has been working at the headquarters in Lanham, Md., as a senior manager over national programs for the Small Business/Self Employed Division. She has stayed close with **Kathy Murphy Yingling** and they get together whenever they have a chance.

**Mark Buckley** is currently assigned to the U.S. Embassy, Manila Philippines with wife Rose and children Jack and Clare. Mark has recently traveled to Singapore, Bangkok and Hawaii. He enjoys the travel.

After 17 years of working in public and academic libraries, **Sharon Head** is a first-year teacher with Albuquerque Public Schools. She teaches five children who have signifi-

cant cognitive and physical disabilities, although the reality is that mostly they teach her things every day. She is working on a master's degree in special education at the University of New Mexico. She continues to write and has been performing poetry at local venues. Sharon said to say "Go Green Terror Brad '87", student, athlete, and future teacher!"

**Jeff Stempler** is working as a residential loan officer for Dynamic Capital Mortgage. He is in touch with **Jeff Centrell** at least twice a week. Jeff is a financial adviser and they refer lots of business to each other. Jeff enjoys life with his family, wife Janice, daughter Madeline and twin sons, Max and Sam.

**Steve Knight** is still a physical therapist in Vermont and is enjoying life in the north woods with wife Vanessa and daughter Rebecca, 4. He is also moonlighting as a photographer, specializing in youth and high school sports. It's a lot of fun, but sleep has been a luxury recently. Steve tries to keep in touch with **John Giza**, **John Chesscock**, and **Eric Hummel '87**.

For the last five years **Susan Scalley Heffner** has been working for Anne Arundel County government in human resources as a liaison for the police department and several other departments. She lives with Bruce Herrold who she met about five years ago.

**Tracy Buckman Dunne**, am working as a real estate agent. My husband, **Matt '87**, is still general manager at Riverbend Music Center. We are busy trying to keep up with our kids Courtney, 11, and Christopher, 8. We enjoyed seeing lots of alumni friends at **Tim Delea's** wedding last summer including **Steve '87** and **Lucy Purcell '86** Luchte, **Drew Heck '86**, **Richie '87** and **Martha Wheatley**, and **Dave '87** and **Maria Flisbie '89** Douglas. We occasionally hang out with fellow Cincinnatians, **John '89** and **Becky Barlow '90** Fitzsimmons. The beauty of our alma mater is just when you least expect it, another alum crosses your path. Matt and I are enjoying a new friendship with fellow alum **Gordon Digby '86** who is now living in our neighborhood and working as the general manager at Royal Oak Country Club. It was great to hear from everyone. Feel free to drop a line anytime you have news.

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**Andrea Williams Alcombricht** and her husband just welcomed daughter Raegan Michele on July 25, 2006.

**Lolita Johnson Bahr** married Alpha Daye Bahr at the Historic Oakland Mansion in Columbia, Md., on Sept. 29, 2006. **Angela Chapman '02** served as Maid of Honor, while **Deborah Bland Roberts** and **Jemel Johnson '02** attended as guests. Lolita also resides and works in Columbia, Md., where she is a business man-

ager for an engineering firm. She is also a certified EMT-B for Howard County and is in the process of opening a non-profit facility called the Homeless Education Leadership Program (H.E.L.P.). Lolita started her work on the organization while still a student through the Affinity Housing program on campus. The Grand Opening should be in the fall '07.

It has also been a busy year for **Andrew 'AF' Barchetto**. He lives on Long Beach Island in New Jersey where he is a special education teacher at Hammonpton Public School. He developed and now runs a self-contained life skills class for special needs students. On June 3, 2006, he married Julie Vierzchalek, on the beach near their home. **Terry Otto** and **Ryan Hines '99** were both in attendance. **AJ** and **Julie** also welcomed a daughter, **Hailey Lyn Barchetto**, who was born Nov. 16, 2006. Mom and baby are healthy and happy.

**Amy Cipolletti Bland** and her husband, **Chris**, reside in Bel Air, Md. They recently celebrated their son, **Jacob Dominici's**, first birthday on Sept. 9, 2006. Amy is employed as a medical speech-language pathologist at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center and her husband works at T.Rowe Price as a 401(k) retirement coordinator. They find time to hang out with **Mike '01** and **Katie Crowe Wood**, **Pete** and **Melinda Virts Glackin '99**, and **Chad** and **Shelly Hughes Bensen**. Recently they helped to celebrate at a baby shower for **Grant** and **Amy Heffner Jewell '98**.

In February '06, **Alison Leon Combs** celebrated her 28th birthday and Valentine's Day with husband, **Craig Combs '98**, in Reykjavik, Iceland. Horseback riding around a dormant volcano, visits to Gullfoss (Iceland's largest waterfall), the Great Geyser and the Blue Lagoon (a geothermal swimming lagoon) were among the highlights of the trip. Craig came to celebrate his 30th birthday in October '06 with a small party at their home in Mount Airy. The party included some alumni friends, including **Brian Pelton '98**, **Jess Lee Posey '01** and **Bryce Baker**. **Alison** and **Craig** are now refurbishing their house in Mount Airy, Md., with two completely remodeled bathrooms. Alison is pleased to report that they lived through the construction and are very happy with the results.

**Sharon Klinder Dennehy** married Michael Dennehy last November and now lives in Boston, Mass. Sharon is entering the M.B.A. program at Boston University this fall.

**Kirsten Carroll Evans** reports that she and husband, James, had a baby boy on August 11, 2006. His name is Noah James Evans.

**Brent Fuchs** married Lucy Jarrell in Ocean City, Md. on September 16, 2006. Fellow alumni **Ryan Legge**, **Erik Winkler** and **Michael Wolfe '03** served as groomsmen at the ceremony. Lucy and Brent now reside in Hockessin, Del.

**Elizabeth Price Glover** married John Glover on Dec. 17, 2005 in Ocean City, Md. They went on a honeymoon to Disney World and

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## News from our Master's Alumni (Continued)

**Misti Myers MS'06**, a YMC's health and wellness director, started a Teen Cycle class two years ago. This program gives younger people fun alternatives to the typical exercise options offered at a fitness facility.

**Jeanine Prevosto MS'06** is the new athletics and activities manager for Mt. Hebron High School, her alma mater. She comes to the job with 12 years of teaching and coaching, the last six of which were at Urbana High School in Frederick doing double duty as coach and athletic director.

# Fallen Arches

Artist **Kenny Ditto '06** has long focused his photographer's eye on abandoned spaces around Carroll County. Last year, he traveled to New Orleans to record images of structures that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and remain deserted.

This photo of the mangled McDonald's golden arches seems emblematic of the devastation wrought by the storms, the floods and, most of all, the failure of America's emergency response system.



The former studio art major mounted a month-long dual exhibition with painter and graphic designer **Jessica Watson '05** at the Carroll County Arts Council in December.

**Susan Williamson**, the visual arts coordinator there, admirably described his work as "subdued, austere and cerebral."

are now living in Ocean City, Md.

**Emily Murphy Hollins** and her husband, **Charlie**, just celebrated their third anniversary by moving into a new home. Emily has also kept busy working at a local community college and she's back on the Hill working towards a master's degree in counseling. When she's not working or doing homework, Emily photographs weddings, including those of alumni **Chris Addoe Heiser** and **Aaron Heiser '99**, and **Amanda Lofton '02** and **Jeff Croft '01**.

**Dan Harman** married **Mindy Hohing** on Oct. 14, 2006, and they honeymooned in Jamaica. **Jim Beale** served as a groomsman. **Dan** and **Mindy** reside in Falls Church, Va. They are both managers for Sport and Health in Crystal City, Va. Dan also uses his certification in muscle activation techniques to work with people who have muscular tightness/weakness and joint pain.

**Brian** and **Stacey Rohrer '05** have had a very busy few months. They recently sold their house in Owings Mills and moved back home to Hagerstown this past summer. They purchased a few acres of land and are looking forward to breaking ground on their new home in the spring. In May, **Brian** graduated from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy with a doctor of pharmacy degree and is working as a staff pharmacist for two independently owned pharmacies.

**Faye Ingram** reports that her twin sister, **Roxann Ingram** '02, got married on May 6, 2006 to her long time sweetheart **Don Todt '01**.

**Raj Lalit** reports that she married **Arman Latif '06** on May 1, 2001. They welcomed their daughter, **Nishi**, to the world on August 27, 2006.

Putting her great theatre education to use in **Elton Keith**, who works as a theater teacher for the Baltimore City Public School System. Elton is also working towards a master's degree in education at The College of Notre Dame, and performs in her free time. She lives in Crofton, Md., and still spends a lot of time with college friends.

**Elton** is proud to report that just about everyone is involved in theatre in some capacity. **Roxann Ingram** '02, **Faye Ingram**, and **Kelly Dumanant** all work for the Shakespeare theatre in Washington, D.C. **Cassie Domsor '01** is busy stage-managing for several different noteworthy theatres in the Baltimore/D.C./Virginia areas. **Grant Rice '91** is in New York working in the theatre community; **Colin Forman '99** is in California pursuing his acting career; **Dan Franko '97** and **Chester Stacy '97** have formed a successful film company; **Sara Gruber '99**, **Ryan Keough '99**, and **Julie Keough '02** are still performing on a regular basis.

**Pete Marshall** started his own investment advisory business "The Marshall Financial Group" in September '05.

**Jaclyn Mathias Patterson** recently created "The Megan Taylor Foundation," in honor of

her cousin, **Megan Taylor**, who passed away in a car accident on December 2, 2003. The foundation aims to help children in grades kindergarten through eight join and participate in extracurricular activities.

**Andrew McCord** is living in Westminster and working in downtown Baltimore as a copywriter for a financial publishing company. He recently got the chance to go to France for a copywriting seminar in the French countryside, and then spent a couple of extra days in Paris seeing the sights. **Andrew** is planning a move to Baltimore City within the year.

Since graduation, **Grace McAleer Middleton** has been working in the field of communication and marketing. She is the public information officer for the Medical Reserve Corps, a program housed in the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General. In this role Grace has written speeches for President Bush, the 17th Surgeon General of the United States, and the current Acting Surgeon General of the United States. **Grace** and **Steven Middleton '99** were married in April '01. Her Phi Mu sister, **Chandra Westergaard '01** served as maid of honor. Also in attendance were Phi Mu sisters, **Rachel Spencer** and **Francesca Gibbs**. **Steven** is working as a wealth manager in Hunt Valley for a branch office of Bear Stearns. They just finished their dream home in Laytonville, Md., which they have been working on for two years. **Grace** says that the long process was a lot of fun, and that she and **Steven** will probably spend the next two years searching for furniture, "but look forward to having our friends from college over for dinner soon!"

**Shiloh Jeffrey Milam** married **Michael Milam** in 2002. They are now the proud parents of two children: **Zachary**, born on Jan. 22, 2003, and **Keira**, born on June 23, 2006. **Shiloh** and her family live in Taynetown with their beloved two dogs and five horses. **Shiloh** works part time doing graphic design and marketing.

**Sham Owens** continues to work for Gaithersburg A/C. He and wife **Tara** are currently living with her parents in Mount Airy, Md., while plans are underway to build a new William Owens. They have a son, **Kade** William Owens, who turned a year old on Nov. 18, 2006.

On April 30, 2005, **Kittie Deluca Pain** married **Jameson Pain '99**. They had many alumni in their wedding party as well as in attendance, including: **Chris '98** and **Sarah Radinsky '98** Drawbaugh; **Elena Bozylinsky '99**; **Kory "Duke" Deluca '99**; **Scott Edwards '01**; **Dan Osteen '96**; **Chris '02** and **Jackie Leazer '01** Alcombright; **Elena Winger '97**; **Andrea Williams Tony Chase '01**; **Kittie** and **Jameson** reside in New Jersey where Kittie works at Drew Unidmissions. Kittie also completed an M.A. at Drew in 2004. These days, they spend their

time catching up with old friends, attending baseball games and visiting family.

**Karey Sellers Parrott** resides in North East, Md., and teaches elementary physical education in Cecil County. She married **Jimmy Parrott** on Sept. 30, 2006. In attendance at the wedding were **Sommer Chorman**, **Megan Linch**, **Lauren Heisey**, **Stacey Rohrer Hose '01** and **Karen Hose**, and **Stacey McIntyre '99**. **Karey** and **Jimmy** honeymooned in The Bahamas.

**Jodi Reese** has been a very busy person these last few months. She has been planning young alumni events for the College, and on Sept. 3, 2006, she married **Rich Valaster** at a beach ceremony, in Chesapeake Beach, Md. Fellow alumni **Erin Garoutte Thomas**, **Jaime Goldsmith**, **Tammy Fletcher**, **Julie Edwards Kimball** and **Veronica Esteves** joined the couple to celebrate their marriage. **Jodi** has also taken a new job at Hood College in Frederick, Md., as the assistant director of undergraduate and transfer admissions.

**Golf** is the name of the game for **Anthony "Wally" Santillo**, who says that the six years since graduation have flown by. He is still at the same job as a golf professional at Spring Brook Country Club in Morrisstown, N.J., and has enjoyed some of his own success on the links this year in shooting a low personal best score of 66 at his home course, as well as winning one professional golf tournament on the New Jersey Assistant's Tour. Currently he is in fifth place on the season-long New Jersey Assistant's Point's List. **Anthony** also serves as secretary on the New Jersey PGA Executive Board of Directors. Despite devoting so much time to golf, **Anthony** reports that he still roots hard for his beloved New York Giants.

Army life is treating **Rob Taber** well. He is now a captain and working at Ft. Belvoir in Virginia. **Rob** and his wife of five years, **Shannon**, will be relocating to Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., in January for six months of mandatory training.

**Francesca Taylor Gibbs** reports that she will be graduating from the University of Baltimore School of Law in December and can't wait. She studied in China and Scotland over the summer, earning 10 credits. **Francesca** will graduate with a concentration in international law and is looking forward to working.

**Rachel Spencer** recently began a new job at Towson University as the residence life coordinator for the Glen Complex. She is also beginning classes towards a Ph.D. in educational leadership.

**Scott Taylor** married **Kim Smith**, of Union Bridge, Md., on Sept. 2, 2006, and traveled to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, for their honeymoon. **Kim** is a graduate of Towson University and works as a recruiter for Maxim Health Services in Towson. **Scott** is the managing partner of SBT Financial Partners, located in Hunt Valley, Md. **Scott** and **Kim** live in Lutherville, Md., and love the quick commutes they have to work. They enjoy going out downtown and trying new restaurants.



Scott wishes everyone good health and great success, and sends good cheers to the Green Terror wrestling team.

Checking in from California is **Heather Tolach**, who teaches science at Thousand Oaks High School where she was recently tenured. Heather also finished her master's of education and is working on a second master's and principal's credential. She stays busy coaching volleyball at a local middle school that she just won its second championship, and she is also the aquatics director at the local YMCA during the summer months.

**Jon Vandemat** married Sherrany Pelier on Dec. 23, 2006 in Lake Tahoe. Sherrany is a Boston native and graduate of Middlebury College and Johns Hopkins University, and is currently a nurse. Jon is in his fifth year of teaching physical education in Baltimore County. He has been in touch with **Paul Deck** and **Sean Giblin**, both of whom are also physical education teachers.

**Heather Pinto Viscito** and her husband, Matt, just celebrated their first wedding anniversary in August '06 with a trip to Disney World. Heather is finishing her master's degree at William Paterson University in ES. This spring, Heather and Matt recently renovated their home and had a new addition to their family—a yellow Labrador retriever named Molly, who is learning to enjoy life with the resident cat.

In the last two years life has been full of changes for **Katie Crowe** and **Mike '05 Wood**. They were married on May 27, 2005, at Big Baker Chapel. Many alumni were in attendance and most of their wedding party were fellow classmates from the Hill including: **Lauren Henry '03**, **Corie McFaul Buettner '99**, **Amy Cipollini Bland**, **Laurel Monroe Enoch**, **Kristen Carroll Evans**, **Jeff Knight '03** and **John Croyle '03**. Just this past summer, Katie and Mike moved to Northampton, Mass., where Mike was hired as the tight ends coach for the University of Massachusetts football team in February '06. After five years of dedicated service, Katie left her position as the associate director of alumni relations and annual giving at McDaniel College. Katie is very grateful for the opportunities she had working at McDaniel. Katie put her experience to good use and is now the director of alumni relations at Eaglebrook School, a boarding school for 6th to 12th grade boys in Deerfield, Mass. Katie and Mike are enjoying their new home in western Massachusetts (even though the talingating at UMass just isn't the same as being on the Hill!)

**Kristi Thayer Yowell** and husband Chris had a baby boy on June 14, 2006, named Camden Ryan Yowell. They now have two sons; their first is Johnathon Russell, 5. Kristi and Chris celebrated six years of marriage on Sept. 3, 2006. Kristi also completed her graduate degree at McDaniel in HRD in 2005, and has been in the training and development manager at Towson University for just over a year. She also teaches human resources

management and human relations courses at Carroll Community College.

After spending the last five years in sunny Florida as the multimedia specialist for the Jacksonville Jaguars, **Dan Gadd** is making a big move to the windy city of Chicago, Ill. Dan will be taking on the challenging role of website manager for the Chicago Bears. In other news, Dan married Ruth Dupuron in Jacksonville on May 6, 2006. Dan had several of his Green Terror football teammates as groomsmen, including **Matt Fress**, **Ryan Legge** and **Ron Serrano**.

Like many of you, **Ryan** and **I** have been very busy these last few years. **Ryan** is a manager in the Federal Advisory Practice of KPMG in Washington, D.C., where he works side-by-side with good friend and fellow alum **Tom Lapato '99**. **Ryan** graduated from Johns Hopkins University in May '06 with an M.B.A. I am currently employed as a human resources generalist at a small systems integration company in Columbia, Md. **Ryan** and I continue to reside in Elkridge, Md.

Thanks to all of you for your wonderful responses! It is great to hear from so many of you. I am happy to report that **Katie Crowe Wood** will join me as a co-class reporter for future columns. On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank **Janelle Milam Schmidt** for her contributions to this column over the last six years. Please keep the updates coming all throughout the year! You can email any news to me at [kristenrider@hotmail.com](mailto:kristenrider@hotmail.com), or to Katie at [kcrowewood@aol.com](mailto:kcrowewood@aol.com).

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## 2006

The Class of 2006 has been busy since its recent graduation in May. From continuing studies, to entering the workforce, to traveling the globe, the most recent McDaniel graduates are taking the world by storm.

In November, **Katrina Culley** moved to La Ceiba, Honduras, where she is teaching English to first- and second-grade students in a bilingual Episcopal school for the next two years.

**Jessica in Shil Lake** is also excited to report about her recent opportunity to teach at Parda Parda Vocational School, an all girl's school for the underprivileged in India. She spent time teaching the girls English, self-defense, computer technology and the game of softball, commenting that, "teaching these girls was a real treat and an honor."

**2nd Lt. Jesse Ringgold** and **Lt. Andrew "Drew" Mitchell** both recently graduated from the Army Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) Phase II in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Drew remains in Ft. Sill for BOLC Phase III (field artillery), until his first permanent station in Fort Campbell, Ky. Jesse joins **2nd Lt. Sean Summers** in Ft. Eustis, Va., for BOLC Phase III (transportation), after which Jesse

will be stationed in Germany.

On May 28, 2006, **2nd Lt. Natalie Brown Olson** married Ensign Mark Olsen at the United States Naval Academy. Natalie is currently stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and is keeping busy in her Army National Guard Basic Officer Leadership Course, while she patiently waits for her husband's return from a six-month tour in the Middle East. When not in training, Natalie and Mark reside in San Diego, Calif.

**Bridget Seary Johnson** and **Travis Johnson** were also married on August 12, 2006, at a private farm in Sykesville, Md.

**Andrew "AJ" Schultz** is happy to share his marriage to Michelle Rapp on Oct. 6, 2006.

**Laura Pritchard Lebo** is also happy to share her summer wedding to **Andrew Lebo '05**. **Paul Lebo '05** served as best man and **Lisa Peterson Lebo '05** was a bridesmaid. Laura and Andrew are currently living in Walkersville, Md.

**Jennifer Owens** has been keeping busy teaching high school social studies in Elkton, Md.

**Lindsey Schwartz** is working at New York Life where she aids people with their investments and insurance needs.

**Britany Bowen** is happy to report she loves her job. She is working for the National Institute of Health, where she is employed as a biochemist and working on a meningitis vaccine project through the FDA. She is also working for U.S. Golf Camps as a golf instructor for boys and girls ages 8-18. "I didn't want to give up golf just after winning four conference titles with the Green Terror," says Britany.

**Melanie "Mel" Thompson** spends her days helping people improve their quality of life and putting her exercise science degree to good use as a lead instructor at The Little Gym in Middletown, Del.

**Rachel Bryant** is also working to improve public health and the future quality of life. Since October '06, she has been working as a lifestyle intervention assistant at Johns Hopkins University with the LookAHEAD study; a 12-year study being conducted throughout the country. The purpose of the study is to determine how making lifestyle changes affect the incidence of certain major cardiovascular events, such as strokes, heart attacks, and heart disease.

**Jennifer "Jenni" Evans** is currently working for McCormick and Company in its employment center, where she assists in hiring new employees for McCormick plants around the globe. Jenni sends her best to all her Phi Sig.

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## Back to School

Some of last year's grads who are already back in class earning advanced degrees.

**Caitlin Schellhorn**

is at graduate school at Gallaudet University where she will spend the next year and a half working toward a master's in social work.

**Tyler Drake**

is working on his master's in medical physics at Duke University and working at a lab at the Duke Med Center.

**Allison Smith**,

an outreach and appraisal archivist for the Maryland State Archives, is back on the Hill to earn her master's degree in human resources development.

**Jessica Lepson**

continues her studies in international marketing at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. As part of the curriculum, she planned to travel to Russia, Poland and Germany.

**Holly Schoenberg**

is studying to earn her master's in clinical mental health in the accelerated program at University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Social Work.

**Warren Sims**

is the master's of Christian counseling and discipleship (MACCD) program at Capital Bible Seminary, with a concentration in youth and family ministry. He looks forward to a mission trip to Sierra Leone next summer. He is also a substitute teacher in elementary school, working with emotionally disturbed children.



# back story

What they were thinking

**Autumn 2006**  
**Siri Hiltz '09,**  
**an art history**  
**major in the**  
**Honors Program,**  
**embraces a tree**  
**in Westminster.**



ALICIA CARTER '09

## **Tree Hugger**

My friend Alicia had a project she was doing for her photography class; we were walking around and she just said, "I want you to hug that tree."

I have hugged trees before. I am from Washington State and I love trees and nature and everything.

All of the fifth-graders in our school district on Vashon Island go to an outdoor camp, and as one of the counselors for several years, I had all of the kids hug a giant tree. We see how many kids it takes to get all the way around the tree. It varies, but usually it takes five or six to get around this particular tree.

They're always really impressed. It shows them how we're all connected to each other and we're all connected to nature.

—Siri Hiltz '09

## HAIKU FOR THE HILL

[A Poetic Contest]



You: "Carpe Diem."

I much prefer, "Seize the day."

Shut up and kiss me.

**How to Play:** Write a haiku that relates to your experiences as an undergraduate, the campus itself or your life since college. All suitable entries will be published either in the magazine or on the website. Our panel of qualified judges will pick their favorite and its author will win a free McDaniel sweatshirt.

**Haiku Defined:** Haiku is a Japanese poetic form consisting of 17 syllables arranged in three lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables each. Originally haikus described nature and the seasons, evoking a definite, though unstated, emotional response. Later, their subject range broadened, but the form remained an art of expressing much and suggesting more in the fewest possible words.

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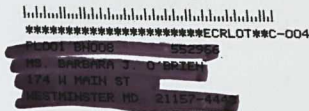
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—Kevin Harrison

In our story about global warming (*Is There a Silver Lining Behind Climate Change?* page 14) Kevin Harrison, assistant professor of environmental policy and science, talks about the hot water we're in and why he's still optimistic about the future.

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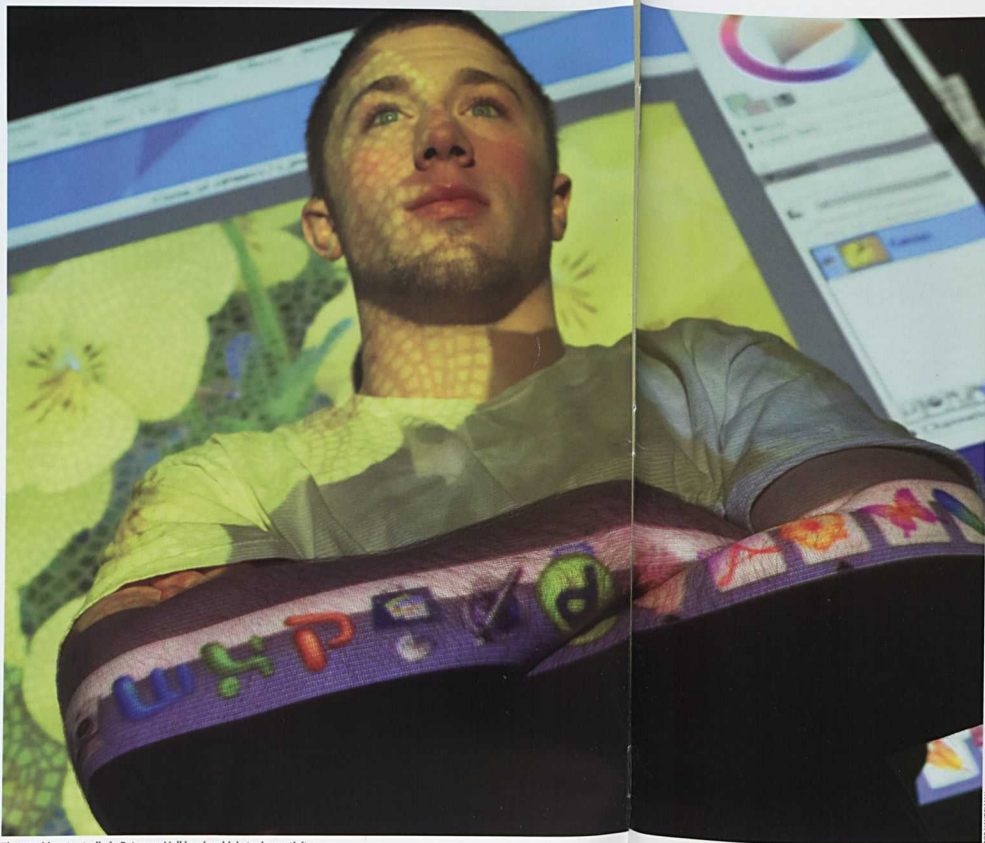
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The graphic arts studio in Peterson Hall inspires high-tech creativity.

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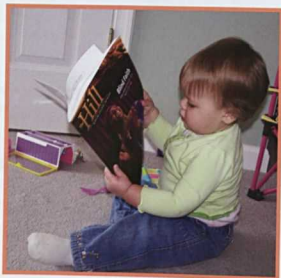
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### Class Noted

Guess who's putting the lessons from Dr. Borer's differential equations class to work as a blacksmith apprentice in Culpeper, Va.?  
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**"In the past, I always flipped right to Class Notes, but not this time."**



## **Magazine Makeover**

My daughter Reese really likes the new format of *The Hill*.

Greg Kresslein '96  
Manchester, Md.

## **From One Editor to Another**

I received the latest issue of *The Hill* a few days ago, and it looks great. In the past, I always flipped right to Class Notes, but not this time. I love the redesign. As a magazine editor myself, I appreciate the large graphics, clean font and white space (and not to get too technical, but I really like the matte varnish on the cover and even the paper). I also love the flow of the back of the book, where I eventually ended up ... after reading the whole issue.

Melissa Engel '90 Hartman  
Hampstead, Md.

## **Something to Howl About**

Regarding a story in the Spring issue about the federally licensed wolf sanctuary in Montana run by Mary-Martha Peel Bahn '88 and her family, six wolves need more space than three acres. I trust three acres is a misprint and that these wild creatures actually have a sanctuary of 30 acres or more.

Trina Gelfond MEd '76  
Towson, Md.

*Editor's Note: Federal regulations require far fewer than three acres for six wolves. The Bahns say they are providing as safe and comfortable a haven as they can afford.*

## **You Talkin' to Me?**

We hope so. The Mail section is your chance to sound off about what you read in *The Hill*. Tell us which stories kept your attention, which ones made you feel your time was well spent or wasted. We can take it.

And remember, participation is 90 percent of your grade. Letter writers will receive a thank-you gift from the editors. Trust us, you'll like it.

Letters should include your full name, class year, address and a phone number or e-mail address so we can contact you for confirmation. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Send to Kim Asch, Managing Editor, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157, or e-mail [kasch@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:kasch@mcDaniel.edu).

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- Homecoming on the Hill is Oct. 27; parade begins at noon; football game against F&M at 1 p.m.



### Shared Inspiration

I was touched by your article about Maya Redfearn (Spring 2007), the 2002 alumna who continues writing and performing after losing her sight last year, and driven to write about an organization here in Denver. PHAMALy, or the Physically Handicapped Actors & Musical Artists League, has been entertaining and inspiring the Denver community for over 16 years. I've lived in Denver for 14 years but never experienced their magic until I took my children to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in 2005. I was floored by the entire production and all of the extremely talented actors and actresses. I thought Ms. Redfearn might want to know about PHAMALy, perhaps as an inspiration, as a future stage for her to grace or as a place to showcase that play she is going to write some day. You and she can read all about them at [www.phamaly.org](http://www.phamaly.org).

Carmen Delgado Chalek '82  
Denver, Col.

### HAIKU CONTEST REPORT

In the Spring issue we challenged readers to write a haiku about their experiences on — or since — the Hill. A Japanese poetic form, the haiku consists of 17 syllables arranged in three lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables each. Thirty-three entries were considered by our panel of judges. See page 18 for the winning poem and four honorable mentions.

The haiku below was submitted by Tane Takahashi Matsumura '41 of Tokyo in the original Japanese along with the English version. Though the English translation does not follow the standard haiku form, we love the way the poem conveys the writer's strong emotional connection to her alma mater across a vast distance of time and space.

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My heart and mind go  
back to the beloved Hill  
I'm lost in *The Hill* sent me in Tokyo

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## Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on Forgotten Heroes

Swish. That's the sound of the College scoring living basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as a Convocation speaker this fall.



Famous for his skyhook shot and considered one of the greatest players of all time, the 7-foot-2-inch Renaissance man achieved unprecedented success on the court and then went on to become a winning coach, author and part-time actor.

Abdul-Jabbar will speak about his book, *Brothers in Arms: The Epic Story of the 761st Tank Battalion, WWII's Forgotten Heroes*, Saturday, Sept. 29 at 11 a.m. in Baker Memorial Chapel during Families Weekend.

The book is a powerful wartime saga with a College connection. It recounts the extraordinary story of the 761st Black Panthers, the first all-black armored unit to see combat in World War II, led by a white commander, alumnus Col. Paul L. Bates '31. Abdul-Jabbar, who dedicates his book to Bates, first learned about the battalion from family friend Leonard "Smitty" Smith, a veteran of the battalion.

Working with acclaimed writer Anthony Walton, Abdul-Jabbar interviewed some of the surviving members of the battalion and their descendants to weave together a page-turning narrative based on their memories and stories, from basic training through the horrors on the battlefield to their postwar experiences in

a racially divided America.

Abdul-Jabbar will be awarded an honorary degree at the Convocation that celebrates the College's 140th year. ■





Newly commissioned second lieutenants (top row, from left): Adam Alexander, James Dell, Randy Lawson, Michael Novello, Ryan Hobbs, Christopher Smith; (bottom row, from left): Kurt Rauschenberg, Timothy Clare, Peter Rowland, John-Paul Snook, Michael Prush.

## Just Call Them "Sir"

Early on the morning of Commencement, while so many of their classmates still slumbered, 11 cadets of the Green Terror Battalion Army ROTC stood at attention in dress blues to take the Oath of Office and receive their commission as second lieutenant.

The ceremony began promptly at 8:30 a.m. in WMC Alumni Hall, where moms and dads and grandparents joined the men on stage to decorate their shoulders with gold bars, a symbol of their newly earned status as officers.

"It's pretty cool to be here and a privilege to honor these young men for the service they're going to offer this country shortly," said Otto Guenther '63, a retired lieutenant general in the Army, who gave the address.

The 13 graduates of the Green Terror Battalion Class of 2007 (two will receive their commissions at other times) will attend officer basic training programs ranging in duration from three to 18 months before joining their permanent units. Eight will be

on active duty and five will be reservists with the Army National Guard.

It is likely that many of them will be deployed to the Middle East, a reality that seemed remote when they entered college in 2003, just after the start of the Iraq war. None of the graduates ever considered changing course, they said in a group interview earlier in the week.

In fact, the McDaniel College Green Terror Army ROTC Battalion, which is composed of students attending McDaniel, Hood College and Mount Saint Mary's University, has grown substantially in the past few years. A record 27 four-year scholarships were offered to next year's freshmen, up from just three in 2004. At McDaniel, the award amounts to \$30,000 per year, per student. The battalion is the nation's third oldest and was recently recognized with the General Douglas MacArthur Unit Award as the nation's best small college ROTC program out of 250 other small colleges. ■

## Notices

Spotted around campus and via e-mail this spring:

### Cocktales Anyone?

McDaniel's first ever Cocktales will be performed on Thursday night at 8 p.m. at WMC Alumni Hall ... What is it? A series of monologues and short sketches written by students and faculty about male issues. What isn't it? It is not a reaction against the *Vagina Monologues*; it is inspired by them and all profits go to the same Carroll County women's shelter.

### Jury jitters

Nervous about the next recital? If so, come to a mock jury to play your songs for a non-judgmental audience in a low-stress atmosphere.

### Tri-Beta Student Talk Series

"Long-Toed Water Beetles: The Thick and the Thin About Working in the Texas Big Thicket," by junior Jonathan Shultz.

### Will you accept this random act of kindness?

The Panhellenic Council will be performing a Random Act of Kindness Day. Sometime in the afternoon, the women from Alpha Nu Omega, Phi Mu and Phi Sigma Sigma will be washing the windshields of the cars parked in the campus parking lots. If you do not want to have your windshield washed, please e-mail Amanda Rose with the type of car you have and the typical location you usually park your car.



## Newsmakers

• Prominent community developer **Martin K.P. Hill** will preside as chair of the Board of Trustees effective July 1. A trustee since 1993, Hill succeeds James Melhorn who led the Board 11 years through its Defining Moment fundraising campaign, presidential transition and name-change (see page 27).



Martin K.P. Hill



Pamela Regis



Mohamed Esa

As chair of the Defining Moment campaign, Hill gave a pacesetter gift of \$1.5 million to launch its 1996 public phase that ultimately raised more than \$41 million toward College initiatives. Hill also has helped the College sculpt its campus and plot a course for its physical future with the adoption of the 10-year campus master plan. He and wife Kelly married in Baker Chapel in 1997, and are among the area's most ardent advocates for higher education and set a philanthropic example for other business leaders.

• **Pamela Regis**, professor of English, has been appointed director of the Center for Faculty Excellence. Regis, who has served the College as a leader in a variety of positions and who currently chairs the Curriculum Committee, will establish the Center in its location in Hoover Library, convene the Center's Advisory Board, coordinate existing faculty development programs, and plan and implement new programs to support the needs of faculty as teachers, scholars and mentors.

• Community professor **Mohamed Esa** received the Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award this spring at Honors Convocation along with a \$10,000 prize for outstanding teaching, scholarship and outreach activities. For Esa, the sizable check will fund exploratory travel to such countries as Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia to begin planning for his classroom lectures or future January Term study tours. "I want to continue to explore ways to build better and stronger bridges between the U.S. and the Arab and Muslim world," says Esa. In March he led a group of 16 students and 11 community members on a 10-day study tour of Egypt, introducing participants to Muslim traditions and culture. ■

## Ask the Expert We asked three faculty

**Jasna Meyer, associate professor of communication, on her family's summer home in Croatia:**

The best of Croatia, at least in summer, is in its coastal region called Dalmatia, which is full of stone monuments from Greek, Roman and early Christian times. Since childhood, I've spent my summers in Split, a Dalmatian coastal city that most tourists only glimpse on their way to the Croatian islands. It's well worth stopping there for a few days. A walk through Diocletian's Palace (1,700 years old) in Split is a trip that carries one back to ancient times, narrow stone paths and densely populated buildings. You won't forget the experience, and you won't duplicate it in Western Europe.

The beaches are wonderful, although not many are sandy but pebbly with rocks. While in Split, take a swim on Bacvice (a sandy beach), which is within walking distance of the port and Diocletian's Palace. Small restaurants and cafés are on every corner. For real native food, order fish or boiled beef as well as Dalmatian sauerbraten called *pasticada*. Finish it off with a shot of *travarica* or *rakija*, a native grape brandy that will etch a memory for years to come. Also, the native smoked ham called *prsut*, served with fresh baked bread and fine cheese is delicious and my favorite. The climate is ideal, and if you avoid the sunshine from noon to 4 p.m. as the locals do, you'll not feel tired for the night life.

So complete the evening with a stroll on the Riva, usually crowded with small sailing ships waiting to take lines of tourists to the islands. Cultural life is alive and vibrant in Split in the summer, when summer festivals feature national and international opera, drama, ballet and especially concerts, all at a very reasonable price.



members who grew up in popular vacation destinations for their insider travel tips.



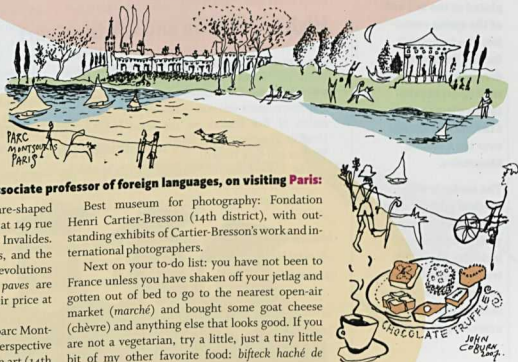
**Uriel Quesada, assistant professor of foreign languages, on eating in his native Costa Rica:**

If you want to try traditional local cuisine, you have to go to *El Mercado Central*, or Central Market, in downtown San José. It is a good place to find cheap clothes and shoes, leather belts and bags. Locals go there to buy meat, fruits and vegetables, and also to stop by a *soda* to have a great meal. The *soda* is a very informal restaurant that opens early in the morning and closes around 6 p.m. You may go there for breakfast, lunch or an evening cup of coffee with pastries. Prices are reasonable, and food is always fresh. For breakfast people prefer *gallo pinto*, which is rice and beans prepared with onions, red bell peppers and other ingredients. Lunchtime is perfect for a soup even when the outside temperature is high. The most traditional soup is called *Olla de carne*, made of meat and vegetables such as *hame*, *tiquisque* or *chayote*.

The evening coffee break is an important part of the local culture. Around 3 p.m. you may find

dozens of people waiting in line at the bakeries and cafés. Pastries are not as sweet and rich as they are in the U.S., and portions are usually small. I like *pastelitos*, which look like a little apple pie stuffed with either meat, chicken, potato or hearts of palm. If you prefer a sandwich, there are several famous sodas in town. La Tapia, located in the *Mercado Central*, is very well known. But the most famous coffee place in San José is Chelles, on Avenida Central. When you go to Chelles don't forget to try the *arreglado de carne* and the *mano de piedra* sandwich.

Costa Ricans are easygoing people who love to get together for a drink and a *boca*, a small appetizer that is usually free. For the locals, a good bar is one that serves good *bocas*. You may choose between *ceviche de pescado* (marinated raw fish), *frijoles con pellejo* (red beans with pork skin) or a variety of *picadillos* (minced meat with vegetables).



**French native Colette Henriette, associate professor of foreign languages, on visiting Paris:**

The best place to buy *paves*, or square-shaped chocolate truffles, is Michel Chaudun's at 149 rue de l'Université, 7th district, close to the Invalides. *Paves*, by the way, means cobblestones, and the name references the city's history of revolutions and cobble-stoned barricades. These *paves* are rich, flavorful and absolutely worth their price at Chaudun's old-fashioned store.

My most favorite Parisian garden is parc Montsouris. It is very large and gives a full perspective on 19th-century French urban landscape art (14th district).

Best museum for photography: Fondation Henri Cartier-Bresson (14th district), with outstanding exhibits of Cartier-Bresson's work and international photographers.

Next on your to-do list: you have not been to France unless you have shaken off your jetlag and gotten out of bed to go to the nearest open-air market (*marché*) and bought some goat cheese (*chèvre*) and anything else that looks good. If you are not a vegetarian, try a little, just a tiny little bit of my other favorite food: *bifteck hachée de cheval* (raw horse meat).



## Ready for Action

The new Leroy Merritt Fitness Center opened its doors to rave reviews from students even while the finishing touches were still being completed at the tail end of the spring semester. The two-story facility featuring a dramatic glass curtain wall offers breathtaking views of Bair Stadium and sunsets over the Catoclin Mountains.

The center is well stocked with modern cardiovascular and weight equipment, including plenty of treadmills and elliptical trainers to accommodate many people exercising at once.

## High Scorers On and Off the Court

The women's basketball team earned its first at-large bid to the NCAA tournament and hosted the Centennial Conference women's basketball championship tournament this year — due in part to the dedication of five seniors on the team (from left): Heather Thompson, Alli Biggs, Theresa Hess, Amy Watson and Katy Powell.

The student-athletes were as successful in the

classroom: they have a cumulative GPA of 3.78 and four have been invited to join the nation's most prestigious honor society, Phi Beta Kappa.

"We don't like to fail at anything we do, so we work as hard academically as we do on the court," says biology major Katy Powell. "A busy schedule has forced us to become better organized to keep up with basketball and schoolwork." ■





## For the Love of Learning

Crafts are fine to pass the time, but lifelong learners like 66-year-old Marj Espenschade '76 — who earned her bachelor's degree at the age of 36 — crave activities to stimulate the mind.

Hence her involvement with the Great Decisions speaker series, an eight-week continuing education program of the Foreign Policy Association hosted by the College. On Monday afternoons, a crowd of as many as 90 mostly senior citizens flocks to McDaniel Lounge to hear experts' viewpoints on a wide range of issues, from climate change to war crimes. Speakers are selected based on their affinity with the topics presented in a study guide published annually by the Association.

Linda Semu, assistant professor of sociology, spoke about Mexican migration to America. Arabic instructor Michael Scott lectured on Lebanon. Christianna Nichols Leahy, associate professor of political science and international relations, talked about war crimes.

Faculty graciously agree to make the presentations because, they say, their audience is so delightful. A bus from Carroll Lutheran Village brings many of the attendees right to the door, while others come from as far away as Arbutus, but they are always right on time. They are also unfailingly attentive and well informed.

"They all really appreciate the presentations because this is an opportunity they just don't otherwise have for an insider's glimpse into foreign policy," said Espenschade, who helps coordinate the series and promotes the program through word of mouth.



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"College faculty and students get this all the time but not the average citizen."

For the final program of this year's series, former ambassador David Newton made the ride from Washington to deliver a talk about the Bush administration's missteps in the Iraq war, which he summarized in four parts: not giving the real reason for the war; subverting the intelligence gathered before the war; wrongly assessing the size of the force that would be needed; and having no plan for post-invasion.

A lively discussion period followed and several people stayed after to ask more questions of Newton. "I've learned a lot. This goes deeper into things than you would normally read about," said Herb Ritter, 78, a retired civil engineering consultant.

Agreed Miriam Freter Beck MLA'68, "I get a much broader appreciation of the issue than I do from reading *Time*, *Newsweek* and *The Economist*." ■

*They might be retired from their jobs, but the senior citizens who flock to the Great Decisions speaker series are lifelong learners.*

## Faculty Graduate to Emeritus Status

Psychology professor **William "Bill" Miller** is the longest tenured professor in College history at 45 years. He emphasizes the empirical side of psychology, engaging students in collaborative research and advocating student publication in professional journals and scientific meeting presentations. Always innovative, Miller introduced a new course this spring in the emerging field of positive psychology.

One of the most successful volleyball coaches in Division III history, **Carol Fritz** championed women's equal rights as athletes and inspired her players for 40 years. As associate athletic director, she's managed the master calendar of 24 teams and their transportation requirements, always with one eye on the weather.

Mathematics professor **Robert "Bob" Boner** gave 37 years in the classroom guiding math whizzes and mathphobics alike, and his teaching of abstract algebra and Galois Theory prepared students to find careers in the National Security Agency. An outdoorsman, Boner also taught students and colleagues lifelong creative pursuits in nature photography, fly-fishing and fly tying.



# first person

*In my own words*

## London Calling

### Apollo Mian

*Associate professor of physics*

He was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh, but has spent most of his life in America. He returned to live in his homeland between the ages of 9 and 17 and learned to read, write and speak Bengali. After graduating with degrees in mathematics and physics from Berea College in Kentucky, he earned a Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University. A member of the McDaniel faculty since 1999, Mian is an experimentalist with a special interest in nonlinear optics. In 2003, he married Mahmuda Khatun, who was also born in Bangladesh and grew up in England. Since then, they have taken 10 trips to London, where he's developed an exciting long-term research project as well as an affinity for the vibrant Indian community there.

### The U.K.'s Indian invasion

The U.K. conquered India, and in return, India conquered the U.K. By India, I really mean the countries of the Indian sub-continent, namely India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The national dish in the U.K. is not roast beef but chicken tikka masala, a uniquely British Indian dish.

### My favorite Indian dish

Whatever my wife, Mahmuda Khatun, makes for me. Sorry, Mom.



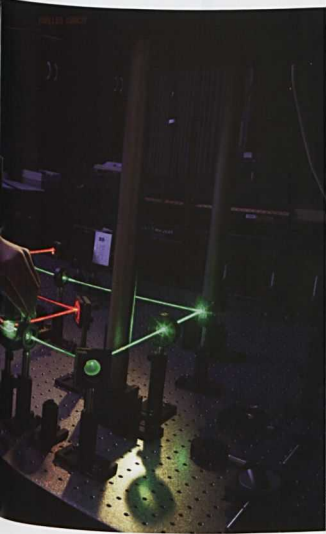
*Apollo Mian aligns laser beams in a dual-beam pump-probe nonlinear optics experiment.*

### My sensational six-month sabbatical

I spent the first six months of 2006 working at the University College London with Franco Cacialli, probably one of the most successful physicists I've encountered in recent memory. We're trying to develop very efficient light-emitting diodes (LEDs) using organic polymers. LEDs are used for visual displays, from traffic signals to flashlights, and have enormous potential to revolutionize optical display technology. The nice thing about organic polymers is

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the U.K."**

*—Apollo Mian*



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that they're plastic and you can bend them, which means that organic LEDs could be flexible. There are challenges to overcome, but eventually you could have a TV screen as thin as a piece of paper.

### Yes, I'm keeping a secret

I'm off to London again for two months, returning at the end of July. We'll be working on a proposal for the EPSRC, which is like the European version of our National Science Foundation. Our research will tackle

some of the challenges to fully realizing the potential of polymer light-emitting diodes. It's very competitive and we're keeping everything under wraps. If we can apply it and it's successful, not only would it be a patentable idea but it would break new ground. We're really excited about it.

### Sharing the bounty with my students

We're very much into applied knowledge in the physics department. This fall I'll be teaching a course in optics. That's my field so I'll be able to draw in all of the latest techniques and advances, so that will bring it all together for students.

### According to my better half

My wife says I'm very boring. She has changed me for the better. I think I'm a lot more outgoing now, a lot more social with a better sense of humor. She likes to laugh a lot, my wife. She's always very lively.

### At home in Carroll County

There's a small Muslim community here. We go to Friday prayers and every Sunday during summer months we play cricket in New Windsor, so a whole bunch of us get together for a match and a picnic.

### Racism still happens

Racism is not something they do here like they're going to picket in front of my house. Those days are gone. It's more subtle now. It takes the form of something like bad service. You'll stand there and they will totally ignore you. It doesn't feel good when it happens, but I focus on the good stuff life has to offer.

### Looking inward

When I do have spare time, I try to learn more about Islam. I try to learn about Sufism. Sufism's main focus is on seeking God through love. Adherents do everything that God commands because they love, rather than out of fear about what God's going to do if they don't.

### My father, my teacher

My father [also a Ph.D.] is a Sufi master. He's a teacher — we use the term *murshid*. I'm still a *murid*, or student. So, I learn from Dad. ■

## Apollo's top spots to experience India in London

### Shopping

For shopping, I recommend Green Street in East London, Southall and Wembley. There are tons of places to shop and you better be ready to bargain. Here is a bargaining tip: never buy your merchandise from the first store you visit. Offer about 50 or 60 percent of what they ask and then work your way up. Also, visit the store on weekdays when business is slow for a good deal. However, for some premium items like jewelry, your savings won't be great unless you have a British-Asian woman at your side. I'm lucky in that regard.

### Food

There are two restaurants in Whitechapel called Tayyub's and Lahore Karai that have unbelievably good food. Try the tandoori chicken or lamb, biriyani, samosa and mango lassi. There are also great vegetarian dishes too. You can walk to these restaurants from the Whitechapel tube station.

For Bengali cuisine, you can go to Bricklane in East London by getting off at the Aldgate East tube station. If you go to Bricklane, stop by Ambala and pick up some sweets and confections on your way back.

# first person

## Lucky One



How a girl



**T**he Mongolian girl arranged her wares in neat little rows while the children and goats and sheep in her care hovered like enthusiastic clerks. They were ready for business by the time a busload of tourists rumbled to a stop on the dusty road to Kharkhorin, the ruined city that was once a symbol of the empire's eminence under 13th-century ruler Genghis Khan.

## from Mongolia arrived at her American dream

*By Kim Asch*

One by one, the Americans stepped outside to appreciate a spectacular view of the remains of a nearby Buddhist monastery and to buy souvenirs. There on the rug on the ground were all sorts of artifacts for sale, carvings of wood and stone and colorful wool garments, handmade by the native girl's mother and stepfather. There were other trinkets, too, that the girl had bought wholesale from merchants in Ulaanbaatar, the capital, to sell at a profit.

Sixteen years old and petite with a face the shape of a valentine, the girl was all sparkle and smiles, a natural entrepreneur in a nation that was still oppressed by communist Soviet rule when she was born in 1985. Then she did something that astonished the tourists: she spoke to them in English.

Recalls Caleb Gould, a Marylander who was touring with his wife, Janie, and about a dozen members of his extended family: "Aside from our Mongolian interpreter, we hadn't met any other locals with whom we could communicate in English. And it was kind of a surprise that we should find a young girl out there in the middle of nowhere, and it really was in the middle of nowhere, and here she was speaking English."

The girl explained that she'd learned the language from a Peace Corps volunteer. She told Gould she'd operated her roadside "store" since she was 12 in order to raise enough money to attend the new private school, where students could take advanced math courses and learn English as a second language rather than the standard Russian. She explained she would one day like to go to medical school to become a doctor so she could treat her mother's brucellosis, also called undulant fever, a livestock disease that can infect humans, which has been eradicated in the United States but is

favored for centuries by nomads and in which more than a third of Mongolia's 2.8 million citizens still dwell. These portable homes are round, one-room tents with electricity but no inside plumbing or water. To take a bath, Ankhchimeg would walk half a mile to bring back fresh water, then heat it over the fire before finally crouching into a bucket to soak. Toileting is done in the nearby outhouse. A simple woodstove with a chimney that extends up through the center of the ger's roof keeps the family cozy through the long winters, when the temperature outside often plummets to 22 below.

Ankhchimeg's parents divorced when she was young and her mother, a veterinarian by training, struggled to raise the children alone with little money and a chronic illness she picked up from working with an infected cow. At times there were only biscuits for the family to eat. Life was hard, but never hopeless.

"My mom is really strong. She was so happy when

## Gould is still incredulous that they reconnected

rampant in Mongolia.

"Well, I thought, 'That's really enterprising.' Here she is, a barefooted young girl, sunburned and dusty, and in the middle of nowhere," Gould says with obvious admiration. "She had great expression in her face and eyes and she seemed bright and cheerful and outgoing."

She asked, "Will you write to me so I can practice my English?" Gould and his nephew both agreed and said goodbye.

But before he could leave, the girl handed Gould a charm. It was a tiny carved turtle on a piece of orange silk string.

According to her faith, Tibetan Buddhism, the necklace was an important symbol. She said: "This will bring happiness and good luck."

Neither the giver nor the receiver realized at the time the extent to which this would become true — for both of them.

### Going Somewhere

The Mongolian girl's name is Ankhchimeg Byambasuren. At the time of her first meeting with Caleb Gould and his family she lived with her mother, two younger sisters and stepfather in a small settlement in the arid countryside, called the steppes, about 225 miles from the capital city.

The family resides in the classic white ger, or yurt,

the Russians left in 1990 and she was involved with the women's liberation movement. She taught me to be independent," Ankhchimeg says. "And from the time that I was 5 years old, I always wanted to go to America. I don't know when and where I heard that name, 'America.' I would pack my bags and say, 'I'm going to America!'"

Meanwhile, Caleb Gould, the father of two grown children, continued thinking about the English-speaking Mongolian girl he'd met along the roadside. He'd grown up with many advantages, including a private college preparatory education and experiences living abroad while his father served as ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Gould asked his interpreter, who was a teacher in Ulaanbaatar, what it cost to go to college there. She told him \$400 per year. He said, "You know, if you can get back there and you can help that girl get to university, I'll pay her tuition," Gould remembers saying.

Reconnecting proved almost impossible and it took three years. Mongolia is a strange culture clash of the primitive and the modern. In some ger, solar panels and electrical lines power TVs and stereos. Cell phones are ubiquitous. And while more than one-third of the population lives in poverty, nearly everyone can read Khalkha Mongolian, the official language, which uses the Cyrillic alphabet. Ankhchimeg had no Internet access at home, so she'd given the Goulds the e-mail ad-



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after a 20-minute meeting three years earlier.

dress of her estranged father, who lives in Ulaanbaatar. But her dad never passed along Gould's messages. And there was a mistake in the e-mail address Gould gave Ankhchimeg. Each tried to reach the other in vain.

During that time, Ankhchimeg did make her way to a university in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar. But by the second year, her money ran out. Ankhchimeg's mother moved to the city to try to work and help her eldest daughter attend college, but the numbers didn't add up. The university told Ankhchimeg she would have to withdraw if she couldn't come up with the tuition she owed.

Finally, the interpreter happened to meet one of Ankhchimeg's aunts and through her found Ankhchimeg. The interpreter told Ankhchimeg that Gould had been trying to find her for years. "She asked me, 'Someone's looking for you from the United States, do you know who?'" Ankhchimeg recalls. "I just knew immediately. I never forgot him either because he just seemed really nice." The interpreter gave Ankhchimeg the Goulds' phone number. With no options left, she decided to call.

Unaware of the 12-hour difference, she reached Caleb Gould in Maryland at 3 a.m. "There was this strange voice on the other end," Gould says. "She said, 'I'm the Mongolian girl whom you were looking for. I need help.'"

Gould remembers feeling at once delighted and

wary. He wanted to be sure this was really the same girl who had so impressed him and not an imposter who wanted to take advantage of the American who was offering assistance.

He thought about the necklace and he asked, "Do you remember you gave me something when we met?"

"Yes," she answered. "I remember."

"Tell me, then, what was it?" he said.

She didn't hesitate. "It was a little good-luck turtle on an orange string."

Looking back, Gould is still incredulous that they were able to reconnect after a 20-minute meeting three years earlier, despite bad contact information and her relocation to the capital. He says, "It does seem like a conspiracy of luck."

Gould covered the cost of tuition and helped with living expenses. Through their regular e-mail correspondence and occasional phone calls, he got to know more about Ankhchimeg — her sense of humor, her steady resolve bordering on stubbornness, her ambitions for a future that would transcend the one prescribed for a girl from Mongolia without resources or connections. But she was stuck. The system steered her into a program for power engineering, which she disliked, and stymied her chances for getting into medical school or any other program more suited to her interests.

"In America you can study anything you want,"

**Ankhchimeg grew up in a traditional Mongolian ger, much like these gers photographed by a member of Caleb Gould's family.**

Gould assured her. "Nobody's limiting your choices as long as you make the grades. Why don't you come here?"

## Just Call Me 'Lucky'

On a warm, sunny day late in April, the girl from Mongolia was studying in her attic room of the college house she shares with several McDaniel students, including one from China. She was listening to Mongolian pop music on her laptop computer, a plastic baggie of homemade chocolate chip cookies — her new favorite food — supplied by the Goulds on her desk.

"I think this is God's present for me," she says about her newfound home, and opportunities, on the Hill.

Ankhchimeg cleared the last roadblock to her American dream back in early 2006 when she finally secured a visa to travel to the United States. An embassy official denied her application once and during a

Hopkins, UMBC and Washington College. An administrator at University of Maryland Medical School suggested they go meet Marty O'Connell, who was then the Dean of Admissions at McDaniel College, "a very nice school that sends us very nice students."

McDaniel was not the only college to offer a substantial scholarship, but Ankhchimeg ultimately decided on it because, "This seems just like one family."

Settling into her new life has taken some adjustment. The cultural differences are staggering. Gould explains: "In a ger, you're in one room with your whole family so you're used to sharing a bed and always having company, always having people around. For her it's unsettling to be in a room by herself."

The disparity in diet has also been hard to digest. Mongolian mainstays are dried horse, goat, mutton or yak meat, mare's milk, yogurt and hard cheese. There's almost nothing like that in the States and certainly not in the dining hall. She's also had to get used to the air,

# "I am so lucky. I will never forget the help people

second meeting grilled her about why this American family had picked her, out of all the needy people in the world, to sponsor.

"Because I'm the lucky one," she said firmly.

"You are lucky," the official agreed, and issued her the visa.

Caleb and Janie went to pick her up at Dulles Airport. "I thought her terribly brave, and her family terribly brave, to let her come," says Gould. "I was really nervous about her traveling by herself."

He needn't have been; Ankhchimeg, who had never before been on an airplane or left Mongolia, is nothing if not adventurous. During a layover in Beijing, she asked a flight attendant for sightseeing suggestions and caught a cab to the nearest temple.

When her flight made an unscheduled customs stop in Chicago, she earned the admiration of a group of Mongolian musicians after volunteering to lead them through the notoriously complicated O'Hare International Airport by asking strangers for directions in English. By the time she walked through the gates at Dulles, she had secured an invitation for herself and her sponsors to go to the *National Geographic* headquarters in Washington, D.C., to hear the musicians perform at the opening of the Mongolian exhibition there.

The Goulds also took Ankhchimeg on a tour of potential colleges. They visited George Mason, Johns

which is intensely humid compared to the dry winds of Mongolia.

Ankhchimeg acknowledges she is homesick, but doesn't dwell on the negatives. There is so much here to embrace. She loves jeans and T-shirts and polar fleece. She adores television and movies, especially cartoons. They help her become more fluent in English and make her laugh. "I didn't know about the Sponge Bob, it's kind of funny," she says. "And *Happy Feet* is so cute and the music is great." Already, she has forged strong friendships, many with other international students like Grace Kago '10, who grew up in Nairobi and moved with her family to Texas six years ago.

Kago says she appreciates her new friend's ability to maintain her own identity. Ankhchimeg has a large Mongolian flag draped across her wall and often has traditional Mongolian throat singing blasting from her laptop computer. She checks the news on a Mongolian website.

"She realizes that she's not American, she's Mongolian, so she's trying hard to learn about American culture but at the same time she's holding on to her roots. That makes her unique and is why I think it's so cool to have her as a friend," says Kago, adding that their friendship has deepened as Ankhchimeg's English has become more fluent. "I used to tease her a lot about little things and I had the upper hand. Now she can come back with quick retorts. She's quite comical, really."



In class, Ankhchimeg is always present, attentive and wide-eyed in the front row. She takes every opportunity to stay after with her professors, for help or just to chat. "I like her energy and drive," says John Olsh, professor of economics, who often worked through statistics problems with Ankhchimeg and will be her advisor next year. "She's not easily knocked down or dissuaded with this stuff and she's very determined."

Perhaps her most liberating lesson in America thus far is her new understanding that there can be many paths to her original goal of helping to cure her mother's illness.

Ankhchimeg, the born capitalist, has decided she doesn't want to major in pre-med, but in business. Instead of discovering the cure, she will fund it.

Already, she is vying for an internship with a U.S. Department of Agriculture program that exists to assist countries in eradicating brucellosis. Gould found out about the program by networking with his U.S.

## have given to me."

government contacts and learned that individual countries have to formally request help in order to benefit from it. So Ankhchimeg's boyfriend back in Ulaanbaatar has been working to find an official there who will get involved. Ankhchimeg hopes to play a role in bringing it all together.

"I think this could be a great study opportunity for Ankhchimeg. It would really help give her some stature," says Gould, whom Ankhchimeg refers to as her "American father" and who happily plays the part, checking up on her progress with assignments and initiating discussions about her future.

"She's not a goody two-shoes, always," Gould says. "I'll ask her, 'Have you started studying?' And she'll say, 'No. Not yet.' But then she'll stay up until three in the morning to get it all done."

Ankhchimeg isn't sure where the turtle will next take her. But she is determined to help her country on many fronts, in her mother's honor.

"I want to be an independent woman and to help people understand the importance of being independent," she says. "I am so lucky. I will never forget the help people have given to me. I have to give back."

In honor of her good fortune, Ankhchimeg has given herself the nickname 'Chimgay.' It is easier for her American classmates to pronounce and is more apt for her new life.

It means "Lucky One." ■



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## HAIKU FOR THE HILL

In the spring issue of the magazine, we challenged alumni readers to write a haiku about their experiences as students, the College itself or life since graduation. Thirty-three entries were judged by Editor Joyce Muller; Martin Camper '07, an English and Spanish double major and co-editor of *Contrast* literary magazine; and poet Kathy Mangan, professor of English.

English major Andrea Santoriello '04, of Owings Mills, Md., will receive a McDaniel College sweatshirt — and, of course, much admiration — for her winning haiku. Mangan said: "I was drawn to this poem again and again. It expresses a strong sense of place through one vivid visual image. I love the way the haiku distills four years on the Hill into a transitory moment, but a moment that stays due to the wonderful use of the verb 'held' in the poem's final line."

### THE WINNER

**Four years in two lines:  
How Hill Hall's third floor windows  
held afternoon light.**

—Andrea Santoriello '04

**HONORABLE  
MENTIONS**

**Fragrant April comes.  
Wet bouquet of verdant grass.  
Lure of seventh green.**

—Jim Leonard '49

**Your hair grows whiter,  
mine receding like a wave  
pulling out to sea.**

—Paul Day MLA'79

**Sex, drugs, rock and roll!  
Time to declare a major.  
Beer o'clock so soon?**

—Dinah Sunday '73

**The echoing sound  
Of our Weejuns clickity  
Down wood-floored hallways**

—Meredith Fordham '65



# OUR STORY

*It'll make you laugh. It'll make you cry. But, best of all, it will make you proud of your alma mater. Jim Lightner's big new book tells the story of our college, from its founding in 1867 as Western Maryland College to its 2002 name change to McDaniel College. It's not always pretty but it is, as the book's title concludes,*

**FEARLESS AND BOLD.**

BY KIM ASCH

**IF** THE WORLD WORKED STRICTLY ACCORDING TO REASON, the College we know and love on the Hill in Westminster probably would not exist today. It was just a year after the Civil War when an idealistic educator enlisted the aid of a Methodist Protestant minister in his ambitious plan to form a new college — a co-educational one, to boot — that would bring young men and women “out of darkness and into light.” Neither Fayette R. Buell nor James Thomas Ward had ever been to college and the pair knew nothing about running one. Money was also elusive.

But even at an institution of higher learning, reason doesn't always rule the day. At our College, there has always been an ample supply of passion and principle

and perseverance to make possible the seemingly impossible. And so, despite its burden of debt and uncertainty, the College survived its infancy and has moved fearlessly forward, taking bold actions when necessary to ensure its healthy growth over 140 years.

College Historian James E. Lightner '59, professor emeritus of mathematics, spent six years doggedly researching and writing a meticulously detailed account of these events and introducing the living, breathing human beings behind them. His soon-to-be-published 650-page book, *Fearless and Bold*, contains more than 200 historic photos and a compelling narrative that he artfully wove together from a number of sources, including earlier written histories, minutes from trustee and faculty meetings, diaries, memoirs, scrapbooks, student





College Historian James E. Lightner '59, professor emeritus of mathematics, is surrounded by handwritten notes gleaned from six years of research and writing the history of the College.

newspapers and yearbooks and first-person interviews with senior alumni — including Sarah “Bootsie” Cockran Smith '23, then the oldest living alumna — who shared memories of bygone years.

The book is a definitive, comprehensive reference; it's also a good read that is rich with conflict, tragedy, humor and triumph. It was an ambitious project, to say the least, but Lightner was uniquely qualified for the job — he'd been in training for it the whole of his adult life.

“I think I was always a frustrated historian. Even as a student I was curious about the College people whose names I heard or read on buildings and I wanted to learn more about them,” says Lightner, who dug into research of the College's roots as eagerly as if they were attached to his own family tree.

There had been other histories about the College, most notably *The Formative Years*, which documented its evolution between 1867 and 1947, written by Chemistry Professor Emeritus Samuel Schofield '19 in conjunction with Marjorie C. Crain.

But Lightner aspired to produce something that spanned the whole life of the institution and that got beyond the facts and into the way it felt to be a member of the campus community, especially a student, during a particular decade.

Lightner officially retired in 1998. In 2000, he realized, “If I'm going to write this book I better get started.”

His timing couldn't be better, says trustee Don Rembert '61, whose recently formed WMC Heritage Society is co-publishing the book with the College. He con-



**Top:** In keeping with the great optimism that World War I was to be the "war to end all wars," Dorothy Elderdice '11 wrote *The Sheathing of the Sword: A Pageant of Peace*, which was performed following the formal dedication of Hoffa Field in 1922.



**Right:** The Daisy Chain was an annual rite of spring.



ceived the idea for the alumni group as a "grand reconciliation" in the aftermath of the College's 2002 name change and the resulting furor among some who felt their alma mater had forsaken its past. The Society's goal of "honoring the past while embracing the future" is served well by the book, Rembert says.

"The spirit of WMC lives and can flourish at McDaniel College," says Rembert, who with his wife, Judy Ellis Rembert '60, contributed \$25,000 and assisted in raising more funds to cover the cost of publishing the book. (Lightner donated his time and efforts.) "It is a truth that Western Maryland College alumni can embrace."

**LIGHTNER WAS TEACHING** analytic geometry the Friday afternoon in 1963 when John F.

Kennedy was shot. Someone knocked on the door of his Lewis Recitation Hall classroom to share the grim news that the President had been struck down. "My first reaction was, 'Who would shoot Dr. Ensor?'" he says, remembering the way his mind immediately connected the word "president" with Lowell Ensor, the College's top administrator at the time.

He shares the anecdote with a hint of self-deprecating humor, but also because the writer in him appreciates such telling detail. He explains, "The College is my milieu, you see?"

At 69, it is safe to say that Lightner is more familiar with the history of his alma mater than anyone else alive. His personal experience here spans half a century, starting with the fall semester of his freshman year in 1955 when he'd met with the now legendary Dean John D.

**Left:** William Roberts McDaniel, class of 1880, cultivated a 65-year association with the College as student, professor, administrator, trustee, parent and grandparent. His impact was described in this prescient eulogy by the Board of Trustees upon his death in 1942: "Somehow or other, one feels that the life of William R. McDaniel will be interwoven into the destiny of Western Maryland College, as his life has been into every decade of its history. For while William R. McDaniel, the mortal, is gone, William R. McDaniel, the spirit, lives – and motivates the lives of others. It will continue to do so 'til time and eternity meet."



**Above:** The early faculty of the late 19th century taught or, more correctly, heard "recitations" of textbooks by the students, in cramped, often ill-equipped classrooms. They strictly enforced the ban on interaction of any kind between the men and women students, despite the College's "co-educational" mission. Living conditions were typical of the time, but difficult. There was no running water, no electricity, no central heating and no indoor plumbing. Heating was provided by stoves in each room, which posed a danger of fire, as did the kerosene lamps that provided meager lighting.

**Left:** Ward Arch is reconstructed after its relocation from the main college drive.



Makosky '25 and charted a course of study that would allow him to double major in mathematics and English with a minor in secondary education – and still graduate in three years, including summer school.

He'd been valedictorian at Frederick High School and liked working hard, taking every one of Makosky's tough but enthralling classes in the English department and competently completing all of Clyde Spicer's requirements in mathematics, surviving the Spicer curve. His entire college career he received just one letter grade lower than a "B." It was a "C" in physics, a subject he confides, "just never clicked for me."

Lightner was happily teaching high school mathematics and English, and had just earned a master's degree from Northwestern University, when he received an irresistible invitation from President Lowell Skinner En-

sor to join the mathematics department faculty in 1962. He was only 25 when he joined his former professors as their colleague.

"I remember how generously the faculty welcomed me back," Lightner says. "[Biology professor] Jean Kerschner came over to say hello. 'Welcome back, Jim. Now call me Jean,' she said. And it's been Jean ever since."

As a professor, Lightner was at once demanding of and devoted to his students. "He was an extremely intense professor. He was in charge of the classroom – you didn't mess around in his class. And he gave us a quiz every other day," recalls Phil Meredith '66, a chemistry major who took 18 credit hours of math with Lightner and went on to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry at Duke. "But he always had office hours, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. every day, and he was always available to help people do the



**Left:** A "Young Ladies" Dorm Room circa 1910. (Note the row of picture postcards around the wall near the ceiling, the wooden bed in the foreground and the screen, which probably hides the "washstand.") During this era, the faculty's role in students' lives was still fairly oppressive. A Mr. Jones was given three demerits for whistling in the dining hall and female day students were regularly demerited for visiting boarding students in their rooms. But women were given permission to leave campus unchaperoned for short periods on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. This privilege was sometimes suspended for punishment. In June 1908, the senior boys and girls were allowed to take a walk together for an evening after supper until 8 o'clock, proper chaperones being provided.

work. He's probably one of the best teachers I ever had."

During his 36-year tenure, Lightner's meticulousness and organizational abilities were repeatedly called upon. He designed and directed the January Term; planned and led 13 study tours to England with English professor Ray Stevens; worked on grants for the Development office; designed the math proficiency program and oversaw it for a 40-year period; became alumnus foundation member and an officer of the campus chapter of the nation's most prestigious honor society, Phi Beta Kappa; and made sure Commencement ceremonies ran smoothly for 30 years as College Marshal.

Meredith especially admired Lightner's ability to distinguish the relationship he had with students in class from the rapport he developed with them outside of class while participating in myriad extracurricular ac-

tivities, such as singing in the College Choir or advising a fraternity.

"That's sort of an amazing capability," says Meredith, whose friendship with Lightner has deepened over the years to the point that his daughters know him as an honorary uncle.

Going to Homecoming with Lightner is "really a remarkable situation," Meredith says, "because he knows everybody." He adds that his former professor is the only person Meredith knows who can drive across the country and make stops to visit dozens of old College friends, former students or colleagues along the way.

When Lightner started writing the book, he asked his former student and longtime friend Meredith to be the first to read and edit each chapter. Meredith suggested that Lightner include a timeline of world events at the





**Left:** The 1950s was the era of the so-called "silent generation" when students accepted rules and regulations and traditions without too much question. It would also be the time of white bucks, saddle shoes, bobbysocks and the "Bunny Hop." Of the late 1950s, George Fringer '60 remembers: "All freshmen wore 'rat caps.' These green-and-gold beanies were displayed at all times. Sophomores gloried in the power they wielded over these unfortunate first-year students. Until the annual tug-of-war took place at the Homecoming football game, this headgear was part of your attire. If the freshman class won the battle, however, they were no longer beholden to anybody."



**Right:** By 1975, campus diversity had increased, but there were still just 26 black students enrolled. Two years before, a Black Student Union had formed. "The Commodores" appeared on campus at the 1975 Homecoming. In October 1976, an "Evening in Black America" featured an appearance of Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee. During 1975-1976, Herbert Watson '76, a black student, was elected president of the Student Government. The January Term provided offerings in Black Literature, African-American History and black and white relations.

beginning of each chapter covering a different decade. That way it would not be "an insular history, but a history in context with what else was going on in the world around the College," he says. He reminded Lightner that as a potential reader, he was not so much interested in the facts — though they were important for posterity — as the details of life in any given era.

Hence, the book includes all sorts of anecdotes about student high jinks and political protests and romances. There are snippets from the diaries of the first president about his fears and his proudest moments. There are

unflinching accounts of a tragic sledding accident, tension over racial integration, the controversial decisions to disaffiliate with the Methodist Church and remove crosses from the chapels and, of course, the College's name change in 2002.

Meredith observes that Lightner was never daunted by the monumental project of documenting it all. He was invigorated by it.

"The College is a much better college than when I went to it," Lightner concludes. "And I played a part in it, I guess." ■

*Fearless and Bold* is published by McDaniel College and the WMC Heritage Society. A book signing by the author will be held Saturday, October 27, 2007 at Homecoming. Pre-order your copy today: \$25 plus shipping & handling. Download an order form at [www.mcdaniel.edu/collegehistory](http://www.mcdaniel.edu/collegehistory) or call 410-857-2296.



## Klitzbergs Fund New Pavilion

By Joyce Muller

It was in July of 1959 when 17-year-old Richard Klitzberg and his father made the long road trip from Brooklyn, N.Y., to Westminster's Gill Gymnasium to meet Green Terror basketball coach Dick Clower.

"Coach Clower asked me to shoot around old Gill gym," recalls Klitzberg '63. "When I made six outside shots and 11 straight foul shots, Coach asked me to save it for the next winter."

Klitzberg enrolled in September and during his four years met the "most beautiful coed," Judy Callahan '63, now his wife of 42 years; got an education second to none that prepared him for managing financial securities and assets; and scored 1,351 points, earning him the all-time third-place scorer for men's basketball and his 1994 induction into the Sports Hall of Fame.

At 6 foot 1, Klitzberg earned the nickname "Shot-gun" early in his athletic career and made *Gold Bug* headlines often penned by his classmate and roommate Joe Spears. Klitzberg brought an intensity to the court. Green Terror basketball captured four consecutive winning years and students filled the old Gill bleachers cheering on Klitzberg with his teammates Dave Martin '62 and Tom "Big O" O'Malley '63. Klitzberg relishes the memories of victories over such rivals as Hopkins, Catholic U., Towson and Mt. St. Mary's — not just for the winning but for the comradeship and lasting friendships that continue today.

He and Judy pledged a \$1 million gift to fund the new pavilion of the Gill Center complex after reuniting with College friends in January and hearing President Coley discuss initiatives for improving the living-learning student experience.

"We learned that the College is still the academic powerhouse it was when we were there," said Klitzberg, who added that the dinner triggered their timely decision to fund the athletic center project.

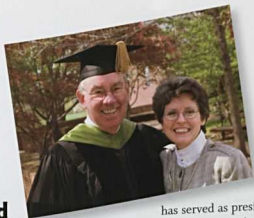
The newly designed pavilion, part of the north campus improvement project, provides the new main entrance to Gill Center and the recently opened Merritt Fitness Center. It will serve students and sports fans alike with its multimedia Sports Hall of Fame exhibit, food court, media center, athletic conference room and sports historical displays. It will also be a hub of recreational activity and learning, connecting students living in the North Village apartments to the campus quadrangle between Albert Norman and Daniel MacClea residences. Enrollment of undergraduates has grown nearly 50 percent since the opening of Gill Physical Education Center in 1984.

The Klitzbergs live in Boca Raton, Fla., where Rich manages his investment firm with offices also in Princeton, N.J., and they enjoy recreational swimming, fishing and tennis. A dedication and naming of the pavilion in honor of the Klitzbergs will be held Oct. 26.



DAVID SINCLEAR '90

*A grand new entrance welcomes athletes and spectators to Gill Center, thanks to a gift from Rich and Judy Klitzberg.*



## Steadfast, and Still Smiling, After 11 Years

By Joyce Muller

When Jim Melhorn was treated to a fine dinner in one of Maryland's historic inns and invited to serve as Board vice-chair, his first question was, "How long does a chair serve?" He was told no longer than five years. With plans to step down July 1 after 11 years, he jokes, "I think I bought the Brooklyn Bridge."

During the April Board weekend, Melhorn was lauded at the annual trustee-faculty dinner, an event he initiated during his term as Board chair. Ultimately, he accepted the offer to volunteer as chair of the 46-member Board after his wife, Lora, encouraged him, pointing out that he was sure to learn from this experience since the College's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa signaled its academic eminence.

In the past 30 years only alumnus Wilbur "Woody" Preston '44 matches his record. Preston led the Board through the last sea change: defending the College in a highly publicized court case that ultimately changed the composition of the Board and disaffiliation with the Methodist Church. With comparable courage and integrity, Melhorn has led the College through a presidential transition, innovative trustee orientation and development, strategic planning and periodic national assessments, goal-setting and completing the comprehensive Defining Moment fundraising campaign — all recognizable endeavors in the landscape of higher education governance. Moreover, his term includes the pivotal period in serving at the helm during the College's name change.

"You remained steadfast in negotiating open dialogue while moving us forward," President Joan Develin Coley said during the April event where his service to the College was recognized. "It has been our great fortune to enjoy your intelligent leadership and wise counsel during this tempestuous time."

Recently, Melhorn helped draft the proposal that earned the \$150,000 Jessie Ball DuPont grant to support the new Center for the Study of Aging and the commitment to forge a partnership with EMA, Inc., to advance the study of gerontology. Since 1980, Melhorn

has served as president and CEO of EMA and its subsidiaries, recognized nationally for its innovative work in serving aging people. He also serves on the Council of Board Chairs for the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. Melhorn will continue his term as a voting member of the McDaniel Board through 2009.

In 2001, a gift from the Melhorns enabled the completion of the brick walkway that stretches from Decker Center to Main Street and defines McDaniel's pedestrian-friendly campus.

"Your footprint on this Hill leaves a lasting legacy and we are grateful each day for your commitment to lifelong learning, for your leadership and, especially, for your friendship," Coley added.

## Reunion Alumni Top \$12 Million in Gifts

McDaniel College depends on the generosity, enthusiasm, class camaraderie and spirit of its reunion classes to anchor The Annual Fund. Successful reunion classes set the pace for The Annual Fund and help to inspire other classes through their Class Reunion Fund campaigns. Class gifts along with those of other reunion classes have a profound impact on the College's ability to continue to offer a premier liberal arts education.

"Class reunion is the time to think about the impact of the College on your life," says Carroll "Splinter" Yingling '68, president of the Alumni Association.

More than 21 percent of alumni celebrating reunions in 2007 had made or pledged gifts to the Annual Fund, setting a challenge for annual giving by all alumni and for those classes gearing up for reunions in 2008. ■

Leroy Merritt '52 was welcomed by President Joan Develin Coley for Reunion Week-end. His \$2 million gift helped fund the new fitness center that bears his name.

## Gift Highlights

This year during Reunion Weekend April 27-29, Alumni Association President Carroll "Splinter" Yingling '68 announced that in the years leading up to their class reunions, alumni leadership gifts reached a cumulative total of \$12.3 million. Support for the Annual Fund, capital projects and endowment were all included in this impressive total. A listing of individuals who made gifts over \$100,000 follows:

Ken '61 and Joanne Moffatt Gill '62  
Dick Kline '57  
Janet High Lewis '52  
Leroy Merritt '52  
Bob '62 and Peggy Hoey '63 Warfield  
Kevin '72 and Alice Boyer '72 Hanley  
Randy '82 and Cindy Swezy '83 Heck  
Bob '66 and Carolyn Seaman '67 Scott  
Steve '77 and Carol Fulton '77 Spinelli  
Those recognized posthumously include:  
John Kopp '22  
Jean Shaneman '47  
Margaret Stackhouse '52  
Katherine Unger '32  
Doris Pan Zia '47



# class notes

News and views about life since college



DAVID BENCLARK FOR THE HILL





## 1932

I have a feeling the Class of '32 will be the oldest class to have a report in this copy of *The Hill*. According to the Alumni Office our class had 80 members and there are six living members. I received messages from three. Has it really been another year gone by since I last wrote a class update? My, how the time has flown by. This will be our 75th year since graduation.

**Mary Humphreys** still drives in the daylight but not very far. Her constant companion is a cat, Tiger. Mary does her volunteer proofreading while Tiger sleeps on her lap. She volunteers at a Worcester County museum which is across the street from her home. She likes to bird watch and has listed more than a dozen in her back yard in Berlin, Md. Mary said, "I had a bad case of inertia last summer and there are still lingering effects."

**Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes** lives in her lovely apartment in Crisfield, once a small town with the crabbing industry, now it has become a metropolitan area, which does not make the older citizens too happy. She participates in several activities, including bridge, chess and retired teachers' associations. Recently she has had a few health problems and has been in the hospital in Crisfield.

**Mildred Johnson Dorsey's** son, George, wrote a letter telling me that his mother passed away in 2005. He enclosed a picture of her and her granddaughter, who is a student at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, looking at a 1932 WMC yearbook.

At my age, my activities are not too exciting. I live alone. My son, John, and daughter, Susan, are not very far away. I am the corresponding secretary in one of my clubs and am an active member of the Fallston Community Club. My golf cart takes me around my property, which is three acres. From that, I do some weeding, pick flowers from my gardens and keep my lawn in good condition. My four great-grandchildren bring me lots of pleasure and help me lead a more active life. The long trips that I enjoyed have ended. My limit now is Ocean City, Md., and Crisfield where I visit my college friends **Mary Humphreys** and **Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes**.

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All eyes were on 90-year-old Ann McCool, class of 1938 and honorary trustee, as she presented a diploma to her grand-nephew Adam Lietzan, a magna cum laude graduate. "It was most refreshing and wonderful for me because his grandmother had been at my commencement 69 years before when she was 7 months old," she said.

**Mildred  
Gebhardt  
Raninen and  
husband Arnold  
are in good  
health, play  
bridge, and  
are still in  
their home of  
50 years.**

## 1941

This is my second time as your editor. Thank you for your responses.

It was good to receive a note from **Eleanor "Scotty" Prescott Vergis**. She is happy in Scottsdale, Ariz., and enjoys life in Westminster Village. There are lots of friendly people and much to do.

**Alice "Corkey" Vollmer Applegarth** reports from Atlanta that she is doing lots of traveling to visit children and family. She sees **Mary Louise Asbury Briscoe** who lives in a retirement home nearby.

**Margaret Rich Brown** is living in Silver Spring and is still in her own home. She stays busy with a senior group at her church.

**Don Honeman** sees lots of WMCers as he lives in Westminster. He has dinner with **Elinore "Zeke" Jameson Deakney** a lot. He visits with **Bill and Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds '42 Adolph**, who live in Owings Mills.

**Bill and Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds '42 Adolph** still travel and were in Nova Scotia last year. A trip to Alaska is planned for this summer.

**Lester "Bo" and Norma "Nicky" Nicodemus '40 Knepp** have moved to Columbus, Ohio. They are in a lovely retirement home near their sons.

From Milwaukee, Wisc., **Mildred Gebhardt Raninen** says she and husband **Arnold** are in good health, play bridge, and are still in their home of 50 years.

**Marguerite Hatch Little** stays busy with her granddaughter, 11, one afternoon a week. She has time to knit, sew and read.

From Shrewsbury, Pa., **Rachael Green Marsey** is living with a son and family. She has 14 grandchildren and twins are expected this year.

**Evelyn Bowen Paul** winters in St. Petersburg, Fla., and summers in Springfield, Va., in a retirement home. She says she gets around without assistance.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Rankin Corbin** has moved to Collington Community in Mitchellville, Md.

**Jeanne Shank Kelley** is doing well in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She enjoys visits from children and grandchildren and has a great-grandchild in Florida.

**Harper LeCompte** is living in Florida in a retirement home.

From Laurel, Del., **Mary Hastings Phillips** reports that she is in her home of 33 years. She enjoys plays and concerts and recalls good college days.

**Joe Rouse** is still working in his legal office at Ft. Meade and traveling. He traveled to Bali and Singapore with two of his grandchildren.

**Elinor Culligan Skelton**, who wrote this column for 30 years, says she still drives locally. She is looking forward to spending time with her new great-grand-

son who arrived in January.

From Dunedin, Fla., comes word from **Phyllis Dietsch Farris** that all is well with them. They are looking forward to their 60th wedding anniversary in April.

**Doris Benson Lankford** had a big Christmas celebration with family — 34 children and grandchildren. They plan a repeat for Father's Day on the Shore.

**Leigh and Margaret "Peggy" Moss '43 Venzke** also celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a big family event. They continue their travels and have been to Tunisia.

Another traveler, **Isabelle Zimmerman Martin** has been to Russia and Germany, plus a trip on the *Mississippi Queen*. Isabelle reports that she hears from **Tane Takahashi Matsumura**, who acts as an interpreter in St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo.

**Hazel Beard Guyer** still enjoys her music. She paid a visit to **Frances "Frankie" Royer Copeland** on her way home from Anderson, Ind., to Quincy, Pa.

**Bill Wiley** calls me to post me on happenings in the Baltimore area. He noted that **Bill Dennis** and his wife died within 30 days of each other.

Another from Baltimore, **Fran Dillaway Tompkins** lives in Oakcrest Village. She has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Annette Hutchins Wilfong** is enjoying life at Asbury Solomons Retirement Community in Solomons, Md. She stays active and busy.

From the Shore, a note from **Catherine Councill Cherry**. She is still farming and driving around in her pick-up truck. She continues to teach reading to students.

I am living in a retirement home for military officers and spouses at Ft. Belvoir, Va., close to Washington, D.C. My two sons live nearby and we visit often.

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## 1947

Well, here we are 60 years gone by, leaving 73 of us.

**Ralph and Jean McDowell Barrett** were first, as usual, from their home on Asbury Solomons CCRC. Ralph was given an award "for service and commitment and tireless dedication to the community." Jean received a citation for letting him do it. Their family continues to grow with a great-grandchild, Eliana, born on Jan. 15. They have lived at Asbury for 10 years so have earned a renovation — all new cabinets, appliances, rugs, etc. Jean says all is well with them considering their ages. They send all peace and love.

**Herbert L. Doggett** says he is doing well at 80. He rides a bike as a member of the Volunteer Bike Patrol

on the C&O Canal. He has 800 miles on his 3-year-old modified Recumbent. He and Florence have 14 grandchildren and now three great-grandchildren.

**Louise Brown Barnes** has the best of both worlds. They have a house right on the Pennsylvania-Maryland line north of Westminster, where they spend March to October. Last summer they flew to Spain and cruised the Mediterranean, then flew back from Rome. They enjoy summers near old friends and the warmth of Florida in the winter.

**Carroll '45** and **Nan Austin Doggett** are spending their 13th winter in Florida. They will be returning early to pack and move on Feb. 15 to a retirement home in Frederick. Nan's major activities are gardening in a "big way," and organizing 21 Great Decisions Foreign Policy discussion groups each year. She continues to help plan the Frederick School of Religion with nine or 10 excellent courses each February and March. Her greatest joy is when the family gathers for fun meals.

It was so nice to get **Lee Beglin Scott's** Christmas letter and a private one to me. She asked if I lived in Lady Lake, Fla., before coming here — yes, I did. My house was not damaged in the tornado but many were. Lee and **Frasier '43** are pleased with their new home in Mapleswood. They have an apartment one-and-one-half miles from their house of 54 years.

A cruise was a delight for **Mary Gene Kennedy Carr**. Her grandson's group, the King's Brass, played on the ship. He is auditioning for the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra with his bass trombone. She says all her children, grandchildren and two great-grandsons are doing well. She hopes one of her granddaughters will be attending McDaniel.

**Jean Murray Clarke** had a super post card. 2006 brought joy to five healthy children and 12 healthy grandchildren, ages 2 to 26 (one in Iraq). Her sorrow was the death of her sister. She and **Donald '50** enjoy good health and still live in their home of 42 years. Jean had two major fractures, shoulder and neck, but she has recovered nicely.

Then there are **Emajane Hahn Baker** and **Holmes** who have been married 58 years and are on a wait list for a Frederick, Md., retirement home. She says they are happy to be healthy helped along by the support of the local medical community. They have an annual date with their families and the Atlantic Ocean at the Outer Banks. They sing with their church choir. Emajane takes yoga classes and Holmes is writing an historical document for the church.

Congratulations to **Ann Fullerton** for being selected as a candidate for inclusion in the 2007 edition of *Who's Who in America*. This is the Marquis publication and one is nominated by colleagues for this honor.

A postcard and a phone call from **Thomas O'Leary** and I do thank him. He went to the pre-planning meeting for the 2007 Reunion.

**Anne Klein May** has been living in Edenwald, a continuous care community in Towson for three years. Anne says there is lots going on. She goes to two exercise classes and a play reading group plus many evening groups. She is fortunate to have children nearby to call on.

Life has slowed considerably says **Anna Lee Butler Trader** — not as much church, organ playing, etc. She sends best wishes and fond memories.

Friday the 13th in October will long be remembered by **Helen Frantz Loper**. Her husband had a heart attack. Due to the hour, 5:45 a.m., the local EMTs and a helicopter ride to a great doctor — he is still alive!

**Margaret Helen Statler Blayney** says "Hi" to all her classmates.

Our class is now 72. **Julia Hitchcock** said **Fern Hitchcock** passed away Feb. 1, 2007. He will be missed by all of us. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

**Kathryn Wheeler Wiley** called to say she has been having eye problems. No reunion for her this year. It was so nice talking to her.

"I am in a very active and productive time of my life," says **Janet Breeding Yost**. It all began with her 80th birthday party given by her husband followed by buying a house and all the trials and tribulations that go with it. Next came family doings. She and her brother are selling a farm in Maryland and each of them are buying in Iowa. Her remark is, "How to stay young." Good luck, Janet, and good health.

I received such a nice letter from **Al Conley** telling me of his life from joining our class upon his return from service in World War II. He became a part of the FBI, then consulting work, finally retired for good 10 years ago. He gave me a big laugh — he remembers me as "Killer Cain."

Many thanks to **Fred Brown** for his letter. It was appreciated by me. As he said, their lives have changed and they are prevented from going to reunion due to their ages and health problems. They are lucky if they are able to spend time with their families.

During the year I received the information that **Lillian Gillis Mowbray** had passed away on Oct. 30, 2002. Don't know why it was so late in coming. Now we are a class of 71 members.

I was in the post office to mail this and there was a letter from **Simon Ehrlich**. He is another victim of cancer. Although he and his wife, **Phyllis**, have retired, they both are doing readings at the Los Angeles theatre. This takes the place of no grandchildren.

**Marion Stoffregen Thorpe** just had heart surgery. She is doing all right.

**Nan Austin Doggett's major activities are gardening in a "big way," and organizing 21 Great Decisions Foreign Policy discussion groups each year.**

# Alumni "Outclass" Each Other

The following is a list of awards presented to 2007 reunion classes based on their corresponding achievements. Fine crystal trophies and bowls are engraved with the winners' class years and are on permanent display in Harrison House.

## Green and Gold Award

Presented to the Classes of 1962 and 1997, with the most active reunion volunteers. Both classes had 15 members each on their respective planning committees.

## Top of the Hill Award

Presented to the Class of 1962, who raised the largest reunion gift — \$1,593,432 — for the Annual Fund, capital and special projects, and the endowment.

## Green Terror Award

Presented to the Classes of 1977 and 1982, who tied with having 74 classmates each making a commitment to the 2007 Annual Fund.

## Whimsy (WMC) Award

Presented to the Class of 1962, with highest number of alumni and guests (a total of 64) returning for reunion.

## Carpe Diem Award

Presented to the Class of 1957, who achieved the largest increase in number of donors to the Annual Fund over the previous year. An additional 21 classmates made gifts this year in honor of their reunion, bringing the total to 57.

## Old Main Award

Presented to the Classes of 1957 and 1972, who raised nearly \$40,000 each and achieved the largest total dollar commitment to the Annual Fund.

In 2008, Reunion Weekend will be held May 2-4 and classes ending in "3" and "8" will be celebrated.

During a tour of the new fitness center named in honor of their classmate Leroy Merritt '52, Sarah "Sally" Griffin Marks tries out a treadmill while Vic Makovitch cheers her on.



MATT SPANGLER

My life changed on May 10, 2006. I lost my husband **Bob '49**. Cancer of the lungs took him away after 56 years of married life. I want to thank you all for having me as your president. It was a great honor and I was very proud to serve. Needless to say I really enjoyed being your secretary. I am saying goodbye and thanks again.

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## 1959

Thanks for such a great response to my cards and e-mail. It seems we continue to travel and enjoy our grandchildren and for many of us to simply enjoy being retired.

**Warren Schwartz** writes that he returned to coaching varsity football at Archbishop Curley High School after a six-year break. He and Jinx skied in the Pocosins and planned to ski in Utah in March. During the summer they go to Sea Bright in New Jersey. He recently had lunch with **Tom Davies** and occasionally speaks with **Bill Wardlow**. He says all is well.

**Karen Helbig Whiteside** and her husband still enjoy living in Greensboro, N.C., near two of their granddaughters. The other two live in Plano, Texas. In July they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in Bermuda and in March they planned to visit friends in North Carolina and Florida, including a visit with **Al and Pat Garcia Wertz**.

Playing tennis and squash, doing volunteer work, and building a garage for his daughter keep **Ray Kennedy** busy. In August he and some friends will travel to the Baltic, which, as he says, is something to look forward to during the cold winter in Vermont.

**Ginni Pott Braunwarth** and her husband are still very involved in church work, he with Presbytery and she with membership issues. This summer they will be at Ocean City, N.J., with their three children and their families which include seven grandchildren. They will travel to Canyonlands this spring.

**Kitty Bond Allen** works part time as an administrative assistant to the chaplain of GMBC which still allows her time to do editing of two newsletters and volunteer work. She enjoys church activities and the Baltimore Symphony. Her fourth grandchild was born in April 2006.

**Ellen Richmond Sauerberg** is working for CondoLeeza Rice as an assistant secretary of state. Her bureau, Population Refugees and Migration, addresses our country's response to people displaced by conflict and other disasters. She travels to "tough areas of the world like Bangladesh, Vietnam, Kenya, Colombia, Malaysia, Cambodia, Uganda, and Thailand where we have major refugee programs." Her husband, she writes, holds down the home front and is involved in community activities.

**Marsha Reifsnnyder McCormick** writes from Santa Fe that she and husband, **Bob '58**, have

had a busy year with two trips to California, one to Scottsdale, and one to Maryland and Pennsylvania. At the time she wrote, they were in the midst of the "snowstorm of the century" with all the airports and interstates closed, people stranded, and they were snowed in for a week. She hopes that Bob's retirement will soon take place as that will mean she will be able to retire as well. She is doing quite a bit of watercolor painting and works at exhibit openings and at the four museums in Santa Fe. She volunteers at the hospital weekly and enjoys her book club which she and a friend began in 1982 and which has all its original members. They still have their 135-pound German shepherd, Teddy, and their 28-pound cat, Monte. Their son and his wife live in Albuquerque.

Life is good, writes **Beverly Bosworth Lisle** from Telluride, Colo., where her daughter and family live and where, she says, "they seem to need us most during ski season." She and Tom kayaked amongst the Orcas off San Juan Island, Wash., this past year, with the porpoises in Charlotte Harbor, Fla., and joined a dragon boat crew in southwest Florida. They have hiked and biked in many places and she continues to try to learn to play golf. She sends greetings from Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay and Punta Gorda.

**Tom '58 and Kay Payne Beckett** are living in western North Carolina. "Where the altitude gives us a pleasant summer, a mercifully short, mild winter and where there are more interesting activities around than anybody could possibly pursue." Their two sons and their families, which include four grandchildren, live in the same town and their daughter is in Chapel Hill. Aside from ballroom dancing, golf and being involved in community activities, their main interest is motorcycling. They have a Honda Goldwing cruising bike which they love. This year they have traveled the Blue Ridge Parkway, gone to Annapolis for the boat show, and attended a motorcycle rally in Nashville. The longest trip so far has been a 4,500-mile round trip from home to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Their previous longest trip had been to Key West. During tax season Kay works full time for a local CPA firm, and also as an accountant for their son's software business. They are looking forward to our 50th.

The College history manuscript is finished and in the hands of the editor and designer writes **Jim Lightner**. If all goes well, it should be published by mid-2007. Look for news of it in *The Hill*. He's also been traveling, most recently to Newfoundland and Scandinavia, and an alumni tour to Iceland in 2006. He went on a Caribbean cruise in November with **Dick '58 and Ben Layton '62 Gardiner**, and a driving tour through New England visiting old friends and former students. He was recently elected a Senator of Phi Beta Kappa, having served for six years as South Atlantic District chair. Arts organizations in Carroll County as well as the West-



minster Rotary Club, where he serves as Scholarships and Awards chairman, keep him busy.

**Pat Schaefer Anderson** spent last year in Bolzano, Italy, where her husband had a sabbatical at the University and where she tutored students in English. She says she even learned some Italian. They explored northern Italy and Austria and have thousands of pictures. She and Jay have nine grandchildren, all living near them in Lancaster, Pa. Their newest grandson was born in November to Andy and Kara Jones.

**Kay Mitchell Kantowski** and her husband moved to a new home in the hamlet of Fly Creek, three miles from Cooperstown, N.Y., a year ago and are enjoying a smaller, very compact, and well-organized place. They travel north and south as much as possible in their RV, hiking and off-road bicycling at each destination. They hope to go to the Southwest in late August for six weeks. They both volunteer at the Farmer's Museum and the Fenimore Art Museum and Kay volunteers in the Emergency Services Department at the hospital where she worked for 17 years. The highlight last September was a visit from Roger and **Sherry Phelps Jackson** who had been talking of visiting Cooperstown and the Hall of Fame for 50 years. Their son Mike lives in North Carolina which they visit frequently for grandchildren's dance recitals and horse shows. Their other son is human resources director for the Manchester, N.H., schools.

**Al and Pat Garcia Worts** have been living in Sun City, Hilton Head, S.C., for the past five years. They visit with Jack and **Karen Helbig Whiteside** and **Anne Clemmitt** who also live in Sun City. He says to give them a call if we are in his area.

**Don and Shirley Ream Dewey's** 47-year marriage "survived two major hazards in preserving the union: they both retired and shortly thereafter designed and built a new house," they write from Lake of the Woods, about 70 miles south of Washington, D.C. Don cut back on his participation in Bass fishing tournaments and now travels several times a year to fish new places (his favorite is the Florida Keys) which he claims is research for his work as a wildlife artist, carving fish from wood. They have occasionally combined cruises with Don's fishing trips and have been to Alaska, Montreal to Boston, and the Caribbean. Shirley has stayed busy, using her sewing skills in the new home, especially in their purple and white master bedroom. Their daughters are doing well, the older one earned a Ph.D. and lives in Atlanta, the other is married and lives in northern Virginia with their kids, and two Beagles. Hip surgery slowed Don down a bit and during his early recuperative period Shirley fell on the ice and damaged her knee. They say they were quite a little, hobbling around with a walker and a full-length leg cast.

**Carol Petersen Willen** writes that her hus-

band, **Erich '58**, finally retired the lab and shortly thereafter they spent a month in Germany attending the Soccer World Cup and visiting friends and relatives. This involved their son and grandson and they soon realized that children do not need to speak the same language in order to have a good time. They now have six grandchildren, three in the Philadelphia suburbs and three in Boston. She keeps busy with Jazzercise, gardening and as a Village trustee. They continue to visit New York City to attend the Metropolitan Opera.

"Still kicking but not as high" is the way **Eugene Miolen** describes his life. He and his wife are still active playing a lot of tennis and golf. He recently had a hole-in-one after trying for 50 years. They have two grandchildren, both in college, one at USC and the other at Georgia Tech.

**Natalie Warfield Palmer '58** writes that **Dick** has been caring for her this past year-and-a-half as she has battled cancer. She's happy to report that the cancer is arrested at present and she's doing well and back into all her activities. They were in Maine in September and Texas for a month at Christmas enjoying their six grandchildren. They are active in their church, Dick sings in the choir, started a men's acappella group, and is a lay leader. They continue to have a passion for gardening and plan to be in Charleston for a while. He retired in 2005 and loves it.

Another who is liking retirement is **Harriet Olson Berens**. She and her husband have become snowbirds and spend the winter in North Venice, Fla., and the rest of the year in New Jersey. They continue to travel and enjoy their two grandchildren.

"Life is good in Austin," writes **Donna Lee Sparr Brown** who is celebrating her 70th birthday with gratitude for health, family and friends. Her grandson, 21, plans to study Arabic in Cairo, following his great-grandfather who was fluent in the language and worked for many years in the Middle East. Her newest grandson is 3 months old, son of the youngest of the Sparrs. She has traveled to Germany and England, but mostly to Colorado.

Hurricane Katrina changed her life completely, says **Sue Fulford McAdams**. In August 2005 she was able to sell her house and move to Richmond, Texas, a suburb of Houston, where her daughter and three grandchildren live. One son is in Austin and another is in California. She's studying to be a deacon at her church, St. Martin's Episcopal, and is in a stitchery club, garden club, and PEO. She'd love to see anyone traveling in her direction.

**Teresa Mancuso Albright** and her husband live in Kingsville, Md., and are pleased that their two daughters and grandchildren are close by. She serves as a church deacon and recently initiated a Wellness Ministry at their church. She continues to work on health issues for Maryland school students and staff.

**Bob and Lou Clark '58** Fothergill are doing

well and like to travel to travel places. Bob says he got bored with retirement and returned to full-time work as a purchase manager for the Virginia Retirement System. Their two children, spouses, and grandchildren always look forward to their annual fun week at Emerald Island, N.C.

**Marianne Sears Poston** thought she was retiring but seems to be working full time, she says. She continues with her watercolor painting and is taking classes through the Art Institute of the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. She and husband are both authors in Tucson. Their son is with the IRS in Washington, D.C.

A relaxing retirement is how **Bill Achenbach** describes life in Fort Wayne, Ind., bicycling and playing golf. He and his wife, Donna, spend time in Florida in the winter, have visited Baltimore in the summer for several years, and also the Midwest.

Bittersweet is the way **Janita Selman** describes her life since the last '59 news. Her brother, to whom she was very close, passed away after a long illness. She is still eyesight handicapped (legally blind in one eye) but thanks to her "brilliant" surgeon and her "you can't get me down" attitude, she is able to do most things except drive at night. Retirement after teaching 25 years of high school English is wonderful, giving her time to read things other than students' essays and to travel to California to visit her youngest daughter. She has also gone to Arabi, which she describes as a lovely place with extremely charming, pleasant, and accommodating islanders, with her sister-in-law, **Donna Duvall Selman '45**, who was alumni director at WMC for 20 years.

**Manfred Joeres** is well, still working two days a week, and is studying part time. He and his wife enjoy traveling and spent some time in Arizona and Florida recently visiting his siblings in the latter state. He hopes to do some boating this summer.

**Peggy Bond Warner** and her husband have traveled to Great Britain every year for the past 14 years, their "Florida substitute," she writes. They enjoy living in the North Country on Lake Champlain and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this summer.

**Ann Crisp Gardenhour** and her husband will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year with their sons and wives, and seven grandchildren in Utah Parks. They are well and travel a good part of the year but still spend time in the Catskills, just outside of Thurmont. She is active with the Federation Garden Club, National Symphony Orchestra's Women's Committee and friends of a lifetime.

**Dot Gross Grim** writes from Texas that she is back in good health after having had Lyme disease for two years. She credits a researcher using homeopathic in conquering the disease. She and her husband are looking forward to a cruise and then a stay in Florida, both with grandchildren. She is enjoying be-

## family

### The Adventure Begins

For **Chrissey Swanner '04** and **James Stull '02**, their marriage was just one milestone along the adventurous road of their new life together. On May 18, they settled on their house in Phoenix, Ariz., where Stull has been working since January as a special agent for the Department of Homeland Security. On May 23, Swanner graduated from nursing school. A few weeks after their simple wedding May 24 in Little Baker Chapel, Swanner planned to pack up her Chihuahua and drive West to join her new husband in their new home in time to begin a new hospital job working with heart patients July 9. The only thing not new is their love; the couple's romantic journey began five years ago after they were introduced by mutual friends.



THEE GOWN

# class notes

**George Schaeffer  
and his son  
received Grand  
Cross degrees  
as Knights of  
the British Empire  
when they  
were in London  
last fall.**

ing part of an orchestra and is still directing the Grace Alone singers and playing the organ for three services each week.

I had a long e-mail from **Carmela "Butch" DeFlora Veit** who says that she and her husband, Ed, are working their way through retirement. He is teaching writing courses at York College and she is supervising student teachers enrolled in the master's program at Hopkins and who are teaching in the city public high schools. She likes the interaction with the young teachers, suggesting approaches to instruction and lessons, as well as some thoughts on classroom management. It also allows her to continue the advocacy of public education and dedication to new teachers as they get started on their careers. Two of her daughters are living in Austin, Texas, one is a graphic designer and illustrator, and the other is an information architect. Their third daughter lives in York, Pa., where she is an assistant principal of West York High School. They like to share "school stories." She and Ed enjoy taking care of their vegetable and flower gardens and the camaraderie of friends in garden clubs and the community. They live in Hereford, which she calls the "north county" and where they were cited in mid-February.

Shrine activities continue to fill the life of **George Schaeffer**. He and his son received Grand Cross degrees as Knights of the British Empire when they were in London last fall. They had traveled extensively in Europe, visiting Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Spain and Paris. He finished a year as president of the Adams County Shrine Club in Gettysburg and serves as secretary of other Shrine clubs in Westminster and Union Bridge, where he lives. He was recently honored by his church, The Disciples of Christ, for having been a member for 50 years. He feels blessed with good health and his "little piece of heaven" in Union Bridge. He is looking forward to their 50th reunion.

**Melba Nels and Bruce Lee** are still enjoying life as retirees in a west Florida senior community. Both are actively involved in leading home Bible studies, golf and vocal groups. Bruce performs twice a year in theater productions and plays tennis weekly. They travel to England yearly now since their daughter and her family, who are missionaries, are now living there. They plan to go there in April via a cruise ship. During the summers they travel throughout the U.S. and Canada in their motor home and in January

they went to their son Dwayne's wedding in the Dominican Republic. They now have three "new" grandsons added to their daughter's four and their other son's three. That family lives near and they enjoy being "hands-on" grandparents.

**Jim Lewis** continues to work as a stock broker, leaving Wachovia in 2006 to join a firm in Philadelphia, Janney Montgomery Scott. He says he "plans on working until he can't remember where the office is." He likes what he does and enjoys his clients.

On a sad note, I'm sorry to relay the deaths of **Donald Connors** and **Dr. Harold Ira Conley**, both of whom passed away in 2006. **Ed Thigpen** passed away in May 2006. He was pastor of the Castanea United Methodist Church. We extend our sympathy to their families.

As for us, we continue to enjoy the 10 grandchildren (nine of them are 9 years old and younger), spending a week with them at Rehoboth Beach each summer. All live daughter recently moved to the Richmond area where her husband works as a district manager for Five Guys Famous Hamburgers and Fries (the best). Mark and his wife and family (two girls now 6 and 8, and twin boys, 4, and a cat) finished the renovations on their house in Bethesda and moved back after living with us for six months. There is something nice to be said about having your grandchildren near. John and his family are still in Montgomery Village. Dan and I spent summer, the highlight being a trip up into the Dolomites, north of Venice, to visit my mother's birthplace. We found my cousin and I had been there on our trip to Europe in 1963 (43 years ago – is that possible?) and she wrote me her recollections of that adventure. What memories that brought back! I am still teaching English as a second language in our international school. This year, in my program, there are children from 27 different countries speaking 24 different languages. We continue to enjoy good health and hope the same for you. Please keep in touch and come see us if you're in our area. We'd love to visit.

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## 1965

I heard from more classmates than ever this year and many of you responded that life is great, even those of you who have not retired. Thank you for all your responses.

After a number of years in customer service and sales for publishers, **Bruce Knapp** says it is good to be back in teaching. He is teaching English at Baltimore International College in downtown Baltimore. His wife,

**Leslie**, stays busy with real estate. **Ridge '96** and **Amny**, who graduated from Susquehanna University in 2002, are both in the hospitality industry. Amny works in Rome, where Bruce spent a wonderful 10 days visiting with her over Christmas 2006.

**James Hackett, Jr.** retired last year from a career in insurance data processing. He and his wife have lived in White Hall, Md., since 1978 and have bought a beach house in Emerald Isle, N.C., where they spend time with their four grown children and three grandchildren.

**Barbara Nolan Haroz** sends greetings from Shirley, Mass., a small New England town with lots of stone walls, gardens and nor'easters. Her son Carlin, 35, works in development at Brandeis University for the past 7 years. Her favorite vacation places are Cape Cod, Portland, Maine, and Baltimore.

**Rex Walker** and his wife, **Carole**, are living on Long Beach Island, N.J. They spend a lot of time babysitting grandchildren, **Tyler** and **Tori**. Rex is still in real estate.

**Gil Smink** writes from Colorado. He and **Sharon** are enjoying retirement. They travel to Mexico each fall for three weeks and have been all over the West since retiring. They even came back East last year to D.C., Baltimore and to Westminster, where Gil's brother lives. Gil says he is still skiing. **Anthony Magnetto** is working full time at Prince George's Community College in Maryland teaching computer hardware and repair. (Note: if you go to his web page, turn down your volume control! I tried it at 1 a.m. and nearly jumped out of my skin.) He spends time with his grandchildren: twin boys, 6, and a girl, 4; he rides his motorcycle, goes sailing and stays active with the D.C. hand dance club. Tony stays in touch with **Stan Makover**, **Danny and Judy Hobart Pearson**, **Jim and Martha Terlizi**, **68 Shaw**, **Sam and Alice Weller**, **64 Leishure**, **Rex Walker**, **Fred Wooden '64**, **George Fulton** and **Doug MacCwan**. Maybe Tony should write this column.

Dental director for **Care First**, **Blue Cross Blue Shield**, health care policy advocate and president, **Society of Primary Care Policy Fellows**, **Gary Colangelo** is building a retirement home in Rehoboth Beach, Del. He also enjoys gardening and sailing in the Virgin Islands and the Chesapeake Bay.

**Liz Hansen Cockerham** has been busy traveling in spite of a knee replacement in 2006. Her husband, **Kent**, was hit while riding his bicycle the next month and with three good legs. Liz and her sister have traveled to Slovenia and Croatia and taken a cruise on the Rhine River in the south of France. Their children are all close by and doing well.

**Dr. Edwin Welch** received the first ever Charles L. Foreman award for innovation in private higher education presented by the Foundation for Independent Higher Education in a ceremony in Portland, Ore., in May

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'06. The previous week he was honored by his own board of trustees at the University of Charleston (W.Va.) at a black tie dinner where a full-length portrait of him by nationally acclaimed portrait artist Richard Whitney was unveiled. Edwin has been president of the University of Charleston for 18 years.

Sad news from Dr. Jerry Dickey who reports that his wife **Kathie Ravelli Dickey** died Dec. 3, 2006, after many years of declining health.

**Colin Thacker** retired after 40 years in environmental health. He stays busy trying to raise an adopted daughter. He enjoys playing racquetball three or four times a week.

**George Harmeyer, MC Ret. USA.**, and his wife, Phyllis, are living in northern Virginia. George has been retired from the Army for seven years. He is still working full time for ALCON, a defense contractor, so stays in touch with what the military is doing. He and Phyllis have renovated a home in central Texas where they plan to spend part of the year. His son Will has moved to Wilmington, N.C., where he works for ALLTEL Wireless.

**Art Lange** has recently moved to Orcas Island, a remote island in Washington State, north of Vancouver Island, Canada. It is a beautiful location and Art loves the people, the place and the pace. He is semi-retired from the management consulting business and serves on the boards of the local medical association and the arts/cultural center. It's great to be able to give something back to your community in a place where it really matters. Art is currently living alone. His daughter is going to Sonoma State University in California. Art reports a great visit with **Dennis Amico** and his wonderful family recently. Dennis had not changed one bit. Art still loves to go on fishing expeditions to Mexico and Alaska and still loves the game of football in spite of the toll it has taken over the years.

**Eric Wagner** retired from the Internal Revenue Service in January '06 after close to 40 years in service including active military time. He is currently working part time at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., and substitute teaching at Frederick County public schools. Eric enjoys golf and running in his spare time. His wife, Lynn, also works full time at Shenandoah. His son, Brent, is in graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University and his daughter, Kellie, attends Shepherd University where she is a member of the women's soccer team. Eric moved to Winchester from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1996.

**Stan Makover** and Jerry are enjoying retirement. They spend the winters in Florida and the rest of the year in New York with their eight grandchildren. Stan still runs the athletic department in a day camp and plays tennis five days a week. Stan and Judy recently spent the weekend with **Tony Magnotto** in D.C. and had a great time.

**Marilyn Hahnfeldt Wockley** and Ray '63 became grandparents for the first time on Janu-

ary 17 when their son and his wife had a baby boy. Marilyn has been at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md., for 24 years and is currently serving as an assistant principal and director of student life. She plans to retire in June '08. Ray is "mostly" retired already. They still like spending as much of the summer as possible at their beach house in Bethany Beach, Del. Ray's WMC roommate **Allen Jones '63** and his wife, Kristin, have retired in the Bethany area, and they enjoy getting together with them. Ray and Marilyn invite anyone who is in the area to look them up during the summer months.

**Carole Price Frederick** wrote to catch us up on what she has been doing for the last 41 years. She taught music in Anne Arundel County and retired in 1968. Since then she has been called back almost every year to teach in various high schools and is just now retired. Currently she is teaching two piano classes at Severna Park High School and looking forward to seeing what next year will bring in that regard. Her main hobby is playing bridge (duplicate and party) and she has met many wonderful people in that pursuit. (Bridge lessons were a gift to herself for quitting smoking in 1981. Congratulations Carole!) Her son, daughter-in-law, and two grandsons live behind her so she has the good fortune of having them near. They have become friends with a French family so a trip to France is in the offing. Currently Carole has a nephew, **Gibbs Preston '80**, attending McDaniel, as did his father, **Bruce Preston '75**. Carole is looking forward to a bridge tournament on the Hill some day.

**Joan Smith Carvin** and Ron will be moving from Maryland to a log home in Bradford, Vt., this summer. With both their sons and their families having recently relocated to Vermont (Allan from Oregon, Eric from South Carolina), it was only natural for them to follow so they can be together as a family again. Ron will continue working from his home office as an automotive consultant, and Joan is retiring from real estate after 23 years. Both of them are looking forward to a slower pace of life, being near their four grandchildren and enjoying Vermont's beautiful winters.

**Dianne Briggs Martin** has returned to Dubai, UAE, for another year at Zayed University where she is dean of the college of information technology for two campuses. She has the exciting job of convincing young Emirati women that their country needs more national IT experts and that IT is the field for them. **Husband Dave '62** is at home in Washington, D.C., running the non-profit Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund. Son Charles works in IT services at George Washington University. Daughter Jenny, husband Pete, Ruby, 4, and Bud, 2, still live in Durham, N.C. Dave and Dianne made wonderful trips to Oman and Kenya this past year.

**Sylvia White Winterling** continues to live in Alexandria, Va., but recently moved to a

condo from her home near Mount Vernon. She started her own company, IMPACT, Inc., three years ago producing medical education programs for physicians. Most programs are broadcast via satellite and Webcast to a national audience. At her "advanced age," (her words!) she is learning lots of new technology. She has also become a biker (as in bicycle) and ridden in several long distance rides in the U.S. and several biking vacations in Ireland and France and plans to go to Tuscany this fall. Both of her children are also in Alexandria; her son is a chef and her daughter manages an interior design store. No grandchildren, no spouse and no pets.

**Connie Bue Schlee** is living downtown in Frederick and enjoying semi-retirement. She works part time at the best gallery and framing shop in town, McGuire Fine Arts, but really has enjoyed pursuing her art at her home studio. She participates in shows, sells her art locally and takes workshops and classes when she can. She has also joined organizations involved in art. Connie planned to go to France with some other artists in May to paint in Auver-sur-Oise (where Van Gogh painted his last 70 paintings) and Giverny, Monet's gardens and home. She has done some traveling with her other half, Al, to Florida. They have a home in Sarasota and have family and friends there. They visited with **Fran Sybert '65** and **Jerry '63** Baroch on several trips to Sarasota including a trip with **Carole Price Frederick**. Carole and Connie have had lunch with **Susan Snodgrass** and keep in touch with her. Connie and Al hope to become "snow birds" in a few years when Al retires from Hood College. In the meantime, they spend their summers in Bethany Beach, Del. Connie's daughter, Lauren, and family now live near Ft. Lauderdale, so several trips have been made to that coast of Florida to see her youngest grand-boys, Riley and Evan. Chris and his family are in the Frederick area, so she sees her older grand boys Cory and Collin often.

**John Whitworth McIntyre** writes that life is busy and full of interesting experiences these days. Her husband, John, retired from practicing orthopedic surgery several years ago and is working with two of their sons in their various businesses. They have four sons, all grown now and involved in their careers. John, the oldest, is the founder of RealClearPolitics.com, a political website out of Chicago. He is married and has two little girls, 4 and 2. Philip, their second son, has started a film production company. He is also married and has twins, a boy and a girl, S. Thomas, their third son, is a general surgeon at King's County Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y. He is also associated with "Doctors Without Borders" and spent two weeks in Mozambique last summer doing surgery. James, their youngest, just finished his MBA at Columbia and is working for a hedge fund in New York. Nancy has not worked for close to five years; she was in admissions at Friends

# family

## WE DID!

### Wedding vows exchanged this season:

**David Castellano '89** to **Rebecca Campbell** on November 25, 2006. They reside in Glen Burnie, Md.

**Kevin Buckley '99** to **Beth Budny '99** on September 30, 2006. They reside in Greencastle, Pa.

**Julie Bittel '00** to **Alexander Humphrey** on September 23, 2006. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

**Amy Horin '01** to **John Bekpo** on April 14, 2006. They reside in Keller, Texas

**Kali Hosford '01** to **Christopher Hille** on June 10, 2006. They reside in Keene, N.H.

**Shauna Oplinger '01** to **Mike Thomas** on April 22, 2006. They reside in North Wales, Pa.

**Erin Owen '01** to **Charles Cassell** on May 28, 2005. They reside in Columbia, Md.

**Jon Renaut '01** to **Barbara Sheehy** on August 19, 2006. They reside in Washington, D.C.

**Claire Richardson '01** to **Gregg Shelton '02** on June 17, 2006. They reside in Wilmington, Del.

**Adrienne Doerrmann '02** to **Ross Reader '03** on May 3, 2007. They reside in Miami, Fla.

**Erin Dolan '03** to **Jay Stine '03** on November 11, 2006. They reside in Catonsville, Md.

**Erin Friday '03** to **Jason Dettler** on October 14, 2006. They reside in Dover, Pa.

**Jen Carbaugh '07** to **Blair Johnson** on February 17, 2007. They reside in Westminster, Md.



# class notes

**Ben Laurence is vice president of sales at USA Today. One of his responsibilities is international sales, and with the home now void of kids and animals, he usually tries to take his wife, Christa, with him on these overseas trips.**

School in Baltimore, where they have lived since 1978. Nancy, **Mara Dilson Walter**, **Sue Snodgrass Case**, and **Claire Rolker Oates** live in the same area and keep up on a regular basis.

**De Margerie Engel** and **Steve Boyle** are celebrating their 20th anniversary and respective retirements. They are flying to Hong Kong and cruising from there to Cairo, Egypt, with all the requisite stops in between: several days in Vietnam, Singapore, Bangkok, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, India (including the Taj Mahal), Oman, Dubai (where they will spend an evening with **Dianne Briggs Martin**), Luxor, Petra, Sinai, Suez Canal, and then several days in Cairo/Alexandria and pyramidal environs before flying home. Their five daughters, including **Beth Waldron '91**, have given them nine grandchildren between the "terrible twos" and hormone-angst 15-year-old teens. Margorie and Steve spend their summers in Tenants Harbor, Maine, and winters in Green Valley, Ariz. (south of Tucson) where Marge finally has time to work on her novel.

**Tom and Debbie Dudley Michaels** celebrated their 40th anniversary in August about Holland America's Zuidendam on a cruise to Alaska, a place they never expect to sail on to their own "Sunshine." Debbie retired from her full-time position as reference librarian at the local community college in Wilmington, N.C., on Dec. 31 and will return part time in the fall semester. Tom continues to manage drug delivery projects for clients in the pharmaceutical industry and is delivering papers at conferences in the U.S. and Germany during 2007. They both look forward to a trip to Maine this coming summer to attend a marriage in the family of **Joyce Russell Miller** and **Jim Miller**.

**Elaine Gardiner Taylor** tells me the highlight of 2006 was a trip to South China with a group of geologists and hydrologists. Although the focus of the trip (based in Guilin and Yangshuo) were the caves in the karst hills along the Li River, her interest was centered on the fantastic scenery of those hills, camera in hand. With nine nights in the area, she was able to enjoy this special location for more time than the usual China tour might offer. They also visited The Great Wall, which was more awesome than she had expected.

"Wow! Only eight more years till our 50th reunion," writes **Carla Smith Moson**. She lives in Los Angeles, but hopes that by then, her schedule will be more sane and she will be able to make the reunion. She retired in 2001 but decided to go back to work in 2002 and is working full time at the Citizens Commission on Human Rights, a non-profit organization. Her husband, Rick Moson, and their two kids are all doing great, but no grandchildren yet, though their son Brian, 28, is married. In addition to work, they enjoy jogging on trails with their 13-year-old dog.

I think this is the first time we have heard from **Ben Laurence**. He is working for USA Today as vice president of sales. One of his re-

sponsibilities is international sales, and with the home now void of kids and animals, he usually tries to take his wife, Christa, with him on these overseas trips. In late winter, they were off to Europe. Last year they did England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Korea, Japan, China and Hong Kong. Ben also says The Great Wall is the most memorable thing he has ever seen, especially if you consider when it was built and how it was built. On the home front, they really enjoy their two grandchildren and look forward to more from their other two children. Ben and Christa are living in Hanover in the 1890s farm house which they restored. This was Ben's great-grandparents' house which has remained in the family. They are very proud to have been able to restore it to modern-day amenities with much love and much cash. During the week, they live in their townhouse in the D.C. suburbs of Maryland. Ben says the change of pace during the weekend has added longevity to his career. Plus, he is a bit uncertain about retirement.

**Jerry Wickline** retired after 40 years of full-time ministry in the United Methodist Church. He and **Pam Gebhard Wickline '68** moved to Timonium, Md., where Pam continues her private psychotherapy practice. Jerry reports they are having fun traveling to visit their youngest daughter, Sarah, and her family in Wrentham, Mass. Oldest daughter, **Abbi Wickline Bayne '94**, and her family live in Wrentham, Md. There are four grandchildren, two in Maryland and two in Massachusetts. Recent trips were to Ireland and Cape Cod. Jerry and Pam are also having a good time traveling in their 1977 MGB roadster and raising an Old English sheepdog puppy. Life is good. They recently visited the Hill for the Valentine Dinner and visited with **Ira '52** and **Mary Dadd '49 Zepp**.

**Ed Earp** and his wife, Annie moved to Hill-crope Lakes, Texas, in the summer of '05 to be close to Annie's aging parents. They live in a small residential area about 45 miles north of the Texas Aggies. They are active in retirement with the volunteer EMS service and from Millersville University in December '06 and is now in Austin, and son JP is a sophomore at Lycoming and big into lacrosse.

**Tom Bloom** was in Baltimore in February rehearsing for O'Neill's *Ah Wilderness* at Centric, and I had a nice visit with Tom when he made a side trip to Salisbury. The last couple of years have found Tom acting in shows in Minneapolis, New Haven, Hartford, Baltimore and Cape Cod, as well as in New York. A recent movie, *Joshua*, should be out in the summer of '07. He also appears in the occasional *Law & Order* and other TV shows.

**Ginny Krebs Wright** retired in June '03 after teaching for 12 years in St. Charles, Ill. Her husband, Steve, was dog hunting and the best

offer came from HSBC bank in California so they were off to the sunny state in December. She feels as if they have been on a three-year vacation. They settled just south of Salinas and Ginny has been able to get back to her hobbies of quilting, gardening and crafting. She has been to Oregon, Lake Tahoe and southern California for quilt-related events and has won several ribbons at the Monterey Peninsula Quilt Shows. Since their children and grandson are still in the Chicago area, they are in the process of selling their house and moving back to Illinois. Daughter Kim is in St. Charles and Christa, 29, is in Chicago. The Wrights still own a lake home in northern Indiana.

**Pat Mullinix** and **Bud Pead** enjoy beautiful, rural Garrett County, Md., except that they get tired of the snow. Their accumulated tot for the first six weeks of 2007 was 70 inches. Pat is still working for the Garrett County Board of Education, but expects July '07 to mark her retirement. It's time to travel and do some other things that the work schedule doesn't allow time for. As their vacation escape, they bought a small townhouse this past summer on the Isle of Man in the middle of the Irish Sea. Their house is in Castletown, a quiet village on the southern coast with a 12th-century castle in the middle of the town square. It's a lovely, magical spot.

**Carolyn Dowell Mohler** continues to work as the client service manager for the Calvert County Office on Aging. She is also thoroughly enjoying her three grandchildren.

**Sandra Rooder Singer** remains in St. Louis, Mo., where she works for a not-for-profit, The Singer Institute. She has worked with various programs of this small agency since the fall of 1972. At present, their main program has the mission to improve the quality of life of isolated nursing home residents and the quality of life of those younger seniors whom they train to be relational volunteers/companions to befriended residents. Sandra hopes to come east this spring or summer. She is a full-time care giver. She also does Tai Chi and is very interested in the Bridges small group process based on Thomas Merton's contemplative living. Recently, she helped celebrate **Ira Zepp's '52** birthday with **Janet Shanholzer Brennan '64** at Baugher.

**Leahab Wreiter** is currently the chairperson of the Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Commission and secretary of the Morro Bay Friends of the Library. She also tutors in English as a Second Language. She and her husband have traveled to Hawaii, Maui and the Galapagos Islands. Visiting the Galapagos Islands was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. When they returned, they had to rely on photos from friends, because when her husband went to transfer their from the camera to the computer he made them disappear. They continue to enjoy their children and two grandchildren, 4 and 6. If you are driving up the coast of California between Los



Angeles and San Francisco be sure to stop in on your way. Their door is always open and their two potbelly piggies are always ready to greet all who come by.

**Pamela Wolfe Robbier** is still working as a proposal writer and manager at IBM and still living in her home in the Historic District of Annapolis following the sudden death of her husband, Jerry Powell, in April '05. She expects to become a grandmother twice in 2007. Her son, Giles Robbier, and wife Meredith and her daughter, Nicole Robbier Fickes, and husband Andy are both expecting. Pam also has four grandchildren by her stepson, Dr. Allen Powell, who lives in the Dallas area.

**Sherry Fischer Manning and Charles Manning** are surprised by the number of their friends who are entering retirement: new homes in Arizona, more golf and sailing, more time to read the *New York Times*. Sherry says they have always been late bloomers, and may be late bloomers to retirement, as well. Charles continues to serve the state of Tennessee as chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the sixth-largest system of higher education in the country. For the last 20 years, Sherry has continued to serve hundreds of colleges, universities and independent schools in managing telecommunications applications on their campuses. Two years ago, she sold the company, ECCT, to a larger, public network services provider, but continues as their president and continues to work with their schools. This year Charles and Sherry have celebrated three great enthusiasms: (1) Sherry was invited to join the Board of Trustees of McDaniel College; (2) They bought the Hambleton Inn, a wonderful bed and breakfast right on the water in St. Michaels, Md.; and (3) They celebrated their 40th anniversary! So while many of their friends are extolling the virtues of retirement, Charles and Sherry, ever the contrarians (her words), are embracing the third third of their lives in a different way, but having a lot of fun, too! For any alumni, faculty and staff of McDaniel College, who have even the most remote interest in visiting St. Michaels, please call them at the Hambleton Inn; they offer a family discount to everyone at McDaniel, and would love to see you.

**James Jones** has retired from the tire business and now lives in Sarasota, Fla., where he does handyman work. And his wife-enjoy travel, the arts and film.

**Mary Ellen Graybill** transferred to Towson State College from WMC and sends a special "hi" to classmates on the Hill she remembers from 1961-1965. Her English teacher Mrs. Edith Ridington inspired her in writing: "Puppy" Hurt in political science, and the memory of the breezy Hill stays with her. In April, she had a freelance feature in the Carroll County tabloid of the *Baltimore Sun* on the Opera House at 140 E. Main Street, now a printing company, with a rich history since 1854. She learned during the writing that the

building was once the site of citizens in Westminster and county taking their Oath of Loyalty after the cavalry skirmish called Corbit's Charge. She also learned that the Commons where the College was to be built was once the site of the Union soldiers' camp, as well as other patriotic events prior to 1867 when the College was built. Mary Ellen continues to enjoy writing features for many counties in Maryland and also teaching piano.

I am an assistant director at the Wisconsin Public Library in Salisbury and continue to lead automation there. I enjoy being active in a local quilt guild and am currently serving as president of the neighborhood association for our historic district.

It was good to hear how much you like reading the news of your classmates and I appreciate all of you who took the time to respond.

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## 1972

A few years back, the College was exhorting folks to "Think Dangleless" well. We've learned a couple of dangerous things in writing this column. One is that whining works. Egad, My desperate pleas brought news out of the woodwork (I suspect just to shut me up, but hey, whatever works) and quarters not heard from in ages. I am just now emerging, groundhog like, from the pile of cards and e-mail printouts. Second, I learned that procrastination can be your friend. It took me so long to get around to actually writing this column that all those procrastinators among us who thought they were way too late to make it into print were more than on time. I can see them now, typing furiously onto their laptops, attempting to avoid my fictionalized accounts. Believe me, with what I got, who needs to make things up?

My desperation did prompt a first ever letter from "probably" (more like positively, she says) the oldest member of the class." You just don't get a letter like this every day, especially "the first letter I have typed in over 50 years." By the time **Jane Lusier Strong** joined us on the Hill to get her degree while working as the first housemother at Whiteford Hall, she had already had kids and been working out in the Yukon Territory as a government social worker. Detesting the bureaucracy, she quit, headed home, and threw in her lot with us. "With the help of the other students," she graduated at age 51, and then returned to the Yukon, this time working in community development. "The Yukon Native Brotherhood assigned me to various Indian villages," she says, "where I lived in log cabins, hauled water from the river and the chopped wood for fire. I helped the people organize their councils, banks, budget accounts and outwit the Department of Indian Affairs." Jane retired in 1984 and came home

again to the Eastern Shore where she joined the American Legion (WWII). With family nearby, she lives on Grey's Inn Creek in Rock Hall and until last year was a volunteer tutor at the elementary school. Jane has four living children, 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. For those students in Whiteford Hall, she says, "I need to thank those beautiful young women for getting me out of bed for 8 o'clock classes and letting me in a window (Gasp!) when I was locked out after hours." Who knew? You rock, Jane!

**Gloria Phillips Wren** had only had one interesting thing to report — that she co-led a study tour of India in the summer of 2007. Ho-Hum. When she wrote, she was boning up on her Indian and despairing at exactly how many dialects she needed to master. "Oh my, she said, "and I'm supposed to be a leader..."

**Cathy Staveland** doesn't have much going on either. In March '07, she celebrated 20 years in her solo law practice in Annapolis, focusing on Elder Law issues, such as paying for nursing homes and medical directive related issues. She is also finishing a year as chair of the elder law section of the Maryland State Bar Association and she currently serves on the Commission on Aging for the City of Annapolis, and is active on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Quality Care at End of Life, which recently revised Maryland's Advance Directive forms. Cathy crosses paths with **Cathy McCullough Shultz**, working away at the Attorney General's office, and **Mike Schultz** who hangs out with some of Cathy's sailing buddies. Yes, sailing. In her free time (she swears she has some), Cathy sails competitively on the Chesapeake Bay. When she's really feeling adventurous, she heads for the East Coast of the U.S., Newfoundland, the Inner Hebrides and the Normandy Coast. She also made it to England — by land — and checked out the "serious navigational instruments" at Greenwich.

Speaking of **Cathy McCullough and Mike Shultz**, I caught Cathy at a "weak moment" — on the computer on a snowy Sunday afternoon: "Yes! I love when that happens. Hanging out in North East, Md., with granddaughters, Camden, 3, and Rory, 1, is high on the priority list for her and Mike (I'm sure their son, Christopher, and daughter-in-law are fun, too). Daughter Ellen lives in London and travels the world for her job. Mike has his own business these days, Market Street Communications, and is doing well. He helped with the successful effort to get Congress to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail in the Chesapeake Bay. After the 2006 election, Cathy was asked by new Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley to serve as acting secretary of the Department of Human Resources. Maryland's social services agency, where the new secretary was in place. While it was a "great opportunity to see the beginning of a new administration," she also learned that it

# family

## ARRIVED

**Family additions this season:**

**Caroline Rachel Kohr**, on January 16, 2007, to Scott '83 and Lynn Stone '88 Kohr.

**Quinn Favorite**, in July 2006, to Jonathan '89 and Heather Favorite.

**Alyson Rose Panettiere**, on June 17, 2006, to Brian '89 and Nan Panettiere.

**Otto Cardoso**, on January 15, 2007, to Augusto and Kim Hildebrand '91 Cardoso.

**Makenna Lee Haack**, on September 15, 2006, to Jeremy and Melyssa Denney '92 Haack.

**John Charles Blackford**, on July 18, 2006, to Robert and Carol White '93 Blackford.

**Callie Chesney**, on August 10, 2006, to Ronald '93 and Courtney Sullivan '96 Chesney.

**McKenna McGuirk Drawbaugh**, on March 21, 2007, to Travis and Mary McGuirk '93 Drawbaugh.

**Paige Elizabeth Euler**, on November 17, 2006, to Eric '93 and Kimberly Euler.

**Matthias Aaron Hopkins**, on January 21, 2007, to Aaron and Mary Lafferty '93 Hopkins.

**Liam John McGrellis**, on December 8, 2006, to Nick and Michelle Miller '93 McGrellis.

**Thomas O'Neill Jr.**, on November 19, 2006, to Tom and Carla Castagna '93 O'Neill.

**Lydia Annmarie Wester**, on March 3, 2007, to James and Martha Shaver '93 Wester.

**Camryn Storey**, on September 7, 2006, to David '95 and Penny Haines '93 Storey.

**Noah Robert McMath**, on January 17, 2007, to John and Sarah Ensor '96 McMath.

**Alexander Michael Chapin**, on February 7, 2007, to Ryan and Sonia Story '97 Chapin.

**Kendall Whynne Charchut**, on March 17, 2007, to Steven and Heather Huffer '98 Charchut.

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# Virginia Tech Tragedy Hits Too Close to Home

Bob Merrey '71 celebrated with his wife, Karen, the miracle of their daughter Caroline's graduation from Virginia Tech May 11. Caroline, an engineering major, narrowly escaped a gunman's bullets during an April 16 shooting rampage that resulted in the deaths of 32 of his victims.

While her professor, Liviu Librescu, blocked the classroom door so that his students could escape, Caroline jumped from a second-floor window. She was injured but alive; her 76-year-old professor, a Holocaust survivor, was slain.

"Commencement is going to be bittersweet because Professor Librescu said that at her graduation no one was going to be clapping louder for her than he was," Merrey said prior to the ceremony.

In the days following the shootings, the McDaniel College community, along with scores of campuses around the country, sent banners covered with personal words of encouragement to Virginia Tech. After the Merreys were featured in an Associated Press story that ran in newspapers worldwide, the family received e-mails of support from as far away as India, the Philippines and Germany.

"This has strengthened Caroline's feeling about the Hokie family. If anything, the entire community has drawn closer and become more unified," Merrey said.

"It is wonderful to be able to say 'do it' as the person in charge, rather than 'I recommend that you do it' as a lawyer." Cathy had a chance to spend some time with Tracy Beglin Zigo and Shirley Stroup a while back. Both are doing well, she reports, and contemplating retirement from their respective school systems. While they were visiting Tracy's parents, Bob '43 and Rick Haller '46 Beglin, Bob took them for a ride in his 1921 Model T. Cathy begs Bob's forgiveness if he got that year wrong. Bet he had as much fun as they did. And Gary Wichter thought Mike and Cathy might want to know that grandchild number one arrived in June in Charlotte, N. C. Now we all know!

Glenn Hopkins always writes in stream of consciousness and I just go along for the ride. "Please tell everybody," Glenn says, "that I have a half hour Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt Play. (All you need to do is)...just get an elegant but feisty lady to read it and somebody to take ten bucks at the door." Glenn's son, Buckley, is 34 and works in Japan placing graduates of a culinary school in San Francisco. Daughter Choice is 30 and in school in Santa Monica. If you were at our 30th Reunion, and can remember back that far, you heard Glenn's wife, Christina, play the organ in Little Baker. She is learning Liebetot by

Wagner, arranged by Liszt, although she is more interested in real estate now. If you want to find a place in the Los Angeles area, cover that deep breathing can keep blood pressure down. Meanwhile, "Del Palmer says my little collection of poems and journal and stuff reminds him of John Dos Passos. Must check that out. My theatre group (www.mootney.org) celebrated its 30th year with a repertoire of three of my plays last summer. Glenn's mom, alas, has Alzheimer's and we want to have her in our little guest house. She's not ready yet, so any of you pals are welcome to stay over." Steve McSweeney '72 drops by and Glenn says "he's perky" Glenn didn't make our reunion (weep, weep) but did make it to a gathering at Jim and Cathy Walter '73 Hobart's where he caught up with a lot of GRX pals. In closing, Glenn says "Coochy-coo to everybody. Think of L.A. when you're stuck in the snow."

As I was trying to process all of Glenn's prose, out of the blue came an e-mail from Peter Johnson. "Zapper," he said, "it seems I haven't talked to you for at least 35 years! I need to whine more often. Anyway, Peter I didn't think it was so bad that he listed Glenn as his spouse in last year's reunion directory, but as he reports from a visit to chez Hopkins, Glenn found the idea "abhorrent." After all, Peter notes, "I only weigh 185 pounds, I'm still kinda cute, I've got a perky personality, and I own my own business. What's not to like?" What indeed? He assures us that the only similarity between his relationship with sex and they don't talk to each other very often. "Any other similarities are strictly coincidental."

Meanwhile, back at the ranch — I'm not making this up. We're talking the largest buffalo ranch in Idaho and right smack in the middle of it is owner/cowgirl Marie LaPorte. Tuhiil having a grand time. Based in San Diego, Marie has been widowed for about four years and she and her son, 31, run the family real estate development business. They speculate in neighborhoods and are doing well. Kind of makes you want to re-evaluate yours, doesn't it?

Betty Tokar Nitchie started off with family news, not too out of the ordinary, until you get to the part about New Zealand. Her daughter, Katie, spent her last semester of automobiles later, Betty was there and hopping much. Despite global warming, she found winters on record in New Zealand, but has back to back to tell the tale. Katie made it College with a degree in film production. She is working for a TV commercial production company in Beverly, Mass. Oldest son

Chris married a schoolteacher last year and is an engineer for Terra Tech near Boston. Middle child, Scott, had a long hospital stay last year but is home and doing well. And many years of guidance counseling are in front of Betty before retirement. Just as I thought she was wrapping up, Betty got mysterious. It seems Jan Sharper Almquist has found herself selling real estate to some Hollywood stars in Delaware. Go figure. Anyway, Jan invited Betty to join her at a private birthday party in New York City for a client. They are sworn to secrecy as to the identity of the birthday boy/girl, but the party, she reports, was over the top. Jan didn't write this time. Maybe that means she's still partying.

Speaking of mystery, Mary Lou O'Neill Hoopes has been rubbing elbows with some counter espionage agents. Her nephews, Eric and David, wrote and sold the movie script for the film, *Breach*, released by Universal Studios. Eric was the young FBI agent who helped bust and capture Robert Hansen, one of the most notorious U.S. spies ever. Really. He is played by Ryan Reynolds in the movie. Her own kids aren't chasing spies, but Jen is engaged and Rachel just started college last year. Looking for adventure — and perhaps some romance — Mary Lou and Jim went to Rome for a little business, a little fun.

Contemplating my devious mind, Donna March Zeller dashed off an e-mail upon her return from Hawaii. The whole family had been planning a vacation to Maui when her daughter — a month before departure — decided Maui would make for a great destination wedding. So much for relaxation. Donna reports that "after a month of hectic planning to arrange the wedding, but the dress and get her future in-laws there as well, it all went well and we survived." Somewhere in there was mention of a 2-year-old grandson.

Candy Cooper Fairbanks, who shared a triple in Blumline Ward with Mary Lou O'Neill Hoopes and Donna March Zeller, is schilling in North Carolina, still working at the Wal-Mart pharmacy and trying to figure out how she is managing to stay healthy given the number of sick people she deals with every day. She is missing her husband, John, but best friend for 33 years, but heads on up to West Virginia whenever she gets a chance to spend time with family. As I recall, Candy lives just about on a golf course — and she's out there in search of birdies every chance she gets.

It seems each of these columns contains some sadness. News of passings is never easy to read. Dottie Inley Ansell let me know that Pam Baldwin passed just a week before my postcard arrived after a four-year battle with ovarian cancer. Pam had a wonderful and long career at Yale University and because of those connections had access to cutting edge medical treatment. Gifts in Pam's honor may be made to Discovery to Cure, c/o Renee Luongo, PO Box 208063, New Haven, CT

I last saw Pam a few years back and I am so glad we had a chance to talk; she was enjoying life. **Lorraine Lamaina Misk** and **Dottie** had been in close touch with Pam and were able to do a three-way call with her, for which they were all grateful. Lorraine reminds us that "there's something to be said for friendships forged in college days." Amen.

**Susan Seney** says that in Seattle "life is low key, due to disabling fibromyalgia, but joy comes in celebrating family and music." Son **Nathan's** family has moved to Seattle, and a second grandchild is on the way. Ethan married Beth on the Chesapeake Bay back in 2006. Susan's partner, **Dorothy Van Soest**, has written a novel, *Shelley's Trifecta*, which is getting rave reviews. When Susan was writing the daffodils were up and she was dreaming of "giving peas a chance another spring."

**Joe Powell** checked in to say he doesn't envy me, but with writing this column and all, "It's hard enough to get kids to do what you want, let alone adults!" he mused. Joe is teaching music at the Oakland School in south Jersey, while contemplating places he and Linda can retire in four years. Oldest son **Tim** is in Orlando (where Dad would like to keep visiting) and **Dan 'oo** is in Detroit getting a master's in accounting. Adam, the youngest, graduated from Rutgers last year and had a summer internship turn into a full-time job with a firm that supplies the University of Pennsylvania with temporary IT specialists. Joe is still smacking tennis balls and frightening fish in whatever lake he can find. And he's real happy to have written that last tuition check.

A few folks took me quite literally. In response to my plea for "juicy tidbits," **Bill Calvert** says he and his family are alive and well in Connecticut, where the only thing juicy is Florida orange juice.

And I did tell you (crazed as I was) that you could send me your grocery lists. Well, **Steve Kaplan** wrote that he's now "working on a grocery list on a full-time basis." Having sold his nine Subway shops, he's opened a grocery store. But this ain't just any grocery store. It specializes in "food grown and raised in Oklahoma, delivered directly to the store from small farms within a short distance in Norman, OK." If you're in the area, stop by the Native Roots Market, and Steve says he'll "fit you up with some buffalo meat or some Stratford peaches."

I did get an actual grocery list, of sorts, from **Sue Sherner Severs**. Her "grocery list for a bountiful banquet: one pound family (Eric, daughter Laura and son-in-law Andy, Daughter Ellen, parents, siblings); one tablespoon miniature dachshund; two cups new house and new neighbors, well mixed; one liter travel (Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey), seasoned with Fall; one-half cup of sorrow (newborn grandson and 101-year-old Grand-

ma's death); 12 scoops of retirement; one gagful of church, Bible study and choir; one bottle of spiracles (scrapbooking); and 12 boxes of God's love."

**Gary Scholl** wrote to tell me he would have written if there were any news in the Scholl world. "Kids in college, pow wow at John Carroll, wood stove, new puppy, blah, blah, blah. If I had something worth printing," he said, "I surely would let you know."

Meanwhile, **Kathy Warnefeltz Keeney** launched into some fantasies while wishing she had something exciting to report. Her visions turned to "winning the lottery, having a new, fully furnished house complete with a chauffeur to drive her around, and a lifetime of free utilities, groceries..." She sort of trailed off there and realized that she had to confess to having retired after 25 years as a school librarian. Doesn't sound like she's going to be bored. Kathy plans to hone her photography skills a little writing, and just see what happens along the way. I think I feel that reverie returning!

Not having retired, **Viwea Mummett Michaelis** is still teaching math. "Thirty-five years now," she says, "and this year I've branched out to teach both AB and BC levels" (you teacher types surely know what she means). She still loves it, but loathes the 20-mile commute morning and evening. Viv did have time, though, to help her daughter Erin make an authentic 18th-Century wedding gown for her re-enactment wedding in Williamsburg. Her husband is an officer in the 3rd Maryland Regiment.

**Barbara Shipley Guthrie** sort of retired. She left the Carroll County Public Schools where she was supervisor of guidance. But "now I have five jobs," she says, that include teaching at Villa Julie College in the human services program and at McDaniel in the graduate counseling program. Barb still does some consulting for her old friends at the Board of Education and she's doing some on-line work with an online diploma program. Plus, she does student record reviews for the Maryland State Department of Education. Yup, I think that's five. But that's just the stuff she gets paid for. Barb also does a lot in the community, serving on the board of the local Historical Society and working with the Stacey Davis Breast Cancer Fund. Best of all, though, is she has time to get "Sammy on the bus, be home with him on snow days and volunteer at his school." Barb and Steve have been married for 17 years and he hasn't retired yet. He's assistant superintendent of schools in Carroll County. Barb's daughters are both married. Laura lives in Westminster and is a middle school counselor, while Jessica lives in Harford County and tutors Spanish and French. Jessica and her husband have two children, Barb beams, "I love being a grandmother."

Another sort of retiree, **Alison Kabernagel Donlon** left the Baltimore County Public Schools and now works at the Maryland

State Department of Education in the division of Instruction. She conducts staff development for low performing schools. Alison's daughter, **Christie**, is following in mom's footsteps and is a teacher in Baltimore County. Alison still dances like the wind and sings in the church choir.

What part of "retirement" don't these people understand?

"Go out there and get stuck!" How's that for a suggestion. **Darlene Richardson Robison** has discovered acupuncture and is happier than — well, let's just say she's real happy. "I went out of desperation for back and leg pain and can now lift and bend my back without hurting and have much more energy." So much, that she's taking a computer course, "finally." She enjoys spread sheets, but more for the font styles and colors and dood dads, than for the contents. Darlene's family is "healthy and gets along." "What more," she asks, "does one need?"

**Sue Scholl Anderson** is a family practice physician's assistant in Banghamton, N.Y. and she loves it. Roger '72 works for an electronics magazine and fixes up houses. Kristy and Bill are married and off on their own and the youngest, Josh, is in college. Sue and Roger are primed for Josh's graduation 'cause they plan to move back to "the People's Republic of Burlington" where they have a townhouse and a Lake Champlain summer camp. Here's hoping Josh doesn't go for the eight-year plan!

I ran into **Susan Campbell Davis** in Annapolis. **Walt Michael '68** and I trekked on down to the capital with the Carroll County contingent for "Citizens for the Arts" Day, and we ran into Sue who was there with folks from Garrett County. Sue had a good time talking to legislators about how important the Arts are, but it was even more fun catching up with Sue. She and **Jeff '70** are still out in the wilds of Western Maryland, when they are not trying to touch base with their kids who are spread, literally, all over the world. And I seem to remember something about a place in Costa Rica.

**Neil Messick** has only one new thing in his life. In December 2006, he was named vice president, government relations, for Arcelor Mittal Steel Americas. Concerned that our latest issues of Iron and Steel News might have gotten lost in the mail, Neil says that Arcelor Mittal is the biggest steel company in both the U.S. and the world.

Quite a few of the brethren of Gamma Beta Chi checked in — or were checked in by others. **Bill Westervelt** sounded like he had been trying to think of a "juicy tidbit" for a while and then experienced that "AHA!" moment they tried to teach us about in Psych class. Straight from Wires' keyboard — "Here's one! **Phil Entice**, **Jim Hobart**, **Gene Grosh**, **Jeff Carter '70** and me, **Wires**, go to church together and then breakfast. Wives are not invited to breakfast. Things change, but stay the same."

# family

## ARRIVED

(Continued)

**Dylan Hancock**, on August 2, 2006, to Earl and Gail Taylor '98 Charnick.

**Delany Gass**, on December 22, 2006, to Brian and Amy Lawrence '98 Gass.

**Emma Grace Jewell**, on September 20, 2006, to Jeffrey and Amy Heffner '98 Jewell.

**Sophia Isabel Merino**, on July 14, 2006, to Rafael and Kendra Jones '98 Merino.

**Daphne Snyder**, on October 3, 2006, to Brian and Cindy Northcutt '98 Snyder.

**Giles Montgomery Stanton**, on July 22, 2006, to Samuel and Marlene Wagner '98 Stanton.

**Dominic Vincent Feraceli**, on March 14, 2007, to Nicholas '99 and Michelle Crow '98 Feraceli.

**Hailey Sandra Collins**, on November 26, 2006, to Darren and Karen Orchard '01 Collins.

**Nathaniel Thomas Ingram**, on February 1, 2007, to Brad '01 and Dana Fraser '01 Ingram.

**Natalie Anne Lebo**, on February 27, 2007, to Paul '01 and Lisa Peterson '01 Lebo.

**Charles James Vogt**, on December 8, 2006, to Philip '01 and Hilary Bieke '01 Vogt.

**Madelyn Lux**, on October 25, 2006, to Dennis '02 and Anne Scherder '03 Lux.

**Madelyn Elizabeth Long**, on January 10, 2007, to Ronald and Dawn Joelle '03 Long.

**Sarah Hanner Brown**, on February 1, 2007, to Steven and Katie Odo '03 Brown.

**James Edward Cook**, on June 3, 2006, to Matthew and Samantha Hall '03 Cook.

**Owen Andrew Littleton**, on December 15, 2006, to Andrew and Kary Magee '03 Littleton.

**Sofie Breanne Mauriello**, on September 6, 2006, to Matthew '03 and Misty Mauriello.



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Bob Merrey still works for Baltimore County Schools supervising their environmental services offices and has no immediate plans to retire. Son Patrick works for Erickson Retirement Communities doing computer technology and accounting. Daughter Caroline is a Virginia Tech engineering grad by the time you read this. The family planned a trip to the Grand Caymans for her graduation present and then Caroline was to fly the coop—to Chicago. Bob is having a bit of difficulty with her moving away, but as he and his wife, Karen, keep telling themselves, "That's what we raise them for." Bob and Karen live in Parkville within five miles of where he grew up and they don't plan on moving anytime soon. On a recent trip back to the Hill, Bob said the "memories came flooding back." He was also glad he had a chance to visit with **Fern Hitchcock** one last time. "What a fine gentleman he was." What Bob didn't mention was the reason he was back on campus. He was inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 for his outstanding play on the baseball diamond. Go Bob! His whole family turned out for the event, as did **Coach Fern Hitchcock '47**. Also on hand to see his roommate get honored was **Jack Harthorn** and his wife, Kitty. Kitty responded to my pleas for news, because Jack warned her I would make up outrageous stuff. As of 2006, Jack and Kitty are both retired, and are now "free to roam the country." **Johnson** and **Chloris Bowie** started out from Philadelphia for the Sports Hall of Fame banquet, but got stuck in a too much traffic they ended up having dinner at **Baugh's**. At least they were in time for the after-party. Bet you didn't realize how much the Green Terror Banquet had in common with the Os-cars, did you?

And there's still more from the Bete's. **Mike Weinblatt's** family has had an exciting year in New England. Oldest daughter **Hillary** graduated from University of Pennsylvania. Law, passed the Massachusetts bar, and got married on Martha's Vineyard. A trifecta! She's now a first-year associate at the Boston office of a New York firm. Husband **Alan**, working on his MBA at MIT is a strategic consultant in telecommunications. **Hillary** and **Jason** live in Boston which makes mom and dad happy. Daughter **Courtney**, alas, has become a New Yorker — a New Yorker who still roots for the Red Sox and Patriots, that is. She graduated from Barnard College as an art history major and works at the New York Times as a fashion assistant for the Style magazine. She is loving it. Mike is still globetrotting for work and continues his bike ride across the U.S. Last summer he rode from southern Colorado to Wyoming and this year, it's the Tetons, Yellowstone and then Sun Valley. He gets back to the Hill frequently for Board Meetings. (Actually we have four classmates who are College Trustees: **Mike**, **Phil Entice**, **Bill "Wire" Westervelt**, and **Charlie Moore**. Ego! The rest of that

Board should be very afraid!) Mike's wife, Barbara, stays busy in the community and very busy keeping Mike in line — clearly a full-time job.

**Darryl Burns** is flying high is Monterey, Calif. Literally. He pilots a Cirrus SR22 for fun, rides a Harley on the ground, and has two kids, a French bulldog and a Husky. He recently went on Safari in Africa and plans to return for a self-flying tour of the southern countries next year. Oh, and when he's not doing all this, Darryl is a podiatrist. He's been working on feet for 25 years now.

Apologizing for neglecting my "touching plea" for so long, **Dorn Wagner** wrote that he and **Nancy Decker** are "still muddling along." They still finished up at Catholic University with a major in educational studies. Older sister **Amber** teaches math at the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore and lives nearby. Dorn says teaching at a Catholic girl's school agrees with her. Nancy directs the Catonsville Presbyterian Church Child Care Center and enjoys it even with an impending vacuum and pressure systems for Gardner busy. (Wasn't he a Spanish major? Go figure.) And **Marty Romano** and **Jo Russell** in "beautiful Clarksville Maryland" Jim develops commercial properties and Marty has retired from the Maryland School for the Deaf. Sounds like a good time was had by all.

Hadn't heard from the **Coe** and **Jeanie Castle Sherrards** since Dollywood days, but they are off on a new adventure. Their youngest graduated from high school two years ago, leaving them free to roam the country. They moved from Knoxville, Tenn., to Woodstock, Va., about 100 miles west of D.C. and one of "the most beautiful parts of the Shenandoah Valley." They are the proprietors of the local Café. Coe still consults for Herschend Family Entertainment but spends most of his time at the Café with Jeanie. He says that people who know them from their enrolled in some kind of a corporate Witness Protection program, masquerading as shoppers in a little mountain town. "Truth is," Coe admits, "We're having a lot of fun with the Café, and the employees and customers have sort of filled the void left by the departure of grown children." Jeanie and year, and Coe says he still counts Jean as the best thing that he got out of college. "She hasn't changed a bit since WMC days, and part of Virginia. Stop by if you ever get close," Coe says. "We're a mile off I-81, smack in the middle of town, across from the oldest continuously functioning courthouse west of the Blue Ridge Mountains."

**Jay Leverton's** life is "mostly a model of consistency." He's planning a semi-retirement when he turns 60, but in the meantime

he's working at Sheppard/Pratt Hospital where he's been for 33 years now. Until cervical fusion two years ago put him on the inactive list, Jay had been officiating for 30 years in the Central Maryland area for wrestling. He misses rolling around on the mat, but says he finally had to admit that "I'm breakable." Fighting jealousy is one of his current passions. His wife, Ruth, is semi-retired already. For fun they travel, experience America, visit with family and friends and "chill." Jay confesses to missing the last two reunions. One, because of a scheduled vacation. But the other, well, because he's just tired of being the only Preacher there. He really wants to see a Preacher contingent at the next reunion (that'll be 2011). Sounds like a challenge, guys. Put it on your calendar now.

I have seen **Leon Cronic** on the Hill recently, but not at our reunion (Leon — see Jay's grumblings above). **Leon** and **Betty** live in the Garden State and, yes, he says there is more to Jersey than the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike. They live in Hunterdon County where there is agriculture, even mountains. Leon is enjoying the retired life, while Betty "Crocker" is still working. "Just like when Leon was wandering around campus with his fishing rod." Last time he wrote, **Leon** mentioned that he was back in touch with **Art Blake** and **Tom Mavity** (Tom is my new cigar smoking buddy — and supplier — but that's another story. This is Leon's paragraph.) This time around **Leon** has re-connected with **Wayne "Pancho" Sommers '73**.

Seems **Wayne** and **Clare** had to return to New Jersey from Florida due to an unfortunate accident, but the good news is that they stayed with Betty and Leon for most of last fall and winter. "You talk about stories from the past and 'old time radio'!" **Wayne** and **Leon** even did a little scouting and hunting together. "We saw some very nice bucks in the woods, but returned each day to the house to greet our two very lovely does." The local liquor store had to restock yellowtail Shiraz and Yuengling Beer, but they seemed happy to do it. Like Jay, **Leon** is still involved with wrestling, but he announces for the local high school matches.

The **Cronces** are heading to Florida to visit a Danish friend who does "dolphin therapy" — not for the dolphins, but for people — and to hang out with the **Sommers** again. And they visit metal smith **Linda Berry Van Hart '68** for jewelry extravaganzas twice a year, and return to "WMC, M.C. whatever" for soccer games as Betty's nephew's son plays for Gettysburg. Dividends loyalties have **Leon** changing hats at halfprice.

**Warner "Joedy" Waters** has his first grandson, cousin of daughter Beth, **Jackson Waters**. **Joedy** himself he sounds like a law firm, but no matter. **Joedy** has already attended a Green Terror football game on the Hill and was seen at a **Carroll "Splinter" Yingling '68** after-game party (and no, that



was not Coors light in his bottle.) Jody wants to give a shout out to **Jim Nopoulos '72** for two reasons. One, to let him know his friends in the class of '71 are with him in dealing with some nasty health stuff, and two, because he still owes them a platter of deli meats and cheeses from the old Double-T diner on Route 40. Those debts follow you everywhere. Jody also hears that **Tom Mavity** is playing in not one, but two, bands on the Eastern Shore and is the oldest skating member of the Easton Hockey Team. Talk about hazardous. Tom has also been sighted on his "yacht," catching big stripers on the Choptank every now and then (smoking a great cigar, no doubt). And Jody spends some time at **Greg Shockley's '83** Ocean City Pub, Shenanigans (I know you can't believe Jody would hang out in a bar, but...), where he ran into **Jesse '72** and **Bonnie Kimmel '72** Houston and **Roy Brown '70**. "Implausible as it sounds," Jody claims Roy is engaged, but "no date set."

**Melissa Marten Pecora** does that same stream of consciousness thing that **Glenn Hopkins** does, so I'm not even going to try to paraphrase this. From Melissa's pen to your eyes... With **Adelynn**, born to youngest daughter, Tr, Alissa, and husband Chris in Charleston, S.C., the Pecoras by name, rank, marriage or birth are doing some aggressive populating (one per year since '05, plus marriages and engagements.) Anyway, **Tom '70** and I are still hunkered down in Akron, Ohio — wind chill, 17 degrees. Love those lake-effect snow bands; at least it's not Buffalo, N.Y. Tom and I got out to play some golf in December before the deep. Then I ended up with a spinal fusion of my neck C4-C7. Ain't it hell getting old! Physical therapy is slow but steady — hoping to regain my strength and range of motion before spring and we can get back to winning the couples club championship. Youngest son Aaron is stationed with the air force out in Las Vegas and that's also on our to-do list for a vacation. Oldest son Drew is in the USGA. He and family will be stationed in Virginia and going to Georgetown University to get second master's in project development. Daughter Amanda with husband Brad and Julia, I came for a Christmas visit. What a blast! Grandkids are great and they make you smile. Adam (number two son) and wife Shannon are also in Virginia so maybe the Pecoras will be congregating in the ACC. Take care, and if nothing else, you'll know where we be!

Apologizing for not responding well in the past, **Martha Moore** says this time "you caught my attention." She and husband Terry O'Brien have been in Little Rock, Ark., for a bit more than six years now. Terry is a project engineer for Windstream Corporation, a phone company doing business in rural and small communities. Meanwhile, Martha is director of the division of genetic and reproductive toxicology at the National Center for

Toxicological Research for the Food and Drug Administration. She's workin' that bio degree. If you haven't visited Arkansas, she says it's beautiful, with lots of wilderness and parks, and a diamond mine where people regularly find gems — some of them quite large. It's also the home of the Ivory-billed woodpecker, which based on recent evidence, "appears not to be extinct."

Major thanks go to **Bob Gagnon**, who compiled the directory for last year's reunion. He was relentless in tracking down folks who had managed to fly under the radar for years. Other folks think he's pretty good too. He was recently inducted as a Fellow of his engineering society and also received a life-achievement award from his engineering firm and has published quite a few technical textbooks that he is now revising into second editions. He's working on a new book, this time about the history of engineering education at the University of Maryland. More exciting news, Bob just became a granddad for the fourth time.

She's class of '72, but **Carol Jones Schanche** is the writer in the family so she filled me in "on the fascinating, glamorous life of Carol and Gary Schanche. A year-and-a-half into retirement, Gary is almost finished helping improve our house and those of two (out of three) kids, so he is working to get his fix-it business, Quality Home Solutions, off the ground. If your home needs a solution, Gary will be willing to help, as long as you pay the air fare. Carol works as an editor at NCTE and freelances, hence the writing skills. The Schanches are proud parents of a GE engineer, a starving artist and a budding real estate salesman. The latter has just become engaged and will settle in California. Looks like June '08 for the wedding. Much advice from **Barb Vols Gil '72**, who has two getting married. When not planning weddings, Gary and Carol jaunt to Hawaii almost yearly, with timeshares on Oahu and Maui. Palm trees, beaches and fruit drinks just never get old. She could have continued, but Carol decided that "more detail is TMI."

**Keith Muller** and his partner, Stephen, celebrated 18 years together in January '07 and now live on the beach in Pompano Beach, Fla. Hurricane Wilma gave them a run for their money, but they weathered it in their apartment. Keith is vice president of the Condo board, but I think he may be taking his responsibilities a bit too seriously! For the past four years, Keith has been a counselor with the Broward County School Board and with the Board of Hearing Program, and, in 2004, he became Dr. Muller, finishing his Ph.D. in social work. It was "a long journey" but worth it. Stephen is a social worker with the Gold Coast Hospice Program. Keith and Stephen enjoy ocean cruising, New York City, and visiting Europe. Plans are under way for a trip to Croatia this year to enjoy —

and look at real estate. Sounds like the class of '71 may have an Eastern European getaway spot soon!

"I'm still teaching elementary music in Bend, Oregon, and loving every minute," says **Ellen Ritchie Logan**. "I have the greatest job in the world — I get to sing with little kids all day." She also mentioned that two of her fellow teachers are previous students. Ellen plays the cello in an orchestra for beginners and sings with a select group called "The Masteringers," and somehow still has time to enjoy "this beautiful country with hiking, snowshoeing, canoeing and camping." Heather '88, has acquired her National Board Teaching Credential and teaches at an Aero-Space Magnet middle school in Montgomery County, Md. She and her husband bobo to return to Bend soon. While visiting her last August, Ellen got a chance to come back to the Hill for the first time in 35 years. "Some changes," she says, "just enough to have Twilight Zone feelings, but a lot of things remained the same." Chris, 25, has a master's degree in management communications and works at Lewis and Clark College. He married a wonderful young woman this past November and they live in Portland, Ore. Mike, 22, is going to OSU of the Cascades and majoring in natural resources. Ellen will be glad when Mike is finished. She's been paying for college for 11 years now and it's like buying a car every year and not ever getting to drive it! Husband Paul retired three years ago and has dinner ready every night. Not bad after 34 years.

**Mike Waterhouse** has "been up to no good in Washington." He's a researcher/analyst for the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress (been there 34 years or so), focusing on U.S. Middle East/Persian Gulf Policy and, most recently, counterterrorism. He sure must have his hands full these days. Mike and Jolita have three grown kids and three grandchildren. Living in Chevy Chase, Md., they commute "over an obstacle course to D.C. each work day, and can't wait for retirement, hopefully, within the next year or two." Partly through the McDaniel network, Mike was able to reconnect with "not so old" friend **John Skinner** and they had a mini-reunion — tears, hugs, the whole nine yards. "I don't know how we missed each other so long since John is in D.C. also," said Mike, "but it has to be my fault."

Reporting from Michigan, **Dan Schenk** says things are going great. Zach, 13, finished preparation for his Bar Mitzvah at an ecumenical Shabbat commemorating St. Patrick's Day and his passage to adulthood all at once. Now Zach and Josh, 15, are planning to head for Europe with the People-to-People program, serving as student ambassadors in France, Italy and Greece, while Janet and DJ are going to be "trying out life with the dogs, and without kids." Janet has begun a career as a photographer and great things are happening for her both artistically and on the

# family

## DEPARTED

Those who will be missed:

### Robert E. Bricker

Trustee and alumnus Robert E. Bricker, 86, died March 59, 2007. A member of the Class of 1943, Bricker served as president of the Alumni Association from 1972-74 and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1974, ultimately serving as Board chair from 1982-86. In 1995 he was awarded emeritus status on the Board. Under his leadership, the College made significant progress in physical facilities and in academic excellence as demonstrated by the new Physical Education Learning (now Gill) Center.

In 1978 he was named Alumnus of the Year after serving as national co-chair of the College's [Decker] Center Fund campaign, which raised more than \$2.4 million, and in 1984, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws.

As executive vice president of Henkels-McCoy, Inc., Bricker acted as an international manager and labor negotiator and supervised work crews in the U.S. and five foreign countries.

The former star quarterback and punter on the Green Terror football team was known for his gridiron fight and spirit. The Associated Press named him to its 1945 All-Maryland Football Team. He also coached both the baseball and basketball teams during his senior year. He was inducted into the College's Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.

# class notes

Let me get  
this straight:  
we have four  
members of our  
class helping to  
run the College  
and several  
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class involved  
with National  
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— Pamela  
"Zap" Zappardino

business side. Don, meanwhile, is still consulting with defense and automotive clients from Michigan and other parts of the country. When not trekking around Europe, both boys are string bass players in their respective school orchestras, with Zach continuing in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony this year. DJ says he doesn't see too many alums in southeast Michigan, so maybe it's time to descend on the Schenks en masse.

**Harold Baker's** "hoped for sunset job as a college professor in sleepy, bucolic Harrisonburg hasn't panned out as planned." Last year, he organized a symposium for James Madison University entitled *Homeland Security: Engaging the Front Lines at the National Academies of Science*. He's doing a repeat performance this year with General Honoree as the keynote speaker. When he wrote, Harold was in Denver as part of a National Research Council committee looking at the security program of the Bureau of Reclamation related to major dam sites in the western U.S. (Let me get this straight...we have four members of our class helping to run the college and several members of our class involved with National Security. Is this making anyone else nervous?) Harold was also asked again to serve on the Congressional EMP Commission's second iteration. Scarier than all that Homeland Security stuff, Harold and Donna are facing life as empty-nesters; Ginna, their youngest, is finishing college.

It wouldn't be a column if I didn't hear from **Charlie Moore**. Charlie is a grandfather three times over now, and he managed to sneak his name into the middle of the newest one's moniker. Way to go, Chasmo! Moving onto more mundane things, Chas sold his business, TelAtlantic Communications, Inc., early this year and is now semi-retired...Again! Don't get the idea that he's just lying around the house though. One of Charlie's "greatest passions" is working with the people of Zimbabwe. By the time you read this, Chas will have made his seventh trip to Africa, leading a team of 14 members of his Church to build a large, 400-person church in the Village of Juru. They were there for more than three weeks and fit in a visit to Victoria Falls and the Hwange Safari Park on the way home. Charlie's church has been working in this same area of Zimbabwe for 10 years and they have built three churches, a parsonage and a medical clinic. They have also established numerous Orphan Trusts and worked with many homeless HIV patients. I've talked with Charlie about his work in Zimbabwe and his eyes absolutely sparkle when he describes the challenges and the successes. He is doing great work (we always knew he would!) and I have a feeling there's lots more to come. When not in Africa, Charlie is helping **Carol Horich's** '70 who spends most of her time caring for her aunt and uncle, both in their 90's. More good work.

You gotta love an e-mail titled "The Fogg

Area." **Joan Collier Fogg**, my predecessor as "juicy tidbit maven," is now principal and director of elementary education at West Newton Elementary School. She also monitors the K-12 curriculum, professional development, teacher induction, the District Strategic Plan, and the "Science: It's Elementary" grant her school receives (1 out of 75). You go, girl! Jim is building a client base for his new business "Life's Changes Counseling Services." With all us baby boomers getting a bit, well, whatever, he should have lots of clients. Joan and Jim have two grandsons, Nandon James Fogg, 2, in Dayton, and Anthony than should have a brother soon, and up in Massachusetts, JD and Trisha may have produced the first granddaughters, but the little one isn't cooperating with the sonograms, so Joan's childhood home in Easton is getting to be a bit too difficult to monitor, so she has decided to sell. Sound's like a hard decision. It's in the historic district and her dad built go in all sorts of special touches. "It's hard to let go," Joan says.

**Chris Spencer** says, "I'm still on my island (home, surrounded by a moat) with my view overlooking the Olympic mountains framed the foreground." Retired for 15 years, Chris signed and contracting license for home building. "A new steel bit a year ago and then a fused ankle in December have slowed me up a bit this last year, but we're off to Hawaii next week for some rest and rehab and then back to France and Italy in April/May to you? Doesn't sound too slow to me. Chris the summers are too nice on Whidbey Island; he does get to New Hampshire's Lake Winnepesaukee in each July for a week. Chris added a P.S.

My roommate, **Pat Calbeck Harper**, is still out in the wilds of Montana. She is staff executive with AARP Montana, and for five years has been lobbying in Congress and with Montana legislature on behalf of "everyone with a birthday." AARP is taking on "healthcare reform nationally, mobilizing millions to join up and get excited." Pat says, "So brated her second year as a breast cancer works as a fundraiser for Rocky Mountain State College, his alma mater, over in Billings, so the Harpers have a bit of a commuter marriage going on at the moment. Pat and her girlfriends in Seattle and Molly is a finishing up her MBA in finance at Pitt. Greyson, 1. Pat gets to Pittsburgh as often as them. Rumor has it that those grandsons may be stirring up some homesickness for

the East Coast, so maybe the Harpers will trade in their boots for some city slicker duds sometime soon. She was back for a visit recently and we got to share a cheeseburger sub at Baugher's. Livin' large!

And...what a long strange trip it's been... I'm still not sure how I ended up back in Maryland, but it's a blast. Charlie Collier and I have settled into our big old Victorian in Uniontown and have started a good concert series. It's great fun: get a house musician or two, some munchies, a little libation of whatever variety and it's the amazing of what we meet lots of good musicians and traditional artists of all kinds from all over the world at Common Ground on the Hill. If you haven't been to Common Ground yet, it's time you checked it out. **Walt Michael '68** has done a great job for 13 years now, bringing diverse folks together through traditional music and arts. **Charlie Moore** keeps threatening to come and learn how to play that banjo he has. It's always a bit of a reunion — more alums than you can shake the proverbial stick at. You'll find everything you'll need to connect at [www.commongroundonthehill.org](http://www.commongroundonthehill.org).

**Michael Hunt '72** would say, "I'll change your life." Charlie and I also share duties as co-directors of the Ira and Mary Zepf Center for Nonviolence and Peace Education, a program of Common Ground, and do workshops, presentations, seminars and trainings. Heck, we'll talk to three people on a street corner if they stand still long enough! (We teach at Common Ground, too, here and in Scotland. And made a trip to Medellin, Colombia to work on setting up a graduate certificate program in Nonviolence at the university there.) We've been co-sponsoring tours to sites of nonviolent campaigns during the American Civil Rights Movement for several years now... Our latest was through Atlanta, Ga., and Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Ala. The best part, though, was that it was for a group from southwest Virginia Community College that **Ellen Von Dohsen '69** and **Don '69** Elmes organized. Traveling through the South together was beyond great. Charlie is still doing the commuting thing to Rhode Island during the academic year. He's been at the University of Rhode Island for 31 years now in the psych department. He and **Ira Zepf '52** just published the second edition of *Nonviolence: Origins and Outcomes*. Among my many day job hats, I run the United Way here in Carroll County, teach for **Don Daniel** (Peace Psych, Leadership, the Dreaded Statistics!) and on-line for URI, and in a complete tribute to a liberal arts education, I am the art critic for the *Carroll County Times*. In what precious little time is left, I have begun showing my photography and photo/mixed media work and have been getting some pretty good reviews. Surprises abound.

Finally, and with as many "egads" as I can utter, the first grandchild is here. Son David

and his wife, Marianne, have called him Matthew, and I am wondering what he's going to call me. GranZapp? Siana and husband Mike are in Rhode Island where Siana is getting another degree in nursing — to complete the one's she has in English and women's studies.

If you missed our 35th (Omigod!) reunion, you shouldn't have! It was quite the evening on the stage at Alumni Hall. The stained glass windows around the back of the stage were uncovered for the first time in decades and the light streamed in. It was spectacular. (Thanks to **George Brenton '85** and all the guys at the physical plant for the unveiling.) Lots of folks were there who didn't send in news this time (probably still recovering), including **Artie and Virginia Golden '72**, **Blake Ed and Wilma Van Hart '70 Smith**, **Dan and Tina Mantakos '72**, **Siles, Steve**, **Gart**, our resident brain scientist, **Joe Slert**, **Ton Beam**, **Paul Wells** — I know I'm leaving some folks out and lots of folks who did send in news were there, too, **Carolyn Danielle McGoleckick**, another non-sentimental, **partied on** as well as **well, Ira '52** and **Mary Dodd '49 Zapp** joined in the festivities, and so did Nancy and Del Palmer, **Billy Tribby '58**, **Ray Phillips**, **Jim Lightner '59**, **Wray Mowbray '58** and **Al Law** and **Shelia Moritz Buttner MEd '71**. **Walt Michael** and **Company** played great tunes. There were all sorts of wild goings on as you can imagine, and I'd like to tell you about all the ones I remember, but to my partners' great relief, we collectively invoked the "cone of silence." What happens at the reunion, stays at the reunion. Our next one is in late April/early May 2011. Be there or be square.

And save up that news. It won't be long before I will be darkening your door again whining for all I'm worth. Enjoy the journey...

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**Rob and Betsy Elaine Andrews** are embarking on a new adventure; after more than 29 years with Liberty Mutual, Rob left last September to take a new job with XL Insurance in Hartford. He's now a senior vice president and global head of Ceded Reinsurance. Rob and Betsy are to officially move to West Hartford, Conn., this spring. Betsy was given the opportunity to take an early-out retirement from Social Security. After 29 years as a claims representative, Betsy is now getting her civil service pension at the ripe old age of 51. Their boys are doing great. Brian, 24, graduated from Westminster College in May '06 and is staying for a year as an assistant coach on the baseball team. He played all four years and was a captain for the last two, and also made All-Conference two years. He loves the Pittsburgh area and plans to

stay there. Kevin, 21, is a junior at Elizabethtown College, majoring in actuarial science and is hoping to get an internship in Harrisburg this summer. He and his roommate are planning on a trip to England at the end of the school year to catch up with friends they made last summer working at a camp in New Jersey. Betsy went to Florida in January '06 to visit **Loni Myers Bechen** and had a great time catching up (and driving around in Loni's Miata!).

**Loni Myers Bechen** and her husband, Scott, are coming up on their 20th anniversary this summer, and are planning a two-week trip to San Francisco and Hawaii. **Jan Wilder** is planning forward to spending their anniversary on the rim of a volcano on Mauna Loa, and fishing out of Kona. Jan and Loni had a terrific reunion weekend when Loni took Jan to Amelia Island for her 50th birthday. Scott is captain of a tugboat and works at Port Canaveral. Loni is in her 22nd year of teaching English, and was honored as Teacher of the Year for her middle school. Loni was thrilled to have her newest and youngest horse earning Arabian horse show championships one after another, and was so excited to Georgia this spring to compete in dressage against the whole southeast region. A photo of Loni and her horse is in the spring issue of *Arabian Horse World*. She says it only took 40 years of showing horses to make a national magazine. Loni is very grateful that the recent tornadoes that smashed through central Florida missed their farm by three miles.

**Don Bell** says that as the principal of Windsor Middle School, he is now in his 30th year with Carroll County Public Schools. New Windsor Middle is a Professional Development School for McDaniel, so Don works with students in the education program on a regular basis. His son, **Donnie '08**, is a junior at McDaniel, and his daughter, Erin, is engaged to be married in July. The graduate of Towson University, she teaches fifth grade at Freedom Elementary School in Carroll County.

After living in Prince Georges's County for 25 years, **Dale and Cheryl Brenneman** have enjoyed living in Carroll County, Md., near Eldersburg, since 2003. Their fourth child, a daughter, is away at school at the University of Maryland, College Park, so they are now empty-nesters. They are enjoying two grandchildren, courtesy of their second child and his wife who live in the Baltimore area.

**Robin Stiffer Cooney** writes that they are still living in Cockeysville, Md., after 11 years — quite an accomplishment. Prior to this extended stay, they had lived in five different places due to **Dave's '76** church appointments. This school year Robin adjusted to part-time work with the Office of Special Education at Baltimore County Public Schools, allowing her to be more involved with her mom's care at a nursing center. David is in

his sixth year as senior pastor at Towson United Methodist Church. They travel regularly to Boston to visit their oldest daughter, Jen. Their youngest, Shelby, graduated from college last spring and is working in Baltimore. Robin says it is great to have children employed — and wonderful to not fill out the FAFAA anymore.

**Randy Day** writes that **Deb Scalzone '79** has retired as music teacher at Asbury Child Development Center. She is filling her days with friends, church activities, and, now that they are empty nesters, travels with Randy on business. Jacob is a graduate student in urban design at Carnegie-Mellon and goes to Oxford University next year to finish his degree. Jessie is finishing up at Salisbury University with a degree in elementary education and Justin is a freshman at Delaware Valley College studying crop science (he aspires to be a farmer!) and playing lacrosse. Randy continues working at Perdue Farms as President of the Foodservice Division.

**Jack Dyson** says that things have changed in his life quite a bit. He left his position at his church in September '06 to strike out on his own as a coach/chancellor for churches' small group ministries. Besides working with churches, he continues to put together the baseball tours. In the summer of '06, four of his group completed visiting all 30 teams. This summer, there will be a 16-year-old who will complete all 30. For 2007, Jack is putting together two buses to go to Cal Ripken's Hall of Fame induction. Jack's family is well. His daughter graduated from college and is in her first year as a teacher near Philadelphia. His son serves in the Marine Reserves and is doing well as a student at Penn State. Jack's wife continues to thrive teaching kindergarten at Logos Academy in York. Jack says he has breakfast every now and then with **John Gerstner '72**.

**Jack Eckles** writes that he has had many adventures through the years from the Marines and graduate school at Georgia Tech on to a notable career in chemistry as well as chemical and materials engineering. He is currently chief scientist and founder of Atlanta Chemical Technologies Corp. He says that most of the world's computing devices utilize at least some raw materials processed in systems he has designed and built over the last 20 years. Jack is also a "semi-competitive" master's runner and regularly competes in marathons. He has two "wonderful" children, ages 10 and 1½, who are well past the curve in science and problem solving" as well as being Jack's weekend running partners. Jack says his wife, Cindy, has tolerated his eccentricities for almost 20 years.

**Mark C. Flaherty** is living in York, Pa., with Doris "D" his wife of 25 years, and their two dogs, Wally, a Jack Russell, and Ruby Tuesday, a longhaired Chihuahua. Wally amazingly passed his 17th birthday last October. They adopted Ruby from an animal shelter three years ago (it was on a Tuesday evening

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**Donald Jones**

**Donald Jones '72**, professor of chemistry emeritus, died April 18, 2007. A recognized leader in chemistry education, Jones joined the faculty in 1963, was promoted through the ranks, served as chemistry department chair and retired in 1999 after 36 years. The founder in 1967 and first president of the Middle Atlantic Association of Liberal Arts Chemistry Teachers, he also served in various capacities at the National Science Foundation and was an active member of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

He encouraged his students to attend ACS regional and national meetings and his service as chairman of the National Section of the ACS earned him both its Special Service Award and its first Distinguished Award. Through his efforts, the Chemical Abstracts arm of the ACS was persuaded to institute the Small College Grants Program, which to this day still provides reduced-cost access to the chemical literature.

Nicknamed "Jonesy" by his faculty colleagues, he was vocal about his opinions over lunches in Memorial (now Hill) Hall, and was seldom overruled as the faculty parliamentarian. He introduced the faculty to wine-making, woodworking and taking their money on Poker Nights at Wray Mowbray's. His appetite for life and laughter will be missed.



# Look Who's Talking

Once was the time when, if asked what he did for a living, Tony Sager '77 could only respond that he worked for the "Department of Defense." The nickname for his particular government employer was "Never Say Anything."

These days, the National Security Agency is openly partnering with corporations like Microsoft, and Sager speaks often about his critical mission in "information assurance," or protecting the security of computer networks. He's been quoted in major media like *The Washington Post* regarding the NSA's role in the design of the brand-new operating system Windows Vista, helping protect it from worms, Trojan horses and other insidious computer attackers.



"Everybody's on the Internet together, the good guys and the bad guys," says Sager. "We decided a few years ago that we'd reach outside the agency in our computer security efforts, because you can't make the Department of Defense stronger without making everybody stronger."

Sager was hired by NSA fresh out of college, first in a paid

communications security training program, on the strength of his preparation as a mathematics major and in the liberal arts. McDaniel's mathematics students continue to land NSA internships while still in school and good jobs upon graduation, says mathematics professor Harry Rosenzweig.

"It's a wonderful world in which to be a mathematician," Rosenzweig says. "Now the government agencies compete with Google, Microsoft and other corporations for employees and our math majors are paid no less than \$55,000 or \$60,000 per year to start."

Sager was on the Hill in April with wife Susan Fairchild Sager '79 to celebrate his 30th reunion. Some of his buddies were in the related but more lucrative field of defense contracting with companies like Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin. He tells them what he tells math majors when he comes back to speak at career nights:

"I'm involved in an exciting mission that is really important for our country," he says. "I think I have the best job in the country in network security."

and she has red hair, hence the name Ruby Tuesday). Mark is still working for WellSpan Health as a compensation analyst in human resources and has passed his 18th year there. Of particular note, Mark says he has been blessed with his first grandchild, a girl, named Olivia. She is his little darling, and at 15 months of age she pleasantly surprised him by saying "Hi, Grandpa."

Nan Hollinger Gangler writes that they built a new home in Oakland, Md., (about three miles from where they lived before) and she is in the seventh grade and plays basketball, football, baseball and swims on the Garrett County Swim Team. Nan is still teaching at Southern Garrett High School. She keeps in touch regularly with **Brenda Eccard Dellinger '79** whose son, **Adam '10**, is a freshman at McDaniel.

Schuyler and Margi Voelkel Grant have had a year or two with a lot of changes. Their oldest two daughters have finished college and an office, so they now have a guest room from a semester in London (with lots of European travel) and will continue at the community college for another year or so until she has enough credits to transfer to UC. They have done a lot of international travel with their running group (the Hash House Harriers). Last October they went to Hong Kong, Bali, Thailand and Laos. Next fall they plan to go to Puerto Vallarta, and in the spring of '08 plan to go to the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Australia and Tahiti. Schuyler still works for SAIC. Last fall 10 percent of the company went public so the Grants are using their dividend to do lots of needed redecorating. Margi still uses her Spanish major a lot where they live in San Diego (stone's throw from Mexico), especially in her volunteer La Leche League work. She recently passed the Lactation Consultant Certification exam and would like to work with Hispanic moms.

Carlton Harris writes that he left his old employer in January '06 and started his own business called "Asia Tool Source" which provides consulting services regarding China and procurement of products from China. It is a small firm with just four employees. Carlton travels most of the time, including trips to China once every two to three months. His children are now 18, 16, and 14. McDaniel. His daughters both attend a private girl's school near Philadelphia. They love it and are doing very well.

Jeff '76 and Cathy Leininger Heimbach celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to Scottsdale, Ariz., last spring. They saw the Grand Canyon and got to visit with **Alan Med '79** and **Deb Rodbell** while they were there. (Alan was an RA in Rouzer for a couple of years.) This year they have begun an effort to make their lifestyle as "green" as possible. CFC light bulbs and more diligent

recycling were the first steps. Now Cathy is hanging laundry outdoors to dry and picking up bags of trash on her daily walks. They are part of a core group looking at ways to help their church become more environmentally responsible. On the home front, their daughter is a sophomore at Gettysburg College and their son is a junior at Damascus High School. Jeff loves his work as the IT director at Hanger Orthopedics in Bethesda and Cathy keeps busy with yoga and volunteer work at church. They continue to enjoy everything about living in Damascus and look forward to trips back to the Hill.

Gary and Mary Frank Honeman are looking forward to Mary's 30th (and final) year this spring at Change, Inc., in Westminster. She plans to take some time off next fall before deciding on her "second career!" Gary's work at Carroll County Youth Service Bureau is exciting with plans for a new \$7 million counseling center to be built next to Westminster High School. The Honemans recently returned from a weeklong Christmas trip to Jamaica with their sons, Justin, 23 and Chris, 21. Justin is an "almost" senior at Frostburg State University and Chris is continuing at Carroll Community College in addition to working at Paradiso Restaurant in Westminster, and summers at Phillips Crab House in Ocean City. Gary continues to enjoy running with the Westminster Road Runners Club while also joining Mary at the local Gold's Gym for regular workouts. They say that living in Westminster and being near WMC/McDaniel has been a true pleasure for these 30 years.

Bob and Linda Jo Stockdale '80 Huburd were to celebrate their 25th anniversary this spring. They planned to celebrate while attending the National School Board Convention in San Francisco. Bob is vice-president of the Worcester County School Board, now in his second term. Linda Jo is a technology coach at Shovel Elementary and loves working with the children. Bob will have been an agent with Nationwide Insurance for 25 years this year. They sent their oldest, Chelsea, off to college this year. She is a freshman at Vanderbilt University and loving it. Their son will graduate from high school in June and has begun the college application process. Bob wishes all his old "preacher" buddies all the best.

Steven Jaskulsky has been a practicing urologist in the Baltimore area for the past 20 years. He lives in Pikeville with his wife, Andy, and various combinations of their four kids, as they are all in different stages of finishing college and starting to work. Steve says he cannot believe "it has been 30 years ... it seems like yesterday that we were cramming for a Herlocker exam test!"

Cynthia Longley Kehr (reluctantly) took over as the project lead for her software development team at Fort Detrick. The new position is going well, but the stress is high. To de-stress, Alan and Cynthia try to travel as



much as possible. In September, they took a wonderful two-week trip to Germany and Austria to celebrate Cynthia's 50th birthday. They celebrated the actual day on mountainside while visiting Neuschwanstein and Tegelberg. Their girls are grown, out on their own and doing very well. They are preparing for two graduations this coming spring: Liane, 25, with her master's degree, and Emily, 27, with her bachelor's.

**David B. Laquet** who is an intel brigadier general (one-star), has been in Iraq as director of intelligence for the Multinational Force for a while. He writes, "the mission here is complex, dynamic, and intellectually challenging, but very rewarding. It is truly an honor to serve with so many great young Americans in this effort." He says he really appreciates hearing from **Harry Malone** and **John Wheatley**; their emails provide him with occasional comic relief. His great news is he is on the two-star (major general) promotion list which is a huge accomplishment.

**Sue Snyder LaHatte** writes that they have become elite natters, but life is still very busy in Baltimore. Son Kevin is working as a financial analyst for RBC in Atlanta. He was home for a few days at Christmas and they get to visit with him every few months on trips South, graduations and family vacations. Jenny is set to graduate from Auburn University in May with a degree in human resources management and marketing. She has enjoyed playing lacrosse on Auburn's club team for four years. Dan is a freshman at the University of Florida. Right now he is basking in the joy of being a Gator, with two National Championship teams, football and basketball, on campus. He is interested in broadcast journalism and has a passion for history. Husband Bernie is still with Whiting-Turner Contracting and Sue keeps busy with tutoring while trying to keep up a good game of tennis. She keeps in touch with **Steph Lambert**, **Robin Stiller Conney**, **Jay Jewell Lowe**, **Jo Carol Hughes Ciborowski** and **Randy Witter '76** and loves hearing from other WMC friends like **Korby Bowman Clark '78**, **Ann Luckenbill Korter '76**, "Swag", "Lucky", **Debbie Cogan Ginchir '76**, **Sandy Owens Snead '76**, **Kathi Mosser Danielson** and **Heather Humphries Law '76**.

2007 will be a year of changes for the Landsman family. **Jerry and Cathy Dannenfeldt Landsman** write that Amy, 18, their youngest, will graduate from high school in June and wants to study elementary education at college. Andrew, 21, was to graduate from Salisbury University in May with a degree in environmental issues and minors in Spanish and psychology. He hopes to be working at Antietam Battlefield, where he has been an intern for three summers, and taking classes towards a master's degree. Jerry still commutes to Towson from Boonsboro, where he is the director of fraud operations and collections for IWF (Injured Workers Insurance Fund). Cathy is the regis-

trar at the Washington County Historical Society and Miller House Museum, in Hagerstown. They both enjoy working in their gardens. Jerry has also started a new hobby of building birdhouses.

**Harry Malone** is still with Lockheed Martin as the legislative vice president for Direct Combat Programs. He has been with LM for eight years and has been retired from the Army for almost 11 years. His work on the Hill last year and currently has centered on educating Members of Congress and staffers on what LM is doing to counter IEDs in Iraq. His wife, Debbie, just got promoted to Army colonel last month and has moved up to the Army Secretariat to manage development of an automated, senior-level decision system. Their oldest, Greg, 20, is in college working toward a degree in marketing. Their youngest, Brian, 17, just got his driver's license and is enjoying the freedom of having his own car. Family vacations last year took the Malones to Deep Creek Lake, Md., for summer and winter weeks in the mountains, and to St. Louis, where Debbie is from, for Christmas. Home renovations are now taking their time in northern Virginia. Having finished the basement with a gym, bar, and recreation area with fireplace, they are moving on to a detached garage/carriage house. They have an Army friend, who is a master builder, helping them do the work themselves. Harry has heard from **Tony Sager** who is still working at NSA where he has been since graduation. Harry has also been corresponding with **Dave Laquet**.

**Ralph "Rusc" Mason** was a philosophy major at WMC from 1973 to 1975; however, he transferred to Salisbury University for his junior and senior years, graduating with a B.S. in economics. Later he made a trip around the world (working and studying especially in Southeast Asia) and received several other certificates and an M.A. degree in TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). He is currently an assistant professor at the University of Delaware.

**Nancy Dean Mattingly** writes that she is still volunteering much of her time, split between her church youth group, and her children's old high school, Thomas Jefferson. Megan is a third-year architecture student at UVA, due to graduate in May '08. Greg is a financial planner, working in Tysons Corners, Va. **Curt '75** and **Nancy** are planning to celebrate their 30th anniversary this year by taking a European cruise in September.

**Margaret McCraw** finished a Ph.D. in transpersonal psychology a few years ago. Hampton Roads published her first book, *Tune Into Love*, and her second book will be published in relationships, which will be published in 2008. Margaret has had her own consulting business called Leadership Dynamics Group since 1995. She lives in Baltimore and keeps in touch with **Ellen Pierce Savarese**.

**Karen Miller** and her husband celebrated their 15th anniversary this past year, as well

as their 14th year of country living in northern Baltimore County. They love the country life and are kept busy at home with three cats and two dogs. **Karen** has been at Friends School of Baltimore for eight years as the director of learning support services and as a member of the upper school administrative team. She says that a Quaker school is truly a wonderful match for her. For the past few years she has also worked on a new Spanish textbook to be published this year. Her husband, Todd Porter, just celebrated his 20th year at Johns Hopkins Hospital as a critical care cancer nurse. **Karen** says, "Life is good!"

**Donna Troyer Oliver** continues to work in banking, despite a number of mergers and acquisitions, as a corporate compliance officer and project manager with Mercantile Bank in Baltimore. She has kept busy during the last four years with her son, Justin, who plays left guard for the College of William and Mary football team, Division IAA. **Donna** and her husband enjoy their quiet life on their 50-acre home in Pennsylvania, fishing, gardening, four wheeling, raising Labrador retrievers and entertaining their four grandchildren.

**Tom Payne** is having a "fantastic time" in his position as coordinator for the Office of Gifted and Talented Education for grades K-12 and the fine arts (music, art, dance, drama) (APEA) in the Howard County Public School System. He says it is wonderful to work with his staff to implement such important programming for the students in the highest achieving school system in Maryland. His son, **Nathan '06**, spent two years at McDaniel before transferring to Bradley Academy for the Visual Arts where he recently earned his degree in media technology/art.

**Dave Reinacker** says thanks to all of our classmates for the kind words, comments and cards he received last fall on the passing of both his parents within a five-week period. His family has adjusted quite well with the transfer of all the farm assets to Reinacker Farms. **Dave**, wife **Cheryl Collins '79**, and son **Andrew '04** are anticipating the formation of an LLC in the near future to take them into the next generation of the family business. **Dave** says he thoroughly enjoys the challenge of building, working, and managing a small family business even when the only constant is change itself. **Dave** has received many positive comments on being featured in *The Hill* last fall. **Dave** says he and **Drew** got a kick out of working with *The Hill* managing editor Kim Asch as she labored to convey many points in a relatively short article. **Dave** continues to work with the National Pork Board in Des Moines on promotion, education and research in the pork industry. This involves about 10 trips annually. Many of these activities allow him to continue to broaden his networking within the agricultural industry. He communicates with **Wayne** and **Barb Kelley Colbantz** who have moved to

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**Robert K. Mathias**

**Robert K. Mathias**, a loyal College trustee and 1948 graduate, died on May 8, 2007 at the age of 82. He was a veteran of the Army, serving as a sergeant during World War II in the Transport Service, and joined Black and Decker in 1952 as an industrial engineer in the manufacturing division. He also held management positions in several of the company's divisions ultimately serving as vice president of Black and Decker's Easton (Md.) Project, where he was responsible for all phases of planning, start up and operations. Following his retirement from Black and Decker, he worked as a management consultant from 1987 to 1989.

Elected to the College's Board in 1975, **Mathias** was named as vice chair in 1982, serving more than 12 years in that post. He also served as president of WMC Development Corporation and as vice chair on the Executive and Membership and Nominations Committees. In 1983-84 he led the Physical Dimension Campaign that funded construction of the \$6 million Gill Center.

**Nancy Asmusen  
Speck is a  
professor of  
biochemistry  
at Dartmouth  
Medical School,  
where she  
studies blood  
cell development  
and leukemia.**

Wisconsin where Dr. Wayne teaches with the university.

**John Robinson** is going on 30 years working with Zurich Insurance (formerly Maryland Casualty) in IT project management. His wife, Mary, is a CPA, and works part time out of the home on several accounts. Their son, Johnny, is a sophomore at University of Maryland in the School of Business, and daughter Laura is a senior at Dulany High School, interested in pursuing architecture. John enjoyed coaching soccer, basketball, baseball and softball for about 10 years until his kids reached high school. The Robinsons have lived in Cockeysville since 1990, and have enjoyed family trips to Egypt, Europe, and Mexico since 2000.

**Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg** is still living in the Myrtle Beach, S.C., area. He and his brother, **Mark "Manny" '79**, are still proud owners of Eric Packages of the Carolinas. They have owned the company since 2001 and it continues to grow every year. They had the pleasure of hosting a number of GBX brothers for a little golf get-together again in 2006 (third year in a row). The group included **Bob Ivins**, **Gary Walters**, **Judd Miller '78**, **Mike "The Count" Modica '79**, **Mike "Art" Cotttingham '78**, **Mike "Snippy" Spath '78**, **Jay Cooke '78** and **Chuck "The Wizard" Boehlke '78**. They also saw **Jim "Lightening Rod" Lamont '80** and **Wayne Birely '79** a few times during the year. In December '06, Eric had to have angioplasty and a stent implanted to clear a major coronary artery. They caught the problem before he had a heart attack but he had to cancel his family vacation, a seven-day Caribbean cruise, at the last minute, to have the procedure done. Everything went well and he is getting back to his normal physical activities.

**Ellen Pierce Savarese** and her husband, Mike, are "living in joy" along with their dog and two cats. They are building an addition to their house. Mike is doing all the work himself, besides holding a full time-plus job. Ellen is working as medical records coordinator for a nursing and sub-acute facility, having switched careers five years ago. She also does Hospice volunteer work. They were to take a trip to Florida at the end of February to visit Ellen's parents and friends who had moved there.

**Steve and Holly Sewell Schonberger** live in Finksburg, Md., in the same house they purchased in 1980. They have three children. Josh graduated from West Virginia University in May '06 with a degree in industrial engineering and is currently employed at Clark Construction working in Martinsburg, W.Va., on an airport reconstruction project. Jeremy is a sophomore at Towson University majoring in political science. Erin is a freshman at Carroll Community College and has applied to Towson for her sophomore year. Holly and Steve celebrated their 29th anniversary. Steve is still running his lighting business and Holly is his office manager.

They purchased a second home in Ocean City, Md., where they spend their leisure time fishing and boating.

**Wona Wansitt Silbert** writes that her daughter, Dara, is a sophomore at James Madison. Her oldest, Taryn, 24, works near Westminster as a speech pathologist for autistic children. Jolo, 23, is on her own in South Carolina. Son Jarren, 16, is in 10th grade. He plays ice hockey for the Navy Youth Team and also for his high school. Wona hopes to go to Egypt with her sister this summer. Wona says her brother-in-law **Craig Silbert '75** is happy that his daughter **Saralyn '10** is going to McDaniel.

**Anne Duley Small** and her husband, Brian, have been living in Steamboat Springs, Colo., for the past 11 years. They will have been married 30 years this October. Anne's job as purchasing/contracts and risk manager for the City of Steamboat Springs keeps her very busy. She oversees all procurement, contracts, insurance issues and new construction administration. She has had the pleasure of building a new city hall facility, tennis center, golf course clubhouse, additions to the public works facility, transit center and fire station, as well as remodels of the old city hall building and police department. She also administers many of the grants the city is awarded for these projects. The Smalls own an auto repair shop which Brian runs and Anne does the books (in her spare time).

Son Dan, 26, recently completed a six-year tour with the Air Force and now attends school at Metro State in Denver and is studying to become a commercial pilot. Son Kevin, 23, recently earned a certificate in automotive repairs and joined his dad at their repair shop. Kevin is father to their granddaughter, Piper Rose, who is 2½, and they both live with Anne and Brian. While Kevin parents to Piper, Anne says it certainly was challenging to chase after their little ball of fire. Kevin spent his high school years skiing with the local ski club and was a fairly accomplished inverted aerialist. He and his snowmobiles. Last April, fellow classmates **Kathy McLaughlin Verdi**, **Ann Jones Koch '76**, **Sara Waldron** and **Teresa Small Salzano** and Ocean City, N.J., beach. Anne says they "all decided that none of us had changed a bit and we all looked like we did back at WMC. Our Pinocchio skills were a bit rusty but by the end of the second evening and several rounds of beers, we remembered how to play."

**Nancy Asmusen Speck** is currently a professor of biochemistry at Dartmouth Medical School, where she studies blood cell development and leukemia. She is married to **Ed Levin**, who is a timber frame designer. Nancy has a stepdaughter, Cora, who graduated from Vassar and now works in a costume design shop in New York City; a daugh-

ter Maren, who is a second-year medical student at Dartmouth Medical School; a daughter **Caroline '06** who graduated from McDaniel and is now working as a technician at Johns Hopkins; a son Nate, 12, who keeps them on their toes; and two large Bernese mountain dogs who make them laugh. While attending Caroline's graduation last May, **Barb Ernst** and I signed the chemistry step-ladder, and were happy to see **Dave Reinecker's** name there. Nancy is pleased to report that daughter **Caroline** enjoyed McDaniel every bit as much as Nancy loved WMC.

**Steve and Carol Fulton Spinelli** have been in Boston for three years. This year Carol is working with the Boston City Singers directing two of their eight choirs. This organization does a lot of the music teaching that the public schools have cut due to budget restraints. They work with children in grades one through 12 in after-school or evening choruses and now have over 300 members. The concert chorus will travel to Australia and New Zealand this summer. Steve is in his 14th year at Babson College, now in a mostly administrative role but doing some teaching when he can, and running the Center for Entrepreneurship and the Center for Global Management. Within the last 12 months, the Spinellis have traveled to China, Chile, Brazil, London, Ireland (both the North and the Republic), and Argentina is coming up soon. Their daughter, Kate, is studying for a master's in interior design, while also working for an architect in Wellesley. Their son, Stephen, is in the process of auditioning for graduate programs in choral conducting all over the country, so this will be an interesting year. He is an 11-time All-American swimmer at Williams College, and has begun his final season.

**Beth Heckert Tevis** and her husband, Jack, are taking full advantage of having both their children in college. Daughter **Tory** spent the fall of her junior year in Barcelona, where Beth and Jack visited her for Beth's 50th birthday. This spring they planned to visit son **Dru** in London where he is spending the semester. Tory is to graduate from Wakeforest in the spring of '07. Dru is currently a sophomore at New York University.

**Sara Waldron** has been at American University for five years as the associate dean of students. She works with students and parents to help them navigate the transitions at college. She does crisis management and intervention and oversees **Green Life** on campus. Additionally, she coordinates programs on general health and wellness and alcohol and other drug programming.

**Mike Warthen** is back in Syracuse, N.Y., after living in Orange County, Calif. He and his wife, Mary Ann, are typical sports parents, with Kelsey in crew and Ryan in football, basketball and lacrosse. Mike has spent 25 years in healthcare information technology and is currently working with IBM on build-

ing a National Health Information Network, a job that leads to lots of frequent flyer miles.

**COL. (Ret) Glenn Wasserman** retired from active duty last year after 27 years of service in the army medical department. He and his wife, Debbie, and daughter, Megan, enjoyed their many assignments over the years. His experience in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf led him from pediatrics to preventive medicine and public health. Glenn recalls with appreciation the excellent and dedicated professors at WMC and the liberal arts background that gave him a broader appreciation of the world. Glenn is now working as chief of the communicable disease division at the Hawaii Department of Health and says he definitely likes the improved work hours.

**Marjorie Feuer Waxenberg** writes that son Danny is a junior now in high school with a full load of AP and honor courses, and Elise is a junior in college, with her last semester spent doing an internship for legal aid in New York City. Huband Steve has been at Narda (an L3 corporation) for the past 10 years.

The Glicker family continues to keep busy. The family has grown since my last writing with the addition of three more grandchildren, bringing the total to eight. Our oldest two daughters continue to reside in Maine with their families. Son Jacob has just completed his ninth year in the Air Force and is currently stationed in South Korea for a year, without his wife and children who are now in Florida. Anna, 20, is attending Liberty University. Katie, 18, is taking classes at Northern Virginia Community College. Bethany, 11, and Joel, 9, keep me busy home schooling them. Ken keeps busy fixing people's computers, in addition to his day job in the building supply business. I seem to stay very busy. In addition to keeping up with all the kids and grandkids, I administer a monthly food co-op and a bi-weekly organic milk delivery for local families. I do bulk mailing for a missionary group to the Persecuted Church. I am still doing wedding cakes. Recently, I had the blessing of attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., to take a week-long intensive pastry course. It was a wonderful time that has made me want to go back for more classes. Last year, my mother decided to move into an assisted living community. We had only several months to go through 50 years of accumulated belongings, downsizing, set her house and get her moved. That was an emotional time, to say the least. We still enjoy going to our "little home away from home" near Wallops Island and Chincoteague whenever we get the opportunity.

By the time you read this, our class will have had our 30-year reunion. If you were not able to be there, know that you were missed. While it gives me great joy to hear from each of you who do write, it would be so wonderful to hear from those of you who

have never written. Please consider dropping me a line some time to keep in touch with friends and former classmates.

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It was great hearing from everyone especially those who had not been heard from in a while. Here's the latest on the Class of '83.

**Rick Koplowitz** has been with EDS for six years as a consultant. He is a single dad and has a great son, 13, whom he raised mostly on his own since he was 3. He still plays guitar and is in a couple of bands that play at local clubs in Maryland. He saw **Greg Peterson '82** last summer for the first time since graduating. He says it was amazing jamming with Greg again after all this time. Rick says, "Greg only got better and showed me the correct way to play these Rolling Stones songs. Greg is doing great." He also recently saw **Fran Hendricks Bhusan '83**. They went to an amazing jazz club in Baltimore. Fran lives in Utah and has two wonderful kids. She also is doing great.

**Steve Ports** gets to the College campus every once in a while since he is involved with the Alumni Council. Currently he chairs the Council's Nominations and Governance Committee. If anyone has an interest in being involved with the Alumni Council in one form or another, please let him know. He still plays a lot of music gigs in the Baltimore area and Ocean City with the Steve Ports Trio and the Klassix which has been together now for over 20 years. He frequently runs into fellow alumni at the City in Lutherville and at Fager's in Ocean City.

The Tech Fantasy Football League was won by **Mark Jordan** this year and included teams managed (or in some cases mismanaged) by **Jay Krause**, **Bryan Gately**, **John O'Connell** and **Scott Kohr**. During the day, he is still the principal deputy director of the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission which sets the hospital rates in the State of Maryland pursuant to a federal law. Mark lives in Colorado with his wife and two children and loves his Rocky Mountain High.

**Paul Calk** returned from Stuttgart, Germany (Special Operations Command-Europe) in June '04. He and his family moved to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., so that he could attend United States Army War College in 2004-05. He was promoted to colonel and then deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, to serve as a staff officer in multi-national forces-Iraq (MNF-I) from July '05 to June '06. He and his family now live in Brunsum, the Netherlands, and he is now assigned to a NATO unit. After 24 years in the Army he still loves it.

**Beth White Werrell** lives in Finksburg with husband John and daughter Katie. Her daughter attends Westminster High where

Beth sees many alumni. She says they act all grown up and proper like they never chugged beer at frat parties. She is now the copy director at Love and Company, a marketing and advertising agency that specializes in marketing to senior citizens. For fun she enjoys making quilts. She often visits **Erik '83** and **Betsy Mitchell '84** Henning and their son, Ian.

**Andrew Dallas** is happy to report that he is still single and works part time for the U.S. Postal Service. He is developing a stock-trading business that has gone slowly. He lives in Knoxville, Md.

**Albert Mensah** is a motivational speaker based in Dallas, Texas. He and his wife have two children, Joshua and Ana.

**Maggie 'Peg' Houghton Kelly** works as a school counselor at Hammond Elementary School in Laurel. It is both rewarding and unbelievably frustrating! "Saving the World" is not realistic, she has come to realize. The most rewarding thing she's done for the last two years is to volunteer at the Washington Animal Rescue League. She takes care of the dogs there and helps match up potential adopters with their potential dogs. (An "adoptions counselor" - she writes that she is a counselor everywhere.) It is a state of the art shelter that was designed to meet both the emotional and physical needs of the animals sheltered there. She and her husband, Rich, have two children, Melissa and Jared, along with four small dogs and two cats.

**Kathleen 'Kaki' Brusca Wynn** and husband Patrick have two children, Colleen and Brian. She and Patrick celebrated their 20th anniversary; she says it just seems like yesterday that they met at Steve Port's "Tech" party. They live in Glenwood and run into many alumni. Her company is in its 14th year and still going strong.

**River Lebers Hoult** is a stay-at-home mom with Nick and Jessie. She also works part time as the director for Children's Christian Formation at her church. She oversees the pre-K through fifth grade Sunday school program.

**Stacie Matzorkis Dashiell**, Lisa Stahl Gastelle and **Sue Lupinus Spencer** were excited to be writing this together from Naples, Fla. They met there for four days of fun in the sun, relaxing, eating and drinking. As a matter of fact, they were sitting in the hot tub reminiscing about WMC days which they tried to recreate in Naples. They are thankful to have three great husbands who enable them to get away by holding down the fort at home. They say that their conversations have certainly changed. Topics center on children, husbands and jobs, with the occasional recipe and medical ailment thrown in. Lisa is still working at Maryland School for the Deaf and lives outside Frederick, Md. Stacie is still in the Cleveland area working at Hyland Software, with Nicole and Derek in middle school and getting ready for high school. She is excited to be going to Greece and Europe for six weeks this summer with her family.

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**Mrs. Mildred Johnson Dorsey '32**, of Cornwall, Vt., in 2005.

**Mrs. Susanah Cockey Kiefer '33**, of Catonsville, Md., on April 3, 2007.

**Mrs. Mildred Price Harris '35**, of Westminster, Md., on April 14, 2007.

**Mr. Joseph A. Lipsky '35**, of Columbia, S.C., on February 20, 2007.

**Mr. Allen R. Dudley '36**, of Hanover, Pa., on February 21, 2007.

**Mrs. Arline Hudson Marvill '37**, of Delmar, Md., on March 26, 2007.

**Mr. Charles G. Gilbert '40**, of Towson, Md., on January 10, 2007.

**Mr. Robert E. Bricker '42**, of Blue Bell, Pa., on March 19, 2007. See page 42.

**Mr. Zachariah C. Ebaugh '42**, of Sheffield Village, Ohio, on April 15, 2007.

**Mrs. Ellen Lovell Holter '44**, of Middletown, Md., on December 12, 2006.

**Mrs. Phyllis Hess Mannino '44**, of Omak, Wash., on November 7, 2006.

**Dr. Peter P. Mannino '44**, of Omak, Wash., on January 29, 2007.

**Mr. Fern R. Hitchcock Jr. '47**, of New Oxford, Pa., on January 31, 2007.

**Robert Mathias '48**, of Westminster, Md., on May 8, 2007. See page 45.

**Mrs. Virginia Walters Rider '49**, of Hampstead, N.C., on April 4, 2007.

**Mrs. Jean Reamer Harbold '49**, of Westminster, Md., on February 27, 2007.

**Mr. Joseph J. Kovalevsky '50**, of Randallstown, Md., on September 21, 2006.

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# Seven New Trustees Elected

Four alumni are among seven new faces on the Board of Trustees. Their election and service to the 46-member Board is effective July 1. Trustee Martin K.P. Hill, president of Hill Development Group, LLC, of Manchester, Md., was elected Board chair and will succeed James I. Melhorn, president and CEO of EMA, Inc., who has served since 1996.

Nupur P. Flynn '94 is director of institutional marketing, Brown Capital Management, Inc. She earned her B.A. in International Studies at the College and a master's degree in European Studies and European Policy from the Institute of European Studies of the Free University of Brussels.

A native of Nassau, Ralph O. Frith '84 is district manager with Spectrum Brands, Inc., a global consumer products company and leading supplier of batteries, lawn and garden care and personal care products. Frith also volunteers for Kabob Build, building playgrounds in communities in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity, and Joe Gibbs Racing, a Christian-ministry outreach nonprofit.

Marjorie Kimble M.Ed. '86 is a community leader, having served since 2002 as a board member of the nationally recognized Alzheimer's patient facility Copper Ridge Institute, and as a member on the affiliated boards of the EMA, Inc. Both she and husband Jeff earned master's degrees from the College and were career educators in Carroll County public schools.

Since 1974, Donald M. Rembert '61 has worked as a financial advisor and established Rembert, Pendleton & Fox in 1990. Rembert specializes in global investment asset allocation, retirement and estate planning and small business consulting. Rembert graduated with a B.A. in Economics in 1961 and has been a volunteer for the College's Alumni Association and fundraising. He also chairs the Advisory Council for the newly created WMC Heritage Society. He is married to Judy Ellis '60.

Maryland-based professionals also joining the Board are William K. Blanchet of Laurel, Md., management consultant Julie Mercer of Baltimore and cardiologist Dr. Chitradhehu Naganna of Westminster.

Sue still lives in Cherry Hill, N.J., and works for Barolin & Spencer Marketing Communications. She has two sons, Jake and Cole. They talked about all of the fun they had at WMC and miss everyone.

Laurie Bimestefer Shields has been married to a very patient man, Mike, for seven years. She is the registrar at Carroll Community College. Her daughter, Kaitlyn Reinhardt '08, was to graduate from McDaniel this spring. The two of them combined have five children.

Anne Glaeser Hubach and Kurt live in Montvale, Va., on a 137-acre farm, complete with horses, chickens, cats, dogs and wild game. Kurt is a hospitalist at Carilion Bedford Memorial Hospital in nearby Bedford. He has just opened the Blue Ridge Vein Center, a clinic that specializes in the treatment of varicose veins. Anne is also office manager, as well as continues to home school three of their five children, and also coaches swimming at the Bedford YMCA. Their children are: Jessica, 19, Allison, 17, Joanna, 15, Amelia, 13, and Josiah, 11. "They are all huge blessings to our very wonderful and fulfilling lives, for which we thank God daily!" They would love to get back in touch with Lisa Kulick and Bill Spence, Donna Trexel '82 and Trevor '81 Smith, Dwight and Brenda Jones Eichelberger, Jeff '84 and Carol Trice, and Jeff Morrison and others from their old college life study group.

Shelley Haydak Sweeney and husband Neil have two teenagers, Molly and Matt. She continues to work (18 years) at Howard County General Hospital as the case manager for psychiatric services. She has three nieces that attend McDaniel and all report to have very positive experiences.

Laura Lee Cock Wilson was a non-traditional student that graduated in '83. She returned to local church ministry after 14 years in campus ministry at University of Delaware. She is currently the Doctor of Ministry in Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Randallstown. She recently married Ralph H. Morgan and she has six grandchildren.

Paul and Nancy Turner Parlette recently celebrated their 23rd anniversary. They have two sons, Wesley and Andrew.

Karen Messick Street continues to work in her private practice in Crofton doing therapy with a specialty in treating eating disorders. She and Ward '82 have two daughters, Natalie and Hannah. Ward coaches soccer and they meet for monthly dinners with Nina Blecher, Ellen Schaefer Salins, Meredith Zimmerman, Cathy Hosley Wattenberg and Alison Warner Good.

Ellen Schaefer Salins has three children. She continues to have a private practice providing mental health therapy to deaf individuals and works for the Social Work Department at Gallaudet University.

Eileen Riley Richardot and husband Bill have two sons, Richard and Timmy. Eileen worked in Human Resources for 20 years but was laid off in 2003 and used that event

to push her back to school to become certified in ultrasound. She works at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital as a cardiac sonographer and loves it. She and her family love to ski and she would like to know where Shari Bullard McClellan is.

Mollie King and husband Jim Crouch recently built a home on five acres in beautiful Calvert County. They have two sons, Edoe and Michael. She continues to work for the Voice of America as the senior editor for news content on the website, VOANews.com. She keeps in touch with Shawn Warner Denton but wishes she lived closer.

It was nice to hear from W. Scott Lohmann. It's been a long time! He and his wife have two sons. He has two time-consuming hobbies, gardening and triathlons. He and Brian Fox run triathlons together and hope to do so until they're in wheelchairs. Scott sees Gary Harris, Craig Clary and Carl Tarbell, all Phi Delts, at their annual golf outing. Mike Easley '81 lives close by so he sees him often. Scott is a CEO of a company that finances restaurants. He says he has seen the progress that has been made on campus through the website and it is very impressive!

John Dixon, after living in Harford County for 16 years, has moved back to Anne Arundel County. He and Jody built a house in Crownsville (actually across the river from where he grew up) and moved in the week before Christmas. Jack, 12, and Mike, 10, are adjusting well. He is director of land development for Lacrosse Homes and works in Stevensville. The company has grown quite a bit over the past few years and keeps him very busy.

Marybeth Gaiser Engers-Fasano is an accounting manager in the corp world and has started a business at home in the health and nutrition industry. They are looking for 10 acres of land in the Smokey Mountains to retire away from the "rat race" after their daughter graduates from high school. Marybeth works with her church's children and bell choir. She also volunteers for her township D.A.R.E. program and counseling for domestic violence victims.

Melissa Main has been at Mount St. Mary's University as director of community service for six years. She says she "loves her job." She recently reconnected with Lydia Kane Podhorniak because she has her nephew in class. She still lives in Walkersville.

Stan Murray lives in Westminster with his wife and two sons. He is in his 24th year at Steel and Wire Products where he is vice president.

Dwight and Brenda Jones Eichelberger moved from New Hampshire to Lancaster County. Dwight is a family doctor at Lancaster General Hospital and Brenda is with Lancaster Lebanon IU#13 as a speech pathologist for ages 3-6. They have three sons: Ford, Ian and Harrison. They would love to hear from Ellen Noel, Jacki Anderson Stranahan and Ron Antlitz '82.





**Patrick Dail**  
writes that  
this year  
has been a  
fantastic  
adventure:  
working in  
Manhattan,  
buying and  
remodeling an  
apartment in  
Brooklyn Heights  
and finishing  
his M.B.A.

sign, a small graphic design studio in Silver Spring, Md. He has been with the company for more than 11 years. David recently moved to downtown Baltimore.

**Tammy Kile** is an emergency medicine physician and has been working at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Md., for almost three years. She lives in Glenwood, Md., with her partner, Pam, and their two sons, Garrett, 5, and Aiden, 4. They adopted Aiden from Arkhangelsk, Russia, on March 14, 2006. She writes that he has been a wonderful addition to their family. Tammy still talks to **Jen McLeod Hurlbut** and they try to get together at least once a year.

**Jen McLeod Hurlbut** and husband Keith stay busy raising their four children, Jessica, 7, Justin, 6, Nicholas, 4, and Aiden, 4, outside Allentown, Pa. To finance the "kid habit" Keith works as a project engineer at Mack Trucks and Jen works in pharmaceutical sales for Merck. The kids keep them happily busy running around to various athletic events, school events, parks and other kid places. Jen writes that in order to keep up with her husband and kids she has (reluctantly at first!) learned to ice skate and snow ski. She is happy to remain in touch with many college friends. Although the pace is hectic she says she and her husband wouldn't change it for anything.

**Barb Pierantozzi McCaughey** and her husband, Rich '90, hang out with their Harford County buddies: **Steve '87** and **Lucy Purcell '86** Lutche, **Chris and Laurie Lutche '90** Scannell and **Mike '88** and **Barb Raynor O'Connor**. Rich and Barb's kids attend Harford Day School. Collin, 10, is in the fourth grade. Erin, 7, is in the second grade. This summer will be their sixth annual vacation to North Carolina with alumni friends.

**Brian Baugus** and his wife, Ildiko, have expanded their family since the last issue of *The Hill*. They now have four children. Marisa was born Aug. 18, 2005. She joins Samantha, Jack and Adam. They are still living in Easton, but Brian writes that he anticipates a move once he completes his doctoral class work this spring. He resigned from the Department of Educational Services last year to finish school and plans to re-enter the job market. He has two short-term teaching positions, one at Salisbury University and one at Washington College. Other than that, he and his wife stay busy with the kids' activities. Ildiko's online business and pilot lessons.

The summer of 2005 had **Katherine Ertz Gloyd** and her family packing up and moving to the West Coast. They left Kensington, Md., to live in Carlsbad, Calif. Katherine's husband, Bill, opened an office for Fidelity Investments in Del Mar. They love the southern California outdoor lifestyle. Their two boys, Liam and Aiden, keep the energy level high. They enjoy participating in their schools and sports that include skateboarding, surfing, in-line rink hockey and baseball. Last summer **Elizabeth Burkitt Howes** and her family

came for a visit. Katherine's family is planning a summer trip to Bethany Beach, Del.

**Elizabeth Burkitt Howes** writes that everything is going great with her family. Elizabeth, her husband Tom, and twin 7-year-olds, Kelly Anne and Connor, live in Potomac, Md. They are enjoying the typical kid stuff: Boy Scouts, Brownies, basketball, gymnastics and swimming. Elizabeth writes that she feels like a chauffeur for the most of time. Elizabeth's family spends the Fourth of July each year at Mike and **Shawn Chatfield Ott's '88** home in Virginia Beach. Shawn, Mike and their four boys are doing great. They also enjoyed a wonderful trip to California. While there they were able to have a great visit with **Katherine Ertz Gloyd** and her family.

**Michele Cruikshank Hayward** and husband **Craig '90** added to their family. Elizabeth Grace was born in 2005. They are still in Pittsburgh, but are hoping to move to a new, warmer life in North Carolina. She's looking forward to getting together with college friends to celebrate their 40th birthdays and relive their college days that don't seem that long ago.

**Sandi Stevens Corbo** is completing her 18th year with the Baltimore County Public Schools. She is still teaching physical education at Stoneleigh Elementary in Towson. Sandi, husband Joe, and daughter, Maggie, 7, love their "mountain" home in Timonium. They are busy fixing up the house, chasing away deer, and working on their golf skills. Now that Maggie has an interest in golf they are hoping to hit the course a lot more. She sees **Sandy Metz Borns** and **Julie Katcef Maseritz** from time to time and enjoys shopping at **Mary Neil Corcoran Cahanagan's '90** store, "Hopscotch."

After 39 years in Baltimore, **Patrick Dail** moved his life to The Big Apple. He took a job with the City University of New York in February '06. Pat writes that this last year has been a fantastic adventure: working in Manhattan, buying and remodeling an apartment in Brooklyn Heights, finishing his Central America. Pat has had a few opportunities to stop back at McDaniel College and marvels at how the campus has grown. He says it's hard to believe it was the cozy WMC from which we graduated in 1969.

**Bob Hutchinson** has been with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals for six years and helps manage a group of people who write clinical research. He enjoyed traveling to Aspen, Colo., in October with his parents for the annual celebration of John Denver's life and music.

**Harry Cohen**, wife **Piper Luce MS'90**, and their children relocated to Bloomington, Ind., in the summer of 2005. Harry purchased his own Ophthalmology practice from a retiring physician. The practice is going great and they plan to build a new facility this summer. Harry and Piper are enjoying their three children, Lane, Gage, and Bryn. Most of the evenings and weekends

are occupied with kid and church activities.

He writes that after a few moves they are happy to say that they love Bloomington and plan to stay there for good.

**Jonathan Favorite** is still working at Communications Electronics in Timonium, 17 years and counting. He is now the director of vendor and product management. He and his wife, Heather, welcomed a third son in July '06. Quinn joins brothers, Ryan and Sean. The boys keep the house exciting. They look forward to peaceful evenings, but not anytime soon! Jonathan is still the assistant lacrosse coach at North Carroll High School and runs into alumni there. Although family and work take up most of the hours in the day, the Favorites still vacation frequently with many alumni and also welcomed **Jackson Day '63** as pastor of Grace United Methodist Church.

**Bill and Kim Weir Butz** just celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Bill is the C.F.O. of Aerotek and spends all of his "free time" coaching soccer and basketball. Kim stays busy with their four children. Last March **Kim and Becky Barlow Fitzsimmons '90** surprised Bill and John with an early 40th birthday present. They took a trip to Arizona to watch the Green Terror baseball team play during their spring training camp. They had a blast.

**Roland McCahan** writes from the beautiful Outerbanks of North Carolina. Roland is a radio DJ for WVOX 99.1 the Sound. He has been in radio as a DJ since graduating. He keeps in touch with **Jess Diller '88** and **Ted Graves '90** and **Wendy Wilson Leatherman '90**. He claims he doesn't make a lot of money, but he can (and does) walk on the beach every day and hosting bikini contests never gets old! He hopes all is well with the class of 1989.

**Sandy Metz Borns** is still trying to maintain some order with her three children: Austin, 5, Shane, 3, and Haley, 1. They are full of life and sometimes exhausting. Sandy helps her husband with his massage business, Austin and Greg Masonary. Helping him gives her the opportunity to socialize with some adults throughout the day. Sandy recently chose to resign with Baltimore County Public Schools as a guidance counselor. She plans to return to the school system when her youngest is off to kindergarten. She still sees **Sandy Stevens Corbo**, **Julie Katcef Maseritz**, **Mike Maseritz '90**, **Kevin O'Connor '88** and **Lisa Finn Bockstie '90**. On Sandy's 40th birthday she was fortunate to see several other great college friends.

**Jennifer Engle Deitrick** is currently a staff clinical pharmacist at Memorial Hospital in Easton, Md. She has two beautiful children: Megan, 6, and Jacob, 4. She will be celebrating her 18th wedding anniversary this year with her husband, John. She keeps in touch with **Pichada Chhay-Honick**, who is also her dentist, and with **Nancy VanHess Junker '90**.

**David Cadigan** is currently a senior account executive at HMS Insurance Associates, Inc. His wife, Jen, is a stay-at-home

mom with their two happy boys, Connor, 5, and Dylan, 2. David is looking forward to an upcoming golf trip with **Cort Sandstrom, Bill Hallett, Chris Dolch and Rich McCaughey** '90. David plans to drink a lot of milk on the trip.

**Mike Reyes** and his family have been in East Texas for three years. He and his wife, Tracy, celebrated their 16th year anniversary of marriage. Their daughter, Teran, 14, continues to excel in school, gymnastics and cheerleading. Their son Marek, 12, is enjoying school and playing soccer. Mike works for G.M. in Shreveport, La. He has been accepted into an apprenticeship program and is back in school learning to be a stationary engineer working in the powerhouse. He has become active in his local union as sergeant-at-arms and as the union chaplain. He is also finishing up his master's in psychology/Christian counseling from Louisiana Baptist University. Somehow he still finds time to study and practice martial arts a couple times a week.

**Jim and Frances Pata Cardia** had a big year in 2006. In January, Jim was named partner of the Baltimore law firm Schochor, Frederic, & Stoton, P.A. On Feb. 27, 2006, they welcomed Kelly Marie to the family. Kelly joins sisters Jamie, 10, and Katie, 7. The older girls keep them busy with soccer, softball and basketball. Frances remains the controller at the Aspen Hill Club in Silver Spring where she has worked for 14 years. In October, Jim and his brother hosted the ninth annual Dr. Don Cardia Memorial Golf Tournament in New Jersey. The tournament benefited the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. There were several alumni players and supporters including **Matt Palazzo, Dave Ferguson, Eric Landgraf** '87, **Norm Dahl** '87, **Keith Berlin** '86, **Darren Loppinzi** '90, **Mike Schmall** '90, **Chris Flatter**, **Steve Hegna**, **Tom Parnazino** '82 and **Roxanne Benjovskey McClanahan**.

**Renee Yeager Yingling** of family keeps her busy and very happy. She is married to Ed Yingling. He is the brother of our late classmate **Beth Yingling Hossler**. Ed works as a fire lieutenant at BW1 airport. They continue to live in Carroll County in a home they built together. They have two energetic sons, Ryan, 9, and Craig, 7. The boys are involved in many sports and scouts. Renee has her master's in physical therapy and is working part time at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster. Due to the deaths of two young people, including Beth, in their family, Renee tries to realize how precious each day is to us.

**Roxanne Benjovskey McClanahan** looks forward to reading what everyone is up to these days. She writes that she is having an exciting year with all of the 40th birthday parties and activities. She is routinely juggling the roles of wife, mother, daughter and professional. She and her husband, Dan, live with "Our Three Sons" in Crofton, Md. Roxanne has published a regional website to locate area resources on-line. She truly enjoys the

time she spends with her **Thirsty Thursday** Phi Sig friends. They gather once a month and head to the beach each spring. Roxanne sends her best to all her fellow alumni.

**Paul Holloway** lives in Doylestown, Pa. He is still working in the pharmaceutical industry as an account director for Verisip dedicated to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Paul and his wife, Kristi, have three children: Sarah, 13, Matthew, 10, and Beth, 7. Their various activities keep them quite busy from season to season. Paul enjoys coaching basketball and baseball. Kristi has gone back to work in the Central Bucks County School District after staying home for the past six years. Paul catches up with **Steve Hegna**, who lives across the river in New Jersey, every once in awhile. Paul also writes that he hopes the "Magnificent Seven" are doing well, as well as all of his Bachelor brothers.

**Janie Davis** is working hard to complete his nursing degree and will be finished in the spring of '08. He and his wife, **Amy Heebner** '88, stay busy raising their three kids: Christopher, 13, Mindy, 11, and Saralynn, 8. Right now, Janie's biggest project is working on his new Internet radio program, the *MediPodcast*. It is a weekly show with information that has been recognized as a valuable online resource for paramedics, EMTs and other medical personnel. He credits his experiences at the College's radio station and with the film and video production department with a large part of his success. He wishes to send thanks to all of his classmates that kicked his rear to work hard on all of the many projects.

**Dave Swezey** is keeping busy these days. He is the president of the Pequanook Soccer Club as well as being a soccer coach for a traveling team and keeping in shape playing in a 40+ league. Dave also coaches a youth lacrosse team. He still finds time for his job as vice president of sales at **Hart-Henshaw**. This past spring Dave and **Matt McKenney**, **Dave Jakober** '91 and **Steve Picardi** '88 went to Las Vegas for a reunion. He is looking forward to seeing a lot of Betes at an RBX reunion. His wife and three children are doing great.

**Joe Ciber** is buying into the whole notion that 40 is the new 30! Joe and his wife, Meg, just built a new home and now they are living in Carroll Valley, Pa. They have three children: Lainey, 8, Aiden, 5, Liv, 3, as well as a black lab, Saint. Joe is the co-founder and a principal partner with *Creoactive Affects*, a strategic marketing firm. He still keeps up with national marketing. He still keeps up with **Michelle Meehan McDonnell** and **Carl Solis**. Joe travels often and is producing admissions for marketing for colleges and universities. This makes him look back at his time on the Hill a little differently.

**Melissa Schaffner** is working as a U.S. Army MWR marketing manager at Fort Campbell. She writes that she loves her federal government job. She went on a western Caribbean

cruise in January and had a great time.

**Bryan Lynch** writes that all is well with the Lynch family. The children are getting bigger and older. Their daughter, Madalyn, is 4 and son Gavin is 3. Bryan and his wife, Kerri, are busy with preschool, swim lessons, etc. Bryan is currently in his 12th year with the New Jersey State Police. This is his fifth year protecting the governor. He still tries to play "hoops" in his free time. He and his wife are in the process of building a new home.

**Mitchell and Aleta Bruno Brydge** are doing great in North Carolina. Aleta is working part time as a P.A. and as a full-time mom to their twins Grace and Mitchell, Jr., 5. Aleta is planning to celebrate her 40th birthday by hiking the Grand Canyon rim to rim with her girlfriends. Mitchell's business is doing well. He is building a lot of projects and developing land. For fun, Mitch likes to fish. Marlin tournaments in the summer. They have a summer home in Atlantic Beach, N.C., where they spend as much time as possible and their vacation on Ocracoke Island six times a year.

**Brian Panettiere** writes from Minnesota. He and his wife, Nan, just welcomed Alyson Rose into the world on June 17, 2006. Brian still continues his role as a manager with Cintas Corporation. He keeps in touch with **Rich "Magill" Hensor** '90 who keeps in the loop with news of his Phi Delt brothers.

**Michelle Giandrani Rooney** and her husband **Jon** '88 have moved to New Hope, Pa. They are enjoying being closer to friends and family. She can't believe we turn 40 this year. Michelle thought that it would never come.

**Heather Smith** and her husband were blessed with another daughter in 2006. That brings them to two wonderful girls. They reside in Fredericksburg, Va. Heather and her husband both work at the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Va. She misses her Phi Alpha sisters and hopes to get to homecoming this year.

**Jon Andersen** and his wife, Kerry, built a house outside of Ocean City, Md. They have two children, Hagen and Mia. **Jon and Pete Mohammadioun** '88 own a mini golf and water park business in Fenwick Island, Del. Their days are very busy but they have many alumni visitors each summer and they enjoy peaceful winters.

**Theresa Bernhardt Ballinger** now works for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. She is the deputy director of the regional finance office and heads the quality control assurance group. Her husband, **Bob** '88, now works for the Maryland State Department of the Environment as the public information officer. Their boys, Troy, 10, and Will, 8, keep them busy with school and sports activities in Howard County.

**Debbie Ridpath** is currently working on a documentary series for the Discovery Channel. She still lives in Los Angeles with her two children, Cameron, 9, and Hayden, 7. She recently saw **Janine Advice** '90. Janine came to visit in Los Angeles for Debbie's

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**Mr. James T. Hess** MED '65, of Middletown, Md., on August 26, 2005.

**Mr. Joel A. Goldblatt** '68, of Manassquan, N.J., on February 6, 2007.

**Mr. Paul H. Neff** MED '69, of Mount Wolf, Pa., on November 18, 2006.

**Mrs. Cynthia Blanke Petti** MED '69, of Damariscotta, Maine, on August 7, 2006.

**Ms. Pamela Seeley Baldwin** '71, of New Haven, Conn., on January 22, 2007.

**Mr. Dennis L. Catron** MED '72, of Elkton, Md., on March 3, 2005.

**Mrs. Betty Barnes Leatherwood** MED '76, of Sykesville, Md., on October 8, 1997.

**Mr. Gregory W. Hall** MED '82, of Oceanside, Calif., on January 1, 2000.

**Mr. Raymond H. Richard** '88, of Falls Church, Va., on January 5, 2005.

**Mr. John R. Williams** '78, of Gambrills, Md., on March 7, 2007.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Giles Chelson** MED '80, of Westminster, Md., on March 6, 2007.

**Dr. Walter Sondheim Jr.**, honorary doctorate of humane letters 1999, of Baltimore, Md., on February 8, 2007.

**Mrs. Elizabeth McConnell Dori**, MS '00, of Littlestown, Pa., on August 13, 2005.

**Mr. Luke T. Hoffman** '05, of Marriottsville, Md., on April 26, 2007.

**Dr. Robert H. Hartman**, professor of philosophy and religious studies emeritus, of Westminster, Md., on February 11, 2007.

**Dr. Donald E. Jones**, professor of chemistry emeritus, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., on April 18, 2007. See page 43.



# Doggone Good

Advice from dog trainer Nancy Despres Dryden '93 sounds a lot like old-fashioned child-rearing wisdom: Love them, but set boundaries and let them know who's boss.

Dryden, a psychology major with a sociology minor, has trained hundreds of dogs of all sizes and ages since earning

certification at the West Virginia Canine College in 1996. Now she owns and operates the Doggie Do Right obedience school and daycare in Leesburg, Va.

Often her most difficult students are the dogs' owners. "People want the dogs to change but they don't want to hear that they have to change their own behavior," she says, adding, "It doesn't do your kid or your dog any favor to never say 'no.'"

Dryden's two-week obedience day school reads Rover to behave while out and about with the family. Dryden takes her canine students along bike trails, to town centers and in and out of shops in downtown Leesburg to expose the dogs to common distractions like bikes, kids and other dogs. "It takes a village to train a dog," Dryden

says. "A dog who learns to walk on a leash and respect its owner is a dog who's more satisfied."

## A few doggie training tidbits:

- Crate puppies until they're 2 years old. "I absolutely, hands-down believe in crating. It's all about the pack mentality and this is their den."
- Don't play tug of war with your dog because you have to win every time if you want to stay in charge.
- When choosing a new dog, consider mutts, since they often get the best qualities of a mix of breeds. If there's a particular breed you want, check with the rescue group for that breed.
- If you can't afford a trainer (Dryden's two-week course costs \$700), watch Cesar Millan's "Dog Whisperer" on the National Geographic Channel. "I love him because his philosophy is the same as mine."

birthday and they plan to get together each year in San Francisco.

**David Castellano** married Rebecca Campbell on Nov. 25, 2006. Rebecca is from New Zealand. They are living in Glen Burnie, Md.

**Michele Minardi Pepin** and her husband, Jeff, live in Richmond, Va. She is working as an R.N. consultant for Wellpoint, Inc. Her husband is program director of Fidura and Associates.

**Kim Bechtel Spinoso** has an active son, Nicholas, 5, and a stepdaughter, 21. Kim has quit her job to concentrate on her family life. She worked for the same radiology publication for 10 years, traveled extensively, and got very tired of it so she decided to take a break. They still live on the North Shore of Long Island, N.Y. Now that Kim is not working all of the time she has had a chance to meet some neighbors and make new friends. She tries to see **Debbie Reynolds Williams**, **Jennifer Manger Dolch**, **Christine Kelly Cherundolo** and **Cresson Walsh Holden** at least once a year.

**Lynne Enoch Mathis**, husband Bob, and April, Lynne will not only turn 40 but will also celebrate her 10-year wedding anniversary. Her life is filled with soccer, baseball, scouts, hockey, doctors, school—like all parents. Lynne wishes that they are all happy and healthy and that life is going by too fast!

Since I have last written this column my family and I have moved. We are still in Timonium, Md. We are in a fantastic neighborhood and we really enjoy our home. Our son, Kevin, is 7 and our daughter, Kelly, is 4. We see a lot of friends from school on a regular basis. Recently I went to a great 40th surprise

party for **Susan Shoumer Newman**, given by her husband, **Chris '98**. There were several alumni in attendance. She was so surprised. Everyone danced the night away. My sister **Jenny O'Hara Sweetflicker '91** lives in Bethlehem, Pa., and I see her as often as possible and we talk every day. She has three children now, so travel is not as easy. My parents still have a place at the beach that we take full advantage of each summer. We will spend as much time as possible in Bethany Beach and

legge friends there. Life is pretty boring our greatest accomplishment and definitely bring Chuck and I the most joy.

Thanks again to all of you that mailed back the postcards, e-mailed me and even phoned. I love hearing from each and every one of you. This column would not be possible without you. I am truly grateful, and I love reconnecting with our class.

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**Brett '92** and **Stephanie Lee Coyne** are in their 10th year teaching in Montgomery County, Md. **Stella Presley** turned 1 on Valentine's

Day and **Brady Elvis** is 3.

**Carolyn Kelsey Briskman** stays home to care for Jack, 4, and Nicholas, 2, and **Pete '94** still works for The Staubach Company (commercial real estate).

**Donna Munson Bartos** and husband Peter have two children, P.J., 3, and Gracie Cecilia, 2. Donna is a stay-at-home mom and a director/consultant with Southern Living At HOME. She is the founder and chair for the national "Girls' Night Out"—a fundraising/awareness event held at salons and spas across the country designed to empower women to break the silence of domestic abuse. After living in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania for seven years, Donna is looking forward to moving in July '07 to Vistancia, a master planned community in Peoria, Ariz. She and her husband are planning to open their second stone countertop company, Stellar Stone Fabrications, LLC, in the Valley of the Sun.

**Jennifer Clatfield** is currently living in Lutherville, Md., with her boyfriend, Casey, step son Landon, 4, daughter Chloe, 10 months, and their two dogs, Atlas and Rocky. Jennifer works in a pediatric private practice in White Marsh as a pediatric nurse practitioner.

**Melissa Slaughter** is currently the assistant director of development for the Friends of Medicine program at Johns Hopkins. Most recently she has run two half-marathons and hiked the Inca Trail in Peru. She keeps in touch with several alumni, especially **Sheri Lesher** and **Hydee Johnson Streett**.

**Tyler Wilson** and **Michele Reavy '94 Wilson** and their two kids Mia, 7, and Matthew, 5, live in West Deptford, N.J., and are doing great. They just got back from Nicaragua where they spent some time with **Alex Mansell**. Also, they attended **Matt Massey's** wedding in December where they had a chance to catch up with **Matt and Sarah Strickland '93 St. Jean** and **Ryan Hudson**. He said, "It's been great to catch up with everyone."

**Elizabeth Simons Gleason** is enjoying time spent with her son and husband. She's returned to work part time, teaching art at an elementary school in Fairfax, Va., close to where they live. She keeps in touch with fellow Phi Alpha **Cynthia Spack Lourido**, her husband and their two boys who live in Pennsylvania.

**Kelly Benven Brainerd** is a stay-at-home mom to twins Hannah and Jonah, 3. Their household is busy with the twins. At the moment, she does not have any plans to return to work, she enjoys having babies who are 3 years old and spending her days coloring and keeping up with **Dora the Explorer**. They are living in Gettysburg, Pa. She loves being active in the local moms club, YWCA and living only five miles away from her best friend in the world **Junko Honda Young**. She also keeps in touch with great friends **Jenny Daino Stein**, **Sheri Lesher** and **Melissa Slaughter**. She says to please visit us if you are touring Gettysburg.



**Stefanie Glessner Laws** and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their second child, Skyla Claire. Big brother Evan Kooper loves her very much and has adjusted well to his new baby sister. They still live outside of Boston where Stefanie continues to work as a recruiter. She has also started selling whimsical children's art on the side and hopes to eventually manage an art gallery of her own. She still keeps in touch with **Aimee Grayson Holland**, **Victoria Alexander Sutch '94**, **Laura Everhart Turk '97**, **Candice Carr '96** and **Erin Wagner '92**. She would love to hear from any old classmates, particularly any Phi Alphas.

**Mike Serrano** is living in Bloomsburg, Pa., with his wife, **Erin Kelley '98 Serrano**, and son Roman. He runs his own therapeutic massage practice and Erin teaches first grade. He still keeps in touch with **Brian Davidson**, **Floyd "Butch" Schaffer**, **Brett Kehler**, **Alan Pietkiewicz** and **Bob Symanski '96**.

**Julie Barnes Burns** and her family relocated to Oakmont, Pa., in 2005 after living in New Orleans, La., for eight years. Julie, her husband, Kelly, and daughter Maya Corinne, 3, are enjoying the seasons in Pennsylvania and are getting used to bland food again, though they venture back to New Orleans often for crawfish and beignets fixes (and to visit family). Julie currently works from home as a quality assurance auditor for a medical transcription company.

**David '96** and **Kelly Houghton Kurtz** currently live in Lancaster, Pa. David is starting his 11th year working for Armstrong World Industries as the general manager of floor national accounts while Kelly enjoys staying at home with their children, Tyler, 4, and Kayla, 1. In their spare time, they enjoy tennis, golf and traveling.

**Alison Denlinger Kreider** says, "Hello everyone! All is going well and time is flying by." She is still the assistant swim coach at Elizabethtown College and every year it is great to see Kim and **Steve Easterday '72** at the swim meet and every other year to see Greg. The swimming season went great and now they are waiting to see if their one swimmer with a B cut time makes it onto the National Swim Meet. She said it was nice to read about fellow swimmers of McDaniel in *The Hill*. She hopes all is going well with all of you. Her two boys are growing up too fast. Nick just started school this year and Josh is going to preschool for a year-olds.

In January, **Amanda Lynch** welcomed her second child, James Joseph Kelley III.

**Paula Moyer Alisauskas** is in the process of becoming an advisory teacher for the Calvert School. This teaching position will allow her to continue to be a stay-at-home mom while assessing and providing feedback to sixth-graders who are being home schooled. Paula's family is busy with daughter Megan's school activities, three sports, and a dance class, as well as her 6-year-old social life. **Son Ryan, 2**, is on the go as he tries to keep up with his big sister. Paula and husband **Jeff MS**

'01 will be celebrating their 11th wedding anniversary this July and are planning a trip to Walt Disney World to also celebrate both kids' summer birthdays. If you have any tips on surviving the drive to and from Orlando, let her know.

**Julie Forsythe Routhanz** and Chad were blessed with a second baby boy, named Keller, last June. Older brother Lane, 4, is also keeping them busy. Julie is more than half done with her Ph.D. program at American University and just accepted a faculty position (assistant professor of accounting) at McDaniel College that she'll start this fall. She loves teaching and is looking forward to being back on the Hill. And spending all summer with the boys is a great perk. She still keeps in touch with many of her college friends and is looking forward to a day out with many of them this spring.

**Kristin Vick Benson** runs her own company called KB Marketing Works and loves being an independent business owner. She and her husband, Earle, live in historic Catonsville, Md. When they are not restoring their 1940s Cape Cod or working in the yard and gardens, they like to stroll along the many tree lined streets in their neighborhood, or enjoy a glass of wine and dinner with friends and family. Kristin feels really fortunate to have reconnected with her awesome college roommate and "partner in crime," **Carrie Schuster Odds**. They stay in touch and get together regularly.

**William Bower** and his wife relocated to Annapolis two-and-a-half years ago. He's working for an engineering firm in downtown Annapolis. They had a little boy, **Zachary James Bower**, on July 25, 2006. **Ted Speers '96** and **William** go offshore fishing out of Ocean City a few times each summer for tuna and marlin.

As for me (**Julie Lucas**), after working at New York University for seven years as the director of university development and major gifts, I am now working at Fordham Law School as the assistant dean for institutional advancement. I recently bought a condo on the Upper East Side and 12 years later, I still love life in the City. This summer I went sky-diving for the first time and learned to surf in Hawaii for the first time — this year I toured Korea, Japan, Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic, Northern Ireland and Ireland.

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After directing the comedy *Monkeyboy* at the Charter Theatre in D.C. last winter, **Joy Thomas** left the East Coast for the beautiful central coast of California in February '06. After a lovely drive across the country, during which she stopped to see fellow alum **Julie Keough** in a musical revue in Tennessee, Joy is enjoying life out West. She began a very rewarding new career in staff develop-

ment at the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services. Joy was lucky enough to return to Westminster for a very special occasion in November '06, as she was maid of honor in the wedding of alumni **Cassandra Domsor** and **Hendrik Lammers '03**. Joy's parents, **Linda McHale '75 Thomas** and **Bill '74 Thomas**, flew to China to adopt their eighth child in February, and Joy hopes to visit soon to meet the latest addition to her family. Though she misses her family and friends, Joy is thoroughly enjoying the fact that she can wear sandals almost every day of the year.

**Mike and Katie Crowe '00** Wood are living in Northampton, Mass., and are really enjoying the area. Katie is the director of alumni relations at The Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, Mass., and Mike is coaching football at University of Massachusetts, where they finished the season as the national runner-up in 1-AA football. Both of them have enjoyed traveling to Montana, Tennessee and back home to Maryland as the team played Towson and Navy.

**Brian '00** and **Stacey Rohrer Hose** relocated to Washington County, Md., last summer and are busy with the preparations to build a house. They are excited to spread out a bit more than their Baltimore County townhouse allowed. Stacey is still busy with her research at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins and Brian is enjoying his job in independent pharmacy. They love rediscovering beautiful western Maryland and enjoy hiking and exploring with their handsome Weimaraner, Jazz.

**Kelly Norris** has been working at T. Rowe Price Associates in Owings Mills for about five years. He currently serves as supervisor in the operations area, and has a team of 14 back office associates reporting directly to him. He has traveled a lot this year, including Las Vegas, San Francisco and North Carolina. Without slowing down, he plans to go to Europe this summer, which he has not visited since his five-week backpack tour after graduation.

On May 6, 2006 Don Todd married **Roxann Ingram '00** in Gettysburg and had several classmates (and great friends) participate in the wedding, including **Faye Ingram '00**, **Elton Keith '00**, **Kelly Dunnivant '00**, **Cassie Domsor Lammers**, **Chris Hickie '03**, **Francesca Taylor Gibbs '00**, **Amanda Cline**, **Melissa O'Brien Hickie '02**, **Julie Keough '02** and **Dan Franko '97**. Don says "It was wonderful to see so many beautiful faces in one place at the same time!" In November, Don and Roxann moved into their new D.C. condo and are finally "allowed to paint their walls whatever color they want" — a feeling many of us have after apartment dwelling for so long.

**Shauna Oplinger Thomas** graduated from Neumann College with a master's in physical therapy and is currently working at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Mike, were married on April 22, 2006, in Pottsdam, Pa.; **Karen Orchard Col-**

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## News from our Master's Alumni

**Kay Davis Dunn McEl'63** was the featured speaker in January at Berry College Founder's Day. She is the founding executive director of the Fernbach Museum of Natural History in Atlanta. Dr. Dunn, a 1957 Berry alumna, has served as a member of the Executive Steering Committee for the recently completed Century Campaign and as an advisor to Oak Hill and The Martha Berry Museum.

**Dale Farrell MS'02** has been appointed to the position of supervisor of teacher recruitment in the Department of Human Resources, St. Mary's County Public Schools.

# The Shoe Fits

Dennis Lucey is currently living in the Culpeper, Va., area, working as a blacksmith apprentice for his brother-in-law Joe. As only Dennis could put it, "Believe it or not, Dr. Boner's differential equations class makes a lot more sense now, seeing as we have to think about Newton's Law of Cooling when dealing with red-hot metal."

Dennis also spends time with Aurelia, an elderly shut-in, entertaining her and helping around the house. Besides Dennis, her only other visitor is her daughter, Ella, for whom Dennis has fallen head over heels! In his free time he has taken up playing paintball. He's also honing his do-it-yourself skills, helping Paul and Susan Miller '02 Ostazeski build a deck in their backyard and rebuilding a 1979 Camaro with Brian Hornbecker '99.



lins. Jennifer Donner, Melissa Donner, Danielle Council, Steve and Courtney Krasowski Peed attended the wedding celebration. Mike and Shauna currently reside in North Wales, Pa.

**Meredith Peruzzi** lives in Vienna, Va., and spends her days working as a professional sign language interpreter, a job that she absolutely loves. She says, "WMC really gave me the foundation for a career working with the deaf — the College is well-known in the local deaf community. I really miss all of my WMC friends and I wish we could get back in touch!"

**Mary Anne Tyler Bozman** continues to love her job at District Commission for Caroline, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties. She states, "I get to see all the good stuff without all the problems!" She is enjoying watching her daughter, Tori, grow like a weed. During homecoming this past year, Mary Anne caught up with Josh and Celia Strope Bronson and their daughter, Heidi, fellow Commissioner **Dave Styxley**, **George Cramer**, **Rasheeda George**, **Jessica Hines** and **Carrie Newman Jenkins** and her husband, Ryan, whose new home was graced with Tori and Mary Anne for the weekend. She still stays in touch with **Christine Brown** and **Cyral (Zagory)** Terhune '99, and sends her best successful business wishes to **Danielle Price Rinker** '02 and her husband, Tom, and her congrats to **Hilary Bieke** and **Phil Vogt**, and hopes they are enjoying their first year as new parents.

**Jeremiah Kelly**, Aimee, and Lillian reside in Brunswick, Md., where Jeremiah juggles his work at the Food and Drug Administration along with attending law school at the University of Maryland. His dedication has paid off: recently he has been assigned to work in the FDA's Office of the Chief Counsel and plans to take a leave of absence from FDA for the summer of '07 to become a summer associate at the Baltimore law firm of Whitford, Taylor, and Preston. Daughter Lillian Elizabeth will turn 2 on September 3 and loves books and puppies. Aimee and Jeremiah will celebrate their five-year wedding anniversary on June 6.

**Rebecca Sarbaugh Polito** still works for Martin Associates in Lancaster, Pa., where business travel has taken her to Miami, Colorado, Connecticut and Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Zack, are kept very busy by their son, Alex, 4. They are currently horse hunting around Mt. Joy, Pa., a daunting but exciting task.

**Carrie Newman Jenkins** and husband Ryan bought a house in Eldersburg, Md., last year. Carrie spends her days teaching fourth grade at Deep Run Elementary in Howard County and acting as team leader. She has completed a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and administration and is now beginning a year-long internship. Carrie and Ryan love to travel and most recently cruised the southern Caribbean where they enjoyed swimming with sea turtles in Barbados and

snorkeling in Aruba.

**Sarah Amass Jenkins** and husband Brad had a baby in December '05, and he just celebrated his first birthday. Dominic is an easy-going baby, and Sarah loves that her special education position at Sandymount Elementary allows her to spend summers at home with him. Sarah and Brad get together with his brother Ryan and his wife **Carrie Newman Jenkins** often, and rang in the 2007 new year in Ryan and Carrie's new home. Sarah still keeps in touch with her suite mates, **Anna Boyer** and **Melanie Cook**, and is delighted to find that Anna is a great babysitter!

**Julie Develin** enjoyed her summer which included a trip to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. She recently bought a house in Owings Mills and travels to Westminster to work as the director of human resources for Target, Inc.

**Michelle Bernhardt Young** and husband Scott were expecting their first baby in March 2007. They still live in Hanover, Md., and Michelle planned to see clients in her private psychotherapy office part-time in Columbia after the baby arrives.

**Jimmy Moore** has spent five years in the Army, completing his Company Command. In August '06 he transitioned out of the military and now works for a consulting firm in the Washington, D.C., area. He will be starting his MBA work this fall.

Since our last update, **Natasha Khan** has cruised the seas with Carnival Cruise Lines as a youth counselor. She received her master's in school counseling from the University of South Florida and currently lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, and works in an elementary school as a counselor.

**Jess Life Posey** got married in January '06. **Alison Leach** and **Joan Combs** '00 was one of her bridesmaids. Jess and husband Brad remain close to her and her husband, **Craig Combs** '98, bridesmaid, and they are looking forward to attending her graduation in May. Jess and hubby recently bought a house in New Market, Md., and absolutely love it there.

**Erin Owen** married **Charles Cassell** on May 28, 2005. Judging by the pictures, they are having an absolute blast.

**Matthew McVey** is still in the Harford County area, where during the week, he is now an IP attorney at the Department of Defense as a computer engineer at Aberdeen Proving Ground. On the weekends and during the summer, he manages a field marketing team as they travel the United States for an international marketing firm. As for athletics, after being a part of the four-year Centennial Conference Champion Green Terror Football team from '97-'01, he couldn't just give men's flag football leagues for five years and just recently made the roster of the semi-quarterback/punter/defensive end. He encourages everyone to check out the team pic-

tures and roster on the Internet.

As if a fun job and fun hobby weren't enough, Matt has also been blessed with meeting the woman of his dreams. He found her by his side while working for the Department of Defense and they continue to fall more in love with each other every day. They were engaged on September 10 and were to tie the knot this Memorial Day weekend, May 26, 2007. Their wedding plans as well as the mystery album that were to be a part of the big day can be viewed at [www.theknot.com](http://www.theknot.com).

**Claire Richardson** married **Greg Shelton** '02 on June 17, 2006. There were many happy alumni included in the event: **Gina Rendle** and **Justin** '02 King, **Jen Clagla Furey** and **Mike Furey**, **Vanessa Smith-Terrell**, **Janie Wade**, **Bryan Fogel-songer** '03, **Derek Favreau** '02, **Brett Kamholtz** '02, **Mitch Hoffman** '02, **Scott Shelton** '02, **Mark Wiedler**, **Melissa Lachman** '91 and **Ellis** '02 and **Emily Wilson** '02 Rollins. They are currently living in Wilmington, Del., where Greg is a police officer and Claire is an athletic trainer.

**Lisa Weber** completed her master's degree in sociology from Indiana University in October '04. While there, she coached the IU women's club lacrosse team. Lisa currently lives in Annapolis with her fiancé **Ryan Raley**. In November '06, Lisa made a big job switch from doing educational policy research at Johns Hopkins University to becoming a research associate at a Washington, D.C., market research firm and she really enjoys her new position. She is still really close with **Honesty Drumgoole Pettier** and her husband **Brian** '98, **Christa Farrar Kahuda** and her husband **Brent** '03, **Jen Martin Knight**, **Bob Davidson** '00, **Mike Duss** '00, and **Jack Craig** '00. **Mike Yestransky** is currently enrolled at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work, pursuing his MSW. He lives in Baltimore and works as a homeless outreach case manager.

**Jon Renaud** got married Aug. 19, 2006, to Barbara Sheehy and is loving newlywed bliss. He's looking forward to settling into his new home in Washington, D.C., and starting a new job.

**Jed Spencer** graduated in May '06 from the University of Baltimore School of Law and is now an IP attorney at Ober, Kalles, Grimes & Shriver in Baltimore, Md.

**Amanda Boyd Miller** got married on Oct. 7 in Sykesville, Md., to Brad Miller of Somerset, Pa. On Dec. 5, she started a new job as special assistant to Carroll County Commissioner Michael Zimmer.

**Alethea Desrosiers** has been enjoying city life in Manhattan for the past three years while working on her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Columbia University. She is also a research assistant, conducting behavioral health research at the National Development and Research Institutes. She still makes time to meet up with former tennis teammates, **Amy Sheridan** '99 and **Lara Hen-**

deron '00, though it's rarely on the tennis court, and always looks forward to seeing friends. suitmates **Sean Breslin '99, Aaron Heiler '99, John Sobanski '99, Chris Hydorn '00, Melanie Cook, Anna Boyer, Sara Amass Jenkins, Jeff Groff and Sean Carroll '03** at the occasional wedding party.

**Sara Gregg** teaches fifth grade in her hometown of Sparta, N.J., and is busy planning her May wedding to Eric Stansien.

**Jennifer Martin Knight** and husband John had their first child, daughter, **Kylie Ann Knight**, on July 7, 2006. She is still working in human resources in Hagerstown, Md.

Speaking of babies, **Jamie Morris-Dellil** became a mom on Jan. 26, 2007 at 8:40 a.m. Her daughter, **Emma Jewels Dellil**, continues to brighten her and her husband's days. As for a career, **Jamie** and her mom started a non-profit organization named **Wagging Tails Animal Rescue**. They have been in operation for about two years now and have saved over 100 dogs. Their spots await them in pet heaven. In addition to running the shelter, **Jamie** works for Morris Trim Contractors and is currently getting her MBA at Hood College.

**Robert Weaver** and **Jennifer Denzer Weaver** will be celebrating their three-year anniversary on July 4. They're living in Pikeville right now, where Jen teaches technology at a BCPS middle school, and Rob is working at Whole Foods Market in Mount Washington. They're looking to buy their first home soon with enough room for their current family of three kitties. Jen hangs out regularly with fellow alums **Katrina Threat '02** and **Erin Owen Cassell**, and in her spare time works on her scrapbooks and artwork. Both Weavers enjoy spending time with their extended family, especially their two new nieces.

After graduating, **Nick Valentine** volunteered with the Peace Corps in rural Paraguay for 27 months. Afterwards, he traveled for a month in Brazil and upon arriving home enrolled in the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. After graduating, Nick traveled for three weeks in Spain and Portugal, and now works at Johns Hopkins Hospital on the Cardiac Surgery Floor and plays solo acoustic guitar shows when he gets the chance.

**Dana Fraser Ingram** and **Brad Ingram** are proud new parents of their son, **Nathaniel Thomas**, who was born in Chesterfield, Va., on Feb. 1. Nathaniel looks forward to growing up with and playing with **Matt and Taylor Wilson's** sons, **Judah and Elijah**, and **Jeremiah** and **Almee Kelly's** daughter, **Lillian**.

**Lindy Rinck Marshall** married **Pete Marshall** '00 on April 2, 2005, in Baltimore, Md., where fellow alums **Lori Schenck, Terrie (Wenzling) Driscoll, Megan Holtz, Krissy Nichols, Will Marshall '98** and **Aaron Burleson '00** stood in their bridal party. Since then, they have bought a home in Canton where they live with their six-month old puppy, **Brody**. **Pete** started his own financial advisory firm, **The Marshall Financial Group**, in 2005, and

**Lindy** has been with a strategic marketing and design agency in Annapolis for the past four years.

**Christina Simms Blundin** wants everyone to know that the winters in New England aren't that bad. She and her husband, **Michael '00**, currently work together in the same department (General Internal Medicine) at Rhode Island Hospital, Christina as a program coordinator and Michael as a resident. Michael has just accepted a fellowship position in Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine and Christina has plans to attend graduate school to receive her master's in public administration. They are very happy to be finally settling down in Providence, R.I., and are very fortunate to keep in such close contact with **Michael '00** and **Lori Hansch Conroy, Jeffrey Ciesla '99, Jason Barr '98, Allison de los Santos and Todd Peters '03** who live just minutes away!

Since graduating **Mae Harper** has been quite busy. She moved to Los Angeles and completed her MLIS at UCLA. Mae is currently working for the County of Los Angeles Public Libraries as a young adult librarian at a community library in south Los Angeles. She still keeps in touch with classmates through e-mail and when she visits her parents in Maryland.

**Scott '00** and **Amy Ellis Trader** continue to live happily together at their home in Westminster, Md. In August '06, they toured Scotland along with the rest of the Trader family, **Margaret Cushman Trader '70, John Trader Sr. '70, David Trader '03** and his wife, **Lorrie**. In fact, they enjoyed the family vacation so much that they planned on all traveling together again soon in June '07 when they boarded a cruise to Bermuda. Professionally, **Amy** continues to work within the Financial Institution Services department of T. Rowe Price and is happy to report that she has obtained both of her NASD licenses. In June '06, she was promoted to an assistant supervisor role and has kept super busy since. **Scott** left his job at T. Rowe Price after five years and accepted a position at Legg Mason (Baltimore, Md.) in their fund accounting department, where he has recently been promoted.

**Niki Averill Guinan** married **Amos Guinan**, a 2000 graduate of James Madison University, on May 13, 2006. **Lori Schenck** and **Megan Townsend '00** were two of Niki's attendants, along with her sister, **Dani Averill '02**, who was her maid of honor. Other alums who joined in the celebration were **Cassie Domser Lammers, Hendrick Lammers '03, Amy Ellis Trader** and **Scott '00**.

**Amy Horin** recently left her Los Angeles job with the Centre for Neuro Skills to accept a job offer in Dallas, Texas as an occupational therapist. She was married on April 14 to **John Bepko** and they are currently residing in Keller, Texas. She stays busy with mission work in Mexico and other Third World countries and is very active in her church.

**Kali Hosford Hille** married **Christopher**

**Jürgen Hille** on June 10, 2006, in West Milford, N.J., on the bride's family property on Lake Arcadia, the site where her parents were married 30 years ago. The groom's parents, **Rev. Drs. Elisabeth and Jürgen Hille**, were the ceremony's officiants (some of you may remember Elisabeth as a professor at the College). Bridesmaids included **Michelle Elizabeth Charron** and **Adrienne Michelle Doermann Reeder '02** who, in May '06, married **Ros Reeder '04**. The couple resides in New Hampshire where Christopher is finishing his master's degree at Antioch University, New England in Keene.

**Tracey Ambrose** has recently accepted a full-year research position with St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., after offers from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Texas Children's Hospital. She is enjoying the night life on Beale Street and gets together with **Rana Razzaque** and other Phi Sig friends whenever she can.

As for myself, I have recently accepted the offer of director of admissions for our alma mater and continue to enjoy life on the Hill. This past September **Justin King '02** and I were married at a private waterfront estate on the Eastern Shore. Our bridal party was stacked full of Green Terrors: **Kristen Rider Legge '00, Tracey Ambrose, Amy Horin, Timothy Cloud '00, Matt McCann, Derek Fareau '02** and **Ryan Legge '00**. Plenty more joined us in celebration, including **Heldi Snyder Reigel '97, Julie Biddinger Jones '00, Anna Woods '03, Malissa Morin and Ron Serranini '00, Melanie Matejevic Bell, Gregg '02** and **Clair Richardson Shelton, Bill Witt '03, Carrie Ann D'Amico '99, Jennifer Boyer** and **Kevin Dooley** and **Bryan Fogelsonger '03**. **Justin** and I are house hunting in Baltimore and hope to settle on something by July.

It is so good to hear from all of you and tell the world of your impressive feats! Keep updates coming and be certain the Alumni Office has your updated information so I can be certain to track down more of you next time.

Gina Rende King  
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**Gina Rende**  
**King accepted**  
**the promotion**  
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**mater and**  
**continues to**  
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**the Hill.**

# back story

What they were thinking

**May 19, 2007:**  
Michael Prush  
with friends from  
home in Long  
Island, N.Y.,  
after receiving  
his commission  
as a second  
lieutenant in  
the Army.



**Leading Man.** It was a lot for my friends to understand my decision to make a career in the military. The important thing is that they stood by my side throughout the whole thing and they respected it.

In my family, every single man going back to the late 1700s has been in the military and involved in some kind of foreign conflict. Not only is my sister Nicole (Class of 2004) the first female soldier in the family, she's also an officer. She's a very special cookie; she's a tough son of a gun. She had a difficult tour of duty in Iraq and she was home for less than a year when she was sent to Afghanistan and she never complained.

Since high school I always wanted to be an officer, a leader. That's the one and only dream that I've had that I've ever really followed through with, and I was honored and proud to be on that stage receiving my commission. —Michael Prush '07



# TRIVIA CHALLENGE



Which of the College's eight presidents was an active beekeeper who tended hives on campus behind Harrison House?

## CLUE:

Use the first letter of the verbs depicted in each of the photos below to spell out the president name in question.

## CHALLENGE:

Correctly identify the president by first and last name, and submit your answer to us at The Hill magazine, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD, 21157. Or e-mail us at [kasch@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:kasch@mcdaniel.edu).

Deadline: Aug. 21



## PRIZE:

Those who submit correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a free copy of *Fearless and Bold*, the new book about the College's compelling 140-year history, written by Jim Lightner '59, professor emeritus of mathematics.



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**"I can't think of a time since this college was founded in 1867 that the world has been more challenging."**

—David Gergen

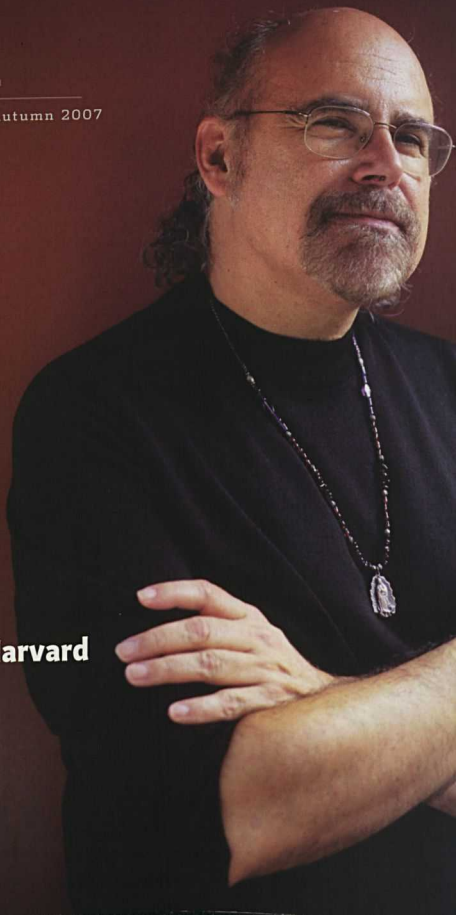
Editor-at-large for *U.S. News and World Report* and former adviser to President Clinton, David Gergen spoke at Commencement after receiving the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

See more Commencement coverage on pages 5, 8, 28 and 56.

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Students go in search of the Great Pumpkin just down from the Hill at Baugher's.

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DAVID JOHNSON

**"I had almost forgotten the comforting, close-knit feeling that is part of what makes McDaniel what it is."**

## Good to get home

I just got back from a trip to Maryland for Homecoming on the Hill. As I walked into the stadium, I saw familiar face after familiar face, all part of a family I hadn't seen for a year. I had almost forgotten the comforting, close-knit feeling that is part of what makes McDaniel what it is. As I read in the magazine about a growing campus, with a newly renovated fitness center (that I wish had been completed just a few years earlier), more apartment buildings, and other renovations, it's wonderful to see up close that the Hill remains such a special place.

Rebecca Jayne '06  
Ph.D. candidate in mathematics,  
North Carolina State University

## Trivia contest triggers memories

I came across your trivia contest in the magazine. Ralph John was the only president I really got to know on a personal level and I knew the answer right away and got all excited. I do recall him keeping bees but I also used to go hunting with him at Sen. Fred Malkus'

farm on the Eastern Shore. I was friends with Freddie Jr. '82 and we would all go together. He was a great president and a very special man, a true gentleman who always had a kind word. I have two children who are currently at McDaniel; Justin is a junior and Caity is a freshman. Back when I was a student, I didn't realize how fortunate I was to spend time with President John. Now I'm eager to read the new College history book. After 25 years, I like looking back on my college education and I realize how much I appreciate McDaniel for what it's done for me.

Tim Daniels '82  
Easton, Md.

## Can't wait to delve into history

If I do not win the book *Fearless and Bold*, I surely will purchase it. I had all of my English classes with Jim Lightner; we were friends. It should be wonderful because Jim always did everything perfectly!

Juanita Sellman '99  
Belton, Texas



CLARE HOSLER

Jim Lightner signs copies of his book during Homecoming.

## Stay Connected

- Get the latest College news online — subscribe to News@McDaniel at [www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu).
- Reunion Weekend is May 2-4, 2008.

# TRIVIA CHALLENGE RESULTS

In the Summer issue we challenged readers to correctly identify which of the College's eight presidents was an active beekeeper who tended hives on campus behind Harrison House.

The answer: Ralph Candler John, 1972 to 1984

Each of the 25 readers who entered the contest answered correctly. Senior Chanan Delivuk, an art studio and art history double major with a minor in writing, won the drawing for a free copy of *Fearless and Bold*, the new College history book by Dr. James E. Lightner '59.

"The only College president I know is President Coley, so I had to do some research. It didn't take me that long to find the answer," said Delivuk, who dug into the College catalog and website to correctly identify President Ralph John. "I'm glad I won, it will be a nice keepsake when I graduate."

Delivuk plans to start reading the 700-plus-page book while running on the elliptical machine in the new Merritt Fitness Center.

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## Becoming the Piano Man

The evening of Sept. 29 was a momentous occasion on campus. Members of the Founders Society gathered for a formal dinner to celebrate their substantial support to the College and to help launch the Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel, the fundraising effort to raise \$65 million by December 2009.

Live jazz music set a festive tone for the night. And Greg Adams '08 was right up there on stage, playing keyboard as part of the trio selected to serenade the important guests.

Watching his fingers fly expertly over the ivories, no one would have guessed that he'd only just begun taking piano lessons in his freshman year. But Adams, a music theory and composition major, never even had an interest in playing until his last year of high school.

A longtime fan of classical music, oldies and jazz, Adams is now able to play many of his favorites after only three years — thanks to two-hour daily practices and expert instruction from his professors Eric Byrd '93 and David Kreider.

"He's an exceptionally talented young man. He's intelligent and he works hard — that's a winning combination," says Kreider.

Playing gigs is becoming more fun and less nerve-wracking, Adams says. In fact, he earned a decent income this summer performing jazz with two buddies at weddings, restaurants and birthday parties. The name of the trio changed with each assignment, depending on which member booked the business; if Adams, then the trio was called "The Greg Adams Trio."

Not the best way to build name recognition, Adams admits. "But it's always fair."

His most unusual gig? "We played at a SuperFresh. After each set we had the whole grocery store applauding for us." ■



BOB HANCOCK/STAFF



THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND[FILL], by Nadya Volicer, an installation constructed on site at the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery using recycled paper and cardboard partly gathered on campus.

## The Green Terra Pledge

Outdated newspapers, magazines, handouts and circulars became a landscaped grid of hills and mountains, fields and plains, a river and some grassy outcroppings in "This Land is Your Land[fill]," an installation constructed on site at the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery this fall. Reusable shipping pallets created a viewing platform upon which visitors, as in a national park or forest, could stand to take in the suggested vista.

The view was of a colorful wasteland of accumulated trash: yesterday's news; last week's meeting agenda; course listings from a previous semester. It was a visual reminder to reduce, reuse and recycle — three R's the College has pledged to put into action.

In May, President Joan Develin Coley signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, a pledge to take a leadership role in addressing global warming.

All signatories to the Presidents Climate Commitment have agreed to develop a long-range plan for their institutions that will reduce and ultimately neutralize greenhouse-gas emissions on their campuses, and to accelerate their research and educational efforts to equip society to restabilize the Earth's climate.

"Leading society in this effort fits squarely into the education, research and public-service missions of higher education," Coley said.

On the Hill, the effort is dubbed "Green Terra," and already a committee is at work identifying concrete actions that can be taken, from a campus-wide recycling program to use of alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar power (geothermal energy is already in use), to replacing toxic chemicals used to maintain the golf course and grounds with more eco-friendly products. ■

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nz5KWf5Tw8g>

YouTube, the video-sharing website where users can upload, view and share videos, features — at current count — 86 McDaniel-related clips. But, for the holiday season, there's no better snippet than the Gospel Choir performance of Smokie Norful's "I Understand," with lead vocalist Chris Reed '08. It's impossible to watch without feeling uplifted.





## Newsmakers

• Professor of Physics **Bill Pagonis** was recognized for his distinguished record in teaching and academic achievement with the inaugural appointment as the John Desmond Kopp Professor in the Sciences. Pagonis specializes in solid state physics, microcomputers and archaeological dating. He



Bill Pagonis

developed the College's thermoluminescence lab, used to date archaeological and geological materials by measuring the emitted light after heating. The process rivals radiocarbon dating. He often includes McDaniel physics majors in research projects; for the last three years, students have assisted in Pagonis' collaboration with a radiation scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, where they have studied the properties of radioactive and X-ray sources used in the medical field of brachytherapy.



Linda Van Hart

• Art and Art History Lecturer **Linda Van Hart '68** was director of the successful visual arts program for this summer's Common Ground on the Hill. In August, she traveled to the world-famous Indian Market in Santa Fe, N.M., to recruit some of next year's Common Ground instructors. Additionally, she pursued her art as a metalsmith, both in the studio and at some of the top juried shows on the East Coast while working with advanced students studying metal-smithing on the Hill.



Lauren Dundes

• A team of six professors, including Associate Professor of Sociology **Lauren Dundes**, attended the annual "Reacting to the Past" conference, a critical-thinking program in which students reconsider historical situations and debate with their peers through role-play. Their participation in the program at Barnard College was made possible by the Ira G. Zepp Teaching Enhancement Grant. Other faculty who attended include: Peter Bradley, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies; Robert Kachur, associate professor of English; Gretchen McKay, associate dean of Academic Affairs, associate professor of Art History and director of the Honors Program; Ralene Mitschler, associate professor of biology; and Pam Regis, English professor and director of the Center for Faculty Excellence. ■

## Ask the Expert

**Why are copper bowls best for whipping egg whites?**

**Assistant Professor of Chemistry Peter Craig explains the science behind favorite foods and recipes in his First-Year Seminar, "Kitchen Chemistry." And as a home cook who loves to make the light and fluffy meringue dessert pavlova, he was happy to answer the question:**

The bowl you use makes a difference when you are whipping egg whites. Copper bowls produce a yellowish, creamy foam that is harder to overbeat than the foam produced using glass or stainless-steel bowls. When you whisk egg whites in a copper bowl, some copper ions migrate from the bowl into the egg whites. The copper ions form a yellow complex with one of the proteins in eggs, conalbumin. The conalbumin-copper complex is more stable than the conalbumin alone, so egg whites whipped in a copper bowl are less likely to denature (unfold).

When air is whisked into egg whites, the mechanical action denatures the proteins in the whites. The denatured proteins coagulate, stiffening the foam and stabilizing the air bubbles. If the



foam is overbeaten in a noncopper bowl, eventually the proteins become completely denatured and coagulate into clumps.

There is no going back from the clumpy mess to nice foamy whites, so overbeaten whites are usually discarded.

If a copper bowl is used, then fewer protein molecules are free to denature and coagulate, because some are tied up in conalbumin-copper complexes. In addition to forming complexes with conalbumin, the copper may react with sulfur-containing groups on other proteins, further stabilizing the egg proteins. Although the iron and zinc found in other metal bowls also form complexes with conalbumin, these complexes don't make the foam more stable. When glass or steel bowls are used, cream of tartar may be added to egg whites to stabilize the whites. ■

BEFORE, I SAW  
THEM AS DISABLED.  
Now, I SEE THEM  
AS MY FAMILY.

—Latoya Young, a student in the Human Services  
Management graduate program,  
on the adults with developmental challenges  
she lives and works with through  
Target Community and Educational Services.

## Professor Craig's New Zealand Pavlova

Crunchy on the outside and soft and fluffy inside, Pavlova was created in New Zealand, where I am proudly from. (Australia, which wrongly claims to be the country of origin, doesn't want to admit that we can invent something that they enjoy so much!)

Note that the closest equivalent I have found in the U.S. for castor sugar is confectioners sugar, although it is not quite the same. This recipe requires pretty good oven temperature control and in my experience of making the dish since my early teens, opening the oven at any time before it has cooled completely is disastrous. Also, altitude dramatically affects the success of this dish — I had very limited success making it in Idaho or Colorado.

- 6 egg whites
- 1 pinch salt
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 12 ounces castor sugar
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch

Prepare a baking sheet by greasing lightly with butter and placing on it a sheet of tinfoil or baking paper. Grease the tinfoil and then shake on a few drops of cold water and smear around, leaving a thin film of water.

Beat egg whites, salt and cold water until stiff with an electric mixer in a large bowl.

While still beating add the castor sugar very slowly, a tablespoonful at a time, and keep beating between additions. This takes time so don't hurry this step.

When all the sugar has been added, beat in the vinegar and the vanilla.

Remove beaters and with a metal tablespoon fold in with cutting movements the cornstarch.

With a spatula, scoop the mixture onto baking sheet and form into a circle about 8" in diameter but keeping the mix fairly high. Form a slight dent in the top or keep flat. Place the baking sheet in the center of a 350°F oven and bake for 10 minutes.

After 10 minutes, lower heat to 300°F and then after another 10 minutes, lower heat to 250°F and continue baking for 1 hour.

Do not open the oven door while cooking.

When the time is up, turn the oven off and leave pavlova to cool in the oven.

When completely cold, top with freshly whipped cream and decorate with your fruit of choice or grated chocolate.

Makes 10-12 servings.

15 minutes prep time, 1½ hours cooking time.



## New TV Studio Gets Students Ready for Prime Time

BY MICHELE LEIBERMAN

In the spacious new TV studio, Juli Guiffre '10 runs the teleprompter with the ease of a pro, matching the speed of the scrolling words to the cadence and flow of junior Patrick Stinson's anchoring.

“I can see myself being a director for a broadcast news station,” Guiffre says, as she easily works her way around the classroom laboratory, from camera to editing suite to the director's chair.

Over the course of the semester, students enrolled in Television Production taught by Assistant Professor of Communication Jonathan Slade '88 will try out every job required to create *NewsNight McDaniel*, a weekly current events program that airs every half hour on campus cable channel 75.

From the conception of story ideas to the show's final taping, the course and much of the work takes place in this newly designed and constructed studio, which was formerly the biology computer lab in Lewis Hall B4. Slade and Associate Professor of Communication Robert Lemieux designed and built it themselves this summer. They spent eight-hour days sawing, sweating—and occasionally swearing—while framing up the rooms, hanging drywall, installing ceiling tiles, a plate-glass window and monitors and cameras.

The new space is four times larger than the previous studio and features on-air areas, a control room, edit and production suites, and a specialty edit suite where film apprentices will work on their senior capstone projects. There's also a dedicated instructional



**"You've got to sweat a little  
to get a film and video program going."**

**— Assistant Professor Jonathan Slade**

space and a video projector so that Slade can lecture while screening dailies and segments.

In order to put together a *NewsNight* McDaniel broadcast, students search for and write news stories, which are uploaded into the teleprompter and visible on screens next to each of three cameras. The director is in control of a switchboard and chooses among the cameras, depending on which of the two anchors is reading a script. He also directs the camera operators via headphones.

Despite the technical aspects of the production course, the emphasis of the class and the film and video studies minor is on storytelling and writing. Students are encouraged to work together to come up with creative solutions. Slade describes the minor as preparation for the next wave of creative thinkers and storytellers — graduating well-rounded "citizens of the world" who have something to say.

Take Stinson, for example. He's a biology major and history minor, along with being a film and video studies minor. Stinson has always enjoyed film and has an encyclopedic knowledge of science fiction and fantasy movies. For him, the minor makes sense within a liberal arts framework because it allows him to explore his film interest in depth.

"I'm a science person who likes doing film and video," says Stinson. "It's nice that I can do both here."

Even if he doesn't become the next Tom Brokaw, Stinson can apply lessons learned in the minor to whatever he chooses to pursue. As a biologist, historian or teacher, he will benefit from learning how to communicate ideas to a large group of people. And as a film connoisseur, he will be able to appreciate the work that goes into producing movies.

"There's a lot of emphasis on storytelling because that's what is going to make people want to watch," says teaching assistant Laura Davis '09, who last year edited a story for *NewsNight* about the McDaniel Dance Company. She is among 18 students enrolled in the film and video studies minor, which began in 2005.

"This has given me a lot of different skills, including editing, writing and multitasking."

The construction-savvy Slade has shown by his own example the benefits of multitasking. "I look at it this way: we're building a program. You've got to sweat a little to get a film and video program going," says Slade.

The professors relied on the help of their friends, such as industry experts from Maryland Public Television, Waganer Digital Video and Village Sound, who helped them brainstorm the floor plan. Members of the College's physical plant team provided oversight. And colleagues from various departments stopped by to lend a hand and cheer them on.

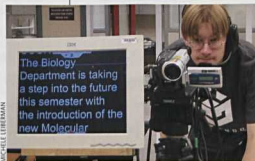
"We also recycled as much as we could," says Slade, explaining how he used a rotary saw to cut up old computer desks and created customized audio, video and playback consoles for the control room.

"This has been the quintessential liberal arts project," says Slade, who received his M.F.A. in Cinema-Television Production from the University of Southern California in 1991. "The project required creative problem solving, teamwork, critical thinking, and developing a plan and sticking with it while adapting to dozens of unforeseen challenges. All of which is pretty central to the liberal arts."

Besides, he says, "Being able to build your own classroom makes it a joy to teach in. It's a functional and fun space to learn and work in."

Davis will vouch for that. She used to have to step over classmates in the former TV studio, now home to the campus radio station. "It was crowded and claustrophobic before, and after a while of late-night editing, you felt like you had to get out of there," she says.

Adds Stinson: "You can come in here and know this is a classy studio. People will want to work in here. I sure do." ■



**Patrick Stinson '09  
is a "science  
person" who  
likes doing  
film and video.  
He appreciates  
the chance to  
do both at  
the College.**



# first person

In my own words

## Arab Girl Empowered

**Dianne Briggs Martin '65**

*Dean of the College of Information Technology at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates*

For the past two years, she has lived alone in Dubai, UAE, where she worked at a federally funded university preparing young Emirati women to become industry leaders in the IT field. She is also professor of computer science at George Washington University, where she earned a Ph.D. in education after receiving her master's degree in computer science at the University of Maryland. A pioneer as a woman in the IT field, she has held positions with IBM, Geotrust and the National Science Foundation. She and husband, Dave '62, have two children, two grandchildren and have been married for more than four decades.

### A quick history lesson

The United Arab Emirates was just founded in 1971 under the leadership of Sheikh Zayed, who was able to bring seven small emirates together. The people in the UAE are very proud and nationalistic about their country. They consider Sheikh Zayed to be like their George Washington. For an uneducated Bedouin, he was truly visionary. Oil had just been discovered in the region, and Sheikh Zayed realized if they did not come together they would be small warring tribes that could be exploited by the Western powers. He



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wanted to keep the wealth in the region and not have it be siphoned off by foreigners.

### Vegas of the Middle East

Abu Dhabi is the capital and the wealthiest emirate because it is where most of the oil is. But Dubai is the emirate everyone hears about. The reason it's on the map is because it has had to diversify, so it has developed fantastic buildings and huge shopping malls. Dubai has become a glitzy, modern place — sort of

*Dianne Briggs Martin predicts that her students will become leaders in the IT field within five years after graduating.*

like a Las Vegas of the Middle East.

### **Snow in the desert**

There's an actual indoor ski slope at the Mall of the Emirates. Right now it's 115 degrees outside in Dubai someone is skiing, snowboarding or sledding on that snowy slope.

### **Preparing women leaders**

In 1998, Sheikh Zayed took another visionary step for the UAE; he made the decision to establish a university for Emirati women. The sheikhs were becoming concerned that the young men of the country were opting out of going to college and instead living off the wealth of their fathers. Too many were running around in the desert killing themselves in fast cars. Sheikh Zayed realized that 50 percent of the human capital in the UAE was not being utilized, so he founded a university to educate women with a high-quality Western-style education. Zayed University has Western faculty and all courses are taught in English. The vision was to prepare the young women to be future leaders and professionals in the workplace of the UAE.

### **Under the abayas**

My students do wear black abayas over their clothes but there's no telling what they have on underneath. They're all into fashion — I mean they wear designer jeans, fashion pocketbooks, expensive sunglasses and jewelry. Most of them cover their heads, and few wear veils over their faces. However, they are just like any 18- to 22-year-old women. In the university atrium, you can hear their Arab rock music coming off their laptops. Everyone has cell phones.

### **Respect for religion**

They are observant Muslims, but not oppressively so. They do not push their religion on other people. Friday is their religious day. So I go to church every Friday morning. I joined a little Baptist congregation there.

### **Wake-up call**

I live across the street from a mosque, and it's hard not to because they're everywhere. I get awakened at 5:00 in the morning. The five calls to prayer become part of your subconscious. When you hear the call to prayer, as a Christian it makes me think, well, I should

just say a little prayer now too. So it gets you to think about your relationship to God, and that's a good thing.

### **License to drink**

You can get alcohol in the hotels. Interestingly, I actually have an alcohol license, which means I'm allowed to buy alcohol, and there are these little outlets where people go who are not Muslim.

### **The cocktails I'll miss**

Because they don't serve alcohol in any of the restaurants, they make these fabulous fresh fruit drinks like lemon and lime and apple that you just couldn't get in the U.S. Going to a restaurant and ordering one of these wonderful fresh fruit drinks is a real pleasure.

### **Emirati working moms**

For the students there is a bit of tension about marriage and family versus work, but these girls have some outstanding role models. There is Sheikha Lubna al Qasimi, who was the CEO of her own company and is now the minister of economics and planning. She is married with children, and many articles are written about her ability to balance work and home life. In some of the big companies and the government offices they have women-only floors. That could be as much for the men as for the women, so that the men don't feel threatened by working women.

### **My home life**

I missed my family terribly, which is why I have decided to leave ZU to return to GWU. The plan is that I will return regularly as a consultant for short-term projects. At this point in our lives with our children and grandchildren, Dave and I both decided that two years apart at our ages is enough.

### **Mission accomplished**

I've been the Dean at ZU for two years. When I arrived there were 95 students, a demoralized, fractured faculty, and the IT College was in danger of being closed. Now there are 225 students and a motivated and collegial faculty. There's a real buzz about the program. We've made the curriculum more practical and focused so they go out and right away have jobs. In five years, these girls will be in leadership positions in IT. ■

**"I felt I was helping to build a new nation, one that is a real friend to the U.S."**

— Dianne  
Briggs Martin

# double take

Sights worth a second look

## **Carpe Diem 24/7**

The gazebo nicknamed Carpe Diem has long been a campus icon that represents our collective spirit to “seize the day” and all its opportunities. So it is a fitting emblem for the newly launched, comprehensive fundraising campaign to support living, learning and teaching on the Hill. Reaching the goal of \$65 million by December 31, 2009 will require much good work over many days — and nights. Carpe Diem doesn’t sleep.

(Learn more about the Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel on page 26.)

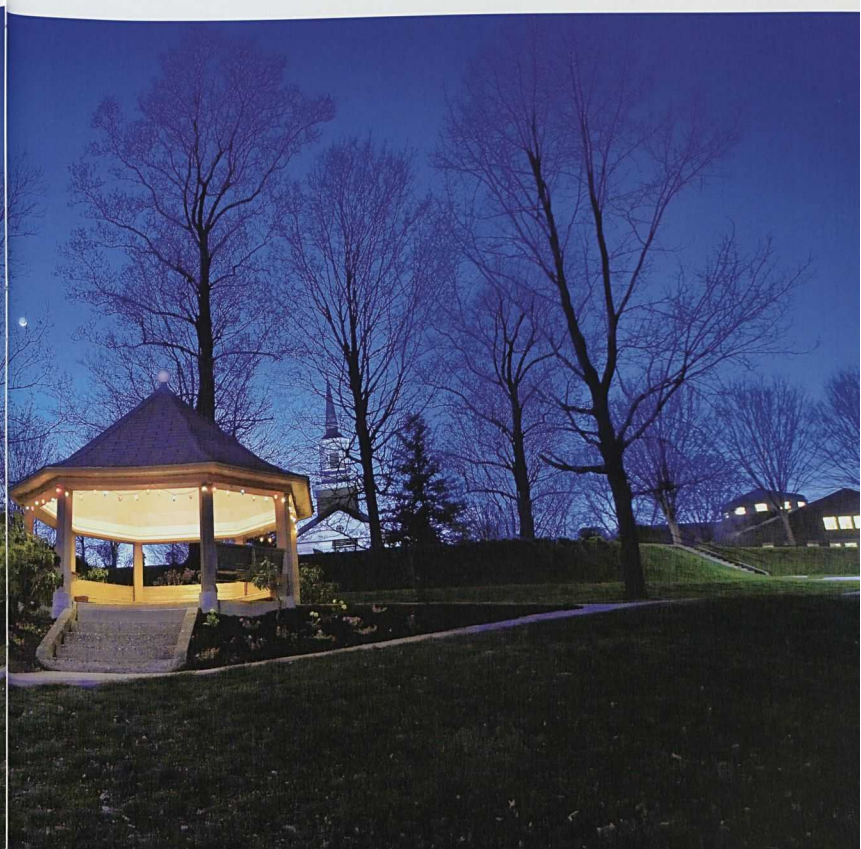
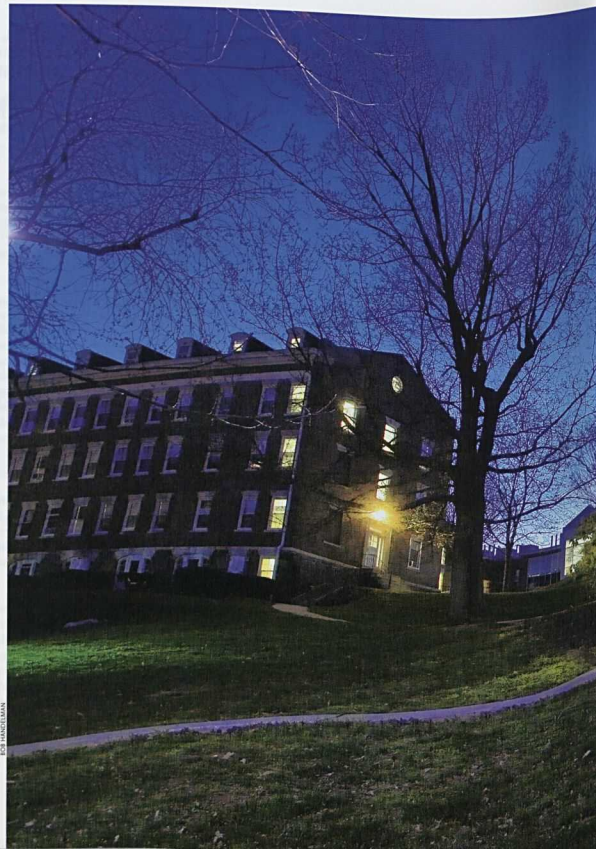


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It's a sunny day in late September and students surge across Massachusetts Avenue from Harvard Square into the quad where the glossy green ivy climbing up the brick buildings is just beginning to edge toward red.

The historic brick buildings are at the heart of America's oldest and most celebrated institution of higher education, Harvard University. Under its arching canopies of stately trees have strolled students who became American presidents — seven of them, in fact — or who governed other nations; students who went on to become literary, intellectual and cultural luminaries, such as Oliver Wendell Holmes and Benazir Bhutto, T.S. Eliot and Yo-Yo Ma, William Rehnquist and W.E.B. Du Bois.

## ¿Quién Es David Carrasco?

Among its faculty are more than 40 Nobel Laureates and dozens of great minds and renowned scholars. David Carrasco '67 is one of this elite group, known worldwide as a foremost expert on Mesoamerican culture. Not only a teacher and researcher, Carrasco is also a passionate and persuasive spokesman for the great achievements of Mexico and the early civilizations of South and Central America.

It has become a calling for David Carrasco to make people aware of the contributions and achievements of ancient Mesoamerican cultures. His success has been driven by more than intellectual zeal and ambition; there's a personal side to it. Carrasco

**He is American.**

**He is Mexican.**

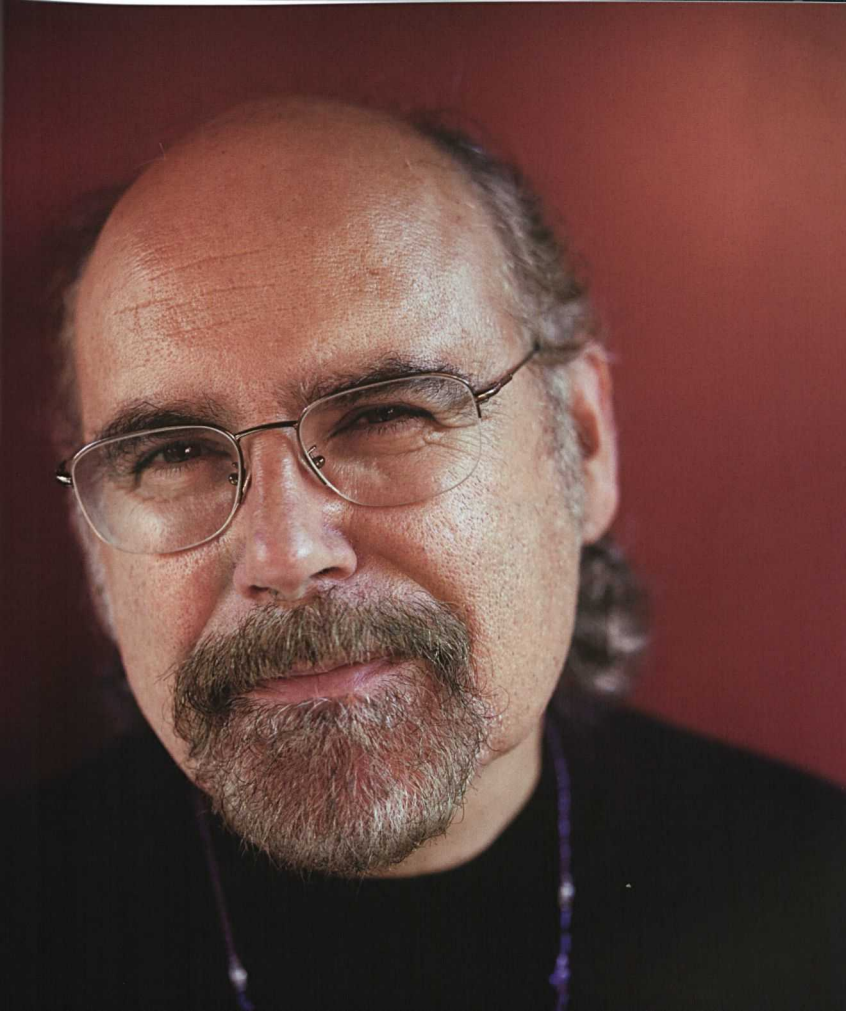
**He is an esteemed Harvard University scholar.**

**But he will never be part of The Establishment.**

*By Rachel Morton*

*Photographs by  
Kathleen Doohar*







is himself Mexican-American and in the course of his coming of age and discovering himself as a man, he learned to embrace his identity as a Mexican. In doing so, he gave up any aspirations to the mainstream and took on a new role as a man on the border, part insider and part outsider.

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Since his boyhood, David Carrasco has understood what it means to live in the ambiguous region between two worlds, two cultures. "*La dualidad*" — he laughs, "it's a very Mexican way to understand the world." *La dualidad* symbolizes Carrasco's very identity and sense of place in the world. Mexican and American. He is both; he is neither.

Carrasco was born to a Mexican father and American mother. He grew up in Silver Spring, Md., in a working-class family, and developed a love of reading from his mother and a love of sports from his father, a basketball coach. He himself was an All-Star basketball player at his public high school.

His father had worked hard to move up from his own childhood in the barrio in El Paso and he became the basketball coach and athletic director for American University.

"My father was trying to move ahead and blend, but he couldn't. He was trying to figure out how to culturally make it. The message was, 'You're welcome to be like us. But you'll never be like us.'"

In addition, this was a period where there was a lot of racial conflict in the air, he says. And his family identified with the struggle for civil rights and freedom for blacks.

The senior Carrasco did move far from his roots, becoming a sports goodwill ambassador to Mexico as part of the 1968 Olympic games. He moved the family to Mexico City and that's when the teenaged David began to understand, in his bones, what the other half of his heritage meant to him.

For Carrasco, the turning point came in adolescence when he visited the archaeological museum in Mexico City and seemed to see, for the first time, the artifacts for what they were — remnants of a great civilization.

"I was moved visually, emotionally, by these material objects — their shape, size. It was like walking into a dream. A huge stone serpent, eagle heads, jades, an

incredible calendar stone, decorated knives, things that were out of tombs! It was nearly a religious experience.

"These strange objects suggested a sophisticated culture to me. One that was very open about its own strangeness. Clearly a monumental civilization."

And to a 12-year-old boy, this monumental civilization was the same civilization that he had known as the butt of jokes — Montezuma's Revenge, Mexican stand-off, jumping beans, lazy Mexicans — he had the full American repertoire of stereotypes and misinformation. "I had been ashamed of my culture. Here I saw civilization. Big stuff. I thought, 'I'm going to recover those things we were.'"

The young Carrasco had an epiphany that day at the museum in Mexico City. He mentions a meaningful passage from Octavio Paz's *The Labyrinth of Solitude* that speaks to his experience:

*All of us, at some moment, have had a vision of our existence as something unique, untransferable and very precious. This revelation almost always takes place during adolescence. Self-discovery is above all the realization that we are alone: it is the opening of an impalpable, transparent wall — that of our consciousness — between the world and ourselves. . . .*

"This passage tells a lot about me," says Carrasco. That day at the museum set a direction for his education and his life. He has never looked back.

Carrasco is that much-coveted commodity in academe: an intellectual whose research and scholarship is substantial and adds to the body of knowledge, yet also a scholar who applies his knowledge and insight to relevant issues of the day. With these dual talents, his star rose quickly through academia. After earning a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and teaching for 15 years at the University of Colorado, he was courted by Princeton University and taught there from 1991 to 2001. Then Harvard came calling and he's been in Cambridge ever since.

His work is broad and varied. Carrasco's hands-on research at archaeological sites, such as Tenochtitlan, led to his book, *City of Sacrifice*, about the subject of human sacrifice and its role in the religion of the Aztecs. He co-produced a film, *Alambrista: The Director's Cut*, about the struggles of undocumented Mexican farm workers in the U.S. In recent years, he has coordinated a group of international scholars in deciphering a 16th-century Mexican codex, the *Mapa de Cuahitlan*.

The archive of materials that he began collecting during his years at the University of Colorado has grown in size and scope. Known as the Moses Mesoamerican Archive and Research Project, that material now serves as a resource for students and colleagues worldwide.





To top this impressive list of accomplishments, in 2004 the Mexican government honored Carrasco for his work in unearthing and promulgating the heritage and legacy of Mexican culture. For this they bestowed upon him the highest decoration they can give a foreign national, the *Orden Mexicana del Aguila Aztec* (Order of the Aztec Eagle).

And now, Carrasco finds himself, at age 62, at the top of his profession, comfortably ensconced at Harvard University, in an attractive office on an upper floor of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, which is tucked into a charming and shady corner of the Harvard campus.

**As his career has soared, he has climbed into the very bosom of The Establishment ...  
"I'm not The Man but I know The Man."**

He has a named Harvard professorship — he is officially the Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of the Study of Latin America — and has a joint appointment with the Divinity School and the Department of Anthropology. He has an international reputation, and successful ventures into film and books as well as teaching and research. You'd think there'd be no man more firmly planted in The Establishment than David Carrasco.

But in spite of his dazzling credentials, Carrasco sees himself as an outsider in this bastion of North American culture. As his career has soared he has climbed into the very bosom of The Establishment, and yet he clearly feels a little out of his element.

"I'm not The Man. But I know The Man," he says with a grin.

Anyone who knew David Carrasco back then, back in his Western Maryland days, would understand the slight unease Carrasco might feel at this moment. For Carrasco has always had an identification with the "other," an empathy for the underdog.

His first years on the Hill were profoundly influenced by Ira Zepp, who helped him focus his acute social consciousness into work with SOS (Student Opportunity Service). He spent several summers, starting in 1964, working in Puerto Rico with SOS volunteers and has written about those experiences in an essay in *The Journey Outward*, edited by Zepp.

In fact, Carrasco arrived at college as "Dave," and after his SOS trip to Puerto Rico, changed the pronunciation of his name to how he was addressed there — *DaVEED* — which is how he is still known today. He

also acquired his fluency in Spanish from his Puerto Rican trips.

"I've been lucky," says Carrasco. "I've had some great teachers, like Ira. People saw things in me I never saw in myself."

What Zepp saw in Carrasco, back in 1964 when he was a first-year at Western Maryland College, was a youth who was "deeply earnest and intellectually very curious. He sought then, and still seeks to anchor his learning in living. He always thought that truth and learning were not just antiseptic abstractions, but were there for something."

The other side of Carrasco that Zepp noticed was that "he had this innate sense of justice and compassion. He always has had a real sense of care for the underprivileged, the marginalized. It was a leaning toward the exploited — he listened to the cries of the suffering world."

That innate identification with the "other" is still a part of what drives Carrasco today. And it's part of what forged the strong friendship he has with novelist and Princeton professor Toni Morrison.

He likes to tell the story of their meeting: In 1991, Carrasco was in his first year teaching at Princeton and asked to sit in on one of Morrison's classes. Though she was initially reluctant to have a professor in the back of a small seminar, she agreed.

"She gave a great lecture on *Moby-Dick*," he remembers, "and I felt this connection between my life and the world she talked of in the class." She spoke about "the ways black people ignite critical moments of discovery in American literature... about how blackness evokes certain unconscious feelings and conflicts hidden from our daily life."

This really struck a chord with Carrasco. After class, he trailed Morrison and her entourage back across campus, trying to get in a word among the admirers who surrounded her. He tried to gain her attention and interest by mentioning three reactions he'd had to her lecture.

The movie *Paris Trout*, he said, had resonance with the themes she discussed in the lecture. She'd never seen it.

"Strike one," says Carrasco.

He tried his second idea, mentioning a novel, *The Old Gringo*, by Carlos Fuentes. She hadn't read it.

"Strike two," says Carrasco.

Finally he told her that during her lecture, "I couldn't stop thinking about a book called *The Words To Say It*, by Marie Cardinal.

Morrison stopped in her tracks.

"Now that is really amazing because the whole series of lectures is based on my reading of that book."

"Home run," grins Carrasco.

The book they both felt so strongly about is the 1975



French novel/memoir powerfully recounting Cardinal's descent into madness and her recovery through seven years of psychoanalysis. "The story of what it feels like," Carrasco has written, "to be inside the arduous process of psychoanalysis."

The book has been of interest to analysts, feminists and literary scholars over the years, but Carrasco was struck again by its power and scope as he realized that it "not only appealed to a historian of religions like me, but was capable of igniting critical thinking and creative writing about agonies of race in America in one of our greatest writers," he has written.

"I want you to come see me so we can talk and get to know each other," said Morrison to Carrasco. Which they did, and Carrasco soon helped her do some research for her next novel, *Paradise*, and he joined the circle of black artists and intellectuals like Cornel West who surrounded Morrison.

"We've become colleagues and friends," says Carrasco, who adds, "She has given me advice in navigating academe and in my career." But most significantly, he took her to Mexico for a week to meet Gabriel García Márquez.

"That's one of the big things for me," Carrasco says. "I introduced Toni Morrison and García Márquez." He grins. Not bad for a kid whose father came from the barrio.

While he has been celebrated and rewarded for his achievements, all has not been smooth sailing for Carrasco. There have been controversies and challenges along the way, some of which continue to rankle.

His first year at Harvard, after being recruited in part by Harvard scholar Cornel West, a dispute arose between West and former Harvard president Larry Summers, which eventually resulted in West's return to Princeton (and later, Summers' resignation).

"I felt I suffered a loss that would never be recovered," said Carrasco. He and West, friends and former colleagues from Princeton, had planned on continuing a discourse they'd begun earlier on the African-American-Latino relationship, one of the things he'd looked forward to exploring at Harvard. "Our chance to work together was lost."

And then last year Harvard government professor Samuel Huntington published a book, *Who Are We?: The Challenges to America's National Identity*, that criticized the influx of immigrants to the U.S., especially Mexicans, saying they threatened the very core of the American identity. A standing-room-only crowd witnessed Carrasco's challenge to the book at a panel that was also covered widely in the press.

But times have changed. And they've changed at Harvard as well. This fall Harvard inaugurated its 28th

president, Drew Faust — the first president since the Larry Summers fiasco, and the start of a new regime that brings hope to Carrasco.

The day before the event Carrasco strides across campus, speaking loudly on his cell phone to be heard over the chapel bells ringing. It will be a busy weekend; his son is coming in from Barcelona, his friend Toni Morrison is coming to town to give a special reading at the Harvard inauguration, and he has also been invited to speak at the event on a panel entitled, "The Arts of Interpretation: Whose Meaning Is it Anyway?"

"Yes, there have been tremendous changes," Carrasco allows. "But at the same time, it's because women and people of color have pushed. They weren't invited in."

Zepp, for his part, has relished Carrasco's progress. "He has far surpassed this teacher. I love the guy, I am proud of him. This is the crazy thing. People write about 'the teacher who changes my life.' I had a student once who changed my life." ■





# Wild and Woolly

*How life got interesting  
after two biology professors acquired a flock of Jacob sheep*

## First came the campus knitting club.

Ralene Mitschler warmed right away to the click-click of the needles, the stimulating conversation and the soothing touch of soft yarn playing between her fingers as she turned out scarves and sweaters and socks.

Next came the spinning, and the satisfaction of learning how to transform great clouds of fluffy wool into strong, workable strands.

Then the associate professor of biology, who never passes up a hands-on research opportunity, decided to pursue her new hobby all the way to its origin. She became the proud owner of three sheep, specifically Jacob sheep, a primitive breed known for its multiple pairs of great, curled horns, and whose genealogy can be traced back 3,000 years to Syria. Jacobs are a favorite of handspinners because of their compact size, self-reliant nature and their medium-fine fleece that is white with black or brown spots.

Before long, Mitschler's "spinner's flock" of neutered males had expanded — and so had her vision of the ideal home. Previously content in the log cabin on three wooded acres she shared with her husband, Associate Professor of Biology Randy Morrison, Mitschler was so taken with the sheep she determined that what she really wanted was lots of land where she could raise many, many more of them.

It was perfect timing to buy the 130-year-old brick house on 10 acres outside Hanover, Pa., owned by Katrina Lefever, a colleague who was preparing to relocate. Lefever had been Mitschler's mentor in caring for the sheep and now dozens of Lefever's sheep would

be sold to Mitschler along with Chicory Lane Farm.

Life — for the biology professors, their students, and friends — was about to become a little more wild and a whole lot more woolly.

By Kim Asch

Photos by Mark Swisher



**O**n a Tuesday afternoon this fall, a group of students fan out in one of three pastures where ewes, or female sheep, graze separately from the rams. The "girls," as Mitschler calls them, retreat to the ridgeline where they can watch warily from a distance. Well, all of them except Rosie, the bottle-fed lamb who bonded early in life with humans. She hangs close to the group like a skittish puppy, curious and happy for the attention.

The students are in Mitschler's Parasitology course and are gingerly collecting sheep droppings to take

**Life on the farm:**  
**Biology professors**  
**Randy Morrison and**  
**Ralene Mitschler**  
**corral a flock**  
**member with a**  
**mind of its own.**



**Ironically, Ralene Mitschler hasn't had much time to pursue spinning or knitting since becoming a shepherd.**

back to the lab to learn a classic technique for identifying parasite eggs in sheep manure. Another of the class projects involves culturing and testing sheep parasites to see if they are resistant to commonly used anti-parasitic drugs used by many shepherds.

Mitschler, whose own research into parasites that infect insects has been funded by National Science Foundation grants, sometimes teases her students, "You've come all the way to college to collect sheep droppings." But she explains that both parasitology projects "are useful to students heading to veterinary schools, as well as to those who are med school-bound, because they help them to understand the role of a microscope or a molecular technique in diagnosing parasites in humans. And the students going on to do graduate research learn about designing and conducting experiments."

Over the past four years since becoming part-time shepherds, Mitschler and Morrison have found numerous ways to integrate their work with the land and the animals with their roles as teachers and mentors.

"With me, it's all about biology," says Mitschler. "This farm is a wonderful teaching tool."

Last spring, Kevin Flanagan '08 worked with Morrison on pigment cell biology research to identify the gene that causes the sheep's distinctive spots. Marina Wilson '08 collaborated with Mitschler over the sum-

mer and is now completing an independent study with her this fall for her senior capstone project. She wants to develop a molecular biology technique to identify the specific parasites infecting a particular sheep.

"For the most part, farmers will treat the sheep with an antiparasitic drug that combats all parasites — they call it drenching — and hope that the drug gets rid of whatever it is," says Wilson, who also loves to knit and has learned to tend to the sheep, as well. "But introducing high levels of antibiotics, especially if they're not necessarily needed, isn't such a great idea."

Wilson has had to go back to the drawing board a couple of times, but Mitschler reminds her, as she does all of her students researchers, "That's why they call it 're-search,' because you have to keep going back and looking again and again."

That work ethic translates to farm life too. Wilson has spent enough time watching Mitschler in action to know that the animals are more than a hobby. After her first visit, she says she was so enchanted she thought, "Oh, I'm going to have a farm, too." Then, after further observation, she changed her mind.

"One of the things that really surprised me was how much work goes into running the farm," she says. "Just feeding the animals takes a lot of time each day, plus there's planning the breedings, getting the hay in, shearing the sheep, and even rounding up the sheep to give vaccinations or treat them for parasites — it's a whole day's work."

Mitschler points to a fox gorging on apples that blanket the ground in the orchard, then does a slow 360-degree turn to take in her surroundings: the perennial flowers lining the path from the driveway to the porch, the vegetable garden, the coop where heritage breeds of hens and geese peck and strut, the giant old barns and distant pastures. "This was necessary to my sanity," says Mitschler, who is ready for chores in rubber boots and jeans. "The East Coast is so densely populated. This is my retreat."

As a townie growing up in Nebraska, Mitschler longed to live on a farm and spent the weekends at the farms of friends whenever she had the chance. Morrison, her husband, was raised in Ohio and enjoyed many summer days on his grandparents' small farm, learning to cultivate vegetables and to preserve the harvest by canning beans and tomatoes and pickles. The couple met while pursuing master's degrees at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, then she earned her doctorate at Kansas State University while he earned his at the University of Kansas. They began teaching



full time on the Hill in 1998.

Thanks to Mitschler's skill as a breeder, the flock is now at about 70 sheep, give or take, and Morrison sometimes marvels at the turn their lives have taken. "It's hard for me to imagine how we got from three sheep to I-don't-even-know-how-many sheep. Ralene can tell them all apart; I can't," he says.

Still, Morrison is also thrilled with their life at Chicory Lane Farm. "I got to buy a tractor," he says, a big John Deere with a bush hog for mowing. He's just put up jars and jars of preserves — including grape juice from the arbor — and frozen fresh corn and asparagus. There's lots of room for their three dogs to run. He enjoys restoring the rustic house and there's a huge sun porch where his research chameleons can soak in the warmth.

As "chief wrangler," it's Morrison's job to round up the sheep and bring them into the barn for screenings, worming medication and vaccinations. He often enlists the help of Associate Professor of Physics Jeff Marx, who is not only a good friend but also a juggler whose excellent hand-eye coordination gives him an advantage over the wily sheep.

"These are not your typical sheep and getting them into the barn is a big chore. With other breeds, you can get one to go in and the rest will follow, but with these you have to really work," Marx says.

The first time he showed up to help, Marx recalls, Mitschler handed him a baseball bat and told him, "If one of the rams comes at you, just hit it in the head." Marx didn't think he'd feel right doing that. "Then I saw some of the metal pipes that they'd flattened into a pancake and I agreed to take the bat. I wound up using it as an extension of my arm just to make me seem bigger."

As the flock has grown, so has the need to find other markets for the sheep. Mitschler took 33 pounds of wool to sell at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival this year. She also sold the equivalent of about 10 lambs for meat, mostly to people on campus through word of mouth. It's a fact of life on the farm Mitschler accepts — after all, she's also developed a taste for lamb chili, lamb burgers and roasted leg of lamb — but with some sadness.

In Mitschler's mind the sheep are livestock, but in her heart they are pets. Her affection for the sheep is apparent when she gives visitors the tour and introduces them to her flock. "Every pattern of their spots is different. They have personalities. And names," she says, easily identifying each of them. There's 12-year-old Anastasia, and her daughter, Aimee, the dominant ewe.

"Maurice," she points to a ram with three amazing sets of curled horns, "he's my big, old flock sire. I may do some progeny tests with his lambs just to see what kind of lambs they make." Then she points over to Rascal, the ram with the patch over his eye. "There's a reason for his name," she says with a laugh and a shake of her head.

Life at Chicory Lane is full and busy and a little bit wild, what with foxes stealing hens and rams escaping through fences. Mitschler's schedule involves arising by 6 a.m. to walk around and "make sure everybody's still there" before beginning the 30-minute drive to campus for a 9:10 a.m. class. She wears a headlamp to illuminate the way for nighttime chores.

Thanks to many of their students, who agree to farm-sit, the couple has been able to keep up with their scholarly interests in far-flung places. The week after they closed on the property, Mitschler accompanied Morrison to an international pigment cell conference in Paris. A year ago she went to Scotland for an international parasitology meeting (and took some extra time to meet a Jacob sheep breeder while she was there) and she was out of town for a conference on teaching science within a liberal arts curriculum in October.

One interest Mitschler has been unable to pursue lately is, ironically, her knitting and spinning. Five or six large plastic garbage bags wait in a corner of the sitting room, stuffed full of fluffy "roving," the term used for wool that has been washed and readied for use in textiles. The natural colors are a variety of gorgeous creams and grays and browns.

Morrison likes to complain that he has no hand-made sweater or scarf or socks to show for all of their sheep. Mitschler laughs, "When would I have time for that?" ■



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# Kareem

"We on this campus, like so many around the globe, are especially awed by you," President Joan Develin Coley told Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

# Comes to Campus

By Kim Asch

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's campus visit confirmed for sports fans and scholars alike that the basketball legend and author is a man to look up to — and not just because he is 7 feet 2 inches tall.

The basketball legend, whose famous sky hook helped him become the NBA's all-time leading scorer, is also long on intellect, discipline and talent as an historical researcher and author of six books. *Brothers in Arms*, co-written with Anthony Walton, chronicles the experiences of Abdul-Jabbar's surrogate uncle and the other African-American soldiers who served in the 761st tank battalion during World War II. Known as the Black Panthers, these soldiers bravely fought on the frontlines for their country, despite the barriers racism imposed upon them in the military and at home.

It was for this achievement that McDaniel awarded Abdul-Jabbar an honorary degree at a special convocation held Sept. 29 during Families Weekend. "We applaud you for bringing this powerful story to light — not just for its wartime lessons, but for its meaning in our world today," President Joan Develin Coley said during the ceremony. "You have given us a heritage to embrace and have challenged us to learn from it."

Colonel Paul Levern Bates '31 was the white officer who eagerly and ably led the Black Panthers to become the first African-American armored unit in the nation's history to land on foreign soil. The men engaged in combat for 183 days and during that time they killed or captured 22,000 enemy soldiers using equipment that was inferior to that of the Nazi force. The 761st became one of the first black units in the modern Army to fight side by side with white troops and its many successes helped end, in 1948, the segregation of the American military.

It is Bates to whom Abdul-Jabbar dedicates his book and it is Bates' connection to the College that brought Abdul-Jabbar to campus. Bates posthumously received a Trustee Alumni Award during the convocation, accepted

by his son, Baron Bates. "My father often said, looking back, that his purpose in life was to lead the 761st battalion," he said. "He used to tell people, 'I don't think of myself as a warrior; I teach men how to stay alive.'"

An Army Coin of Excellence was also presented to Abdul-Jabbar by Major General W. Montague Winfield, commanding general of the U.S. Army, who commended the author for setting an example for young people. "There are a lot of athletes out there who don't believe they have to be role models, but you have shown America that there is a wonderful balance between sports and academics."

When he stood to speak, a smiling Abdul-Jabbar appeared grateful for, and maybe a little uneasy with, "all of the trouble McDaniel College has gone through to honor me." He explained, "I wrote this book for me. To see the smiles on these men's faces and to have them come up to me and say, 'Thank you for getting our story right and for bringing it to a public that really needs to see it,' that has been my biggest reward for doing this."

Afterward, in Hoover Library, Abdul-Jabbar wore his reading glasses while greeting fans with a handshake and signing copies of *Brothers in Arms*.

Even those too young to remember Abdul-Jabbar's UCLA days or his years with the Lakers were eager to shake his hand. Roan Leahy, 9, son of political science professor Christianna Nichols, waited in line for over an hour to get his turn.

"Do you like to read books?" Abdul-Jabbar asked him.

"Yes," the boy answered, his head nodding with enthusiasm.

"Good," Abdul-Jabbar said. "Keep reading. ■"

**Below, top: The line of fans stretched from inside Hoover Library and all the way to Baker Memorial Chapel.**

**Bottom: Roan Leahy, 9, said it was worth waiting an hour to shake hands with Abdul-Jabbar.**



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Advancing the vision

## \$65 Million — And Beyond The Carpe Diem Campaign Explained

**"We must  
seize the day.  
This day.  
Today."**

— President  
Joan Develin Coley

No one is more enthusiastic about the Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel than Lee Rice '48. The campaign chairman has been associated with the College for almost half of its 140-year history, and has served as trustee, board chair and, he quips, "prince consort" since marrying President Joan Develin Coley in 2006.

Rice, a rocket scientist turned business consultant, recently predicted meteoric success for the mission to raise \$65 million by December 2009. "It's a worthy goal, but we'll exceed it," he says.

The campaign, which was publicly announced during Homecoming weekend, is more than two-thirds of the way to its goal with \$45 million in gifts and pledges raised to date. During the campaign's "silent phase," trustees contributed \$16 million. Each of 11 leadership donors pledged \$1 million or more. And 68 percent of faculty and staff made gifts and pledges totaling

\$770,000. With this kind of momentum, Rice says, "We'll rocket past \$65 million over the next two years."

So why now?

"We must seize the day. This day. Today," says President Coley, explaining why the campaign is dubbed *Carpe Diem*, the Latin phrase for the sentiment. "That is our nature as a dynamic college and it is a necessity in the third millennium. We must continue to do what we do, only better."

Announced as the College celebrates 140 years of changing the lives of its students, the campaign's themes — Living, Learning and Teaching — reflect the three main areas targeted for funding. Gifts to the campaign will provide endowment funds to support students and faculty, capital funds to revitalize the residential living-learning community and annual funds to support current operations. Every gift to the annual fund counts as a gift to the campaign.

As the world grows smaller, there is an increasing sense of urgency to fund a more robust version of McDaniel. Today's students live in a global community where, with a simple hand-held computer, they can check soccer scores in Amsterdam, reserve tickets to the Vienna symphony, browse pottery from the Ming dynasty, chat with a villager in Ghana, donate to help victims of a tsunami in Indonesia and offer shelter to a family left homeless by a monster hurricane in New Orleans. Events that happen in a remote village in China have an impact on life in Crisfield, Md.

"The body of human knowledge grows larger, more complex and more interconnected," Coley says. "Our students must live and learn in a richly diverse community that reflects a world that has become a global village. Their education must be distinctive and relevant to the new-world community. It must be true to our guiding principles, true to our treasured Liberal Arts. And it must also, and always, be vibrant — a step ahead of its peers. We must stretch beyond satisfactory, beyond even good."

Students — how they learn, what they learn, and where they learn — are the essence of the College's mission and the focus of the campaign.

Through its new curriculum, The McDaniel Plan, the faculty has created learning opportunities unique



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to each year of undergraduate study. Enhanced first-year programs lead the way to development of interdisciplinary seminars for sophomores. As juniors, students will concentrate on writing in their chosen discipline, and seniors will work closely with professors as they delve into a capstone research project. Funds for endowed chairs and professorships, visiting scholars and guest lecturers are all needed to contribute and empower the intellectual journey which results in a graduate who knows how to think, analyze, understand, question and resolve conflicts both large and small.

Much enhancement of the living-learning environment has already been achieved in the past few years. Academic Hall, completed in June 2005, has brought graduate education into the hub of campus activity. The Merritt Fitness Center and Klitzberg Pavilion give students more to do and places to go to meet each other and hang out. More students are able to enjoy apartment living in the North Village, and they are treated to everything from concerts to lectures in the renovated Decker Center Forum.

"The McDaniel of tomorrow," describes Coley, "will continue to be a robust learning community where the liberal arts and sciences thrive alongside rigorous majors." But there will be more opportunities for learning outside the classroom in internship and study abroad programs, further improvements to residential and recreational facilities, an emphasis on faculty training in instructional technology and curriculum development through the Center for Faculty Excellence, visiting scholars and endowed professorships, increased diversity, and, of course scholarships.

At a Sept. 29 event celebrating substantial contributions by members of the Founders Society, Trustee Otto Guenther '63 and wife, Jan, envisioned a day when, "No student who deserves and will benefit from a McDaniel education is turned away for lack of funds."

Concludes Coley: "With the Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel, we move forward doing what we do, only better — changing with the times, gaining momentum in a fiercely competitive market, seizing opportunity each and every day." ■





## 1935

The Class of 1935 has 28 members living. Most of us are 91 to 93 years old. Few cards have been returned to me, which is sad but understandable.

**Becky Smith** writes from Cecilton, Md., that she has been blessed with good health, is active in church and community organizations, lives alone and still drives. Her motto is "Keep moving." She is the oldest living woman in Cecilton and is also the only living member of her high school class.

**Marcellene McClung Wharton**, 93, now resides in York, Pa. She decided at age 90 to leave the country life in Harford County and enter a retirement home in York, where she lived as a child. She had been a teacher for 40 years.

**Emily Dashiell Lacey** lives in Princess Anne and no longer does distant traveling, but still drives and lives alone. She keeps in touch by phone with **Ruth Phipps Lambert** in Bradenton, Fla.

**Charlie and Dolly Taylor '38 Moore** enjoy their extended family scattered from Norfolk to Shanghai. They enjoy looking back and reminiscing about departed friends and old times.

**Dennis Yingling** resides at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster. After 25 years of marriage, his wife, **Betty Smith Yingling '43**, died in November '06. They had traveled extensively.

**Welch Boyer**, in Charlotte, N.C., sent an interesting story of his career with the American Red Cross, Services to the Armed Forces. He worked in 30 countries and four continents. He will be 93 in September and his wife, Kay, is 91. She was public relations and fundraising director for the Red Cross in Honolulu. They were privileged to meet General George Marshall in Hawaii who was president of the American National Red Cross. Welch and Kay presented leis to the Marshalls as they left Hawaii, an experience they will long remember.

Our sympathy to the families of **Mildred Price Harris** who died on April 14; **Hazel Jones Berry** on January 12; **Joe Lipsky** on February 20 and **Evelyn Maus** on June 24.

**Ruth Jenkins Smith** and I are good friends who share rides to chorus practice and play bridge together. She is a widow since Bob passed in August '06.

**Homecoming brought more than 30 members of the first-ever Centennial Conference football championship team back to campus to celebrate their victorious season of a decade ago. This team was undefeated in 1997 and never trailed in a game until the final game, when they trailed Johns Hopkins 3-0 at the half. The Green Terror came back to win that game 21-3. 1997 was the first of four consecutive Green Terror Centennial Conference championships.**

# class notes

**Dr. Clara**

**"Onion" Garlock**

**MacNamee**

**works in**

**the Phoenix**

**Academy, a**

**therapeutic**

**and academic**

**public high**

**school for teens**

**with substance**

**abuse issues,**

**which she**

**founded**

**18 years ago.**

Her quiet life has been enhanced since her grandson and family have moved here with two adorable great-grandchildren, 5 and 8. They keep her from a dull existence. They will attend the MacMurray-Smith annual reunion in June at Fripp Island, S.C. Her stepson and his wife, **Ed '72** and **Wilma VanHart '70 Smith**, have a place there. She still drives and has good eyesight. She enjoys weekly duplicate bridge and is a member of the Retired Teachers' Chorus. She says she has "no time to vegetate."

**Dorothy Gordon Vessels** enjoys reading our class news. She is retired from everything and she enjoys her three children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

I recently attended the 70th reunion of the 1937 class from Glen Burnie High School, where I taught music from 1935 to 1942. I am their only living faculty member. There were 13 of the class present. I accompany the Anne Arundel Retired Teachers' Chorus as I've done for 20 years. I live alone and still drive. I am well cared for by my two sons and their families. I enjoy playing bridge and pinocle regularly and church activities.

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## 1948

Hail, Class of '48. Your numerous and prompt responses are sincerely appreciated!

While on a cruise down the Danube, **Annebel Glockler Liebelt** visited with the director of academic affairs for the College in Budapest. She cruised the Norway coast this summer.

**Joe Thompson** and Mary, of Hunt Valley, Md., have traveled all European countries, parts of Africa, Mexico and the Islands. He has been retired for 19 years from National Cash Register, after 36 years as financial sales director. He sold his sailboat after 45 years.

**Jim Doherty** also sold his sailboat after 26 years. He retired after 44 years as a chemist in the paint industry. He visited Aruba, Corsica, Panama Canal and sailed the 1926 New Jersey tall ship. As he says, "God is good, even in bad times." Their granddaughters are 11 and 2.

More and more of us are enjoying the carefree life-style of Maryland retirement communities including **Bob and Helen Miles '49 Dubel**, who traveled to China, Greece and took a Venice cruise last year. They've toured seven continents and 66 countries. They hike on Maryland trails and attribute their good health to their activities. **Fletcher '49** and **Maradel Clayton '49 Ward** also live at Glen Meadows in Glen Arm, Md.

**Naomi Harper Morgan** visited delightful Mackinaw

Island, Mich., and loved the peace and quiet. They were in New Orleans for their grandchild's wedding.

**Doug Beakes** and wife visit their daughter and family in Austria twice a year and take two cruises annually, one transatlantic and in '07 through Panama Canal. He has written 17 books, plus a commentary on the lives of classmates **Fred Eckhardt**, **Ernie McFadden** and **Harry Christopher** and his own biography.

**Lyle Johnson Willson** writes from their Arizona home that they spent time in Santa Fe before their annual cruises — '07 across north Pacific to Tokyo, Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai. They visited Italy and Tuscany last fall. They enjoy symphonies, early morning walks, bridge and cool off with a month in California.

From California, **Dr. Clara "Onion" Garlock MacNamee** works in the Phoenix Academy, a therapeutic and academic public high school for teens with substance abuse issues, which she founded 18 years ago. Her travels include: February in New Zealand and Tasmania; July in western China and Tibet. Clara says, "The world is an exciting place."

**Lee Rice**, is a consultant in hazardous waste recycling and is also working to develop the sciences to commercialize iron addition of selected ocean areas, as atmosphere CO<sub>2</sub> control technology. Lee says, "Most important I married the president of McDaniel in August. We are living on Ridge Road."

**Bill and Louise "Sunny" Sapp '49 Hawkins'** granddaughter, **Arie Hawkins '03**, is at University of Maryland Medical School for a Ph.D. in bio-chemistry research.

**Betty Sauter Garlock** writes from Roanoke that she's en route on a California trip leaving her involvement with Master Gardeners and county library. Her grandson received a master's at JMU, and another at Tech. Betty says, "Family growing up, as we slow down..." Think about it!

Many in our class have lost their spouses and are trying to move on with a new lifestyle. **Joe Ward** has also lost his dear daughter to cervical cancer. Our sympathy is extended to each and all of you. Meanwhile, Joe is retired and active with Danbury, Conn., Railway Museum.

**Bette Mason Fissel**, while trying to be helpful in taking out her Christmas tree, fractured a vertebrae and was out of action until April. She healed in time to pursue her passion — golf in Gettysburg! However, in May she was in Scotland and then a summer cool-down in Alaska. She still mows her 5.5 acres and tends her flower beds. Her granddaughter is a Marine OC5, one grandson received a Ph.D. from MIT, one is working on a master's, one is in Penn State and one is married.



**Mary Ruth O'Kelly (Chlad) Elseroad** is big into lacrosse. Her grandsons are All-America at Boston and University of Pennsylvania. **Homer's '40** grandson is home from Iraq.

**Bob Wagner** retired after 53 years and is a life member of International Engravers Association. He and **Jane Conaway '49** celebrated 55 years together in Bermuda. They attended a family reunion in Virginia. All their children are Virginia Tech Engineer graduates and two "grands" are there and both were safe. Bob says, "We have been blessed!" The Wagners live in Mt. Airy, Md., near our son and daughter-in-law, John and **Jackie Draper '74 Ensor**, and our grandson and his wife, ex-Marine Captain **Richard '98** and **Amy North '99 Meiklejohn**.

**Beth Armiger Maas** says, "I treasure the memories of our four years on the Hill." She is still in her home of 50 years in Severna Park. She retired from teaching math in '85. She and Lou summer in Maine. She is the motivator of Class of '48 luncheons at Sydners, where an enthusiastic group gathers to assure ourselves that "College ties can ne'er be broken, formed at WMC."

**Clarbelle Blaney Price** still lives alone on the farm. She says, "We need rain in July for corn and soybeans." She talked to **Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski** and **Fern Ray Grumbein** about our 60th reunion. She visited **Mary Alice Hershfeld** at Charlestown in the nursing home section. **Pat Brown Zello** is also there.

**Mary Frances Keiser Bradley** lives in California and visited **Dotty Wilder Williams** in Silver Spring. Both roommates are doing well. They travel and stay busy with family. Dot and "Red" are in Florida each winter and are looking forward to a move to Riderwood, where **Fred** and **Marion Beck Osing** also reside.

**Henry Stone** and his wife retired in Georgia. He was USDA research veterinarian in poultry diseases. One son is at University of Michigan in computer security and another is a Chinese interpreter for "Voice of America," studying for his Ph.D. at the University of Washington.

**Martha Witter Hawkins** says, "After 60 years, my goodness!" She wishes us good health, world peace and that our families stay safe and well. She's happy in her Annapolis home and is still active — once again.

From Hadley, Mass., **Wayne Cowan** writes that he and his wife live in a lovely villa. His son is in D.C. with American Federation of Teachers. Wayne's grandparents farmed in Carroll County and their last farm in 1947 abutted WMC campus.

**Marian Meredith Bellamy**, from Pennsylvania, is with her husband in Masonic Village, an enchanted and congenial place, with a beautiful vista near Her-

shey. Their "grandgirls" are at University of Connecticut, preparing for elementary education, and Moore School of Art in Philadelphia. Marian published a "Survival Guide to Life in Retirement" and is currently writing a sequel.

**Jean "Jeb" Brant** and wife recalled the enjoyment of our 50th reunion. He says, "My college ties were blown to bits when the name changed!" He is retired in Berlin, Md. They visit their daughter, **Sandy Brant Alvey '87**, and family in Forest Hill and enjoy gardening, music and reading.

**Harry "Chris" Christopher** reports our 50th brought him together with classmates he hadn't seen since '48. Since then, he has been in touch regularly for golfing in Basye, Va. Guess that's the real purpose of reunions. Thanks, Chris.

**Mary Dom Brown**, of Gwynn Oak, Md., still volunteers at Woodmoore Elementary. She says, "Can't hop up from the floor with kindergartners like I used to." She was recognized for 1,000 volunteer hours in Baltimore County. She is recording secretary for retired teachers. She has been to Gyll Gym for three high school graduations, but "can't run those hills like I used to, but each step on campus brings back memories." She had her own 80th birthday champagne brunch for 27 at Wakefield Valley Country Club in Westminster.

**Louise "Scotty" Scott Widdup** makes her home in Heron Point near Chestertown and spends four months at a condo near Sarasota, Fla. Her dear husband passed away in '05. She still enjoys all things musical, travel, bridge, family and friends. As former roommates, we still visit one another and chat by phone in Florida and Maryland.

**Eleanor "Carrots" Schilke Wroten** responds from Texas. She says, "No changes: three children, five granddaughters." Glad to hear from you, Eleanor.

**Charles Fleming** and wife live in the Imperial Plaza Retirement Complex in Richmond on the seventh floor. They are waiting for a first-floor apartment.

**Dot Scott Atkinson** is truly "a living retirement." She does a little club work and a little church work. She cut out a lot and doesn't drive as far at night — sounds familiar! She has lots of lunch-outs and works a bit in and around her house in West River, Md.

**Phyllis Houck Smith** lives in Walkersville. She had a broken right wrist but she still flew to Florida for a high school graduation. She was able to go because Lisa took her to Dulles and her son met her in Orlando.

**Madeline Franklin Strader** and husband live at Fairhaven in Sykesville, Md., where he is recovering from a back injury. They have a daughter in Baltimore, a grandchild at Franklin & Marshall and their son is in south Miami.

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Don and Charlotte "Wally" Haile Smyth and seven other WMC alumni reside in Broadmead in Cockeysville. The Smyths have been there for nearly 10 years. They started our parade to "easy living." They've already celebrated their 60th in 2006 and the rest of us are catching up — in a hurry!

**Lucile Olson Soper** sings with Hagerstown Choral Arts and is an elementary school reading buddy. She has 19 "grands" and 10 "greats." She says, "Edgar and I are in good health. Praise the Lord!"

**Mary "Binky" Dexter Tompkins** and Tom recently moved to a retirement complex in Lewes, Del., after 15 years in Rehoboth. She says, "Wish it were still Western Maryland — old fogies just don't like changes, do we!"

**Jean Anzulovic Shaw** had a stroke in 2006 however she is still living at home. She is taking art classes, using her left hand to draw. She retired after 35 years of teaching in Westminster.

**Milly Shipley**, also in town, retired after 37 years of teaching and is volunteering at her church library. "another enjoyable task." She's an aunt to 30 nieces and nephews, ages 2 to 62. She says, "Life is good."

**Catherine Bishop** has been in Baltimore for more than 35 years as a librarian at Johns Hopkins and now at Parish Library. She is in choir and on church committees. She is taking classes at St. Mary's Seminary, attends concerts and plays, and does gardening and actively bird-watching.

**Mary "Toddy" Todd Griffiths** lives in Pennsylvania and Vero Beach, Fla. She reports: career — very successful in retirement; personal — still alive family — one great-grandson. **Josh '43** and **Pat Patterson Ensor** join the Griffiths for Florida luncheons and catch-up at Snyder's lunch in Baltimore.

**Mildred Duerst Miley** may be moving from Bradenton, Fla., to Georgia to be near her three children and their families. She retired in 1995 from the school system. She lost her husband in May '06. She traveled in the southwest last summer and hopes to be going more. She was also in San Francisco.

**Mae Langrall Mealy** is in her new condo in Miller's Landing near Salisbury. She volunteers at the hospital, church and at Ward Museum, plays bridge, is active in garden club and Quilters. Her twin granddaughters are at University of Delaware and Villa Julie. She asks, "Where does the time go?"

**Helen Wymer Youmans** writes, "Nothing new." She looks great, still full of vim and vigor. She lives between campus and Mt. Airy.

**Kitty Brown Ross** and Don are residing in Village on the Isle in Venice, Fla. They have two daughters and two grandsons.

**Ed Cushen**, from Chevy Chase, Md., is also a widower. He is busy with contracts with National Defense University, topics: increasing on peace keeping, pandemic diseases, plus Middle East portfolio. He says, "Barrel-ful of exciting problems."

**Rowe Moore**, from California, retired from medicine after 45 years. He is living on six acres with interesting plants, trees and sheep. He says, "My wife is a great help and love!" What a beautiful testimony.

**Jean Silcox Cahill** reports from New Jersey, "Life has been good...lots of aches and pains, but do get around! Had a great 80th with everyone together." Additions to her family this year include three "greats" — one girl and twin boys (their father is in Iraq for his second tour).

**Jim Crose** says, "No complaints. We live in 'La-La Land' or Sun City, Ariz. At 82, my wife and I are just fine!" They keep in contact with **Bette Mason Fissel** and may be back for reunion.

**Tom Croft**, though retired, is still active in community affairs, problem-solving activities and physics interests. He may come to reunion from South Carolina.

**Betty Jean Ferris Morgan** resides near **Annabel Glocker Liebelt** in Asbury Village in Gaithersburg, Md. She says, "Thanks to pills, surgery on spine and kidneys, I'm doing well!" Four grandchildren and families live nearby. She welcomes visitors.

Our class was well represented at the memorial service in Little Baker Chapel in July for Florence Earp, 94, widow of Dr. James Earp.

**Hugh Tresselt** passed away in Myrtle Beach. Hugh had a double Ph.D. in chemistry from University of Maryland and biology from Georgetown University. He served as surgeon general for the Department of Army. He developed antigens for protection from biological warfare agents. He received full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. His wife and two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren were his beloved family.

**John O'Hara** passed away sometime in 1979, but we have no details. If you have any information, please send to Linda Eyer in the Office of Alumni Relations (leyler@mc-daniel.edu).

**Phil Schaeffer**, of Hanover, Pa., died in May '07. He was born on the Hill where his father was chief business officer for 40 years. Phil served as WMC treasurer from 1959 to 1982. His interests included golf, music, travel and his association with his church, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

Our sympathy is extended to the aforementioned families.

A final thought: I told you there were numerous responses, the most ever at nearly 48!

**Josh '43** and I enjoy our two-phase lifestyle with six months in a brand-new condo, 45 minutes south of the condo we owned near Cape Canaveral for 22 years and close to Melbourne, on the Atlantic side. From May Day until Halloween we're back in Westminster at Carroll Lutheran Village, where more and more WMC alums are moving monthly. We even have a WMC luncheon with alumni from 1933 to younger than **Bud '43** and **Jan**

"**Diffy**" **Dieffenbach '44** Smith, Donna DuVal **Sellman '45**, Fran Moleworth **Bartlett '46**, Emily Billingslea **Wirth '44** and **Betty Billingslea Scott '44**. **Bob Mathias** passed away in June '07. Walking across this campus seems similar to the real Hill. We sound similar to the rest of my classmates with four of ours, 10 of theirs, spouses and lately two "greats." We're blessed to have three in Maryland. Our youngest served 22 years in the Air Force and now is a pastor in Spokane, Wash. He returned to Maryland to perform the marriages for two grandsons. Josh tends his large garden and walks two miles every morning. At 86, not bad. As for me, I'm involved with Space Coast Chamber of Commerce in Florida (13 years) and Carroll County Chamber, public relations and marketing at Carroll Lutheran Village, also exterior grounds committee, hospitality and "Creative Expressions," the annual publication.

As you have read, all your responses agree, "the older we get, the faster it goes." Your May '88 calendar should be marked for May 2 and 3 for Class of '48 reunion. Thanks for the memories. I never realized I'd be class secretary for 60 years, but it's rewarding to hear from so many of our classmates.

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## 1952

Our 55th reunion proved to be a fantastic weekend. Everyone vowed to return in five years. We were proud to attend the dedication of Stackhouse Hall given by the generosity of **Peggy Stackhouse** who passed away in 2006. She had never missed a reunion since graduation. Then we toured the Leroy Merritt Fitness Center. What an addition! Those on the Hill will enjoy for years to come, thanks to **Leroy Merritt**. We shared memories that **Ken Shooh** had published and talked old times and families. It's hard to wait five years to get together again.

**Jack Lambert** reports that they are now "Connecticut Yankees" since they have moved close to the submarine base where one of their sons is serving. He regrets being unable to attend the reunion but plans to catch the next one. He sends regards to all.

**Peg Sisler** and **Hillard "Chuck" Hayzlett** were sorry to miss the reunion with their alumni friends who had a great time celebrating Peg's birthday at Myrtle Beach. They are still enjoying retirement tending their five acres of lawn and gardens. Their last travel was a two-and-a-half week European River trip from Vienna to Amsterdam. They are awaiting their fifth great-grandchild and enjoying every minute of it.

**Paul and Margaret Welliver** traveled to Aix en Provence in southern France to look after their granddaughter, 2, while their daughter, Cowen, was engaged in the demanding task of directing the choreography of the Monteverdi opera *L'Orfeo*. Needless to say, they en-

# family

## Instant Family

When Michelle Jolly Kessler MEd. '95 and husband George learned almost three months into her pregnancy that their first baby would arrive with three siblings, they were surprised — to say the least. The relatives were thrilled with news of quadruplets: "I won't have to fight anyone to get my hands on a baby," Michelle's great-grandmother enthused. Now at the tail end of their first year together, the Kesslers are one big happy family, despite the challenges of naptimes, feedings times and bedtimes when four infants want the same thing all at once. Pictured here, in birth order, are eight months old are: George III, Michaela, Rachel and Jared.

teaching 4- and 5-year-olds — for the last time. She has retired. Though she will miss it, she is looking forward to doing many things that she has not had time to do such as making miniature room boxes, quilting, putting a multitude of photos in albums and traveling. She and Bill are also looking forward to the birth of their second grandchild.

**Telo Kamiyama** has moved from the center of Tokyo, much against her wishes, because of an urban redevelopment project. She did not like the idea of living in a skyscraper but her new apartment is nine stories high and she is satisfied to live on the second story. **Charles "Chuck"** and **Myke Hamaker** see her when they go to Japan to visit Myke's family. Chuck now spends quality time with his family as often as possible, still plays a mean bridge game, sings in the church choir and he and Myke travel as much as they can.

Today **Betsy Hughes Patterson** enjoys reading books by John Grisham, Sue Grafton and E. V. Thompson after years of working as a bank teller, a jewelry store manager and as an accountant for church. She and Howard have two children and three grandsons and one granddaughter.

**John Isaac** enjoys his volunteer work with the Anne Arundel Medical Center and church, including the small group fellowship. He is retired as director of Anne Arundel Social Services where he met Janet, his wife of 35 years.

**John "Jack" Loper** has been married for 50 years and has three sons and four grandchildren. He is professor emeritus in the department of molecular genetics at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine.

**Donald Malovsky** is a retired college professor and has three daughters and two grandchildren. He is president of the Hanover County Black Heritage Society and sings in the Richmond, Va., Symphony Chorus.

**Janet Preston** and **Paul** may enjoy reading and traveling together. Gardening and tennis are also current activities.



joyed the antics of their granddaughter and were in awe of the accomplishments of their daughter. Paul has been actively engaged in forest management. This has involved learning about and applying the principles of sustainable forestry to an 80-acre wood lot in rural Pennsylvania.

**Brent** and **Janet Wood** report reasonably good health and continue retirement in Florida. They continue to use their Vermont home in the summer. They have chosen to spend more time with their children and grandchildren and less time traveling overseas. Janet continues to paint and does well at art exhibits. Brent continues to garden and fish but the fish in Sarasota Bay don't seem to be worried. Life so far continues to be good.

**Rev. M. S. Jan Ports, LCPC**, is still a part-time pastor and MD licensed counselor. He enjoys the beauty around him and asks God's blessing on all.

**Dottie Keesacker Walters** had a great time but missed **Kessie Julia Damuth Whidden** and **Peggy Stackhouse**. She travels as much as possible. Her trips this past year included three weeks in Russia, weeklong trips to Nashville, New York, Disney World (for her third childhood), Vegas, and a visit to Indiana to see her daughter and granddaughters, 7 and 5. She is planning a trip in the fall to finally see the Pyramids along the Nile.

**Roberta "Bobby" Lang Arnesen** missed seeing everyone at the 55th but is planning to attend the 60th. She has returned to college to study nursing. While we kick back, you are starting a second career.

**Marsha Beebe Green** and Gordon downsized a year ago and really enjoy the lifestyle in Willamette View Retirement Community in Portland, Ore. They have a small apartment among genial people and staff, plus the mental stimulation of college classes, cultural talks and musical events among other activities. The "campus" is 26 acres, on a bluff overlooking the Willamette River with a wooded trail to explore. Gordon continues his activities with the Portland United Nations Association and Marsha's hobby is poetry. In April she organized an evening of poetry in honor of National Poetry Month and it featured local poets plus a poet performer from Beaverton — 85 residents attended. Quite a success, Marsha.

**Essell Thomas** has been a journalist, publisher, free-lance writer and has worked in public relations. He has three children and seven grandchildren. Probably the most important thing to him has been acknowledgments from his peers in the writing business for stories he has written and publications he has created. Essell looks forward to those adventures that come with starting again as another boundary in his life.

**Libby Schubert Wright** says that after the reunion they jumped back into their activities (mostly church and family) which make them ask, "How did we ever have time to

have a job?" They will spend the summer between Hampton and the Blue Ridge Mountains in their antique log cabin. She says she finally has time to read novels and travel to "far away places." She'd really like to get back to oil painting. They plan to travel the Mississippi on the American Queen.

**Ira Zepp** is shy about telling us what he is doing but we know he still spends a lot of time teaching and writing. He and **Mary Dodd '99** have four children and one grandchild. He enjoys being with Mary and their family.

By now all know that **Ken Shook** put together a "Class of 1952 Memoir Booklet" which is now in the College Archives. Very interesting reading. If you missed getting a copy, you should contact him. He and Carol attended the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City in mid-June. He finds great pleasure in Rotary after being a member for 47 years.

**Dick Smith** attended his first reunion this year. He lived in Vet Village and was kept busy working to supplement his GI Bill income and didn't feel a part of campus life. He reported a wonderful time at the reunion and I will bet he'll attend our get-togethers from now on. We all enjoyed getting to know him.

**Marianna Remsburg Shea** reports that all is well and she stays busy with quilting, church work, bridge and traveling. **Carl '53** keeps busy with furniture making and bird carving. Their first of eight grandchildren was married in June.

**Roger Ault** was happy to attend the reunion and catch up with everyone's news. Roger has continued to perform in local radio and theater productions. He has traveled extensively, made lots of friends, enjoys his dog and greets each day with thanksgiving for good health.

**MaryBell Shawn Callahan** sings in her church choir and plays hand bells. She and Gordon play golf and bridge. They have a granddaughter, **Rachel**, 3, who gets special attention from her grandparents.

**James Cox** has been successful in business and has traveled the world. He continues to travel, but enjoys life on the family farm and time with his children and grandchildren.

**Mary Hawkins Hackman** continues teaching graduate courses for Towson and spends lots of time hanging out with six grandchildren, ages 2 to 16. She enjoys staying in touch with old friends, traveling, volunteering in various capacities, reading and trying to keep up with a very active family.

**Helen Willy Miller** made a trip "South" to Maryland and North Carolina in early April so she was not able to attend the reunion. However they are healthy and enjoying retirement. They have five grandchildren to keep them amused and busy. They planned to travel this summer.

**Lucy Ann "Nat" Grace Chapman** missed the reunion but she was finishing up school —

# class notes

**Tobaele Isaac Schatzberg** has three children and six grandchildren. She and **Paul '51** enjoy taking ElderHostel classes and learning and seeing this amazing planet.

**Esie Davis Satorio** has retired from teaching in the Baltimore County Schools.

**Pat Crawford Dejean** reports that after 25 years of difficulty seeing, she now has glasses that make life so much easier. They have had rain but no flooding.

**Nixdorf Benjamin** says they have also had rain also but no flooding. **Patty Burr Austin** and **Bill** are going to Italy again in the fall. **Jim Dejean** will have surgery in August but they don't look for any problems.

**Vic and Anna Lee Park Makovitch** have both retired as educators and spend their time between their Westminster and Ocean City homes — when they aren't with one of their three children and seven grandchildren.

**Lionel Lee** missed the reunion to go to his 50th medical school reunion where he saw classmates he hadn't seen in 50 years. His daughter, Vicki, and granddaughter Joss (not quite 2) were with him. He managed to eat his share of crab cakes while he was there. He attended his 60th high school reunion in Laurenceville, N.J. (near Princeton). There he saw classmates from the U.S., India, Australia and New Zealand, many he had not seen for 60 years. **Jim Sullivan** attended our reunion and "filled him in." He sends his best to everyone. The day he wrote to us was the day his peaches ripened — so many it broke a branch.

**Jim and Esie Sullivan** travel, visiting their five children and nine grandchildren.

After **Mary Ina Grace Boudon** and **David** attended our reunion, they attended David's reunion at Springfield College and then traveled to Florida to the wedding of one of their sons. They expect to launch their new boat early in July, which will make the captain very happy.

**Audrey Myers Buffington** is still chair of the local school board with the new challenge of consolidation of districts. She invited Skip Fennell to come to Maine to speak to her local district and at the state math conference. She is most grateful for her contacts at McDaniel.

**Joyce Schmidt Koster** and **Katherine Wiley Pearce** were able to get caught up at the reunion, as were many of us, and reported a great time as well. Kat keeps busy with quilting, weaving, church work and volunteering at Hotline thrift store, which supports a shelter

for abused women and children. She is also on the board of directors of Hotline acting as secretary. While her children are in Baltimore she has a network of friends on the Outer Banks who "keep watch" and try to keep her on the right path. She would welcome any visitors to the area.

**Roland Fleischer** left for The Netherlands the day after our reunion and planned to be in Holland until he flies back to America (with his Dutch fiancé) on August 3. They hope to marry if they can overcome the endless diplomatic red-tape that has resulted from 9-11. They've known each other for 36 years, and Polly Anne's late husband was a very good friend of Roland's. When he was a Fulbright student in Amsterdam in 1954-55 he became a member of the Student Corps (similar to our fraternity system) and has retained close friends from that group ever since. Her husband (also Dutch) was a member of that group, and so over the years they've kept contact. After their marriage, they'll live in Roland's house in the Florida Keys. Years ago during the annual trip to Germany of that group, Polly Anne taught him fly fishing and he's been teaching her ocean fishing. "Such a marriage can only be made in Heaven!" says Roland.

His older son continues to teach snow boarding in Stowe, Vt., and lives in northern Vermont in the log house that he designed and single-handedly built. His younger son, who is brain-injured, lives in State College, Pa., and works part time in the Paterno Library. Roland plans to spend much time in State College where he can be with Rick and can resume work on a half-completed book that he hasn't touched in more than 10 years.

**Corinne Schofield LeCallette** enjoyed having her Georgia family visiting with her for a few weeks in the summer. She stays busy with the Salisbury/Wicomico Planning and Zoning Commission as well as serving as lay delegate to the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist church. She is looking forward to our 60th reunion.

**Gordon and Deb Wilbraham '53 Raver** spent a weekend at Fresno Pacific University, a small campus, like WMC was when we were there, attending and helping with the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale. Deb teaches quilting and makes beautiful quilts, one of which she donated for the auction at the sale. The sale realized \$270,000 which goes to world relief. Gordon invites any classmates to drop in for a visit if you are in the area.

**Betty Simpson Seidler** has decided to retire and spend more time with her family after 50-plus years as a mathematics and programming teacher at the university level. She has two children and four grandchildren to visit. She is a member of *Who's Who in American Women in Math and Science* and has received several other awards. She enjoys reading, singing with the Masterworks Choral of Carroll County, riding her horses and visit-

ing family and friends. She and Alex raise fruits and vegetables on their farm.

**Bill and I** stay busy with Kiwanis Club and Woman's Club activities associated with each as well as church. We like the fact that we are so close to the Hill. We had three grandchildren graduate this year and that kept us busy between Baltimore and Cincinnati. We took the two high school grads on a land/cruise tour of Alaska. What a wonderful time we all had — one we will never forget.

**Mike Chirigos** was unable to come to the reunion and suddenly passed away several weeks later. Our sympathy to Mary and the children. Word was received that **Barbara Baumgardner Malone** passed away in December 2002. **Bill Bartgis** passed away in February 2006. **Julia Damuth Whidden** in December 2006; **Arthur Press** in January 2007; **Lowell Haines** in February 2007, and **Jules Levin** in March 2007. Our sympathy to the families of these classmates. They are missed.

Stay healthy, happy and we'll see you in 2012!

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## 1954

**Nancy Cassy Voss** reports that all is well in Denton, Md. Since time flies so quickly, Nancy says we'll soon be planning our 55th reunion.

**George Antonas** says retirement is good but getting older is tough. His daughter and grandchildren are fine but his wife, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, is in a nursing home.

**Donald Haut** is still practicing medicine full time in Alexandria, Va. Christmas was spent at home with his three children and two grandchildren. In January, Don and Marlis traveled to Seattle to see her two children and grandchildren. They are looking forward to their annual trip to Spain in the fall.

**Patricia "Pasty" Herman Douglas** and husband, Jim, keep busy with six grandchildren and their activities. She enjoys meeting friends and '54 classmates for lunch, sometimes at Baughers in Westminster. Pasty and Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2006 with a party given by their children. In May, Pasty had heart valve replacement surgery and is doing fine.

**Lois Cernak Runnels** and **Bucky** also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April. **Pasty and Jim Douglas** and **Ernie '50** and I were delighted to attend their party and we enjoyed reminiscing. Life during the summer at Bethany Beach, Del., keeps Lois very busy. Her children and grandchildren visit and keep things humming. She enjoys performing on the boardwalk with the Sweet Adelines.

**Charles "Chick" Silberstein** is still enjoying his medical practice at Johns Hopkins. He works three-and-a-half days a week and one

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day at Kennedy Kreiger Institute. He discontinued his pediatric orthopedic clinics in Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., in the spring. In the 2005 season, he turned over his position with the Baltimore Orioles to one of his junior faculty members. Chick says that he and his wife Barbara are blessed to be able to spend most weekends at their Rehoboth Beach, Del., cottage.

We send our deepest sympathy to the families of **Betty Sue Harding** and **Ira Wagonheim**. Betty Sue passed away in February '06 and Ira in April '07. We also send condolences to **Donna DeCourcey Connors**, whose husband **Don '59** died in March '06.

At age 83, **Weldon Reed** is in good health. He is a prostate cancer survivor. Slowing down is not in his vocabulary. In Port Washington, Wis., he and his wife, Louise, are active in VFW, dance club, Meals on Wheels, American Legion, church and a chemical society. Six of their seven grandchildren have graduated or are attending various colleges.

**Nina Dawson Dennison** retired from a career in nursing in 1995. She and husband Walter moved their retail hobby business to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. They are now in the process of selling their business and truly becoming retired. Their granddaughter graduated from East Carolina University last year and a grandson is entering Louisiana State University this fall.

**Carolyn 'Carly' Brenner Bobilin's** husband **Ted '53** writes that Carly has been unable to keep in touch since she is struggling with Lewy Body dementia. She is comfortable and sends best wishes.

**Joan Kellogg Patterson** now has five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Bob, still practices veterinary medicine in Farmington, Maine. Joan is still going to Alaska in the winter to help with the Editor. They have had a resident student living with them for five years. Joan says that both their summer lake house and she have been repaired. She spent most of the summer of 2006 in bed with a reconstructed foot elevated above her heart.

**Frances Paul Farnham's** son, Mac, brought her a street-rescue dog from Mexico. She says that instead of going to a sports club to exercise, she trains the dog five times a day. Mac and his wife both received their doctor of veterinary medicine degrees last year and now work in New Zealand. Her other son, Logan, presented her with a newly adopted granddaughter from South Korea. Fran has volunteered at the Minneapolis Zoo for 25 years.

**David "Nick" Gwynn** has been practicing law in the same office in Upper Marlboro, Md., since 1959. His hobby is raising 20 head of cattle. His sons help him with this a great deal. The youngest of Nick's seven grandchildren was born in Britain. Nick enjoys University of Maryland soccer games and has been in touch with soccer coach **Phil Urich Med '52** who lives in California.

**Bob Steelman** was enjoying spring in Bridgeton, N.J., until he took a fall in April, requiring knee surgery to repair a torn tendon and other damage. He was in a full leg cast for five weeks followed by rehab. Golfing, gardening and birding had to be put on hold. He conducted a wedding for a great nephew in September on the grounds of the Baltimore Estate in Asheville, N.C. Bob and his wife, Eileen, vacationed for two weeks at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

After two years, **Ed and Mary Lou Arnie '55** Kelly have recovered from losing their home in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. They lived in an RV for a year and then bought a gutted house in Slidell and rebuilt it. They are now on the water in a peaceful community. Ed coaches the Hurricane Swim Club and Mary Lou is volunteering at Northshore Medical Center.

In Tarpon Spring, Fla., things are going well for **Don and Diane Radcliffe**. They have four children and 10 grandchildren, ages 3 to 25. In January, Don had a heart attack which was followed by quadruple by-pass surgery. All is well now and he is back to boating, fishing and biking. Don likes to be on the gulf in his 37-foot trawler "Vivian." He still mentors six high school students and sings in his church choir.

**Mary Ann Kifer Closson** lives living on a reservation in New Mexico. She describes life in Cochiti Lake as slow but wonderful. She and husband Harold have a brand new great-granddaughter.

For seven years, **Bill Harvey** has enjoyed being a minister of visitation at United Methodist Church in Canton, Ohio. Last year, he went with a mission work team to Hawaii. For four months this year he was an interim pastor at an inner-city church. He and wife Nancy enjoy their four children and six grandchildren.

**Dick Linton** continues to enjoy life in the Sarasota, Fla., area. He plays tennis and works out at "the Y" to keep in shape. He and wife **Doris Tucker '55** play duplicate bridge regularly and enjoy time with their eight grandchildren. Bob "Spike" Dennie visited them recently.

**Harry Grandey** says all is well in Lillian, Ala. He keeps busy with yard work and volunteer at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in nearby Pensacola, Fla. He and wife Barbara were invited to attend the World War II squadron reunion of Barbara's late father in Jacksonville. They enjoyed touring the U.S. Naval Base. During the summer, they went on a World War II remembrance tour including stops in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Last summer, Harry visited his college roommate **Bert Springfield '55**, who he hadn't seen in 40 years. Harry sends best wishes to all of his classmates.

**Nancy Bayless Fogler** says she and husband **Lo '55** are alive and kicking in Williamsburg, Va. They are enjoying traveling with their

family. In 2006, they traveled to the national parks of the West. She also sends best wishes to all.

**Shirley Cramer** and **Bob Stull** will be moving from Thurmont to Frederick, Md., in the fall. Their 14 acres in Thurmont had gotten to be too much to handle. The move will locate them closer to their daughter and grandson.

**Charles "Chuck" Taylor** has moved to Cypress, Texas, to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Chuck says he is aging but not gracefully.

Last year, **David** and **Claudia Hottenstein** took a cruise in China on the Yangtze River. In January, they cruised the Caribbean and in May, traveled to Prague and Garmisch. This fall brought a trip to Las Vegas and a trip to South America is planned for December.

**Bill and Doris Joiner '51 Hancock** travel about every other month. In the past year, they visited Quebec, San Diego, Palm Springs, Alaska, Utah, Colorado, California, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Texas. He loved his year at WMC so much that in his new trust fund, he has decided to leave 50 percent of his estate to the College. He still supports the Green Terror baseball team but was away when they came to Phoenix in the spring.

We send condolences to **Carol Brown Smith** who informs us that her husband passed away in August '06. Fortunately, in June, they were able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with many precious memories.

**Dick Titlow** is still active, teaching history in the local Bethesda, Md., high school and community college. He is currently teaching courses in AP World and European history. His wife, Tove, has retired after 30 years in government work. They are scheduled for trips to Denmark, Peru and Ecuador this year.

**Donald Erb**, who resides near Gaithersburg, Md., and wife Lois have the usual inventory of medical conditions appropriate to our ages. Dealing with these issues reduces the time and vigor with which he pursues his hobbies of gardening, fishing, crabbing, shooting sports, historic cars and motorcycles. He does some nuclear consulting as time allows. Don and Lois enjoy Dixieland jazz in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., area. They attended jazz festivals recently in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Strongsville, Ohio. They enjoy seeing their son, Jason, and two grandsons in Union Bridge, Md., and daughter Jennifer in Crofton, Md.

During the summer, **Charles and Charlotte Davis '56 Wheatley** traveled to Idaho to visit their son, **Craig '81**, and two grandsons. They also hosted visits to their farm in Westminster for the offspring of their son, **Charles '80**, and daughter **Cheryl Wheatley '86 Wilhelm**. In the fall, Charles will begin his 50th year as an adjunct, teaching American government at Carroll Community College. He also serves on the Carroll County Board of Zoning Appeals and the Commission on Aging. He and

# family

## WE DID!

### Wedding vows exchanged this season:

**Robert Reed '72** to **Clare McFarland** on May 12, 2007. They reside in Ellikott City, Md.

**Kelly Wells '87** to **Edward Woods** on May 26, 2007. They reside in Olney, Md.

**Susan Scallan '88** to **Bruce Herrold** on May 12, 2007. They reside in Edgewater, Md.

**Nona Green '91** to **Raymond Bowers** on May 19, 2007. They reside in Alexandria, Va.

**Robbi Boney '96** to **Michael Guizotti** on July 7, 2007. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Amy Eggers '96** to **Scott Smith** '02 on June 20, 2006. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Susan Foreman '96** to **Christopher White** on January 20, 2007. They reside in Crownsville, Md.

**Cindy Slaughter '96** to **Thomas Neuberger** on May 5, 2007. They reside in Mt. Vernon, Md.

**Nicole Mechaly '99** to **Brian Weersing** on May 9, 2007. They reside in Edgewood, Md.

**Patrick Muscarella '01** to **Deborah Thompson** on April 14, 2007. They reside in West Hollywood, Calif.

**Katherine Boyle '02** to **Garth Brantley** on June 23, 2007. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Daniel Young '02** to **Kristin Linard** on June 9, 2007. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Bridget Baker MS '04** to **Steven Duda** on June 7, 2007. They reside in Havre de Grace, Md.

**Natasha Borjesson '05** to **Greg Rutter** on July 21, 2007. They reside in Gaithersburg, Md.

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# class notes

Charlotte are co-directors for their Learning Institute for Excellence. They assist children, young adults and seniors with learning difficulties and improving mental abilities. In July, they traveled to Labrador, the other Maritime Provinces and New Zealand.

**Barbara Thomas Lima** spent three months in Brazil visiting family and friends. Her granddaughter works there for the Inter American Foundation.

Downsizing is not in the retirement plan for **Jackie Temple Border**. She and husband, Sam, moved from California to Georgia to be close to their daughter, Diane, and granddaughter Sarah-Marie, 4. They are happily completing renovation of a 5,300 square-foot home on 15 acres just outside of Athens, Ga. Jackie's daughter and son-in-law are building a home on the other side of the property and she is excited that they will all be together.

I had a nice chat on the phone with **Adele Allen Parker**. She moved from the Seattle area to Florida four years ago and enjoys it very much. In July, she traveled to the west coast to visit her son and daughter.

**Jim and Carolyn Redden '57 Levay**, who reside in St. Augustine, Fla., have become cruisers. They have visited Alaska, Canada, New England and the Panama Canal to men-

tion a few. They continue to be active in their church, serving at the altar, teaching Bible classes, involvement in healing ministry, hospital visitation and taking communion to shut-ins. Son Allan's children are Matthew, 26, who is finishing his Ph.D. in modern English literature at the University of Washington, Seattle, and Elizabeth, 16, who is a senior in high school. Elizabeth had a leading roll in her school production of *Les Miserables* in May and also set her school's high-jump record.

**Shirley Woodruff Hicks** has four children, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She says not bad for an only child. Arthritis keeps her from performing music and she misses it. Her daughter, Lois, is a professional musician and well-known in the suburban New York/New Jersey area. In July, Lois performed a concert for Shirley's retirement community. Shirley speaks with pride of daughter Jeannine's husband, who was ordained as a deacon in the Catholic Church last year.

**Arnie and Judy Mann** celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary this year. A few years ago, they lost their daughter Lori at age 49. Their other children, Abbe and Eric, and families are fine. They have seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Granddaughter Amanda graduated this year from George Washington University. Arnie says living in Florida for 51 years has really helped his golf game. Arnie sends regards to all his classmates.

**Michael Pezzella** was recently honored by Baltimore City Community College with an Outstanding Alumni Award. He was also inducted into the BCCC Sports Hall of Fame. He is busy as a committee member for the 2008 reunion of the Chosin Few, Inc. This is an organization of veterans of the Korean War Chosin Reservoir Battle. He had the honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery in 2004 and 2005 for the July Korean War Armistice Remembrance Ceremony. It was a beautiful and fantastic experience. In October, Mike and his significant other traveled to Venice for a cruise that made stops in Croatia and Greece. Mike was excited to see the Parthenon in Athens.

**Tom Douglass's** grandson, Ben, (who is also the grandson of the late **Dottie Phillips Douglass '54**) graduated summa cum laude from the University of Central Florida (Orlando). He is working on his Ph.D. in computer science at the same school. Their children are Matt, a tenured math professor at North Texas University, David, a computer science teacher in St. Cloud, Fla., and Suzy, who works at the V.A. Hospital in Iowa City. Tom recently retired from managing 15 rental units. He turned management over to a company so he can rest easy when attending meetings for the National Accrediting Commission for Cosmetology, Arts and Sciences. Tom was elected to a five-year term

on this commission.

**Joe and Mary Elizabeth Ravis** have lived 40 years in San Diego. They are busy with four daughters and 13 grandchildren. Their activities include church and community services, Special Olympics, snow skiing, golf, travel, annual family reunions and skiing at Park City, Utah. Joe is still employed (approaching 30 years) at Cubic Corporation as chief scientist, developing new technology for U.S. government and commercial industry. Every trip to Asia requires a few days in Tokyo, Japan, reminiscing about WMC with **Jim Tone '55** and his wife, Masae. Together they also telephone **Charles '55 and Barbara Harding '55** White throughout the year for some laughs. Their motto is to enjoy every day and remember that your health is your most important treasure. Joe sends his best to everyone.

Our '54 "lunch bunch" continues to thrive as we meet three or four times a year, catching up on what's new. Keeping in touch with one another became so much fun that husbands are now included. Baugher's Restaurant in Westminster adds the perfect nostalgia. Somehow those "ties that cannot be broken" remain stronger than ever. Some of us in the group are **Betty Norwood Smalley, Betty Niemann Lohr, Pat Herman and Jim Douglas, Janet Snape, Barbara Thomas Lima, Charles and Charlotte Davis Wheatley, Dot Krug Bond and Ernie '50** and myself.

I was amazed and delighted to have received such a great response to my postcards. Over one-third of our class responded with updates on what's happening in 2007. You have kept me very pleasantly busy. Till next time, take care and keep in touch.

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## 1960

As I sit at the table this late spring day, enjoying my second cup of coffee of the morning, I gaze through the open kitchen door into the backyard. It rained last night, and now the air is clear, the breeze still a bit turbulent, the sun bright as it filters through the woods. I hear the cardinal's "Figaro, Figaro, Figaro," the flycatcher's sharp "Tweeeteeet" and the catbird's full repertoire of melody. Ah, such is the life of a semi-retired cost accountant.

And so it is in this idyllic, tranquil setting that I set about to compile and prepare the alumni news column for the Class of 1960. I down the last few gulps of coffee and relocate to the dark, cramped computer/catch-all room, and the real day begins. At some point today I also have to cut the grass, shop for paint for the living room, cook a casserole for an Audubon meeting, run up to my daughter's in Tuxedo to check on the house and critters while the family is away and, hopefully, have time and "oomph" left for my



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Friday night drum circle. And, judging from the cards and e-mails I have received for this column, even for retirees, life is full, with family, interests and activities. Thanks to all who responded.

**Barbara Bell Woodley's** (Timonium, Md.), e-mail was jam-packed with news, as follows: "I guess the biggest news is that our son, Bruce, was married last October, thus providing us not only with another daughter, but with a granddaughter as well, since his wife came equipped with a 4-year-old! We are absolutely delighted with Nancy (his wife), and Macey, the little one. The wedding took place just at sunset at a lovely bed and breakfast called the Yellow Turtle Inn in New Windsor. I supplied the music for pro and recessional, playing "Trumpet Voluntary" on solo hand bells. It was not just a wedding of two people, but the forming of a family. Macey was very much a part of the ceremony; Bruce even gave her a ring!"

Otherwise, Barbara reports that it has been a year of good and bad that has included herniated discs, the loss of her singing and projecting voice in August, the death of a very dear friend and her storytelling mentor, and a broken foot. The discs and voice problems have been largely corrected by wonderful physical and voice therapists and a good friend who is an acupuncturist, and the foot is on the mend. "The benefit of these mishaps is that I have learned compassion for folks in pain." She went to Pittsburgh last summer to attend the annual National Storytelling Conference. This past summer she planned to go to Philadelphia to attend a hand bell conference for soloists and small ensembles.

She is about halfway through the first draft of a book that she is writing entitled *The Goodliest Fellowship*, in which she is re-writing Tennyson's *Idylls of The King*. Tennyson's Arthurian stories in verse. "I am writing them in prose to make these wonderful stories accessible to folks who have difficulty with Tennyson's sometimes convoluted verse," she reports. "Don't look for my book anytime soon; it's a long and winding process. Quite a challenge, but I am enjoying it."

Barbara's husband, Joel, is enjoying retirement — his enjoyment recently somewhat dimmed by a nasty case of shingles. Jenni, their daughter, works for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, particularly in the area of the safe disposal of nuclear waste. Bruce is a freelance blacksmith, specializing in creating artistry in iron, and works as a welder to make end meet.

Bill and Edna Mae Bruce (Sykesville, Md.), have downsized their home, with three children and two grandchildren on their own and all in their own businesses. They still have a very large farm garden and continue to preserve many of the vegetables and sweet corn. Bill has become a proficient bass player and continues to build his stable of seven International Harvester Farmall trac-

tors which he rebuilds and refines. Bill was inducted into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame in the spring of '04 and continues his activities in his church. His teaching, coaching and administrative experiences spanned some 36 years in the Baltimore County school system and two Christian schools in Carroll and Howard Counties.

**George Fringer** (Westminster, Md.), writes that after the death of his wife, Doris, in 2004, he remarried in June '06. He and Mada enjoy a settled existence in Westminster. They are enjoying the antics of a new addition to the household, a toy poodle, which George walks for an hour daily. George continues to write his column for a local newspaper, *The Advocate*, entitled "Looking Back." In it he recounts his childhood as well as subjects regarding politics, history, education, even his days at Western Maryland. His weekly writings have been well received by the public, he notes, as he has heard often from his readers over the past three years.

**Cap'n Jim McMahon** (Bel Air, Md.), thanks everyone again for a most wonderful birthday at a recent reunion, and notes that he is a Grandpa for the first time, as Carlyn Anita, daughter of son Jim III and wife joined the family. Betsy and Sean are well also. "Is there life after radio," he asks? And he answers, "Yes. Politics!" Seems he ran for Harford County Council last November — and won! He keeps in touch with his old roommate, Vern Johnson, and sends his best to all.

**John Hearn Scalf** (Las Vegas, Nev.) finds that non-scheduled living in low humidity suits her. She often visits Florida to see her parents (who are in their 90's), as well as granddaughter, son and daughter-in-law.

**Jim and Mil Dickey '62 Thomas** (Littleton, Colo.) welcomed two more granddaughters in 2006. "Three granddaughters are a joy," writes Jim. They attended Mil's 45th WMC reunion in April '06 and expected to spend this past summer at the Delaware Shore, and then travel in Italy in the fall. They enjoy good health and Jim is working part time for the Colorado legislature.

**Lloyd Musselman** (Oklahoma City, Okla.), reports that he and Nancy are grandparents for the fourth time. On May 7, their son, David, and his wife, Ashley, gave birth to a third daughter. Hillary weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and joined sisters Halsey, 11, and Harper, 8. Their daughter, Katy, has a son Sean, 12, so that makes four grandkids. In the spring, he coached Harper in girls' four-on-four micro-soccer. "What a kick! No pun intended. They were the Mermaids. Her teammates included a little 6-year-old perpetual motion machine named Lulu. Harper was the high scorer for the team, and Lulu was our designated kamikaze. I only had two or three mild heart attacks during the games."

Lloyd was to be honored in October with induction into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. "It will be a nice way to

finish things up, since I am retiring at the end of the summer." At least, he adds, he is trying to retire. The university keeps thinking of things for him to do. He was interim dean of enrollment management in the spring of '06 and was heading up a retention task force. He has been teaching all along too. "Whatever happens, in October Nancy and I will be going to Australia and New Zealand with a retired teachers' group. Indeed, Karl and Joan Zajac '64 Silex will be going with us. So, maybe that is the way to really truly officially retire. Leave the country!"

**Antoinette "Leoni" Steinkacker** (Falmouth, Maine) finally settled down long enough to send a card. She writes that she worked at the Institute of Neurobiology in Old San Juan, P.R., for the winter, then back to Cape Cod and the Marine Biological Laboratory. Off to San Francisco for a data presentation. She is hoping for an easy summer. Then it's off to Mexico for a mushroom foray in September, followed by a trip to China to check out teaching opportunities in Beijing, in conjunction with retirement.

**John Karrer** (Cincinnati, Ohio) is in his third interim pastor tour and wonders if he will ever retire for good. He hopes to get in some golf and kayaking this summer, and plans to make our 50th reunion when it rolls around. He notes that he had a great soccer team reunion in 2004; the 45th anniversary of the defeat of the national champions, Drexel of Philadelphia.

**John Wesley** (Quincy, Ill.) notes on his card that he has been living in Illinois for the past 34 years. He still practices part time helping children with school problems. Because of multiple health problems, his wife, Shirley, is now living in an assisted living facility.

**Don Hester** (Sayville, N.Y.) writes, "Life has fallen into a routine." He still runs a small insurance agency on Long Island and commutes to work in summer by boat, as he lives on Fire Island. He continues to be active in Rotary, serving as Governor and doing much work with the Youth Exchange Program since the '70s. He is now visiting former kids and their kids. He stayed a week last summer in Sweden, and almost a month last winter in Columbia. Don's son is his attaché there so it was a combined visit. At the time he mailed his card to me, he was also planning a visit to Switzerland for a wedding, and an English barge trip.

**Sondra Nystrom** Leaf and Bud (Orange Beach, Ala.) live most of the year on Ono Island, and enjoy boating, fishing, and church activities. A trip to Greece will be followed by a stay at Long Neck, Del., where they spend summers and winter holidays. Sondra enjoys studying ancestry (Swedish) and various stitch-work projects. She writes that she attended a 50th high school reunion in New York with **Audrey Arent Lambert '65**.

**Ed and Barbara Long Gross** (Waynesville, N.C.) e-mailed me that they are doing fine in

# family

## WE DID!

(Continued)

**Candi DiSavino '06 to Stephen Bailey on June 1, 2007. They reside in Florida.**

**Jessica Karevy '06 to Nicholas Alley '04 on May 19, 2007. They reside in Westminster, Md.**

**Samantha Hemler '07 to Derek Parthre on July 7, 2007. They reside in Hanover, Pa.**

**Kurt Rauschenberg '07 to Melissa Harris on April 28, 2007. They reside in Fort Sil, Okla.**

# class notes

**Jim Goldring**  
retired in 2003  
from HCJB  
World Radio,  
now called  
HCJB Global,  
the world's  
first Christian  
missionary radio  
organization,  
which began  
in 1931.

the North Carolina mountains. They are enjoying their grandchildren and, like everyone, growing older. Ed writes, "There is very little news to report. In June we will be traveling to the West Coast, touring from Seattle to San Francisco."

According to Don '62 and Carol Westerfield Rabush (Locust Grove, Va.), they are doing fine. Since our last column they've welcomed a new grandson, Quinn, to their younger son's family, who joins older brother Evan, 3. Evan is an Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (genetic condition affecting liver and/or lungs) child and they are pleased to note that he is doing well. Carol and Don have formed Alpha-1 Kids, a non-profit group whose mission is to support Alpha kids and their parents, educating them and providing financial support for them in crisis situations (i.e. liver transplants). They are also looking at ways to focus this condition in the pediatric physician community as pediatricians don't always consider Alpha-1 when infants present with extended jaundice. Their other son Keith's family is doing great: three kids, Matt 13, Katie, 11, and Jenni, 9. Don is doing well after undergoing an esophageal cancer operation in 2006. Carol and Don still live in Virginia six months and Cathedral City, Calif., in the winter months. They love both.

Don Lowe (Alexandria, Va.), keeps pretty busy with his two part-time jobs and visits to his grandchildren, triplets Austin, Allie and Anna. He is looking forward to an exciting trip to Peru for a week on the Amazon River and rain forest and several days at Machu Picchu this summer. Last summer he spent three weeks in China.

Doug and Sandy Eastwood Smith (Vienna, Va.) writes, "It's hard to believe we have our first grandchild graduating from high school next week and off to S.C.U. for international business school." Don and Sandy have five grandchildren in all. A trip to the beach in North Carolina, and a family trip to China to follow are planned.

Bob Harris (Susquehanna, Pa.) spent some time in Exeter, N.H., where he connected with Gerald Reynolds, who came up from Andover, Mass. He met with John '63 and Janet Price '62 Warman in Silver Spring, Md. He is still quite busy with Kirby-Smith, the Church Finance Ministry. He and Janet have been married 20 years. Last year they attended Bob's 50th high school reunion. This year they will attend Janet's.

Ruth Weir Hutchins (Knoxville, Pa.) and husband are considering moving to a retirement village in Mechanicburg, Pa., to be closer to their children in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. They will be leaving their 108 acres and very "green" home to do so. Ruth writes that she is still playing in string quartets and community orchestras, but no longer wants to drive at night.

Joe Bender's (Springs, Pa.) card reads: "We still are at the same place, and a little older."

With the recent addition of a grandson last fall, the Benders now have nine grandchildren.

I received a lovely card (dancing lady figures pictured on front) from Nancy Haas McVaugh (Hatfield, Pa.). She writes: "We continue our full volunteer work load with our Pennsylvania Prison Society, having done so for 11 years." She is also chairman of the Chester District Parole Probation Citizens Advisory Committee. In addition to their volunteer work, the McVaugh's have their Rotaweilers and cats, and caring for their gardens and plants galore. Nan's card listed their busy daily schedule, and reflected a tone of involvement and fulfillment.

Dick and Eileen Ditman '59 Hastings are retired in Merced, Calif., where a new University of California campus has sprung up. Their daughter, Laurie, and grandchildren, Hannah and Rachel, live nearby. Their daughter, Noel, and son-in-law Ed in Hawaii have a daughter, Gillean, 2, who they just saw recently. Dick and Eileen are planning trips to Fayetteville, N.C., via Chicago where Eileen's brother, Bill, lives, and a fall trip to Baltimore. They will meet with Eileen's family at a reunion with relatives coming from Tennessee, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Illinois and California.

The e-mail from Rod Ryan (Baltimore, Md.), reads: "I have the normal aches and pains of these 'pre-70s years but guess I'm overall pretty healthy. I'm now entirely retired, not just semi-retired. A first grandchild was born in January '07, a beautiful girl who lives with her parents a few minutes away from my home here in Baltimore. I do volunteer our advocacy work for universal health care and the environment and play bridge and tennis and do a little gardening. I've gotten together with Jim Gibson nearly every summer since our 40th reunion and usually the summers at the Delaware shore. Life gets quite hectic but it's still good."

Esther Upperco Gay (Williamsburg, Va.) had a "Wolf mini-maze" procedure in November '06. It's laparoscopic heart surgery to zap nerves causing 15 years of intermittent arrhythmia and was very successful. She and Bob celebrated their 35-year marriage with a fantastic 12-passenger boat cruise through Alaska's inner passage, followed by plane/train/car trip through the Canadian Rockies. She still enjoys playing bridge in Maryland with the "Phi Phi Fourth Floor Blanche Ward 8." Sharon Board Chilcoat, Jill Brown Myers, Phyllis Cassetta Karrer, Bev Schott Myers, Carol Westerfield Rabush, Helen George Rettberg, Jackie Sapp Skarbek (and Esther makes "8").

Jim and Peg '61 Herring Goldring are thoroughly enjoying life in the little town of Barre in southern California where they've lived for seven years after 13 years in Las Vegas. They love their home in the area known as the San Geronimo Pass, in a country set-

ting with fantastic views of the San Bernardino Mountains all around, and a very agreeable climate. (According to Jim, you can check it out on Craig's List if you're interested.) However, they would like to move to the Columbia River Gorge area in southern Washington to be near their youngest son, Dave, and family, especially their grandchildren, Evangeline, 2, and Tove, 4. Jim and Peg will have been married 47 years in August.

Jim retired in 2003 from HCJB World Radio (now called HCJB Global, the world's first Christian missionary radio organization, which began in 1931). Although retired, they still do representation for HCJB Global. Their oldest son, Steve, wife Mary, and grandson Andrew (who is an awesome blues guitar player with his own band) still live in Salt Lake City, and their daughter, Amy, husband Matt, grandson Nick and granddaughter Kristen are still in Edgewater, Md. Peg works part time as a secretary at their church, Calvary Chapel of the Pass. Jim tries to keep out of trouble with his eBay business, church and ham radio activities. They have the opportunity to travel occasionally by space-available military flights, and they are hoping to do more travel when they move to Washington. Jim writes, "Life is good and we're truly blessed!"

And I would agree with that, Jim, as I sit here at the table, this early Sunday still, enjoying my second cup of morning coffee, gazing out the open kitchen door. A raucous blue jay scolds, reminding me that the grass needs to be cut – again! – and it will soon be too hot to paint the living room. The Audubon pot-luck supper was a huge success, in part due to my Texas Hash; the Tuxedo family has returned; and drum circle ROCKED! Thank you TommyPurpleHaze! And so the class column is completed. Two more sips of coffee, into the computer/catch-all room, click on "send."

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## 1966

John Emms writes that it's easier to remember 6-6-66 than anniversaries or birthdays! He retired from Allfirst Bank in Baltimore in 2002 and immediately started a second career with the government working for the Export-Import Bank of the United States. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Georgetown, and spend a lot of time with their triplet grandchildren (two identical girls and a boy) in Huntington Beach, Calif., and with their other granddaughter in Atlanta. All their grandchildren were born in an eight-month period. John's work takes him all over the U.S. with speaking engagements and meetings trying to help small business exporters to successfully expand their international sales – all in the pursuit of creating or maintaining jobs in the U.S. He reports that from time



to time he runs into **Ron Lieberman**, his neighbor, who continues his drumming in a band that plays clubs around D.C. A great gig (and unusual) job for a Patton & Boggs lawyer!

**Joe Brock** and **Rosalie Anderson** report that they skipped out on the cold Colorado winter and visited friends stationed on Nantuxin atoll, a tiny island 2,000 miles southwest of Hawaii, 700 miles from the equator, where they snorkeled, played golf and ate seafood. During this summer they have golfed, played tennis, lounged by the pool and done volunteer work. John visits the East Coast quarterly to check in on his parents and to visit son, John, who still resides in Westminster where he can't get used to seeing signs for McDaniel instead of WMC.

**Bob Davis** and wife **Judy** have been living in Wyoming nearly eight years. Last year they "only" had 110 inches of snow. They live at an elevation of 6,000 feet where he reports that it is beautiful with sunshine, pleasant temperatures and low humidity during the summer and that he does a lot of fishing even though last year he broke his leg doing just that. During the winter Bob works on his model railroad while his wife reads and does needlework and both of them are very involved in the local church.

**Linda Bryson Truitt** writes from Elkton, Md., where she and her husband, after much research and study, have built a new home in the Williamsburg style and are ready to invite any friends who might be in the area. She is enjoying lunches, concerts, plays and home tours with **Doris Weaver Sanders '67** and they also meet **Mary Lynn Engelbrecht Deckert** in Dover, Del., periodically. Linda also met **Jackie Baer Bennett** for lunch recently. In November they celebrated the 40th anniversary of **Billy and Mary Lynn Engelbrecht Deckert** in Salisbury, Md., and in June celebrated another 40th with new retirees, **Rev. Kenneth and Nancy Canfield Cherry '65**. Both Linda and her husband are now enjoying retirement.

**Charlotte Twombly** and husband are still living in Rockville, Md., where she is a professor of sociology and chair of the department of sociology, anthropology and criminal justice at Montgomery College in Rockville. Along with the chair duties she still teaches distance learning (Web CT) which she enjoys. She has just returned from Athens, Greece, where she delivered a paper at a conference and did some touring. One daughter was married last September and the other daughter graduated from the University of Delaware last May.

**Tom Saganat** is a happily retired anesthesiologist. He has been married to his wife, **Nancy**, for almost 41 years. He enjoys travel, photography, golf, woodworking, and above all, grandchildren ages 4, 6 and 8 years. He still loves the "Great Northwest" living in Gig Harbor, Wash.

**Carolyn "Kerri" Petersen Janzen** has retired to Venice, Fla. Since her retirement she has

traveled all over Europe, Central America, Canada and Australia. She fell and broke her leg which kept her from a trip to Russia this month. She became a grandmother in June and is a master gardener and involved in environmental issues and a member of the Nature Conservancy and National Wildlife Fund. She celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary this year.

**Rick White** reports that he and wife, **Judi**, are now living alone at 5,640 feet in western Colorado. Their youngest son graduated from the University of Wyoming this year and Rick is finishing his last year of teaching. They visited the East to visit their son and Rick's wife's parents in June — 4,500 miles and eight days of driving. Another son lives in Colorado and after driving to New York and Pennsylvania he appreciates his town of about 14,000 and the fact that outside their town there are virtually no people for 20 miles.

**Patricia Stahl Reuse** has retired in Gettysburg, Pa., where she and her husband volunteer, read, do home projects and travel. She enjoys being church financial secretary and as lovers of '50s and '60s music they enjoyed trips to Branson and St. Louis. They have also visited the memorial for Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. In May they had lunch with **Ira '52 and Mary Dodd '49 Zapp** who they hadn't seen since their college years. They are walking and still enjoying Florida visits.

**L. Carol England** writes from Elkton, Md., where she and her husband live. She retired from the Cecil County Health Department, but is now busy with her gift shop, rental property paperwork, serving on several boards and committees and is an officer in the local Rotary Club.

**Nancy Gochoenour Stittner** and her husband, **Britt**, have spent more than 30 years traveling with the Air Force — he on active duty and she as a civilian computer specialist. They are both retired now, but he is teaching two master's programs and her time is spent on being a NASCAR fan and a volunteer at her church. They live in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**Dave Hoffman** reports from Mt. Hope, Wisc., that he has cut back to half time as a partner in the Wipfli Health Care Practice and is spending the rest of his time traveling with his wife, **Terri**, raising their 4-year-old Brittany spaniel, doing some bird hunting and enjoying life. He and his wife are doing some camping this summer and meeting friends in Italy.

**Richard Engert** retired four years ago and bought places in Delray Beach, Fla., and Stowe, Vt., and started a zoning and development consulting business. The business got so big that he is fully retiring, spending time at both homes and trying to lower sugar and remain at 210!

**Bob and Carolyn Seaman '67 Scott** wrote from Westminster, Md. Bob will be inducted into the International College of Dentists in San Francisco and afterward the couple

planned to take a trip to the wine country. He has over 1,000 vines in his vineyard now. Bob is also opening his sixth dental office and has no plans to retire.

**Dorothy Chace Strawsburg** lives in Thurmond, Md., getting close to retirement and looking forward to working part time and gardening at home. She would like to locate **Sharon Cunningham Smith** if anyone knows of her.

**Karen Myers Schutz** and her husband live in Albuquerque, N.M., where both of them have retired from teaching. They travel all over the world leading groups and frequently travel to see Karen's sons in New Mexico and Oregon. They visited Maryland this May, visited my husband and me on the Eastern Shore and are traveling to Canada this summer.

**Ruth Bowden Mascari** and husband live in Monkton, Md. Ruth is active in local and state historic preservation and community associations. She is the senior program manager for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, active in choir and singing groups at her church, and is "Grammy" to two grandsons and Mom to two sons and a daughter. They are enjoying time at their beach house in Chincoteague Island, Va.

**Roger Bennett Adler** and wife are living in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., and he is practicing law in lower Manhattan. Last fall they drove to Hanover, Pa., to visit with **Ron and Carol Piezonki '68 Giesey** and toured historic Gettysburg battlefields.

**Lynne Forthuber Ur** and her husband, **Joe**, have retired and are enjoying life near the ocean in St. Augustine, Fla. Their children and their spouses live near Boston and they their first grandchild was born in April.

**Raymond Edwards** writes from Lexington Park, Md., where he and his wife have retired. She was a teacher and he retired from the Montgomery County Library system after 31 years. They are very active in two Baptist churches and are enjoying fellowship with their visiting families.

**Judy Griep Bredette** writes that she is fully retired on a 55-acre farm in Frederick County, with her husband, their deaf Australian cattle dog, a cat and two dozen hens. She enjoys gardening and bird watching and now has more time to participate in her church activities. In April, she went on her first Katrina disaster-relief trip.

**Kay Coleman Smith** writes that she is retired. Her first priority is a vacation in Italy for two months. She has so many projects planned, she can't grow old.

**Bill Deckert** retired from Shore Bank, but is auditing for them. **Mary Lynn Engelbrecht Deckert** is substitute teaching at two local elementary schools and keeps busy with church volunteer work. They just returned from their third cruise to Bermuda, only this time they took 23 friends with them. Mary Lynn organizes and plans a cruise for their church group and friends every other year. Bill and Mary Lynn also took an eastern Ca-

# family

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### Family additions this season:

**William and Ellen Child** on July 3, 2007 to **William Child** and **Sue Stevenson '85**.

**Kennedy Elizabeth Williams** on June 8, 2006 to **Gary '88** and **Carolyn Williams**.

**Catherine Louise McAuley** on March 18, 2007 to **Paul and Valerie Furr '93 McAuley**.

**Mikayla Jean Pettis** on August 26, 2006 to **Robert and Jennifer Johnson '93 Pettis**.

**George III, Michaela, Rachel and Jared Kessler** on January 16, 2007 to **George and Michelle Jolly MS '95 Kessler**.

**Quinlan Faith and Ryan Grace Collins** on October 27, 2006 to **Timothy '96 and Stacy Collins**.

**Sarah Marie Dittie Tiedemann** on October 5, 2006 to **Jeff Tiedemann and Cara Dittie '96**.

**Livvi Belle Hoyle** on January 9, 2007 to **Randall and Sandra Ellman '96 Hoyle**.

**Gabriel Anthony Pleas** on May 6, 2007 to **Patrick and Karen Fulton '96 Pleas**.

**Hailey Renee Wiggins** on May 1, 2007 to **Darin and Amy Sheriff '96 Wiggins**.

**Samuel Rhys Williams** on June 29, 2007 to **Jeff and Michele Roatche '96 Williams**.

**Daniel T. Moore** on November 7, 2006 to **Steven Moore and Eva Ciszar '98 Moore**.

**Jonah Emmett Soltz** on May 23, 2006 to **Jeffrey '98 and Jocelyn Soltz**.

**Justin Frederick Cunningham** on June 20, 2006 to **Kevin and Cheryl Eichhorn '99 Cunningham**.

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# The Terror and the Hon

Alumna of the Year  
**Pamela H. Zappardino**  
 '72, dubbed "the Hon on the Hill 2007," cozies up to the new Green Terror mascot while cheering on the football team during Homecoming. Zappardino was awarded the highest honor given by the Alumni Association to a graduate whose good character and community standing brings credit to the College.

ribbean cruise in February. They visited with **Dave Horton** last October at their place in Topsail Beach, N.C., and Mary Lynn still has lunch with **Linda Bryson Truitt** and **Doris Weaver Sanders** '67 a few times yearly. Their daughters planned a lovely 40th anniversary party last November for them. They enjoyed hearing from many of their old friends and some of the wedding party was able to join them.

My husband and I live in Salisbury, Md., where he is CEO and managing partner of GMB, a consulting engineering firm with six offices. I, as many of you in small communities, volunteer for many organizations and am active in our church. I spend a lot of time gardening, sewing and traveling with my husband. We have three children, two in New York City and one in Hilton Head, S.C. Recently we bought a 1928 cottage in Rehoboth Beach, Del., and are enjoying lots of summer time there with just a block walk to the ocean. If any of you visit there we are the house with the blue awnings on Stockley Street. Thanks to all of you who replied to the post card and I look forward to hearing from you when our next column is due for The Hill magazine. I wish you safe travel and happy times visiting others and fun working or retiring.

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## 1972

Our 35th reunion was quite a success, but we all wish more of you had been able to attend. We had our own small intimate dinner on the stage of Alumni Hall, which was really a young, and a number attended who did not send in notes. **Kevin Hanley** gave out a number of fun awards. Special thanks go to everyone on the reunion committee who made the evening so special. In light of busy schedules and the fact that we are getting older, we decided to try to have an annual reunion so perhaps more people can attend. You will be hearing more in the near future.

"It's hard to believe I haven't seen you (or written to you) for 35 years!" wrote **Jim Wilberger**. "I've often wanted to respond to you when I was at my busiest. I'm writing you from a rooftop in the small pueblo of Mogete in Spain. The roof is the only place where I can pick up a wireless signal for e-mails, but it's quite lovely up here — I can see the Moorish castle ruins above the town. My wife's family has a summer house here, and it's my kids' favorite place in the world. I'm here for just 10 days, doing some R&R between jobs. I started my film production career the day after we graduated, going to work for Earl Griswold and John Van Hart. Pay was \$333 a month, but I learned so much. That only lasted three months, and then I

worked as a tree trimmer and managed my dad's service station."

In 1975, Jim moved to New York and worked on film crews for five years. In 1980, he moved to Los Angeles, where he worked as a production manager and equipment manager for "That's Incredible," "Jaws 3D," and other TV shows and movies. In the 1990s, he was vice president of production for Ted Turner, working on "Gettysburg" and many movies for TNT. And for the last four years, he's been producing TV movies and miniseries, mostly for the Hallmark Channel, although his last two were for Spike TV and Lifetime. "When I get back on Monday, I start prepping a Western for Ion Television. It's a lot of work, long hours, exhausting, but I do enjoy it. The loves of my life are my wife and children. I met Manena Fayos, from Madrid Spain, on a visit to see friends in New York. **Ira Zepp** '52 married us on the Alumni Hall stage 21 years ago this summer. Manena is an interpreter and flamenco dancer. We have two children, Carmen, 14, who loves drama and flamenco, and Dano, 11, the family philosopher. We live in Los Angeles, and try to go to Spain every summer. I miss Maryland, and wish I could go there more often. I do miss lots of folks from college. I wish you and our classmates all the best."

**Chuck Sullivan** just completed his 31st year in the spice and seasoning business as director of international sales development for Fuchs North America (formerly known as Baltimore Spice), in Owings Mills. "We are headquartered in Dissen, Germany, and are the largest privately held spice and seasoning company in the world. I handle our key accounts in the U.S. and am working on developing synergies with international food companies in Central and South America." Lucky Chuck gets to work out of his home in Rockville, Va. Chuck's wife, Kathy, "currently keeps the home fires burning after working in the admissions office at Randolph Macon College for many years and having her own candle business." Her son recently received a medical discharge from the Marine's after a 13-year career as an IT network specialist. He relocated from San Diego to Las Vegas in January. Their daughter completed her doctorate in physical therapy in 2005 and is currently living in Luxembourg. Her husband is a mechanical engineer for Dupont, and they are doing a three-year assignment in Europe. Kathy and Chuck visited them in March and had a great time touring Lux, Brussels, and parts of France and Germany. They all went to Aruba at the end of May for some fun in the sun. They are presently planning another family get together in Portugal in the fall. Chuck says, "It was great to see so many friends at our reunion. Thank you to everyone that worked on the committee, attended the event and contributed to the College annual fund. The Hill is still a very special place."

David "Dave" Downes sent news for sev-



DAVID SINCLAIR '00

eral classmates: **Charlie Bowers** and Marsha, are now empty nesters with a daughter at Furman University and a son at Frostburg University. Life seems to be treating them well. Charlie is playing golf and sees some of the WMC golf community from time to time. He is still working hard at his own business.

**Kevin Hanley** has retired, un-retired, and has started a new medical business. Seems as though hard work just agrees with Kevin. "His golf game is much better than mine, but then again, everyone's is better than mine," Dave reports. Kevin and **Alice Boyer** also spend lots of time keeping up with all their children. "I haven't seen **Ron Athey** in over a year, but I get occasional e-mails from him. Ron looks as though he is still in great shape. I wouldn't challenge him to a foot race." Dave visited **Steve McWeeny** last October and had a great time exploring Taos and the high plains desert — seems as though Clint Astwood should have been visible at some point in the trip. Steve and wife Cam built a lovely new home in Taos.

Dave also writes that he saw **Dave Voltrath '74** in Ocean Pines this past spring. **Coe Sheridan '71** and **Jeannie Castle '71** have retired to second careers in the Shenandoah area. Their inn, dinner theater, wine tastings, and other business activities seem exciting. Coe seems to really be having fun in these new efforts. **Lenny Swift Downes '73** and Dave have not been traveling as much, but have been spending some time at the beach in an Ocean City condo that they purchased a couple of years ago. Dave, who is CEO of Downes Associates, Inc., continues, "Perhaps this is a prelude to slowing down, however I have not been able to slow down much at this time. Work is great. The energy business is very active for us." Lenny is running three times a week and doing aerobics twice a week. Dave and his brother rode their bicycles from Pittsburgh to D.C. They had a great time and took some bicycle side trips into Fallers Ferry, Frostburg, Antietam, Harper's Ferry, Georgetown and other places.

**Gary King** retired as principal of Gwynn Park High School in Prince George's County in July '06 after 33 years of service. "During that tenure I had the chance to talk to **John Seaman '74** as principal to principal when Gwynn Park met Westminster High School in the Maryland 3A State Football Championship." This past January, on the day we inaugurated a new governor, I returned to the state health department as deputy director for long-term care financing in the Maryland Medicaid program. It was time to come back to a job where I can more directly help people get taken care of — at least until the revolution, when we join the civilized world and achieve universal health care. I totally believe we're smart enough to get it right, and lived up enough with the status quo to get it done. I just hope I live to see it."

Susan reports lots of personal changes in the last 10 years. Our son Alex, 30, although

an English major and generally math-averse, manages a data collection group for the American Diabetes Association in Fairfax, Va. He just finished a 64-mile bicycle Tour de Cure for ADA. Our daughter Claire, 25, just finished her first, very successful year teaching kindergarten in the City through the Baltimore City Teaching Residency program. Her transfer to Prescott College in Arizona to finish her degree gave us all the opportunity to experience that incredible part of the country. Claire's son, Jesse, born when she was living in northern California wine country, will soon turn 2. He is a major delight! LeRoy and I have been separated and divorced for nearly 11 years, and have always remained in close touch because of the kids. For the past several years, thanks to the graciousness of his wife, Chris Mathews, we have transformed the divorce experience: we enjoy wonderful extended- and ex-family holidays, gatherings that I anticipate with great pleasure — kids, dogs, and conviviality and everyone together with everyone dear. I finally left Westminster in August '05 (after 32 years as a Townie!), and re-patriated to Baltimore City, first renting in a little neighborhood between Roland Park and Hampden, and then in April '06 buying a 1906 rowhouse, with marble steps, in sight of the neon Mr. Boh on South Conkling Street, at the checkpoint between Canton and Brewers Hill. (Slouching toward Dundalk to be reborn?) I am a joyful urbanite, enjoying life where my bumper stickers and politics blend in better. Kathy asked us for something funny: picture me at 53, being volunteered as the sacrificial parent to do a beer bong at Claire's graduation party in Arizona — proof that it's never too late to do things for the first time, or to have a happy childhood."

As coordinator of the Internship and Work Study Program at New Town High School, **Fran McCabe** has a great time matching students with mentors and getting them ready to be respectful, responsible, and ready to work. "God give me strength, patience and a continued good sense of humor. I spent Spring Break in Florida visiting **Darlene Moran West** in her beautiful home in Port St. Lucie. She can't make it to the reunion, but gives her best to all. I e-mail regularly with **Debbie Clark**, who still is in Olympia, Wash., and is doing great with her new husband, 11 children, and several grandchildren. She still looks great and is as active as ever. Every fall I get together with my buddies **Judy Harkins**, **Debbie Murphy Grosh**, **Laura Costello** and **Darlene Moran West** at **Bonnie Kimmel Houston's** lovely condo in Ocean City, Md., where we have a great time. I'm still loving life and trying to figure out what I want to do in my next career."

**Ken Kester** writes that he is "just chugging along" selling IV infusion pumps for Smith's Medical MDPM CADD Infusion Systems and waiting for his lottery ticket to hit. Twin boys in college and the rest is extremely un-

pleasant. **Karen King Siskler '70**, is living with her husband, Bart, in Dayton, Tenn. Bart is the pastor of the Four Square Church there. Karen is active in supporting their work with the church and community, which includes an annual summer trip to Nicaragua for missionary work. They have three daughters and a son, Robin, Sarah, and Rachel have blessed them with seven grandchildren while residing in Georgia. Andrew is attending college in Tennessee.

**Susan Phoebe Panek** explains why she hasn't written in so long: "In the early 90s, we were just so involved with our kids' activities (Alex's swim teams and lacrosse, Claire first in softball all summer, and then lacrosse) that an uncommitted hour was extremely rare. I went to work in 1992 for what was then the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission, at first in legislative policy and regulation, and then, in 1995, I began what turned out to be 10 years as director of Maryland's Certificate of Need program, which reviews and approves major capital projects and new capacity in hospitals and other health care services. In 2006, I was asked to assume a newly-created post as chief of policy development for the Commission's work in expanding the use of health information technology in Maryland. They needed an English major to help translate these concepts for a non-technical constituency." This past January, on the day we inaugurated a new governor, I returned to the state health department as deputy director for long-term care financing in the Maryland Medicaid program. It was time to come back to a job where I can more directly help people get taken care of — at least until the revolution, when we join the civilized world and achieve universal health care. I totally believe we're smart enough to get it right, and lived up enough with the status quo to get it done. I just hope I live to see it."

Susan reports lots of personal changes in the last 10 years. Our son Alex, 30, although

an English major and generally math-averse, manages a data collection group for the American Diabetes Association in Fairfax, Va. He just finished a 64-mile bicycle Tour de Cure for ADA. Our daughter Claire, 25, just finished her first, very successful year teaching kindergarten in the City through the Baltimore City Teaching Residency program. Her transfer to Prescott College in Arizona to finish her degree gave us all the opportunity to experience that incredible part of the country. Claire's son, Jesse, born when she was living in northern California wine country, will soon turn 2. He is a major delight! LeRoy and I have been separated and divorced for nearly 11 years, and have always remained in close touch because of the kids. For the past several years, thanks to the graciousness of his wife, Chris Mathews, we have transformed the divorce experience: we enjoy wonderful extended- and ex-family holidays, gatherings that I anticipate with great pleasure — kids, dogs, and conviviality and everyone together with everyone dear. I finally left Westminster in August '05 (after 32 years as a Townie!), and re-patriated to Baltimore City, first renting in a little neighborhood between Roland Park and Hampden, and then in April '06 buying a 1906 rowhouse, with marble steps, in sight of the neon Mr. Boh on South Conkling Street, at the checkpoint between Canton and Brewers Hill. (Slouching toward Dundalk to be reborn?) I am a joyful urbanite, enjoying life where my bumper stickers and politics blend in better. Kathy asked us for something funny: picture me at 53, being volunteered as the sacrificial parent to do a beer bong at Claire's graduation party in Arizona — proof that it's never too late to do things for the first time, or to have a happy childhood."

As coordinator of the Internship and Work Study Program at New Town High School, **Fran McCabe** has a great time matching students with mentors and getting them ready to be respectful, responsible, and ready to work. "God give me strength, patience and a continued good sense of humor. I spent Spring Break in Florida visiting **Darlene Moran West** in her beautiful home in Port St. Lucie. She can't make it to the reunion, but gives her best to all. I e-mail regularly with **Debbie Clark**, who still is in Olympia, Wash., and is doing great with her new husband, 11 children, and several grandchildren. She still looks great and is as active as ever. Every fall I get together with my buddies **Judy Harkins**, **Debbie Murphy Grosh**, **Laura Costello** and **Darlene Moran West** at **Bonnie Kimmel Houston's** lovely condo in Ocean City, Md., where we have a great time. I'm still loving life and trying to figure out what I want to do in my next career."

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## ARRIVED

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**Reagan Alexis Bixler** on July 17, 2007 to Mark and Christina Kulow '00 Bixler.

**William Robert Cunningham** on November 26, 2006 to Andrew and Elizabeth Schnoor '05 Cunningham.

**Jonathan Paul VanBuskirk** on March 16, 2007 to Justin and Megan Drost '05 VanBuskirk. **Alexander Grason Williams** on May 30, 2007 to Scott '01 and Lisa Williams.

**Joshua Micah Fischer** on April 14, 2007 to Micah and Kimberly Adams '05 Fischer.

**Abigail Kathleen Mongan** on May 22, 2007 to John and Elizabeth Moore '03 Mongan.

**Jacob Edward Blaine** on December 28, 2006 to Jonathan '04 and Kelly King '04 Blaine.

# Eight Score Sports Hall of Fame

- Coach Carol Fritz M.Ed. '69, who led the Green Terror women's basketball, volleyball and softball programs during her 40-year tenure at the College.
- Julian Dyke '50 was a standout football and baseball player.
- Erin Murphy Foreman '97 broke records in soccer, basketball and track.
- Robert Johnson, Jr. '96 was a Centennial Conference champion and 1994 Athlete of the Year for indoor track.
- Ann Thomas Kangas '90 won an NCAA lacrosse record of most goals in a game. She held the title for seven years.



DAVID SINCLAIR '90

- In 1996, javelin thrower Carl VonTobel '97 won the NCAA Division III National Javelin Championship with a 214 feet, 4-inch throw.
- John Weyer '85 was elected the first academic All-American baseball player for McDaniel in 1985.
- Lawrence Garro '72 lettered all four years in football. After college, he played semi-professionally and coached until his death in 1994.

Carl VonTobel '97 and his son John enjoy the induction ceremony.

exciting. He did stop by the Hill last summer and was amazed since he hadn't been there in over 25 years. "The place looked great and was better maintained than when we attended. It looked a lot smaller than I remembered. And the number one observation! What's the deal with the quad? How in the hell can you play wall ball with all those damned trees in the way? I presume they finally got tired of replacing all the screens every year?" Ken attached a photograph showing him celebrating with the boys on their 21st birthday with the caption, "Notice the bottle of Grahams Port '85 (I'd been saving for 21 years)."

**Harry Brock** still lives on the west edge of Chicago. Daughter Kelly is going through nurse's training and son Andrew graduated from high school this year. "They take up a lot of our time and attention as we know they will not be living with us for much longer." Harry's wife, **Cathy McErlen** '74, had two knee replacements, but is doing fine on them. "She went through the physical therapy much quicker than expected and took a lot of pride in lifting the most weight soonest of her group. (Who would have thought she would be the competitive weight lifter of the family?)" Harry is retiring from International Truck and Engine this October and looking forward to spending time on projects not related to logistics. He has been staying pretty active with backpacking and canoeing trips along with working with their four horses.

**Mark Vidor** is assistant director for Family Services for Baltimore County DSS, "which means I am the overall administrator for the county's child protection and various in-home family service social work programs. Not necessarily a comforting thought if you live in Baltimore County and know me in college..." Mark's son graduated from UMBC in May '07 with a BFA in acting and plans to either go to New York or Chicago to give theater a try or to travel for a while overseas (unspecified), "all of which means he will be a well-educated unemployed person for a while. For myself, there is nothing particularly exciting to report. I've been seeing someone for the past several years after a hood. This is better, much better. I play pit in the Baltimore-Washington area, do some generally act middle-aged. It doesn't seem possible that 35 years have passed since we graduated! In my mind I feel a lot younger than that but then I walk in front of a mirror and the illusion is shattered."

After 17 years in southern New Hampshire, **Barbara "Barb" Chilton Schull**'s husband "took the challenging job of program director for the O'Hare Modernization Project (what we refer to as the 'mother of all airport expansion projects'), and we moved to Graylake, Ill. (about 55 miles north of Chicago).

Never having lived in the Midwest, it has been a big adjustment. We have been here almost three years." Daughter Rachel graduated from high school in June and is headed to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. "Eckerd actively pursued her and gave her a very nice renewable academic scholarship. She likes the beach, so I think Eckerd will be a good fit." Son Jimmy graduated from James Madison University in May and began working for Bearing Point in McLean, Va., in July. With the exception of the occasional part-time job, Barb has been a stay-at-home mother since her daughter was born. "It has been a joy and a privilege to have had that opportunity, but I do think I'll feel the empty-nest syndrome come September if I don't find something to do! I had worked in the commercial banking field for 15 years prior to being a full-time mother, but I'm thinking about re-entering the work force doing something in a fitness center. My life has been wonderful and I try very hard not to take my many gifts for granted."

**Barbe "Lil Barbe" Volz** gilt wrote, "My life is crazy and exciting." She continues to work for Carroll County Public Schools as a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing. Her children are grown and out on their own — well sort of. Her son is a grad student at University of Maryland, College Park, working on his Ph.D. in astronomy. He recently went to Thailand to play in the Junior World Championships in bridge. He and his teammates won the Junior U.S. bridge tournament. This is a year for weddings for Barbe. Her daughter is teaching physical education in a middle school in Howard County, and she and her fiancé were married in June in two wedding ceremonies. Barbe's son-in-law is Vietnamese, so one of the ceremonies and receptions were Vietnamese. Her son and his fiancée are getting married October '07. "So when I am old and gray (and I am not gray, yet!) I will remember the year my kids got married." She and **Barb Smeak Wiggs** usually get together every year at Nags Head and she sees **Melissa Coleman** on occasion. This past fall she managed to get together with **Monika van der Berg McComick** '73 and they had a great time together. She also keeps in touch with **Carol Jones Schanche**.

**Marcia "Marty" Bosley Miller** is still a teacher-librarian for two elementary schools near Des Moines, Iowa. "It hasn't been a high-powered career, but it has been satisfying and endlessly interesting to work with children and books. I greatly appreciate the influence that WMC has had on my life. I would love to hear from any classmates from Mrs. Richwine's classes who have pursued library careers."

**Nancy Lee Porter** and David continue to live on the family farm in Prince Frederick, Md. This 200-plus acre tract of land has never been sold in history. "We hope to maintain it and pass it on to our two sons." The boys are married; Brian and Heather



live in San Jose, Calif. and Bill and Mattie live in Pittsburgh, Pa. Most of their free time involves visiting with them.

A social worker for the state of Maryland for 35 years, Nancy worked the last 21 years at Calvert Mental Health Clinic and Core Service Agency, and currently is coordinator of adult services for the mentally ill. Very active in church, she served a third year as senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and is on the Altar Guild and Outreach Chairman. She and David went to San Jose in June to greet their first grandchild. In July, they joined more than 25 other friends on a 12-day land tour and cruise to Alaska. **Dru Tresselt '71** joined them.

**Chelle Catington Porter** and **Keith '70** have lived in Raleigh, N.C., for the past two years, "and we absolutely love it here. We retired from teaching after 30 years in Maryland and within three months' time had packed up and moved south." Keith spent their first summer there as a retiree, but caved and went back to teaching and coaching football and softball at Holly Springs Middle School. After 70 seasons spent coaching kids, he couldn't stand it when the football whistles began to signal the start of fall practice. Chelle has had no such inclination to return to work, and is savoring the freedom and pleasure of having days to herself to pursue all of the things that there never was time for while working full time. Both are very active and keep really busy with church, their homeowners association, various clubs, friends and family activities. Son Craig, 26, also lives in Raleigh and works with Orleans Homes. Daughter Kerrie, 30, lives in Wilmington, Del., and is an officer with the Newcastle County Police Department.

**Robert Read** is senior vice president and actuary for Swiss Re Life and Health America in Armonk, N.Y. "I turned 53 this year and plan on retiring at 60. I can see it here from here." Son Bryan, 24, is working on his master's in athletic training at the University of Virginia. "He will be done this summer. There, a job." Robert got married in March to Clare McFarland, also an actuary who works for the Medicare and Medicaid Services. "We have built a house in Elliptic City, and I work there some and commute to Armonk for several days each week. I still spend several weeks each summer at the beach in Stone Harbor, N.J."

**Eric Reitz** said, "It is equally difficult for me to realize that I have been on the liberal arts faculty of the Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville for just as many years as it has been since graduation. With my mortgage nearly finished along with college expenses, I'm starting to see light at the end of the tunnel." Older daughter **Sarah '05** was in the last Western Maryland graduating class of 2005 and is now teaching in Carroll County, while younger daughter, **Molly**, finished her senior year at Towson University. "As for me, not

teaching, I enjoy working on my weekend home on the shore in Oxford."

**Norm and Linda Snyder** continue to enjoy some of the best years of their lives at their home on the Chesapeake Bay. In March their home won a national home automation award from *Electronic Home* magazine. Norm sold his company to Boeing last year. "It's quite the success story of a WMC math grad," he says. At the end of April, Norm and Linda welcomed their second grandchild, Gwyneth Drew Snyder, to the family. In May, they hosted a reunion of Norm's Black and White fraternity brothers. "The weekend-long event was very reminiscent of those GIGF celebrations at Flocks! The conversation, however, moved from those good-old college days to grandkids, retirement and cholesterol." Attendees were: **Ned Rhodes, Matt Zimmerman '73, Mike Mock '73, David Petrucci '73, Wayne Butler, Chuck Spicknall, Charlie Moore '73, John Offerman '69, Frank Sully' Sullivan '70 and Ron Clawson '69.**

**John Van Horn** wrote that "every day is still Saturday after 12 years of retirement. I continue to do a lot of photography projects including some archival work. You start to feel old when the archival projects involve your own photos." He is working on a project involving photos of WMC for the McDaniel College archives. "One series that we have found very interesting is of the Kent State survey on campus and the march through downtown Westminster, which can be viewed at <http://johnvanhornphoto.com/college/Rally/memorial.html>. If you would like to share any of your thoughts or reflections regarding these events to be included with the photos in the archives, please send them to me at [johnvanhorn@verizon.net](mailto:johnvanhorn@verizon.net)." Last fall he had a very interesting visit with Del Palmer, Ray Phillips and Jim Lightner '59 on campus regarding the photos. He has also exchanged emails with several of our peers and LeRoy Panek, who is a Kent State graduate. "Interesting how you get involved in these things after all these years."

**Ruth Howell** retired from Maryland School for the Deaf as the director of family education intervention in July '06 after 34 years. She enjoyed six months off and then taught part time at Goucher College in Towson in the graduate school of education. Travel is a major goal in retirement. She's done several trips already, but the big one was two weeks in Australia in March. "It's really nice to have the time to do other things and to keep up with friends." She still belongs to the Choral Arts Society of Frederick and volunteers for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in Frederick committee.

"When I last contacted you, it was to tell you that I had gone back to seminary at Asbury Theological's extension campus in Orlando, Fla.," wrote **John Foster**. Since then, he received a master's of divinity in December '05 and became ordained in October '06. After a short stint with Hospice he became an

assistant chaplain in a men's prison at Zephyrhills Correctional, where he facilitates a Bible Institute for an outside church, tutors Koine Greek to a couple of inmates, and performs chaplain's duties. John is a regular volunteer for Kairos Prison Ministry and serves on their District 11 Gulf Coast Regional committee as their spiritual director. "We held a weekend retreat at Zephyrhills Correctional at the end of April. One of the guys who attended had been a major disrupter on the weekend but by the end of the weekend was coming to the leadership concerned over what his roommate would do on his release. Another guy resisted talking about Christianity all weekend and would not even take or wear the cross given to him. He said that even touching it would make him sick to his stomach and deliver a shock to his hand. Someone gave him their wooden cross so it wouldn't shock him and we prayed over him. I saw him two days ago and he told me that he has not only begun wearing the cross but that he had become a Christian as well."

"Lots of changes here," reported **Susanne Ayers Denham**. "In 2004, my dad died, my 16-year-old dog died, my daughter Sarah, 30, fine now and pregnant with my first granddaughter; my stepdaughter, Nicole, had my first grandson, Adam, last September, had two back surgeries for pilonidal cysts and my then-husband, Cal Laurvick, had a small stroke. If that was not enough, he became a different person and announced on New Year's Day '05 that he didn't want to be married anymore. Where?!"

In 2005, she bought a townhouse near George Mason University, where she is still a professor of psychology, and bought a small, cute bungalow in Richmond to someday retire near the daughters. Son, Jesse, is now a math teacher in Stafford, Va., so he'd be close, too. She rents the house now and applied for a big grant from NIH. All these things came to fruition (including the \$2.2M grant from NICHD), and in 2007 she was awarded some unique honors at her university. She was the recipient of the year's Celebration of Scholarship Award (and had to give a big public lecture) and also was named a "University Professor." "And I get a sabbatical next year! Hallelujah!" she writes. "But more important than all that, I'm enjoying life. I love where I live (directly beside the Lake Accotink Trail in Fairfax County, Va. It's so much fun to walk and just a general blessing of natural beauty). I love my family and friends. I've lost a pile of weight to be 'normal' (what's normal?) again and gone to Curves gym for a year (I tell my students, 'Don't mess with me, I have great biceps now'), and started hanging out at an incredibly friendly blues club in Falls Church called Bangkok Blues. Thai food, music every night, and the 'hug line'—wherever I, or any other "regular," goes in, all the others have to hug them. It's a very real, loving set of people. So, things are good, I won't deny there have been

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## DEPARTED

Those who will be missed:



Raymond C. Phillips

**Raymond C. Phillips**, professor emeritus of English, died October 8 at the age of 75 after suffering a stroke while vacationing in North Carolina. Dr. Phillips, who captivated his students with memorable classroom dramatizations of literary characters, joined the faculty in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in English from Dickinson College and a master's in English from Columbia University. In 1968, he earned a doctorate in English and American literature from the University of Pennsylvania.

He retired from full-time teaching in 1998, but kept an unofficial office hours with his colleagues in the Economics and Business Administration Department. There he found friends to listen to his anecdotes on life and regular golf partners. As he would say, "Man does not live by books alone; he must golf."

Dr. Phillips's monographs on novelist and Hollywood screenwriter Larry McMurtry and writer Struther Bodie established the beloved professor as an authority on fiction of the American West. He taught courses on Puritan and Colonial literature and American Romanticism, focusing on the works of

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# Energy Biz Heats Up

The more complicated the energy markets become, the busier David "Dave" Downes '72 is with his business that deals with wholesale energy and utility issues throughout the mid-Atlantic and Midwest. He also has work and/or employees in Florida and New England.

Alternate energy projects are ramping up now too. He has been involved in the field for more than 30 years, but today the general activity level in alternate energy — hydro, wind, biomass, solar and waste — is greatly increased largely due to interest in global warming, carbon issues and high energy costs. "Alternate energy is becoming 10 to 20 percent of our work efforts," he says.

Dave recently hired Chris Simms, a May '06 McDaniel graduate. He is a double major in mathematics and economics with a minor in Spanish. Dave says, "He has worked out wonderfully and is a good sign that McDaniel still produces quality graduates. We are very pleased with his progress, growth, abilities and aptitude. He recently bought a house in Ocean Pines so I expect that his McDaniel friends will be visiting him all summer long to enjoy Ocean City."

really difficult parts of the last few years. But I'm still a survivor and enjoying the new chapters. Grandma-hood is great!"

**Doug Rinehart** wrote from Honolulu, where he and Vivian have been living for seven years. He retired as a colonel from the Army Medical Department in March '04 and has worked for Hawaiian Electric Company ever since as the head of their environmental chemistry laboratory. "It's a great post-retirement gig — small lab with a mature, skilled, reliable work force. Only problem is I still have to come to work every day, and as a fairly new employee, I don't get a lot of vacation days. But, I enjoy it and I can't quite see entirely quitting work just yet."

All three of their children are on their own. Oldest son is in Tacoma, Wash., and he and his wife had Doug and Vivian's first grandchild, a boy, in April '06. "Vivian and I met them in Maryland in April '07 to celebrate his first birthday. Our daughter and her husband and our youngest son live here in Hawaii and all are gainfully employed. Our youngest son has his own business here and is doing so well that he bought a house, an especially expensive action here in Hawaii — with some assistance from mom and dad." Vivian is continuing medical education coordinator at Tripler Army Medical Center, and has over 25 years of federal service. "Things may change for both of us if our daughter here has children. That may entice one or both of us to retire!"

The Rineharts enjoy the year-round great weather, short commutes, and more laid-back life style in Honolulu. His golf game continues to improve — best he's ever played — with a year-round ability to play. Another main interest is classic Mopar muscle cars. He owns two, one of which is there, an original 1970 Dodge Challenger 440 6-pack. The other one is the one he drove at WMC and is stored in Maryland, a 1968 Dodge Charger 383. "I'm the original owner. I miss that one a lot and am looking for an opportunity to get it here. Guess we'll stay here as long as we have children here and they seem to be in no hurry to move elsewhere." They still get back to Maryland once or twice a year to visit friends and family living in the area, but haven't been there during the past two five-year reunion events. "Will try to get back for a future reunion. Aloha to all classmates!"

**Rebecca Jones** (aka Bean, aka Hobart) reports that after years doing (liturgical) sculpture commissions at home while raising her kids, she started a new career about 10 years ago after getting a master's in expressive therapies at Lesley College in Cambridge. She began work as a therapist at a methadone clinic in 1996 in New Bedford, and is still there, though she has now begun a private practice in Westport, Mass. She is a licensed mental health counselor (LMHC) and licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) and is certified in EMDR (look it up on the web under EMDRIA if you haven't

heard of it). "I love my work, especially my groups at the clinic, and plan to keep them (though the pay for private work is about three times what I get at the clinic, and of course I need the benefits.)"

She is trying, in the spare time she doesn't have, to write a book on methadone to educate the general public about what works and what doesn't in opioid addiction. She owns a little '50s house where she has a wonderful view of the Westport River near Horseneck Beach. Her daughter just graduated from Ithaca College in psychology. After graduating five years ago from Mass College of Art, her son is living in Portland, Ore., slowly working his way into sound and editing work in the film industry there. Rebecca has kept in touch with **Jim Bean**, who has put together a career of teaching music to kids at Friend's Academy, "and I have heard from some of his students that he is very beloved. I have been lucky enough to find a wonderful relationship this late in life, and have been living with Mike for two years now after living alone for 12 years. (Though those were very good years, too.)" Between work, she enjoys a peaceful home, and her wonderful kids, and a wonderful life companion. "I feel very blessed. If anyone reading this remembers my mother's cooking, she is doing great and is publishing a cookbook for friends and family."

**Jesse** and **Bonnie Kimmel Houston** are enjoying a new condo on the bay in Ocean City. Bonnie retired as systems analyst with U.S. Airways last June and is loving retirement, taking up golf with gusto. Jesse is still planning director for the town of Ocean City, but getting out on the golf course as much as possible. Both daughters have graduated from college/graduate school and are making their way in the world. Lisa is a therapist near Allentown, Pa., and is married and expecting their first child. Jamie is a marketing specialist at the hospital in Salisbury, Md. "If any of our friends are planning a stay in Ocean City, please come see us!"

**Dave Wiley** has been keeping a low profile. "I'm going to Brigantine on the Jersey shore in the summer, and still play an occasional round of golf, which I first learned at WMC (oops, McDaniel)." He serves a United Methodist church in Wyckoff, N.J., which he enjoys every day. "Being a minister is just like being retired except they pay you for it!" He planned to be busy this summer with three grandchildren. His daughter was to be married in August, and their youngest works at the team store at Yankee Stadium. "I'm also working on a translation of the Gospel of Mark for a CD we are creating for the members of our church!"

**Susan Baker** worked in the communications/newspaper industry until 1994. At that time she left the private sector and became assistant dean for finance and administration at University of Baltimore's Merrick School of Business. While working full time



at UB, she began a doctoral program and received her Ph.D. in organizational behavior and development in May '06 from George Washington University. She then started a new position as faculty: assistant professor of management at Morgan State University's Graves School of Business. She just completed her first year of full-time teaching. Her courses included business leadership; business, ethics, and society; and human resource management. "I found my classroom experience both challenging and rewarding. The millennial generation (born approximately 1980-2000) of students who are now the undergrads across the nation are presenting challenges to their professors everywhere. All indications are that they are changing how we teach, and as they now enter the workplace, they are changing how the workplaces recruit and function. Both Boomers and Gen Xers are passing the baton now."

For 10 years, **Stu Robbins** wrote a newsletter about Corvettes. "It is time consuming," he wrote. In 2005, his two oldest grandchildren appeared in the Corvettes at Carlisle color brochure, pictured in their mini Corvettes. "I thought that was pretty exciting. My oldest grandson has been driving since he was 18 months. (That was one of the questions asked of him by the judges at the reviewing stand, after they drove their Corvettes past the cheering crowd in the grandstands.) I'd like to tell you about the fleet in my garage, and around the house, because the garage is only big enough to fit six of my vehicles. (The other half, are scattered around.)"

As he wrote, Stu was in West Virginia, and then Chicago to visit his uncle who invented the commercial aviation black box with a partner. On the way home, they visited the Billy Graham Center and Museum in Charlotte, N.C. He drives a motor home on these trips. "We traded in the old 1985 Southwind, 27-foot short, class A, for a newer 1992, 33-foot Pace Arrow." Stu then planned to drive to New England in the "gas hog" for two family reunions, from two sides of the family in Maine and New Hampshire. Between the two reunions, they stayed at his brother's summer cottage on the lake, which has been in the family since 1947. In November they're heading to Florida to visit his wife's family. "No matter how much vacation time I seem to have, there never seems to be enough. But if I retired, to have more time off, there probably would be a shortage of money. I guess it is always a balancing act."

In early May, Stu replaced one-third of the roof of his garage by himself. Stu has 29 years with the telephone company, starting with C&P of Maryland, which became Bell Atlantic, "and most people are now familiar with the Verizon name. So, I could retire next year, before the expiration of the current five-year contract, but my wife was forced to retire due to her health, almost a

year ago. She had been an x-ray and CT tech, for about 35 years. She is also a professional seamstress and has made wedding gowns for several weddings; better and cheaper than any others I have seen. She is also a gourmet cook, and has prepared meals for as few as one person, and as many as a large group." Stu reported that "Steve Athey was my first roommate, and was sorry to hear that he had passed away earlier this year, which I learned from his friend **Tom Brown** at the April reunion."

Stu reflected on his reunion weekend experience. "We really enjoyed seeing **Dr. Jim Lightner's** '59 slide show that he has meticulously edited regularly, to show updated pictures with history of the campus. He explained and answered questions on why the name was changed from Western Maryland. I think that was one of the big concerns of many of the audience. Then, we attended the dedication of the new apartment complex, out past the water tower that was built right over our Rouzer window, in our senior year. They are nice and I think will be a big asset to the campus. And, the selected students that were able to reside there really liked the campus and responsibility they offered. I like to think that one of the studies that I conducted my senior year for one of my sociology papers, involved discussion with the president and the dean of men, about instigating co-ed dorms, actually came to fruition, and maybe as a result of my research. I don't think the administration at the time we were on campus was ready, but the times have changed a little in the last 35 years. Well, I think I was the first to do an official study on the subject. So, I hope the students who are able to enjoy the elite modern housing appreciate my efforts. Then we went to the dedication of the new fitness center, which is a new addition on the new Gill Gym. I am looking forward to being able to try out the new high-tech equipment the next time I am in town."

There were several awards. Of course **Ron Cristy** again got the award for looking the most like he did in college. (I did not notice that he had aged a day). But, I think I got the most number of awards. I got the award for having the hair-cut that looked the most like it did in college. And, since no one majored in a foreign language, I stole that award, because all in one semester in my senior year, I took French, German, and two Spanish classes. After I graduated, I took American Sign Language. I have traveled to Spain, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, and Mexico, and to be my own translator. I don't consider myself fluent in any language, including English, but I can manage to get by. I even got the award for the most number of grandchildren. We have four, and one in the oven, due in just a few months. None of them are biologically related to me, so I guess I stole that award as well. After awards were presented, Kevin said we still had time to mingle

with our classmates at the other tables. We were offered our 'meeting room' for as long as we wanted it. I thought that was a nice arrangement. Kevin and his team did a very nice job of putting on our 35th reunion. I only wished more of the class could have attended. I would have liked to have stayed longer, but had to leave early, about 11:00 p.m. because we had to drive back to York, where (wife) Kathy had left her cell phone. If the kids were still living in Westminster, we could have borrowed a dining room table like we did long ago, and slide down the hill behind the golf course, and if it had been raining a little harder, crossed the highway, and practically landed in their back yard."

**Win Barber** and family recently moved from Fort Washington, to LaPlata, Md., after retiring with 33 years as a medical benefits correspondent at U.S. Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. "No more straining to catch the 6:30 a.m. commuter bus!" Twins Abby and Ashley, 15, are transitioning from parochial to public school. Win's hobbies are his family, and writing articles for Wikipedia. He added, "I enjoy explaining to my children, all the '70s events mentioned in *The Wonder Years* TV re-runs."

As **Nancy Becker Miller** typed her message, she was packing for a cruise to New England and Canada to celebrate her 35th wedding anniversary. "Our 26-year-old son (who lives in an apartment above our place) has said that this is a vacation for him!" She still teaches at Westminster High School, mostly psychology and AP psychology. "I think that keeps me young (so to speak) and I laugh a lot! A lot of people go through life hating their job; I am one of the lucky ones who really has a good time at what I do." Although, she says she is getting the retirement thoughts, especially since **Bob Rapscher '73**, **Steve Kelly '74** and **Gary LeCates '74** all retired this year. **John Seaman '70** is the principal at Westminster High School, so it looks like we are the only two left from our time on the Hill. Other than teaching, "I lead a fairly boring life. Most of my free time is spent trying to outwit the many deer that continually eat my landscaping plants."

Nancy sees **Debbie Rice Cicero '73** and **Terri Doyle Kaminski '73** quite frequently. Debbie runs a printing company with her husband, and Terri teaches social studies at Hereford High. "I did get together with **Wanda Black Fizer**, who many Phi Alphas in my year will remember. She transferred to West Virginia to pursue a career in speech therapy. We met for lunch and had not seen each other for 25 years. It was great getting together. She has gone back to school to get a degree in computer science and is working at the University in Morgantown."

**Thomas D. Misotti** of Fort Myers, Fla., left after his freshman year and sent a message for the first time. "I remember 1968 well. My roommate was **Bob Fox**, and I remember **Phil Nicodemus** in the north room, both great guys.

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Melville, Emerson, Thoreau, Cooper and Poe.

Dr. Phillips served on College committees, including the Budget Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee, and was elected by his peers as their first ombudsman, an office he held for 10 years. He held membership in literary societies and was a longtime member of the American Association of University Professors, serving as both chapter and state president.

He delighted audiences with his acting ability in theatre productions both on and off campus. Ray's classroom was a stage for 34 years. There, he would grasp the six-foot wooden window pull to serve as Ahab's harpoon. Even his coffee thermos came into service as a prop when teaching *Walden* Stevens' *Anecdote of the Jar*.

His essays in *The Hill* magazine lauded the art of letter writing always with the Ticonderoga #2 pencil. His sayings were chronicled by his students as "Phillipsisms." Examples included: "Randolph [from Daisy Miller] is the sort of child you'd like to send out to play on the median strip," and his characterization of Sloth studies, "the less you do, the more you're into it."

Aluma and Trustee Mary Lynn Durham '90 remembers how Dr. Phillips brought the powerful voices of early American literature to life. "Accompanied by extravagant gestures, Ray's voice would resonate with the terrifying metaphors and rhetoric of Jonathan Edwards, until the compulsion and excess of the man literally rang in your ears. Ray's teaching transcended the subject matter because he was so interested in where the ideas behind the words came from. Because he also wanted to know how those ideas affected the people who read or heard

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# Golf Course Scores "Best of" Ranking

The Ranch Golf Club, owned and operated by **Korby Bowman** and **Pete '77 Clark** is rated the 2007 Best Public Golf Course in the state of Massachusetts by **Golf Digest**. Located in the foothills of the Berkshires, the 18-hole course also ranked third on the magazine's list of America's best new upscale public courses for 2002. Courses are rated on shot value, design variety, memorability, aesthetics, conditioning, playability and ambiance. Korby has also been perfecting her swing — on a racket — on a competitive tennis team.

My nickname was 'Kraut' because I took German (Professor Buttner), and I had a fascination with WWII and combat. My major was pre-med and I barely squeaked by. I loved ROTC and cleaning my M1, the greatest fighting instrument ever devised by man. I did not return for my sophomore year for a couple of reasons. First I got married on July 13, 1969 and the money I saved for four years of college was gone in one. He went one more year to community college, and then went to work in construction. It took him six years at night at Towson State University to complete his college education, receiving a degree in biological sciences in 1976.

For 15 years, from 1977 to 1992, Tom was a general contractor in Maryland. "In 1989 I remember we took a trip to Egypt sponsored by WMC. We met an art teacher and his family and others from the college including students and alumni. The professor's name was Wasyl Palijczuk. We still have one of his paintings." In 1992 Tom moved to Fort Lauderdale and got his general contractor license in 1999. Tom and his wife both got into volunteering at Parrot Jungle and Monkey Jungle working with chimps, orangutans, gibbons and other various monkeys from babies on up. "We got our first monkey in 1991, a Capuchin, and our first gibbon in 1999. We were required to get both a USDA license and a Florida Wildlife Fish and Game license because gibbons are an endangered species. We live in five acres in Hendry County, Fla., and have a 501(c)(3) sanctuary called The Talkin Monkeys Project, Inc., with 11 primates to date and over 100 species of bamboo, thanks to my wife. It is an educational facility, and my wife lectures several times a year in schools and for special events on the environment. We also have two Lipizzan horses, one stallion and one mare and are not far from Clewiston and Lake Okechobee." Tom now works for a local general contractor in Fort Myers as a project manager and LEED accredited professional which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design of Green Buildings. They have one daughter who lives in Fort Lauderdale with her husband.

With sadness, I report the passing of **Phil Miller** on May 31, 2005 of colon cancer. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Darlene Miller, at 7134 Greenwood Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206.

Received a post card from Dr. McCay Vernon, professor emeritus, reporting that **Brenda Haynie Cartwright** is a tenured full professor of rehabilitation and department chairperson at the University of Hawaii.

As I close this column, I remember an encounter that pleasantly surprised me. On one of my many photography treks over to the Eastern Shore, I stopped for dinner at Kent Narrows. From the next table I heard the name **Bill Eberhart**, so I looked over and said, "I know Bill Eberhart." Turns out it was **Lenny Swift Downes '73**, who was having din-

ner with **Gail Chance Entice '73**, and other girlfriends from WMC. They keep in touch and get together half a dozen times a year," said **Dave Downes**. "Sometimes their 'get-togethers' last four or five days!"

My second book, *Images of America: College Park*, has been quite successful, which has been very satisfying. I've given a number of lectures with my co-author and consequently met many interesting people, including a female aviator who flew out of the Historic College Park Airport and whose mother was given a painting done by my grandmother in the early 1900s. I had no idea. Last summer she presented me with the painting. Sports photography at high schools in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and D.C., is keeping me very busy, and I love the travel. I know I've been to many of your schools where you teach through my company, Lifetouch. Sports is an extremely challenging kind of photography, and yes, I've gone digital with a Nikon D70S. The caliber of photographers I work with is amazing; one of our former photographers was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

I'm still selling *Le Mousette* Sparkling Apple Cider, at Eastern Market Capital Hill in D.C., and would love to see anyone who comes by. A friend of mine makes this cider in the French champagne method in Virginia. Although Historic Eastern Market was hit by fire in May, it is still thriving with all the vendors and tourists and is being restored. It's an exciting place with celebrities walking through, such as John King, CNN journalist whom I met in June. I am in the process of restoring my house, a Victorian in College Park built by a relative in 1888. Our property has never been sold and is a historic site. I have a huge flower garden, and one of my great pleasures this year was doing all the flower arrangements for a friend's historic house on the Patuxent River when it was on the 70th Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage in April. As I write, I'm planning a week-long vacation to a house on the coast of Connecticut.

Hope to see you at one of our annual events.

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Thanks so much for sending in your news. I always enjoy catching up.

**Jesse Glass** is currently piecing together an epic poem written by a Know-Nothing author between 1855 and 1859. This unique bit of American literature resulted in the brutal murder of Joseph Shaw, a newspaper editor, in April 1865 in Westminster, Md. The University of Maryland purchased Glass' literary papers last year. Tennessee Junko Glass, 41, just entered kindergarten and Delmore Yoichi Glass, 9, moves up to the fourth grade

this year. Glass and his family live near Tokyo Disneyland and can see the evening fireworks from their balcony.

**Karen Keenan** and **Keith Good** are still living on the family farm in Westover on the Eastern Shore. Keith continues to teach high school students at the JM Tawes Technology and Career Center. Karen works at the Somerset County Department of Social Services. The 30-year mark in both of their jobs is fast approaching. Their youngest daughter, Kristen, is working and lives at home. Their biggest news is that they became grandparents in 2006. Eldest daughter, Katie, and her husband, Matt Eby, had a baby, Mackenzie Kate. Karen and Keith are enjoying being grandparents. They went to Disney World in June '06 and while there had some fun time together with **Linda Augugliaro Welte** and her family. They are especially glad that they live close to their children.

**Pauline Hayes** and Father **Kostas Pavlakos** live in Falls Church, Va., where Father Kostas is the priest at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Andrew is at seminary and their daughter, Christina, has twins in May. Grandparents are doing well!

**Norm Koehler** and **Marjorie Baker** are still struggling along in the wonderful sunshine of southeastern Arizona. They moved into town from the desert and now have a five-year renovation project on their hands. The new place was totally unchanged since 1958. When complete they will enjoy passive solar heating, rain harvesting, a spiffy outdoor shower, two gardens (cutting and veggie) and both winter and summer patios. They continue to work for progressive political action. Their real estate business, Tierra Antigua Realty, is doing just fine. They wish you all happy, healthy, peaceful lives.

**Korby Bowman** and **Pete '77 Clark** are busy running their golf course, which is rated one of the top courses in the state of Massachusetts by "Golf Digest." They are the only public course that made it in the top 20 and are proud of that achievement. Pete is coaching baseball at the local high school. Their second child graduated from Trinity College in May and is continuing there in grad school and playing his last year of eligibility of football. Their eldest, Keegan, is living and working in Boston for The Jimmy Fund, a non-profit organization for cancer research. Jennifer will complete her second year in nursing school this year. Korby had friends visit in June that she met and worked with while doing a work abroad program in Germany in 1976. Herr Buttner (advisor at McDaniel) set her up with that program and it obviously was a lifetime experience. Korby is still the tennis team captain of her tennis team, which made it to districts held in August. A group of tennis players go to Puerto Rico every May to play tennis and relax together. Korby is really enjoying this new facet of her life.

**Tom '80** and **Kathy Chandler Armbruster** are





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them, and how those people in turn affected their environment, Ray drew his students with him onto a vast landscape of philosophical and humanistic learning."



Frank G. Bowe

Frank G. Bowe '69, a champion of civil rights for people with disabilities, died of cancer Aug. 21. Bowe was the founding chief executive officer of the first national cross-disability consumer advocacy organization, the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (ACCD). He conceived and led the nationwide protest that pushed legislators to implement Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, the world's first civil-rights provision for the disabled.

Deaf since the age of 3 after a bout of measles, Bowe struggled to excel in mainstream schools and he was the first deaf person to graduate from Western Maryland College. While a student here, he was vice president of Pi Alpha Alpha fraternity, captain of the tennis team, and graduated summa cum laude with a triple major in English, philosophy and religion. He was a member of the S.O.S. (College version of Peace Corps) and spent a summer helping create a library and community programs for the impoverished residents of Mohawk, Va. In

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living in Vladivostok, Russia. Tom is serving as the consul general of the U.S. consulate there. Kathy is looking for either a volunteer or paid position working with children or teens. On previous postings Kathy worked with international schools or taught English. This is their sixth foreign posting with the U.S. State Department. Other postings have included: Finland, Cuba, Russia (Moscow), Mexico (Nuevo Laredo), and Tajikistan.

**George Metz** is completing his 11th year in Ohio after transplanting from Maryland in 1996. He serves as the chair of the Education Department at Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio. He is the faculty athletic representative to the NCAA and keeps busy with teaching and administrative responsibilities, including taking a group of 30 students to England and France in May '07. George and his wife host a weekly Christian fellowship in their home for 20 students and continue to travel to New York City each year. The university is still dealing with the aftermath of the tragic Atlanta bus accident that claimed five of their baseball student-athletes. Bluffton is much like McDaniel, a small liberal arts university with a close-knit campus community.

**Sally Kack** and **Carl Gold** live in Towson. Their daughter is a sophomore at Duke University and their son is a senior in high school. They have very mixed feelings about their impending empty nest. Carl is practicing law and is doing his part to fight global warming by tending his own garden and riding his motor scooter whenever he can. Sally is a full-time volunteer as the Maryland affiliate director for Destination Imagination, a creative problem-solving program for kids. She would love to hear from any alumni who are also involved in this unique and exciting program. Sally and Carl are "entrenched members" of the sandwiched generation, as our parents are failing before our own children have flown the coop.

**Trudy Walton Schwarz** works in Gaithersburg Planning. Sam is in his second year of residency in radiology in Pittsburgh, Alan is a sophomore in high school and Michael is in his last year of middle school. They have purchased property near Raystown Lake in Pennsylvania. Maybe a place to retire? But college costs are looming! In summer '06, Trudy went on a mission trip with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Philippines to celebrate the translation of the New Testament in one of the 150 language groups of the island of Luzon. Of the 6,912 languages of the world, only 422 languages have the entire Bible in translation. Her whole family took a cruise out of Baltimore to the Caribbean in 2006. It was really convenient to drive there and sail off. This past summer they traveled to **Kip '77** and **Ellen Scroggs '79** Waltons's daughter's wedding in Michigan.

**Beth Silvius** and **Dave Delrick** are doing well. Dave expanded his dental practice last year and took on an associate. Barb has taken

on a larger role in the office since there is more staff to manage. She still has flexibility, which allows her to get their children to their activities. Their oldest daughter, Kerry, graduated from Catholic University in D.C. She majored in musical theatre and has a degree in music. Their oldest son, Brandon, attends Anne Arundel Community College part time and also performs in local theatre. Emily is a sophomore at Severna Park High and plays field hockey, runs track and is learning lacrosse. She performs in the schools Rock 'n Roll Review. Tyler is in eighth grade and has taken up the guitar with a vengeance. He also is busy with soccer, tennis and is taking up golf. Dave continues to play tennis whenever possible and is also playing "a little golf." The Delricks all love boating in the summer. The Annapolis area is a great place to live. They stay in touch with other alumni and have maintained those wonderful friendships over the years.

**Sherry Wensel Bowers** is still "on loan" to NASA Langley Research Center as an educator in residence. This is her third year in this position. She is working with the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA) and NASA Langley helping with pre-service and in-service teacher training. She developed curriculum that helps teachers introduce students to some of NASA's upcoming plans to return to the moon and travel to Mars. She is also working on ways to encourage students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. Interesting travels and meeting interesting educators, researchers and scientists are associated with this position — a week at Lake Placid (the week that they had a blizzard) studying snow, ice and winter; Johnson Space Flight Center to work with teachers of bilingual students; Greenland for an international symposium to hear researchers discuss auroras, space weather, and global warming; and Scotland to train science coordinators with NASA summer as one of the science educators for the Mickelson ExxonMobil Math and Science Academy. Although Phil Mickelson lost the Masters this year, it's still exciting to be part of a teacher academy with his name and endorsement. The summer academy is for third- to fifth-grade teachers to increase their understanding and confidence in teaching physical science and related math concepts to their students. This summer there were three academies: the national academy in Fairfax, Va., and two regional academies, one in Houston and one in Baton Rouge, for teachers affected by Hurricane Katrina. **Anna '06** graduated from McDaniel last year. She spent this year "exploring" options for graduate school and future study. It looks like she's most interested in museum studies and art conservation. She spent the last six months working as an intern at the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk. **Matt '77** has moved to a

higher education beat for the Virginian-Pilot and likes the new challenge. The Bowers spent their summer vacation in Canada. One of the best parts of this vacation is spending time with **Nancy Hess Fritzsche** and her brother **Rusty Hess '77**. They have shared their summer vacation spot with Nancy and her family since the summer of 1979.

**Kathy Derry Steahr** has completed 12 years working for the state of South Carolina at the S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind. She is the statewide director for the Department of Interpreting Services. She now knows South Carolina like she used to know Maryland. Travel is a big part of her job, so a day in Charleston, Myrtle Beach and/or Columbia is not unusual. Her son Bradley, 24, was recently married. He works in Charlotte, N.C., at an investments firm. Bradley graduated from Clemson University in 2005, and has Kathy convinced that he does indeed actually love orange. Her daughter, Molly, 23, is an admissions counselor at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. She graduated from Converse in 2006 and loved it so much she decided to recruit for their program.

In 2006, **Chris Dryden** and **Jamie Mosberg** purchased a franchise of Global Recruiters Network and opened an office in Wilmington, Del. Jamie is now an executive recruiter, adding staff and growing the business. Chris still teaches at Sanford School, having just completed her 18th year, and still loves it. Oldest son Jake lives in Ashville, N.C., where he works to live and lives to write. Jason is pursuing a career in the movie industry in Los Angeles. Youngest son Josh is in his senior year at Muhlenberg, and spent last summer living with his brother in L.A. doing an internship with a production company. Chris and Jamie report that they are enjoying the down slope!

**Bonnie Catron** and husband Bill are enjoying living in Hampstead. Their daughter graduated from college this year, majoring in English. Their son is in the fifth grade. Bonnie has fond memories of "Barleycakes."

Life goes on for **Bruce Lefew** in Nashville, Tenn. His business, EasEMD Systems continues to grow. They provide electronic medical records for physicians and on-line back-ups for any industry. His daughter, Laura, finished nursing school this year and was married in August. Amber is still in school. Bruce and Donna will soon celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

**Lisa Helstrom** is chairperson of the science department at Bishop England High School in Charleston, S.C. She serves as the artistic director of the Charleston Renaissance Ensemble. Lisa took a class in forensics and worked as a church musician this past summer.

**Susan Terwilliger** writes that Alaska is so much more than she and husband Jeff Stroke ever imagined. The times of breathtaking beauty and awe balance out the hard times and "forced" personal growth. Susan





## From Vladivostok, With Love

Tom '80 and Kathy Chandler Armbruster recently relocated to Vladivostok, Russia, for a three-year assignment where Tom is serving as consul general of the U.S. consulate. Here, in Tom's words, is an early report about their experiences:

Vladivostok is a port city, slightly smaller in population than Baltimore, but with the same working-class character, and dare I say, charm? Paddling my kayak in the Vladivostok port is a nice feature, at least in summer.

The worst thing is that we can't swim in the water near town because it's too polluted. My favorite thing is the great potential for U.S.-Russian cooperation in the Far East. We have big companies doing well here like Caterpillar, Freightliner and Exxon, but I'm looking forward to seeing more small and medium American enterprises.

I love my job. I've helped out Americans in prison overseas, worked on a humanitarian relief flight from Alaska to the Russian Arctic, and been a "control officer" for many presidential visits in different parts of the world.

So far we've traveled to Finland, Cuba, Russia, Mexico, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Greenland, Alaska and the United Nations on government business and representing the U.S. I think I'm good for 20 some years or 50 million miles, whichever comes first.

Helsinki remains a favorite post for us. The northern lights, our good friends and all the winter sports were great, but Vladivostok could come in first by 2020 when we leave.

American culture has definitely found its way here. A hip hop band from D.C. was very popular in Vladivostok, with one babushka (grandmother) saying, "I love those guys." We also have the Simpsons playing at the movies, MTV, and even American chicken, apples and sausage in the markets. But not everything is here. Come see us — and bring peanut butter!

"catches" babies in Anchorage condos and glacier-view cabins; it is her 19th year of practicing midwifery. Jeff is a physical therapy assistant and is close to getting his private pilot's license. Life is not boring.

**Linda Rickell Stiegler** has been teaching band at Welch Middle School in Stafford, Texas, for 15 years. Carl '75 helps out with lights and sound for many of the school and theatre programs. Linda ice skates every morning before school and competes regularly. The Olympics are not in her future, but it is great fun and a lot of cool exercise.

**Glenna Jean Horne Graves** teaches history, with her NGO — InterCultural Connections, and does research on community development. She presented a paper in Thailand in 2006.

Jeanne and **Ed Ginsberg's** children are growing up and determining their own professional futures. Daughter Laura graduated from Princeton University and is now attending NYU law school. Stephen completed his senior year at Tufts University in May '07 and began a doctoral program in psychology at the University of Denver this fall. Thus, mom and dad continue to make frequent visits to New York and Boston to support their children's endeavors. Jeanne continues to enjoy her position as director of guidance at Beth Tlithon High School. Ed's pediatric dentists now at locations in Catonsville and Elliott City, Md. He sees many alumni and their children in daily practice. He continues teaching in the department of pediatric dentistry at University of Maryland Dental School. It is hard to believe he has been teaching there for 23 years.

**Jeff Smith** and family live in northern Virginia where he works as an Army civilian. He is retired from the Army Reserve. His wife teaches German continuing education daughter attends college at George Mason University on a scholarship. Jeff teaches English to members of a Spanish-speaking congregation at the Smiths' church.

**Debbie Tull Paulsgrove** graduated from McDaniel on May 19 with an MLA. Debbie graduated with **Emily Taylor**, '07, daughter of **Keith '81 and Susie Tucker '80 Taylor**. She recently began her ninth year of teaching music at Sykesville Middle School (it only took seven years). Her husband **Gary '75** is in year 32 at the Social Security Administration and counting down to retirement.

**Barb Meister Kroeberger** writes that 2007 has already been a busy year around her house. She returned March 15 from a two-week service trip to Uganda, Africa. Barb and a friend went to a small school for AIDS orphans in southwest Uganda to provide social work training and workshops to the teachers. It was really quite an experience living without electricity, running water and indoor plumbing. They met some incredible people and heard some amazing stories.

Barb is not sure who really taught whom the most. She is busy raising funds to help the school further its goals and objectives. Barb hears from **Craig Merkle** occasionally via e-mail. He is alive and well and still practicing law in Baltimore.

**Martha Pratt Gisriel** works in human resources at City Hospital in Martinsburg, W. Va. She loves her work and enjoys the hospital's affiliation with West Virginia University.

**Austin '79** has a landscaping business, Castle's in the Air Custom gardens, and is a regional representative for ProGreen. Rebecca is a junior at Roanoke College majoring in business and minoring in Spanish. She recently interned with the Salem Avalanche, a minor league baseball team. Sarah is a sophomore at Williamsport High where she plays soccer and lettered as a freshman.

**Rosalie Kasper** recently took a break from work at JMI.

**John Hermann** lives in Richmond, Va., is retired and is 100-percent wheelchair bound.

**David Taylor** continues practicing medicine in Wisconsin and has been teaching medical students and nurse practitioner students. Dave does medical mission work in Nicaragua each February. He began acting in local community theater over the last few years.

**Karen Holway** and husband Michael Seward live in Pennsylvania. Karen received her MBA from the University of Baltimore in 1984. She and Michael worked as a team making fine furniture for six years. Karen returned to project management work in 1997 and has worked for Allfirst, Waypoint Bank, a small financial institution, Citi IT and PHH Fleet. Karen and Michael have traveled extensively in South America.

**Ann Weigel Dixon** changed jobs in January '06 after 14 years with NCI. She is now the program manager for a NASA contract that operates the Center for Aerospace Information, a place she has wanted to work for her entire career. She works for Chugach Industries, an Alaskan Native Corporation. The Dixons took a family cruise in March that stopped in Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama. The trip started with an unexpected drive to Ft. Lauderdale due to icy conditions in Maryland, but after that it was "smooth sailing."

**Sally Stanfield** has changed her law firm of Callagary and Steedman since March '04 with five attorneys and two paralegals near the Washington Monument in Baltimore. They primarily represent children and youth with disabilities. Sally handles the school discipline matters that find their office and represents those students who are referred to the juvenile court system. She lives in Abingdon, about 100 miles from the school. She volunteers time as she can to the Maryland Juvenile Justice Coalition, which advocates for changes in the juvenile courts

and the Department of Juvenile Services. She still works out regularly and has developed a good food blog at her hair.

**Linda Watermeier Landis** sends greetings from Bellingham, Wash., where she and her family have lived for 18 years. Bellingham is becoming more crowded, although it is far less crowded than the East Coast. Bellingham is one of the "gateways" to the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, B.C., and roadwork is already beginning. Linda works as a para-educator substitute in the school system and her husband is at Western Washington University in risk assessment/environmental toxicology. Their eldest daughter is a junior in high school and their youngest is in the eighth grade.

**Adèle Weinberg Connelly** and family continue at a hectic pace. Heather, 20, is a junior at the University of New Haven, majoring in forensic science with a minor in physics. Patrick, 15, is in high school. He continues to play soccer and is working his way up through the ranks of Boy Scouts. Adele is entering her 29th year with the Division of Rehabilitation Services. She directs a High School/High Tech Program and has no spare time!

**John and Sally Seitzer Kantzes** love living in Delaware where they are close to family and friends. Their eldest daughter Katie, a junior at the University of Delaware, is pursuing a double major in American history and economics. She traveled to London during winter session. Kim, their youngest, is a freshman at Clemson University majoring in business. She loves the South and attending huge football games. John is with Sachem in technical sales and doing well. Sally is still with the Winterthur Museum. She also leads women's Bible studies.

**David Rae** and wife Bonnie live in Aberdeen, Md. They managed to get practice round tickets for the Masters Golf Tournament in April. Dave's brother, Craig '81, and his nephew, Chris, joined Bonnie and Dave for three memorable days. Bonnie continues to make and donate quilts to our returning soldiers at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas.

**Ellen "Missy" Green Dumas** still lives living in Maine. She and Greg celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in April '07. Greg is in his 20th year of his private counseling practice after 11 years of working for a community mental health agency. Missy is in her fourth year working as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the state of Maine and loves it after working for 20 years in long-term disability insurance. Jessica, 23, graduated from Bates College and Kristina, 19, is in her second year at the College of William and Mary.

**Judy Byrd Fox** has been the program head for hearing services for the Howard County Public Schools for the last two years. She supervises the team that works with the deaf/hard-of-hearing students. Her husband,

Chris, works for the school system as a computer technician. Their son, James, attends UMBC and is a junior studying accounting. Their daughter, Katie, is a junior at Howard High School and loves dancing.

**Ken Sterner** and wife Barbara have been keeping pretty busy. In March '06, Ken joined the Jarrettville Volunteer Fire Company as a volunteer firefighter, and completed certification as an EMT in May. They have participated in several events sponsored by the fire company, and he received training in various fire, rescue, and EMS procedures. Ken completed an Emergency Vehicle Operator course and began training in Haz Mat Operations in June. Many evenings, and most weekends, include a trip responding to the firehouse. At home, they are wrapping up kitchen/laundry remodeling and yard landscaping projects. In June '05, Ken began working as a quality systems specialist for VISICU, Inc., providing a system to remotely monitor patients in intensive care units in multiple hospitals. 24/7. One of his "tasks" was to head to Orlando in May to attend an ASCO conference. Barbara lounged by the pool and they both enjoyed being tourists.

**Robin Max Townsend's** son, Michael, graduated from Northeastern University in Boston on May 5 and her son, Sam, graduated from Towson University on May 24. Her stepdaughter, Stacey, is working in the Baltimore office of Insight Global and her stepson, Ben, is working at Brooks-Huff Goodyear as an auto mechanic in Hunt Valley. Robin is at Atholton High School in Columbia teaching Spanish and her husband, Jay, is teaching Earth Science at Franklin High School in Reisterstown.

**Helen "Troy" Kiefert** spends three days a week giving personal and golf advice at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, which is a nifty one-mile commute from her home.

**Victoria Maureen Peterson Ahrensdorff** enjoys the beauty of living in the foothills of the Berkshires in western Massachusetts with her family: Eli, 18; Grace, 15, and husband, Robert. After interpreting ASL, Viki has had a private practice in movement education for 25 years. Her passion is helping people feel healthy and vital. She is now working with FreeLife International and Dr. Earl Mitchell growing an international business by helping others to assist people with their health and well being.

I continue to enjoy my work as a consultant in the environmental field and the time I spend as a volunteer with local and international humanitarian and charitable projects. I look forward to seeing many of you at our 30th reunion.

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Thanks to all of you sent in news. It was

great hearing from you. Many of us have entered or are entering the phase of life where we send our children off to college, yet many of us are still doing the shuttle runs to soccer games, etc. And then there are still quite a few who are doing both.

**Robin Carland Bair** is loving life in Columbia, Md., with her husband, Todd, and two daughters, Kendall, 13, and Caroline, 11. She's a stay-at-home mom spending a lot of time on school and church activities.

**Sue Damiano-Cohen** is currently teaching ninth-grade science in New Port Richey, Fla. Her son, Dylan, is a first-grade expert on dinosaurs, and they recently welcomed Alyssa, a yorkie puppy, into their home. Being "true Floridians" now, Sue and her family love to fish, kayak, play at the beach and hang out at Busch Gardens/Adventure Island as often as they can.

In the fall '06, thanks to a scholarship from the Rotary Foundation and great bosses at UNC-Asheville, **Linda Block** was able to travel to Cuernavaca, Mexico, to study Español five days a week and immerse herself in Mexican life. While there, Linda studied lead-glazed pottery in conjunction with her position as coordinator/risk assessor with the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Aside from the nutria bite while swimming, Linda writes that it was a wonderful experience, and she feels fairly confident now claiming to be bilingual. Back in Asheville, N.C., Linda continues to get much satisfaction serving as a volunteer community mediator and as a facilitator/steering committee member for Building Bridges, a local group that initiates dialogues on black-white racism. For fun, she still dances salsa, contra, lindy hop, and zydeco, and takes time to exercise, and journal. She also enjoys writing poems, and participating in book discussion groups and admits that such a full social and professional life are advantages of being single and child-free.

**Vic Caluata** is enjoying life back on the East Coast. He's now the director of housing and residential life at the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth and welcomes visitors to his south shore home. The trade off for being close to family is of course the cold New England winters, but Vic is excited to be at UMass while their enrollment is expanding and housing programs are growing. Last year, Vic was able to open four new apartment-style residence halls on campus to house an additional 800 students and plans to open townhouse-style residences for an additional 800 students over the next two years.

**Audrey Adams Bigelow** has relocated to Springfield, Va., where her husband is the command historian for The Intelligence and Security Command at Ft. Belvoir after recently retiring from the Army. They just celebrated 20 years of marriage and are enjoying being the parents of two teenage boys: Michael Jr., 17, (nicknamed Buster) the mu-

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1987 he was awarded the Trustee Alumni Award and later served on the Board. **Bowe** earned a master's degree from Gallaudet and a Ph.D. from New York University.

As a distinguished professor at Hofstra University, **Bowe** helped to prepare more than 2,000 special education teachers, and his textbooks are used worldwide in higher education. In "Disability in America 2006," a policy paper addressing health care, employment and entitlements, **Bowe** outlined disability policy goals for 2006-2008.

Over the past 25 years, he held positions with Congress and with the Executive Branch, including regional commissioner for the Rehabilitation Services Administration and director of research for the U.S. Access Board.

In 1994, **Bowe** was inducted into the National Hall of Fame for Persons with Disabilities. In 1992, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the President of the United States, signed by then-President George H.W. Bush.

During the 1977 sit-in, he said, "Disabled people are first-class citizens and expect to be treated that way."

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# Apartment to Get Spiffier

A \$3-million-plus renovation project is under way at the Garden Apartments, with completion scheduled for late summer 2008.

The plans call for the installation of new geothermal wells to provide efficient heating and air conditioning. Bathtubs will be replaced with showers, more single bedrooms will be created and kitchens will be removed from most apartments, since students tend to utilize the campus meal plan instead of cooking their own food.

When the Garden Apartments opened in 1974, the kitchens were the feature that students most wanted, according to Carl Gold '78, a Towson attorney who lived in the apartments for the first three years after they opened.

"The kitchens were great," said Gold. "You could make a pizza at 3 a.m. or invite a girl over to make her dinner. We used to pool the money we would have otherwise paid in the dining hall and instead made lobster and steak."

Back then, students set up grills and held parties on the grassy areas around the buildings.

"There was a sense of it being its own neighborhood community," said Jean DiBlasio '76, who lived in the apartments as a senior.

The renovation will expand the number of students who can live in the apartments from 96 to 108. The plans call for new windows and flooring, the addition of powder rooms and the creation of atrium-style entranceways.

In 1974, as now, the plans focus on enhancing the College's living and learning community.

"I still keep in touch with some of my roommates," says DiBlasio. "One was a clean freak who we laughed at because of her lists and schedules. But I took that with me for life. She trained me and got me to appreciate how to take care of a place. I have higher standards to this day after spending a year living with her."

Students living in the North Village apartments enjoy modern accommodations and soon Garden Apartment residents will too.

sician, and David, 15, the artist. After many years of moving often with the military, Audrey and Mike have purchased their first home, and are settled in Virginia, at least until the boys finish high school. Besides her mom and wife duties, Audrey works part time as a member of the student services team of Regent University, D.C., campus, volunteers with an International Christian Military Spouses' Ministry, and still finds time to sing whenever she can. She gets together regularly with Heidi Snyder Wethered and her sister, **Kristie Adams Herndon**, and has worked with **Julie Fringer Palekas** in the Military Spouses' Ministry. After 12 years, she was delighted to have dinner with **Debby Neely Kennedy** this past spring, a surprise from Heidi.

**Mary Chaney** and **Jeff Dawson** just bought a new house in Frederick County where Mary teaches at Wollsville Elementary with **Becky Jackson Butler** as a co-worker. Between teaching and being a mom, she managed to find time to get a second master's degree. Jeff has been promoted to a senior scientist position at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where he's been for the last 10 years. He primarily deals with human health risk assessment and policy issues relating to pesticides. For fun they hang out with their kids at scouting, The Kwon Do and soccer and enjoy relaxing and boating at their house in Rehoboth.

**Kristie Adams Herndon** earned her master's degree in library science in December '06 and is currently planning further graduate work at Indiana University where she works as an assistant recorder for the College of Arts and Sciences. She and her husband, Tim, take pride in their three children: Matt, 18, who will be starting at Indiana University this fall in elementary education; Zach, 15, who plays several instruments for his high school band, and Grace, 12, who has inherited her mother's ability to sing and write songs. Kristie loves getting together with **Heidi Snyder Wethered** and her sister **Audrey Adams Bigelow** when she gets to the East Coast.

After an unsuccessful surgery four years ago, **Ann Hilton Horn's** daughter recently went through a nine-hour surgery which will hopefully correct her severe scoliosis. Her daughter will begin classes at Hood College in the fall and her son just successfully finished his freshman year at high school. When not transporting her daughter to and from college, Ann teaches a variety of science courses at South Carroll High School where she had the pleasure of teaching **Kathy Eichelberger Barna's** '85 children.

**Helen Stallings** lives in Columbia, Md., and commutes to her job in D.C. where she is working in the office of the assistant secretary for preparedness and response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Last summer she traveled to London and Paris and was so enamored with Paris

that she is traveling back again in August '07. Her only regret, that she didn't take art history at WMC, so encourage your children to take that well-rounded schedule in college, you never know when you might need it! She sees fellow alumnae **Lorraine Jones** and **Susan Maginnis** at Yoga class and keeps in touch with **Amy Morgan**, **Robin Rice Berglund** and **Patti Riggs** via e-mail. Helen also has been in touch with **Mary Helen Fabie Oliver** who attended WMC for two years. She was displaced by Hurricane Katrina, but finally moved back into her rebuilt home in December '06.

**Marianna "Mimi" Nave McReel** is still writing healthcare services contracts for the Department of the Navy. Her husband is on staff with the ROTC department at Mount St. Mary's University following his retirement from the Navy. Mount St. Mary's ROTC program falls under McDaniel's Green Terror ROTC Battalion. Mimi keeps in touch with **Patty Magglin**, **Linda Lang Hubble** and **Terri Meyer Hansen**, getting together with their families whenever possible, and is fortunate to live near another alum, her sister, **Becky Nave Hub** '86.

Congratulations to **Amy Morgan** who just received tenure and a promotion at Bowling Green State University where she teaches exercise physiology and researches aging in the Kinesiology Division. As a college professor, she reports that the students are looking younger to her each year and she gets a chuckle of watching students perform the silly antics that students seem bound to do, but of course none of us ever did on the Hill.

**Chris Soto** and her husband celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this past spring and while they enjoy the life in sunny south Florida, she sometimes misses the changing seasons from up north. Chris telecommutes to her job as a conservation magazine editor and keeps in touch with **MaryClare Denion Long**, **Debbie Dale Seidel**, **Jeff** and **Mary Chaney Dawson** and **Jessica Friedman Chapman**.

**Ken "Chip" Fox** still lives in Reading, Pa., where he works for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as a conservation inspector. When not working he designs, teaches and judges high school marching bands and coaches his daughter's little league team.

**Andy and Anne Mercer Bowes** '85 are enjoying life in the Colonial Triangle of Virginia where Andy is the garrison commander at Fort Eustis. It is likely they will stay there until he can consider retirement from active duty. Besides Scouting with his son, especially the high adventure activities, Andy loves sailing, but doesn't have as much time for it as he wishes. Maybe in retirement. And Andy and Anne have also entered into the college phase of life, as their daughter heads off in the fall.

**Gail Leek Klackner** writes that she is still a



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senior legal editor for Maryland Regulations in the Maryland Secretary of State's Office. When not editing, she's busy with the usual soccer and swimming runs. They hoped to do a lot of beaching and boating this summer and if possible play with their new toy, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

**Jim Bodine** lives in South Haven, Mich., with his wife and three children: Taylor, 13, Jack, 2, and Sam, 1. Besides spending time with the family, Jim enjoys participating in triathlons and skiing.

**Laney Fisher Howard** sends greetings from Princess Anne, Md., where she works in the Somerset County State's Attorney's Office as the victim/witness coordinator. Though she enjoys her job of meeting with the victims and witnesses to prepare them for the court experience, she misses having summers off. Laney and her husband, Ronnie, have been married 20 years and will send their daughter to Wor-Wic Community College in the fall where she will take six classes toward a major in elementary education and then transfer to Salisbury University in two years. They also have a son in middle school who is quite the Orioles fan. In the off-season he consoles himself with basketball and the guitar.

**Lea Ruggiero O'Shea** has finally realized her dream. She is a professional photographer for a studio in Florham Park, N.J., doing weddings, portraits and school pictures. When not behind a camera, she is in front of a computer getting rid of wrinkles and pimples. Lea has two boys who keep her busy. The upcoming presidential election is causing a bit of nostalgia as Lea remembers her first time voting was while she was at WMC. That may be true for many of us.

**Maurice '81 and Beverly Packard Pitzer** are still home-schooling two of their four children and look forward to their daughter marrying a McDaniel graduate in the fall of 2007. Bev is enjoying being the mother of the bride and having adult relationships with her children, but there's still the other side of life, which includes soccer, volleyball, archery, scouts and softball.

**Dennis Ottman** sends greetings from Fairmont, W.Va., where he's been working at Deutsche Bank Alex Brown for the last 18 years. He and his wife, Sharon, have three children and spend much of their free time at swimming and softball events.

**Rick King** and his wife are living in College Station, Texas, where Rick is still a member of the U.S. Army and currently serving as a professor of military science at Sam Houston State University. His wife, Lisa, is the assistant director for the MBA Career Education and Advising Department at the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University. They are looking forward to building a home in Holman, Texas, in a couple of years on their recently purchased land. When not doing university business, they keep busy with their cattle operation.

**Tim Harrison** and his wife stay busy with

their three children in Carroll County, Md. Tim works at Francis Scott Key High School as a crisis intervention specialist and has recently retired from 22 years of coaching football, wrestling and girls lacrosse. He feels fortunate to have traveled to Kenya two years ago on a church missions trip. His free time is spent fishing, cheering at his kids sporting events and spending time in the Outer Banks with his family.

Also teaching in Carroll County is **Ivy Silverman Allgeier**. Her husband, **Steve '83**, is an extension agent of the University of Maryland Extension Service in Westminster. They are officially "townies" now and love it. Their son attends Westminster High and their daughter keeps them busy with her sporting events. They have a regular zoo cat, five house, which includes two dogs, a cat, five rabbits, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, giant African millipedes and dung beetles, and horses. Their zoo often expands to include whatever animals Steve needs for his school programs. In addition to running the zoo, the Allgeier family enjoys uni-cycling, rollerblading and walking a tight rope in their backyard. It sounds like the funniest backyard in the neighborhood.

**Wendy Gae Carver** and her husband were a bit emotional as their oldest graduated high school this spring. There may be a few tears as they send her off to Randolph-Macon College this fall. Wendy is now officially the shortest person in her family as her eighth-grade son has passed her in height. Wendy is a school counselor at Shady Spring Elementary School in Baltimore County and was thrilled to go to London to watch her daughter's high school marching band perform in the New Year's Day parade there. Wendy keeps in touch with **Patty McLaughlin** and **Debbie Elsdberg Hoover** and gets updates on **Jennifer Eisberg-McCullin** from her husband, **Mark '83**, who she often runs into at meetings.

Congratulations to **Becky Bankert Cook** who won her club's ladies golf championship for the past three years. Not surprisingly, Becky plays golf any chance she gets. She also enjoys exercising and being Mom to their three kids: Ben, 16, Kevin, 13, and Jenny, 10. Becky and her husband, **Tom**, live in Carmel, Ind., near Indianapolis.

**Lance Hammell** is still teaching health and physical education and officiating football games in New Jersey. He is the head golf coach at Wildwood Catholic High where his daughter will be attending in the fall. His oldest son is a U.S. Marine and his daughter has just been accepted to the Stone Harbor Beach Patrol. Lance and his wife, **Winnie Newsome '86**, just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

**Larry Uhrig's** medical practice keeps him very busy in Marietta, Ohio, while **Lori Ann Whetley Uhrig** is a professional volunteer in the public school system there. Their oldest son graduated this spring and will be attend-

ing Ohio Wesleyan University on a full Presidential scholarship this fall. Larry and Lori still have two children at home who keep them busy with choir, scouting and sports.

**Charlotte Stier Reges** is back in Maryland after five years in Washington State. Her husband is an engineer with Boeing and Charlotte went back to school and should be getting her accounting degree soon. Charlotte and Rex have three children: Michael, 16, Matthew, 14, and Caroline, 9.

**Jim Rapp** is working for the Department of Defense. He and his fiancée, Betsy, along with his son, Daniel, 13, and his daughter, Krysten, spent the Fourth of July in Hawaii this past summer. Jim has his phone number on file with the alumni office and would welcome contact with college friends.

**Dan Krolkowski** reports that he, too, will be sending his son off to college in the fall. He still works for AIG and has a teenage daughter at home to keep him on his toes.

**Patty Jones Wooten** and her husband, Randy, live in Eldersburg, Md., where she is an account manager with Invitrogen Corp. Her spare time is spent taking horseback riding lessons with her children, Morgan and Cody, and cheering for them as they compete in Hunter/Jumper Horse Shows. A highlight of this past year was a weekend in St. Pete's Beach, Fla., with other alumni having a great time with great friends.

**Melissa "Missy" Wagner Keyser** and her husband, Dan, braved some brutally cold weather this past spring to watch their son, Christopher, play lacrosse for Newport University. The summer kept them busy running their family owned and operated snow-bowl stand in Midlothian, Va., where they are doing their best to educate the locals that marshmallow cream tastes great on top of flavored shaved ice. She recently had lunch with **Tricia Troy Cammerzell**, **Ann McDonough Lepczyk**, **Carberry Morrow**, **Missy Mules Herbert** and **Kathy Marvel Paranzino**. Like most of us, Missy found out that old friendships can pick up at anytime with treasured old friends.

**Tom Zimmer** is in his eighth year as a vice principal in Ocean City, Md. He and his wife, Beth, have been married 23 years. He has a daughter at Mt. St. Mary's and a son who will be attending his dad's high school in the fall. Their daughter, Kate, will be entering McDaniel this fall where she will be playing basketball for our alma mater. Tom is looking forward to being back on the Hill.

**Bruce and Tracy Woodard Gregory** love life in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and are not missing the cold weather at all. Bruce works in the athletic department at Coastal Carolina University and Tracy works for Books A Million. Their daughter will be heading to the University of South Carolina this fall while their son will be a junior in high school. Naturally sports keep them very busy, but they manage to keep in touch with **Cari and Barb Hess '85 McAloose**, **Cary '83** and **Sue Matthews Harris**, **Tom and Becky Bankert Cook**, **Greg and Court-**

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Mrs. Catherine Parker Moriarty '27, of Macon, Ga., on June 19, 2007.

Mrs. Margaret Willinger Lau '8, of Bowie, Md., on April 8, 2007.

Mr. Charles L. Whittington '34, of Cockeysville, Md., on June 19, 2007.

Mrs. Hazel Jones Berry '35, of Perkasie, Pa., on January 12, 2007.

Miss Evelyn V. Maus '35, MD'63, of Quincy, Pa., on June 24, 2007.

Ms. Ella Shank Clarke '37, of Sykesville, Md., on July 13, 2007.

Mr. E. Worthington Belt '38, of Bedminster, NJ, on June 19, 2007.

Mrs. Jane Gilchrist Stair '40, of Ridgely, W. Va., on April 26, 2007.

Mr. William M. Banks '41, of Oroville, Calif., on December 21, 2006.

Col. Lester J. Knepp '41, of Columbus, Ohio, on March 30, 2007.

Mrs. Elizabeth Corman Pickens '42, of West Columbia, S.C., on November 6, 2006.

Mrs. Ruth Kahring Russell '42, of Towson, Md., on February 17, 2005.

Mr. Irving A. Russell '44, of Westminster, Colo., on May 12, 2007.

Mrs. Cordelia Price Turk '44, of Virginia Beach, Va., on June 12, 2007.

Mrs. Audrey Donaldson Baker '46, of Sykesville, Md., on June 12, 2007.

Mr. Robert K. Mathias '48, of Westminster, Md., on May 8, 2007.

Mr. John J. O'Hara '48, of Cornwall Heights, Pa., in February 1979.

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# Lessons Learned While Hiking the Entire Appalachian Trail



Paul Hugas '06 strapped a piece of duct tape over the throbbing blister on his foot and kept going. Wearing sandals while hiking 17 miles a day from Georgia to Maine across the 2,174-mile-long Appalachian Trail didn't bother him, even though he could hear the people he passed each day laughing at his footwear.

Some days, he would see 50 people. Others, only three. So how did this mathematics and economics dual major who once dreamed of becoming a financial planner end up on the trail, boiling his water and pitching a tent for five months?

Hugas isn't totally sure himself. As an Eagle Scout who ran cross country and track on the Hill, he was naturally in shape. After graduation, Hugas took a job as a ranger at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, where a friend convinced him to return to McDaniel to earn his teacher certification.

Hugas' wilderness experience, plus the free summer before the start of the BEST Teacher Certification program, added up to the perfect opportunity for an adventure. He met two strangers and a silver Labrador retriever in his early days on the path, and the group trekked together.

"We were hiking through America's backyard," says Hugas. "Sometimes we passed through towns, sometimes it was rural. We

passed so close to New York City that we could see the skyline and hop a train that would take you smack in the middle of Times Square."

There were dangers, like a lightning storm that hit while the trio was hiking above the tree line in the White Mountains.

"I was completely scared," says Hugas. "I'm not much of a lightning guy, but we kept going and I'm glad we did."

They faced snow, extreme heat and two weeks when it didn't stop raining. They faced temptations like maple-syrup ice cream at a Vermont dairy that beckoned them to stay in civilization. But they never thought of quitting.

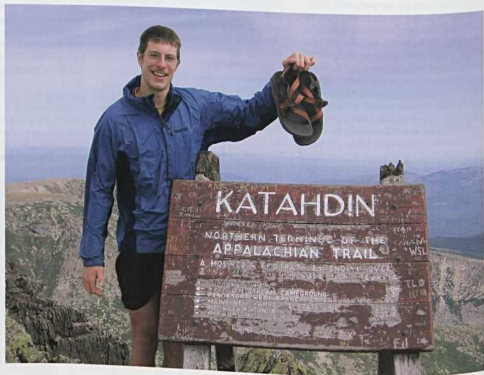
With no regular phone or Internet service and no car, they didn't hear until after the fact about the remarks that got radio star Don Imus fired, the massive dog food recall or the latest debate over Iraq War funding.

"All the things people are arguing about don't apply when you're out in the wilderness," says Hugas. "Out there, all you have to do is sleep, eat and take care of yourself."

Now that he is enrolled in the BEST pro-

gram, interning at Shiloh Middle School and hoping to become a high school mathematics teacher, Hugas reflects on the lessons learned from those long days walking from Georgia to Maine. Self-sufficiency, for one. But more important, Hugas has learned that people find different ways to reach a common goal. The feeling of accomplishment at the end of the trail is the same, no matter if one has pulled up boot straps or strapped on sandals to get there.

—Michele Leiberman



ney Quinn Jones and Colleen Cohegan Rosberry. Gary '83 and Susie Harris' daughter will also be heading to the University of South Carolina in the fall.

Deborah Hildebrand Hoover is thrilled to be starting a library for the fall. She will be setting up a library for a new building for grades four to six. She's excited to be able to build the collection from scratch, set up the physical library, and be in one building instead of several, but the best part is she gets to walk to work. Deborah and her husband, Carl, enjoyed a Caribbean cruise this past summer and is really hoping to do lunch soon with Wendy Cage Carver and Patty McLaughlin.

Ken Schaefer moved to Bucks County, Pa., in 2006 with his partner, Paul, and their twins Keira and Alexandra, 1. Ken continues to work for Merrill Lynch but now in the Doylestown office instead of the Manhattan office and Paul runs a commercial bakery in Newtown, which is known for its wedding cakes.

Debby Neely Kennedy is busy, busy, busy home-schooling four of her six children and being the "Kool-aid" mom for the friends of her college-age children who attend Geneva College a few miles from home. In her spare time, Debby volunteers as the registrar of her home school co-op and as the librarian at church. She and her husband, Mark, occasionally find time for dates without the kids and Debbie is storing up plenty of hobbies to keep her busy after her chicks leave the nest. She'd get to visit with Heidi Snyder Wethered and Audrey Adams Bigelow this past April.

Betsy Mitchell Henning writes that she and husband, Eric '83, are entering a new phase of life as Eric is retiring from the financial world to take on public speaking full time. Eric has been performing as a magician during his spare time, but will now make it part of his full-time career. Betsy continues to be the director of liturgical arts at Cedar Ridge Community Church in Spencerville, Md., a small town suspended between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. At work she plans and coordinates services, mentors creative geniuses and tries to avoid stomping and cursing when the technical equipment breaks down. At home, she loves being an "old new" mom and defies anyone to find a cuter baby than Ian who will be 2 in December. Whenever possible, she finds time for reading, writing, photography and spending time with friends. She does, however, manage to squeeze in time to visit with old roommate Beth White Werrell '83.

Trish Feaga Holmes is keeping busy acting as a single parent while her husband, Lee '87, is serving overseas with the Army. Chaotic is the term she uses to describe the juggling act between her new job as a CPA and the various adventures of her four children ranging in age from 9 to 17. Home to this active life in St. Louis, Mo., and Trish and Lee extend an open invitation to stop by.

Linda Lang Hubble is still teaching special education in Hartford County, Md. Her two

boys, 7 and 11, keep her on her toes with their many activities. This spring saw them in Disney World having a great time. Linda's happy to report that she has been able to stay in contact with Cindy Tanner Rawlings, Carol Conley Whitby, Patty McLaughlin, Mini Vane McReel and Terry Meyer Hansen, and has recently been able to connect with Werner Winkler after many years.

Steven Carr is excited about being back on the Hill again as his son, Andy, has accepted a ROTC scholarship to McDaniel. Steven continues to enjoy his job with the FBI, which allows him to travel the world and be involved in high-profile cases. Steven and his wife of 21 years, Michelle, have two other children who often get subtle hints about the virtues of attending McDaniel College.

Life on the Eastern Shore of Maryland still holds charm for Jeff Trice. He's still working as his first job after graduating from college, but the banking world has changed enough over the past 20 years to keep it fresh and exciting. The newest addition to their household is their eldest daughter's new horse, Jack, Rebekah, 15, enjoys competing with Jack, while Sarah, 14, is the aspiring writer in the family and Katy, 11, is a chef in the making.

You probably don't get away with much in Ann Kam Kehinde's house as she is an administrative law judge for the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings where she decides administrative cases for over 200 state agencies and her husband, Hakeem, works with the D.C. Superior Court in Washington, D.C. They have two children, Suraj, a fifth-grader, and Sara, a kindergarten. Ann's work includes deciding issues such as inmate grievances and involuntary psychiatric admissions. She and her family live in Baltimore.

Art Morrison is a vice president with Gable Signs in Baltimore. He and his wife, Michelle, moved back to Maryland from New York after their son was born. Their "later-in-life bundle of joy" is now 5 and will start kindergarten in the fall. Art and Michelle are hard at work fixing up their house in Anne Arundel County. In his spare time, Art enjoys playing racquetball and coaching soccer for Mountain Road Soccer.

Kelly Wolf Probst is glad to be the assistant superintendent of her local school system as it allows her to keep her finger on the pulse of her sons' education. Her two sons, ages 15 and 17, are very active in sports, each playing three a year in high school. Even with all that, Kelly still finds time to teach. She is an adjunct professor at University of North Carolina, where she teaches graduate courses in educational leadership. She and her husband, who runs the family gas and oil business, enjoy taking the boys skiing once a year and then counteracting that with a week's vacation in a tropical location.

Darcy Smith Turner along with husband Tom and daughter Ava welcomed 2-year-old Andrei into their family in July. Darcy and

Tom adopted Andrei from Russia and Ava is thrilled to be a big sister. Darcy keeps in touch with Debbie Frederico May, Beth Gray Knudsen, and Heather Rembert Fahmy '85 as much as their busy lives will allow.

Laurie Ensor Bullock writes that her time is primarily spent as the support system for husband Gawn, who runs Westminster Lawn Service, daughter Stacy who attends Carroll Community College and daughter Lindsay who's a sophomore in high school. Laurie would welcome a visit from alumni who are in the Westminster area.

Gina Breuer Boyer writes that the northwest region of Washington State is beautiful. Her time is contentedly taken up with home-schooling, breeding beagles, selling eggs, teaching piano to her children and running a family business out of her home. She and her family are also involved in their church activities and Gina is happy to be able to pick up the phone and talk to old friends like Chrysanthei Tegeris Himonas anytime and have it seem like they talked just yesterday.

I had a similar experience when I recently reconnected with Amy Kaplan '83 who lived on my hall freshman year. It was so fun to be able to catch up after 20-plus years and yet feel like it really hadn't been that long since we had last talked. Something about living together for four years in a dorm builds bonds that can stand the test of time. The Conner family is adjusting to life in Doylestown, Pa., where my husband, Mike '82, is the director of clinical manufacturing for Imclone Systems. We are hoping to hook up with some fellow alumni who live in the area, and even though we have moved to a different state, we keep up our tradition of sending New Year's Eve with Paul '83 and Nancy Turner '82 Parlette.

As with many of you, we also will send a freshman off to college in the fall. We lobbied for McDaniel, but our son, Philip, chose Millersville University instead. Though I'm sure I will miss him, I'm hoping the noise level goes down as we will be left with only level one home, Amanda, 12, and Jeremy, 9, two at home. Amanda, 12, and Jeremy, 9, last year, while everyone else was heading off to sunny spring break destinations, our family flew north to St. Petersburg, Russia to visit Mike's brother and his family. While we had to pack our winter clothes, the kids did enjoy being able to swim in an outdoor pool in Finland while there was still snow on the ground. Mom and dad stuck mostly to the indoor pool and spa! It was great fun however to take the kids outside their world and let them experience life in a different culture. Mommy's favorite activities were touring the palaces and seeing the Russian Ballet! After speaking of mommy, I'm still a stay-at-home mom and professional volunteer.

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# family

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Mr. Philip B. Schaeffer '48, of New Oxford, Pa., on May 30, 2007.

Dr. Hugh B. Tresselt '48, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., on April 26, 2007.

Dr. Leon Stover '50 and honorary doctor of letters 1980, of Chicago, Ill., on November 25, 2006.

Dr. Michael A. Chirigos Jr. '52, of Potomac, Md., on June 9, 2007.

Mr. William R. Cook '53, of Towson, Md., on June 17, 2007.

Mr. Daniel H. Osborne '53, of New Bern, N.C., on February 7, 2007.

Mrs. Peggy Ann Pate Sunshine '57, of Irvine, Calif., on March 17, 2002.

Mr. N. Edward Lukemire Jr. '59, of Sparks Glencoe, Md., on July 20, 2007.

Chap. David W. Williams '59, of Schertz, Texas, on August 5, 2006.

Mrs. Pauline Lastowski Layton '62, of Dallas, Texas, on December 22, 2005.

Mrs. Sharon Corathers Lubbenhusen '62, of Rosedale, Md., on May 17, 2007.

Dr. Ned C. Musser MEd '62, of Selomons Island, Md., on May 23, 2007.

Dr. Martha Goodwin Paradise MEd '70, of Middletown, Md., on May 13, 2007.

Mr. Stephen L. Athey '73, of Warrenton, Va., on February 5, 2007.

Sgt. Maj. Charles W. Telfair MLA '79, of Sarasota, Fla., on January 21, 2001.

Mrs. Mary Louise Karcher Dewey MEd '81, of Westminster, Md., on May 22, 2007.

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It was great to see everyone who attended our 10th reunion last year. Time is flying faster than ever, and there's plenty of news to share.

**Bobbi Boney** received her master of arts in teaching from Johns Hopkins in 2005. Since then, she has been enjoying her job as a third-grade teacher in the Howard County Public School System. She married Michael Guizzotti, a Baltimore City police officer, on July 7, 2007.

**Karen Fulton Pleas** is taking a break from her career as a pediatric physical therapist to care for her first child, Gabriel Anthony Pleas, born on May 6, 2007.

Running their restaurant, Metropolitan, in Annapolis, Md., has been keeping **Gabriele Huber Herbst** and her husband, Scott, extremely busy. She says, "So many old friends from school have come in to check the place out. It's always really nice to see everyone, and we appreciate the support!"

**Karen Beamer Willoughby** is still an attorney and tax consultant with Ernst & Young in Baltimore. She and her husband spend their free time volunteering at a local animal shelter where she is also on the board of directors. They are the "parents" of two shelter-rescue dogs and five shelter-rescue cats.

**Tim Collins** and his wife, Stacy, welcomed Quinlan Faith and Rylan Grace Collins on October 27, 2006. The twins were born six weeks early and weighed 4 pounds, 7 ounces and 4 pounds, 12 ounces. After nearly two months in the NICU, both girls came home to meet big brother Parker, 5, right before Christmas. The girls and the rest of the family are doing great and currently live in Austin, Texas, where Tim manages his financial advisory business.

**Steve Eckstrom** is living in Asheville, N.C., with his wife, Jen. He works as an assistant principal at Reynolds Middle School. If he's not "fixing" the seventh-graders or scheduling middle school sports, you may see him driving a bus as a substitute. He keeps in touch with many of his Sig Ep brothers.

According to **Hilmi Konde**, his accounting firm now employs 10 people and is becoming one of the largest in Cyprus. He spends much of his time traveling overseas for business or taking care of his growing daughter. He extends special thanks to Susan Mülstein for encouraging him to pursue his CPA and set up his own business.

**Chiara Berlingo Fox** is working in San Francisco, Calif., and living as an information architect for Adaptive Path, a small consulting company. She gets to put her master's of library science degree to work every day by helping companies better organize their websites and make them easier to use. Her job has taken her to some exciting new places recently, including Rio de Janeiro and Amsterdam, where she has been leading training workshops. Pressured by fellow

alum **Rebekah Velazquez**, Chiara recently joined MySpace and has been overwhelmed by the number of McDaniel alumni she's gotten back in touch with there. It's been a great way to hear from folks.

A lot has happened for **Susan Foreman White** in the last year. She changed school systems (Baltimore to Howard County), moved into a house in Crownsville, Md., and got married on Jan. 20, 2007 in Charleston, S.C. They sailed the Leeward Islands last spring and were sailing the British Virgin Islands this June. They have had some very interesting experiences, including dinner with the ambassador of Finland at the embassy in D.C. While in Ft. Lauderdale recently at a business conference with her husband, they met a couple at dinner and discovered that the wife was a 1979 alumna. Small world, isn't it?

**Courtney Sullivan Chesney** and husband **Ron '93** have been living in Mt. Airy, Md., for four years. She stays at home with their four children: Alyssa, 6; Carter, 4; Lauren, 2, and Callie, 1. Courtney mostly keeps in touch with **Denise Sarver Smith**.

**Denise Sarver Smith** and her husband, Chris, reside in Elliott City, Md., and she is currently staying home with their son, Cooper, 3. At the time of this writing, she was looking forward to a annual girls' weekend in June with **Emily Firer**, **Callie Thompson Gould**, **Amy Luebehusen**, **Rachel Green Stein** and **Anne Larson Brakeman**. Anne also mentioned the anticipated summer getaway in her update. She celebrated the arrival of daughter **Eliza MacPherson Brakeman** on Nov. 21, 2005. The latest family member joined big brother Will, 4.

**Aimee Dickinson Peeling** is living in Pennsylvania with her husband, Tim, and son Wyatt. She enjoyed seeing friends Anne, Callie, Rachel, Emily, Denise, and everyone else at the 10-year reunion.

After a move to Norfolk, Va., in 2005, **Tania Huzarewicz Baumhover** is preparing for another move to Italy this fall. Her husband is being assigned for three years to NAS Sigonella, which is on the East Coast of Sicily. Their son, Nicholas, turns 3 in November.

**Anne Hilary Harper** continues to enjoy time at home with her daughter, Erin. They celebrated her second birthday in June. They also purchased a new home in July '06 and recently relocated to Nicholasville, just south of Lexington, Ky.

After living the dream as a rock star, **Paul Matkovic** decided it was time to hit the books again in order to pursue his other dream of becoming a psychologist. He graduated from George Washington University on May 20, 2007 with a doctor of psychology degree. He moved to New York City two years ago to do his pre-doctoral internship at Mt. Sinai Hospital. At present, Paul is in his first year of psychoanalytic training at the New York Psychoanalytic Institute, while simultaneously doing a post-doc at the Metropolitan Center

for Mental Health. He lives in Manhattan with his girlfriend, Charis. They are the proud parents of Charlie, a 1-year-old West Highland white terrier. In his spare time, Paul enjoys swimming, snowboarding, playing bass and entering table tennis tournaments.

**Michal Humbert** continues to live and work in Hartford County, Md. Last summer he purchased his first home in Abingdon, Md., and continues to work as an assistant principal at Fallston Middle School.

**Nicole Dolan Casamento** is still teaching middle school and has attained two graduate degrees, master's in administration and supervision. She resides in a new home in Brigantine, N.J.

The most exciting news for **Melanie Phipps Repp** is the birth of her son, Erich James, on Jan. 20, 2006. She stays home with him while working part time as a storm water/floodplain engineer. She is still living in Hampstead, Md., and hanging out with many of her former S.T.A.Y. suitmates.

**Amy Eggers Smith** married **Scott W. Smith** '02 on June 30, 2006, in Cape May, N.J., and they honeymooned in Hawaii (Oahu, Maui, the Big Island). Bridesmaids at the wedding included her sister and maid of honor **Annie Eggers Peters** '01 as well as her Phi Sig sorority sisters **Karen Alexander** and **Danielle Miller**. The couple met in a teachers' golf league, and they now reside in Westminster. Amy works for the federal government, loves being an aunt and travels as a hobby. This year she's off to China, Taiwan and Japan.

**Taeatte Louderback-Smith** continues to practice family medicine in Hartford County, Md. She and her husband, Joe Bosley-Smith, are the happy parents of daughter Haley, born on Sept. 20, 2005.

Since our last update, **Sandra Eilman Hoyle** has moved twice. From South Florida, they moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., and from there they headed to Orange County, Calif. On Jan. 9, 2007, they added Livvi Belle to their troupe of girls. She joins big sisters Julie Ana, 5; Catie, 3, and Emme, 1. Sandra is having a lot of fun staying home with the girls (and trying to stay sane). Although she has called Florida home since graduation, she is excited to explore California.

**Jeremy "Pugs" Osteen** has been working at Rest Haven Cemetery in Hagerstown for nine years as a memorial counselor. He primarily focuses on pre-need arrangements, but he also meets with families after losses and helps with the management of the cemetery, which does 300 burials a year. He says that he works for a wonderful family and has a 10-minute walk to work that is hard to beat. Jeremy went to Europe last summer and wandered the battlefields and cemeteries of the Western Front from World War I. He spent time in Ypres, Vimy Ridge, and stayed for several days where the Battle of the Somme was fought. After a lot of research and reading on the Great War, the opportunity to wander these sites was an expe-

rence that he says he can't put fully into words. He also traveled to Normandy and visited the American Sector (Omaha and Utah beaches, St. Mere Eglise, Point Du Hoc, etc.). Next summer will hopefully include a trip to Verdun. Back at home, he still keeps in touch with many Sig Eps like **Chris Drawbaugh '98**, **Pat Metcalf**, **Steve Ekstrom**, **Matthew Wachter** and **Jamson Pain '99**.

**Heather Smith** was busy planning a July move from South Florida to the Baltimore area. She says that she finally decided to give up the hurricanes and beaches in exchange for some seasons. Her children, Jacob, 8, and Cullen, 6, are anxious to start their life in Maryland, while Heather is trying to figure out a new path in training and development.

New arrival Hailey Renee was celebrated by Darin and Amy Sheriff Wiggins on May 1, 2007. Their daughter, Heidi, just finished kindergarten, and their son, Sebastian, turned 4 in March. Last year, Amy accepted a position at 14 Commerce, the parent company for the online product product Bill Me Later.

**Cindy Slaughter** married Thomas Neuberger on May 5, 2007 in Akumal, Mexico. They want to thank **Jennifer Milstein Johnson '93** for setting them up on a blind date! Cindy has changed career paths and is now a real estate agent for Obsidian Realty in Baltimore. They live in Mt. Vernon with their beloved dog, Vincent.

**Holly Roback Plank** just celebrated her seven-year anniversary working at DeticaDFI in Washington, D.C. She recently transitioned from managing defense-related projects to serving as the director of operations for DeticaDFI's Intelligence Division. Holly lives in Silver Spring, Md., with her husband, Steve. When not working, they're busy keeping up with and trying to outsmart their two sons, Jackson, 4, and Caleb, 1. She says hello to her Phi Mu sisters and hopes to catch up with some of them soon.

Wedding bells rang for **Elaine Spiegler Valora** on July 16, 2005, as she married Michael B. Valora in New Providence, N.J. The couple now resides in Pennsylvania.

**Eric Farrow** is a detective for the MdTA Police, and his wife, Lynne, is a nurse at Johns Hopkins. I saw Eric along with **Ridge Knaufl**, **Seth Noone**, **Blair St. Amand**, **Becky Duex-Laurence** and **Eric Laurence '97**. **Steve Bickling** and **Kevin Koretzki '97** last winter for a holiday outing at Ridge's eatery. The Crackpot Restaurant, in Towson, Md.

Things in Shade Gap are going well for **Sarah Ensor McMath** and her husband, John. Their son, Noah Robert, was born on Jan. 17, 2007. Emma, 2, is a happy tomboy who would rather be mucking in the stream digging for mudpuppies than playing with her dolls. Feeling a little squeezed for space, they are now trying to decide where and when to build a new home on their property. Sarah will be starting her 10th year as a biology teacher at the local high school. Over the

summer, she joined **Julie Cox Schultz** and Julie's children, Ellie, 2, and Everett, 1, to watch the New Windsor parade.

**Michele Roatche Williams** and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their third son, Samuel Rhys, on June 25, 2007. Along with Joshua, 3, and Aiden, 2, they have been living in Fort Worth, Texas, for the past two years. While they can't call themselves true Texans yet, they have made some wonderful friends and have enjoyed southern living despite missing the beaches and mountains of southern California.

**Susan Vandenberg Walker** and **Dennis '94** celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary last December. Sue enjoys staying at home in Orefield, Pa., with their two daughters, Brooke, 6, and Lainie, 2. Dennis works as an account manager for TekSystems Inc. out of Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

On a sad note, we lost two classmates since our last update. **Eric Paulson** and **Jen Evans Skowronski** both passed away in April '06. Our deepest sympathies go out to both families. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the college fund for Jen's newborn daughter, Catherine. Her husband, Dave, was overwhelmed by the support that they received.

Since Jen's passing, **Cara Ditto** has constantly been reminded of the amazing experience that she had at McDaniel and all of

the wonderful friendships that were built. These friends have been a source of unending support through hospital visits, the funeral, and afterwards. "I am blessed to still have them in my life 10-plus years after college," she says. Cara continues to do work that she feels passionately about — providing counseling to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse as a therapist for TurnAround. Her second child, Sarah Marie Ditto Tiedemann, was born in October '06. Big brother Ryan, 3, seems to be adjusting as well as can be expected.

**Danielle Miller** recently moved from Miami Beach to Tampa, Fla. She is a practicing dentist there. She often sees fellow Phi Sig and Tampa resident **Danielle Grandino**, who is a practicing physician.

As for me, like with my wife, **Amy Rice Mirra '97**, and happy son Kyle, 2, continues to be great. Thanks again to all who responded!

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The Honorable **Parren J. Mitchell**, honorary doctor of law 1990, of Owings Mills, Md., on May 28, 2007.

Ms. **Amy Burgan Everett M'93**, of Hagerstown, Md., in 2005.

Ms. **Susan R. Scali '95**, of Las Vegas, Nev., on January 17, 1996.

Mr. **Eric J. Paulson '96**, of Finksburg, Md., on April 6, 2006.

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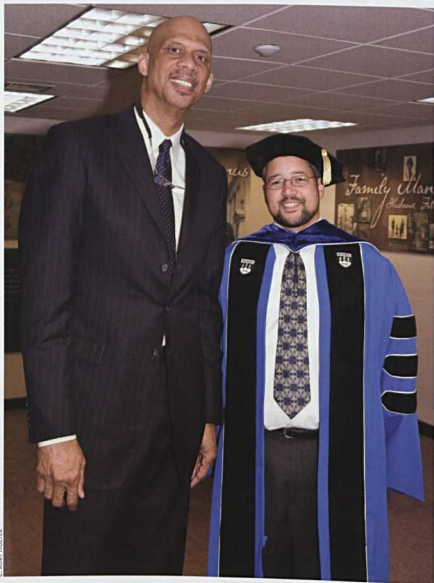


# back story

—What they were thinking

**Sept. 29, 2007**

**Assistant Professor of History Bryn Upton happily stands in the shadow of his boyhood role model, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.**



C. KURT HOLTER

**Keeping Score.** I've been a fan of Kareem's since I was a kid. I can remember watching basketball when the Lakers had that great run in the 1980s and won five championships. And I admire the guy as a scholar. I was really happy to have an opportunity to shake his hand, and really happy to have him sign *Brothers in Arms* for me. I use his book in my post-1945 history course and in some of my African-American history classes. Kareem's got six books in print now; that's not bad. I'm still working on my first one. ■

For fun I made a scorecard to go with the picture I have of us together. It looks like this.

**Points in the NBA:**

Kareem: 38,387  
me: 0

**Jeopardy! wins:**

Kareem: 2  
me: 0  
(though I came in second on the show last year)

**Books in print:**

Kareem: 6  
me: 0

**Movie appearances:**

Kareem: 9  
me: 0

**NBA All-Star Games:**

Kareem: 18  
me: 0

**Honorary degrees:**

Kareem: 1  
me: 0

**NBA MVP awards:**

Kareem: 6  
me: 0

**Sports Illustrated covers:**

Kareem: 29  
me: 0

**Fancy Blue Robes:**

Kareem: 0  
me: 1

# TRIVIA CHALLENGE



What is the College's connection to the controversial Pumpkin Papers, secret government documents that were revealed on a Carroll County farm in December 1948?

**A.** Whittaker Chambers, the former communist who hid the documents in the pumpkin, eventually enrolled as a student at the College.

**B.** The farm where the documents were hidden was on property owned by the College.

**C.** Agents from the House Un-American Activities Committee spoke at the College after retrieving the Pumpkin Papers from the farm.

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December 31

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Basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar impressed sports fans and scholars alike while on campus Sept. 29 to receive an honorary degree for his book, *Brothers in Arms*, about African-American World War II heroes. See coverage of the day on pages 24 and 56.

