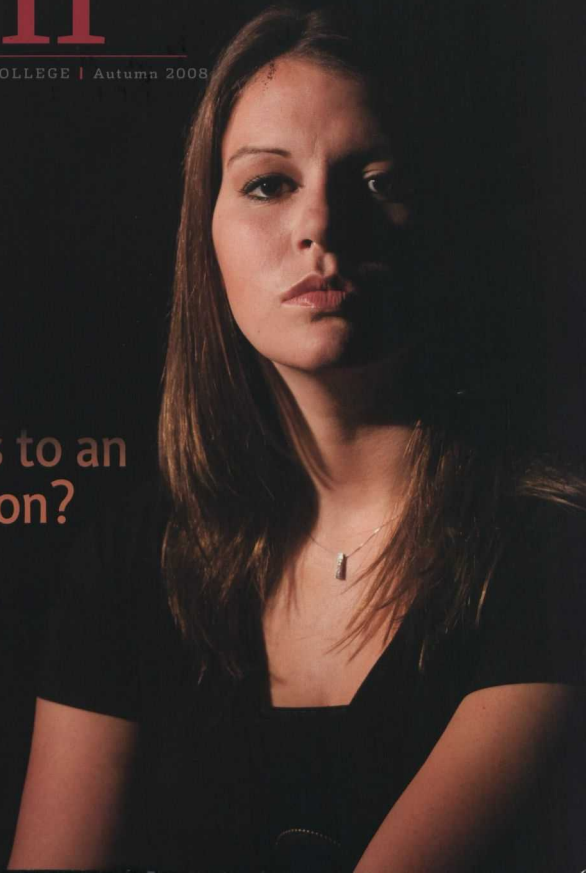


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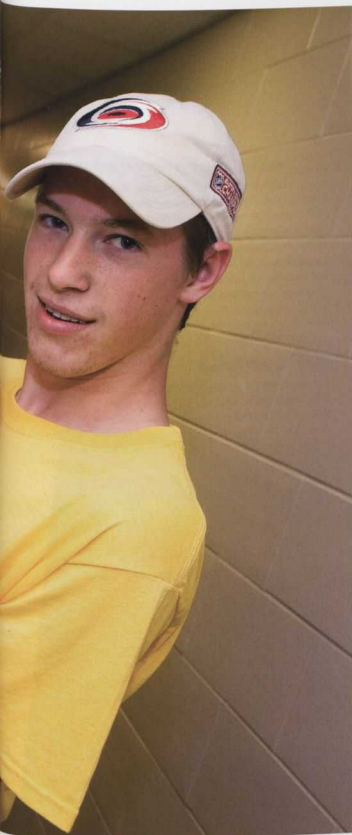
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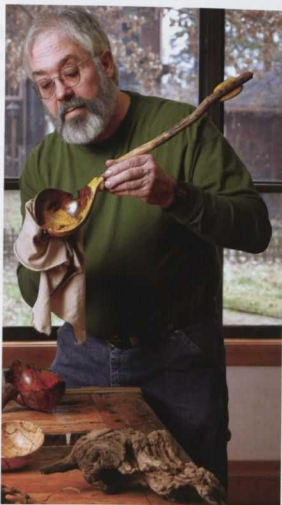
Class Noted

Guess who just returned from a year in Rome researching Italian Baroque sculptors on a Fulbright grant? See the Class of 1999, page 52.



"Were our society to redefine 'celebrity' so as to prize such artisans as Norm rather than vacuous 'personalities,' Norm would be a national treasure."

— Greg Williams '72



Sartorius Spoons Are a Treasure

My recollection of Norm Sartorius from my sophomore year at WMC in the late '60s is that he was a sort of eccentric elder statesman, an inchoate sage. I was gratified to learn from the summer issue of *The Hill* that he indeed became an artist. He has expanded the concept of "spoon." His splendid sculptures are of great

variety, yet each is of wood, and all are "spoon": a hitherto pedestrian object about which, if one thought about it at all, it was of its name — one of those inherently vaguely comic words. Were our society to redefine "celebrity" so as to prize such artisans as Norm rather than vacuous "personalities," Norm would be a national treasure. We would have known about Norm and his visions before now. Thank you for bringing Norm and his art into focus.

Greg Williams '72
Marstons Mills, Mass.

Name-Change Hassled Too

I recently read a story about McDaniel graduate Danielle Rowlett Tate, who started her own marriage name-change business after being frustrated with the process after her wedding. Last October, I changed my last name to my husband's last name, and I wanted to change my middle name to my maiden name. I started the name-change process using my marriage certificate, then I hit a road block when I found out that the DMV, Social Security and the electric company required me to get a name change court order to change my middle name.

It surprised me — and the married women in my life — that something so common for so many years now required a lengthy and expensive legal process that includes a court appearance, criminal background check, and even publicizing your new name in newspapers. A lot of the people working at the front desks didn't even know about these new policies! Congratulations to Danielle for starting your own business (I just started my own professional organizing business, Sara Long Organizing, last year) and for finding a cause so in demand.

Good luck!

Sara (Gruber) Long '99
Brookhaven, Pa.

Stay Connected

- Reunion Weekend is May 1-3, 2009. See page 26 for details.
- To young alumni (and their parents): please share your new address with the Alumni Relations Office so that you can continue to receive *The Hill* magazine. E-mail leyler@mcdaniel.edu or call 410/857-2296.

Family Togetherness Enriches Our Lives

My family has also experienced the benefits of extended family togetherness, a subject featured in the summer issue of *The Hill* in the story "Everybody Into the Picture." Eight years ago, my husband and I built an adjoining log cabin onto the custom log home built by my daughter Becky Jackson '84 Butler and her husband Bob '83 on beautiful mountainside property between Frederick and Hagerstown. There has not been a downside to this arrangement. We've greatly enjoyed our ability to participate fully in our grandsons' lives (the eldest, Woody, is now a freshman at McDaniel). My youngest grandson said, "I can go visit grandmom without even telling my mother." They keep us young.

Sherry Phelps Jackson '59
Wolfsville, Md.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE RESULTS



In the summer issue we asked readers to identify the building on campus where this architectural detail can be found. Decker College Center is the correct answer.

Mary Cutter, the mother of Kaitlin '10, got it right and won the drawing for a free copy of *Fearless and Bold*, the new College history book by Dr. James E. Lightner '59.

The Garvins moved from three different states to reunite as an extended family in Vermont.

carpe diem

News around campus and beyond



BRUCE WELLES

An Offer That Won't Be Refused

While Cyclone Nargis was unleashing winds, floods and high tidal waves on his native country of Myanmar May 3, Lin Sun Oo was safe and dry, studying for final exams on campus. But he was far from comfortable.

The worst natural disaster in the history of the Southeast Asian nation had killed more than 100,000 people and his family was back at home in the capital city of Rangoon. It took nearly four days to confirm their safety, even though Lin's parents and other relatives were not in the heaviest-hit delta region, because Internet and phone connections were destroyed.

The junior environmental policy and philosophy double major launched the first phase of a relief plan. In just two days, he raised \$550 in donations of loose coins through his "change for change" campaign. When the semester ended, he headed home with the money and an unyielding resolve to help his displaced and starving countrymen.

It was no simple matter. Myanmar's isolationist government was generally suspicious of large-scale, international relief efforts, insisting it could take care of its own people. Lin teamed up with 11 alumni from his high school — all of whom were home from their studies in the States — and 14 current students to form a private group that was able to circumvent the restrictions and offer direct aid.

With \$5,000 in donations, they hired a truck and distributed rice and lentils, risking their own safety to do it. They also awarded some of the money to efforts like Project Shelter, which is working to quickly build inexpensive, storm-resistant shelters. ■



Accounting for the Public Good

Earlier this fall, as Lehman Brothers, A.I.G. and other big-name institutions imploded under the weight of rampant corporate greed and mismanagement, a group of eight savvy accounting students got down to business in a newly designed seminar class learning everything one needs to know to succeed as a white-collar criminal.

Asset misappropriation. Investment swindles and con schemes. The fundamentals of computer fraud and financial statement fraud. Skimming, otherwise known as the art of taking money before it's recorded in the books. Check tampering. Billing schemes. You name the trick, they learned how to pull it off. Students even worked together to establish fictitious or "shell" companies by completing the articles of incorporation, setting up fake mail boxes, bank accounts and office suites.

"None of my students can believe how absolutely easy it is to commit these basic methods of fraud," says professor Ken Peters, a CPA and certified fraud examiner who has discovered fraud in some of the most unlikely places, like schools and daycare centers.

In creating the upper-level Fraud Forensic Accounting course, he says, "I designed it to show students how it's done, and then to show them how to design audit tests that would uncover the scheme

and internal control procedures that would prevent it from happening."

After all, you have to be able to think like a thief to catch a thief, Peters says, adding, "As long as there have been people, there have been people cooking the books."

No longer does accounting seem like a stodgy career when glimpsed through the sleuth's lens. Says junior Michael Beard, "It opens up a whole new outlook on accounting." Adds senior Dave Triplett, who works part time for his professor's firm Peters & Woodring: "It's the same appeal of working as a cop or for the FBI. You feel that what you're doing is right and for the public good."

Not only is the course a must for future auditors, Peters says, it's important for future owners of small businesses, middle managers and corporate CEOs to know the types of white-collar crimes to watch out for.

There's a saying in the anti-fraud industry that Peters recently shared with his students: Pigs get fat and hogs get slaughtered. "It basically means that if the fraudster is patient and does not get overly greedy, it's probable that they'll never get caught," he says.

Unless, of course, they come up against one of his students. ■

Good News for Deaf Ed

The College's landmark Deaf education program recently earned grants from two foundations. A \$50,000 grant from the Marion I. and Henry J. Knott Foundation will upgrade the program's classroom and lab equipment, and a \$37,000 grant from the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation of Princeton, N.J., will continue its support of



scholarships for graduate-level students with disabilities who are pursuing careers in Deaf education.

The College's master of science degree program in Deaf education, the largest of its kind in North America, attracts top students worldwide to prepare to be teachers of Deaf students.

Focus on Africa

Christopher Molem, on the Hill this semester as a visiting Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence from Cameroon, hopes that by the time he leaves campus anyone he has met, taught or chatted with will have a deeper appreciation of the rich diversity of culture, issues and ideas among Africa's numerous countries.

He especially hopes to change students' perspectives through two courses he's teaching: Economic Rights and Development and African Political Economy.

"Students who will be the leaders of tomorrow need a clearer picture of Africa," says Molem, whose expertise is in African development and political economies and globalization.

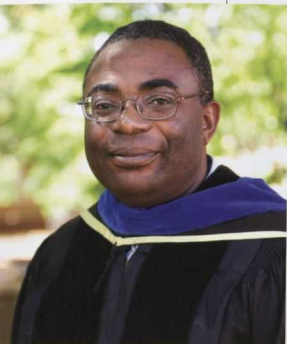
Molem is chairman of the department of economics and management at the University of Buea in Cameroon, which he said is the only English-speaking university in the central African sub-region with about 16,000 students. A typical development economics class, he said, enrolls about 800 students, and sometimes as many as 1,150 — a huge difference from his classes at McDaniel. Just eight students are in his Economic Rights and Development course, for example.

In addition to his teaching duties, Molem has joined his McDaniel host,

Debora Johnson-Ross, associate professor of Political Science and International Studies, in several public-speaking engagements. The two professors recently spoke at the Peace and Justice Studies Association in Portland, Ore. In November, they planned to present a paper at the African Studies Association Meeting in Chicago.

Molem worked with Johnson-Ross two years ago when she spent a year in Cameroon on a Fulbright grant. This year, she received a Fulbright Scholarship-in-Residence award to bring him to McDaniel.

His students are as enthusiastic about him as he is about them. "It started out as just a class to take," said Shawn Christianson '11, a political science major. "But now it has become a personal interest of mine. He's by far the best professor I've had." ■



Christopher Molem

C. KURT HARTER

Ask the Expert

Is a lightbox an effective treatment for Seasonal Affective Disorder? How does it work?

**Assistant Professor of Psychology
Madeline Rhodes:**

Yes, lightboxes do work. The current thinking on the cause of SAD is that the neurotransmitter serotonin — which is involved in regulating mood, feeding, energy balance and sleep, among other things — is decreased among people who suffer from SAD. In general, serotonin levels are decreased during the winter due, at least in part, to decreased exposure to light because of shorter days. One nondrug therapy effective for many is exposure to light — simply more sunlight if possible for mild cases, or a lightbox if sun is in short supply or it's a more serious case. There is a great deal of evidence that lightboxes can have robust effects to enhance mood among SAD sufferers and there are a number of ongoing clinical trials investigating this effect.

There is also evidence that lightboxes can work for those of us with subclinical SAD symptoms. I am originally from the Gulf Coast of Texas, but I did my graduate work in Albany, N.Y., where it is cold and gray from October through April. The farther you get from the equator, the less light you have. So it was a pretty big adjustment for me. I got a lightbox from the Sunbox company for my office and used it the entire time I lived there, from 1999 to 2005. I could really tell the difference. It is not a trivial investment, about \$300. But then, SAD is not trivial; it is recognized in the Diagnostic Statistical Manual as a Major Depressive Disorder with Seasonal Patterns.

I placed the lightbox near my computer — you don't have to look directly at it — and turned it on for 15 to 20 minutes first thing in the morning. I don't know that it helped me become more of a winter person; I still don't like snow or cold. But it certainly did help with not feeling like I was going into hibernation, which is basically what people who have SAD are doing, they're sleeping a lot more and their food intake increases.

It would be nice if we could convince insurance companies that lightboxes are a valid treatment, but over time it probably pays for itself when you consider the cost of prescription drugs and the possible side effects. I brought my lightbox with me when we moved to Maryland in July. Even though the nights are longer now, there's still plenty of sunlight during the day. I'll use it if I need to, but I haven't unpacked it yet. ■



KATHY TALLON

Ode to Jady Brook

Strangest of my siblings,
absorbed in SpongeBob's porous, yellow
world, you sit while I practice French,
plaiting and unplaiting your limp white
hair. Pleased to peals
of giggles with the braids, you wander
the room holding them in the air.
When I ask what you're doing,
you say, like I should know,
"Broadcasting."



Sticky palm thrust
at me, you offer a different animal
sticker on each fingertip. Hopeful
eyes beg me to take one,
take the platypus, the echidna —
take them all.
Your generosity does not extend
to dinosaur-shaped chicken nuggets,
which you use as vessels
for condiment: take one bite
out of each and look up at me
with ketchup-toothed
smile as they bleed.
You hug me shyly, marshmallow-
bellied and duck-footed.

By Kara Constantine '10, from the spring edition
of *Contrast*, the student literary magazine.

A Capital Idea That Just Might Take Root

BY KIM ASCH

“If we can grow food on the roof of a bus going 60 mph down the highway, then the president can do it in his backyard.”

That’s Casey Gustawarow ’02 talking from the souped-up school bus that has become home to him and his Peace Corps pal, Daniel Bowman Simon. Since August they’ve zig-zagged across the country, logging thousands of miles while growing broccoli, salad greens, beets and other vegetables on their roof-top garden. At each stop, they visit schools, food pantries, farmers’ markets and festivals to sow the seeds of a grassroots movement, dubbed The WhoFarm, or The White House Organic Farm Project.

“The WhoFarm is a nonpartisan, petition-based initiative to respectfully request that our 44th president oversee the planting of an organic farm on the grounds of the White House,” Gustawarow says by phone during a stop in Austin, Texas, five weeks before election day. “We’re trying to inspire our next leader, be it a Democrat or a Republican, to lead by example when it comes to changing the way this country eats.”

And change is required, Gustawarow says. The current system exacts too heavy a toll on the environment, with its dependence on pesticides and fertilizers for production and on fossil fuel for distribution. Rising childhood-obesity rates indicate an abundance of cheap calories, but not necessarily nutritious foods. And incidents of contamination pose even more immediate threats to the nation’s health.

“Local organic farming is a critical element to sustainable healthy living, food security, youth education and climate-change mitigation,” he concludes. “The White House Organic Farm will reconnect the office of the presidency to the self-sufficient agricultural roots of America’s founding fathers.”

There is precedent for their request, Gustawarow points out. When John Adams took up residence in the White House in 1800, one of his first additions was a



vegetable garden. Eleanor Roosevelt in 1943 helped start a Victory Garden movement to reduce the pressure on the public food supply during World War II. In addition to the White House garden, nearly 20 million Americans planted gardens in their own backyards and on the rooftops of apartment buildings, producing up to 40 percent of all the vegetables consumed nationally.

Gustawarow, a biology major, says he would like to see similar momentum for The WhoFarm project. He has worked in coastal resource management as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines and on the Ivy Brand Organic Farm in Maryland. He’s also taught part time at McDaniel and led a Jan Term course in the

Casey Gustawarow ’02 is traveling the nation in a garden-topped bus, visiting schools and public forums, to promote the campaign for an organic farm at the White House.



Philippines earlier this year. "I try to lead by example," he says. That means no McDonald's or other fast food on their road trip. The menu instead includes stews and curries Gustowarow cooks up right in the bus's own kitchen with beans, grains and the vegetables they are able to harvest from their rooftop garden, as well as donations from the various farmers' markets they find at each of their stops.

Wherever they go, from John McCain's hometown of Prescott, Ariz., to New Orleans to Chicago, they never fail to attract attention when they coast into a new town in their kooky bus, which is actually two school buses fused together, roof to roof. The WhoFarm bought the bus from Ben Cohen, co-founder of

Ben & Jerry's ice cream and president of Business Leaders for Sensible Solutions. Originally named Topsy-Turvy, the bus once toured the country to "dramatically depict America's 'upside-down budget priorities.'" Gustowarow and Simon ripped off half of the second bus to make room for the garden.

Though their method of delivery is unique, the men are not alone in their message. In fact, they say their odyssey is inspired by legendary chef Alice Waters, the founder of Chez Panisse in Berkeley, Calif., who is credited with launching a culinary revolution in the 1970s that emphasizes cooking simply with fresh locally grown ingredients. Waters described her dream for an organic farm at the White House when she accepted the Global Environmental Citizen award from Harvard Medical School in February.

And on Oct. 12, *The New York Times Magazine* featured a 10-page cover story by noted journalist Michael Pollan, who writes what is essentially an open letter to the next president about what he "can and should do to remake the way we grow and eat our food." Among a host of reforms, Pollan suggests that in addition to a White House chef, the president appoint a White House farmer. "This new post would be charged with implementing what could turn out to be your most symbolically resonant step in building a new American food culture. And that is this: tear out five prime south-facing acres of the White House lawn and plant in their place an organic fruit and vegetable garden."

Gustowarow and Simon were embraced by both of these food-reform celebrities when they showed up in San Francisco with their bus at the Slow Food Nation weekend, which attracted 60,000 people to celebrate what was billed as "the birth of a broad and inclusive food movement to build a better American food system." They have since been welcomed in other cities by chefs who specialize in cooking with local ingredients and treated to meals at their high-end restaurants.

Whether The WhoFarm will get the same reception from the man who is elected the 44th president remains unclear. Gustowarow wasn't saying who might be more likely to support their ideas, but he did say this: "Our strategy may change, depending on who's elected."

To sign the petition or learn more about The WhoFarm go to www.thewhofarm.org ■

The White House Organic Farm Recipe

Article I: The Farmers

Public school children and Americans with disabilities will work on The White House Organic Farm, to set an example for the world of hands-on learning, and will foster an independent, do-it-yourself work ethic.

Article II: The Eaters

The White House Organic Farm's harvest will provide fresh food for the president, the president's family and the president's distinguished guests. Just as important, it will also supply healthy food to public school lunch programs and food pantries in Washington, D.C.

Article III: The Delivery

Food from The White House Organic Farm will be delivered to local public schools and food pantries by volunteers on foot and by bicycle, at a net-zero cost to U.S. taxpayers.

Article IV: The Seeds

The White House organic farmers will plant a diverse mix of heirloom seeds passed down from Thomas Jefferson's farm at Monticello and seeds donated by American farmers and gardeners, to celebrate both the rich agricultural traditions of the Office of the President and the passions of everyday Americans for working their fertile and bountiful land.

Article V: The Soil

The White House Organic Farm will use healthy topsoil, nourished by compost supplements from yard and food waste from all three branches of the federal government; from the White House, from the United States Capitol and from the United States Supreme Court.



first person

In my own words

Tour of Duty

Capt. Andrew Burrows '04

*Operations Officer of the 418th
Transportation Company*

He was an ROTC cadet all four years of college, majored in political science and was a member of the Sig Ep fraternity. He plays guitar, creates pencil illustrations, writes fiction and fixes up old hot rods. On active duty in the Army since 2005, he was promoted to captain in March. At the tail end of his second deployment, a 15-month assignment in Iraq, he was looking forward to getting back to his home base at Fort Hood, Texas, for Halloween. This interview was conducted via e-mail.

My desert home

Contingency Operating Base Q-West (Qurrayah West) is a former Iraqi Air Force base in the northern half of the country a little south of Mosul, the closest big city. Until about six months ago we were based out of Joint Base Balad, better known by its old name Logistical Support Area Anaconda. Balad was like a city and almost as busy; this place is sleepy by comparison.

Abbreviated job description

We provide armed escort to move supply convoys from base to base in Iraq. If bad guys mess with our convoys, we see to it that it's the last thing they do. As the Company Operations officer, I kinda run all that.



"If you look too bad to mess with, the bad guys may run home and get a real job."

— Andrew Burrows



Checking in with Mom

I talk to my mom all the time. Up here at Q-West there are Turkish vendors that sell almost anything, so for a while some people from my unit got together and chipped in for satellite Internet. When I was in my room I was always on instant messenger.

Plan for the worst

When you go out on the road, the danger you are in corresponds to the route you are taking. There are some routes that will get "hot" and be closed, some are always hot but you have to run them anyhow. The gunners in the trucks with an open turret are in the most danger; the driver is probably safest; the truck commander in the passenger's seat is safe because he is inside, but most Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are aimed at his door. This mission is just plain dangerous. You just pay attention and plan for the worst.

Too bad to mess with

We try to maintain an aggressive posture when we're out there. Traversing the turrets on our armored vehicles or scanning with the .50 caliber machine guns on our gun trucks makes a strong visual statement. If you look too bad to mess with, the bad guys may run home and get a real job.

Staying up during down time

I've been playing a lot of Ping-Pong recently. At night we used to whack golf balls soaked in chemlight (glow stick) juice into a junkyard area on Anaconda. They have softball leagues, there are always cards, dominoes, etc. You can buy bootleg copies of movies and entire TV series over here, so you might watch a lot of those too.

My noise therapy

Yes I do sort of play the guitar, but it's more like me bashing away with the Bouncing Souls playing on my computer. It's like stress relief through noise.

Reason to hope

From my seat on the ground, things are getting better. They used to call Balad "Mortarville" because it was hit by mortar fire so frequently in the past, but attacks were far less frequent when we left there in

May of this year. When we got here, my company was constantly finding IEDs. We took some hits, too, but nothing catastrophic, thank God. While we were running out of Balad in the Baghdad and Tikrit areas, things were always hot, but it did grow more peaceful each passing month. Up here in the north, things are downright peaceful until you get up into Mosul.

Charged up to get home

I've owned nothing but old cars since my 1978 Dodge Magnum in high school. I can do just about anything on an old car other than machine work or transmissions. While I was a student I drove a yellow 1971 Dodge Charger with a 440. I sold that and bought a green '71 Charger 500 with a 383. After graduating, I loaded that green car up with almost everything I owned, drove it 1,535 miles to Fort Hood, Texas, with no problems, and drove it to work every day. I sold that one after I got home from my last tour in Iraq and bought yet another 1971 Charger. I think I'll probably sell or trade that one when I get home too. This time I'm gonna buy something different. I've got my eye on this 1963 Plymouth Fury with a 413 and a four-speed lookalike with a 413 and a 4-speed. Or maybe a giant '69 Chrysler convertible. We'll see.

Alumni sightings overseas

Since I've been in Iraq for this deployment, I met up with Jesse Ringgold '06 and Ryan Newnan '06 while I was down in Kuwait. I saw Pete Christake '04 a few months ago in Balad, and I think I also saw Eric Freeman '06 in the PX parking lot at Balad.

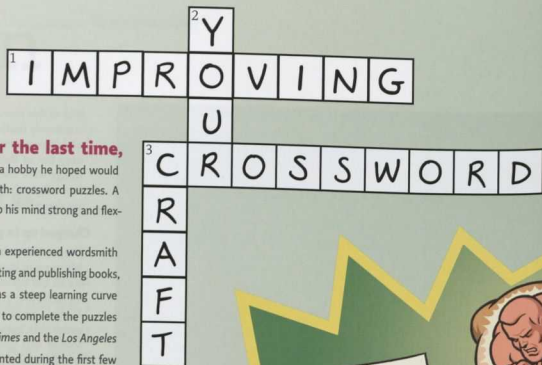
Little things I've missed

Real fresh milk and taking a shower in my bare feet.

My concerns for Iraq's future

The thing that frustrates me and concerns me the most is that when you ask Iraqi laborers, interpreters or security personnel, "What do you want to do after the war?" almost to a man they respond, "I go to America." What is the point of doing all this in Iraq if their main goal is to get to the United States instead of building their own home? And even if they don't end up in the States, if the best and brightest end up leaving Iraq for Egypt or Syria as soon as they can go, how will Iraq ever make any progress? ■

Brain-building
tips for
new puzzlers!



After he retired for the last time,

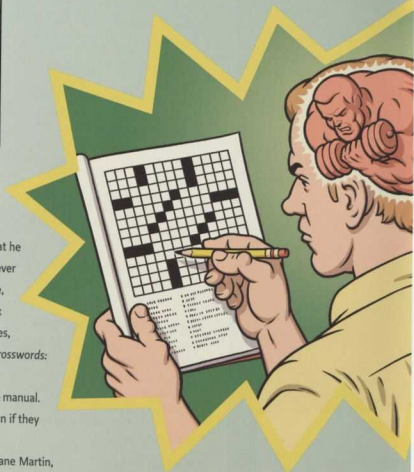
Abbott Wainwright '57 took up a hobby he hoped would be good for his long-term health: crossword puzzles. A daily dose, he'd read, would keep his mind strong and flexible — like yoga for the brain.

It was slow going at first. An experienced wordsmith who spent his career writing, editing and publishing books, Wainwright discovered there was a steep learning curve with crosswords. He was unable to complete the puzzles he attempted in *The New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*, even the simpler ones printed during the first few days of the week (Friday and Saturday puzzles are the most difficult).

He kept at it. During breakfast, while sipping his tea, he worked at his puzzles. And eventually, he realized he was no longer a stranger in the strange but wonderful world of crosswords. He now understood what he refers to as its "customs, habits and quirks," and became fluent in the clever language of the crossword clue. "After you've been doing them for a while, you also discover there's a lot of repetition in them, like a certain Greek god or a prophet from the Bible," Wainwright says. He started making notes, and they became a book. Five years later, his 210-page *Solving Today's Crosswords: A Manual for the Novice* is in its fourth edition.

On the next page are a few tips gleaned from Wainwright's exhaustive manual. "It's a shortcut for beginners. It brings them up to speed more quickly than if they had to start cold," he says.

Still not sufficiently motivated to give crosswords a try? Listen to Diane Martin, academic director of McDaniel's Center for the Study of Aging, who extols the benefits of doing crosswords, as well as Sudoku and other puzzles that require thinking in new and challenging ways: "Two of the mental benefits of doing crossword puzzles are that they work on the attention centers of the brain and help to improve vocabulary," she says. "Researchers have found that such activities involving significant information processing help to reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease."



**Helps keep your mind sharp
and nimble as it ages!**

—Diane Martin, academic director
of the Center for the Study of Aging

1 Know the basics

A singular clue will have a singular answer and a plural clue will have a plural answer. The tense of a clue will be the tense of an answer. The answer will be the same part of speech as the clue.

Don't assume the solution is a single word; it's not unusual for the answer to have as many as five words.

Contractions and abbreviations in clues nearly always require them in the solution. On occasion the clue will end with "Abbr." or "_, briefly" or start with "Short._"

Slang is frequently used, and if a clue is slang, its solution is nearly always slang. So the solution for "croc relative" might be "GATOR," or the solution for "spud" would be "TATER."

Hyphens, spaces and punctuation are typically ignored in crossword solutions. T-bone would be TBONE.

Those with knowledge of French will have an advantage, as it's the most commonly used foreign language in crosswords.

2 Slow down, way down

Be sure you are relaxed, in a quiet place and have plenty of time. Although some of the more experienced puzzle solvers take satisfaction in speed, others do not. For them, the pleasure is thinking about the puzzle and its clues and possible answers — over hours, or even days, if need be.

3 Dare to guess

It is essential to think outside the box. Always look for the not-so-obvious meaning in a clue, and don't be afraid to follow far-fetched hunches. There are many examples of double meanings, such as JUICE for electricity, BEAN or NOODLE for head, APPLE for computer and HAMPSHIRE for pig.

4 Hit the books

The American Heritage Dictionary, because it lists people and places, is an excellent reference. Novices might also keep a current world almanac and an up-to-date world atlas nearby for all those places no one has ever heard of. For example, LUANDA is the capital of Angola.

5 Uncover the theme

Some of the best puzzles are themed. Many that do have themes are not titled as such; rather, one discovers the theme by solving the puzzle. On birthdays of famous people or on holidays, and even on days of the equinoxes or the issuance of a postage stamp, look for a related theme.

Look at the longest lines across and try to ascertain the theme of the puzzle — assuming there is one — just to get an idea of what the clue is trying to elicit. Do not try to fill in; simply look at the length, and whether it might be a verse, a song, a title, etc.

6 Find an opening

If the first area of a puzzle you attempt seems difficult, go to another one and branch out from there. Many people start at 1-Across and 1-Down, but you can try doing the short words or small areas of a puzzle first. Start with the shortest words and work up to the longest. If some words in the area still remain unknown, take a look at the letters you have written and see if you can guess some of the other letters to make a word. If this "area" solution doesn't work, read through all the Across and Down clues and fill in the answers that you are completely sure of. In other words, do anything to get a start, and then try to fill in some of the intersecting words.

7 Leave it alone for a while

If you hit a wall, leave the puzzle alone for a while so your brain is "fresh" when you get back to it.

8 Keep coming back for more

Do lots of puzzles and do them every day, as there's no substitute for experience. ■

See the inside back cover of this issue for a McDaniel-themed crossword puzzle challenge!

Turtle Buddy

A student band fine-tunes the campus groove

By Kim Asch & Michelle Menner '09

The band

had just returned from a gig in Frederick, but all six members of Turtle Buddy still wanted to play. The sun was setting on a splendid autumn Sunday. What else could they do that would be half as much fun as making more of their unique brand of progressive rock, folk and experimental music together?

As the band struck up an impromptu concert on the steps of Hoover Library, a small crowd gathered to listen, dance, sing and kick around a hacky sack ball. "Red Square," the nickname for the central quad officially called Memorial Plaza, was alive with a feel-good vibe. The scene was distinctly Turtle Buddy.

"A lot of students were suffering from the boredom of fall break," recalls band member Eric Welkos '10. "Red Square can be a great place to have fun. People just need to know how to take advantage of such a good spot."

Since its formation last year, Turtle Buddy has been on a kind of musical mission to enliven the campus social scene while inspiring others to explore their own creativity. The band routinely gathers to jam in well-traveled campus hangouts, welcoming other students to listen or join in.

In good weather, the musicians say they prefer jamming outside where there are no barriers between them and their audience. "Outside anyone can find their essential nutrients: vitamin D, friends and Turtle Buddy," says Welkos.

The band's sound is as unique as the instruments they expertly employ to make it. Welkos, who wears his long hair pulled back and is often barefoot, plays the sitar, an Indian string instrument with a long hollow neck and a gourd resonating chamber that produces a rich sound with strong harmonic resonance.

There's drummer Tyler Buisch '09, blond and bright-eyed, on the riqq, an Egyptian tambourine, and a Spanish percussion box called the cajón. Greg Adams '08 plays the piano and melodica, a free-reed instru-

ment similar to the accordion and harmonica. It has a musical keyboard on top, and is played by blowing air through a mouthpiece that fits into a hole in the side. His brother, Keith Adams '10, expertly plays acoustic and electric guitar, including a Gibson Les Paul with a cherry sunburst finish. (Tyler, Greg and Keith are the band's only music majors.)

Sunita Pathik '11, with long dark hair and a ballerina's grace, plays her violin with the kind of free-spirited improvisation that can only be achieved by



someone who's been training for years. Ghana native Henry Amankwah '10, as vocalist, demonstrates a broad technical and emotional range. His voice is endlessly pleasant to listen to.

"Philosophy and self-discovery drive the music," says Keith Adams. "We talk about life, love, being young and what the future may hold."

Their future

is the focus of much conversation lately. Turtle Buddy's first CD, *Bright, Bright Moon*, debuted in June. A special topics communication course in Information Design has made the band the focus of its semester project and has since been working on an "integrated strategic communications" plan for Turtle Buddy.

"These talented intellectuals are the people you want to put forward on a college campus," says Assistant Professor of Communication Robert Trader, who learned about Turtle Buddy a few months ago when he was befriended by Keith Adams on Facebook. "What they've done all on their own is commendable."

The recording of nine original compositions, written collectively, is as polished as any professionally produced album, though the band put much of it together during last winter break in the closet of Greg

Adams's North Village apartment. "The closet was a way for us to accomplish soundproofing," violinist Pathik says. Microphones and recording software were borrowed from musician friends. Kathryn Harlow '10 created the cover art, a colorful abstract piece.

More than 100 of the \$10 CDs have sold, mostly through the campus bookstore. "We're still in the red, but we're working our way out," says Welkos of their \$1,500 investment.

Band members have been meeting regularly with Information Design students to brainstorm various ideas for marketing Turtle Buddy.

Says senior Garrett Eagan, a communication major with a minor in journalism, "At first I thought the band would mainly be interested in selling CDs, but it's more awareness that they're after. They want to unite the campus in a free exchange of ideas and music."

Eagan and his classmates have also met with current fans of the band to learn who they are and how they became aware of Turtle Buddy. They collected baseline information regarding students' media use on campus and about how well known the band is currently. Next on the agenda is to design messages aimed at increasing the recognition of the band among students and to test the effectiveness of the messages through focus groups, tweak them if necessary, and then disseminate them across campus. The last phase of the project will be to measure the success of the campaign by gathering data on how the awareness of Turtle Buddy has changed among McDaniel students.

The musicians have encouraged Information Design students to approach the marketing campaign as another form of self-expression and "explore their own highly creative potential as advertisers." Original works of promotional art that result in a fun experience for fans will ultimately "open the door to us... and achieve commerce," Adams says.

One idea involves making and distributing turtle-shaped origami balloons with candy inside. Wrapped around a piece of candy is a note, like the kind inside a fortune cookie. The note informs the reader about the band's show Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in Alumni Theatre and provides its MySpace address. Eagan's group has decided to develop a multimedia campaign for the campus TV and radio stations.

Selling more CDs, earning enough money to make another one, and landing more gigs are all positive developments the band would welcome.

Meanwhile, Turtle Buddy will continue to do what has made them happy all along: playing together. ■

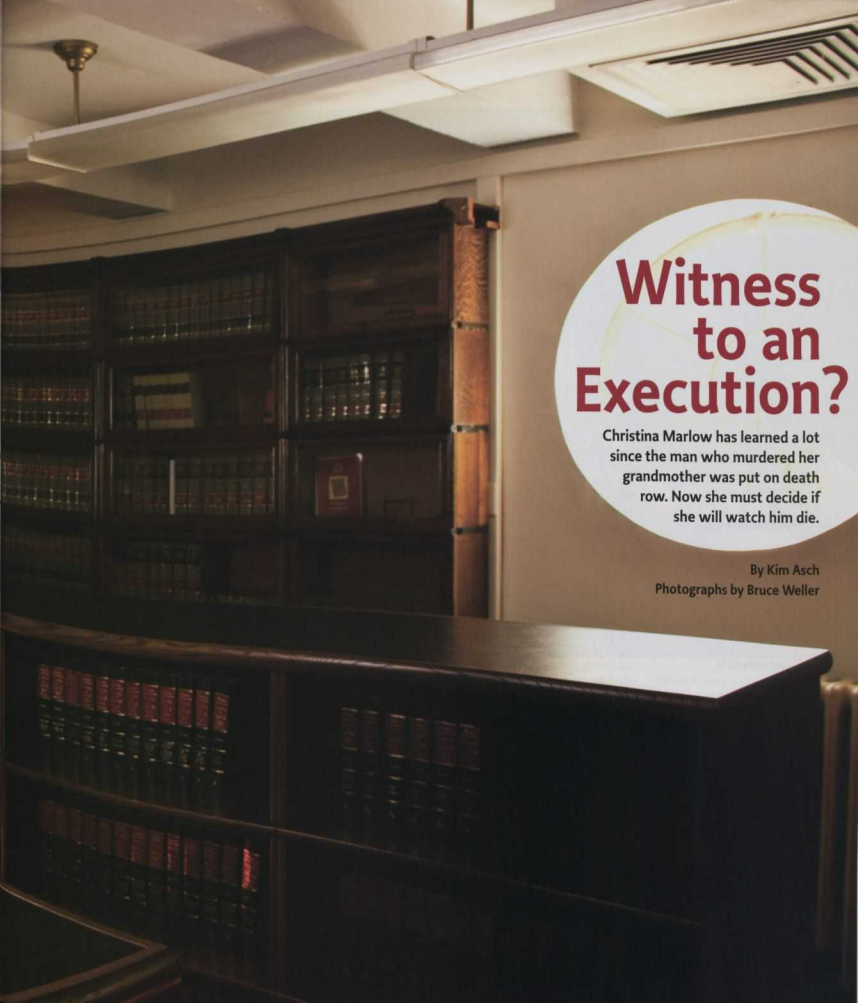
Bright, Bright Moon, Turtle Buddy's recently released first album, is available for purchase online at myspace.com, where sample tracks from the CD can also be heard.



BRUCE MILLER (PH)







Witness to an Execution?

Christina Marlow has learned a lot since the man who murdered her grandmother was put on death row. Now she must decide if she will watch him die.

By Kim Asch

Photographs by Bruce Weller

Linda Holman called 911 in a panic. She was driving to work and her estranged husband, Allen Holman, was chasing her, ramming her car. She told the dispatcher that he was trying to kill her.

When she spotted a police cruiser in a grocery store parking lot, she screamed in beside it. Her attacker made a quick turn and sped away. The police officer saw the terror on Linda's face and told her to stay put — more officers were coming. He took off to find Allen, but Allen circled back to the parking lot, where Linda sat trembling in her car. He shot her twice in the back with a shotgun. She was dead by the time help arrived.

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Far away in Maryland, Linda's daughter, Debbie Hartless, and 10-year-old granddaughter, Christina Marlow, were enjoying a day at a local amusement park when they got a phone call with the terrible news. Christina remembers the somber car ride south to view the quiet body of her once-gregarious 49-year-old grandmother with the spiky red hair and nose ring. "She was the cool grandmother," she says. "We would drive down the road together with the windows wide open, listening and singing to Hanson."

That was in 1997. Eleven years later, Allen Holman sits on death row in North Carolina awaiting execution by lethal injection. Christina and her mother have been waiting too, for what sometimes seems like a lifetime.

The murder of her grandmother by a man who was not her biological grandfather but whom she knew as PopPop, and the subsequent years spent following the case through the courts, overshadowed Christina's childhood, tainting it with grief and the sense that "I was different," she says. "I had to grow up kind of fast."

It was only after she arrived at McDaniel that she gained the confidence to share the story of her family's trauma and discovered an academic framework through which she could seek to understand it. This new understanding has put her on a career path that may seem surprising. She plans to become a criminal defense attorney and argue against the death penalty.

At 5 feet 10 inches tall with long brunette hair and a maturity beyond her years, Christina is a commanding presence. "I can't believe she's my kid. She's always there for me. The roles have kind of reversed," says Hartless, 40, a phlebotomist who rents a home a few minutes' drive from campus in Finksburg. "There's not a day that goes by that we don't talk at least twice."

On July 28, Linda Holman's "death day," Christina always makes sure she's with her mom. "I dread the day because Mom gets so upset." But the women share good times together, too, and think of each other as "best friends," they both say. This summer, Christina and her boyfriend treated both of their mothers to a Hootie & the Blowfish concert. And Christina has proposed the idea that her mom relocate with her when it's time to go to law school.

"I have a lot of respect for my mom. She's very loving and caring and she raised me on her own," says Christina, indulging in a rare show of pride. "She did good."

Hartless was just 19 when she gave birth to Christina. She raised her daughter alone, working hard to earn enough money to provide for both of their needs without the benefit of even a high school diploma. "I made a pact with myself that if I ever had a child, there wouldn't be any unnecessary craziness like the kind I grew up with," says Hartless. "My family was very dysfunctional. My mother married multiple times and brought many people into our lives. I respected my mother and I loved her, but she made some poor choices."

Hartless eventually earned her diploma and made sure Christina knew about the importance of an education, but she adds, "Christina has always been a hard worker. I didn't have to teach her that."

Now a senior, Christina is pursuing dual majors in both psychology and sociology with a concentration in criminal justice (she also has a minor in Spanish). Her GPA is just under 4.0 and in the spring she was awarded the sociology department's top honor, the Vox Magna Clara Award, given annually to the major who notably demonstrates enthusiasm for the discipline and the potential for tackling social problems through leadership and community involvement. Christina works



part time at the law firm of Kathi Hill '80 and is preparing to take the LSAT exam with hopes of attending a top law school. She also supports herself by bartending at the Greene Turtle several nights a week.

"We call her the girl with 37 jobs," says Hill with obvious admiration. Hill, who teaches at McDaniel part time, first met Christina in her Legal Forensics class. She brought her into the firm as an intern and then offered her a job when the internship ended. Christina is just the second student with whom she's been impressed enough to hire in 12 years practicing criminal and family law at Hill and Barnes in Westminster.

Given her background, Hill adds, Christina's interest in criminal defense law "just goes to show the depth of Christina. She's able to get beyond her personal experience and see the broader picture."

In April, Kirk Bloodsworth, an innocent man who spent nearly a decade on death row until DNA evidence set him free, lectured on campus. The women were inspired by his story. "Christina understands that the death penalty is the ultimate decision," Hill says.

When it comes to capital punishment, Christina and her mom — as close as they are — see things differently. Both share the opinion that murderer Allen Holman is despicable. "He's very anti-social; he's not remorseful at all," says Christina. Her mother says: "He didn't let my own mother grow old with me. Of her six grandchildren, my mother only got to meet Christina. I probably will never know why he did this."

Holman's execution, Hartless says, "won't bring her back, but it will be closure for me and I think for Christina as well."

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Christina disagrees. She's learned through her examination of research studies that the death penalty is emotionally distressing for victims' families at every stage of the appeals process when details of the crime are revisited. Even more potentially damaging to loved ones is the act of witnessing an execution, she says.

"My mom's all psyched to go because she thinks she's going to get a lot of closure, but I know she's not going to," says Christina. "She doesn't know what to expect. She hasn't looked at different studies about how being a witness to an execution affects people. I think she just thinks it's going to be this huge dramatic thing where she gets to blurt out something to him and he says something back to her and she'll have this sense that she's finally at peace. I know she'll be disappointed."

The conversation is more than philosophical. Allen Holman was scheduled to die in March 2007. Because her mom was intent on being a witness, Christina agreed to go, too, so that her mother would not face the experience alone.

Two days before they were to make the drive down to North Carolina, a moratorium was placed on executions in the state because of a legal challenge to its current method of delivering lethal injections.

The state requires that a doctor is simply present while a prison official administers the combination of three chemicals to induce deep sleep, paralysis, and then a fatal heart attack. But a federal judge issued an order—in keeping with the constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment—requiring prisons to have a doctor monitor inmates during lethal injection to ensure they don't feel pain. The state medical board responded by warning that any doctor who participates in an execution violates medical ethics and risks disciplinary action. The debate will move to North Carolina's Supreme Court in mid-November.

For now, Holman remains alive on death row. He has fired his attorneys and says he wants to die, declaring as much in the news. Christina cites this as further evidence to support her stance: "Lethal injection is like euthanasia. I think life imprisonment is more of a punishment."

Nightmares haunted Christina leading up to Holman's execution date. "I had this one dream in particular, that I was in the witness room and he was on a gurney...." she stops and is silent for a moment. "It was crazy trying to prepare yourself for that and then being spared from having to witness someone die right in front of your face."

Her ambivalent feelings led her to her advisor and mentor, Lauren Dundes, associate professor of sociology. "I'm always showing up at her office to talk and we talk about everything," she says.

Dundes suggested they launch a study to explore the role of pain in punishment, both the physical pain potentially experienced by the offender and the mental anguish of the victims' families. They devised a six-question survey that took two to five minutes to complete, and the College's Institutional Review Board approved it. Participants included a sample of undergraduate students ages 18 to 22 and another sample of employees with an average age of 24 who worked at an off-campus restaurant where Christina held a part-time job at the time.

The questions asked people to gauge: how strongly they supported the death penalty in general; the effect of pain experienced by the offender on their support for electrocution; how much pain they thought should be suffered during lethal injection; whether they agree with the victim's family having input into the death penalty, or the offender's family; and whether execution-related trauma for the victim's family affected support for the death penalty.

Christina found that while the infliction of pain during lethal injections was sanctioned by a majority of those surveyed, many respondents also approved of families of victims having the power to potentially choose life imprisonment without the possibility of parole over execution. The data also revealed that trauma experienced by victims' families may weaken support for capital punishment.

The resulting paper, "Humane Executions? Assessing the Role of Families in Capital Cases," is under review for publication in the scholarly journal *Violence and Victims*. Dundes, a prolific researcher who has published many articles in scholarly journals with students listed as collaborators, says Christina's research contributes much to the literature regarding public opinion about the death penalty. And she is full of praise for her student's ability to place the emotional toll of the pending execution of Allen Holman into a sociological context.

"Christina's research delved into a topic that was highly personal. It is an issue that affects her perspective on daily life as well as her interactions with others. Yet she was able to objectively examine this major societal issue," Dundes says. "And despite the extensive literature about capital punishment, Christina devised a unique approach that will enable her to transform her experience as an individual into a contribution to the literature that will help us understand a complicated moral problem."

If only there was a book that could provide Christina with an answer to the question that continues to loom over her. Once North Carolina lifts its moratorium, will she be there beside her mother to witness Allen Holman's execution?

The jury's still out. ■

The New Campus "Upperclass"

Brenna Morin '09 describes her new living arrangements in a word: phenomenal.

"That has been my word since day one," said the communication major when asked what she thinks of the renovated wing of Blanche Ward residence hall.

Gone are the cracks on the walls and the stained carpeting. Now, residents proudly point to freshly painted walls in plum, sage and ivory tones and carpeted rooms and hallways that have reduced the noise level. There's now reliable wireless Internet access everywhere in the building.

Before this semester, Morin said, residents jokingly referred to the residence hall as the "Chateau Blanche," because it was anything but fancy. "Now we call it Chateau Blanche because it's so great."

The success of the College's efforts to enhance the residential experience has resulted in a new, yet welcome challenge: with more seniors opting to stay in college housing, the percentage of overall students living within the McDaniel community has jumped from an average of 75 percent to 80 percent. Those additional numbers drive the need for even more high-quality campus housing.

"Enticing upperclass students to continue to be fully engaged members of our living-learning community is a planned outcome of these projects. Their presence — 24/7 — enhances the residential college experience for them and for the rest of the campus community," said Bruce Preston '75, trustee and chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. "Steady enrollment and the continued record-setting pace of the Carpe Diem Campaign have made it possible to embark on an ambitious array of improvements."

So far, three of the completed 11 country-mansion-style apartment buildings in the North Village have been named to honor donors whose testamentary gifts support a student-housing renaissance. Hart Hall recognizes Louise Orem '35 and Casper Hart '29 for their combined gift of \$503,498. Marshall Hall is named for faculty members and honorary trustees Tom and Betty Marshall, whose gift totaled more than \$800,000. Stackhouse Hall honors Margaret "Peggy" Stackhouse '52, who bequeathed the College \$500,000.

Commercial real estate developer Leroy Merritt '52

made campus housing a personal priority last year with his \$5 million challenge gift to McDaniel's \$65 million comprehensive campaign. The gift matches dollar to dollar new gifts and pledges received to fund renovations to student residence halls and athletic facilities.

The fundraising continues. Blanche Ward, the latest building to undergo an extreme makeover, is expected to total \$6 million once complete. The project includes plans to install a geothermal well field to provide energy-efficient heating and air conditioning. Student lounges are being added to each of the building's five floors, and clubrooms on the ground floor are to be replaced by a new wing of rooms. The project will provide living quarters for about 175 men and women.

A \$4.5 million renovation of the Garden Apartments was finished in the spring. The residence area includes 12 apartments, each housing four students, and 12 suites that house five students each. A geothermal well system for heating and air conditioning was installed there too.

Kate Maloney, a grateful Garden Apartments resident, said sitting in a classroom is "only a fraction" of the McDaniel experience. "It's about getting together every Tuesday night to watch the new episode of *House* or meeting up in the library to consume inordinate amounts of caffeine as we cram for exams." ■

Gift Highlights

\$250,000 bequest intention from Edward B. Dexter (spouse of deceased alumna, Lillian Frey Dexter '34) for an endowed scholarship.

\$141,000, which includes a bequest intention, charitable gift annuity and Annual Fund from Marjorie Roy Espenschied '76 and Park W. Espenschied, Jr. for an endowed scholarship.

\$60,000 from K. Richard "Rick" Gill, Jr. '86 and Melissa Gill for stadium project and Annual Fund.

\$1,000,000 bequest intention from William Hancock '54 and Doris Joiner Hancock '51 for an endowed scholarship.

\$500,000 from the Yingling Family (Loring Yingling and Mary Crawford Yingling '44, Carroll "Splinter" Yingling '68 and Susan Morales Yingling '70 M'oo, and John and Sharon Yingling) for the stadium project.



class notes

News and views about life since college





RENEE FUSCO

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As my classmates' responses arrived in my mailbox, I began the fall column for *The Hill*. However, the first answer was via the phone.

Gale Lodge Thiele called at 9:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, with news we don't like to hear. Her dear brother **Lee Lodge '43** died April 28. Lee and wife **Pearl Bodmer Lodge '43** had always been faithful alumni at gatherings of the College. Lee's commitment and love for WMC certainly was seen at his funeral when I shared the presence of so many of his and Pearl's friends: **John '43** and **Lucia Robinson, Frasier '43** and **Lee Beglin '47** **Scott, Bob '43** and **Edna "Perk" Haller '46** **Beglin, Bill '41** and **Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds '42** **Adolph, Jean Bentley Thompson '43, Don Honeman '41, Donna DuVall Sellman and Kay Kaiser Frantum.** I'm sure each of you will keep Pearl, Gale and family in your hearts. Gale reports that she continues to maintain good health and visible to family and friends.

Donna DuVall Sellman gives thanks to season tickets to the Baltimore Symphony and Broadway shows at the Hippodrome Theatre which help her to stay "fine for the age I am!" Good music and special dramas appear to be the best medicine.

Rev. Carroll A. Doggett and wife **Nan Austin '47** reside in a cottage at Homewood Retirement Community in Frederick, Md., where **Emajane Hahn Baker '47** and **Lloyd '49** and **Charlotte Goodrich '49** Hoover are neighbors. Carroll continues to keep his hand and heart in pulpist supply preaching.

Mary Ellen "Tommy" Thomas Batten found time from traveling to let us know her latest. When home in Taneytown, Md., you can find her in water aerobics with several WMC friends or reading her favorite books. Her travels might be visiting "kids" in Alaska and California, or Elderhostels. She had a July '07 trip to Alaska with memories of a seven-day Atlantic Ocean cruise on the *Queen Mary II*, exploring Lord Nelson's "Victory" in Portsmouth, and a flight to Ireland. Tommy would love a visit from friends when she's home.

A granddaughter's wedding in August '07 and a dream-come-true trip for **Lingo Hudson** on the rails across Canada in October '07 gave **Ann Leete Hudson**

Photo:

The Pentagon Memorial opened to the public on Sept. 11. Photographer Wendy Ploger '90, whose father perished in the terrorist attack, is a board member of the Pentagon Memorial Fund, which oversaw the design and construction phase of the project and raised funds to make it happen. See story on page 50.

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and Lingo time off from their happy home at Riderwood Community Center in Silver Spring, Md. They keep busy with the many activities at the center. A grandson was a graduate of Georgetown in May.

Ruth Putzel Loew writes from home in Elkins Park, Pa., in the middle of the lovely spring flower season. She still is active in the Philadelphia Flower Show and is often called upon as an accredited flower show judge. As much as she'd like to visit Westminster and friends, she does not see it as a possibility. She says, "Best to all I know."

Thanks to Michael Stephens, son of **Dorothy Mae Taylor Stephens** for letting us know about his mother. She lives at the Masons Village in Elizabethtown, Pa. Up until 2005 she enjoyed attending ball games with Michael. Severe dementia and inability to walk have curbed her activities, but she still enjoys lunch at the Olive Garden with her son. Close friends and acquaintances from WMC may write to her at 600 Free Mason Drive, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17027.

From Irvine, Calif., it's always good to hear from **Thelma Young Friedel** and to know she's still in her own home busy with activities in church and community. A great-grandson, first child of granddaughter Katy, in Dallas, keeps Thelma very happy. How proud **Ridgely '43** would have been.

My roomie **Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn** in her cozy homestead in Annapolis heads her family as the great matriarch. Her great-granddaughter, Lucy, 2, is a joy to all. Luciene says, "I am multi-tasking as I dig dandelions and soak in Vitamin D. The squirrels are exasperating as they dig up all the transplants. Lucky me, though, if they were deer they'd eat them!"

Mary Virginia Webb France plays bridge at her home in Charlestown Retirement Village and still driving her car locally but staying away from the beltway. A successful knee replacement gets her around the complex in a better fashion.

Picture this: music major at WMC pouring her talents and professionalism on eight piano students, then attending exercise classes three days a week with a weekly Spanish class. All of that is interspersed with lunch and dinner dates, never excluding her scheduled homebound visits for her church. Her five children, spread from Massachusetts, North Carolina, Florida, California and Maryland, always welcome mom when she can visit. **Dean Hess Reindollar** is very busy in Taneytown, but admits it's more fun as she grows older.

Marion Maddox Suhorsky writes from their home in Vera Beach, Fla., that she and Joe still feel so blessed to have each other, their own flowers and yet have access to yoga, water aerobics, and an exercise room. Even though they don't travel too far, their two

daughters aren't out-of-reach. Karen is still in Dorchester County, Md., and Kathy way out in Dallas, Texas. But two granddaughters and two "awesome" great-grandsons remind the Suhorskys that it isn't just a woman's world anymore.

I received a card to me from the family of **Lt. Col. Arlene Jones** informing me that she died in April of this year. I sent condolences from our class.

Dr. William Smith fills us in about the golf capital of the world — Pinehurst, N.C. As an avid golfer there and also a former Columbus, Ohio resident, Bill gave a prayer at the celebration for 30 years of golfing at the opening ceremony for the Jack Nicklaus Tournament. Nicklaus himself had printed the names on the first 25 prayers — Bill had signal honor.

A switch in roles in the **Bill Hiatt Med '75** household, for wife **Madeline Myers Hiatt** had been recuperating at a nursing facility. As a retired librarian in public schools, Bill gives two days a week at the Westminster Public Library. The Hiatt's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, is president of the Frederick, Md., Animal Welfare where she houses and cares for female cats at her own home.

In his wit and wisdom, **Rev. Robert Adams** catches us up on his life in Madison, Wisc. His home is in the Capitol Lakes Retirement Community "making the most of still being in the independent living section." He shared interesting information about the First Methodist Church there, "the most dynamic congregation I have ever experienced — speakers like Elias Chacous of Palestinian fame, Marcus Borg, Elaine Pagels, Karen Armstrong, John Dominic Crossan, all contemporary topnotch scholars of religion." Bob has studied Buddhism and 5000 Years of Chinese History. Bob says, "Someone once asked St. Francis of Assisi in his old age how he was doing. He replied, 'Francis is doing fine, but Brother Asimo is getting old.' (Asimo means donkey in Italian.) He was referring to his body. That goes for me, too." Bob sends peace to all and to the new crop on campus.

After a lengthy visit in Florida with her sister, **Shirley Frounfelter Megahee '50**, and at her own condo, **Ann Frounfelter Palmer** returned to her residence in Oro Valley, Ariz. While vacationing in Florida she and Shirley enjoyed several movies, plays at Asolo Theatre in Sarasota, and took advantage of the good seafood. New aches and pains have kept her from the long trips she used to take. Skin cancer is still with her but treatable through surgery.

Jeanne Williams Graef lost her husband in May '07. She is so glad to have her three children and grandchildren close by. Jeanne has had a trip to the Bahamas and to the New Orleans Jazz Festival.

Cecelia Buckner Bouma tracked me down from

state-to-state through our friend **Gale Lodge Thiele**. Thus I received a welcomed phone call followed by Cecelia's card. Family and friends and the usual doctor's appointments fill the lives of the Boumas. Their oldest grandchild completed the first year of college, the youngest finished ninth grade.

From someone legally blind **Anne Winters Tait** continues to give of her talents in her sixth year as an elected member of the vestry of Grace Lutheran Church in Westwood, N.J., where she also sings in the choir. She has also been treasurer for her church for eight years. Over at a senior housing complex, **Anne** is secretary of their board of trustees.

When I realize that response cards do not come to me, I take advantage of my unlimited long distance calls. **Mildred Soper Link** chatted with me from her new home at Glen Meadows Retirement Community just a few miles from her long-time residence in Glen Arm, Md.

Helen Stoner Dettbarn, in St. Michaels, Md., is just fine and still playing lots of bridge with other widows in their condo complex. We shared a story about her brother, **Dr. James Stoner '39**, in Walkersville, Md., when he was my family's physician. "Stoney" was so glad I called.

Kay Kaiser Frantum and husband Ted, tucked away in Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md., are anticipating a cruise with the village group in September. She hopes her total knee replacement will cooperate in therapy for a pleasant trip. Kay sounded totally happy in their new home.

Dr. Earl Morey and his wife, **Betty Little '48**, celebrated their 60th anniversary. Their family includes three married children, 14 grandchildren and six great-grands. A move from Pinehurst, N.C., to Haymarket, Va., still permits him to teach weekly with occasional preaching. Earl's three books have been translated into four languages.

Trying to catch up with **Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn** has been next to impossible. When you follow her in this writing, you'll understand. Her travels have been to Alaska with the McDaniel group and a visit to Egypt including a camel ride. "Six days on the Nile was like a lazily rolling film that revealed much of countryside and culture." Mary's other outings are family weddings, art classes and Volksmarch walking trips. The grandchildren of the Pfefferkorns are very conscious of the environment. Kelly, being an ardent naturalist at Piney Run Nature Center in Carroll County, received her environment science background at the University of Vermont. Candace continues her education journey to achieve a Ph.D. in bio-physics research at NIH. She also fits in the study of the flute and "works on her pursuit of conquering

the Appalachian Trail." The family wedding was to see Timothy in his bare feet on the beach in Naples, Fla. Mary and husband Louis helped in creating a new church in Mt. Airy, Md., on a hill from the small historic St. James Episcopal. She ended her report to me with this, "I look forward to hearing from each of you via the kindness of Anna Rose."

Alice "Sis" Kuhn McKinley reports that she will be leaving her home in Florida and returning to Cleveland, Ohio, where she will have one daughter to watch over her. Hospital visits too often have made her realize this necessary change. Of course, her many old friends there will welcome her.

For the first time in 11 years, **Nell Quirk Levay** and spouse John did not become "snow birds." Tired of packing and riding the autotrain, they remained in St. Mary's City, Md. A trip to Louisville, Ky., in May to attend their oldest grandson's high school graduation was most enjoyable. To be in good health the Levays are very grateful. Nell says, "Love to everyone."

I left Maryland — my last home for 46 years — in December '07 for a cozy apartment in the home of my eldest son, George, and his wife, Mary Kay, in Shepherdstown, W.Va. Surrounding me on the 8-plus acres are two grandchildren with my combined five "greats." Only 9 miles away in Charlestown is the third grandchild with three more "greats." Youngest son Mike and wife Trish only live 22 miles northwest. I am a happy old lady enjoying the fruits of the family. Visits yearly and phone calls to my additional 11 great-grandchildren complete my family. Of course, I have missed my volunteering in Maryland, but I now see what I've missed all those years in relatives. I do believe I have followed God's plan since my husband died in 1959 for being a people person: four children of my own, a loving mother to care for them while I had 28 years of teaching others' children, 25 years of hospital and hospice care, church work, senior center program chairman, and 23 years as class reporter for us. Thanks to all of you and God bless.

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1951

Where are the members of the class of '51? I've been looking for them. Here is the news from those I found. **Dottie Phillips Bailey**, still enjoying life at Mallard Landing retirement community in Salisbury, Md., treated her family to a Disney cruise during spring break. Since two grandchildren will graduate next year, it was a great time to spend eight days together. She also stays in touch with **Phil Kable** and **Ed Nordly '50**.

From Florida, **Nancy Winkelman** writes that while she is not traveling as much as she did in the past though she did enjoy a cruise to the American and British Virgin Islands this past winter. Traveling is fun and interesting. She invites any of you travelers to Florida to call her.

Phil Kable had lunch at Suicide Bridge with Dottie and Ed. In June, he cruised the Mississippi from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati on the Delta Queen.

Although **Al Dodd** has enjoyed reading the class news, he never submitted any items. He admits it isn't easy now to summarize almost 60 years. In 1958, he married Beverly Valentine, a Bucknell graduate. The youngest of his three children, **Robby '93**, graduated from WMC. The oldest of his five grandchildren is a senior at University of Virginia. Al began his career in the Montgomery County school system as a teacher, then principal, followed by associate superintendent and eventually retired after 31 years of service as the superintendent. A second retirement in 2002 came after 18 years as a training director and consultant to school systems on facilities studies and school designs. Sadly his wife died in 1984.

Two years ago, **Henry Norman** and his wife, Michelle, moved to Freehold, N.J., to be near their daughter, Corinne, and husband who have adopted a Chinese baby, Alexandra. She has become the center of their lives. Henry retired several years ago as president of volunteers in technical assistance. American Technical Exports provide skill training to people in developing countries.

After accompanying two music groups,

Pat Shear Pylpec had to resign due to degenerative arthritis in her wrists. She serves as president of her homeowners' association but "has no authority to enforce the covenants." Her grandson was one of the marchers in the Apple Blossom Festival parade in Winchester, Va. Pat keeps busy reading good books, doing puzzles and gardening in an earth box. She misses her good friend and correspondent **Pat Moore Ruth**.

Mary Ruth Williams reports that she is in good health and happily engaged in activities associated with family, WAC veterans, card club and church. She does a lot of reading, which always has been one of her favorite pastimes.

Angela Crothers Zawacki and **Len '50** have been at the same address in Elkon for 56 years. They visit Westminster frequently to see their son Brian, his wife, Ginnie, and family of three who live nearby.

On June 5, after several months of hard work and frustration, **Dottie Klinefelter Earl** and **Homer '50** moved. Three days later, Dottie landed in the hospital awaiting a pacemaker. Even though they are still unpacking boxes, children and grandchildren were a big help in the move. Now they are adjusting to a new life in a new location.

Phil Sack has been in Florida for the past 15 years. He's playing lots of golf, visiting 15 grandchildren in various parts of the country, and enjoying reasonably good health. "What can you ask for?"

Jean Dennison Smart is still living lakeside in Clarksville, Va. Her two boys visit in the summer. Her older son, Rob, has five children and six grandchildren. His son, Luke,

just graduated from medical school and is interning in internal medicine and pediatrics in Rochester, N.Y. A lot of Jean's time is spent in various church activities and traveling. Last year she took a train trip to California and traveled the West for 6,000 more miles with relatives. "Still in good health."

Larry Loper wrote that living in a retirement community with no maintenance requirements is good, although he still misses the farm. Spring was a busy time for the family: a graduation at the Naval Academy and a granddaughter's wedding. One grandson is in medical school, one in law school and one in grad school. "Two are actually working for a living. All is well in Hanover, Pa."

Betty Shivers Hitchcock is living in a retirement community in St. Louis, about a mile from her daughter. Although she enjoys the activities there, it is good to get away sometimes. Recently she returned from a great Elderhostel near Portland, Ore.

Bob Kettells reports that the decision to move to sunny Florida from Philadelphia eight years ago was the best decision he ever made. He enjoys golfing twice a week, does aerobics twice a week, and still does his own lawn work. Other than the usual aches and pains "we are in good health." They are active in their church and thank God for his bounty.

After living in Ocean City for 30 years, **Mary Lou Schanze St. Leger** still loves it. She's enjoyed two trips: one to the Balkan countries and one to China that included Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, the Great Wall and a cruise down the Yangtze River. Everyone is fine in her family.

There is a joy among us. **Gil Clough** and his wife spend six months in their home in Boynton Beach, Fla., four months in Ocean City, N.J., (where they see **Jay Eggy's** wife), and two months on their daughter's horse ranch in New Paltz, N.Y. They enjoyed a riverboat trip to Holland and Belgium last spring.

Roland Layton and his wife (not a WMC grad) live the quiet but pleasant life of retirees with volunteer work, gardening, bridge and two great-granddaughters ages 4 and 2. **Roland Smith**, who his phone conversations with **Guy Smith '50**, missed his date earlier this year, with whom he grew up on the Eastern Shore.

Ann Van Order Delong declares that all is well in Sinking Spring, Pa. Her granddaughter, Heidi, received her associate degree with honors in June. Ann and Tom enjoyed Elderhostels in Cape May and Rehoboth Beach. Tom still does a lot of mowing on the tree farm as well as pruning with the boys in the early morning.

Doris Joiner Hancock and **Bill '54** have lived in Tucson and now Sedona since 1968, so they feel like native Arizonans. They are able to spend a great deal of time traveling since son Scott and his wife live nearby and can take care of the three stray cats that were abandoned while they were away. Several cruises were on their travel agenda this year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alaska and Denali Park and a two-week cruise to and from San Diego around the Hawaiian Islands. Other *sojourns* included Santa Fe with the Civil War Preservation Society, North Carolina and Tennessee and a Tauck tour to Yellowstone Park, Grand Tetons and Rapid City. They visited Durango, Colo., with a stop at Mesa Verde Park and a train ride to Silverton.

Paul Schatzberg celebrated his 80th birthday last May with great gratitude, in the presence of his wife, **Tobaele Isaacs '52**, three children, and six grandchildren. As an adjunct faculty member at Anne Arundel Community College, Paul has been teaching in the lifelong learning program on and off campus at nearby senior centers. The courses include the history of ancient Israel, evolution of the mind, and the Great Books reading and discussion series. Although "slowing down," Tobaele and he visited Iceland in September.

"We have moved again" wrote **George "Jerry" Phipps**. This time to a 55-plus golf community, Heritage Shores in Bridgeville, Del. Yes, that is the small town on the Delmarva Peninsula with the sign, "If you lived here you would be home now." He has returned to his "roots" since he was born in Salisbury and attended high school there. They are enjoying the development and the Arthur Hills designed golf course. They reside on the 16th hole and Jerry loves being only two minutes away from the first tee. He has shot his age 30s. Jerry was inducted into the Baltimore City College Hall of Fame last October. His son, Michael, was wounded in Iraq by a sniper's bullet during his second tour there last summer. Thankfully he has healed well and has returned to active duty at Ft. Hood, Texas. He will probably serve a third tour next spring. Better news is he will become a father to a daughter in September. "God Bless Our Troops."

Tom Lang and Alice continue to enjoy their retirement from teaching at Medford Lees in Lumberton, N.J. They don't find it difficult to keep busy in a retirement community with a pool close by plus gardening, walking, biking and loads of books to occupy their time. Their three children and eight grandkids keep them on their toes. Currently five of the grandchildren are in college or graduate school and another one will join them next year. Tom is sorry to have missed the 50th reunion.

Elizabeth Nichols, who was widowed three years ago, is living at Friendship Retirement Community in Roanoke, Va. A daughter lives in Ashville, N.C., and a son in Prescott, Ariz. She has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her late husband, Sidney, had three children with whom she stays in touch.

Beverly "Bud" Dunning Jr. retired from the federal government in 1987 after 34 years (four years in USAF) and 30 years in the business of mines metallurgy research center. Bud married Ann Barnhart, class of '52 at Wilson College in 1955. They have two daugh-

ters and five grandchildren. Since each one owns a year-round house in Sherwood Forest, Bud and Anne don't have to travel far to visit family. This is his 80th reunion year for completion of an engineering degree at University of Maryland. He has belonged to the Terrapin Club for 40 years, but doesn't follow the football and basketball teams like he used to. Ann still goes to the ACC basketball tournaments with a Maryland golfing buddy. Bud stays home and watches from his easy chair.

Lincoln Justice and wife Rachel moved in 2006 from Nebraska to the Missouri Ozarks east of Springfield where they bought a three-bedroom, two-bath house on three lots for \$19K. "This is beautiful country that people from all over the world are discovering. We feel that this is the most exciting time in human history to be alive." They are having fun with new technologies, beneficial resources, and expanding their consciousness. They have discovered a source of friendly microbes that can replace toxic chemicals and people who have tapped sources of free energy that can replace fossil fuel and nuclear power. They are also working with Healthcare-NOW to expand Medicare for everyone. The Justices are also making use of quantum biofeedback technology for better health. "Our life in retirement is an adventure. There are no subjects that are too far out for us to explore." If they are traveling in southern Missouri call and plan to visit.

Marian Benton Tonjes is still active professionally and is looking forward to giving the keynote banquet speech in December at the American Reading Forum on Sanibel Island, Fla. There will be about 300 professors there from the 50 states; her family will be there also. Marian keeps in touch with **Peggy Kerns Band**, **Babs Jolley Douglas '50**, **Betty Fisher Carmichael** and **Jan Raubenheimer Weaver '49**.

All is well in the Lathroum household and with all their family. "What a wonderful life God has given Leo and me (**Barbara Pfouts**), our five children and many grandchildren."

You can find **Beverly Milsted Carow** in Front Royal, Va., having moved there from Oron Hill, Md., 14 years ago. While in the Washington area, she was an organist at several churches for more than 40 years; taught organ at Prince George's Community College for 15 years and also taught piano in her home studio. She is enjoying the slower pace at her present location. She continues to teach piano in her home to many good students who keep her young, at least "in heart." Beverly lost her oldest son, Jack, in 2001, her husband and 95-year-old mother in 2003, for whom she had been the caretaker for 10 years. Since she lives just 10 minutes from the entrance to the Skyline Drive she invites you travelers to stop for a visit.

Dorothy Frizzell Williams is still living in Wynnewood, Pa. She reports that her schedule doesn't change much: skates all winter and finds it as challenging as ever and even more exciting because she's doing more dif-

ficult moves. She'll soon be heading for Maine, where she's switching from fused class to diachronic jewelry, which still requires the kiln. She tried watercolor last summer but hasn't enough time for it. Her granddaughter, 15, is awesome ("aren't they all?"). Dottie is reliving her high school days, but life is very different today.

Mary Ellen Hess Meyn visited her son, Bill, in Santa Fe at Thanksgiving. At Christmas, she was with Jerry and her two children, Sarah and Eric. What a joy! She welcomed the New Year in Hawaii. At Easter, she helped make and package candy with a church at church. She enjoys painting, writing, and gardening. Mary Ellen would welcome a visit from classmates who are in the Indian Head, Pa., area.

Rachel Holmes Ebert Cruzan still misses her family and friends in Maryland but life in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., is easy to love at this time of life. In the seven years since she bought her condo, she's put down roots, joining Christ Episcopal Church where she is enrolled in education for ministry; "No, I've no plans to land in the pulpit. My ministry lies in the direction of volunteering as an art teacher in this community." At WMC, Miss Shipley offered her the advice to study watercolor if she couldn't major in art. She has two classes of seniors to whom she teaches watercolor skills. Both teacher and student have fun and Rachel reports that she has students who out-paint her. Recently the Maryland Yacht Club honored her as the first Queen of the Chesapeake, circa 1948, at which time she presented the Commodore her painting of the Pride of Baltimore II. Her big sister and her daughter are living nearby. Soon **Bob Ebert's '51** (deceased) and Rachel's youngest granddaughter will be entering graduate studies at the University of North Florida. She'll camp out with Rachel until she can get her apartment. Rachel is thrilled. Bob's only grandson has been living in Jacksonville after graduating from Marshall University and is employed at Merrill Lynch. "It is gratifying to see these grandchildren doing well and moving closer to me." Bob and Rachel's only child, Mary Leslie, lives in Ohio with her husband, Steve. They plan to retire nearby also.

Bill Simpson and Peg continue their lives in New England. They are active in ecumenical and interfaith efforts, are participants in the Lynn Rotary and Lions clubs and offer leadership in community human rights and mental health programs. They are excited about their grandson's progress in the Junior Olympics soccer program.

Post-WMC days have found **Dale and Mille Macubbin '58 Townsend** living in Litchfield for all but two years. They raised their son and two daughters there and enjoy visiting their two grandsons in Hartford County. Dale spent 39 years working at a large "un-named agency" at R. Meade and Millie, after getting her master's in social work later in life, worked for the Anne Arnold DSS as a

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Ken Brown MLA '80 to **Marguerite Dewey** on June 14, 2008. They reside in Arnold, Md.

Gina Cappi '94 to **David Chen** on June 22, 2008. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

Julie Kuerner '96 to **Jarrett Messing** on March 1, 2008. They reside in Chesapeake, Va.

Sara Gruber '99 to **Jason Long** on October 1, 2007. They reside in Brookhaven, Pa.

Natalie Hamblin '99 to **Matt Gaieski** on July 1, 2007. They reside in Columbia, Md.

Kerrie Wille '99 to **Eric Schulz** on April 26, 2008. They reside in Nottingham, Md.

Julie LeGore '00, MS '07 to **Jason Keller** on June 7, 2008. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Heather Talkach '00 to **Scott Farrell** on June 20, 2008. They reside in Simi Valley, Calif.

Lisa Weber '01 to **John R. Railey** on May 24, 2008. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

Laura Boyer '01 to **Shawn Aronson** on December 15, 2007. They reside in Severna Park, Md.

Christine Dotson '02, MS '08 to **Ian Calvert** on June 28, 2008. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Jessica M. Jones '02 to **Perry Coburn** on July 26, 2008. They reside in Williamsburg, Va.

Dana Miller '02 to **Ryan Ricketts** on July 26, 2008. They reside in Union Bridge, Md.

Shawn Minnier '02, MS '07 to **Jessica Swanke** on April 19, 2008. They reside in Littlestown, Pa.

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**Joyce Harrington
Stottler '57
felt so fortunate
to be able to
attend the
reunion because
she is the family
chauffeur for
her husband who
has Parkinson's
and recently had
knee surgery.**

protective service worker. Her interest in that field has led to Dale's serving on the board of directors for Anne Arundel County's DSS for the past four years. Aside from family, volunteerism is pretty much their life. Dale is a 20-plus year veteran of the Pathfinders (a customer service oriented volunteer group at BWI); has helped at church his entire life and continues to assist with a local scout troop about 30 years after his son was involved. After Hurricane Andrew, Dale and Millie joined a Red Cross disaster action team and still render assistance at fires and other disasters. As members of their church's mission/outreach team they have served in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and West Virginia in recovery efforts. In October, they will make their fifth trip to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to continue to help rebuild. Dale has little patience with those who say that retirement is boring. "There are too many things 'out there' to be done!" Last fall, Dale received a community service alumni award at homecoming and this fall, he and his wife will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Keith Radcliffe, this year's first responder, has moved frequently since graduation (Maryland, California, Hawaii, California, Florida). He has been married four times, "happily on some occasions." He has a son and daughter and presently resides in Tarpon Springs, Fla., with his RN wife who takes care of his ailments, (if any) and her mother, 93. Keith has two African grey parrots, which are very disrespectful and call him "dog" and "owl," and other unkind names, and he has a small Goffins cockatoo that is just noisy without saying anything intelligible. Until recently he served as head deacon of the Crystal Beach Community Church ("they don't do background checks") but he had to resign after three years due to term limits. Occasionally, he serves as liturgist, something he learned about from Dr. Holthaus.

In June, I saw **Dolly Dalgleish Darigo** and **Carl** at our Westminster High School class reunion. She had returned from Hawaii a short time before having spent time driving with grandson, Alex, in preparation for his driving test. Their daughter, Jane, was in the Philippines on the hospital ship Mercy. Prior to that, she was in Alaska for daughter Nancy Roxanne's high school graduation.

Payne from Salisbury, Md., Bob and Barbara Payne Wilsey report that this is the year they are ending their Florida adventure. "Twenty years is enough!" They will miss it, but it's nice to hang up their nomadic life and just enjoy occasional and short trips here and there. There is much on the shore to enjoy, too. Their boys are their daughters and, of course, their granddaughters. Both are as busy as "teen bees." In addition to traveling, Babs volunteers and plays bridge and Bob gardens and plans great things for them to do.

Bob Fraser still loves Alaska. He has re-

tired, but wife Shirley is still working part time. He hopes to be at the next reunion.

Alice Yearley Snyder and **Bill** just celebrated their 57th anniversary. Alice continues to stay busy with volunteering, church work, and travel that included a recent cruise to Bermuda. She is enjoying serving on the College Alumni Council. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, just contact Alice. Two grandchildren have graduated from college, two are in college now, and three to go. "Life is good."

There was a sighting of one of our Georgia classmates on campus reunion weekend, **Marshall Simpson**. (No, it wasn't our reunion year!) Marshall and his daughter were on their way to Washington, D.C., to attend a meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. While on campus, he enjoyed lunch with Cindy Zimmerman and other staff members. Unfortunately, his wife, Barbara, died before their 50th wedding anniversary when they had hoped to visit Alaska where they had lived for seven years.

I'm still participating actively in church and college activities. Much of my volunteer time is spent organizing the Woman's Club "Read Across Carroll County" event in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. In March, guest readers (some from the College) and club members presented stories to more than 1,400 children and presented each with a new book.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of deceased classmates: **Philip Suwalli**, Oct. 11, 1993; **Cameron McIntire**, July 17, 2000; **Norman Webb**, June 9, 2001; **Virginia Grathouse**, Oct. 10, 2003; **Bernard Sandler**, Jan. 25, 2004; **George Shyn**, Feb. 26, 2004; **Doug Paulsen Sr.**, May '05; **Larry Bailey**, Jan. 9, 2006; **John Fritz**, July 4, 2006; **Pat Moore Ruth**, Dec. 17, 2006; **Warren Balla**, May 23, 2007; **Chester S. Smocharski**, Sept. 10, 2007; **Harry McCrone**, March 20, 2008; and **Joe Keenan**, May 2, 2008.

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Can you believe that it was actually one year ago that the class of '57 celebrated the 50th anniversary of commencement of June 1957? What a memorable weekend it was for all of us who were able to attend. The committee members worked long and hard, along with the Office of Alumni Relations, to make the weekend one that we could put permanently in our "good memory bank."

When I reminded all of you that it was news time again, I thought it would be a good idea to share some of your "precious memories" of that weekend. Many of you did, indeed, send these thoughts to me.

Bob and Helen Boardman Radcliffe had a great time seeing old friends and the new sights on campus. Last spring was particu-

larly busy for them, as they also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3 with a dinner hosted by their family. They are very proud of sharing in their daughter, Vicky's, accomplishment of receiving a master's degree in May from Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C. The oldest grandson, Ryan, was a legislative assistant intern for the North Carolina Government Affairs Office in Washington. This summer he is studying business and economics at University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Charlie '55 and Ginnie Tull Phipps loved the reunion and said it was amazing how we can just pick up where we left off a year or years ago. They have spent a lot of travel time, here and overseas, visiting family and friends. **Joanie Hutter Tull Weigle '56** and husband Russ visited with the Phipps in May. **Frank '56 and Lillian Fowler Benson** are frequent visitors, at almost daily conversations are held with **Joan Paterson Bopst**, and **Ginnie keeps up with Harriet Stevens Salzman**. Ginnie and Charlie's oldest grandson graduated from high school in Montana in June and they will be able to be part of that occasion. Church work keeps them busy, too.

Joyce Harrington Stottler said, "Not in my most unusual dreams could I have imagined events at WMC with free-flowing booze!" She felt so fortunate to be able to attend the reunion because she is the family chauffeur for her husband who has Parkinson's and recently had knee surgery. But, her daughter took over for her and she took off for the reunion. The first several days were spent with **Lynda Skinner Kratzoff** then to **Amin '59** and **Peg Simon Jurf**'s house in Westminster, where 50 years just disappeared. She said they picked up the conversation where it left off after graduation and Amin said they never shut up over the whole weekend. There remarked that it was great to team up with the old Sigma gang, but her fondest memory was how supportive we are of one another. No matter who she sat with, everyone was interested in what everyone else was doing. The "clicks" have long since disappeared and we all wished one another well. Joyce is in Cocoa Beach, Fla., and invites the "snowbirds" to visit.

Peg Simon Jurf thought our 50th reunion was the best ever, with so many classmates, excellent food, interesting lectures and discussions, and lots of souvenir gifts. She was absolutely delighted to have Joyce and Lynda at her house to share all the memorable college days.

Richard "Dick" Graham called the reunion the "highlight of 2007." Westminster and surrounding area looked so attractive that it made him want to re-retire there (this is a reflection of 31 years in the foreign service where one is conditioned to look forward to the next location). "The College has changed a lot, all for the better, but is essentially still the same. That is very comforting. Dick and wife, Marilyn, participated in as many activities as they could fit in, including the winery

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Aaron Hunslett '03 to Lydia Grant in June 2008. They reside in Murray, Ky.

Kelly Roth '03 to Shane Utz on July 4, 2008. They reside in Westminister, Md.

Katie Champion '04 to Rick Riley on May 10, 2008. They reside in Frederick, Md.

James Diller '04 to Laura Cook '05 on May 31, 2008. They reside in Williamstown, Conn.

Nicole Hahn '04 to Brad Fincher on July 11, 2008. They reside in Westminister, Md.

Kate Hartman '04 to Brian Zedalis on July 12, 2008. They reside in Denton, Md.

Jessica Bradford '05 to Rob St. Clair on May 30, 2008. They reside in Blacksburg, Va.

Kelly Ann Grubb '05 to Michael Blake '05 on April 26, 2008. They reside in Westminister, Md.

Leisl Jensen '05 to Christopher Piper '06 on July 7, 2008. They reside in Westminister, Md.

Kevin M. Joyce '05 to Mary Marthe on August 1, 2008. They reside in Stevensville, Md.

Kara Kunst '05 to Tom Gioielli on July 7, 2007. They reside in Danbury, Conn.

Ronnetta Casson '05 to Troy Mason '04 on August 6, 2006. They reside in Edgewood, Md.

Amy King '06 to Shawn Hampt on July 5, 2008. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Adam Stortz '06 to Christina Bandula '05 on June 28, 2008. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

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tour and dinners. Food was outstanding and the reception by all associated with the College — from President Coley to student volunteers — was above and beyond warm and friendly." He sends kudos to class members and committee members who exceeded themselves in planning and preparation for the reunion. Dick and Marilyn also had other highlights of '07, including a college degree for Marilyn and continuation for another, three weeks in Central America, family visiting from Germany and sharing Christmas with them in Williamsburg, Va., and a big surprise 75th birthday party for Dick. All the children were in attendance, plus more than 40 friends including **Bob and Helen Radcliffe**.

Bob and Jean Goodie Stahl put the reunion in their fond memories record book. Jean said it had well-structured events, good food, mementos, and a relaxed time to visit with old friends and acquaintances — a weekend they will not forget. Bob and Jean went to Italy and Greece for one month in August to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Their children also scheduled them for two nights in two old and beautiful inns in Virginia for the actual weekend of their anniversary in late June. The entire family looks forward to a trip to Colorado later in the year.

Earle and Sara Ellen Price Finley did attend and Sara Ellen had very recently had major surgery, so we were all excited to have them in attendance. Sara writes that the family is doing well and planning a family reunion at Black Mountain, N.C., in July. Grandmom Sara is kept busy keeping up with the birthdays of 20 grandkids. Their son, Bill, and his wife visited a sister church in the Ukraine this spring and met a 7-year-old girl who will be visiting with them this summer. They are doing lots of praying about the future of this little girl.

Mike Savarese was one of the committee members for the reunion. He says he is still trying to keep life simple: golfing, visiting the gym (added Yoga), and visiting seven grandchildren (six in Texas). In '07 he bought a house in Ft. Myers, Fla. (Pelican Preserve) for the winter months and will invite **Bob Butler, Don Tankersley and Brant Vitak** down as soon as he installs a security system!

Anne Gettings DeCoursey can hardly believe that it has been over a year since the wonderful reunion. She hopes that we can all plan to attend the 55th because it is so exciting to see everyone and learn of their many experiences, travels and adventures. It is amazing how many accomplishments occur over 50 years.

Joan Durno Claybrook and John recently moved to new quarters in Winchester, Va. They spent several weeks in India in January and did an Elderhostel trip to Israel, Egypt and Jordan in March. Late August found them traveling the journey of Lewis and Clark.

Bill Muehlenfeld, of San Antonio, really enjoyed the reunion and reuniting with so many classmates and hearing their life sto-

ries. **Bob Butler** and I, just a couple of retired Army officers, agreed we are not very colorful. Our lives have been well traveled but, on the whole, dull."

Gene Jenkins continues to enjoy pastoring at Grace Church, a position that he has had for 52 years.

Herb Sel was able to share in part of the reunion weekend with us. He still directs a church choir in Littlestown, Pa., and plays piano two or three times a week for private parties and restaurants. He was sad to note the loss of his wife, Eleanor, in July '07.

Dave Bailey recently completed a new book, *Poehles Along Memory Lane*, a satirical look at the past. A new administration building was just completed at Ranch Hope, replacing the old one that burned down in 2006. Dave and Eileen celebrated their 52nd anniversary.

Anna Jarrell wrote me from Camp Strawdman, her summer home for decades. She was a camper there when she was young, and has been a staff member for many years. Anna said that she took a trip to Paris in March and rode a river boat on the Seine. The trip ended with an interesting tour of the Normandy beaches and museum. In July '07 Anna's family and friends celebrated her mom's 100th birthday and she passed away three weeks later. But Anna says, "What a good run she had." Anna's mom was well-known for her lemon pound cakes and I am proud to have a copy of the recipe, although my cakes never taste quite like her did.

It was wonderful to see **Pat Patterson**, from California, at our reunion. Her high point was the volunteer/activist interest group with **Ira Zepp '54** and a small circle of alumni concerned about peace in the world and justice in our communities and nation. Seeing old friends was good, but linking up with people of common concerns was most encouraging.

Arnold "Skip" and Pat Richter Amass had a great year. The reunion was wonderful, meeting old friends, telling the old stories, and catching up on everyone. Pat and Skip celebrated their 50th anniversary in December with friends and relatives. They continue to stay busy with community activities.

June Wise Winkler shared with us part of the activities of the weekend. June writes that she is semi-retired, but life is pretty busy. She works part time for "The Maryland Pain Initiative" as its coordinator. In May she attended her 55th high school reunion. In June she took a trip to Paris and Arles with her daughter, **Julie Winkler Breed '86**. Ken and her granddaughter, 12. Upon her return she moved to a condo in Annapolis on the South River. It is a senior community that offers many activities. In mid-July she helped her brother celebrate his 70th birthday on a cruise to Bermuda.

Paul and Mary-West Pitts Enzor still enjoy the memories of the 50th reunion. They also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

in August, with a party. They went with us, **Marian Scheder** and **Jack Goettee**, on an Elderhostel trip at the end of August to Greenbrier Valley, W.Va. This was a delightful trip and lunch at the Greenbrier Hotel was a highlight. In February they went to Lake Tahoe, Nev., which was snowy, but beautiful. They encountered lots more snow in February when they visited with **Buddy and Grace Fletcher Pipes** in Vermont. **Bob '58 and Marsha Reifsnider '59 McCormick** visited them in May when they came from Santa Fe for their 50th WMC reunion.

John Kauffman says there is not much new. John and Jan spent February in Englewood, Fla., as they have done for the past seven years. He was giving up the job of church treasurer after 18 years. This year brought them back to the East Coast a number of times for the reunion in May, wedding and high school reunions in June, trip to the beach at Emerald Isle, N.C., in July and Jan's high school reunion in September.

Lynda Skinner Kratovil thought our reunion was great. She has since visited her daughter in France and went to a party with her in Dunkirk. When Lynda sent the post card she was busy helping her son, **Frank Jr. '90**, with his campaign for Congress from the 1st district. She said that district encompasses 12 counties.

These are a few glimpses of our reunion weekend 2007 and the memories that remain for all of us. The committee and the Alumni Office attempted to make this an unforgettable weekend and it sounds like "mission accomplished." Thanks to all who worked on the planning and on the details during the weekend.

Howard and Janet Perkins Zimmerman were really sorry to miss the 50th, but they had too much going on down south. April '08 was their 50th anniversary, celebrated with kids and grandkids by renewing vows at the church and enjoying a great weekend. Jan still works part time at the local book store (14 years) and Howard has retired from working at the golf course; he just plays golf. But, the bridge-playing continues for both (to keep their brains working). Jan says hello to all and if you are in "LA" (lower Alabama) the invite is open. They will try to have warm beach weather with no hurricanes.

JoEllen Outbridge deMarco missed reunion weekend because she and husband, Charlie, left that weekend for an Elderhostel trip to Sicily. Charlie's parents had emigrated from that area, so it was an emotional trip for him. JoEllen and Charlie spend winters in Sarasota, Fla., and she has become a golf fanatic! She is asking if any classmates live in or near Sarasota? Since she missed the 50th, she said the 60th should be a real happening!

Betty Ely May had some great memories of WMC — music hall, choir with Prof. DeLong, good times in the dorm where we could wear whatever we wanted and roam around and visit. She also revived the taste and aroma of

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those sticky buns at the grille! We all haunted our mail boxes for mail, and some for airmail letters. Benny's Kitchen (on Main St.) was a favorite Friday night haunt and living in "the House" was an unforgettable experience. Coming up to date, Betty did say that they sold their "second home" on Chin-coteague Island so they can travel more now. She enjoyed a recent luncheon with **Mary Jane Thorney Wilson**, **Bev Parsons Carter** and **Pat Dixon Bloomer**.

A year of knee replacement surgeries and the follow-up physical therapy has been the life of **Pat Werner Callender**. Pat and George will do limited travel in their motor home this summer, visiting family in Bel Air, Md., for a few days. They still enjoy their proximity to Disney World and attending the special activities there. Pat said they visited with her brother, **Les Werner '56**, this past Christmas and the two of them tried to decide who had more replacement parts.

From the deep South we jump to Vermont and talk with **Buddy and Grace Fletcher Pipes**. They had the snowiest winter in Vermont history this past winter and still had a feet of snow on the ground at the end of March. July '07 took them to Hawaii, along with two granddaughters. A special treat for all of them was the hike to the top of Diamond Head. In October they joined **Jean Warfield '56** for a two-week tour of Portugal and Spain's Basque country, enjoying Fado music, tappas, and Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum. They were entertained in the home of Kappa, the Grammy-award-winning Basque folk music singer. Grace noted that the mountains were spectacular and the people warm and friendly. They have seven grandchildren and two of their three children are WMC gradu-

ates: **Daniel '87** and **Miriam Pipes Krumrine '90**. **Marge Pott Ensinger** said she could not remember when she last sent news for the class column, so she is catching up on her life. In August '04 Marge and Stuart took a six-week, 12,000-mile car trip to the West Coast and back, seeing sites and visiting family and friends. In December '05 they moved from their native New Jersey (some family members go back to the Revolution in New Jersey) to the Philadelphia area to be within 15 minutes of their daughter, her husband, and two grandchildren. They are delighted with the move. Marge and Stuart have volunteered at a Christian school in the Philadelphia area four days a week for the past three years. They help third-graders learn math facts. Their son, Bill, lives and works in Tennessee and is still their in-house expert computer consultant. They see him three to four times a year in the Adirondacks, Florida, Tennessee, and even Philadelphia. They thank God each day for their good health and ability to do things at their ages. They have very close family ties that are a daily blessing to them.

Mary Jane Thorney Wilson again says that she doesn't have anything of note to contribute, but that I should mention the Fred Waring Elderhostel at Penn State in August that I attended with her for the fourth consecutive year. We have truly enjoyed this week each year. It is so much fun, although there is a lot of work involved with learning and memorizing music. We practice from Sunday evening to Wednesday afternoon, have a dress rehearsal on Thursday morning and do a program for the local retirement village on Thursday evening. We memorize all the music—quite an undertaking for seniors, but it really keeps our brains in "tune." Mary Jane gets together frequently with WMC classmates, usually for lunch. Mary Jane, **Mary Ellen Weber Mehring**, **Mary-West Pitts Ensor** and I (**Marian Scheder Goettee**) met at a new restaurant in New Market, Md., for lunch and had a delightful time recently. We do lots of talking and "remembering when."

Ralph "Dusty" Martinell was honored to have **Bob and Barbara Willis '60** Butler visit them in the past year. They would love to have any WMCers drop by to see them when in California. Dusty says "no new stents" this year, 11 is enough. He and his wife were planning a trip to Las Vegas (his second home) for his 76th birthday on June 28. He said that makes him one of the "older" boys, but do remember the motto of all those boys on the football team, "We'll flomp 'em next week!"

Jack Osborne was sorry to miss our reunion, but his wife, **Judy Corby Osborne '58** made her 50th this year. They do hear from **Jeanne Blair Kreisher** in Maine.

Karin Schade James just says hello to all. Karin was in attendance at the 50th wedding anniversary party for **Paul and Mary-West Pitts Ensor** in August '07. Karin had been Mary-West's matron of honor. By the way, **Jack Goet-**

tee was an usher in that wedding, as was **Buddy Pipes**, and I (**Marian**) was the organist.

Jean Cline always writes with enthusiasm from the state of Washington. She loves the West Coast and the weather is a big plus for her. She said she became a statistic last year when she was diagnosed with uterine cancer, but all looks good now. She had surgical complications, but weathered it all except for a leg problem. She says this will be a lifetime problem but can be managed. She is still bowling and loving it. **Joy Nuttall** keeps in touch with Jean via e-mail and they recall those days at WMC.

Fred Rausch just received my postcard on June 13 in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. Fred and his wife travel on their boat all summer and he says it takes time for mail to catch up with them. His boat averages 23 gallon per hour and at almost \$5.00 per gallon they try to stay long periods of time in one place. **Jim Retter** visited them in Florida last winter.

A surprising and delightful note was received from **Ellen Pacht Heemann**. Ellen and I were high school classmates at Eastern High School in Baltimore and have not seen each other for many years. It was wonderful to hear from her again. She was getting ready to embark on a 50th anniversary trip when she sent the card and was a bit overwhelmed.

Joanne Parrish had actually planned to come to the reunion and was going to stay at our house, but she became ill the day before she was to leave and had to cancel her plans. We did miss seeing her. She was my Blanche Ward roommate for four years, and had also gone to Eastern High School with me.

Many of you have mentioned various trips: cruises, car trips, airplane trips, etc., but **Quincy Polk** is the first to mention a long trip by train. Her oldest son, **Charles Hoffert**, and his family live in Port Orchard, Wash., and she had just returned from her third train trip to Seattle from her home in North Carolina. She had a wonderful time. Her life, she says, is now centered on her family, including seven grandchildren. She was sorry to have missed the reunion last year.

Many of you remember **Maria "Kay" Snyder Kleve**. It was also good to get a note from her, just to say hi.

Tom Cause was only at WMC for one year and later graduated from Monmouth University in New Jersey with a BS in electronics engineering, and later from NYU with an MS in electrical engineering. This was after four years in the Navy. Then he taught at Monmouth University for five years. Tom said he spent 13 years in the microwave engineering industry, then founded Advanced Control Components in 1982. This was just sold to Emrise Corp. and Tom and his wife, Joanne, are making the transition to retirement. It is always exciting to hear from those classmates that did not spend the entire four years with us on campus.

The **Goettes**, **Marian Scheder** and **Jack**, keep doing house projects. **Mary Jane Thorney**

Jane Roeder Anderson's 1958 classmate was misidentified in the summer issue. Millie Mackubin Townsend '58 is pictured on the right.



Wilson wants to know when we will be finished with all that and can sit down and enjoy a few days. Any of you with your own homes know how the maintenance and re-doing projects keep coming. The 10 grandchildren — five boys and five girls — keep us active (and wear us down at times). Jeff '84 and Connie live in New Mexico with their three "amis" — Jeremy, Maxwell, and Reuben who are 12, 8, and 4. We visit them several times each year. The two older boys can fly unaccompanied on Southwest Airlines so they fly in to visit us for an extended period of time in the summer. This year it was the month of July. At the end of July, Jeff and Connie and Reuben drove East to help us celebrate our 50th anniversary with a party at our house for family and friends. We also stay very active in the church and community. The other seven grandkids live in close proximity to us and we see them frequently. We also see Paul and Mary-West Pitts Enser very often, meeting them for dinner, attending theater organ programs, Toby's Dinner Theater, and just getting together. I mentioned earlier about meeting classmates for lunch occasionally, and this is always a fun time. We were thrilled with the 50th reunion and so glad to see so many classmates. We have many happy memories, especially since Jack and I met at WMC — as did so many of our married couples — and we look forward to the 55th!

It is always a pleasure to get the news and to relay it on to all our classmates. The class of 1957 continues to be at "The Top of the Hill." May I be able to continue to do this job in the years to come — it helps to keep the brain from aging.

The sad part of writing the column is that I always have to tell you the names of classmates that have passed away since our last column. William Higgins passed away May 28, 2007; Rev. Richard Buttenbaugh passed away Aug. 6, 2007 (many of you will remember that Dick attended almost all our reunions except the 50th); Richard Lee Stone passed away Oct. 15, 2007; Dr. David Meredith passed away March 27, 2008. Our sympathies go to all the families.

Remember that our 55th is less than four years away! Time passes quickly so make your plans now. This is a great class and we always have a wonderful time when we get together.

If you have any news to relate, send it to me at any time and I will hold it until the next column. I particularly like to get those e-mails.

Good times, good health, and enjoy every day! I read a quote from "The Wonder Years" that said, "Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose." I think we can all agree to this.

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Ray Albert and wife Linda are settled in Annapolis. They divide their time between Annapolis and Tilgham Island. Ray stays busy with real estate consulting and visits with grandchildren. Ray and Linda invite any alumni cruising through Knapps Narrows to call on them.

Jack and Carole Richardson '64 Baile have fun visiting their granddaughters in Delaware and enjoying the good life with friends and family. Jack and Carole traveled to Ireland and Scotland and last year and visited several regions and cities in Italy. While in Italy, Jack went without his luggage for nine days. I'm happy to report that in late August Jack had his thyroid removed and is back to normal now that he has the right dosage of meds. The Bailes count their blessings for good health.

Nelson and Nancy Turner Berigold have been retired for two years from various social work jobs. Nancy substitute teaches several days a week and Nelson does whatever jobs he can find to keep busy. The Berigolds have two grandsons ages 9 and 6 and a granddaughter age 1.

Bill Bergquist and wife Barbara planned to take an extended trip to the East Coast to visit family and friends and attend Bill's 50th high school reunion. Bill is battling a malignant brain tumor and at present is doing well with his treatments. He and his son enjoy fishing trips when the salmon are running. Bill and Barbara have been encouraged hearing about Senator Kennedy's treatments since Bill's situation is much like the senator's. Fellow Washington state classmate **Bob Wolf** visits Bill often and keeps us informed of Bill's progress.

Peggy McIntyre Bowman and husband Bo are enjoying life in the South and now have more time for volunteer work. Peggy works at the food bank and soup kitchen and Bo does angel flights about once a month transporting patients in his airplane for treatment they can't get locally. Both Bownmans play in the bell choir at church and are active in other church activities. They invite visitors to enjoy the lake and golf course with them, if you're in the South Carolina area.

From Sacramento, Calif., **Terry Black Chekon** writes that she had two successful cataract surgeries and for the first time since seventh grade, she doesn't need glasses. Terry continues to serve as a docent for Sacramento's Crocker Museum, the oldest art museum west of the Mississippi River and as a member of the board of friends of the Sacramento Public Library. Terry was privileged to celebrate her mother's 103rd birthday with her in December '07 and plans to visit her mother again this summer.

Judy King Cole and husband **Jim '59** are both retired, although Jim teaches part time for the University of Maryland. Judy retired from full-time teaching and now spends a

good deal of her time with her seven grandchildren doing a lot of babysitting. Judy sees **Mary Bess Wood Keeney** regularly in a knitting group to which they both belong. Judy also enjoys quilting and reading. Daughter Diane and her husband and four children live nearby. Judy's daughter, Amy, and husband and daughter live in Pennsylvania and son Brad and his wife and two daughters live in Virginia. Judy and Jim get to spend a good deal of time with their children and grandchildren.

Age hasn't slowed **Ed Corbin** one bit. Even though he writes that he and Nancy have moved to Ocean City while maintaining their winter retreat in Florida to enjoy the "lower-slower" Eastern Shore lifestyle, he also writes that he and Nancy were gold medalists in this year's Shore Senior Olympics. In addition, Ed still rides his Harley and enjoys doing charity work with the international law enforcement organization, Blue Knights. He and Nancy are also involved in several animal rescue organizations. Ed plans to cruise this year to Bermuda and the Panama Canal. He enjoyed meeting and seeing many alumni at the Ocean City WMC get-together last fall.

Another classmate with dual residences in Florida and Maryland is **Barbara Wolozin Craig**. Barbara's daughter, son-in-law, and baby daughter escaped injury when their home was 80-percent destroyed by fire. The Craigs returned early from Florida to help out. Barbara reports that bridge, walking, reading, garden and club chats along with ballroom dancing continue to fill their time. John and Barbara are planning a trip/cruise which includes the Scandinavian countries and a week in St. Petersburg, Russia. They, of course, love spending time with their granddaughter, Rachel, the time made sweeter in knowing she had been moved from the nursery before the fire and so was not hurt.

Helen Buehm Crumacker and Harry have been retired for about a year and are enjoying life. The Crumackers have moved to a new house with an elevator in Prosper, Texas, a small town about an hour north of Dallas. Their new address is 2601 Bendbrook Trail, Prosper, TX 75078. They are happy to have their children nearby and enjoy playing with their only grandchild, Mason. Helen reports that she and Harry are "fairly" spry and had a good time attending Helen's 50th high school reunion in Bethesda.

Life is good in Williamsburg, Va., for **Susan and Bill Deaner**. Bill has seen several alumni and classmates. He had dinner at **Don Rabush's** home along with **Hunter and Fran Burnell '63** Kirkman; then in April he spent a week in Myrtle Beach, S.C., along with **Bob Warfield, Hunter Kirkman, Tony Wiles '61, Dave Markey '63 and Clark Kirkman '60**. Bill also visited with **Don and Janice Mooney '63** Hobart at dinner, and then saw **Fred Nicoll** at Kingsmill during the LPGA tournament. Bill does a fair amount of volunteer work

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Brian Luttrely '07 to **Katrina Carrion** on June 21, 2008. They reside in Severna Park, Md.

Aimee Smith MS '07 to **James Brown** on September 22, 2007. They reside in Severna Park, Md.

Brittany Eyler '08 to **James Edie** on August 9, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Angela Rasche '07 to **Brooks Rachtel '08** on June 14, 2008. They reside in Taneytown, Md.

Ashley Zimmerman '08 to **Bryan Lindsay** on March 15, 2008. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

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through Kiwanis International and the Virginia State Golf Association. Next year he plans to mentor sixth-graders in a program which helps them with standardized tests. Finally, Bill is proud to announce that after 47 years of playing golf, he got a hole in one.

Nancy Davis Deibert writes that she and Bill have purchased one-thirteenth of a share of a house in Deep Creek, Md., and go there one week in each season. Like many of us, Nancy just returned from celebrating her 50th high school reunion. She and Bill travel and spend time with their grandchildren.

International travel takes up most of **Connie Kay Johnson DeMetts's** time. In September '07 she traveled to Japan; in April she went to Greece and Turkey taking in the sights of Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Patmos as well as Istanbul. In September, Connie is planning a trip to South America to visit Brazil, Argentina, and Peru. How she'll find time to attend her 50th reunion is a mystery!

Frank Layton Gardiner and husband **Dick '58** had a nice experience when they visited campus for Dick's 50th reunion. One of the campus tours was led by their granddaughter, **Courtney Jackson '10** who will be a junior in the fall. Frank and Dick were part of a college-sponsored trip to the Netherlands and Belgium with other alumni and friends. Frank says the river cruise was great.

What a nice surprise to hear from **Fred Goldman** for the first time. Two years ago Fred retired after 23 years as the director of the Har Sinai Congregation, the oldest continuous reform Jewish congregation in the U.S. Prior to his position at Har Sinai, Fred held several administrative positions in social agencies in Baltimore, having obtained an MSW degree after graduation from WMC. Fred and his wife, Gail, enjoy retirement; they have four children, three of whom are married, and five grandchildren all under the age of 4. Recently two of Fred's daughters gave birth to baby girls 45 minutes apart on the same day. Fred volunteers for the Irvine Nature Center and also with the Jewish Big Brother and Sister League visiting Jewish inmates in the various penal institutions in Maryland. He reports that his main joy is babysitting his grandkids. Like many of us, Fred has learned about Dora the Explorer and Bob the Builder. The Goldmans stay near home and in the summers visit Cape May, N.J., their favorite spot. Fred says that he wouldn't turn down an invitation to someone's flat in Paris or Tuscany and has his passport up to date, just in case.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the **Reverend Paul Grant** whose wife, Sally Ann, recently died. Paul writes that this is a sad time for him; he and Sally were married for 44 years.

Lea Hackett Hartman and her husband, **Dean**, have for the past two years been working to catalog and organize the 7,000 resources in their church library. Lea says, "This is an appropriate job for an English ma-

jour." Their other big commitment is to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse which distributes over 7 million shoe boxes filled with fun things for children of all ages to over 97 countries. Lea and Dean were invited to participate in this operation by **Mary Sue Trotman Mundorf** and her husband, **Armit**. The Hartmans and Mundorfs travel together frequently and spend time to gether in Florida every spring. In 2006, Lea and Dean took a trip to the Calgary Stampede and then took the train across Canada, ending their tour with a trip through Alaska for 11 days.

In August **Catharine "Kit" Reese Hartzler** is planning to attend, the second time, a Fred Waring workshop at Penn State sponsored by Elderhostel. Kit reports that she felt young during the last workshop in 2006 since she and her roommate were among the younger set. In October Kit plans to travel to Germany, Austria, and Prague with a cousin and two friends. They plan to sight-see and travel the European rail system. Kit continues to work full time in the family business.

Our class is really seeing the world. Many of us have become international travelers in our retirement. Right after responding to my e-mail, **Don** and **Janice Mooney '63 Hobart** were leaving for Egypt on the College trip for 11 days. They were joined by **Dave Anders** and his wife, **Carol**, from Australia. Don and Janice were looking forward to hosting several alumni to meet with **Bill Bergquist** during his visit East. In September, Don and Janice are returning to Africa. They had visited Kenya and Tanzania in 2007 and just loved it. This trip they will visit South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe. Don loves to see and photograph the big animals in their natural habitat. Last January, Don and his son-in-law went to Nepal to take the Hobarts' granddaughter. They took Ajaya, their Nepalese grandson, whom they brought to the U.S. in February '06, to visit his orphanage, see his old nanny and to become reacquainted with his new sister, **Tess**. Now with Faith, the Hobarts' Chinese granddaughter, their international grandchildren outnumber the natural ones. Don has pretty much closed down his wood shop and has finally given up his summer anatomy teaching. He administers a distant learning program that is housed at the University of Montana. This program is for physical therapists with master's degrees who are upgrading to a doctorate in physical therapy.

Carol Latham Philpot-Jensen and her husband, **Tom**, are secretary and assistant secretary of the board of directors of their condo association which, Carol writes, keeps them almost as busy as a full-time job. They also play bridge, golf and tennis and enjoy their six children and eight grandchildren. The highlight of their recent travels was a four month trip to Europe last summer. The Jensens took a repositioning cruise from Florida to Spain with stops in the Canary Islands,

Caniz and Seville, and Gibraltar. In Spain they leased a car and drove to the lower French Alps where they stayed in a very old farmhouse for two months while they explored Provence and the Riviera with side trips to Paris, Geneva and Italy. They were able to spend time with Carol's former exchange student from the Netherlands. They were also visited on their trip by relatives and friends. They took a train trip through Italy and then drove to Switzerland and Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands. The next three weeks were spent driving through Great Britain. Carol told of so many wonderful experiences on her trip that it is impossible to include everything. Suffice it to say the Jensens met many marvelous people, saw amazing views of many European sights, and had, overall, a once in a lifetime experience.

Jim and **Susan Hogan Lomax** have been retired for over five years, but continue to stay busy with traveling and visiting their children and their families. Sue subs occasionally as a music and art class teacher and has traveled with friends from WMC. They took an Alaskan cruise with **Jim '63** and **Janet Walker '63 Gray** and a trip to Canada with **Pat Piro Long '64** and her husband, **Nelson**. In between trips, Sue is singing in a couple of groups, although, she finally gave up her church solo job.

Kathy Lore writes that she is enjoying the wonderful life with which she has been blessed. She is beginning to work at the women's prison focusing on understanding the Bible in a one-on-one small study group. Kathy is quite proud of her great niece who will be attending James Madison University in Virginia in the fall on a scholastic scholarship.

Lucy Tucker Lotz is back to being a permanent sub at Freedom Elementary School after a four-year absence. **Don '58** and **Lucy** spend many weekends going to games for their two older grandsons, 10 and 12; their twin grandsons, 4, are just starting their sports programs so it looks as if the Lotzes will be attending games for several years. **Lucy** and **Don** are planning a two-week trip to Alaska.

Dave Martin, now fully recovered from a left knee replacement, continues to improve his golf game and stay active. He is president of the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, the very successful non-profit organization Dave founded to provide legal assistance to police officers. LELDF has assisted several dozen law enforcement officers over the past decade. Last fall it provided a \$50,000 grant to Professor Lauren Dundes of the McDaniel sociology department to engage undergraduate students in a research project to conduct a meta-synthesis of all research related to the issue of "suicide by cop" in preparation for a national conference to be hosted by LELDF on the topic next year. **Diane Briggs Martin '65** has returned to George Washington University after spending two years in the United Arab Emirates as dean of the IT Col-

lege at Zayed University. Daughter Jennifer heads a speech pathology unit at Duke University hospital and has two children, Ruby, 5, and Buddy, 3. Son Charles works as a network engineer and systems analyst at George Washington University, where he just completed his master's degree with the business school in information systems technology.

John McKenna sold his business after 38 years and says he still misses it. His daughter just gave him his third grandchild. John enjoyed fishing in South America recently.

Mary Sue Trotman Mundorf sends greetings. She and Armit continue to travel and enjoy retirement. She writes that they are thankful for their health and energy to enjoy the gardens, walking the beaches and even climbing a few mountains. The Mundorfs vacation with **Lea Hackett Hartman** and her husband, Dean, and this year plan to celebrate the men's birthdays, which they share, in Punta Cana.

Judith Lorry Murphy is quite busy in retirement, getting in the garden, exercising at Curves, tutoring and subbing at her school and being a board member. Judy's two sons are well.

Selling Avon has earned **Marlene Zimmerman Pety** trips to Florida, San Francisco, Alaska, Hawaii, Cancun and Las Vegas. Marlene's husband helps her with her Avon business. The Petyrs have three sons and three grandchildren, 0, 6, and 4.

Retirement is in the offing for **Manetta Whittett Pusey**. She plans to spend her free time helping with a new grandbaby. Manetta still gets together with the management house group and sees **Nancy Gardner Gaston**. **Louise Loffler Dean** and **Louise Stacie Rainis**. Jim is well and has been working seasonally in Ocean City, but Manetta reports that he may give up the work when she is retired. The Pusey's daughters are in Virginia and Maryland and busy with their families and careers.

Don and Carol Westerfield '60 Rabush send almost seven months a year in Palm Springs, Calif., and the other five months in Williamsburg, Va. The Rabushes see many WMC alumni throughout the year in both locations. Their family is doing well: five grandchildren to keep them busy. Carol and Don started a foundation called Alpha 4 Kids to help families whose children are affected with a genetic problem (liver failure). Don serves on the national Alpha 1 Association Board. The Rabushes have gotten involved because they have discovered that Carol is an asymptomatic Alpha and one of their grandsons is affected. Don's health scare with esophageal cancer has been surgically cured and he is feeling well.

Louise Stacie Rainis writes that she is down to one part-time job, teaching at the Charleston Air Force Base for Southern Illinois University in a weekend degree completion program for adults. This provides plenty of flexibility and time for national and international travel. In the past few years, Louise

has been to the Grand Canyon, Santa Fe, N.M., Florida, Ohio, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, Nassau, St. Thomas, Greece, Paris, Mexico, Vienna and on an African safari. Louise says that years ago she had hoped to go on a trip to Africa organized by Dr. Griswold, but was unable to go at that time. She said her trip to Tanzania in January '08 was incredible so she experienced some delayed gratification. Life is good in Charleston, S.C., with many friends and neighbors that add to her busy social life.

Ken Reifsnider and wife Martha have been living in Columbia, S.C., since June when Ken is the director of the Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Program at the University of South Carolina. He will be hiring several faculty members and setting up a laboratory in a new building as part of their "Future Fuels" initiative. Ken and Martha are enjoying their home in the South. Ken has lectured in six countries since last June. The Reifsniders send best regards to all.

Betty Beal Rommel and husband John are now Florida residents with a winter home at 12407 Harbour Ridge Blvd., Palm City, FL 34990. They spend six months in Florida in the winter and return to Baltimore in late spring to golf. Betty is also busy with painting and reading. She and John are in good health and loving retirement.

Kay McKay Rongley continues to pursue activities and support for the vice president of regional campuses at George Mason University. Husband Ray conducts IT research for a start-up company in Bethesda, Rain King. Ray still plays golf, still loves dancing, and still creates a party whenever there are four or more. She serves on the board of directors for the Friends of the Center for Performing Arts at George Mason, chairing special events, fund raising, and attending as many live performances as possible. She and Ray have become Lincolnpolies since joining the Lincoln Force of Washington, D.C., where they have met scholars, historians, authors, and ordinary folks who all admire Abraham Lincoln. All three of Kay's children, **Al Scott Ward** '89 and Beth and seven grandchildren live in the northern Virginia area; therefore, family gatherings are often, but never enough. Some of Kay's favorite moments are the one-on-one personal excursions with each grandchild and the planning of special events for family and friends, such as a private guided tour of Abraham Lincoln's Washington or a grandchild's 16th birthday party. Kay and Ray travel to Florida three or four times a year to spend time with Kay's mother in Lake Placid where they also own a home. They are planning a trip to Shanghai in May '09 to visit with Eric, Ray's son, who is CEO and founder of a successful software company employing over 300 Chinese.

Harry Rumberger and wife Janie are planning a trip to Russia, Estonia, and Latvia in June/July. In June Harry presented a program on China at the local community col-

lege about his China trip in 2007. He composed a visual journey and discussion from the thousands of photos he took. Harry and Janie enjoyed seeing many of our classmates at the 45th reunion and encourage all of us to attend the 50th. On a personal note, I get to see Harry and Janie occasionally when they come to Fredericksburg, Va., to visit their daughter, Janine. Always fun to have lunch together and catch up on old times.

Nancy Anthony Schmidt is still enjoying retirement with volunteer activities and travel. She took a cruise to the Panama Canal with an extension in Costa Rica and in the fall is planning a trip to Scandinavia. Nancy's oldest grandchild graduated from the University of Maryland in May and another grandchild who attends the same school just returned from a semester in Rome. Nancy says she inherited the travel bug from her.

Activities with seven grandchildren continue to fill **Barbara Meinke Strein Schuette's** days. The oldest just graduated from high school and is on his way to college, while the youngest, 18 months, gives Barbara lots of scary moments climbing anything and everything. The in-betweens are active in all kinds of activities. Barbara and her husband traveled to Normandy and Paris last spring and regularly attend the symphony and theatre in Baltimore. At the opera last month they were pleasantly surprised to find **Bob and Peggy Heey '65 Warfield** seated just in front of them.

Enrica Sank Seymour retired from teaching mostly Latin and sometimes English in Anne Arundel County Public Schools in 2000. Since then, she and her husband Earl have been traveling as much as they can, both nationally and internationally. Their daughter, **Elisa**, graduated from Loyola College in Baltimore with a degree in math and their son, **Eric**, graduated from Penn State with a degree in meteorology and works for the National Weather Service in Charleston, W.Va. The Seymours have five grandchildren that have enriched their lives. They spend a great deal of time traveling and camping with friends, working at their church and spending as much time with family as they can.

Nancy Rosalie Sullivan and husband **Dave '66** had a rough year in 2007. Nancy had a brain MRI which showed right side brain damage. This was probably caused by a stroke or several small strokes, possibly in her sleep. She has no physical impairments, but does have problems with numbers and putting her thoughts into words. Dave was diagnosed with pneumonia in August. Following 10 days of high-powered antibiotics he recovered. Then in July Dave had double bypass surgery. The Sullivans did enjoy a trip to northern Italy which included a 16-day trip to the Lake District with an extension in Tuscany. Nancy continues to sing with the Westbrook Village Chorus and Dave is looking forward to getting back on the golf course. Better days to come.

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Family additions this season:

Morgan Lynn Lynne, on April 30, 2008, to David '91 and Jennifer Sheeder '92 Hurley.

Risdon Magnus Baynard-Fernhall, on September 13, 2007, to Bo Fernhall and Tracy Baynard '93.

Shane Deland Gilbert, on July 16, 2007, to Laurie-Anne Gilbert '93 and Christine Deland.

Carly and Lucas Raze, on April 2, 2008, to Michael '93 and Tammy Raze.

Benjamin Rhys Thomas, on June 1, 2008, to Alun and Linda Chui '93 Thomas.

Claire Naudin Gleason, on August 1, 2008, to Todd and Elizabeth Simons '95 Gleason.

Elsa Johnson Nowicki, on July 15, 2008, to Ryan and Gail Conway '96 Nowicki.

Rachel Kathleen Mountcastle, on August 22, 2008, to Brad '97 and Kelly Geiman '98, MS'02 Mountcastle.

Ryan David Merino, on June 24, 2008, to Rafael and Kendra Jones '98 Merino.

Sebastian David Bozynski, on January 31, 2008, to David Cole and Elena Bozynski '99.

Mallie Ryan Herb, on April 23, 2008, to Timothy '99 and Elizabeth Herb.

Anna Rose Herndon, on July 8, 2007, to Scott and Nicki Kassolis '99 Herndon.

Finley Owen Jenkins, on April 30, 2008, to Josh '99, MS'05 and Jessica Lewis '99 Jenkins.

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Official Questionnaire and Memory Assessment Device FOR THE WMC Class of 1963 45th Reunion

This exam is the kind that reflects the real world. You can talk among yourselves about the answers, look up anything anywhere you think you can find it and make up answers that are total lies.

There are no rules.

Here are the questions:

- 1 Richie Klitzberg, Tom O'Malley, Joe Spear, Bill Gillespie '64, Dave Sutton, Barry Gross '62, and maybe others, were in a singing group. What was their signature song?
 - a) Bonus point for the name of the group (see yearbook).
 - b) Second bonus point if you can give Bill Gillespie's nickname.
- 2 Les Alperstein was in a singing group called the Biscayne Four. How many were in the group? (Bonus points for naming the members of the group.)
- 3 Who was the director of the college choir?
- 4 Name the football coach.
- 5 The football team played nine games our senior year and won eight of them. In how many games did they completely shut out their opponents?
- 6 What member of our class was May Queen in 1963?
- 7 What member of our class was Homecoming Queen in 1962?
- 8 During our junior year, every single book went missing from the library. Where were they found?
- 9 What was the name of the college we attended in 1963?
- 10 What was Miss Snader's nickname and what did she teach?
- 11 Name the College President in 1963.
- 12 Name the manager of the College Bookstore in 1963.

See page 55 for the answers.

Charles Snyder is still running his own income tax preparation service in Colorado Springs, Colo., and continues to be active in barbershop quartet and chorus singing. Charlie's wife, Linda, has had Multiple Sclerosis since 1973 and unfortunately, due to the advanced nature of her disease, now requires care in a nursing home. The Snyder's daughter Sara, 25, lives in Huntington Beach, Calif., and works for the personnel department of the city of Orange, Calif. Charlie stays in contact with Harry Runberger and John Grove.

Bill Dickey Thomas and Jim '60 sold their house and moved to a patio home in an over-55 community. The Thomases like their smaller space and are getting to know many neighbors in the new community. Bill and Jim spent two weeks in Italy in October '07 with Jack and Carole Richardson '64 Baile and a group of 10 others. The Thomases and Bailes drove to California in February '08 and visited Don and Carol Westerfield '60 Rabush and Phil Med '52 and Ruth Uhrig. This year Bill and Jim are planning to travel to Victoria, B.C., and Seattle, Bethany Beach, and Hawaii. Their new home is near their daughter and her family and they are enjoying being close to their granddaughter Carrie, 3. Sometime later this year Carrie will welcome a 6-year-old brother from China. Mil is still playing the organ at church in Denver. The Thomases' new address is 19824 W. 56th Place, Golden, CO 80403. They welcome anyone passing through to stop by.

Carolyn Bowen Thurber continues to spend time with two hobbies, genealogy and Volks-marching. She has done over 700 10km walks since 1994. Husband Bob is retired from the National Institutes of Standards and Technology, but goes in to volunteer most days. Son Kent is a physicist who works at NIH. Daughter Karen lives at home and suffers from Multiple Chemical Sensitivities which keeps her from having a career or social life. In 2007, Bob and Carolyn visited Carolyn's roommate Diana Calvert Westerkauf. They had not seen each other for over 20 years so had a lot of catching up to do. The Thurburs see Eunice Sank Seymour and husband Earl on a regular basis. Carolyn was looking forward to seeing others from her high school who attended WMC when they celebrate their 50th reunion this year: Carol Latham Philpot-Jensen, Barbara Walker Van-Denburgh and Charles 'Skip' Brown.

Our deepest sympathy to Barbara Walker Van-Denburgh whose husband, Robert, died last August from congestive heart failure due to complications of Parkinson's Disease. The Van-Denburghs would have celebrated their 33rd anniversary in September. Barbara writes that they were blessed to have a great Hospice staff, including a chaplain who has become a special friend. Barbara and she are in the beginning phase of a Worship Arts Ministry called Rivergarden. Barb uses her artistic skills of free-motion stitching, painting on

silks, making flags, streamers and other Christian art work. Barb's sister, who lives nearby in Little River, S.C., planned a wonderful, restful holiday cruise to the Caribbean after their return from North Carolina.

Reverend Warren Watts was honored by being invited by Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia to be the guest chaplain for the day at the United States Senate on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Senator Byrd hosted Warren and his new wife and State Chaplain Barry Black. They were allowed to minister to the senators and workers at the Capitol that day. Warren was honored to represent the state of West Virginia and all clergy from West Virginia as well. He is only the second minister in the entire state of West Virginia granted this special honor. Warren gives praise to God for His many blessings. Among those blessings is Warren's new wife that he married in July '07. Warren's first wife died several years ago and he met his new wife, a widow, through a Hospice program in Martinsburg, WVA. They each lost their former spouses to cancer and now praise God that they have found each other and are enjoying a happy life together. Warren looks forward to seeing us all at our 50th reunion.

Rachael Wentz sends greetings from Westminster. She is an adjunct French instructor at Carroll Community College. She travels a great deal as a tour guide and is planning a trip to France. Rachel also volunteers at the local hospital.

It was great to hear from Reverend Diana Calvert Westerkauf. After 23 years as a United Methodist minister in the South Carolina conference, she has retired and is looking forward to spending time at the beach and more time with family. Diana's two sons are physicians in Columbia, S.C., and her six grandchildren range in ages from 11 to 18. Dana, her oldest granddaughter, will begin Davidson College in the fall.

Linda Limpert Willey and husband Tom have been living in San Antonio for three years and love it. Their grandchildren, Elise, 5, Emily, 4, live nearby allowing the Willeys to spend a good deal of time with them and their parents, Donna Beth and Jon. Linda gardens most of the year, but says that the tomatoes still do not taste like Maryland tomatoes. Their youngest daughter lives in Mt. Pleasant and they enjoy visiting her and exploring places around San Antonio.

Bob Wolf and wife Sandy are doing fine in the northwest. They are very proud of their granddaughter who will be in her third year at the United States Coast Guard Academy. Bob and Sandy's youngest son, Todd '87, is serving at the Pentagon so, he says, the military tradition continues in the Wolf family. The Wolf's latest challenge is keeping Sandy's parents going in an independent status in a retirement home in York, Pa. The 3,000-mile communication chain keeps them on their toes 24/7. Bob has been faithful in visiting Bill Bergquist and keeping us abreast of

Bill's condition as he struggles with cancer. Bill enjoys the news Bob brings him of WMC classmates and would love to hear from many of you.

Diane Gardner Biddinger with husband Bob did an Aegean Odyssey for 13 nights in September '07. While aboard a 48-passenger sailing yacht, they visited Ephesus, Turkey and the island of Patmos. The Biddingers' fifth grandchild arrived on Dec. 23. Derek Oliver Jones is the son of Bill and Julie Biddinger '90 Jones. Derek joins sisters Maddie and Angie Jones and cousins Kathleen and Rachel Biddinger.

Judy Meredith Reichard spent an extremely busy 10 days in June attending her 101-year-old mother-in-law's funeral in Denver, her daughter's wedding in California, and hosting a high school graduation party for her grandson in Annapolis. Judy is enjoying retirement but still works part time at several jobs that she can schedule when she wants to work. One is for the county school as a health assistant and another is as a senior move-management specialist. She also volunteers at a local senior center and does some acting in the local area. Recently Judy had lunch with **Carolyn Powell Wallicking '65**, **Peg Herring Gaskill '65**, **Annabel Wright Kaufman '65** and **Miriam Kasden '65**. They had fun and a bunch of laughs. This summer Judy is planning a trip to Norway to visit a fellow who was her AFS foreign exchange student in high school.

Katherine Schwabeland McDonald and her husband Tom have been living in North Carolina for the past six years. After 14 years as a newspaper journalist in California and North Carolina, Katherine is now the staff writer for the marketing department at Central Carolina Community College which serves residents of three counties. Katherine keeps busy with home, work, and church. The McDonalds' two daughters and their families live in California and their son is a senior at North Carolina State.

Caroline Mitchell Boswell writes that she is keeping busy with gardening, reading, and "spoiling a good walk whacking at a white ball." She enjoyed seeing everyone at the 45th reunion and looks forward to our 50th.

Carleen Ritter Minor is still enjoying her home on the Oregon coast where she is busy teaching music, managing rentals and seeing her grandchildren as often as possible. She volunteers and tutors and is involved with her church. Carleen is planning an Amtrak trip to the East Coast this summer.

As I write this column, I am in Salt Lake City visiting with my older daughter, Holly, and my son-in-law and two grandsons, 7 and 5. Between traveling to Salt Lake City and visiting my younger daughter, Wendy, and her husband and two little ones, 4 and 2, in Richmond, Va., I stay busy. I have joined a group called 72 Partners on the Road, an outreach program that is part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. In this ministry I

visit Lutheran churches around the country, spending three or four weeks helping to set up outreach programs for the congregation. Recent assignments have taken me to St. Louis and Nashville. Like many of you, I wonder how I had time to teach. Retirement is certainly not an idle time. I spent a pleasant afternoon recently having a roommate mini-reunion with **Suzanne Fossett Browning**, **Judy King Cole** and **Ann Meding Gillespie**. The three of us had not been together in almost 40 years. After many laughs over the "pink and greens" and the happy years in Blanche Ward, we were able to catch up on our families. Suzanne and husband **Bob Browning '61** spend a good deal of time traveling to Central America on mission trips with the Methodist church. They were leaving for Nicaragua the day after our luncheon. Bob and Suzanne also spend time with their children and grandchildren who all live in the D.C. area. Sons Bobby and David are in the military and are stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital and Andrews Air Force Base. Daughter Becky lives close by. Judy has retired from teaching. You can read about her activities in this column. Ann, who is widowed, lives in Maryland and stays busy golfing, gardening, and playing tennis as well as visiting her son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren in Florida. Son Kevin, who is involved in a drawn-out worker's compensation disability case, is living with Ann at this time. I am involved in a number of church activities and am vice-chair of the board of friends of the University of Mary Washington/Community Symphony Orchestra. I also work part time at Belmont, the home and studio of Gari Melchers, an American impressionist artist.

Thank you to the many classmates that replied. As we enjoy our 50th high school reunions this year, don't forget that our 50th WMC reunion is right around the corner. I look forward to seeing you then, if not before. Let's hope we can recognize each other and remember our own names as well as each other's!

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Thanks to all who took the time to catch up on good times and sometimes not so good in their lives. The e-mails are wonderful and I encourage you to keep them coming. I will start the next column and look forward to updates. As always the Class of 1963 is made up of movers and shakers, which does not seem to change as we have received our Medicare cards and are gaining speed as we approach the late sixties. The overriding theme of our 45th reunion was this just can't be happening; we are way too young.

Joan Meyer Goudy was among those class-

mates who had a great excuse for not making it back to the Hill in May. She writes that she is sorry she missed the fun but, "I was celebrating my grandson, Caelin's, second birthday in Littleton, Colo. It's great having grandchildren. I also have a granddaughter, Nathalie, 14, who is aspiring to be in the theatre. I retired two years ago from Baltimore County (teaching 10 years and a center counter specialist for 17 years, where I worked with the frail elderly in a senior center). I love being retired and finally have time to enjoy the fruits of my labor. I travel a lot and am now the treasurer of our community association in Catonsville, Md., volunteer at St. Lewis Church in Little Italy, and am spending some time cleaning closets, the garage, etc., at home. How exciting. My husband, George, died seven years ago of pancreatic cancer. What a loss. Take care and God bless."

Ellen Wheedleton Bell writes, "Life on the Eastern Shore is good. My husband, Jerry, and I take our greatest pleasures from the joys and successes of our combined family. Among our offspring and their families we count a few environmentalists, a conservationist, a wildlife biologist, a veterinarian, a TV journalist, a videographer, a physical therapist, a county planner, a software marketing manager, three college students, a first-grader, toddler twins, a baseball player, several football players, lots of hunters and fishermen/women, and one Renaissance man. Since they are all scattered to the winds we have ample opportunity to plan our travels around visits with them. Thanks to my French classes at WMC I've become a self-professed Francophile, and I try to make sure that wherever we go the itinerary includes at least a moment or two in France. A friend and I recently made a very special 'sentimental' journey to Paris where our friendship began when we were students there fresh out of college. It was her first time back, and we enjoyed visiting some of our old haunts and staying in the hotel where we had lived back in the day. You can go back! I've also caught the quilting bug, and only another quilter or a long suffering husband can appreciate one's fascination with tiny scraps of fabric. Life presents its challenges: parental eldercare issues, orthopedic problems, wrinkles, high gas prices. But, all in all, we're very blessed."

Highlights of **Jackson Day's** latest adventures are as follows: "June 30 will be my last day as pastor of Grace Church as I retire from pastoral ministry. These 5 years — my first pastoral appointment since 1971 — have been a delight, especially my middle school Sunday school class. The role of pastor is unique, and I will miss it. And I'll enjoy a little more time with Fran at our home in Columbia. I'll continue my consulting role with the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) in health care advocacy. A highlight of this role last spring was a trip to Côte d'Ivoire with a GBSC team to conduct a workshop on United Methodist

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Colin Michaelson, on November 2006, to Jason '99 and Molly Michaelson.

Lucas Peach, on December 2006, to Justin '99 and Jennifer Peach.

Samantha Kathryn Legge, on June 24, 2008, to Ryan '00 and Kristen Rider '00, MS'04 Legge.

Noah James Snavely, on September 15, 2007, to Jeff and Miranda Goltz '05 Snavely.

Julia Elizabeth Wisk, on June 24, 2008, to Andrew and Courtney Jones '03 Wisk.

Nicole Ryleigh Bollinger, on June 4, 2008, to Robert and Brandi Thayer '04 Bollinger.

Kylie Paige and Alex Jeffrey Crowe, on June 20, 2008, to Jeff '04 and Stephanie Crowe.

Nathaniel James Gorman, on April 24, 2008, to Mark '04 and Elizabeth Wallace '04 Gorman.

Dylan Charles Smith, on April 18, 2007, to Steve and Myfanwy Jacob '05 Smith.

Breanna Lee Wilderson, on January 30, 2007, to Denny '05 and Heather Wilderson.



Loren Pope

Honorary degree recipient
Loren Pope, a former New York Times education editor who went on to become known as "the Ralph Nader of college admissions," died Sept. 24. He was 98 years old.

Pope is best known for his books *Colleges That*

Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think about College, and *Looking Beyond the Ivy League: Finding the College That's Right for You*. Both are lauded for helping countless students and families over the past decade make thoughtful choices about college. McDaniel was chosen by Pope for inclusion among the 40 schools that he believed make a real difference in the lives of their students. Colleges like McDaniel, Pope said, are known for their ability to serve students with a wide range of abilities and produce top-notch scientists and scholars. "They exhibit a strong sense of community and focus on collaborative learning both in and outside the classroom setting," he said.

In February, Pope received the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) 2007 Award for Advocacy of Independent Higher Education.

Pope became concerned about the lack of useful consumer information on institutions as a father, when his children started to reach college age. Pope, who had been a *Washington Evening Star* editor, returned to the news business in 1952, starting an education column for the Gannett newspapers. That followed with his being named the *New York Times*'s education editor.

In the mid-1960s, he founded the College Placement Service, one of the nation's first independent college counseling services. Pope published his first book, *The Right College: How to Get In, Stay In, Get Back In*, in 1970. It was followed by several magazine articles and the nationally syndicated "Twenty Myths That Can Jinx Your College Choice," published in both the *Washington Post Magazine* and *Readers' Digest*.

Colleges That Change Lives, Inc., a nonprofit, charitable organization, is an outgrowth of Pope's work, and an effort to continue to promote his philosophy on a national and international level. Martha O'Connell, former McDaniel vice president for enrollment management, now serves as CTC's director.

social principles. Enroute, we stopped in Paris for a couple of days (to recover from jet lag) and I made a hospital call on **David Selikowitz**. I'm also continuing some with veterans through the International Conference of War Veteran Ministers, most recently a spiritual healing retreat in Ontario for 20 active duty Canadian Forces soldiers recently back from Afghanistan.

Two years ago at a luncheon for graduates of my seminary, they passed out brochures about a new doctor of ministry track called 'Faith and the Health of Communities.' Darn, I thought, I need this like a hole in the head, but it has my name written on it. Now I have six semester hours of class work left and a doctoral project. A lot of new things are happening at the intersection of faith and health, and this will give me a chance to play a part in it here and there. My daughter, Cathe, and three granddaughters are now established in Florida, and Kylie, one of those granddaughters, has been accepted for the spring 2008 semester of high school at Woodstock, the boarding school I attended in India. In New Jersey, we have two more granddaughters at the home of Jim and Bridget, my son and daughter-in-law, who are looking forward to the birth of a son in October."

Marsha Gellar Berman and Perry were among those reunions who thought the campus was just glorious that evening. Actually it was thus for the entire weekend. The new buildings and wise growth make the campus even more inviting but it still feels like "home." Perry and Marsha are really thrilled with their growing family. They have nine grandchildren. The last two were born during the past year. Other exciting news is a condo at the beach in Ocean City, partly as an investment and partly as a place to enjoy this family of 21. They enjoy traveling and use time-shares plus trade houses with people. Last year they traded with a family in Quebec and had a great time. On the way home they stopped and went to the induction of Cal Ripken into the Baseball Hall of Fame which was a thrill for a devoted Oriole fan. Perry started his own land-use consulting business after retiring, and Marsha continues selling cookbooks on the Internet, at least for a while. She has also been a volunteer with the AARP/IRS Tax Aide program for the past four years, helping seniors and low-income people do their taxes, which is very rewarding. She still finds plenty of time to read, exercise, and babysitting. They see **Marsha Hoover Silverman** and Steve regularly, at least once or twice a year.

Bob and Judy Klein made the trek from Michigan and had a great time at the reunion. His observation, which concurs with all in our class and those on the Hill, we have a great class. He has been state treasurer of the State of Michigan since April '06 and it is a challenging and interesting job. He was appointed by the Governor and her term is up at the end of 2010 so that is when

he expects to retire — if he can make it that long. He is envious of the retired classmates.

It is a difficult time to be treasurer in Michigan. They have been in a recession in the state since 2000 and have constantly been struggling to balance the budget. Last year was a very difficult year as they raised taxes by about \$1.5 billion and replaced the main state business tax. Last year was the first time he has stayed up all night since college. The job does not leave much time for other activities but in February they took the first week off since starting the job and went to Cancun (Isla Mujeres) with some friends. Favorite vacation activities are snorkeling and lying in a hammock drinking gin and tonics. In late 2006 and 2007, Judy and Bob took long weekend trips to Key West, Starford, Ontario, and Traverse City and also went to North Carolina in April to play golf with son Andrew and some friends. By the way, Andrew just took the job as budget director of Baltimore. Father and son are both in need of career counseling. This summer they will be taking business pleasure trips to Santa Fe and Maine. Twin nieces, 17, planned to spend the summer and two grandchildren are in the area (six in all) so they will have a busy summer. Bob is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th reunion and "if you are ever in the Lansing, Mich., area please stop by to see me."

Gerald "Jerry" Miller's car was late but appreciated. He is now running camps for adults with disabilities in Austin, Texas. He is still playing tennis and he and Sharon have recently traveled to Australia, Africa, Portugal, Panama Canal, and Antarctica.

Carolyn Hoecker Gassaway is always faithful to meet for news. She too, has been traveling and writes, "I spent March touring Peru and Ecuador, experiencing the Amazon jungle, in awe of Machu Picchu, and up close with the animals in the Galapagos. Though officially retired, I'm working on the Oregon Transportation Department's Sustainability Plan involving both internal and external operations. Watercolor painting, gardening, caring for my granddaughter, 2, and other activities fill my days."

It was wonderful to see **Allen Jones** at the reunion but we all missed Kristin. Allen is famous for handing out his card which has on it a couple strolling on the beach and simply their address in Bethany Beach. What a great life. Allen reports, "It's been six years since we moved to the Delaware shore and we are beginning to feel like real Delawareans. We've used our retirement to travel extensively in Europe and Asia/Pacific. And, we make frequent trips to see our three grandchildren, two in Chester, N.J., and one in Yorktown, Va. I've been playing duplicate bridge, including a trip to the National Championships in March. Kristin plays golf and says she's retiring from real estate sales this year. We continue to be very active in our church and the SAR and DAR."

It was just like the old days seeing **Ginger Rummary Ward, Marianne Pappadopolou Koucos** and **Belinda Adams Eddy** walking across campus. Belinda reports, "Think of ten of our reunion; it seems like a long time ago but I remember every moment and just sear and huggin' everyone! I really have no news for *The Hill* except to say what a fabulous reunion it was, trading stories, renewing friendships and wondering where the 45 years have flown and how good we all looked; we are still younger than springtime! After 10 years as an educational counselor and consultant, I retired in the fall '07. In January '08 my husband and I rented a tennis villa in Sea Oaks, in Vero Beach, Fla., which I would highly recommend."

Ginger Rummary Ward sends best wishes to all and in her words, states, "The reunion was just right. Of course the highlight for me was that after all these years Marianne finally made it to our reunion. And was it not wonderful that Joanna (her beautiful daughter) came with her? Double the fun and then to top it off, the whipped cream was the sweet presence of **Belinda Adams Eddy**. On the home front we have a charming new little granddaughter, Norah Lee, born on June 26. Now we have two grandboys and two grandgirls."

Dick Yobst is one of those forever young members of our class. Vienna, Md., is just a bit different than Vienna, Austria, but Dick has restored a charming home there and would love alums to look him up anytime. He keeps busy with the following and has some thoughtful reflections. "I am now adjusting to a second retirement after having filled the position of manager for Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County's Restore. Now I can spend time spoiling my first grandchild, Samantha, 9 months old. I will also be doing some home improvement projects for some friends over the summer in between some golf and fishing. Hope to see more classmates at our 50th and hope those staying away because of the 'name change' won't let those emotions replace the opportunity to renew old friendships."

Among our most missed WMC couples were **David and Bobbi Love '65 Drobis**. I suggest we alert our families that for our 50th reunion in May 2013 there will be no pressing family events. Dave and Bobbi are newly blessed. Dave's update:

"We've recently had a momentous occasion, the birth of triplet grandchildren — two boys and a girl — to our son, Craig, and daughter-in-law, Sarah. Craig and Sarah live in Pasadena, Calif., as does our older daughter, Melissa, a commercial property manager; Craig heads marketing for Little Tykes toy division of MGA. Sarah is an engineer working in a private consulting company along with mothering the triplets now almost 8 months old. Bobbi and I are retired in Naples, Fla., and have been here full time for four years. We lived in Darien, Conn., just

north of Manhattan for many years where I was the CEO of Ketchum, a global public relations firm. We sold our Darien, Conn., house and now rent a summer house in a different place every year. This year it will be Manhattan Beach, Calif. The triplets will be a big draw for our next few summers, I'm sure. We're both very involved in Naples; many of our friends from the north have also come here so we keep very busy. I'm also on several Boards which keep me active and get us to New York, which we miss, and to Washington frequently."

The Horvaths have been having a fun year with several visits from **Wayne and Claudia Fetrow Whitmore** who reside in Alabama. Having daughter Christine close by in Columbia, Md., has brought Claire and Bubba north and we are never at a loss for recollections of our days on the Hill. The news from the Whitmores, "We really enjoyed seeing everyone who was able to attend our reunion. Wayne is retired, doing volunteer work and most of the cooking. Thanks to all my great customers, I'm still designing and making clothes, purses and scarves. We are going to the Chautauque Institute for a week in June and on the way up will attend a Pittsburgh Pirates ballgame and it makes number 18 in our quest to attend major league ball games in all 30 ballparks. This began at Chavez Ravine in 1965; we've added ballparks in with our travels but they are now going further since Wayne retired. Went to see the Yankees right after our reunion and will go to Toronto after Chautauque. In August we are going to Wilbur, Neb., for the Czech Festival with friends from Huntsville, who also have Nebraska relatives and will stop in Kansas City for a game on the way home. If anyone gets to Alabama, come see us, we're 22 miles east of I-65."

Timing was off for **Joe and Pat Downey** to attend our reunion but they send regards to all and promise to be at the 50th. Joe has brought us up to date on the following: "I'm sorry I missed the reunion but timing was poor as I was returning to my Michigan home after spending the winter in Florida. I now spend four to six months in the winter in Vero Beach, Fla., returning to Michigan around the first of May. In February, **Otto Guenther, Bob Manthey** and I got together for a reunion of former roommates at the Guenther's Florida home. The Guentheres were wonderful hosts. Our wives were in attendance and we had a wonderful time catching up on old times and recent activities. My second-oldest granddaughter, Lauren, graduates from high school on June 8 so we are preparing for that event. She will join her older sister, Jessica, at Grand Valley State University in the fall. Pat and I will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary with a Danube cruise later this summer. I continue to keep busy with golf, tennis, working on my classic car, and volunteering for activities in my Kiwanis club."

Messages like **Jim Brookes'** just set me off in a fit of laughter. Some of you kept it quite short and simple. Jim wins the prize for this column. "Packrat is that person with whom I reside and after 45 years seems to be pitching everything." Jim and Marie reside in Rockford, Ill. "Most notable accomplishments since last time: cholesterol down to 120; lost 25 pounds and had to buy a smaller belt. It just doesn't get more exciting than that. And so, life goes on in the Heartland." Hope all's well with you and the Packrat.

George and Jeanette Kemmerer love where they live and their address says it all, Gold View Court, Santa Rosa, Calif. Oh to be here in mid February. They are busy with family and activities as follows: "Live in a great area. Have two of our three children nearby with four grandkids. Retired from Info. Technology after 35 years in the business. Currently an adjunct instructor at the Santa Rosa Junior College. Active in Methodist church activities including chair of trustees, member of finance, etc. Active in Rotary including past president of our club. Travel a lot, to the Mediterranean, Baltic, Caribbean, Alaska, New England fall colors and Mexican cruises. Return to Scottsdale each spring to watch the San Francisco Giants spring training games and attend games in San Francisco. Just returned from a week in Maui, and we are soon off to Los Angeles area for youngest son's master's ceremony. Hello to all from northern California."

Steve Cohen left WMC his sophomore year. Many of you who transferred for various reasons have no idea how many times classmates will ask about your whereabouts and life in general. A special thanks to our "EX" for keeping in touch. This is Steve's latest news, "In May, I retired after teaching international economic relations for 33 years at American University in Washington, D.C. AU is where I earlier had gotten my PhD. Travel, reading, and visiting with our grandson are in the immediate office. My wife, Linda, continues to work as a part-time program director at Children's Hospital. My son picked up her medical interests and is an ER doctor in Los Angeles. My daughter is a D.C.-based producer for an overseas cable news service."

Trinka McGibbeny Cuman and **Ned '62** are well and keeping at a good pace. Daughter Jennifer now lives in Naples, Fla., with her husband, Scott. Daughter Caroline, with her husband, Walt, and son Reid, are spending more and more time in Florida but reside close by in Carroll County. Ned and Trinka are accumulating Rapid Rewards points on Southwest Airlines! The Cumanens spend as much time as possible at their family home at the Jersey Shore during the summer. In between, Ned's planning practice is thriving and Trinka is busy with volunteering, gardening, knitting, and, of course, grandson Reid. The Cumanens hosted our Sunday brunch for the reunion which was a continuation of more fun. Hope you all are getting the point

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Those who will be missed:

Mr. George M. Sullivan '27, of Jekyll Island, Ga., on December 22, 2007.

Mrs. Ruth Schlincke Braun '28, of Seminole, Fla., on November 8, 2006.

Miss Lilian E. Boughton '34, of Laval, Md., on February 15, 2008.

Mrs. Dorothy Hull Norris-Schuchardt '34, of Ft. Myers, Fla., on March 4, 2006.

Dr. Elizabeth P. Hagen '36, of Chester, Md., on February 7, 2008.

Mrs. Eleanor Taylor Smith '38, of Goldsboro, Md., on September 11, 2007.

Mr. Robert A. Shoemaker '39, of Woodbine, Md., on March 23, 2008.

Miss Pearl B. Bobbitt '41, of Williamsport, Md., on January 26, 2008.

Mr. Raymond H. Rigler '41, of Hampstead, Md., on July 30, 2006.

Mrs. Mildred St. Clair Thomas '41, of Bel Air, Md., on February 1, 2008.

Mr. Francis P. Williams '41, MED '54, of Glen Arm, Md., on February 5, 2008.

Mrs. Dorothy Schwartz Leftwich '42, of Baltimore, Md., on January 29, 2008.

Dr. Milton J. Huber '43, of Chelan, Wash., on March 19, 2008.

Mr. Lee D. Lodge '43, of Frederick, Md., on Jan. 29, 2008.

Mrs. Anne Covington Kidd '44, of Dumfries, Va., on February 6, 2008.

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that missing reunions is just not acceptable. **Eric "Lanny" Buckner** had written a wonderful, fun-filled update of his pre-retirement plans as a senior partner of the BBW Group at Merrill Lynch and his 43 years as an investment advisor. As a reminder how fragile life is, on August 10 his wife, Patty, died suddenly at their home in Baltimore. They had enjoyed a Scandinavian cruise early in the summer and had more plans to travel with dear friends in the fall. Patty will be remembered as an honorary member of the Class of 1963. Her spirit for our college and the close friendships formed are memories to be treasured. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lanny, their family, and especially their grandchildren, Sarah, 15, Jacob, 13, Jordan, 3, and Jacob, 2.

Anne Stewart is one of our special EX's and catches us up on the following. "I have not kept in touch because I feel a bit of a fraud since I did not graduate from Western Maryland/McDaniel as the rest of you have done. I feel I am not a true alumna of the College. I do enjoy reading *The Hill* when it comes. I am most impressed with the accomplishments of the graduates and students. I am retired from the local jail where I was a case manager. I now work for the local regional transit company as a supervisor. I am a Red Cross CPR/First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens instructor. I usually teach two to three classes a month. I have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. I am happy to report that my granddaughter's husband has returned safely from Iraq. I spend a lot of time with my family and grandchildren. I am currently working on two children's books. It is slow going but I remain hopeful."

Elizabeth Anne Stewart resides in Frederickburg, Va.

John and Janet Pricer '62 Warman also get the prize for those classmates who simply never change. John and Janet are also the most generous, helpful, and creative people to have around for the reunion planning. Their pitch-in-and-help attitude goes a long way. Among many chores, John took responsibility for our Saturday night program and the fun quiz. We all had intense discussions concerning the answers. What a competitive bunch we are! John and Janet have a 15-acre plot at one end of his family farm in Friendly, Md. He explains, "We are going to build a new house on that, with a view of two big tobacco barns that will no doubt eat up any financial excess I might have just for maintenance. In June, we had some big winds and the biggest barn blew almost completely off of its foundation. Four friends took some 'come-alongs' and chains and pulled the whole thing back onto its foundation and replaced rotten sills and beams for me. They did a lot of work, and I'm very grateful. I have a picture of my grandfather taken in 1915 with that barn in the background. I'd be ashamed to lose it now that it is mine to take care of."

They are an active part in the lives of their grandchildren and a trip to Baugher's for ice cream and fresh fruit is a frequent activity. Their older daughter, Ann, lives in Eldersburg, Md., and has five children, including triplets. Their daughter, Molly, also lives close by and has three children. John had a great observation concerning getting our classmates who reside in a foreign country together. While **David Selikowitz**, who resides in Paris, had never missed a reunion and could not attend this one over a hip-replacement issue, **Marianthy Pappadopoulos Koucos** who resides in Greece attended her first reunion ever. John's quote, "It is hard to get all the stars and planets in the constellation to line up at once." A post script to John's note is that he discovered that **Marvin Reitz '65**, the musical heart of the Biscayne Four in college, lives within 10 minutes of them. Marvin and his wife, Kathy, hold concerts in the living room of their home. He stopped by recently to listen to a band from Brooklyn, N.Y., that was passing through Rockville. Marvin's day job is a scientist but he and his wife and daughter are also active musicians.

Marsha Hoover Silverman writes from Worcester, Mass. "The reunion was great. I came early and walked around the campus, even got to see my old dorm room at *Blanche Ward*. The new buildings are beautiful and fit in perfectly with the old ones." Two weeks after the reunion **Marsha and Steve** went to Reykjavik, Iceland, and Paris, France, for a vacation. She loves our class picture and thinks we all look gorgeous.

Our friends **Sam and Sue Snodgrass '65 Case** are just like Waldo. We never know where to find them. With a daughter and family in Oregon and a yen to hike, bike, paddle, and fly, they are always on the move. They recently went to Machu Picchu and Galapagos with **Charlie and Maie Snodgrass '65 Walter**, and **John '68** and **Pat Krebs '65 Snodgrass**. Concerning this trip they all reported that with 1 to 2 miles of walking a day their swimming, walking, golfing, trapshooting, and yoga were of no help. They will have traveled down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon with **Dick '50** and **Sherry Albright '94 Clower**, **Alex and Jan Engle Med '73 Ober**, and **John and Pat** by the time you read this. Cinque Terre, Italy, is their next conquest with college friends. We think Sam should start his own travel agency in retirement.

Ellen Distiller Heller still resides in Miami. She is now a curriculum support specialist working with teachers in low performing schools. She is conducting many professional development seminars for educators. She is still raising her grandson, Michael, 16, who wants to get his own car. Her son and daughter-in-law live close by in Hollywood, Fla., and they have a son, 3, and daughter, 1. She reports her life is wonderful.

Barbara McCatham Fultz writes from Glen Gardner, N.J. She and David celebrated their 45th anniversary and they enjoy traveling to

Florida and New Hampshire to visit children and eight grandchildren. Last year she had a great visit with **Marian Emery Ward** when Marian was in New Jersey. Barbara states, "Attempting to follow our Lord's leading keeps us challenged and never bored."

Yea for **Dagmar Kirken Miller**. She retired in July '07 from the Office of Attorney General for Maryland Health Department where she was an administrator. Her full-time title now is grandmother to Louise, 7, James, 5, and Owen, 2, who live not too far away in Hyattsville, Md. **Dagmar and Peggy Howe Warfield** remain very close friends along with those other Chandler Girls.

Frank Burnett Kirkman and Hunter '64 play golf faithfully and are very busy with a multitude of "grands." They are still in Gaithersburg, Md., and will travel to New England this summer to visit children and friends. They also enjoy being "snowbirds" and have lots of fun in Florida with college classmates.

Howard "Howie" and Joan Wagner state life goes well for them. Six months are spent in Florida in Delray Beach and six months in New York. Their three "grands" are 6, 5, and 4. They enjoy lots of tennis and golf. **Howie** enjoyed a winter reunion with **Richie Kiltzberg** and **Dick Clower '50**. Both **Richie** and **Howie** are in awe of Dick who has not changed in 45 years. I think they called him "the old man" back then and he is getting back at them for sure. Dick, of course, was their basketball coach and the stories just about when they get together.

Bill Fredholm Porter and **Ken** are among the most faithful reunion attendees. They have retired to Manchester, N.H., and are hoping we put together another reunion in two-and-a-half years instead of waiting for the big 50. Since the reunion they have enjoyed a 12-night cruise of the Baltic Sea.

Camilla Ray "Carmy" Engelt Brown and husband **Cleveland** have retired to Davidson, N.C. They enjoyed the recent run of Davidson College to the NCAA top four and report the town was alive with excitement. They are in a condo on Lake Norman with plans one day to move to The Pines Retirement Community. They are tour guides for local parks and recreation trips out of town.

Along with **John Warman**, our retired **General Otto Gueenther** kept the program moving on Saturday evening of the reunion. Otto's update states that yes he is retired but his first job of the day is to whatever Jan says. Their retirement life, as many of us, is filled with many volunteer activities which seem to keep one busier than we were in the "working" days. Most importantly for our college, Otto has become a trustee and works on three committees and strategic planning. Their church is a central part of their lives, choir, committees, and mission trips. Otto is on three small business boards. Winter months are spent in Sarasota with Otto commuting back frequently. Jan volunteers 30 to 35 hours a week at their church and they

both enjoy their daughters, one of whom resides in Colorado.

Pat Lambert McElroy and Robert still live in Bendersville, Pa. She is still doing church music and Bob serves three Lutheran congregations in the apple and fruit orchard area of Adams County. She is the director of music for the parish, organist and choir director. They have five grandchildren and a new one about to arrive. Traveling to Williamsburg and Myrtle Beach are favorite vacations.

King Smith just refuses to retire. He promises to keep going until the body gives up. He remains an oral surgeon in Bel Air and is in his ninth year with the Maryland State Dental Board. He and Joyce enjoy visiting five grandchildren who live nearby. King states, "Although my time at WMC was short, Joyce and I thoroughly enjoy our friends from there and look forward to the south."

Robert "Bob" Manthey is now in his fifth year of retirement and happily enjoying each day. This year he enjoyed a small reunion with **Joe Downey** and Pat at the home of **Otto and Jan Guenther** in Sarasota. He reports life is good and he stays busy with grandchildren, gardening, volunteering at the hospital and local high school in Frederick, Md., and playing bridge.

Cerladine "Jerry" Hopkins sends regards from Annapolis, Md., and is most happy to be retired from the library there. She has just returned from China and sends her best to all.

Among our favorite "missing" couples from the reunion were **Roy and Helen Holmes '64 Terry**. Even a personal call could not get them north from Florida. Roy is the principal of Palmetto Ridge High School in Naples, Fla. Helen retired last year from her job as guidance counselor. Their son, Roy IV, is a Methodist minister in Naples and their daughter, Kathy, is a math teacher married to an Air Force Colonel stationed in Wichita, Kan.

How many even remember that the Class of 1963 graduated the last of the home economics majors? One of our own, **Mary Lee Nuttle James**, has just retired from a full career of teaching family studies at North Harford High School. Her husband, Sam, also retired, having been a guidance counselor for many years. They have a son, Steve, close by in Aberdeen with his family, and a son, Tom, in California with his family. They are busy buying and selling for their antiques business. As Mary Lee says, "It's a great business, antiques selling antiques."

Mariam Evans Corbett is enjoying retired life in Laguna Woods, Calif. She has traveled with her grandchildren, 9 and 16, to some of the most special spots in California. As well as travel, she enjoys sketching and exercise.

Jerry and Sara Fran Richman have moved back to their roots in Pikesville, Md. Jerry is among those classmates who keeps going strong and will continue his practice of law. Their daughters are not too far away and there is a wedding on the horizon. Jerry is

still on the bike regularly and Sara Fran, ever the health-conscious person, continues with exercise as well.

Reporting in from the big state of Texas, San Antonio to be specific, **Bill and Maureen Filbey '62 Sitter** are enjoying life and many pursuits. He writes, "Glad you had such a successful reunion. Our lives remain very busy as I continue to work every, very full time as owner of our seven-person executive search firm, **Jordan-Sitter Associates**. We specialize in executive searches in the construction, mining and wind energy industries, across the U.S. Our son, Chris, is now in his 11th year with us and doing great. He and Theresa produced our two grandkids, David, 14, and Abi, 13, and it is great that they live nearby. Cassidy (formerly Cheryl) lives in San Diego, is single and a paralegal at a law firm she really likes. Our ministry is now an official 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, **Debt Free Legacy**. We provide Bible-based basic financial training to help people understand and practice the principles God provided for all of us. That training includes: spending plan development, Biblical giving (tithes, offerings and alms), and spiritual warfare. We have been blessed to now see hundreds and hundreds of folks get on the road to true prosperity "having all the resources needed to accomplish the destiny God has for them... time, money, skills, relationships, etc."

They do some local Christian TV and conduct city-wide seminars and their volunteer leaders lead seven-week small groups using our workbook: "Financial Freedom in Seven Weeks Vol. 1." In addition, when he's not traveling (about 100,000 miles per year) he enjoys golf. Maureen and Bill celebrated 47 years old in February. They enjoy their stone and log home and the privacy of 5-plus acres of their "cactus farm."

Previously mentioned in the travel news from the Cases, **Charlie and Mara Dilson '64 Walter** have wonderful news. Their first grandchild, **Memie**, was born in May, and best of all she lives very close to them in Harford County, Md. Son and daughter-in-law, **Hugh and Jenny Walter**, are active community members. The Walter family seems to be a Harford County institution and the traditions will continue. The Hobarts and Walters can be seen at Camden Yard frequently during the season. Also, daughter **Sarah Walter '94** has relocated to Florida and enjoys her job as a Net Jets flight attendant. Her tales of the occasional celebrity passengers keep us all intrigued.

Alex and Jan Engle MEd '73 Ober have had a wonderful year, especially Alex. After decades of dedication to our alma mater, Alex retired, well at least partially. He will still continue in a part-time position on campus but will enjoy a little more free time. His retirement dinner was attended by many of our classmates, a big surprise to him. Roommate **Dick Yobst** made the trek from the East-

ern Shore and many memories were shared. It was a family and friends night with a bit of nostalgia and roasting from speakers **Dick Clower '50** and **Sam Case**. Of course, Alex is now in the position of completing those honey-do lists as Jan is still teaching and shows no signs of slowing down. They are to be seen every day, walking the roads of Carroll County, keeping in shape and training for the Colorado River trip. In addition to **Sam and Susan Snodgrass '65 Case** and **Dick Yobst**, other members of our class and "spice" who attended Alex's dinner were **Ned '62** and **Trinka McGibbeny Cuesman**, **Bill and Joan Humphreys '66 MacDonald**, **Pris Ord** and **Janet Price '62 Warman**, and **Don Hobart '62**, who returned home for his camera to record the event for posterity, and yours truly.

Speaking of **Pris Ord**, she is still teaching both introduction to college composition and introduction to college writing to freshmen at McDaniel, and she continues her very active participation in several international, academic organizations. These include the Children's Literature Association; the American Folklore Society as secretary/treasurer of the Children's Folklore Section, and the American Name Society, where, having served as its vice president for the past four years, she will become president of the society at its annual meeting in January.

Robert 'Bob' Berrett had a great time at the reunion and has delved into his archives giving books and memorabilia to some classmates. An avid reader he has shared some of his classics. He has retired from his plumbing business but keeps very busy in the Karaoke business.

Peggy Zacharias Cole sent us greetings for the night of the reunion and also this news. "My mother died somewhat unexpectedly in January at the age of 92. She had been quite active until a few weeks before she died. She had very fond memories of many of students at WMC, and of their parents. My life is now filled almost entirely with activities related to my being on the City Council (since November). I spend much time preparing for or attending City Council meetings, attending meetings of boards and commissions for which I am the City Council liaison, serving on committees (I served on the subcommittee that led to our hiring a new city attorney at the beginning of May and am also on the audit committee), attending receptions hosted by our outstanding Historical Museum (the only Smithsonian affiliate in Colorado), and participating in meetings of other groups associated with the City Council. I've met many wonderful people. But the greatest joy of my life continues to be my husband of 30 years (in August), who teaches political science at Metropolitan State College of Denver. Regards to all."

Bob and Nancy Manthey are already signed up for the 50th reunion committee. Let me know early as there are limited spots available on this prestigious committee. It's all fun

family

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Mrs. Ruth Callahan Westfall '46, of Pokomoke City, Md., on February 5, 2008.

Mr. J. Allison Conner '47, of Mountsideside, N.J., on February 21, 2008.

Mrs. Geraldine Frizzell Croft '48, of Hilton Head, S.C., on August 17, 2007.

Miss Kathleen Revel '48, of Pembroke, N.C., on October 5, 2007.

Mr. Robert T. Fink '50, of Rutland, Vt., on January 19, 2008.

Mrs. Betty Robbins Seiland '50, of Sykesville, Md., on February 12, 2008.

Mr. John F. Silber Jr. '50, of Towson, Md., on February 5, 2008.

Mr. Harry G. McCrone '51, of Westwood, Mass., on March 20, 2008.

Mrs. Frances Paul Farnham '54, of Minneapolis, Minn., on April 3, 2008.

Mr. Neil F. Bohn '60, of Littlestown, Pa., on February 26, 2008.

Mrs. Judith P. Kerr '61, of Moorhead, Minn., on March 20, 2008.

Mr. Samuel B. Michael '61, of Hanover, Pa., on January 14, 2008.

Mrs. Patricia Read Barnhart '62, of Laurel, Md., on February 14, 2008.

Mr. James R. Jones Jr. '65, of Sarasota, Fla., on January 15, 2008.

Mr. Thomas S. Fort MEd '73, of Belleair Bluffs, Fla., on October 8, 2006.

Mrs. Cynthia Jacob Teesdale M'S '90, of Elliott City, Md., on February 26, 2008.

Janet Walker

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and no work...well almost! They enjoyed the whole weekend including the time of fellowship and fun at our home. No reunion is ever complete without our blessing from Bob.

Carolyn Webster Molyneux and Tom traveled from Westwood, N.J., to catch up with old friends. Tom just seems like one of us and I had to laugh when a classmate came up to me and said, "I just don't remember the guy with Carolyn." She was, along with others, helping us put together what was going on with our Junior Follies production. For many of us it was a blur.

It seems that mini-college reunions happen everywhere. This year old roommates **Betsy Wright** and **Judy Klinehart** took a trip South to visit housemate **Wayne** and **Claudia Fetrow Whitmore**. They had a delightful stay in Huntsville and had the best tour guides money could hire. Claudia and Wayne would love to see more friends visit.

Peggy Hoey Warfield always has the perfect Christmas letter from which I can take a story. This is the best of 2007: "One day granddaughter Maddie asked daughter Claire if granddad was home so she could go over to play and swim with him." No, he's at work today," said Claire. Replied the 6-year-old, "Granddad doesn't work. He goes to meetings and plays golf." **Bob '62** and **Peggy** enjoyed a great trip to Italy, Croatia, Greek Isles, Turkey, and Greece. **Peggy** is very creative and is showing her collages in local galleries. Their son, Rob, and wife Sarrin have moved to Charlotte, N.C., from Naples, Fla. The Warfield family will be much happier when this real estate slump is over.

Marty Wirt Davis always keeps in touch but we have missed seeing her for several years. She is still working, soon to retire, and still lives in Eden Prairie, Minn., where last December they got 19-plus inches of snow before Christmas. She often digs out and sniffs her daughters in North Carolina. Hopefully we will get her on this coast and have more visits.

Since our last column **Jim** and **Janet Walker Gray** are happy to be in-laws. Son Tim was married to **Anabelle Perez** in Delray Beach, Fla. Needless to say it was quite a wedding and the parties went on for days. "We of the older generation were struggling to keep up with these youngsters and made a fairly good showing. It was truly an international affair with friends from Australia, Singapore, Great Britain, New Zealand, and the Philippines. Janet is simply delighted to have another woman on her side having been surrounded with men." Janet still works at St John Vianney High School in development. She has a new convertible and takes off for the Jersey Shore whenever possible. Jim is the clerk for the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders as they call them in New Jersey. No news of retirement yet. Jim received the Alumni Community Service Award from the College during the State of the College Address by President Joan Coley. Jim's list of ac-

tivities and service to the state of New Jersey and Manalapan Township were very impressive. It was very obvious without Janet's support at home he could never have accomplished so much. Son Jay is the go-to guy at T-Mobile for cell towers. Always entrepreneurial, he builds homes for a hobby and really sells them. Janet and Jim are crossing the "Pond" this season to visit Ireland. Jim's kissing the Blarney Stone will be a momentous occasion. He must have done it years ago as no one has as much blarney as Jim.

Jack and Betty Jacobus Blackburn have enjoyed another wonderful vacation in Maine with Heidi and John and the whole family. Their grandchildren Jack, Henry, Jack, and Abby bring them joy. Jack is making rumblings about retirement but what will the University of Virginia do without this marvelous level-headed classmate of ours? Within the profession he is the tops, my words of course, not his.

David Selikowitz was grounded for a bit with his hip replacement but is on the go again. He wrote his 44th annual Christmas letter last year and what a gem he is to keep up with his college friends. Who says men don't communicate? His travels are vast and reach from Paris, Florida, Punta Cana, Berlin, Madrid, Israel, Utah, London, and Colorado. I must have missed a few destinations. Dave's mom celebrated her 93rd birthday with friends and family. She continues to drive, swim, play bridge, and do the *Miami Herald* crossword puzzle daily. She is an inspiration to all of us who have met her.

Among the many highlights of 2007 on the Hill was the dedication of the Klitzberg Pavilion. For those who have not been on campus yet what a treat you have ahead. **Rich** and **Judy Callahan Klitzberg** have made a significant contribution to the student life on our campus. It's not only beautiful but serves the students as a place to wind down, relax, and commune. **Judy** and **Rich** had their sons there for the dedication but daughter **Dana** was still in Rome. **Judy's** mom, beautiful at age 93, was very proud to be present. Very sadly, **Judy's** mom, who lived in Hanover Pa., passed away recently. After the formal dedication **Richie** explained to all that **Rich** Keif, vice president for development, did pay **Rich Klitzberg**, wouldn't it be nice to give \$\$\$\$\$\$ for the pavilion. **Rich Klitzberg** said yes it would be nice. After which he explained he was only saying it would be nice but in fact our vice president for development dug it out of him. Ever the stand-up comic **Richie Klitzberg** kept us laughing about many stories. **Judy** and **Richie** live in Boca Raton, Fla., for most of the year and then come north to Princeton, N.J. **Rich** manages his investment firm from both locations. The entire family enjoys fishing, swimming, golf, and tennis. They remain very close to **Linda Mahaffey '66 Spear**, wife of our **Joe Spear**, who we lost in 1998. **Rich** spends

far too much time writing letters to the editor of *Sun Sentinel* and on Bachelor Reunions but promises to be at the 50th.

Most recently the Hobarts have had two mini reunions to celebrate a visit from **Bill Bergquist '62** and his wife, **Barbara**, who live outside of Lake, Wash. Bill was in Orange, Mass., to celebrate his 50th high school reunion and came down to Maryland to see some college friends. Although mostly from the class of '62 we had some '63s as well. The first party we welcomed **Pris Ord. Bob '62** and **Peggy Hoey Warfield**, Dick '50 and **Sherry Albright '94 Clower**, Don '62 and **Carol Westfield '60 Rabush**, Tony '62 and **Rhea Ireland '65 Wiles**, Jack '62 and **Carole Richardson '64 Baile**, **Clark Kirkman '60**, Joe '62 and **Judy Firestone '64 McDade**, **Wayne** and **Claudia Fetrow Whitmore**, and **Harry Bacas '62** and wife **Donna**. Day two we fired up the grill for **Charlie Walter**, **Alex** and **Jan Engle Mc73 Ober**, Jim '62 and **Mama Willet '60 Posey**, **Gail Shaivitz** and **Jerry Appel**, and **Albert '71 Piers** '61 and **Donna Ward**. Everyone just picks up where they left off, even if many years ago. **Bill**, his usual humble self, had been honored at the high school reunion with an endowed award to be given every year in his name for leadership. It was **Bill's** late coach in high school football that found WMC for him and talked with then-Coach **Bob Waldorf** to bring him to the College. **Bill** and **Barbara** have three adult children living close to them in Washington and four "grands" who follow in granddad's athletic tradition and hunting as well.

Recently I have caught up with our classmate **Dave Sutton**, through his old friend **Ron Roth '64**. Several years ago Dave went to China and fell in love with the country and never returned. He has had a life of adventure including professional dancing. Presently, he is traveling in Europe and did not take my plea to attend the reunion. His fraternity brothers are hoping he will appear for the Bachelor Reunion in late 2008.

Marsha Bendermeyer Imer writes about events following the reunion: "Life got so hectic once I returned to New York, found a new place to live, planned my last service and celebration of 35 years of ordained ministry (May 18), and moved back to the Buffalo area! I knew when I contemplated this momentous (and, hopefully, last, move) that it would be a toss-up between urban and rural living—and, surprisingly, rural 'won'—though it was by sheer chance that I saw an ad in the *Penny Saver* for a rental home in Akron, N.Y., a bucolic village east of Buffalo. It's a darling vintage (1870) house the new owners have transformed within. I've made it my little retirement nest and, thankfully, it's amazingly reasonable. I have friends in Akron as well, but it's not all that far into Buffalo (25 miles/40 minutes), only 12 miles from 'the burbs' (malls, Barnes & Noble, BBB, etc.). I'm enjoying being at home and, given the grass crunch, will simply learn to consolidate errands. I've been basking in the luxury of read-

ing up a storm and enjoying the gorgeous views from my deck, where I've been eating most of my meals. The property overlooks a heavily treed area that adjoins the town park, and the previous owner was a landscaper, so I don't have to worry about flowers.

The really big news is the birth of our first grandchild, Clementine Helen, born to my daughter, Hetty, and her husband, Brian Higgins, on July 14. She is gorgeous — but then, I'm not too prejudiced. Grandpa Hans is there now (Takoma Park, Md.), and I'm driving down after daughter Sally has her wisdom teeth extracted. Son Adam will celebrate his 26th visiting his new little niece. I'll also visit in Baltimore, will stay with Dagmar and hope to reconnect with Della, Fern, Joanie, Carolyn and maybe Peggy; and who knows, I may even get to Carroll County and environs. I'll be coming back down for Clementine's baptism in October and will head south to Charlottesville, where I did my internship and served as a chaplain years ago. I hope to see BJ and Jack on this visit, too."

Before it was a movie, **Don '62** and I really made a "Bucket List" of places we would love to see while we are in relatively good health, could remember we had been there, at least for a few years, and still had energy to enjoy it. Travel has always been a priority in our life and we have been in every state except North Dakota. At the top of Don's list was Africa. Last year we visited Kenya and Tanzania and on a scale of one to 10 it was 15. The safaris every day were more awesome than the next. Let me brag that Don's pictures are lovely. We managed to fly to Dubai going and coming to visit **Dianne Briggs Martin '65**. Dianne's work at Zayed University for Women was evident as we received a tour of this beautiful campus. Learning about Emirate culture was an adventure every day. This year the opportunity was presented by McDaniel to travel with much-loved professor Dr. Mohamed Esa and his wife to Egypt. We traveled with 35 friends, trustees, and alumni of the College. It just does not get any better. Among alumni and friends **Dave Anders '62** and Carol came from their home in Australia to go to Egypt with us. For those Poly grads who have lost touch with Dave, we have remained close since the 40th reunion and have visited them in Melbourne. The future holds a trip back to the intriguing African continent. We are going on safari to South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe. Our children and "grads" are close by and we, as many of you, treasure our time with family. Our younger daughter, Dona, a surgeon in Washington County, Md., has adopted our second grandchild from Nepal. We now have two biological grandsons, 16 and 14, and our international grandchild-
 dren outnumber them, one from China and two from Nepal. My college consulting business is a source of staying connected to kids, which I love. Don is very busy with his distance-learning company for the doctor of physical therapy degree. Fund raising, espe-

cially for our local Rape Crisis Intervention Service and Carroll Hospital Center, is a bit like a part-time job for me.

As always, I remind you of our Class of 1963 Scholarship and the wonderful students it has and continues to support. It provides an award to an outstanding student each year since we established it in 1988 for our 25th Reunion. Our recipient for the past four years has been **Emica Boutilier '08** who graduated this year and is now working in London and continuing her studies. You may designate this as a remembrance for any occasion.

Several of our classmates missed the reunion due to health complications, some more serious than others. They were missed and kept in our thoughts and prayers. Eventually all classmates will receive a DVD made by Don for our reunion weekend. He has updated the music, added current pictures, and fine-tuned it. Many thanks to **Belinda Adams Eddy, Pris Ord, and Sam Case** for their contributions. Don has made a special tribute to classmates we have lost. Most recently **Colonel Tom O'Malley** passed away in Newport News, Va. Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Nancy Singer O'Malley '62** and their family.

Before the next column we will have celebrated our 50th reunion from high school, just a prelude to our 50th in 2013. One of the highlights of our 45th was a lovely speech given on Saturday evening by **Marianthi Papadopolou Koucos**. She recalled our not-so-global world at WMC back then and the love, affection, and kindness she felt from everyone. We even took up a collection so she could call home. Reunions are a constant source of energizing and raising spirits.

What a privilege it is to write this column. Please don't wait for a postcard to contact me. It has been noted that several of our cards were returned blank. The e-mail method is the best. The staff at McDaniel, especially Linda Eyer, always hang in there with me as I miss my deadlines and will make changes up to press time.

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This column begins with correspondence for the Spring '07 issue that was never published and I have tried to update it with additions that came in for this one.

In 2007, **Bill Dudley's** e-mail arrived an hour before anyone else's. He and Lois moved to a home they built on the Cape May site of their old bungalow in August '05. Then daughter Robyn, 26, had her wedding in September '05 in Cape May. She teaches biology at Egg Harbor Township High School near Somers Point, N.J. Bill sold his dental practice of 31 years and moved across town to a new condo office in May '06 followed by his son, Scott, getting married in Cape May

in June '06. According to Bill, now Scott "is doing his dentist thing in D.C." That June, Bill was inducted into the Vineland High School Sports Hall of Fame in Vineland, N.J. He said he was only the third basketball player to be selected. Spring '06, he and Lois also visited Keith who "is living the dream working in Vail's ski industry" in Colorado and enjoyed hiking, camping and fly-fishing with him. Last fall they enjoyed a visit from **John '68 and Sue Maslow Heritage**. Bill keeps up with news from Baltimore when **Fred and Jan McDougal '68 Schroeder** visit their summer cottage in Cape May. Finally, Bill wants information on his old roommate, **Will Davis '68**. Could someone help him?

After 43 years, **Naomi Scharf Benzil** has moved from Westminster to Pikesville, Md. Her grandchildren are now teenagers looking forward to college. Naomi spends six months of the year in Hollywood, Fla. She was a docent for an art exhibit at the university there.

After going 30 years of primary care, **Gary Shapiro** retired in July '04 and then became medical director of his county's nursing home. While working about half the time, he just got to enjoy the residents of the home "including a 113-year-old woman, a great Red Sox fan who has been recognized as the eighth oldest person on the planet!" **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro '70** is involved in local and

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News from our Master's Alumni

Angela L. Harris MEd'68 was accepted to the Wright State University doctoral program in clinical psychology. She previously worked at Otterbein College as the assistant dean of students and left her position Aug. 1 to begin her full-time career as a graduate student. She lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Dorothy A. Hummel MS'88 returned from Xi'an, China, in July. She was there teaching ESL to graduate students from the 35 universities in Xi'an. A side trip to Chengdu gave her the opportunity to hold a panda.



Dorothy Hummel MS'88 made a new friend while teaching in China.

Having retired from both civilian and military careers, Les Caplan '69 has become a for-real bachelor in Frisco, Colo., working the winter at Keystone Ski Resort and the summer at Breckenridge Golf Club.

statewide community health projects. Soon, she will celebrate her 10th anniversary breast cancer free. Married on Peter lives in south Baltimore. Jonathan moved from Tucson to western North Carolina and traveled in Central America and southern Mexico. Gary and Jane enjoy hiking in the White Mountains in New Hampshire. He still plays basketball at the YMCA. He also sits on the board of the local home health agency and their synagogue. They periodically see **Norm Sartorius**, Don and Ellen Von Delsen Elmes, Wendy Cronin and other Common Grounders. Since **Mike '68** and **Anne Read Ward** live only a few miles from them, it's easy for Anne and Jane to keep two beehives in the Shapiro's backyard.

The first e-mail response for this issue came from **Tom '67** and **Judy Elseroad Parks**. They celebrated their 40th anniversary June 8, 2008. After moving from Annapolis to Woodbine, Md., Judy completed her Ph.D. in music education and was a professor at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. They have three grandchildren. Tom still works for Bechtel Communications. Tom retired from public school teaching but teaches an occasional college course and maintains a piano studio in their home.

Carol Armacost Carter and husband Bob sold their 100-year-old Victorian in six days and moved to their home on Anna Maria Island near Sarasota, Fla., in July '06. They finished rebuilding it in 2007. Bob continues as president of Ketchum with offices in Pittsburgh and Dallas. Carol is vice president for advancement at New College of Florida. It is a sister school to McDaniel in the Colleges That Change Lives consortium. 2008 makes Carol's 33rd year of charitable fundraising. Carol met up with **Ann Louser Gings '80** in a church parking lot on the island. Ann is a sorority sister when Carol was their Phi Alpha advisor while working at WMC.

Mike and Janet Ellis '0 Baker will have both their mothers living in the same senior community. Jane's mom had to move just 5 miles, whereas Mike's mom came from Brooklyn, N.Y. Daughter Allison married in July '07. Mike wished them good luck as 27 years ago our wedding at Janet's grandfather's farm was washed out by a hurricane. They are still teaching in Anne Arundel County. Md. Janet is at Glen Burnie High and Mike is physical education chair and athletic director at North County High but both plan to retire June '09. All three daughters are dentists planning on opening up a practice together with Janet at the front desk. Mike will babysit. Two of his daughters practice in Maryland — Amanda in Damascus and Allison in White Marsh. Jessica finished her second internship year at North Miami, Fla.

About a year ago, **Jerry and Cindy Therne Borge** found their way to the Isle of Palms near Charleston, S.C., where they met up with **Earl and Carol Harris '70** Dietrich, **Jim and Mary Lewis King**, **Joe and Donna Kerner**, and **Rick and Mary**

Colburn. At home in Seaford, Del., "Jerry crabs whenever possible and Cindy walks in water." They have three grandchildren.

Having retired from both civilian and military careers, **Les Caplan** has become a for-real bachelor in Frisco, Colo., working the winter at Keystone Ski Resort and the summer at Breckenridge Golf Club. He added that he's riding his motorcycle through the most beautiful country on earth, loving life, not missing the East Coast at all, and welcoming any alumni to "crash here" if they're ever in central Colorado. His contact information is on the College's online alumni directory. He has two semi-nephew grandkids.

Ron Clawson commented that it took him 35 years to switch from postcards to e-mail. As he anticipates retirement, he's gotten more involved with hobbies such as duplicate bridge, poker, skiing and contra dancing. He ran into **Mark Vidler '72** who plays in a contra dance band and had a good time talking about the "old" days. Ron and wife Jeanne Marie visited Costa Rica in February '07. Besides traveling, he's looking forward to the 40th reunion.

Most recently, **Steve Davis** "married my longtime squeeze Diane Peterson" last fall in Little Baker Chapel. **Dr. Ira Zepp '52** officiated and **Walt Michael '68** helped provide the music. WMC friends including **Don and Ellen Von Delsen Elmes** attended. The newlyweds honeymooned in Costa Rica. Retired from U.S. Department of Transportation in 2004, Steve has taken a variety of classes such as home repair and Spanish hoping to renew what he remembered from college. Two summers ago on the bike path between Alexandria and Mt. Vernon, Va., Steve broke his clavicle after taking a fall from his bicycle. He visited with **Ray Simpson** at his farm in Cochranville, Pa., where Ray "continues converting a school bus into a fully functioning, multidimensional RV." Ray hopes to take his project "on a national tour rediscovering America in the manner of John Steinbeck."

Recently **Ray Simpson** lost his father and now must clean out 60 years of accumulated things of life, as his father never discarded anything after his mom passed away. Driving a charter bus allows him to go to interesting places. He saw **Eric Richter '70**, **Steve Davis**, **Dave Buller** and **Terry Nelson '67** a few months ago and plans to see them again this fall.

Don Elliott's 2007 fall was busy with daughter Sarah's wedding and then the following month his retirement in November after 30 years on the economics faculty of Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Ill. He and Mary moved to a lake community less than an hour west of St. Louis. "Daniel Boone's last residence is in the valley below our house." His book on cost-benefit analysis for public libraries was published in 2007 by the American Library Association. It's now being translated into Korean. Through an invitation from a former graduate student, Don taught at Jiangxi University of Finance

and Economics in Nanchang, China, in November and April. He is establishing an exchange agreement between his hosts and his former university. June '08 he and his wife hosted three McDaniel students who were traveling from Pennsylvania to California.

Hugh Dawkins focuses on his children. **Kelley '88**, 22, and **Katie**, 19, attend York College of Pennsylvania and both are majoring in sports management. Will, who completed eighth grade at The Country School, moves onto Easton High. He is interested in making the soccer team and being accepted into the choir. Last summer Hugh and wife Kathy spent two weeks in the Mediterranean.

An update came from **Pat Fleeharty**. He retired from Prince George's County Department of Social Services and is now learning about environmental education as an intern at the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center in Anne Arundel County. **Lisa Renshaw Fleeharty** continues as a library associate at Crofton's public library and continues creating beautiful gardens. They now have four grandchildren.

E-mailing in September '07 from Rhodes, Greece, where husband Manuel was enjoying a homecoming since his family comes from there, **Candy Galimiche Soulaiki** described an eventful year. After Manuel retired in January, they moved to Denver and are now closer to their grandson TJ. They also have a condo in Portland. Besides traveling, Candy and Manuel have been splitting time between Colorado and Oregon where their second son, daughter and son-in-law live.

From west of the Appalachians, **Jim Godown** reports the arrival of his granddaughter, Madison Joy, coincided with their Colorado timeshare ski week last February. Since a blizzard closed I-70 to the mountains for two days, they headed to Colorado Springs and made it to their granddaughter's birth! After completing a 15-day transatlantic cruise from Miami to London, they drove 1,600 miles last Memorial Day weekend to visit their grandchildren in Colorado. Margaret and Jim invite anyone visiting "the silver haired Mecca" of Branson to call them as they are in the neighborhood with a place on the lake where one "can crash."

For **Katherine James** 2007 was an important year. She graduated with a doctoral degree in ministry and became the director of spiritual care in the Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center with Hospice of the Chesapeake in Annapolis, Md. She is continuing her studies in the End of Life Care Program at the Metta Institute in San Francisco.

Jim and Amy Lewis King share their retirement news. Jim retired in 2004 for 30 years with Boehringer Ingelheim. He has become a Connecticut master conservationist and volunteers at wildlife exhibits, tours, bird banding and identification and invasive plant cleanups. Of course, he spends as much time as he can hunting and fishing. He's the chief cook at home and caretaker for

Amy's dad, over 90, who lives with them.

After 17 years, Amy retired from the American Heart Association in June '07 where she was vice president of youth market for American Heart managing a team that recruited schools to conduct educational and physically active fundraisers. Their first grandson, Liam, was born three days before she retired. It's interesting to know that Jim officiated at son Andrew's wedding engineering and math at University of Minnesota. Amy joined a women's hiking group, tutors, and joined a women's choir. She also discussed the beach house on the Isle of Palms they rented two summers ago for a week with Donna and Joe Kerner, Earl and Carol Harris '90 Dietrich, Jerry and Cindy Treherne Borge, and Rick and Mary Coburn, drinking margaritas at the water's edge. She also sees Dick and Nancy Higdon Morgan and Pete and Carol Markey. This year the Kings traveled to Montreal, went hiking in Ireland and visited friends in Holland.

Dr. Ira Klemons and his wife, Janet, continue to treat patients who travel to The Center for Headaches and Facial Pain in New Jersey from every continent around the world (except Antarctica). Their daughter, Stephanie, turned down medical school for a Broadway acting career. Her play, *In the Heights*, received four Tony awards this year. Their son, Adam, qualified for his Eagle Scout award and plays lacrosse besides being an excellent student. Ira and Janet were visiting professors at a university in Buenos Aires and have lectured in Panama.

Another grandparent with eight grandchildren is **Jacquie Laughlin**. Included is a set of twins. Jacquie is a physician assistant at a Frederick, Md., urgent care center. For the last six years she has been performing with a group of about 80 singers, the Masterworks Chorus of Carroll County.

Sarah Lednum Shockley has been married 37 years. For the last 25 years, she's been self-employed in the financial services sector. Married son Nick, an exercise physiologist, has a son, Jagger. Son Jordan is studying for a master's degree in agricultural economics at the University of Kentucky. Sarah and Gary's home was on the market in Federalburg, Md., and they "will probably temporarily" move near Ocean City before retiring.

Judith Massicot-Fisher retired on July 3, 2008 after 39 years at the National Institutes of Health, the last 22 at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Husband Geary retired after 40 years with the National Park Service. She intends to spend more time with Geary at their Cobb Island home on the Wicomico River in southern Maryland and at the Loyola Retreat House where she is currently chair of the board of trustees.

Dick and Nancy Higdon Morgan enjoy being grandparents. By October '08 they will have three grandchildren all under the age of two. Nancy recently retired as a church nursery

school teacher. Dick sold the family business but is working with the new owner. For fitness, she does water aerobics and weight training and he has started "participating" in triathlons. Of course, he wants to see every-body at our 40th reunion in May '09.

Linda Newton Reid experienced a French major's dream come true. In September '07 she and husband Jack spent two weeks in France. She did everything she had missed when they were there in 1979. They climbed the Eiffel Tower, cruised on the Seine, saw a fashion show, and attended a banquet at the Palace of Versailles. In college she had a poster in her dorm room of Mont Saint Michel in Normandy. She finally was able to visit it. She also loves to brag about her three grandchildren and how well they speak and read plus their activities in scouting. She and Jack had hoped to escape the heat by spending their 39th anniversary in the North Carolina mountains. It didn't work as the temperatures rose into the 90s. Linda spent last Preakness weekend in Baltimore County visiting family including **Susan Sedicum Douglas '72**.

Owning your own business means retirement isn't imminent for **Linda Osborn White** or her husband, Jay. Their home in Maine does take the pressure off as she stays there May through November. She has four grandchildren and another due November '08.

Pat Petry Vasco moved after 14 years in Indianapolis to Ponaton, Va. Husband Chet retired from the Veterans' Administration Hospital. Pat is substitute teaching and enjoying semi-retirement.

Patricia Pole Coolsen moved to Tacoma, Wash., because after her husband retired he then accepted a three-year position at University of Washington. They can see Mt. Rainier and Puget Sound from their home. They had eight grandchildren as of Christmas '06.

Howard Russock is still a professor in the department of biological sciences at Western Connecticut State University. He recently finished his second stint as chair which he does "not plan to do again." In June '07 he was part of a goodwill tour to China for the Jane Goodall Institute. He visited Shanghai and Beijing and stopped at many universities, high schools, and hospitals as a part of Dr. Goodall's Roots and Shoots program of environmental education and activism. His son, Victor, finished the 10th grade and wishes to get a degree in engineering and join the Air Force. Wife Chris works part time in publishing.

Ann Schwartzman Rader traditionally spends a week at Common Ground on the Hill taking a water color class with **Ellen Von Delsen Elmes**. **Debbie Clark '70** is always there. She is trying to talk **Jane "Woody" Fieseler '70** into joining her. Ann taught four levels of Latin and heads the world languages department at Reservoir High in Clarksville, Md. Next year she will add some Spanish classes to the mix. She is an accompanist for ballet

classes at Howard Community College and an adjunct Spanish instructor at the College of Notre Dame. Son Matthew graduated from Virginia Tech and is working on his master's in math part time at Johns Hopkins. This year he was a long-term substitute at his mother's school.

Ron Sher declares that he no longer needs "full-time psychiatric care" since his triplets are in college, but that he may now "need to declare bankruptcy."

Living in Rehoboth, and in her second career as education chair at Delaware Technical and Community College, **Nancy Shirk Campbell** has almost finished her doctorate at University of Delaware. Her husband is a civil engineer for Delaware Department of Transportation. Son Robert Paul, at Virginia Tech, has a four-year Naval ROTC scholarship.

Still enjoying Florida, **Robin Silver Snyder** runs a painting business dealing with residential, commercial and industrial contracts. Following her passion, she toured Poland with the Master Chorus of Tampa Bay. When not on tour, the group performs with the Florida Symphony Orchestra. Robin also does a lot of solo work. Recently, she visited Egypt, Israel and Alaska.

Winston Tino Solomon also lost his dad. **Les Caplan** visited him last year. Since he hadn't been there in a while, he just completed a trip to Italy.

Elizabeth "Little" Wade Lionberger and husband are enjoying retirement. They have a home on Lake Hartwell, Ga., but spent a month a few summers ago in Rehoboth, Del. For her last two years of teaching high school, "Little" had her daughter as a colleague. Their son has moved to Damascus, Md., "so we will be visiting WMC territory more frequently" especially to see their granddaughter. While the Lionbergers don't miss Atlanta's traffic, or "the hectic life of high school education," Little added it's hard for them to believe they're really retired.

Would anyone like to go sailing or crabbing? **Dave Weber** invites us all to his new home, a small farm in Whitehaven, just south of Salisbury, Md. He retired after 36 years as a United Methodist minister, after serving 10 years in Arizona.

As a successful realtor in Annapolis, **Gaye Meekins** is able to enjoy her 83-acre farm in southern Anne Arundel County, to paint, to do volunteer work with children and to travel. She planned to visit San Francisco, Hawaii, Las Vegas and Aruba.

Chris Geis Kraus managed to miss this year's deadline but still got her news in. She completed her ninth year teaching English at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Md. Son Arthur just finished a production of *Music Man*, Jr. at Loidermand M.S. for the Creative and Performing Arts, part of Montgomery County public schools magnet program. He plans on a double major of theatre and dance in high school. Husband Andy dabbles in the computer business

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'69 and his wife
treat patients
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The Center for
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class notes

**Glen '79 and
Debbie Wooden
Barlow '81
celebrated their
25th anniversary
last October in
Disney World
with their
three children.**

with web design, sells real estate as his "day job" and is reestablishing his music career as a classical pianist. He did "An Evening at Bayreuth" for the Wagner Society and this July had two concerts as collaborative pianist with some singers. At the end of this summer he will attend a two-week master class with Peter Feuchtwanger in Germany. Starting in September '08, the family may begin on cable access on "The Daryl Winston Show." Andy will be the accompanist to the singers and Chris and their son will be in a skit to announce station breaks. She added that she has been dancing "Grandma" in the Olney Ballet Theatre's version of *The Nutcracker*.

Bill and I have begun transitioning into retirement. I've gone from first as I'm no longer teaching. He sold his office last year and is only taking a few cases. Bill's 1989 Turbo R Bentley was on the May/June '06 cover of *The Flying Lady*, the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club national magazine. In June '08 we attended the national RROC meet in Williamsburg with our '88 Silver Spur. He rode down on his old Honda Gold Wing, still has it, but rides a Suzuki Boulevard with a motorcycle club. We usually travel on our own with a *Fodor's* and *Frommer's* in hand, using local transportation and staying at B&Bs, but we tried an all-inclusive resort in Jamaica and a Caribbean cruise out of Baltimore. The Jamaican resort reminded us of that old TV series, "The Prisoner." Two years ago we went to South Padre Island, Texas, and Oahu, Hawaii. September '07 we visited Ft. Meyers, Fla., while our kitchen was being remodeled, and later that fall went to Myrtle Beach. Last spring we were in Istanbul, Turkey, where Bill ended up in the Egyptian Hospital there getting his leg stitched up. The last adventurous ride we took was at Summit Point Raceway in West Virginia this summer. We were passengers of Jeff Andretti, Mario's grandson, as he test drove the new Lexus sports sedan.

Glad to hear from you. Thanks for writing again and let's make it all e-mail next time as some of the return portion of the postcards never made it to you.

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Mitchell '80 and Mildred Artis Alexander report that Mitch still works for the College. He had the pleasure of attending a conference in Pennsylvania last month. He enjoyed the seminars and networking. He always discovers something new. They celebrated their 23rd anniversary in September '08. Their son, Blake, 16, made the track team at Catonsville High School. He does the throwing events — javelin, discus, etc. He also works on the weekends at Safeway as a courtesy clerk. Their daughter, Paige, 10, takes ice skating lessons with mom. Work for Mildred at the Passport Agency is not as hectic as it

was last spring. Her mom died in July '07 and dad passed in January '04. They both left her with wonderful memories. She still enjoys scrapbooking so much that in February she started a scrapbook business.

Steve and Susan Dean-Aroff are doing well. They celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2007 with a wonderful trip to the islands of Nevis and St. Kitts. The quiet, the beauty and the serenity of the islands were awesome. Their oldest son, Jacob, is attending St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He hopes to go into the field of research after he completes his program. Their youngest son, Jonathan, is still in high school and will graduate in 2009. His specific plans after graduation are not clear yet. They can't believe that they will be empty nesters so soon. They had a great time seeing everyone at our 25th class reunion on the Hill in 2006.

Glen '79 and Debbie Wooden Barlow celebrated their 25th anniversary last October in Disney World with their children, Sarah, 17, Kevin, 12, and Rachel. Glen is busy with his dental practice and being an assistant scout master for their son's Boy Scout troop. Debbie has returned recently to part-time work as a lawyer after a 15-year "mommy hiatus." It has been a little hard to shift from being a leader of two Girl Scout troops, swim team official, church, etc., to being a litigation attorney again. Debbie's eldest is looking at colleges, as she will apply in the fall '08. Sarah is busy with swim team, orchestra, Girl Scouts and her job as a lifeguard. Kevin is in sixth grade and enjoys swimming and soccer. He plays percussion in the band and is almost a Star scout. He wants to be an Eagle Scout earlier than his dad. Rachel just finished the fourth grade and is also a percussionist. She enjoys the summer swim team, camping and girl scouts.

Christine Bartos is gearing up for a trip to Namibia to work with the Cheetah Conservation Fund. She has spent the last year training a Border Collie to work as a cheetah scat detection dog and within the next few months she'll be heading to Africa with him. Christine just returned from a two-week training session in Washington State where she worked with Conservation Canines, a group associated with the University of Washington. The days were long and the training intense, but she got a lot out of it. Of course it didn't hurt that she stayed in a cabin on a mountain just a few miles from Mount Rainier! Christine is still working as curator of ungulates and small mammals at the Philadelphia Zoo.

Lisa Potocki Brown is a computer specialist at Social Security Administration in Woodlawn. She owns a condo in Catonsville, Md.

Lori Frock Bucacink is finishing her 27th year working as an elementary school counselor for Carroll County Public Schools. She has seen a lot of changes over the years, but still can't get used to having so many children of former students in her school saying

things like, "My mom says you taught her!" Lori says that when they start saying "I taught their grandparents, it's time to retire. In the fall of '08 she will have both of her kids in high school, which is enough of a shock. That means her husband, John, and she will be doing the college search with their son, Ian. Lori spends part of every weekend helping her mom, who is 91 years old. She still wants to live on her own so Lori tries to help her as much as she can. Lori reports that she's doing pretty well physically, considering her age.

Nancy Casey reports that she and her husband, Art, travel too much for work, but still love their jobs. Recent trips took them to India, France and Spain and upcoming fall/winter '08 travel will take them to Rwanda, New Zealand and Australia. Domestic travel is time consuming too, and they mostly go to Boston, Texas, and the Bay Area of California. 2006 was a bad year for Nancy as she lost her younger sister, Mary, to multiple sclerosis. Then, she lost her mother and father-in-law, both to cancer. Nancy was able to convince her husband to let the children get a puppy, Muffin, for Christmas that year. In April '08, her daughter, Samantha, had her Bat Mitzvah. Nancy says that she did not convert, but it was a memorable event, as her daughter has grown into a young lady. So far, Samantha has taken to heart the Judaic instruction to dress modestly. Nancy plans to enjoy "no fighting over clothes" while it lasts. Nancy and son Spencer were headed to Colorado in the summer '08 to help with the scientific work of archaeologists and paleontologists.

A fellow Howard County resident **Nancy Heimbach Cummins** reports that her daughter will be graduating from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in 2009. She is majoring in criminal justice with hopes of joining the FBI. Her son will be graduating from Atholton High School in 2009 so they are searching for colleges all over again. He needs to find a college where he can play lacrosse — oh, and study too, if he must. He is quite the socialite and Nancy is not sure where he gets that from! Nancy's husband still works for the Department of Defense and she is still selling real estate in Maryland. Despite the decline in home sales, Nancy had a record '07 and was fortunate enough to celebrate in Hawaii in October with lots of other Long & Foster agents. Nancy looks forward to the occasional lunches with **Lyn Keener Totty**, **Barb Forrey Walbrink**, **Heleen Wroe Kline** and **Conce Thompson Bowman**.

Last fall, **Michael Esley** flew back East for his 30th school reunion with his wife, Wendy, and their kids Bridget and Liam (ages 5 and 2). The trip included a couple of days visiting Phi Del brother **John Sparr**, his wife, Patty, and their talented kids: Kayla, Emmy and Will. Michael and John consumed many choice beers while sharing the occasional days-on-the-Hill flashback. Living in the Bay Area, Michael and another fellow Phi Del: **Scott Lohmann** '83 get the fami-

lies together fairly regularly. More recently, Scott, and his wife, Lisa, joined Wendy and Michael for Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. Brother Randy Butzer '82 was in town awhile back and joined Michael and Scott at a local brew pub for dinner, tall tales and a few games of pool.

Jean Elliott continues to work in University Relations at Virginia Tech. Jean reports that life in the New River Valley is quite idyllic with lots of places to hike and kayak. Jean says: "Life as a Hokie fan is OK, but I'll always be a Green Terror at heart!"

Jeff '82 and Deb Bessman Funk live in Manchester, N.H., about 45 miles north of Boston. Their oldest, Kaitlyn, 21, will be starting her senior year at George Washington in the fall '08. Kelsey, 19, just finished her freshman year at Rivier College. Emily, 17, is a junior and is just starting the college search in 2008. Johnny, 11, is pretty much the king with four women catering to his every need. His future wife will definitely need therapy — if his sisters allow him to marry. Jeff is still a regional vice president for an insurance company based in Maine but he mainly oversees the Hartford, Conn., and Albany, N.Y., offices. Deb is primarily a stay-at-home mom which she loves but does commissioned artwork in her spare time. Deb just built a house on Cape Cod that she hopes to spend more and more time in as things slow down. Hopefully Dottie Scroggs Freeman. For Bennett MacLauchlin, Ginni Brown Morani, Molly McLaughlin Quinn, Deb Ambrose and Donna Regner Tamburelli will have another girls' weekend there. Deb sends out this to Lisa Segal '82: If you are reading this, Deb's little purple cow sister, you live right down the road so let hit the beach.

Chet and Dottie Scroggs Freeman are doing just fine in Gaithersburg, Md. Chet is senior vice president of Xerox's Litigation Support Division, and Dottie is a full-time chauffeur — driving her two boys, Jay and John, 10 and 12, all over the place.

Condolences go out to Al Fultz, whose wife of 25 years, Betty Decker passed away. She would have been in the class of '81 but transferred her junior year to Towson. Al has three daughters and the youngest is a junior at Towson University in 2008. Al has been working at Social Security for 26 years and in his spare time he is an assistant coach of girls' basketball at Catonsville High School.

Betsy Walsh Geiger is doing fine. Her oldest daughter, Becca, attends Frostburg State University majoring in elementary education. Tricia graduated from high school and will be attending University of Maryland College Park in the fall '08. Barb is still teaching 10th-graders. Barb says, "I guess I could always live in Ocean City and resume my Candy Kitchens career to earn a little extra cash but I don't think I am up for all that fun in the sun." Barb cannot believe her children are at the age that we were when we all had so much fun at WMC. She has

started running again, but not very fast. It is a great way to de-stress.

Mary Louise "Mimi" Griffin is living in Madison, Wisc., and working with special education elementary students. She doesn't miss the legislature or bureaucratic life at all. Their 10-year-old boy/girl twins and their middle-school brother keep them busy doing the family thing. Mimi says that she pretty much lost touch with everyone from college but loves reading news from The Hill.

Jarelynn Smith Hart is the proud principal of Rosa Parks Elementary School in Prince William County, Va. In November, The Washington Post awarded Jarelynn the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. She was also the principal of the year for Prince William County Schools. Jarelynn states that both honors are humbling and encouraging. WMC prepared her exceedingly well.

Rebecca Weller Holderread lives in Atlanta with her husband of 18 years, Barry. Their daughters Emma, 12, and Helen, 8, keep them very busy. Since the reunion Rebecca has seen Dr. Jim Lightner '59 in Atlanta twice. Just last month he was there for a book signing — those of you who have not purchased a copy of his book check it out. She is the CEO/COO for a small private firm, APA Color Graphics, which is a commercial digital printer. They produce custom wall coverings and signage for major companies like Delta, Arby's, Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins, etc. The company just moved to a new location and they are still settling in so Rebecca's work has been busy with unusual challenges this year. When not working, she is teaching Sunday school, working with the youth group, and other things at church.

Jay and Patricia Griffiths Holtzman are living in Parkville but traveled to Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon and Navajo country in 2007. They went to the Maine coast in 2008.

Scott Kallins reports that lots of cool things are happening in Florida. Scott is a coach for the Sarasota Military Academy Lacrosse Team for the past three years and is vying for a league championship. Steve and Susan Dean Aroff and family visited Scott Christmas '07. Steve helped tutor Scott's lacrosse team. Steve was able to attend the 30th anniversary celebration of the 1978/1979 lacrosse team back to back championship teams at the College in April. Steve continues to watch over his law firm and has traveled to Argentina for skiing adventures.

Dawn Sweeney Lindsay still lives in California enjoying the weather and sunshine. Dawn is now the vice president of Instruction for Glendale College in Glendale, Calif. She started there January '07 and is learning more than she ever thought possible. They serve about 25,000 students through credit, noncredit, continuing and community education classes. Dawn moved again (sixth house in California since 1994) so she could be close to work. Her son, James, is a freshman at the

same college and is also working on campus in the art history department. He is loving life and correctly observes there are tremendous differences between high school and college. Unlike most of us (WMC alumni) he is not living in a dorm, rather he is home with Dawn on a full-time basis. Although work is the majority of her life right now, she is still trying to find balance and enjoy going out to dinner, finding new wines, hanging out with their two chocolate labs and working out.

Karen Lyhus McCloskey decided that after four years as a personal fitness trainer, it was time to change to a career in real estate. Her sister Kathy Lyhus Dixon '84 is in her 10th year as a realtor and she joined her team (the Dixon/Kluge Group) at Long and Foster's Eldersburg office. Karen's daughter, Molly, is graduating from high school and will be attending the University of the Arts in Philadelphia as a dance major in the fall '08. Her son, Colin, attends Glenelg Country School where he is a classmate of Anthony and Jan Shilling '83 Tangire's son, Jimmy.

Beth Gibbons McCullough sends out her hellos to the Class of '81. She is enjoying her three children: Rachel, 20, Seth, 17, Jesse, 13. Beth finds it hard to believe how old they are getting. But we keep getting younger, right? She lives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, right on the Choptank River and really enjoys the slow pace of life on the shore. Beth's husband, Al, is still operating his own environmental engineering company, Sustainable Science. She helps out in the office as well as in the field with doing those wetland delineations. Beth also keeps busy teaching aerobic classes at two local gyms, as well as doing personal training from her home for several clients. She is training for another marathon for the summer '08 in Virginia Beach. Beth's daughter just got back from a semester in Spain and they were able to go over to visit, touring the Mediterranean coast of Spain as well as southern France.

Fran McCullin just finished his 23rd year as an algebra and geometry teacher at West Middle in Carroll County. He coaches both the soccer and tennis teams at Westminster High School. The tennis team won the conference title and the soccer team named him "Coach of the Year." His two daughters are college students at Towson University and his youngest is attending Westminster High School. Fran is fortunate to see many alumni living so close to the campus. His wife, Peggy, is an elementary school teacher in Carroll County.

Phillips Menschner is living outside of Orlando but in the process of trying to buy a new house. She plans to move further west in Florida to Lake County. Phillips and her son want to be on the lakes that they fish. Her son wants to be a professional bass fisherman and he has a good chance of doing it. Phillips' business is busy and continues to grow.

Jim Kortvelevy Menschen is living in Garden City on Long Island with her husband and two children. Katy will be 15 this year,

**Scott Kallins '82,
a coach for the
Sarasota Military
Academy Lacrosse
Team for the past
three years, is
vying for a league
championship.
He attended the
30th anniversary
celebration of the
1978/1979 back-
to-back champion-
ship lacrosse teams
at the College
in April.**



class notes

**Martin Pitts '81
just returned
to Bamberg,
Germany, where
he is currently
stationed. Martin
is now a colonel
in the U.S. Army
and commanding
a logistics brigade
of 2,500 soldiers
preparing for
deployment
to Iraq.**

and William will be 12. Jill has been working at the Forrest Solutions in Manhattan for 25 years as the director of staffing sales. She works four days a week and is home for dinner just about every night. Katy just made the high school cheerleading team and William participates in recreational soccer, basketball and track. Jill will be going on a mission trip to Mexico this summer with her church youth group, with her daughter, Katy, as a leader. In 2007, their family flew to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and took an RV trip through Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. Jill met up with **Phillips Menschner** at Disney in April '08 after not seeing each other for five years.

Rick and Ginni Brown Morani live in Ellicott City. Ginni is working part time at a Howard County Elementary School. Rick and Ginni are golfing, but not as much as they would like. Ginni and Rick's oldest daughter, Megan, just finished second year at St Mary's in the spring '08 (Dean's List) and youngest daughter, Mary Kate, has graduated from high school and is heading to University of Virginia in the fall '08. Rick saw a bunch of old Beets at the '77-'78 lacrosse team reunion. **Steve Ansoff**, **Scott Kalins**, **Regan Smith**, **Jeff Vinson**, **Bo Hickey**, **Bob Bowman**, to name a few. Rick then went to the Bete reunion where he saw many other classmates, including **Wade Heck**, **George Boinis**, **Anthony Tangires** and **Jeff Waldron**.

Mary Morningstar has become active in an exciting group at McDaniel known as the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network. She is the chairperson of the outreach and scholarship committee. The goal is to provide opportunities to future women leaders from McDaniel. It's been fun for Mary to reconnect with the College and the faculty and staff. She is working for Lockheed Martin in the corporate legal department. Mary has been with the company almost 18 years, so you could say that she's a company person now! Mary and her husband, Wilder Leavitt, enjoy hiking, climbing and traveling. Wilder is a volunteer paramedic at the Rescue Squad in Bethesda and Mary does quite a few *pro bono* cases in D.C. Superior Court. She keeps in touch with other McDaniel alumni, including **Jane Cavanaugh** and her husband, **Laura Angel-Hannratty** and **Dennis Hannratty '80** and **Della Butler Hager**.

JoAnne Campitell Nelson reports that her daughter, Jessie, graduated this past June from Century High School and is planning to attend James Madison University in fall '08. Her graduation ceremony was held at Gill Center at McDaniel since they live in Carroll County. She says it was great to see the campus. JoAnne's eldest son, Joe, will be attending high school next year and her youngest son, Tony, middle school. Sports, work and concerts seem to be her main activities lately. They will be going to the Cayman Islands. She still hears from **Dawn Sweeney Lindsay** and **Janet Trainor Byrne** from time to time.

Martin Pitts just returned to Bamberg, Ger-

many, where he is currently stationed. Martin is now a colonel, still in the U.S. Army (27 years) and commanding a logistics brigade comprised of 2,500 soldiers, preparing for deployment to Iraq. He also has a son headed to Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala., starting in the fall '08. He couldn't be talked into going to McDaniel. Martin's daughters are going into the ninth grade and sixth grade. After deployment he will probably be assigned state side.

Jane Garrity Plantholt reports that her son, Jimmy, is at Washington and Lee University where he is the starting third baseman and closing pitcher on the baseball team. He tied the school record for career saves. Jane's daughter, Katie, is in high school and they traveled to China at the end of May '08 for a 12-day tour. Her choir has been invited to sing at the pre-Olympic ceremonies and Jane will be chaperoning some of the students. She is in her 23rd year of teaching physical education in Bel Air, Md., and still loving it. Jane and her husband, recently celebrated their 24th anniversary and are preparing themselves for the empty-nest syndrome. She recently caught up with **Carol Resnick '82** and **Patsy Moyles '83** when she attended a women's basketball game at McDaniel.

Donna Quesada lives and works in Frederick. Her daughter, Nicole, is at Marquette University, her son, Michael, is attending Frederick Community College and her youngest daughter, Jennifer, is in high school. Donna recently changed jobs and is now a physician's assistant for an orthopedics practice. She is able to enjoy coaching volleyball, working with dance and theater groups as well as attending art and music classes.

Molly McLaughlin Quinn still lives in Baltimore and works for the public defender's office. She is an investigator in the mental health division and has been there for 22 years. Molly really enjoys her job and the clients she works with. Molly spent a week on the Hill in June '08 and living in the apartments as a chaperone for her son's high school choir camp. He has gone the past two years but this will be Molly's first time as a chaperone. According to Molly, it was strange waking up on campus but even stranger being on campus as a responsible adult. Molly continues to get together with her Phi Alpha friends such as **Dottie Scroggs Freeman**, **Don Bennett MacLauchlan**, **Ginni Brown Morani**, **Debi Bessman Funk** and **Laurie Morstein Rovin**.

Craig and Sherry Bennett '82 Rae had quite an experience with their older daughter, Shannon, who is a freshman at Wingate University (N.C.). She caught a virus during her second week of school which quickly and violently attacked her heart, causing an extremely rare condition affecting only about 100 North Americans per year. Even more rare than the disease, is a correct diagnosis in time to save the patient's life, and thankfully, she was one of the fortunate ones. After

an emergency helicopter ride to the phenomenal Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, where her heart function was only five percent upon arrival, she was immediately put on a heart bypass machine in time to save all of her other organs, which became at risk due to her poor heart function. After two weeks on the bypass machine they operated to install a left ventricular assist device (artificial heart), as it was clear that her heart would never recover from the extensive damage. After two weeks on this machine and the UNOS heart transplant list, she was blessed with the gift of a new heart in surgery performed on Sherry's birthday, October 6, 2007. In total, her treatment included six open-heart surgeries. They are thrilled to report that she returned to college three months to the day after her transplant, is doing great medically, and working hard to get back in shape to compete on the golf team. Sherry and Craig beg everyone please become an organ donor.

In other news, Sherry and Craig celebrated their 25th anniversary in September (in the hospital). Their oldest, Christopher, graduates from Catawba College in May '08, and younger daughter, Shelley, is a high school sophomore. They live in Hudson, Wisc., where Craig is the president of SMC Innovations, which produces innovative hand and power tools, as well as a few health care products. He spends most of his time traveling throughout North America, Europe, and Asia, and continues to play golf whenever the opportunity allows.

Elizabeth Robertson works for First Annapolis Consulting. They are focused on payments services consulting and work with all the major card networks, banks and other companies active in the payments industry domestically and in major global markets. Her daughter, Lindsey, will be a sophomore at Tulane in New Orleans in the fall '08, where she is majoring in architecture and a minor in Spanish. Her son, Alex, will be a senior in high school at Dulany in Baltimore. His team recently won the state championship in lacrosse. Beth's husband, Marty, continues with his company and travels for family business to Switzerland.

Owen Rouse continues to work in the commercial real estate industry as a partner with Manekin LLC, a regional full-service real estate company active in all aspects of development, construction leasing and management. Despite the woes of the residential real estate market, the commercial sector (that is 40 miles from Washington D.C.) is doing quite well. Owen reports that many of our alumni would recognize their projects in Harford, Cecil, Howard, and Anne Arundel counties. On the non-profit side, Owen starts another year as board president of Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity which is active in eradicating poverty housing in Baltimore City and is also on the Foundation Board of Saint Joseph's Medical Center. Owen and his wife,

Anne, live in Ruxton, Md., and their 2007 travels took them through Madrid and Barcelona for a couple of weeks, but unfortunately they did not run into any alumni there.

Laurie Morstein-Rovin states that life is good, no complaints. Living in Greenville, S.C., is far better now than ever before. She enjoys her community work at the United Way of Greenville County. Professionally, Laurie has been focused toward systemic change in early care and education. Her social work training at WMC has helped her immensely over the years. Her husband, Paul, is a Judaic artist and they have been married almost 24 years, and their children are growing rapidly. Daniel, 19, is a saxophonist at the New School of Jazz in New York City, and Hannah, 16, is a sophomore and hopes to be a broadcaster one day. Laurie works closely with southern universities like Furman and Clemson University, but doesn't get a lot of opportunities to visit WMC stopping grounds. She did drive through recently, and was amazed with the growth.

Louise Herrera Scali continues to live in Carroll County. She volunteers with Carroll County Community Concert Association (president), church programs, kid's school activities and just recently finished up her first season co-managing her kids, Christopher, 7, and Madeline, 10, Destination Imagination team. Louise had a nice conversation with **Sally Keck Gold '78** at the regional tournament in Hagerstown recently. Louise's husband, **Michael '85**, continues to work full time as a behavior support specialist with the county and she is slowly getting back into teaching "stuff" with substituting and home/hospital teaching. She has spent some time with **Tracy and Ann Wallemeyer Ellis** who live with their four children in Damascus, Md. Like many of us, Louise is experiencing being a member of the "sandwich generation" with her own young ones needing her and her parents needing her as recently their health deteriorated after enjoying very healthy lives. She recommends reading "The 5 People You Meet in Heaven" as an inspiring book.

Ken and Janet Carr Short traveled throughout the southern and west-central portions of Germany for just over three weeks in the summer of '07. Their older daughter, Allison, was to start as a freshman at McDaniel in the fall '08. The younger daughter, Monica, is a freshman at Towson High. They cheered together on Towson's varsity cheerleading squad and continued to dance together in a local program. Ken just completed his second year as architectural historian with the Howard County Planning Department and still does some consulting as well. Janet works at the Army Research Lab at Aberdeen Proving Ground as the team leader for Developmental and Operational Ground Systems, and also has been managing another team of geometric target modelers since October. Janet says, "That's been a real challenge for me, since geometry was never my strong suit or

interest. (Sorry, Dr. Lightner!)

Hunter and Katie O'Dwyer '82 Steadley continue to live in Lutherville. Hunter is the owner of Renaissance Contractors. Katie is very close to retirement from U.S. Treasury. Their son, Hunter, graduated from Calvert Hall and will be attending Elon in the fall '08. Hunter and Katie's daughter, Cameron, is attending Roland Park Country School.

Donna Regner Tamburelli is a newlywed! She got married in May '08 and after a two-week cruise in Italy, she is now back in Colorado and is a landlord in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and hopefully this will be the last move for a while. Due to personal choice and career Donna has moved/relocated 15 times in the past 25 years. She tries to keep in touch with the Blanche Ward Girls, **Fon Bennett MacLaughlin**, **Ginni Brown Morani**, **Dottie Scroggs Freeman**, **Debbie Bessman Funk**, **Molly MacLaughlin Quinn** and **Deb Ambrose** but it's hard to make a lunch date due to the distance. Thanks to the Internet and cell phones, they are keep in touch the best they can. Donna continues to ski and play golf when she can. She is also into fly fishing in Montana and fun travel. She is very grateful for the direct flight between Denver and BWI so she can visit her eight nieces and nephews in Maryland. Congratulations Donna on the wedding.

Dee Taylor resides in West Jordan, Utah, with her husband, Tom King. They are getting ready to build a new house on their property and are using "green" methods for the design and building. They maintain an organic garden in the summertime and enjoy bicycling and camping, backpacking, and hiking all over remote portions of Utah. They also travel to Maryland a few times a year to see Dee's family. Two of Dee's three children reside in Maryland, both with children (Dee is a granny now!) and the other lives with Dee and Tom. Dee also enjoys digital photography and prolific blogging.

After teaching music for over a quarter of a century in public schools, Dee has switched gears and is the educational support services coordinator in a public charter school in Salt Lake City for students in grades 7-12. Dee oversees the special education department and works with students with disabilities and students who have other health and learning problems. Dee also serves as the service learning coordinator for her school. Tom also works at Dee's school as the building manager. They enjoy traveling to work together and seeing each other throughout each day. Dee and Tom are very politically active in Utah, being involved in electoral politics, peace and justice organizing, and working on environmental and nuclear issues. They both serve as national delegates for the Green Party of the United States and are co-founders of Blue Sky Initiative, a non-profit organization in Utah which focuses on educating the public on peace and justice, environment and sustainability issues. They are currently developing plans to convert part

of their property in West Jordan into the Utah Peace House, which will serve as an educational center for peace activists from all over.

Eileen Flynn Toohey is in her 20th year with McDonough School in Owings Mills serving as director of development. She lives in Lutherville with her husband of 21 years, Phil, and two children, Mary Jane, 16, and Patrick, 17. Eileen stays in close touch with her WMC roommate, **Jane Burch Fiddell '82**.

Pam Owen Torell continues to be a pilot for American Airlines flying 737-800s out of her Miami base. Pam and her husband, Peter, live on an airport community, Aero Acres, north of West Palm Beach and fly for fun during their spare time. She keeps in contact with **Sherry McClurg Bukowski** and **Meredith Traugott Selby '82**.

Mike Turner has been living in Chino Hills, Calif., since 1990 and is currently working at Tecolote Research Inc., located in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Tecolote Research Inc., is an Air Force-Space and Missile Center contractor and he supports the GPS Program as a principle analyst. Prior to joining Tecolote in 2002, Mike was with Northrop Grumman (since 1983) and worked on both the B-2 Bomber (16 years) and 747 Commercial Aircraft (4 years). He is married to Josie Martinez-Turner and celebrated their second anniversary in June. Josie works in the Alta Loma School District. Mike has two children, Devin, 19, and Alexandria, 17, and Josie also has two children, Derek, 10, and Marissa, 12. They worship at Calvary Chapel of Chino Hills. Josie and Mike both enjoy free time at the gym and frequently spend weekend afternoons in Laguna Beach, where they were married.

Jeff Vinson says hello to all from Pasadena, Md. His wife, Vicki, and he both work at Northrop Grumman and enjoy vacationing in Cancun and at their Ocean City, Md., beach house.

Barb Forrey Wahlbrink reports that their oldest daughter, Grace, is at University of Maryland-College Park in the honors program, a much different experience than what they had at little old WMC, but she is loving it. Hope is a high school sophomore and Nora is finishing up elementary school, so still a few years before the empty nest set in. **Jeff '80** is happily coaching soccer and cycling, and selling honey baked ham in between. Barb seems to stay busy with part-time work, kids and volunteering but does not miss the corporate world one bit. Barb and Jeff have done some fun family traveling to Mexico and the Islands. Barb would love to hear from classmates — if anyone has a kid at College Park, you all could meet up for a reunion in Terp territory!

Craig Walker continues as director of athletics and facilities at Francis Scott Key High School in Carroll County. This is his eighth year as an AD and plans to continue with it until retirement. His wife, Judy, is principal

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Props to the Principal

Jarcelynn Smith Hart '81 is the proud principal of Rosa Parks Elementary School in Prince William County, Va. In November, *The Washington Post* awarded Jarcelynn the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. She was also the principal of the year for Prince William County Schools. Jarcelynn says that both honors are humbling and encouraging, and that her alma mater prepared her exceedingly well.

She told *The Washington Post* in an article that excellent teachers are the key to her school's success: "I do not select average educators. I interview forever," she said. "The red flags are people who cannot talk about their passion and craft. Then I call their other principals and I ask a series of questions like, 'Would you place your child in this teacher's classroom?'"

at Cranberry Station Elementary in Westminister and can retire any day and feels good knowing if the system changes too much, she can retire. Their oldest son, Joshua, is director of finance for Senator Deeds in Virginia during the Senator's campaign for Governor of Virginia. Craig's middle son, Andrew, is a sous chef at The City Cellar in Westburg, Long Island, and enjoying the city life. Their youngest, Alex, is a member of the Corp of Cadets at Virginia Tech and playing lacrosse at VT.

Ann Sowers Zimmerman can't believe it has been over 25 years since we were at WMC. She still lives in York, Pa., and assists in her husband's chiropractic office. Ann's two boys, ages 9 and 12, stay active in various activities which means she acts as chauffeur and also helps out at their schools when able. She volunteers at their church and in the community and tries to stay ahead of weeds in their garden during her "spare time."

The past year has been full of lows and highs for **John Hines**. He lost his wife, Lynn, to liver cancer in July '07 after an eight-month battle. She and John started dating just before he started college and she spent many weekends at WMC. She left him with the world's two best kids, Matt, 15 and Kelly, 18, who hold him up and make him proud of them every day. Kelly just graduated from Sandy Spring Friends School and is heading to Mercer University in the fall on an academic scholarship ("A school that rejected me way back when – a fact she loves!"). The kids and John learned to sail this year, getting fully certified to bare charter big catamarans in the islands – a prelude to future adventures for sure.

Dave and Susan Hubich Cleveland '82 took a great trip to Alaska for their 25th anniversary a few years ago. Dave is working for the Applied Physics Laboratory. Their daughter, Tristan, is attending Penn State and their son, Alex, will attend Virginia Tech in the fall '08.

Bruce Sweet completed his Ph.D. in neuroscience in January '07 and completed a post doc at the National Institutes of Health in February '08. He is a senior engineer/scientist at Decisive Analytics Corporation in Crystal City, Va. He sees **Charlie '86 and Kim Reeves '92** Wheatley.

Mary Lee Fones-Weber continues to work at the ABC station in Connecticut and husband **Andy '90** enjoys golf as well as work at Nationwide. Their daughter, Leah, is working on a soap opera in New York after her graduation from college. Their son, John, is attending Holy Cross and youngest son Scott is in fifth grade. Mary Lee speaks to **Leah Cox** and hopes to get together with her soon.

Well that is all the news. Thanks for everyone who responded. **Bernie** and I still live in Clarksville, MD. **Bernie** is owner/president of Weber Merritt Company in D.C., a public affairs/public relations firm. I own Moving On...Inc., which helps seniors transition to retirement communities or health care facilities.

Laurie Slasman Long '82 started working with me and we often reminisce about the good times at WMC. I love working with seniors and got real-life experience dealing with my father's decline in health before he passed away in 2005. Our oldest daughter, Caitlin, is at James Madison University and Casey, 16, is in high school. We celebrated our 25th anniversary with a great trip to NYC and Newport, R.I. **Bernie** keeps in touch with **Carl McWilliams**, **Tim Hackerman** and **Bruce Dumler '82**. There are many alumni who live in Howard County so it is great to run into them. We have a house in Fenwick Island, Del., so we hope to see some of you at the beach.

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The last time the Class of 1987 shared its news, many of us had celebrated 40th birthdays with fun trips and parties. This time around, congratulations are in order since a bunch of our fellow classmates are celebrating 20th wedding anniversaries. 1988 was a very popular wedding year for '87 graduates! Thanks to everyone who wrote to me with their updates.

Sandra Brant Alvey sends greetings from Camp Zama, Japan (Southwest of Tokyo). In October '06, she became the first female chairperson of the DoD Armed Forces Pest Management Board. In September '07, she was mobilized again (for the second time in four years) this time serving as the deputy commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine-Pacific. Before mobilizing, she celebrated her 20th anniversary with **Alan Alvey '85** on a Mediterranean Cruise to ports in Spain, France and Italy. Sandra has done a lot of traveling throughout Japan, China, Korea, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Okinawa, Hawaii, Alaska, and Vietnam. Her favorite and most memorable trip was climbing Mt. Sarabachi on Iwo Jima. Sandra's son, Doug, graduated Fallston (Va.) High School this past May with a four-year Marine ROTC scholarship to VMI. She had a chance to see Doug, along with Greg, 15, and Samantha, 12, when the family vacationed in Japan this past June.

Still in New Hampshire, **Liz Fox Beaulieu** teaches sixth grade and is busy with the activities of her three children, ages 10, 9, and 6. During the snowy weekend, Summers can find them at their place on Conway Lake, enjoying visits from lots of family and friends.

Liz Henry Bennett and her husband, Fraser, live in Dallas, Texas. Liz home schools their four children: Ruth, Samuel, Isaac, and Ann. Liz shares that she and Fraser "feel like we're going to college all over again, learning right along with the kids!" Fraser works for Wycliffe Bible Translators, coordinating pro-

grams that train Bible translators around the world. Liz is involved in helping people to handle conflict according to Biblical principles through their church, Arlington (Texas) Presbyterian.

Martin Connor has been living in Minneapolis, Minn., for about two years. He and his partner, **Jeffery D. Kirkwood MS '88**, closed their consulting business about a year ago, which is when Martin took the position of vice president of development at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities. Weekends are spent at Martin's and Jeff's second home in Spooner, Wis. Last year, they adopted Scout, a rescued collie puppy, and have also become a Big Couple to Tommy, 10. Right now, they are planning trips to celebrate two big occasions in 2009, their 20th anniversary and Jeff's 20th birthday.

Kelly Connor Dietrich completed her sixth summer as camp director for Day Camp Sunshine in Liberty Corner, N.J. She also leads the children and youth ministries throughout the year. Kelly and her husband, Andrew, celebrated their second anniversary by becoming foster parents to a 12-year-old boy. The Dietrichs run a sugar maple farm, also in Liberty Corner, and sell fresh-made maple sugar in the early spring.

Dennis and Lori Perugini '92 DeMatte and their daughter, Kelsey, spent time in Ocean City, N.J., this past summer. They also took a family trip to Alaska in August. The DeMatte family always enjoys seeing alumni at their annual summer party.

Holly Morgan Frye is still the director of student community services and loves learning at Shepherd University, and loves every minute of it! Her office has grown in services, programs and staff and was recognized by the West Virginia State Journal as "One of the 55 Good Things about West Virginia." Holly was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow through her Rotary Club for service to the community and is currently enrolled in the CSDA (College of Student Development and Administration) Graduate Program at Shepherd. She and her husband, Jim, are also busy raising their two sons, Trey, 16, and Donovan, 7.

Nicollie Gaines reports that 2008 has been full of new beginnings. She changed careers, moving from teacher to administrator and currently serves as the director of programs for the Police Athletic League of Wilmington, Del. Nicollie also launched a new career as a motivational speaker. Through her company, Nspired, she held her first conference, "Diamonds of Destiny," for separated and divorced women. She continues to work on her book manuscript as well as a vocal CD. Her son, Jerry, 18, was recruited by the University of South Carolina as a decathlete. Nicollie, 46, assists in the creation of Nicollie's business products. She keeps in touch with Nicalia's godfather and fellow classmate, **Rev. Gilbert M. Mack, Jr.**

This past June, **Michele Lawyer Gribben**

and her husband, Scott, celebrated their 20th anniversary with a trip to the Caribbean. Also in June, Michele's daughter, Amy, graduated from North Carroll High School and now attends Houghton College in New York. Her son, David, is in 10th grade. Michele continues to be a lecturer in mathematics at McDaniel.

Susan Pinto Keen's big news is that she became a partner in her CPA firm. She continues to work part time, enabling her to grow in her career while still being able to participate in the activities of Abby and Lindsey, 12, and Brad, 13. In 2007, the Keen family went on a great trip to see Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park. Also in '07, Susan had a little scare with a collapsed lung, but had surgery and reports that everything is fine now. She and her husband, Richard, celebrated their 20th anniversary in July.

From Manchester, Mass., **Luc Levensohn** reports that his kids, who are in fourth and sixth grades, love pets. The Levensohn zoo includes a dog, a parakeet, a millipede and two crested geckos. Both Philip and Emma love lacrosse, so both Luc and his wife, Sara, coach. This past spring, the Levensohn family had a blast at the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship Finals held in Foxborough, Mass. Luc missed **Karen Schmidt Groner** at the Reach the Reach relay last year due to knee reconstruction, but was hoping to be 100-percent by this fall and had already signed up with a new team.

Michele Fetsko Director, absolutely loves her job as the director of meetings and education for a trade association, which keeps her challenged and on the road several times a year. She and her husband, Darryl, spend time keeping up with the activities of their 13- and 11-year-olds, riding their motorcycles through the Virginia countryside, and taking weekend bike trips. The Litsen family feels fortunate to be able to spend time with family — especially Michele's two brothers-in-law, who both returned home safely from tours of duty in Iraq last year.

Steve Lutche's law practice is very busy. His wife, **Lucy Purcell '86**, works at a ladies boutique in Bel Air while Brigitte, 11, and Stevie, 8, play a variety of sports. The Lutche family still enjoy their beach trips to North Carolina's Outer Banks (in '07, there were 19 adults — most all alumni — and 22 kids). **Michael "Spike" '88** and **Barb Rayner '89** O'Connor live three doors down from the Lutches, while **Chris '89** and **Laurie Lutche '92** Scannell live right around the corner. **Jeff Rink '88**, along with **Rich '90** and **Barbara Pierantozzi '89** McCaughey are just down the road. Steve gets together for golf or hunting outings with fellow Bachelors **Darrell Guyton**, **Chris Morris**, **Richie "Wheatley"**, and **Mike Murphy**. **Kayla O'Connor**, 12, and **Brigitte Lutche** actually typed Steve's notes for him and threatened to share stories about those Outer Banks trips.

Vera Strothman McMurrin works at the

Wal-Mart home office in northwest Arkansas. She also runs the youth lacrosse program in Arkansas, a program she started about a year ago. Vera also enjoys running in 5K races. In the summer of '07, she and her husband, Sterling, along with their son, Drew, 15, enjoyed a great trip to Europe.

Last June, **Margaret Miller** celebrated her sixth anniversary with husband, Rob Laura. She also earned a master of science in organization development degree from American University in Washington, D.C. Margaret was thrilled to graduate with honors and to receive a "Distinction" on her practicum. She reports that balancing a full-time job, full-time grad school, and seeing family and friends was a challenge and worth every moment. Margaret is the senior director of human resources and organization development (OD) for the Baltimore Museum of Art. While she and Rob still miss living in Maryland State, they are happy to be in Maryland.

Any Ratcliffe reports that her Venice, Fla., condo is up for sale. She is hoping to move to Lafayette, Ind., in the near future to be near family. Amy is in her fourth year working from home as editor/project manager of the *International Journal of Central Banking*. Amy has also been doing some freelance writing and sold her first piece, a personal essay, to a regional magazine called *Shirl* in 2007. She's now working on a novel.

In January '08, **Dave Reith** took a new position with Northrop Grumman as vice president and controller of the company's technical services sector in northern Virginia. His wife, **Sharon Pierce '88**, and their children, JD, Jennifer, and Ben, stayed in Smithfield while he commuted back and forth. Then, in July, they relocated to Las Vegas where Dave became the director of business operations and chief financial officer of National Security Technologies (still working for Northrop Grumman).

Suzanne Brasis Rossi works at Garrison Forest School, a college preparatory boarding and day school for girls in Owings Mills, Md. She shares that she "loves her fun jobs" as a physical education teacher, JV field and hockey and lacrosse coach, and the admissions athletic outreach coordinator. Both her daughters, Megan, 12 and Mallory, 7, attend Garrison, while her two sons, Nicholas, 14, and Jack, 9, attend Gilman, a private all-boys school located in Baltimore. Her children's sporting events and trips for her husband's business keep Suzanne busy. She sees **alumni Dawn Deffenbaugh Anderson '88**, **Julie Biddinger Jones '90**, **Chris '88** and **Susan Shoumer '89** Newman and **Susie Matthews Harris '84**.

For the past four years, **Laura Russell** has worked as a manager in the fundraising office at the International Headquarters of Catholic Relief Services in downtown Baltimore. Laura gets together with **Matt McCann '90** who attended McDaniel during the time she worked in the Alumni Office. She also

regularly sees alumni friends around Westminster where she's still living. Last year, Laura participated in a year-long activism/study program called JustFaith that looks at justice issues through a faith lens. She looks forward to her continued journey in the justice movement.

Dave Stroud retired from the Army in December '07 and spent the first half of this year living south of Omaha, Neb., with his wife, Lesley, and sons, James and Sean. Having grown tired of the cold, windy winters and hot, tornado-frequent summers in Nebraska, the Stroud family moved back to Virginia Beach this past August. Dave is now a program manager at Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Va. He recently touched base with **Ben Franklin '85** and **Dennis DeMatte**.

After 20 years in the automobile business, **Larry Smith** entered the mortgage business in May '07 as a loan officer for Brink Mortgage in Westmont, N.J. His 1-mile commute allows him to take part in the many sporting events and extracurricular activities of Tyler, 17, Dustin, 15, and Brenna, 12. This past summer, he and his wife, Linda, celebrated 20 years of marriage with a trip to Utica, N.Y., to watch Tyler play in an American League baseball tournament against teams from all over the country and as far away as Puerto Rico. Larry also shares that for the past three seasons, he has enjoyed seeing the Eagles play the Redskins in D.C., courtesy of **Dave Douglas** and **Bonehead Travel**.

Dawn Heiges Hoffman teaches first grade in Emmitsburg, Md. She is now in her 21st year of teaching. This past summer, she worked part time at a fitness center in Gettysburg, Pa. Her husband, Adam, works for Met-Ed Electric as a journey lineman. Two of Dawn's children, Samantha, 17, and Kurt, 14, are now in high school. Son Mitchell, 12, is in middle school. Last winter, the Hoffmans were lucky enough to see two NFL games in one day. Through the help of several good friends, they caught a noon game of the Chicago Bears, then drove to Indianapolis and enjoyed box seats for the Colts' last game in the RCA dome. Her family also took a cruise to the Bahamas in March. Dawn still keeps in touch with **Ann Rice Dunn**.

This past summer, **Andrea Saccoccio** left her position at Whitworth University to move back to the D.C. area. She is now the director of student ministries for the International Justice Mission, a human rights agency that addresses the problems of human trafficking and bonded labor. Andi was looking forward to being back in the neighborhood after almost 20 years and being closer to old friends. Once she found a place she could actually afford, **Naily Ohanian '86** was going to help her paint and move in!

Last year, **Beth James Simmons** was invited to work for a hospice, allowing her to utilize her clinical skills without having to work evenings. Her hospice position also lets her work

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Pentagon Memorial Dream Realized

From her office window, **Wendy Ploger '90** could see smoke coming from the Pentagon on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. It didn't occur to her that her father, just married and on his way to a Hawaii honeymoon, would be on Flight 77.

Hours later she learned that Robert and Zandra Ploger were among 59 passengers killed when terrorists hijacked their plane and crashed it into the Pentagon, killing another 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground. Experiencing such a private loss within the context of a national tragedy was "complicated to navigate," she says.

When she read a newspaper article about plans for a memorial, she immediately volunteered to get involved, and joined the board of the Pentagon Memorial Fund. A professional art director and photographer, Wendy brought her creative talents to the team that selected the winning design and oversaw its installation.

"It was a crazy time. I didn't know where to put my energies. This seemed like something to do on the path to recovery," she says.

On Sept. 11, 2008, Pentagon Memorial Park was officially dedicated and opened to the public. The park consists of 184 memorial units — elegant, cantilevered benches accented by a glowing pool of light — each dedicated to an individual victim and inscribed with his or her name. The field is organized as a timeline of the victims' ages, spanning from the youngest, a 3-year-old, to the oldest, who was 73.

Wendy's dad, an engineer and inventor, was just 59. Sitting on the bench dedicated to him, she says she felt a sense of accomplishment. "It was really rewarding to see that people now have a place to go to grieve and honor their loved ones."

Wendy Ploger's efforts to build the Pentagon Memorial honor her father, who perished in the crash.



from home when not seeing patients. She can now schedule work around the activities of her daughter, Shimena, and also spend time with Libby, their part beagle, and part Dachschaund animal shelter rescue. Beth and her husband, Scott, enjoy an occasional "date night," thanks to grandparents who live locally.

In 2007, Don Parker-Burgard and his family vacationed in southern California. They stayed with Jim Chung and his family and had a great time catching up. Don is still freelancing and has begun to do a little writing on the side. He also plays drums with a three-piece classic and contemporary rock band, "Don't Be Alarmed." Don was saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Phillips last year. He shares that Dr. Phillips' combination of scholarship and humor had him hooked from his first semester and also credited Dr. Phillips with teaching him how to read literature deeply and thoughtfully.

After two years in Harrisburg, Pa., Pat Shank realized that New York and Key West are really home for him, sharing that "there's no place else in the world quite like them!" Back in New York City since August '07, Pat is out of the accounting field (again) and now pays the rent helping to run a world-famous piano bar, Don't Tell Mamma. He works as the technical director (lights and sound) as well as a bartender and waiter for the cabaret rooms.

Todd Mitchell reports that his life in Hampstead remains much like the movie "Ground Hog Day!" His family spends most of their free time on the Chesapeake Bay fishing and enjoying the water. Todd keeps in touch with Paul Maiorano and Larry Hammond '91.

Derek Howatt is now in his sixth year working for Charles County (Md.) Public Schools as the supervisor of grounds. In July, Derek traveled to Atlantic City to see Elton John perform. He also planned to visit Texas, Michigan, Delaware, and Virginia for NASCAR races. Derek lives in Millersville and recently saw Chuck Weinstein '86, who lives only 3 miles from him.

Cathy McNiff Blair still works for IKEA and enjoys the occasional trips throughout the U.S. and Europe, along with the ability to work from her home office. Her children are now in three different schools, with one in high school, one in middle and one in elementary. In June, she and her husband, Randy '86, celebrated their 20th anniversary with a trip to Bermuda.

Lee Holmes served a year in Afghanistan (June '06-'07) as a part of the Oregon National Guard and has since retired from the Army with 20 years of service. While he was deployed, Lee kept in touch with Tim McLaughlin '86 and John Siminski '86. Lee's wife, Trish Feaga '84 works at a small St. Louis CPA firm. Lee and his four kids, Zach, 12th grade, Sara, 11th, Josh, seventh, and David, fourth, took a road trip to Maryland last spring. The Holmes family also spent two

weeks in California in June, visiting family in San Diego and friends in Malibu. The trip also included stops in Los Angeles, Monterey, Yosemite, Napa Valley, Simi Valley and San Francisco.

Kathy Mancini Williams and her husband, Steven, were blessed with a new addition to their family, Katie, born on St. Patrick's Day '08. Brothers Steven, 12, John, 9, and Teddy, 7, and sisters Emily, 10, and Mary, 4, are all having a great time with their new sibling. Kathy manages the accounting and human resources of Steve's practice, which continues to thrive. In the evenings, Kathy teaches religious education to elementary school children. In the summer of '07, Tracy Kennard Imm and her husband, Donald, visited Kathy and her family for the Hall of Fame weekend in Cooperstown, NY.

Kelly Welles Woods married Edward Woods IV on May 26, 2007 at their home-away-from-home in St. Michaels, Md. They now reside in Olney, Md. Kelly was divorced from Charles Crum III '86 about four years ago and continues to stay in contact with his family.

Two houses and Kelly's husband's company, TherSys, keep them both busy and Kelly has "the extreme luxury of not working for the moment." Kelly enjoyed seeing Amy Wiciorok '88 in November '07 at her home in Playa Del Rey, Calif., and also keeps in touch with Sara Robertson '89, who attended her wedding.

Kim O'Dea Landgraf traded in her Airborne sales to work with children, teaching the 3-year-old program at Haddonfield (N.J.) First Presbyterian School. This year she was a substitute teacher in the Haddon Township school system. Eric Landgraf is entering his 21st year in the insurance world. Over the years Eric has found a side job — coaching his children in whatever sport they decide to play! Kim and Eric's oldest child, Ashley, 17, is driving and looking at colleges for next year. Their other three children, Brandon, 15, Paige, 11, and Jackson, 8, now attend public school due to the numerous Catholic school closings in New Jersey. The Landgraf family has met up with the family of Ferren DeMore Boleta for skiing at Deep Creek Lake, Md., and summer fun in Sea Isle City, N.J. Last spring, Eric and several fraternity brothers met to safely wish off Bill Griffin to Afghanistan for his fourth tour of duty. The group included Tom Paranzino '82, Norm Dahl, Jim Cardea '89, Matt Palazzio '89, Darren Loprinzi '90 and Marc Bouchard '90. This group, plus Keith Berlin '86, and Dave Ferguson '89, also gets together each year to attend Jim Cardea's annual golf outing in memory of his father. This event keeps growing and the group is always looking for more alumni to attend so a bigger check can be presented to Fox Chase Cancer Center.

Julie Ann Elliott Sikora found that 2008 has been her year for murder mysteries, having performed in *Shear Madness* at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and then a hit

production of Agatha Christie's *The Mouse-trap* at the Olney (Md.) Theatre Center. Her next shows are *Way of the World* at The Shakespeare Theatre in D.C. and then *God's Ear* at Howard County's Rep Stage in the spring of '09. Meanwhile, Julie-Ann's twin sons turn seven in August. Pirates, Avatar and Indiana Jones are very important subjects in her house. The Sikora family lives in Calvert County, Md., far from everything, but the schools are good.

In the fall of 2006, I started a new part-time career in my town's community activities department, working both in the office and at home. I assist in the delivery of recreation programs, sports leagues, and special events and can't imagine a better job for me right now! I love being part time and local. The flexibility lets me participate in the activities of my boys, Christopher, 12, and Gregory, 9. In March, my husband, Ron, who works for Bank of America, was awarded the company's top achievement award, allowing us to attend an amazing three-day recognition event in South Beach, Miami. Another highlight of our year was the five-night cruise to Bermuda we took back in June with my entire family (seven adults and seven children).

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In March, Andrea Mack appeared in a Piazza Hut commercial and hopes to do more commercials, billboards and print ads. She still has a mortgage company and is enjoying traveling and cruising in her second Jaguar.

After 10 years, Alicia Moore Brady and her husband sold their insurance agency. She is pursuing a career with Baltimore County Schools, while her husband pursues a career in professional golf. Her sons just recently graduated, one from kindergarten, the other from eighth grade.

Katie Shepherd Dreger moved to Blacksburg, Va., with her husband, Robbie, and daughters, Loretta, 5, and Hannah, 2, to complete her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction. She keeps in touch with Wendy Gayo Pardoe, Erin Thompson Stroler, Sarah Biggs Warner '92, and Jessica Barlow Howell '92. She wonders where Tanya Kabel-Ballard is?

Valerie Heinlein Clark and husband David just celebrated five years of operating their own restaurant, Julia's in Centerville, Md. She is enjoying being a mom to Ethan, 3.

Christine Keiner recently received tenure and promotion to associate professor of science and technology studies at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Kendra Weible lives in Morgantown, Pa., with her partner of five years. She is employed by the Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families in West Chester, Pa. She received a child welfare educational leadership grant in 2007 to attend

Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

Michael Raze and his wife just had their second set of twins, Carly and Lucas, on April 2, 2008. They also have twin sons, Nicholas and Anthony, 8. He is starting his 15th year with Glenn Insurance as vice president/operations manager. He also serves as a councilman in Pitman, is chairman of his local Republican party, serves on the state board of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of New Jersey, and on his local Recreation Commission and Environmental Commission, and is responsible for public events in the borough and his local TV station.

Michelle Miller McCrellis is enjoying their move to Delaware. She works part time from home as a clinical report editor and maintains her board certification in behavior therapy. She has two children, Declan, 3, and Liam, 1. She enjoys traveling and taking her sons hiking, camping and skiing. She sends a big hello to Cindy Tokar Hall, Karen Murphy Ferguson and Maria Lafferty Hopkins.

Jeff Spera is teaching physical education at Settles Ridge Elementary in Cumming, Ga., and pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership. He resides with his wife, Vicky, an online professor at Walden University, his daughter Kelly, a second-grade great softball player, and Ian, 5, who loves baseball.

Carla Castagna O'Neill and husband Tom run a body shop, O'Neill Auto Body, and began selling Christmas trees this past year. They have three children: Alexandria, 7, Abby, 5, and Tommy, 1. Carla has also been busy chairing a \$10 million capital campaign for a recreation center in her community — only \$1.9 million to go. She enjoys hanging out with fellow Phi Mu sisters Christy Saksa Dolmen '92, Cindy Tokar Hall, Sherri Smith Grunberg, Kristie Susco Webster '94, and Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh.

Cindy Tokar Hall and husband Brian just celebrated their 13th anniversary. They reside in New Market, Md., and she enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to her three daughters: Sarah, 8, Rachel, 5, and Abigail, 3. She enjoys getting together with her Phi Mu sisters. She sends a big hello to roommate Michelle Miller McCrellis, Tony and Karen Murphy Ferguson, Janel McBrain, Maria Lafferty Hopkins and Dr. Alspaugh.

Tanya Kabel Ballard and husband Matt '92 are still serving in the U.S. Army and returned to El Paso, Texas, after spending three years as leadership instructors at West Point. She is currently serving as the chief of officer education at the Air Defense Artillery School. She recently spent a few months in Bagram, Afghanistan. After months of deployments and business travel, they enjoyed some time this spring at their vacation home in southern Vermont. They hope to be assigned to the D.C. area in the next year.

Meg Gobrecht Miller is employed as community relations manager for Harbor Hospi-

tal in Baltimore, and enjoys working on health-care issues and educational outreach at the local level.

Laurie-Ann Gilbert graduated from Plymouth State College with her degree in elementary education and received her master's degree in deaf education from Gallaudet University. She returned home to New Hampshire where she teaches in the Manchester Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She is a nationally certified interpreter and has been doing video relay interpreting as well. She is the mother of Shane, 1.

Martha Shaver Wester works as a lab manager for the Pathology group at MedImmune (AstraZeneca) in Gaithersburg, Md. She resides in Clarksburg with her husband, Jamey, daughter Lydia, 1, and two dogs, Brewster and Monty. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening; at last year's Montgomery County Fair her produce entries earned her several ribbons!

Tracy Baynard obtained her Ph.D. in exercise physiology from Syracuse University in June '07 and is in a post-doc position at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign working on projects related to exercise, obesity and immunology. She became a mom in September, when she had her son, Risdon Magnus Baynard-Fernhall.

Matt Byrne moved from D.C. to Texas in 2003, because he could not handle one more day of traffic. He now lives on a lake with wife of 15 years, Kerry, and sons Tyler and Danny. They love to travel, having seen most of the U.S. and Europe. He says "hi" to his swim team and ROTC friends, Reid Wraase, Matt Gebhard, and everyone else!

Rachel Snyder MacDougall started a Montessori School that serves 70 children between the ages of two and six with summer programs for ages two through 12. She also owns a deli/reception hall that is next to the school. She has three children: Alex, 5, Alyson, 4, and Matty, 2.

Holly Vogel Lea is a stay-at-home mom for her husband, 11, and son, 5, and babysits a special-needs little girl. She resides in Saco, Maine.

Sandra Hoelz Castellano married her best friend, Jay, in March '07. They were wed in their home in San Jose, Calif., attended by close family and their two cats, followed by a family celebration in Hawaii. She sends a hello to Kim, Denise, Mary, Elizabeth, Heather, Jen, Colleen, and Trish. She can't believe it has been 15 years since we were on the Hill!

Dianne Byerly and Todd '94 Wisotzkey live in Landsville, Pa., and are very busy raising their five children, ages 3 through 10.

Maria Lafferty Hopkins resides in Hagerstown, with her husband, Aaron, and four kids: Isaac, 7, Asher, 5, Natalie, 3, and Matthias, 1. She stays busy homeschooling and working occasionally in the physical therapy field.

Brian Redding is a professor in the athletic department and the head men's soccer coach

**Christine Keiner '93
recently received
tenure and promo-
tion to associate
professor of science
and technology
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of Technology.**

Finding Inspiration in Rome



Completing research on her doctoral dissertation about 17th-century sculptor Ercole Ferrata was made a whole lot easier for **Jessica Boehman '99** when she was awarded a Fulbright grant to study in Rome for nine months. While abroad last year, Jessica had the pleasure of traveling throughout Italy and the island of Malta. She is currently back in Philadelphia and was preparing to defend her dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania on Nov. 10. She also started a new job at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in the department of prints, drawings and photographs. She continues to draw and develops ideas for illustration projects. Most recently she donated artwork for an auction in San Francisco to benefit medical care in Uganda.

While in Rome and without the full range of her art supplies, she completed this pencil illustration, "Hans My Hedgehog." It's inspired by the Brothers Grimm fairy tale of the same name. "This story was my favorite as a child and helped to inspire me to want to illustrate," she says. "The fancy of a hedgehog — the king of the woods — playing a bagpipe atop a rooster in the treetops, sums up everything I like to bring to an image: delicacy of detail, pattern, and whimsy. This may be the truest illustration of my own personality and interests in recent years. I also feel the most true to drawing when working in pencil, the simplest of media, but one with a resonant beauty."

at Dickinson College. He resides with his wife and three children in Chambersburg, Pa.

Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh lives in Lovettsville, Va., with husband Travis, son Brady, 7, and daughters Kate, 5, and McKenna, 1. She still works as a criminal defense attorney in Frederick, Md. She enjoys getting together with her Phi Mu sisters and their families.

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Nick Cough is still teaching in Howard County, Md., and has recently returned to the Hill to become certified in administration and supervision. He and his wife, Barb, are celebrat-

ing six years of success with their own theatre company, Catonsville Children's Theatre, based in their hometown of Catonsville, Md. Two stars in their theatre company are their children, Evan, 11, and Molly, 10.

Greetings from Sri Lanka. **Dinili Jayasinghe** is still working for UNDP CEF Environmental Programme. Recently completing her master's in economics, Dinili officially graduated in July '08. She is relieved to be done with her thesis in environmental economics and enjoys spending time with her son, Venuk, 4.

Crystal Muia has changed careers from business to teaching. This past year was her first teaching high school technology education in Hagerstown, Md. She received her master's degree and teaching credentials from Mount St. Mary's University in May '08.

Recently returning from a year abroad in Rome, **Jessica Boehman** completed research on her doctoral dissertation about Italian Baroque sculptures. While abroad, Jessica had the pleasure of traveling throughout Italy and the island of Malta. She is currently back at the University of Pennsylvania preparing to defend her dissertation. Jessica accepted a job at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and will also be teaching at the University of Pennsylvania. She continues to draw and develops ideas for illustration projects. Most recently she donated artwork for an auction in San Francisco to benefit medical care in Uganda.

Sean O'Connor and **Jesse Moser O'Connor** were married at the Luxor Chapel in Las Vegas on Dec. 3, 2007. They shared their day with fellow alumni: maid of honor **Joanna Curbada**, bridesmaids **Christy King Clickstein** and **Laurie Jones Schmidt**, along with **Maggie Kolman Brooke '00**, **Kim Tooma '01**, and groomsmen **Aaron Clickstein '01** and **Jon Pitonzo '00**. Sean is the president and owner of Allinbroadcast.com. He also keeps busy as head varsity baseball coach of DeMatha Catholic High School, where the team won the WCAC championship his first year as head coach. The team was also mentioned in *The Washington Post* and *Sports Illustrated*. Jaime is an office manager of a law firm in Baltimore. The couple enjoys making at least two trips each year to Vegas and Atlantic City, where they have been joined by **Laurie Jones Schmidt** and her husband, **Chris**. They make time to visit with other alumni and are lucky enough to see **Joanna Curbada** and **Jon Pitonzo '00** on a weekly basis. They are looking forward to visiting **Maggie Kolman Brooke '00** and her husband, **Scott**, in Arizona, where they have recently relocated.

After seven years in the army, **Bradley Bennett** received an honorable discharge in 2007. He had assignments in Hawaii and Washington, D.C., as an imagery analyst. He and his wife, **Denise**, live in Stafford, Va., with their two children, **Andrew**, 2, and his infant sister, **Sydney**. Currently **Bradley** works as a consultant with **Booz Allen Ham-**

ilton where he supports the military during training exercises before they head to Iraq and Afghanistan. With his current job, he travels frequently and has visited Thailand, Japan and Alaska. In 2004, **Bradley** participated in the Oahu perimeter run, completing over 23 miles. To relax, **Bradley** vacations with his family and friends at the Isle of Palms in South Carolina.

Justin Peach is happy to be back in the states after eight years of service in the Army. He spent close to two years in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was also stationed in Belgium in 2006. In December '06, Justin and his wife, **Jennifer**, celebrated the birth of their first child, **Lucas**. Justin was selected to become a warrant officer in June '07 and completed his training shortly thereafter. He now serves at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La.

Katie Crosser Fowlkes is still teaching special education on the Eastern Shore. She and her husband, **Eric**, welcomed **Sophia Emilie** on Aug. 18, 2007. They are loving parenthood and spending time with their baby girl.

Nicki Kassel Hersdon teaches two classes at York College of Pennsylvania but spends most of her time caring for her daughter **Anna Rose**, 1, with husband **Scott**. Being a mom is the best job Nicki has ever had.

After spending the better part of two years in Australia and New Zealand, **Phil Shipos** has recently settled back in Philadelphia, Pa. He is currently employed as a resourcing manager for an IT consulting firm and is a real estate investor in his spare time. **Phil** has traveled around the world, including a stop in Montreal for his 30th birthday and two crazy weeks in India. He still remains a disgruntled but loyal Philadelphia sports fan.

Jaime Moyer Jordan was back on the Hill earning her master's of science in curriculum and instruction with technology in 2006. When she is not teaching, **Jaime** enjoys spending time at T-ball and soccer practices with her son, **Will**, 4. **Jaime** still loves to compete in athletic events and recently swam a mile in the Chesapeake Bay for the Bridge Challenge, as well as completing the Shamrock half-marathon walk. She enjoys setting play dates with her fellow Phi Sig alumni **Paula Moyer Ali-saukas '95**, **Tracie Brownnough Tucker**, **Jessica Haller Coats**, **Becky Earle-Lee '98**, **Amy Doane Neubauer**, and **Liz Clark Barnes**.

Wedding bells were ringing for **Natalie Hannibal Caietaki** and her new husband, **Matt**, in July '07. Along with their dog, **Mia**, the couple resides in Columbia, Md. **Natalie** is teaching physical education at Marriotts Ridge High School in Howard County, Md. She also enjoys her time as the coach of the girls' junior varsity soccer team and girls' varsity lacrosse team at the school.

Jeff Ciesla and his wife, **Quinn**, have traded late nights in Baltimore for birthday parties at Chuck E. Cheese. The couple and their two children, **Isabella**, 3, and **Jeffrey**, 1, are in

close touch with many Phi Kappa Sigma alumni and their respective families. Jeff also started a new job with Biogen Idec, a large biotechnology company, in 2006.

Laura Watson Grabowski and her family recently moved to Columbia, Md., where Laura is busy raising her daughter, Samantha Grace, 2. Laura and her husband, Ray, love to travel and took their family on a cruise to the Bahamas, Cozumel and the Grand Caymans to celebrate their anniversary. Last summer, the family traveled to Connecticut for **Kim Tower Kostelski's** wedding and hopes to go to New York in the near future to visit **Dina Awad Wong '98**. Laura is a fourth-grade teacher and earned her master's of education degree from Johns Hopkins University. She planned the first Math Night for her elementary school to boost math literacy and the event was a big success.

Amy Sheridan Donathan married Mark Donathan on Nov. 3, 2007. Both work as physical therapists and reside in Philadelphia, Pa. Fellow Green Terrors in attendance at the wedding included **Mandy Hofstetter Ferringer**, **Stacey McIntyre**, **Kathi Snyder Shambaugh**, **Alethea Desrosiers '01**, and **Lara Henderson '00**.

Josh and Jessica Lewis Jenkins of Columbia, Md., had their third son, Finley Owen, on April 10, 2008.

Ten years and three children later, **Mark and Sandra Geiman Ruby** are still enjoying married life. The couple lives locally in Westminster with their children Blake, Anna, and Carter. Mark practices as a full-time realtor with Team Utz Real Estate and serves on the Board of Trustees for both Westminster Area Lacrosse and the Montessori School of Westminster. Sandra is now a medical doctor completing her residency in neurology at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. They often see **Matt Moscato**, **Brent '98** and **Andrea Kirby Ostrison**, **Becky Sommer Krage '98**, and **Shane and Tracie Browning Toothaker**.

In spring '06, **Aaron '01** and **Christina King Glickstein** relocated to the suburbs of Richmond, Va. Since then, they have welcomed a daughter, Corine, 2. Aaron is enjoying his new position as the senior benefits analyst for CarMax, Inc. Chrissy splits her time between being a stay-at-home mom and developing and implementing a children's program at a local fitness center. 2007 was a good year for visiting old friends. Aaron and Chrissy enjoyed celebrating the marriage of **Maggie Kolman Brooke '00** to her husband, Scott. In June with many other alumni, as well as a Phi Mu-Phi Delta trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina with the Outer Banks newlies, **Brian '00** and **Stacey Rohrer Hose '01**, and **Sean and Jaime Moser O'Connor**. They are looking forward to another reunion trip in the fall of 2008.

Erin Williams has been in El Paso, Texas, for the past five years working as a pediatric physical therapist. She loves being involved in children's ministry and teaches children

through acting, puppets and adventure stories of her dog, Shadow. Erin looks forward to her frequent chats with **Jodi Davidson** and visits from **John Sobanski**.

Jessie Belt Shattuck works as a special educator and 504 chairperson in Anne Arundel County, Md., while her husband **Dan '98** continues to lobby in Annapolis. The couple celebrated their fifth anniversary this summer. They moved into a new house in Annapolis last year and spend their spare time exploring the local waterways in their kayaks. They have also taken advantage of local young alumni events and especially enjoyed **Dr. Jim Lightner's '99** book signing in Annapolis. She looks forward to catching up with fellow alumni soon.

Living in Los Angeles to pursue his acting career, **Colin Forman** has auditioned for various projects in film, television, theatre and commercials. Most recently, he filmed a national commercial for Anheuser-Busch's Natural Light Beer, known to many as Natty Light.

After seven years of marriage, **Jen McCabe** and her husband, Frank DiLore, welcomed their daughter, Chloe Aneliese, on Aug. 24, 2007. The couple is enjoying every exhausting minute of parenthood. Jen just finished her fourth year as an assistant professor of psychology at Marietta College in southeast Ohio and won the Edward G. Harness Outstanding Educator Award, which honors and rewards faculty for a high level of commitment to the education of students inside and outside of the classroom, in 2007. She is now looking forward to starting her new position as an assistant professor of psychology at Goucher College in Towson, Md. The family is excited to be closer to friends and family in the Baltimore area, including **Chloe's** grandparents, **Jay '72** and **Diane Ercole '72 McCabe**.

In October 2007, **Sara Gruber Long** married her husband, Jason. Fellow alumni **Faye Ingram Hillman '00**, **Don '01** and **Roxann Ingram '00 Todd**, and **Hendrik '03** and **Cassie Domser '01 Lammers** were in attendance. Sara started her own professional organizing business, Sara Long Organizing, to provide closets and file services to the greater Philadelphia area. She continues to act as a hobby, appearing in several plays a year.

Elena Bozyinski works at Harford Community College as a technology support specialist. She recently received her master's in business administration from Loyola College in Maryland. Elena and husband David welcomed their second child, Sebastian David Cole, on Jan. 31, 2008.

On Sept. 30, 2006, **Elizabeth Budny-Buckley** and **Kevin Buckley** were married in Williamsport, Md. **Crystal Ecker Tichnell** was one of the attendants. The couple honeymooned in San Francisco, Monterey and Sonoma, Calif., and greatly enjoyed visiting wine festivals and wineries. Not long after, they bought their first home in Greencastle, Pa., where they continue to reside. Elizabeth received a master's of science in physician as-

sistant studies in May '04 from Seton Hall University. Recently, Elizabeth signed a contract to practice orthopedics in the office and assist in the operating room in Chambersburg, Pa. As for Kevin, he is a social worker with the Washington County Department of Social Services in Hagerstown, Md.

Jason Michaelson married Molly Creel in 2005 followed by the birth of their son Colin in November '06. Between buying a home in Columbia, Md., and keeping up with their 19-month-old son, Jason and Molly stay busy. Jason works as a consultant for a software company in Alexandria, Va., while Molly teaches in Howard County, Md.

Working as a part-time financial services representative for Keller Financial Group, **Kathi Snyder Shambaugh** enjoys staying active in the business community of Carlisle, Pa. Kathi, husband Jamie and son Greyson, 4, recently built and moved into a new home in Shermans Dale, Pa. Kathi looks forward to meeting up for girls' weekends with fellow alumnae **Amy Sheridan Donathan**, **Mandy Hofstetter Ferringer** and **Stacey McIntyre**.

Loving city life, **Shannon Tinney** and husband Paul live in Hampden, Md., near Miracle on 34th Street. Shannon just accepted a new position as associate director of institutional research at Loyola College in Maryland. She is thrilled about this opportunity – and the 2-mile commute! When she has the chance, Shannon continues to teach sociology at the college level.

Mike and Christy-Ann Brown Cuswa are glad to be back in the States after moving from Seoul, Korea to Bethesda, Md. Mike is still in the Army and attends language school in Arlington, Va. Their first child, Samuel, was born while they were in Korea.

Shane and Tracie Browning Toothaker are still living in New Market, Md., with daughters Lindsay, 4, and Aubrey, 2. Stay-at-home mom Tracie enjoys taking the girls to their weekly gym class with **Amy Doane Neubauer** and her son, Nathan. The Toothakers also see **Mike and Christy-Ann Brown Cuswa** and their son, Sam, as often as possible. In the summer, the family likes to spend time on their boat and vacation in North Carolina. Shane is a product manager with Lonza in Walkersville, Md., and enjoys his easy commute to work.

After winning her first federal jury trial in November '07, **Jaime Walker Lutz** continues to work as a lawyer for Tydings and Rosenberg in Baltimore. Jamie and husband **Paul** live in Ellicott City, Md. Paul is a project manager for Hewitt Associates and stays busy with their condo rental business in Cancun. The couple had a lot of fun vacationing with **Nicole Mechaly Weersing** and **Brian** in Cancun earlier this year.

Kerrie Wille married Eric Schulz, of Long Island, N.Y., on April 26, 2008. **Cindy West Crown** and her husband introduced them and the rest is history! They live in Nottingham, Md.

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Making Documentary Was Eye-Opening

His job in the video production department with Catholic Relief Services has led **Matt McCann '01** on globe-trotting adventures from Southeast Asia to Honduras to document the organization's good work, but his trip to Ethiopia in the spring of 2007 was truly "eye-opening."

On McCann's 14-day trip to film CRS programs in Ethiopia he was accompanied by friend and former fraternity brother **Sean Healey '99**, who served as the team's director of photography. Also a part of the team, **Charles Osgood of CBS News Sunday Morning** was the trip's spokesman.

McCann described the 15-hour days full of filming and traveling over Ethiopia's rocky terrain in "stinking hot" temperatures as "grueling work." However, the sight of successful CRS programs in action and the amazing spirit of the Ethiopian people made the experience unforgettable.

Healey recalled a mass he attended in "the most spirited church" he'd ever been in. The church was filled with 200 to 300 kids, all HIV-positive, all dressed in "big, bright colors" dancing and singing. "That was beautiful," said Healey.

McCann remembered watching one village elder play with the ice that the crew had brought to keep cool. The woman had never seen ice before and that "really put things into perspective," said McCann. McCann and Healey currently have no plans for future collaborations, but Healey said, "Hopefully we'll go again."

For now, McCann is "swamped" with work at CRS and will be working on a general awareness video about the organization. A future trip to the Holy Land to document the peace-making efforts is a possibility.

Healey is now a freelance videographer and finished a *Date-line* documentary this summer. He began work on a German documentary about bioterrorism in August. —Michelle Menner

Sean Healey (above) and Matt McCann (below) learned a lot while documenting good works together in Ethiopia.



Timothy Herb got married last year on May 5, 2007, and recently celebrated his one-year anniversary with his awesome wife, Libby. Even better news, Libby and Tim welcomed their first child, a baby girl, on April 23 of this year. She was almost 9 pounds and sports a combination of red hair and blue eyes. Tim says, "She is absolutely beautiful. Clearly I didn't waste any time, getting married and starting our family all within one year!" Tim is still working as a financial consultant with Ferris, Baker Watts, Inc. His firm was recently acquired by Royal Bank of Canada, but things so far remain the same.

He had the unique opportunity of being registered as a player financial advisor with the NFL, and this will be his first draft class to work with. It's been great to mix his business background with his passion for football. In addition, Tim had the pleasure of celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the 1997 championship football team this past fall at Homecoming. He had a great time catching up with all of his old teammates. In addition, he enjoys keeping in touch from time to time with his old football teammates like **Joey Carrison**, **Ryan Smith '01**, **Rory Maher '00**, etc. Last summer they all got together in Dewey Beach thanks to the coordination of **Dan Mauphin**. There Tim was able to catch up with **Tom Lapato**, **Ron Seramini '99**, **Tyler Grant '04**, and others. Tim looks forward to seeing everyone on the Hill sometime this fall.

Your class reporters have been busy as well. **Mandy Hofstetter Ferring** recently moved to a new house in Perry Hall, Md., with husband Kurt and son Ben. 2. I enjoy working part time as a Title I teacher for Baltimore County Public Schools. In my spare time, I teach group exercise classes for Brick Bodies health clubs in the Baltimore area.

Recently **Stacey McIntyre** became a first-time homeowner when she purchased a condo in Bethesda, Md. I keep busy with decorating my new home and hosting friends and family. I continue to enjoy my work as a behavior analyst in private practice.

We make time to see each other often, as well as fellow Green Terrors **Amy Sheridan Donathan**, **Kathi Snyder Shambaugh**, **Rob Newman** and **Meredith Wisseil Veilleux '97**. We look forward to seeing all of you on the Hill for Homecoming 2008!

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and
Stacey McIntyre
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2005

After getting married in 2006, **Denny Wilderson Jr.** and his wife, Heather, welcomed their daughter, **Breanna Lee Wilderson**, into their lives on Jan. 30, 2007.

Since graduation, **Tyler Durant Stewart** has been busy working on his MBA at Loyola

College. He recently bought a house in Nottingham, Md.

Angie Schmidt is working as director of admissions of ComputerTraining.com. In September '07, she purchased a home in Nottingham, Md. She still keeps in contact with many friends from the Hill, and recently returned from a trip to Punta Cana and the Dominican Republic with fellow 2005 graduates.

Christina Carbonetto, residing in Toms River, N.J., currently works in the psychiatric crisis center at Community Medical Center Emergency Room. In May '07, she earned a master's degree in psychological counseling, and is still in school working on a degree in substance abuse counseling from Monmouth University, N.J. She spends her free time teaching undergraduate psychology at Ocean County College, N.J.

Jennifer Kraeer is teaching special education at a high school in Dorchester County, Md. She will also be starting an after-school program to teach students basic German.

Kathleen Etherton Hoffman married Ryan Hoffman in 2005. They purchased a condo in Mays Landing, N.J., in May '07. She is currently attending her second professional year at Temple University School of Pharmacy.

Krystle Allen has been very busy during these past few years. She has been spending her time traveling around the world, working as the leadership development program manager at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), tutoring adults with the Charles County Literacy Council, and conducting research for doctoral programs in educational leadership. Congratulations to Krystle for receiving two Quality Service Awards at the FERC.

Wilbert Epps Jr. is working hard as a partner in a new business he developed, Victory Over Defeat Pedorthics, LLC, a consulting practice in podiatry medicine. He also recently bought a home in Baltimore County, Md.

Congratulations to **Kristen Morrison** for purchasing her first home in Abingdon, Md., in April. Kristen continues to work for the Baltimore County Government as a benefits specialist.

As a recent graduate of Bryn Mawr College with a master's degree in social work, **Elana Grumbacher** will be spending her summer working as a community life specialist at an overnight camp in the Poconos. Elana has been busy conducting play therapy and family therapy sessions for families who are involved in domestic violence.

David "Wiggy" Wigitt is currently residing in Washington, D.C. He is employed as a contractor in the juvenile/neglect office as a D.C. Superior Court.

Sarah Lintinich is enjoying her new position as a marketing strategist for TradeWinds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

Kara Kunst Gioielli and her husband, Tom, were married July 7, 2007. She lives in Connecticut and has been teaching second grade for three years in Greenwich Public Schools.

She has also been studying for a master's degree in literacy at The College of New Rochelle, in New Rochelle, NY.

Jessica Watson just registered her new art business, Happy Hour Studio, in Maryland. Check out her website at www.happyhourstudio.com.

After her marriage to Michael "Mikey" Blake on April 26, 2008, **Kelly Crubb** became Mrs. Kelly Blake. She graduated in December '07 from physician assistant school and is now working in internal medicine. Mikey is working as an HVAC mechanic and they are living in Westminster, Md.

In 2006, **Amy Conaway** received the 2006 Activist Award from the Weston A. Price Foundation for designing a children's activity book. Now a student at Carroll Community College, she recently completed the 90-hour certification in early childhood education. She continues to run her craft business, ALC Unlimited, and now has more than 800 online newsletter subscribers.

Garnett C. Humphrey is back at McDaniel College, working on a master's degree with hopes to become a secondary education social studies teacher.

After graduating with a master's degree in the counselor education program from McDaniel in 2007, **Sheri Umbaugh** is now working as a grade 8 to 9 guidance counselor at Bermudian Springs Middle/High School in York Springs, Pa.

Jessica Bradford St. Clair graduated from Virginia Tech in May '07 with a master's degree in mathematics. She is now in a Ph.D. program for mathematics at VT. On May 30, 2008 she married Rob St. Clair.

In May '07, **Devin Collins** received a master's degree in sociology from Howard University. She currently works for the Department of Defense in the security division.

After finishing a master's degree in Latin American studies at the University of Texas, **Heather Kirkwood** moved to Buenos Aires where she has been learning to speak Portuguese and dancing tango.

Natalia Borjescaia Rutter is a physics Ph.D. candidate at Georgetown University. In the past year, she has been working on thesis research at NIST in Gaithersburg, Md., and has been traveling to present her research findings. In July '07, she got married to Gregory Rutter in Illinois.

After graduation, **Ursula Frischmann** moved back to her home country of Germany. She began to study "Foreign Languages in Adult Education" to earn a master's degree at the University of Siegen, Germany. Since February '07, she has been teaching English to adult students at an adult education center in Siegen-Witzgenstein, Germany, while also writing her master's thesis.

After graduation, **Erin Shinholt** moved to University of Maryland, Baltimore County where she took a graduate job as an assistant community director with residential life. Since January '07, she's been working as a

full-time professional community director within that office. She will complete a master's degree for applied sociology in August '08. In her free time, she has taken up a hobby of Latin and ballroom dancing.

Walter Zalis has been very busy working as the director of creative development for PensEyeView.com and as an analyst for an energy consulting firm, Energetics. He lives in Columbia, Md.

Christen Szymanski is currently attending Gallaudet University completing a doctorate in clinical psychology. This May, she had two articles published in the magazine *Odyssey: New Directions in Deaf Education* related to children who are deaf and have Autism. She is also busy doing an externship at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore while working on her dissertation with hopes to graduate in 2010.

In December '07, **Carolyn Ricks** completed a one-year teaching contract with AEON Corporation's Amity English School in Okayama, Japan. She had a particularly interesting experience, getting to work at two schools and with over 100 students ranging from a few months old to 18 and parents. After resting for a few weeks, Carolyn jumped back into community service, directing her third youth musical at Oxon Hill Church in Oxon Hill, Md., and began working for Fairfax County Public Schools. She is now preparing to work on a master's in special education and ESOL.

Lauren T. Toussaint went to graduate school at the University of Maryland. College Park and earned a master's of public health in May '07. Currently, she is participating in a two-year fellowship program at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md.

Jodi Lynn Foss graduated from law school in May '08. She had an article published in *The Federal Lawyer* and was awarded the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Trial Advocacy Award, an award presented to a graduating student who best exemplifies the attributes of an effective trial lawyer. Jodi will begin clerking for a judge in Annapolis, Md., in August.

Sean Miller has spent the last two years working for T. Rowe Price. He is living just outside of Baltimore and still has a chance to catch up with fraternity brothers and college friends often on weekends.

Ronetta Casson Mason has kept very busy since graduation. On August 6, 2006, Ronetta was married and graduated from the human resources development graduate program at Towson University in May '08. She currently works in operations for the Social Security Administration as a management analyst.

Rusty Haak continues to live on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and works as a project manager for Advantage Systems Inc. He has been dating Sarah Wineland (Georgia State alumna) for nearly three years.

Tyler Fogarty lives in Sykesville, Md., with

his wife, Elea Cook. He is still working for Legg Mason and was recently promoted to a position of business analyst I. Tyler remains active in the Open Source community, and continues to beta test Mozilla and Canonical products part of a QA effort with developers worldwide. He also remains active in church at Covenant Life in Gaithersburg, Md.

Wes Bedsworth continues to work for Alion Science and Technology in Annapolis, Md., which has given him considerable opportunity to travel around the country. He moved to Annapolis in late 2006 and purchased a condominium near historic downtown, close to his office. Outside of work, he has kept himself busy working at Colonial Players (volunteer community theatre) as a sound designer, technician and operations director. He recently adopted two kittens, Max and Charlie, from an animal shelter.

Jessica Zimmerman graduated from Drexel's School of Public Health in June '07 and found herself relocating to New Jersey to take a job at a pharmaceutical market research firm in Lambertville. She and her partner, Stefanie, purchased their first home in February '08 and adopted a one-year-old Boxer puppy!

Laura Cook Diller was married to James Diller '04 on May 31, 2008. Also in May, she completed a master's of arts in teaching from Frostburg State University. She and James will soon be moving to Willimantic, Conn.

Since graduation, **Adam W. Garheart** has been pursuing a master's degree in forensic studies at Villa Julie College. He is currently working full time at Primary Residential Mortgage as a loan officer, while still playing golf at McDaniel from time to time.

Michael Vyskocil is getting a full education in Civil War history in Gettysburg, Pa. Michael is now working in the communications and marketing department for the Gettysburg Foundation, the nonprofit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg.

Currently in Iraq serving a 15-month tour, **Jake Michael** has been promoted to captain on July 1, 2008 and is about to take over as the company commander of the 515th Transportation Company. Prior to Iraq, he was in Mannheim, Germany, and had the opportunity to travel all over Europe.

Mayfany Jacob-Smith and her husband, Steve Smith, celebrated the first birthday of their son, Dylan Charles Smith, on April 18, 2008. Dylan's first birthday was an exciting time, which was celebrated by many family members and close friends, including **Lindsey Sherman '06** and **Jaclyn Jaeger '06**.

Christina Carbonetto
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Answers to the Class of
1963 Nostalgia Quiz
(see page 34):

1. The Drinking Gourd
a. The Frat Brothers
b. Gump
2. Five: Les Alperstein,
Marvin Reitz
(an actual musician),
Bud Benton,
Ron Cronise and
John Warman
3. Alfred W. deLong
4. Bob Waldorf
5. Five
6. Judith Callahan
7. Barbara Earhart
8. In the new library
9. Western Maryland
College
10. Moxie —
Le Francis
11. Lowell S. Enser
12. Grace LeRoy

back story

What they were thinking

July 2008:

April Curley '09 explored the culture and cuisine of South Korea while her stepfather was stationed there on military duty.



Appetite for history. I was offered a position as an intern with the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission. It was an opportunity of a lifetime. My job was exactly in line with my history major, as I was in charge of preserving historical documents. I mean, we're talking about documents from the Korean War circa 1958 and many other interesting documents of Korean history.

Where I worked was the most interesting part of the job. I worked at the border between North and South Korea in a province called Panmunjeom at the 38th parallel in the Joint Security Area. This area was literally patrolled by both the UN and North Korean soldiers in compliance with the armistice agreement that was reached at the end of the Korean War. I talked to many of the UN soldiers from all over the world, including New Zealand, South Africa and of course the Republic of Korea. It was heavily stressed, however, that I was not to talk to the North Korean Guards — one can't risk starting conflicts that could possibly escalate to the use of military force. Every day was an experience. ■

CROSSWORD PUZZLE CHALLENGE

You don't need a lot of experience completing crosswords to solve this puzzle, just some knowledge about the College and the research skills you learned here. Submit your correctly completed puzzle to us at *The Hill* magazine, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157. Or e-mail us at kasch@mcdaniel.edu.

PRIZE: Those who submit correctly completed puzzles will be entered into a drawing for a free copy of *Fearless and Bold*, the big book about the College's compelling 140-year history, written by Jim Lightner '59, professor emeritus of mathematics.

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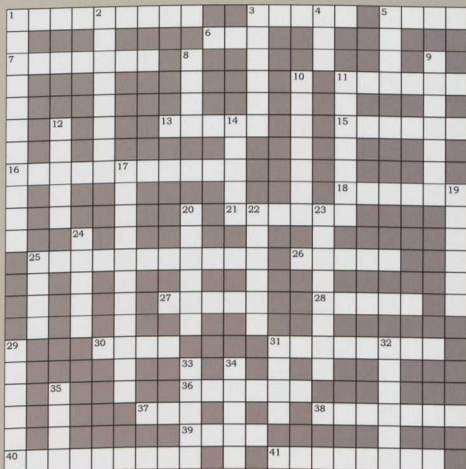
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- Greeting
- School color
- Prof. Kerschner's specialty (abbr.)
- No. of graduate programs
- Theatre department's ghost
- Poli sci prof of the impossible question and loyal Cubs fan
- Percent of pre-law students accepted to at least one law school
- Favorite student weekend
- Baltimore football team sharing summers on campus
- No. of miles to Baltimore
- Sports team nickname
- What McDaniel does: "Change —"
- No. of buildings on campus
- School color
- Organization that trains cadets
- Nearby mountain ridge
- Name of freshman men's dorm
- ___ Beta Kappa
- Three-week mini-semester
- Member of team that once practiced here in summer
- Center quad aka Memorial Plaza
- Favorite ice cream stand

DOWN

- College town
- Youngest students
- Library
- WVa. native and teacher of spatial economics
- Dining hall
- Iditasport enthusiast, alumnus and fitness prof
- Formerly ___ Maryland College
- Catalog librarian and "wine" lover
- Country with branch campus
- Fund-raising: ___ Diem Campaign
- No. of presidents in 141 years
- Focus of Center for the Study of Aging
- Math prof famous for his Bell curve
- Psych prof, renowned psychologist and Deafness expert

- Traditional off-campus hot dog stop
- Pre-game picnic
- Dr./Prof. Richwine
- 18-hole sport
- Three-time Distinguished Professor of the Year
- First ___ college south of the Mason-Dixon line
- Students' progressive rock and folk band: ___ Buddy
- Worthy name for econ prof
- Oldest building on campus
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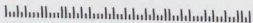




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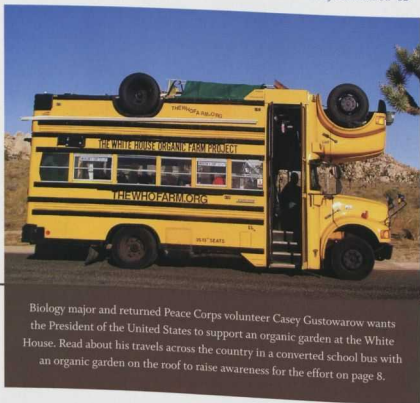
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then the president can do it in his backyard."

—Casey Gustawarow '02



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Dorothy just clicked her
heels three times...



...but the Garvins moved three households
4,852 miles to find *their* way home

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In time-honored tradition, faculty placed dollar bets just before Commencement on the exact time the ceremony would end.



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Class Noted

Guess who became a successful entrepreneur after getting fed up with the red tape involved with taking her new husband's name? See the Class of 2003, page 54.



The Hill Wins International Award

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) awarded *The Hill* a bronze medal in its international Circle of Excellence Awards Program for overall excellence in general-interest magazines. A total of 152 entries were considered for this category, resulting in five gold medals, four silver and four bronze awards. *The Hill* also won a silver medal in the Visual Design in Print category for the cover of the Summer 2007 issue (above).

Chambers enriched our campus

Your recent article on Whittaker Chambers in *The Hill* by Kim Asch was most interesting to me as a 1961 graduate. I would applaud anyone who took the time to attempt to quantify this man who undoubtedly was one of the most significant contributors to the conservative movement in U.S. politics. My interaction with Mr. Chambers was as a fellow student in two years of language classes and as a friend who shared intellectual interests in politics, philosophy, and in theology. Despite the fact that some critics have mistakenly identified him as a proponent of "communism with Eucharist," and a "neo-Pat Robertson," Mr. Chambers' politics tended more toward identifying U.S. politics in the 1940s and '50s as being a crisis not of politics or economics but of faith and secular liberalism. How prescient he was.

Mr. Chambers had a memorable presence. His mellifluous voice and enunciation and erudition will forever mark him and his friend and intellectual soulmate, William Buckley, as friends and fellow travelers. Mr. Chambers and I shared many good conversations and shared a love of linguistics and politics beyond the interest of our fellow classmates and what our college was able or willing to offer in those years.

My remembrance of Mr. Chambers outside of our shared interests was again of that wonderful voice, his scholarly correct and emotional readings in French; of him and another fellow student sitting to the side of a circle of students in Mme. Snader's French Lit classes in an overheated classroom in the wintertime with cold air visibly blowing into the classroom from the open windows, over the steaming radiators next to where these two chose to sit, both studiously at their books with Mr. Chambers lending his inimitable vocal rendition of whatever French selection we were studying, always in his brown mackintosh. Another mental photo of him is him flying across the path from the

dining hall up towards the new chapel, brown mack open and flying to the sides and behind him, he all excited over our triumph in the graduate record exams. What a conversation that was! And then there was the time he rode his horse to campus during a winter blizzard. Cancelled classes were not an open option for him.

I do thank you for recognizing his presence on our campus. I do not think he aspired to degrees, although they would have been a penny in his pocket. What he aspired to was sharing of interests, conversation, learning. His world was closing in on him. His area of operation narrowing. He sought out what was available to him in his world at that time. I am honored to have shared that world and I remember him fondly.

Connie Shankle Houtz '61
Manassas, Va.

Diners Identified

Editor's Note: In a previous issue of The Hill, we published this photo and asked for help identifying the people in it. Thanks to those who wrote with information. Jill Porter '63 was very earnest about the assignment. She brought the picture to her reunion in May and enlisted the help of classmates to i.d. almost everyone. Here is her report.

You gave me a real challenge for my reunion weekend. First of all, it appears some of the guys are "Black & Whites" from Pi Alpha Alpha. Jackson Day was present and confirmed that he is in the photo, second from the left. Jackson was certain that the guy who is to the left of the waitress is Herm Smith '65. He is seen on page 194 in Aloha '63, second from the right in the top row of the fraternity photo. Jackson also felt he could identify the next guy, to the right of the waitress, as Lee Brown, or Gaius Lee Brown Jr. '65. He's also pictured in the same fraternity photo, 5th from the right in the top row. Using the premise that many take off their eyeglasses for a photo helped a great deal.

Stay Connected

- Homecoming is Saturday, November 8.
- To young alumni: Please share your new address with the Office of Alumni Relations so that you can continue to receive *The Hill* magazine. E-mail leyleyler@mcdaniel.edu or call 410/857-2296.



ARCHIVAL PHOTO

With the help of Mara Dilson Walters '64 and Sue Snodgrass Case '64, we identified David Robson, third from left, Barb Nolan, the standing waitress, and Barbara Graham, second from the far right.

Marianthy Pappadopoulou was at the reunion and knew as soon as she looked at the photo that she was the first person on the right. (She recognized the style of the blouse she was wearing and the bracelet on her right hand. In fact, her daughter, Iona, who accompanied her to the reunion, was wearing that very bracelet.)

We had a wonderful reunion and certainly had some fun working on identifying those in this dining room photo.

Jill Fredholm Porter '63
Manchester, N.H.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE RESULTS

In the Spring issue we asked readers which year the faculty finally decided to abolish regular Saturday classes. The answer is 1967.

Royce Bradshaw '70 of Salisbury, Md., is the winner of the drawing: "I immediately knew the answer because I dreaded Saturday classes during my first semester of 1966," he says.

The class was History of Art at 8 a.m. "The worst thing was that the first thing our professor proceeded to do when class started was to turn off all the lights in the room and show us black-and-white slides on an 'ancient' slide projector. The projector appeared to be almost as old as the ancient relics we were viewing. It took all of 10 minutes before half the class was asleep."

See page 57 for a chance to win a free McDaniel College sweatshirt.



MICHAEL LUTHELMAN

Environmental Efforts Take Root

Sophomore Ellen Larsen happily spent much of Earth Day dressed as a tree while doing her best to focus attention on ways the campus community can protect the environment. Other students planted flowers and learned how to calculate their carbon footprint.

Such environmentally conscious activities are not limited to April 22. Over the past semester, the College's environmental initiatives have taken root, resulting in a much greener campus.

Here are just 5 ways the Hill has improved its relationship with Mother Nature:

- Geothermal heat pumps in the nine North Village apartments and in the Garden apartments have cut the energy cost by one-third. Additionally, test wells have been dug to see if a geothermal system would work in Blanche Ward Hall.
- During a 10-week Recyclemania competition, the College recycled 26,430 pounds of paper, cardboard, bottles and cans. That amounts to 14-13 pounds per person. The College continues to recycle, and recycle bins are next to trash cans in the residence halls.
- Changing the lighting in Gill Gymnasium from 1,000- and 500-watt bulbs to fluorescent bulbs will save 359,000 kilowatt hours yearly. Meanwhile, the light output will more than double.
- Englar Dining Hall suspended use of trays on Earth Day. Research shows that when trays are removed from dining locations, less food is wasted, less energy is consumed and less water and detergents are used.
- Earth-friendly chemicals are used to maintain the athletic fields and golf course. The Housekeeping department buys earth-friendly cleaners in concentrated form. This saves money and fuel used in shipping, and encourages bottle re-use. ■



Christian Maisel '08 traveled to Normandy to retrace the steps of his D-Day silver-star hero Frederick Maisel Jr.

In My Grandfather's Footsteps

Christian Maisel '08 never met his grandfather, who died months before Christian was born, but the history major has spent years learning everything about Frederick Maisel Jr., a World War II D-Day hero who was awarded a silver star.

Maisel met and interviewed every remaining soldier who was there on D-Day with his grandfather's assault company (part of the 4th Infantry Division). He heard their stories of landing on Normandy, of destroying German artillery, of killing 80 Germans and capturing 50 men.

"It's one thing to read a book or watch a movie about the war," says Maisel, who received his commission as an Army second lieutenant May 24. "When you hear the vets tell the story, it's incredible."

Through their accounts, Maisel was able to retrace his grandfather's steps, literally. Maisel traveled to Normandy with his father, a military history expert, where they donned WWII uniforms and waded chest-high into the Atlantic Ocean. "It was humbling to have just a hint of an idea of what he and his men did," says Maisel.

They located the farm where his grandfather was wounded when an artillery shell blew up next to him, embedding shell fragments into his shoulder and leg. They found the barn, still pockmarked from

battle, where he was treated.

Through the years, Maisel and his family have collected enough military materials to fill a gymnasium. They lecture at schools and veteran organizations. They give battlefield tours and serve as the Honor Guard at funerals. Veterans from across the country send in their personal military effects, and the Maisels hope to open a hands-on learning facility where people can understand how the average American soldier lived during major American conflicts.

"When you hold a fragment from a shell that looks like a lawnmower blade, you get a different feel of history, a better understanding of reality," says Maisel, who hopes to inspire younger generations to investigate the history of military service within their own families.

Maisel, a member of the National Guard 2nd 110 Field Artillery Alpha Battery, will serve in the Reserves for eight years after graduation while he teaches history and coaches soccer.

The Maisels encourage the use of their military artifact collection, known as the Maj. Frederick C Maisel Jr. Memorial Military Museum, by faculty and students. It is open to private tours. E-mail Maisel at camoo8@mcDaniel.edu. Or call 410/552-9492. ■

Simulator Steers Students Straight

Rodrigo Antonio '08 swerved across two lanes of highway before hitting a car as he tried out the drunk-driving simulator Feb. 25 in the Decker Center Forum.

"I thought I could handle the wheel, but I lost control," said Antonio, a French major.

The state-of-the-art simulator shows alcohol's effects on one's motor skills. The simulator looks like the inside of a car, and as participants drive, it increases the level of intoxication until driving skills are highly impaired.

The simulator is presented to students in high schools and colleges nationwide through the Save-A-Life tour. It came to McDaniel through Late Nights, a proactive two-year program funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant, intended to lower the incidences of high-risk drinking.



Rodrigo Antonio '08 using the drunk-driving simulator.

Newsmakers

• Professor of Music and Choir director **Margaret Boudreaux** is this year's recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award. The annual award and \$10,000 prize recognizes inspired classroom work and dedication to students and honors Ira G. Zepp '52, who taught full time in the department of Religious Studies for more than 30 years.



Margaret Boudreaux

As Department Chair from 1991-2005, she led her colleagues in introducing diverse classes like "Middle Eastern Music," a first-year seminar, and an interdisciplinary course, "Music, Mind and Brain." She edits, arranges and performs choral music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods as well as folk songs, popular music, vocal jazz and musical theatre. She has published numerous articles and translations in professional journals and has performed with her choirs at conferences and special presentations at the Kennedy Center, the National Cathedral, the Discovery Channel, and other major Baltimore-Washington venues.



Paul Miller

• Associate Professor of History **Paul Miller** received a year-long fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for 2009 to support research for a book project titled *The Footprints of Gavrilo Princip: June 28, 1914, in History and Memory*. Miller will work in archives and libraries in Austria and begin writing the manuscript. Miller also won a Fulbright Occasional Lecturer grant to bring to McDaniel College on April 14 his long-



Sharon Craig

time colleague, Professor Dubravko Lovrenovic, a medievalist at the University of Sarajevo and currently a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Chicago, to lecture on contemporary issues in Bosnia and Yugoslavia.

• Associate Professor of Education **Sharon Craig** won a \$105,405 grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the "Mentoring Young Writers Project," a professional development program that partners McDaniel's Education and English departments with Deer Park and Franklin Elementary Schools in Baltimore County and Sandymount Elementary School in Carroll County.

Ask the Expert

As a well-read graduate of a classy liberal arts college, can I hold my head high while relaxing on the beach with my mystery novel?

Associate Professor of English Mary Bendel-Sims, who co-edited with department colleague LeRoy Panek the newly published anthology, *Early American Detective Stories*:

Absolutely. You may enjoy with impunity.

Detective fiction and mysteries are a literary genre; the worth of it depends on who you read. As with any book or movie or play — or any kind of text — there's trash and then there are treasures.

In the earliest 19th-century detective stories, the authors didn't know what the heck they were doing because it was a new genre. While researching for the anthology, we found the first one in which a guy fakes his own death. The story is called, "Murdered Himself." I wanted to go back in time and say, "OK, you don't give away the end in the title!" But they didn't know that. We did not include "Murdered Himself" in the anthology.

Our anthology includes 39 representative stories published in newspapers and magazines, mostly before 1891. Some of them are really short;



one is a poem and another is two pages long, by Mark Twain. Two at the end were winners of a detective-story contest issued by the Bachelier publishing syndicate in 1895. One of them, "The Long Arm," is co-written by Mary Wilkins Freeman, a wildly popular and prolific author of her time, and Joseph Edgar Chamberlin.

Mysteries are satisfying because, at least in the traditional stories, good triumphs over evil, the bad guy always gets caught, and there's always poetic justice. I prefer Dorothy Sayers and P.D. James — they are clearly wonderful writers. James is still writing too. [Her next novel, featuring the investigator/poet Adam Dalgliesh of New Scotland Yard, is due out in November.]

Even in my traditional literature I like mysteries, like Mark Twain's *Pudd'nhead Wilson* and Faulkner's *Intruder in the Dust*. I like to get engrossed and to try to figure it out. There are different kinds of figuring it out too. There's the "who-dunnit" and then there's the "how-dunnit," when you know who did it from the opening scene but you have to figure out how.

For me the genre is sort of literary candy; especially when the semester is over and you're at the beach and you have the time to sit down and read the whole book. That's not something I would do with, say, Melville. And that's why it's such a joy. ■



Chanan Delivuk '08 is no chicken when it comes to expressing her beliefs.

The Art of Activism

Chanan Delivuk's art installation featuring a heap of 269 paper chickens makes a statement about her beliefs regarding meat consumption. Each second, 269 chickens are killed for food in the U.S., according to a figure Delivuk found from 2000.

Delivuk '08, an Art and Art History major, is a raw vegan, which means that she eats a diet consisting of primarily uncooked fruits, grains, nuts and vegetables. She consumes no meat, milk or eggs, and does not wear or use products containing animal by-products.

"As a vegan and a minority in society, I feel art is one way to communicate to others what it means to be vegan and how it is a lifestyle and not just a diet," she says. "I enjoy working on ways to promote veganism through painting, sculpture, printmaking, installation and fabric works."

Delivuk, who was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa this spring, was one of seven seniors presenting their work during the Art and Art History Departmental Honors Exhibition, "7 Ugly Ducklings," in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall. Her other works include an installation involving human-looking flesh placed in deli meat counters and a sculpture showing a baby drinking milk from a cow's teat.

No stranger to activism, Delivuk is a campus leader who is on the executive board of the Black Student Union, teaches art weekly to the Boys and Girls Club in Westminster, and has taught at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

"I did not take art until my sophomore year, and feel that because it has changed my life in such dramatic ways that I am meant to help create change for others." ■

Passport to Success

When language professor Madame Colette Henriette teaches French language and culture through film, she always shows the 1992 Academy Award winner, *Indochine*, a passionate epic that tells the story of a young child whose parents die in a plane crash and who is adopted by an independent French woman who raises the girl in the ways of French aristocracy in colonial Indochina.

"It so resembles my life," says Henriette, an only child of divorced parents who from age 4 was brought up by her paternal grandmother in her homeland of Madagascar, a large island off the southeastern coast of Africa that was under French colonial rule until 1960. Henriette's grandmother Madeleine, called Mamé, simply "claimed me as hers." During those formative years, Mamé made Henriette's education her mission. Formal education for women was not widely valued; neither of her parents had completed school and her grandmother could only read, not write.

"She dictated and required me to write all her letters," says Henriette, a practice that led to her own journal-keeping since age 13, and later scholarly interest in the 18th-century woman of letters Isabelle de Charrière.

Henriette was the first of her family to complete elementary school. This achievement fueled her grandmother's resolve to push Henriette onward. She paid to send her to the best private schools and, at times, followed her with a stick to make sure she got there. Mamé even purchased Henriette a car after she passed the tough high school baccalaureate exam (fewer than 30 percent did) to ensure that she arrived on time every day to the university.

"Once I suggested to Mamé that I wanted

to be a nurse or a flight attendant," says Henriette. "She retorted that I would 'not be some servant on a plane serving coffee.' For her, I should become a teacher. She even picked that I study French, believing that if I mastered the language it would be my passport for success."

Success did follow. Henriette earned the certificat d'études supérieures from the Université de Madagascar in 1973, while simultaneously teaching French, Latin, social studies, history and geography in secondary schools in Antananarivo, the capital. Soon after, she met a Belgian engineer and his relocation to Maryland led to Henriette's first visit to the States and her marriage in Baltimore. A master's and Ph.D. degrees in French and literature were completed at the University of Maryland.

At McDaniel, Henriette has reshaped the French curriculum and created new courses ranging from Business French to L'Actualité française, the study of French current events through reading or watching Francophone media. She has advised both the French Club and House and served as the Study Abroad director.

Henriette retired in May after 40 years of teaching, 18 at McDaniel, where she has inspired her students to stretch beyond what's needed to earn an A. "I hope I've sparked a fire in my students to continue to learn."

She has been twice widowed, her father died a year ago, and the grandmother she loved died in 1990 at age 81. Yet, Henriette — herself now a grandmother to eight — carries two lessons in her heart that were frequently repeated to her by Mamé: "When you have lost your home, belongings, even people you love, you still have your education. That, and your faith in God will provide you with a good life." ■

“When you have LOST your
HOME,
BELONGINGS, even
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YOU still HAVE
YOUR EDUCATION.”



C. COLETTE HENRIETTE



BOB HANDELMAN

Professor of Social Work Dan Rees retires from the classroom.

More Passages

Professor of Social Work Dan Rees and Professor of Exercise Science and Physical Education Alex Ober '63, MED'69, are also retiring.

Rees has been a devoted student mentor, fierce Terror fan and member of the campus community for more than three decades. Beyond campus, he is a sought-after presenter, especially on the topic of "thinking styles," and has addressed an impressive variety of venues, such as bar associations and practitioner organizations. He served as an advisor to the Clinton White House, where he was asked to help enhance team and organizational effectiveness.

Ober joined the Intercollegiate Athletics department as a graduate assistant in 1967, and after completing a master's in education in 1969, was appointed a physical education instructor. His expertise in sports history and biomechanics resulted in several publications in scholarly journals and courses popular with both undergraduate and graduate students. Throughout his career, he has influenced hundreds of student-athletes as the former Head Coach of Men's Basketball, Lacrosse and Tennis (he even coached football early on.) During Ober's 17-year tenure as basketball coach, his teams won 185 games and three times won 16 games in a single season. Both of these accomplishments are school records.

See page 33 for more about Ober. ■

Dazzling Stats On and Off the Diamond

Softball player Diana Rosemier '08 was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America College Division second team at the end of May.

A sociology/psychology major, she advanced to the national ballot after being named to the all-district first team on May 8. She is one of seven members among the 33-member, three-team selections with a 4.00 GPA. The outfielder earned her second consecutive nod to the All-America Second Team.

Rosemier, a first-team All-Centennial Conference selection, led the team in 10 offensive categories. In addition to hitting a team-best .330, she rapped out seven doubles and two triples for a .431 slugging percentage. She led the team with 36 hits and 31 runs scored. She also drew 17 walks from the leadoff position. A repeat selection to the first team, Rosemier stole 39 bases, breaking her own program and conference record for swipes in a season. With 101 career stolen bases, she broke the CC record of 100, set by Muhlenberg's Ali Hatola from 1996-99. ■



DAVID SHAW/ESPRESSO

first person

In my own words

I Want to Die With My Boots On

Helen Thomas

Dean of the White House Press Corps

As correspondent and White House bureau chief for UPI, Helen Thomas chronicled American history through nine presidencies, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Vietnam and Watergate, the Cold War, 9/11, and the War on Terror. Her stamina and strong work ethic are so legendary that President Gerald Ford once said, "If Helen Thomas had been around when God made the Earth, He could not have rested on the seventh day. He would have to explain it to [you]." At 87, she writes a syndicated column for Hearst Newspapers and has published a fourth book, *Watchdogs of Democracy?: The Waning Washington Press Corps and How It Has Failed the Public*. She was awarded the honorary degree in absentia at Commencement.

Pressed into war

The press was gung ho to go to war. They put on their trench coats; it was going to be a cakewalk, four days and we're out of there. Anybody who had covered a war said, "Are you crazy?" Oh, they were so anxious they were going to be big war correspondents. What they didn't understand is they were going to get shot. It's true, Iraq wasn't able to make a stand because

I don't think a tough question is disrespectful. I say, "Thank you." What else do you want? ... The presidential news conference is the only place where a president can be questioned. If he's not, he can rule by edict; by government order. He can be a dictator, and who is to find out? No. He can be questioned and he should always be able to wait and answer to all questions because these are the people's questions.



ay, "Mr. President."
m in our society
questioned, he
a monarch. He
should be
lingly reply
our questions.

they have no army. But what they should have known is people will always fight for their country. Nobody wants an invader-occupier, no matter how bad their ruler is.

Tomorrow is too late

I want us out of there yesterday. There is no reason to keep our troops there another day to kill and be killed.

Insights from another war

President Johnson really let his hair down and gave us a true insight into his suffering about what was the right thing to do with Vietnam. On the domestic side, he was fantastic. He ran through Medicare, the Civil Rights Act, federal aid to education at all levels from Head Start to college, public housing, national parks, environmental laws, you name it. But Vietnam he anguished. He would call us to the south lawn and we'd walk round and round in the days we wore high heels and pointed toes. We would know that he was really agonizing about how to end the war.

Best presidential assignment

Kennedy, because he was the most inspired. He had his eyes on the stars. He knew where this country should go after WWII. He knew we could no longer be isolated. He knew that we had to reach out to the world, that we had become a total power and that we should use our power for good.

Obama is no JFK

He delivers a good speech, but he doesn't have the background and he doesn't have the solutions. Kennedy went to war. He saw a ship blown up, he saw men die. He knew the horror of war. He was 14 years in Congress, the House and Senate. He led. He understood why young people should go into public service. He created the Peace Corps. He signed the first nuclear test ban treaty. He said we're going to land men on the moon in a decade; he didn't live to see it but we did it. He set goals.

McCain is just like Bush

McCain would be Bush III. His whole mantra is torture. The only reason you know McCain is he came out of Hanoi after 5½ years as a prisoner of war and a victim of torture. What does he do? He supports

the President's veto of the ban on torture. You call that a human being?

Clinton was my choice

Clinton is certainly no angel — she voted for the war. But she has gravitas and I think she's been there, she's taken the heat. She's shown that she can stand it. I think she's been treated unfairly.

Women still have to fight

Everything's been a struggle for equality and we're still not there. In journalism, yes, they're really filling the newsroom with women. But on the question of equal pay, women are behind the 8-ball. They're still getting paid 25 percent less than men. I don't think any woman should ever rest until we have true equality of the workplace. Why not? We pay our taxes.

Where I get my energy

Pure outrage. That's my adrenaline. I think you can see the injustice all around you when you open your eyes as a baby.

Why I love Washington

History is being made here in Washington every day. You have the sense that you are learning every day and you have a sense that you can do something about government. You can't miss a beat here. If you want to retire, retire. But if you don't, then you should know what people are thinking and doing and that takes work. And nosiness.

Rest is overrated

I go to bed at midnight and am up in the morning at 5 or 6. I love sleep — I just don't want to miss anything. I've never wanted to retire; I want to die with my boots on.

The truth is in comics

If you don't read the comics you've missed the day. They tell the truth. They get away with a lot, but they offer tremendous insights into human beings. *Doomsday*, *Candorville*, *Prickly City*, *Pickles*. All of them are trying to tell you something. Read them.

Regrets

You only regret a question you didn't ask. ■

thomas



Back, from left:
Joan, Ron,
Mandy, Ally,
Forest, Allan.

Front:
Miles, Eric,
Abby, Sarah





everybody into the picture

*The Garvins left three different states and moved
4,852 miles for their permanent family reunion*

By Kim Asch
Photographs by
Andy Duback

There's nothing ordinary about the scene at Ron and Joan Garvin's sprawling Vermont log home, though every detail of it is so familiar and predictably cozy it could have been scripted by Disney's Family Channel. Granny Joan is surrounded at the kitchen counter by her four wriggling grandchildren, each vying for their turn to stir chocolate cake ingredients into a large ceramic bowl. Grandad Ron circulates between rooms, taking time out to tease and kiss the pipsqueaks, while plotting fix-it projects with sons Eric, 39, and Allan, 37. Soon, daughters-in-law Mandy and Ally will help Joan serve lunch on the long dining room table, and everyone will sit down together to eat. It won't be anything fancy, just barbecue from the crockpot, pickles, chips and the chocolate cake, served on paper plates. Later, there will be games of hide-and-seek, crafts and bubbles and naps — perhaps even for the grownups — and maybe a movie. Next weekend, and the one after that, there will be more of the same relaxed, good times.

What is so extraordinary about this heartwarming scene of extended family togetherness is the great distance everyone traveled — literally and figuratively — to achieve it.





This page:
Miles takes a hammock break
and races cousin Abby.

Next page:
Allan, Ron and Eric examine
one of their pet projects;
brothers on the loose.



Less than two years ago, the three branches of the Garvin family were situated like many others in contemporary American culture — dispersed across three different states and three time zones. Allan and Ally lived with their two young boys, Miles and Forest, in Astoria, Ore. Eric and Mandy were raising their little girls, Sarah and Abby, in Fair Play, S.C. Ron and Joan lived in Forest Hill, Md. Each branch of the family saw the other only a few times each year and it was a rarity when everyone could be in the same place at the same time.

The Oregon contingent loved their location on the Pacific Coast at the western end of the Lewis & Clark Trail. Allan and Ally, both educators and avid hikers, discovered the region in 1999 and believed they'd never leave. "Being away from family didn't really bother me; I swore I'd never come back East," Allan says. But when Miles was born, and then Forest, both young parents began feeling the pangs for connectedness. Ally's folks still lived in the same house where she was raised, near Pottstown, Pa., and frenzied returns for a week-long series of elaborate meals and visits with the relatives proved stressful and unsatisfying. "We realized flying back for visits isn't fun or relaxing," Allan says. "And I felt the need for my kids to be closer to family."

Southern Vermont seemed to offer a good compromise. It was an easy road trip to Maryland and Pennsylvania, yet outside the fray of the big cities and suburban sprawl. The terrain, with its mountains and ample rivers, reminded them of their beloved Oregon. The lifestyle is similarly slow-paced with an emphasis on outdoor activity. And the climate is much better, they decided, with its distinct four seasons. When they announced their intentions to relocate to the Green Mountain State, Ron and Joan, both graduates of the Class of 1965, got to thinking.

Joan, a real estate agent, was about to retire. Ron, co-owner of a trucking consulting business, could work from anywhere with access to a phone line, the Internet and an airport. Since the couple married in September of their senior year and took their first apartment together in downtown Westminster, the

Garvins had moved 18 times, crisscrossing the country as Ron's career accelerated. "Our unit as a family of four was real close because we basically had to depend on one another," Ron says. The couple yearned for that closeness again, especially now that there were grandchildren. Not many retirees opt to go north instead of south, nor do they seek to upsize their houses and acreage. But the Garvins determined that their next move would be for family, and they wanted to create a hub where everyone would want to get together, in a place where they could set down roots. Besides, says the couple who enjoyed their stints in Minnesota and Michigan, "We love snow."

Meanwhile, the Garvins' eldest son, Eric, had been in South Carolina since graduating from Clemson with a degree in engineering and going to work for an auto parts manufacturer. He and wife Mandy had never really "bonded" with the place and they'd been thinking of relocating to Maryland to be near Ron and Joan. Vermont was even better, they decided. "Prior to going away





to college, it was like, 'I've had enough of Ward and June Cleaver,' and I couldn't wait to get out on my own. Then, once I had kids, I realized I want that family support for them," says Eric.

Mandy, 38, who has known the Garvins since she was 19, says she has always admired them. "Ron and Joan are really wonderful, healthy people and role models. They wanted to be involved in their grandchildren's lives and that was important to me," she says.

The Garvins' three-way, 4,852-mile move toward a permanent reunion with one another is a radical solution to the kind of yearning many people experience these days, even as societal cues suggest it's normal, if not preferable, for families to go in different directions, says Assistant Professor of Social Work Cathy Orzolek-Kronner '86.

"In much of Western psychological literature, family closeness is considered pathological," she adds.

This has not always been the case. For the better part of American history, large extended families lived together or very nearby because agrarian society dictated that everyone needed to contribute in order for the family to sustain itself. After the Industrial Revolution, when work outside the home became available and machinery made farming easier, things slowly began to shift. "In

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Since the move, Granny Joan and Grandad Ron get to see their grandchildren weekly.



essence, as people's financial status increased, so did their shift away from the large family units. With this, independence became increasingly valued," Orzolek-Kronner explains. "The other huge value shift was that career surpassed the importance of family."

It really wasn't until baby boomers reached young adulthood, says Brown University psychiatrist Scott Haltzman, that "moving away from your family of origin became the norm." For young adults — especially high-achieving college graduates — success has meant making bold moves toward unfamiliar territory to fulfill their career and personal aspirations.

Haltzman, whose new book, *Secrets of a Happy Family*, will be published later this year, says closeness with extended family "has been underemphasized in the past two generations, leading to family breakdown." He adds, "I'm finding there's a backlash against the idea that you should move as far away as you can from your family."

With older family members, Haltzman continues, "It's not unusual to hear grandparents say, 'We're going to pack up our things and move closer to the grandkids.'"

Donna Rasin-Waters, a clinical psychologist who works with older adults and represents the Society of Geropsychology, says, "There are great benefits on both ends," and encourages grandparents to live near their grandchildren when possible.

Joan, 64, is dressed neatly on this early-spring day in a pair of crisp jeans, a cornflower-blue sweater and simple gold earrings. She laughs about the vinyl tablecloth she is using for the family's barbecue lunch, and observes that it is emblematic of the way "we've really refocused in our whole approach to life."

As a real estate agent for 23 years, Joan says, "it was a necessity to project a professional appearance in attire and later-model cars." Both she and Ron were on call 24/7 with their businesses. "The pace was becoming very fast and even though we tried to maintain a balance, it was easy to get caught up in the materialistic part of it too."

The ad they spotted for a custom-built log home on 10 acres in Bradford, Vt., with the Waits River flowing past the back part of the property, seemed sent from heaven. For 35 years, they'd treasured a painting given to them by Ron's grandmother of a log cabin in the woods, and always dreamed of retiring to a similar place.

While rustic, this new home of theirs is expansive, with bedrooms for their grown children and grandchildren and lots of space to relax. The backyard features a paved basketball court, where cousins chase each other on tricycles and bikes, and an in-ground pool. And there are several outbuildings where the guys can store their fixed-up hot rods. Ron has already transformed a horse barn into

what resembles a professional mechanic's garage, complete with lift, and he and his sons spend hours indulging their lifelong hobby of "re-engineering anything with an internal combustion engine to make it go faster." Their first winter, the seventh-snowiest in Vermont history, gave everyone lots of chances to enjoy Vermont's extensive trail system on the five snowmobiles Ron bought right after moving in.

Ron and Joan settled on their Bradford house two weeks before Eric's family settled on theirs in Randolph in April 2007. Allan's family has been in their new home in Chester nine months longer. Each branch of the clan lives about an hour's drive from the other, close enough to get together weekly but not near enough to suffocate each other.

Everyone found jobs in their fields: Allan as an eighth-grade science teacher; Ally as a high school guidance counselor; Mandy as a stay-at-home mom and active community volunteer; and Eric as a mechanical engineer, this time for a company that makes turbines that generate electricity from the wind.

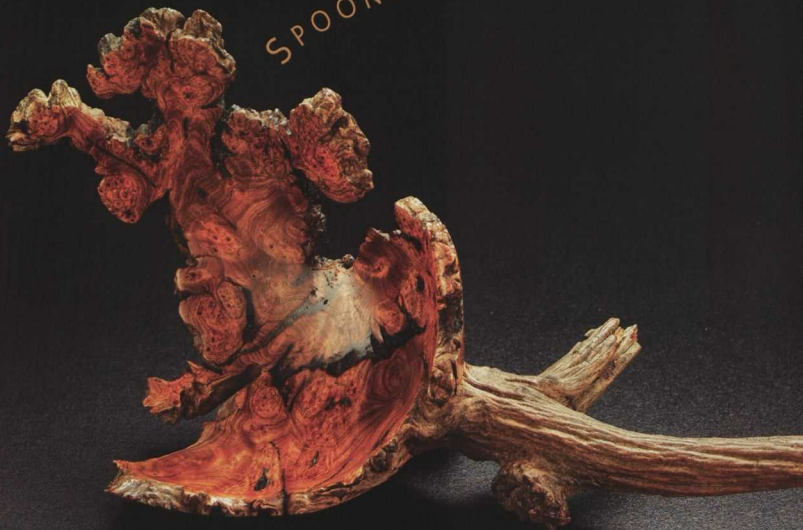
Life is good in the kind of happy-ordinary way people dream about when they start a family. Both young couples have been enjoying regular date nights, now that the kids can sleep over at Granny's. The brothers bond over outings to hockey games and the cousins cuddle together on the big bed in their grandparents' room to watch cartoons. Everyone pitches in when someone's house needs a repair or wood must be stacked. They can even share tools.

Best of all, for Joan and Ron, is the extraordinary difference between seeing their grandchildren only rarely and being with them on a regular basis. Says Joan: "I feel like it was divine intervention. Everything has come together as if it was meant to be." ■

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SPOONS TO STIR THE SOUL



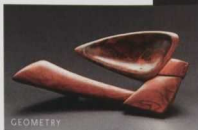
IN THE EARLIEST YEARS OF HIS CAREER AS A WOOD SCULPTOR, NORM SARTORIUS '69 MADE HUMBLE KITCHEN SPOONS THAT SERVED THE SPAGHETTI OR STIRRED THE SOUP.

Nowadays, he creates spoons that serve a higher purpose: "to stir the soul." They are snatched up by collectors at juried, high-end craft shows and displayed in 12 major museum collections, such as the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, The Museum of Art & Design in New York and The Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C.

In April, he participated for the eleventh time in the annual Smithsonian Craft Show, the nation's most prestigious exhibition and sale of contemporary American craft, where some of his pieces sold for more than \$3,000. He also celebrated 25 years of marriage to Diane Bosley, whose encouragement, business savvy and support in the form of a full-time job with health insurance "provided the context in which I could have the luxury to experiment and develop my rather odd work," he says.

Terry Martin, a writer and fellow wood sculptor based in Brisbane, Australia, chronicled the evolution of Sartorius' art for *Woodwork Magazine*. We reprint an edited version of the article here with its permission.

—The Editors





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AMERICA 2008

I FIRST MET NORM SARTORIUS A LONG-DISTANCE FRIENDSHIP, ACROSS THE GLOBE.

From time to time we saw each other at woodworking events and I had a good chance to talk with Norm when I visited him at his home in Parkersburg, WV. Norm is a genial man, a stocky figure with a full beard and a strong, resonant voice that belies his gentleness. It was a pleasure to sit with him for several days and talk about how he traveled the road from being a humble maker of kitchen spoons to a respected and sought-after artist.

After graduating with a degree in psychology, Norm worked for a few years as a psychiatric social worker. It ultimately proved to be an unsatisfying career for him, which he explains in a way that many of us can relate to: "It was desperately difficult to get a feeling of accomplishment. I got to the point that I envied the woman I used to see every morning sweeping the stairs. At least she had a result. After five years I quit to find something where I could have a clear, visible result for my efforts."

Although he had no thoughts of woodwork, Norm met a couple in Baltimore who owned a craft store, and they offered him a position as a trainee woodworker. "I had never done any woodworking of any kind, but it felt really good right from the start. I made cutting boards, knife racks, light switch plates, bracelets, pie servers — anything small out of wood." Eventually Norm bought a cabin in West Virginia and continued making the same small wood objects to sell at local craft fairs. An old barn that cost \$50 became his source of wood. "A lot of it was beautifully weathered chestnut, and I made kitchen utensils out of it. I was selling spoons for \$7. It was a very simple life with not much money."

A few years later, Norm met Bobby Reed Falwell, a well-known studio furniture maker. "He liked my spoons and bought three. We kept in touch, and in 1980 he encouraged me to come and work with him. I stayed with him for 18 months." Even at that early time, Norm had developed his signature style of using the natural features of a piece of wood. Falwell encouraged this: "He was particularly impressed with my use of raw material, such as the contrast between heart-

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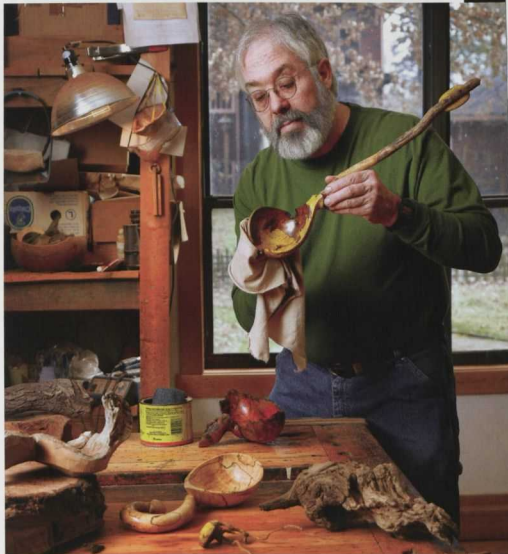
wood and sapwood, and he was the first person who told me that there was a sculptural quality to my work."

Norm moved to Parkersburg, W.V., in 1982, and that's about the time his work started to become more sophisticated. He began to notice the way other woodworkers were creating fine bowls that were viewed as art, and he wondered if he could take his spoons to that level. He began using higher-quality finishes and woods and built a different booth for the craft shows that displayed his work the way a gallery might. Norm noticed that the public response to his spoons was also different than to all his other work, and he started to consider that maybe he was, at heart, a spoonmaker. "This was probably a reflection of the fact that I really liked making spoons," he says. "It had always been that way, right from the beginning."

In 1986 Norm was contacted by the head of Craft Alliance in St. Louis. She said, "I've heard you make really beautiful spoons. We're having a show called 'Wooden Vessels: the Art of Woodturning.' Would you like to show spoons as artwork, not just as functional spoons?" Norm sent 15 spoons, and instead of his usual mineral oil finish, he put a permanent finish on them. "That was the first time I did that; her call helped me complete that change in my thinking." All of his spoons sold, and he says that it led to a major change in his self-image.

The story of how Norm became both a well-respected artist and a distinguished participant in the craft circuit revolves around two factors. Certainly, one is meeting the right people and being open to their influence. But the other, more important factor is the years of steady, hard work he has put into developing his skill and design sense. He told me that many people don't realize how much is involved. "Often people come into my booth and tell me that my work seems quite romantic. They're probably comparing it to their office jobs. I tell them that an awful lot of what I do is just work. If you took 40 hours of my work, probably 35 of those hours are cutting, sanding, filing, or endlessly rubbing."

So why does Norm persist? "That's not the part that I work for. The addictive moment comes when you see the potential in an idea and then make it happen.



When I see the look on people's faces, that's the thing I work for — the communication between the idea, the piece of wood, and the few people out there who actually see what I have seen. It's worth all the rest, always."

Like many woodworkers, Norm works in a solitary environment, so being at craft fairs compensates in many ways. "At shows I am around other makers, collec-

Norm Sartorius turns out spoonish sculptures at his workshop in Parkersburg, W.V.

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tors, the public. I get ideas from people who make other wonderful things, not just in wood. It's become my community of friends over the past 15 years. Also, I love it when someone comes into the booth, then runs out to the rest of their family and says, 'Come here! You gotta see this!' It doesn't matter if they are knowledgeable about the field, because it shows I am communicating with them in some way. That's nourishment for me, and that is as important as dollar support."

On the first morning I stayed with Norm we ate breakfast in a beautiful glassed room overlooking a path that leads under enormous spreading trees to his workshop at the bottom of the garden. While soft rain dripped from the leafy canopy, we ate and talked about spoons. Watching Norm explain how he makes spoons is fascinating, as he becomes so excited. While he spoke, his hands flexed around an imaginary piece of wood. Eventually, frustrated at the inadequacy of words, he snatched up the uneaten half-melon from his plate and pointed to the rind. "Here's the sapwood..." he started. Suddenly he leapt up from his chair and rushed into the kitchen, came back with a kitchen knife and started cutting up the melon. "You see, I don't like that little part where the stem was,

so I'm going to cut that off. Now I've completely changed the shape. I couldn't see this potential as long as that was attached. See, I cut here and here..." In moments Norm has made a "melon spoon" and he has also made all the points he wanted to tell me about how to carve spoons. For quite a while we both sat and sipped coffee while we looked at his new spoon.

We spent some time in Norm's workshop while he showed me how he works, then he spent the rest of the day showing me his spoon collection, which not only includes special pieces of his own, but spoons from around the world. As we reviewed Norm's work I started to realize just how many spoons you can make in 30 years and how different they can be. But I did start to see patterns emerging, and it was by dividing his work into themes that I began to make sense of it all.

I particularly admire Norm's understanding of the mechanics and design of the transition between the bowl of the spoon and its handle. Sometimes it is a smoothly flowing link seamlessly letting the bowl grow

from the handle, or vice versa. Norm agreed that this is important. "The transition between a handle and a bowl is really significant. It's not something I can even successfully draw because it's at the feeling level. If I'm working on that I'll stay up late into the night rather than interrupt the flow of work." In "Lilac Spoon," the handle reaches out gently to hold the end of the bowl. It is as if the bowl grew out of the stem of a "spoon tree," so natural is the transition. The simplicity of the image belies the time it takes to visualize this design and to carve it out of the single piece of wood. Norm described this as an "early attempt to create joinery illusions where the bowl and handle meet."

In "Scoop," which is now owned by the Museum of Art and Design in New York, he used his lathe skills to join two pieces of wood with a turned tenon. It is not surprising that a prestigious museum should include a piece of such superb craftsmanship in its collections.

Many of Norm's spoons are a celebration of grain and color, not so much a spoon as a palette for expressing his love of wood. This love affair with wood has led him from being primarily a function-driven designer to what you might call an interpreter of the natural qualities of wood. "It's not often I come to a piece of wood with a preconceived idea. About 75 percent of my spoons are very powerfully influenced by something about the wood. It may be a weathered part of the wood, a little area of burl, or a color contrast between heartwood and sapwood."

In recent years the spoons that seem to give Norm the most satisfaction are those which take advantage of the natural features in the wood, especially the heavy scars of nature's hand. As an example, Norm speaks with pride of one of his favorite spoons. "I made 'Primal' in 2005. I had a show coming up and I wanted to take a great spoon. I thought that piece of wood had the most potential, but I couldn't see it. I had it at my feet for a couple of weeks, and I'd take a break from working on another piece and lift it up, turn it over. It was really electric when I finally saw it. Then it was quite quick and smooth. Nothing could shake my confidence that this piece is great. It practically made itself."

Another nature-driven spoon is "Shard," which is held by the Mint Museum of Craft and Design in Charlotte, N.C. Norm says this spoon "suggests a remnant of a whole spoon, perhaps eroded over time and discovered in a ruin."

Sometimes the natural wood charms Norm so much that he leaves whole parts untouched. "Lift Off" is a marvelous contrast between the finely carved

spoon and the untouched extension. I say "extension" because it is not really a handle, but more an understated reference to where the handle would be in a functional spoon. In some pieces the rough beauty of the wood overwhelms any idea of imposed design and the carving is merely a token reference to what Norm calls "spoon-ness." As a celebration of unrefined wood, "Jagged" is a fine example.

Many of the spoons Norm crafts are explorations of the sculptural potential of the handle. "Assateague Spoon" is an example of figurative work, using seashells as inspiration. "Assateague Island is where I used to beachcomb for shells when I was boy," says Norm, who grew up nearby in Pocomoke City, Md.

One way to describe many of Norm's spoons is simply "unexpected." He calls these spoons "really weird — they might be very abstracted, or cartoonish, or exaggerated in form, extremely asymmetrical. I want to surprise people so they think they have never seen a spoon like that before. I suppose I'm working at my best when I find a way to make a departure from what is expected."

"Geometry," one of eight spoons recently acquired by the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh for its permanent decorative arts collection, is not instantly recognizable as a spoon; rather it seems to be an abstraction of a spoon.

"America, 2008," among new works recently shown at the Smithsonian Craft Show, is the first spoon he's ever crafted with a political theme. "It's a spoon that's split in half, and that's the condition our country seems to be in during this election year," he says.

"Spoon Dreams II" is from a series of work that more strongly resembles traditional sculpture, but still incorporates his hallmark spoon motif. "It sort of represents the unconscious; it's where the spoons live in my imagination," he explains. "There is an infinite variety of forms and bowls and textures, and this is an attempt to represent the well where I go to find the spoons."

Norm best explains his own work with these words: "How a spoon fits in your hand and how it fits in your eye are only part of why a good piece works. There is also a 'feeling level' of consciousness, a quick gut reaction that is very different to an intellectual reaction. Perhaps it's partly made up of touch and sight, but there's more than that. When I'm making a piece, there comes a point when I just feel that it is finished — no more shaping, no more adding and subtracting. It's just done. That's a mildly magical moment." —Terry Martin



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SPOON DREAMS II



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All-American Lobbyist

Jim Kaufman '91 is a highly successful lobbyist on Capitol Hill. He's also a good guy who tells the truth and plays by the rules.

Hardly seems possible, right? "I know, we're all evil with green horns," Kaufman quips, conceding the low public approval rating often assigned to his profession. He even shares a joke about a colleague who once told his mother he was a piano player in a whorehouse to spare her the worry of learning he was a lobbyist.

Forget for a moment what you remember from the 2006 political scandal involving notorious lobbyist and businessman Jack Abramoff, who was dragged off to jail after pleading guilty to fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy to bribe public officials with expensive skybox parties at sporting events and trips to Scotland. And tune out the rhetoric of presidential hopefuls, who have taken to bad-mouthing the lobbying industry in order to boost their candidacies.

Instead, conjure the brilliant image of founding father Benjamin Franklin, who is identified in history as the first American lobbyist because of his impassioned speech before London's Parliament against the 1765 Stamp Act, which imposed on colonists an unfair tax on legal and commercial documents, newspapers and pamphlets. Resistance to the Stamp Act paved the way for the American Revolution.

"If lobbying isn't as American as apple pie, then it's at least as American as Benjamin Franklin," says Political Science Professor Herb Smith, an early mentor of Kaufman's who continues to follow his career. "There's always been lobbying, that's part of the persuasive component of government and it's a natural part of the political process."

Over the past 243 years, since Ben Franklin's first bid to influence government, lobbying has grown into a \$2.8 billion industry with 35,000 registered professionals. But all lobbyists are not alike.

"I'm not a hired gun," says Kaufman, who is proud of the work he does to affect policy for the public good. "I serve only one client and it's nice because I represent a white hat."

As director of government relations for the renowned Johns Hopkins Institutions, he is lead analyst on a long list of complex, important issues, such as

health-care reform, stem-cell research and organ donation. His expertise is valued by high-ranking U.S. congressmen, senators and their staffs.

"Yes, elected officials represent the citizenry that they're elected to serve, but the issues are so complicated; I don't care how good or big your staff is, they can't be an expert on every detail," he says. "My role is to help legislators understand the issue and its nuances. I translate healthcare-ese and research-ese into legislative-ese."

Kaufman cites an example of his role in the process from his years on assignment in the Maryland Legislature. "One of the issues I was working on was a bill that would deregulate open-heart surgery. It was very complicated, with a lot of medical pieces. While the committee was working on that issue in a work group, there was another work group that was meeting — and a lot of the members were on both groups — on a thing called deregulation of electricity. Well, what's the similarity between open-heart surgery and electricity? None, other than the committee assignment," he says.

Though Kaufman is not a physician, he has a doctorate in public policy from the University of Maryland and spends a lot of time reading medical journals and talking with the Hopkins faculty. "I've never done open-heart surgery, but I understand the details well enough that I could educate the folks in Annapolis about the issues. At the same time, I know enough about the legislative process to explain how it works to the doctors."

More recently in Washington, Kaufman worked to pass legislation allowing the paired kidney donation program. His two-minute summation of it shows off his well-honed ability to present issues in a package than can be quickly understood.

"Say you want to donate your kidney to your mother, but you're not a biological match. And I was going to donate my kidney to my sister, but I'm not a biological match. However, I'm a biological match for your mother and you're a biological match for my sister. That's where we would swap these kidneys. We'd all go in for surgery at the same time and your mother would get my kidney and my sister would get yours."

The Department of Justice warned that the program could be a violation of the law under the valuable consideration clause of the National Organ and Transplant Act because it might be interpreted as a bartering program. "The Department of Justice told us, 'We don't want to stop it, but you need to go and get the law

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changed.' So we worked with our members in Congress and other national organizations to get the law passed," Kaufman says. In early April, Hopkins became the first hospital in the country to complete a six-way kidney swap.

One night this spring, Kaufman and two other alumni lobbyists traveled from the Hill in Washington to the Hill in Westminster for a panel discussion. The trio did what they do best: they advocated — this time for careers in lobbying.

"It's a job where you can occasionally influence public policy, get to help people every day, and have a front-row seat to history," Neil Messick '71 told the crowd of mostly political science majors.

Like Kaufman, Messick and Randy Dove '74 are also in-house lobbyists who see their roles more as educators than power brokers. Messick is vice president of government relations for ArcelorMittal Americas, the nation's largest steel producer. Dove is executive director of government relations for Electronic Data Systems, a leading global technology services company.

Each of the men started their careers as interns and rose through the ranks. Kaufman served an internship with Maryland Senator Julian "Jack" Lapides and during his junior year he worked for a member of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. After graduation,

he was a military intelligence platoon leader for the Maryland Army National Guard and also a campaign driver for State Delegate Martha Klima. During road trips from Oakland to Ocean City, he listened, discussed and earned her respect — and ultimately a promotion to legislative assistant. He has also worked as a finance policy analyst for the Maryland Higher Education Commission, where he evaluated a \$1.2 billion budget and prepared briefings for the Commission, the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly.

Kaufman's passion for government is evident in his frequent returns to campus to share his experience and advice with current students of his former mentor, Professor Smith. Since 1992, he has also returned to the Hill to coordinate with Smith the annual legislature simulation for 350 high school seniors participating in the American Legion Boys State.

At the end of July, Kaufman will take the next step in his career as a good-guy Washington insider to assume the position of vice president of public policy for the National Association of Children's Hospitals, whose tagline is "Champions for Children's Health."

The move represents a promotion, Kaufman says, but also the opportunity to effect more positive change. "You can't get more white-hat than working on behalf of kids." —Kim Asch

A WHITE-HAT LOBBYIST'S 9 KNOWS AND 1 NO-NO:

Know that it's important to tell the truth.

Know your issues inside and out; know what the other side's going to say and know what you're going to say.

Know what you're asking for.

Know the players.

Know the staff, what issues they cover, and what they care about.

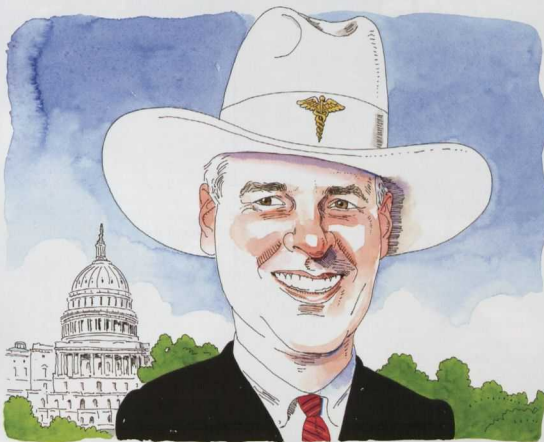
Know who else is in the game. Especially in D.C., it's a big pool so you need to know other players who are working on the issues.

Know who's got relationships.

Know the process.

Know when to push.

No surprises. That is critical. If something bad is coming, you want to tell the people who care before it comes out — if you possibly can.



JOSEPH CAMELLO

Some of the newest contributors to the Annual Fund, these members of the Class of 2008 enjoy Senior Week on the Hill (clockwise from left): Kendall Bieschke, Brenden Hodge, Amanda Franklin, Erin McKeon, Adam Safley, Michelle Debaugh, Bill Druckenmiller, Lauren Esposito, Katie Williams.

Creating a New Class of Alumni Who Give

Senior Class President Beth Moran '08 has no problem asking her friends for money — when it's on behalf of their alma mater. At an event celebrating the 100-day countdown to Commencement, the confident brunette stood before her peers while they sipped wine and munched hors d'oeuvres, and urged them all to make their first Annual Fund gift of \$20.08.

"Twenty dollars is not a huge request; we spend that easily on a night out," she said recently. "But it's important to plant the thought in their minds that at some point in our lives we have to give back, and now is a good time to start."

Moran is among the more enlightened of her classmates. After all, she has been active with the Student Alumni Council and the Alumni Leadership Program for Seniors, both initiatives of the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving to educate students about the inner workings of the College and the vital role of alumni in its growth and success.

She has attended presentations by Vice President of Administration and Finance Ethan Seidel about the campus master plan and a talk by College Historian Jim Lightner '59 about McDaniel's evolution over the past 140 years. She's met with Board Chair Marty Hill



C. KURT HOUTER

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at a reception at the president's house, volunteered at events for high-level donors and chauffeured alumni around the Hill during Reunion Weekend.

"Not only do we have a lot of fun riding around on golf carts, we get to talk to these older alumni. It's great getting to know them because we would never be where we are today without them," she said.

While 85 percent of students receive some sort of financial aid, the total revenue from tuition, room and board covers only about 75 percent of the College's annual operating budget. Annual Fund gifts help defray expenses — such as scholarships for worthy students, salary support for faculty and the acquisition of new classroom technologies — that can't be met by tuition fees.

Moran says her solicitations of other students are sometimes met with grumbles that she's "working for The Man," but she brushes off those kinds of complaints as naïve.

"It's a tight-knit community here, but it's also a business whose focus is providing an excellent liberal arts education. I feel I've gotten an excellent value," she said.

Agrees Yolanda Hill '03, who just earned her master's in social work at Catholic University in May and has been a regular contributor to the Annual Fund, "I didn't just get an education at McDaniel, I feel I found myself there."

These are important messages Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Kristin Lathroum Lister '85 begins to share "from the minute students step foot on campus." As coordinator of the effort to groom future alumni who will be generous with their wisdom, work and wealth, it is her job to help students see a connection between the efforts of alumni and the value of their own experiences on the Hill.

"We recently had an event in the new Klitzberg Pavilion and some student volunteers were commenting about how nice it is there, such a great space. I told them, 'Well, that was made possible by a \$1 million gift from Richie Klitzberg '63 and his wife, Judy Callahan '63 Klitzberg,'" she said. "And then I told them, 'If you like, you can make a gift to name one of the buildings over in the North Village.' They thought that would be pretty cool."

Biology major Jonathan Schultz '08, who was awarded the Bates Prize as the most outstanding male senior, said that his experience working at a Founders Society Night event convinced him to give at the \$1,000-plus level as soon as he's able. "It'd be worth the money to get to come back to campus, dressed up for such a big event, and support a good cause."

But with most graduating seniors, Lister focuses on participation and the importance of any gift to the Annual Fund in any amount. It is a lesson she herself didn't learn for a long time. "I remember I used to think, 'I'm a stay-at-home mom with three young kids and I can't give on the level of some of my friends'," she said. "It wasn't until later, when I started working here, that I understood that my \$25 gift was crucial."

Alumni participation in the Annual Fund is critical because some corporations and foundations make funding decisions based in part on those participation rates. Higher participation rates translate directly into increased outside funding for the College. Alumni participation is also a key factor in the reports of college-ranking organizations like *U.S. News & World Report*.

Giving back is "a uniquely American trait," said McDaniel Board Chair Emeritus James Melhorn, speaking at Commencement after receiving an honorary degree. "I know that some of you realize that you are here today because somebody has given back. I also know that some of you have already started to give back, and I invite you to continue that lifestyle. And to the rest of you, I would encourage you to give back through your time, talents and resources."

\$500,000 Challenge Grant to Fund Scholarships

The France-Merrick Foundation of Baltimore recently announced a \$500,000 challenge grant to fund scholarships for deserving students from Baltimore City in financial need.

Matching funds will be raised over the next three years to endow scholarships with preference given to those undergraduates who wish to earn their teaching certification in elementary or secondary education. ■

Gift Highlights

Anniversary Gifts

This year during Reunion Weekend May 2-4, Alumni Association President Corynne Courpas '76 announced that in the five years leading up to their class reunions, alumni leadership gifts reached a cumulative total of more than \$6.4 million. Support for the Annual Fund, capital projects and endowment were all included in this impressive total. A listing of individuals who made leadership gifts over \$500,000 follows:

Bob '43 and Perk Haller '46
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Lee Rice '48 and Joan
Develin Coley
Chris Royer '48
Louise Scott Widdup '48
Tom Scott '53
Bill '50 and Win Spencer
'53 Dulany
Wray Mowbray '58
Otto '63 and Jan Guenther
Bob '62 and Peggy Hoey
'63 Warfield
Rich '63 and Judy
Callahan '63 Klitzberg
Gordon '68 and Barbara
Payne '70 Shelton
Michael '73 and Catherine
Mock
Jennifer Hill '93 Bucyzk
and Jeff Bucyzk

class notes

News and views about life since college





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Fearless and Bold! That is us to a T. Western Maryland College laid the foundation. Thanks so much to each of you responding to my call for news. We now have 24 in our class and 13 responded. As my grandchildren would say, "Awesome."

Helen Armstrong, of Kennett Square, Pa., feels lucky to have found a special place to live, Kendal at Longwood. There are spacious grounds and each has a suitable apartment. Helen helps in the library and is part of the "Kendal Singers" who give two concerts a year. She also enjoys a play series at Delaware Theatre in Wilmington where she saw "Diary of Anne Frank." She misses driving and taking trips but admits she is content.

Charles D. Baker, of Baltimore, is thankful to be remembered. He was forced to withdraw in the middle of the third year due to financial problems. "But I always maintained my love for WMC and my classmates," he writes. He later attended Baltimore College of Commerce for two years at night. He was employed 40 years with Equifax Inc. in Baltimore retiring as employment services director for Maryland. And during WWII, he was a special agent with the Army Counter Intelligence Corps. He served in the U.S., then with the 32nd Division in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines, and finally with the Australian 9th Brigade in Borneo. He is still a member of the Military Intelligence Association.

Charles married Marcel Collins a graduate R.N. of Hospital for Women of Maryland. They have two sons. Dan received master's in psychology from Loyola College and works for the VA at Perry Point. Brent has worked for McCormick & Company at Hunt Valley for 25 years. Charles and Marcel have lived in Loch Raven Village in Towson for 54 years. They summer at a cottage on Miller Island near Fort Howard, Md. Charles is active in the United Methodist church where **Rev. Gayle E. Annis-Fordes '80** is minister and **Rev. Robert Fringo '55** is visiting and care minister. Charles had two older brothers, now deceased, **George Baker '27** and **Edward Baker '33**.

Stanley Benjamin, of North Halwick, Mass., turned 94 in May. His daughter writes for him as he suffers Dementia/Alzheimer's. He is not too bad physically.

Photo:

Welcome to the newest class of alumni, who received their master's and bachelor's degrees May 24.

Next Door Once More

Bertha Hall Maloney '44 and **Ann Meeth Klingaman '44** were next-door neighbors six decades ago when they lived on the Hill in McDaniel Hall. Two years ago, they became neighbors again when Bertha moved to the Vantage House retirement community in Columbia, where her lifelong pal Ann had already taken up residence.

Bertha's husband, Joe, died from colon cancer just six weeks after the move, but Bertha has stayed busy with exercise class, the choral group, and pool.

Of course, Bertha and Ann see each other all the time and make a point to share dinner on Mondays and Wednesdays. "We don't cook — we go down to the dining hall," Bertha says. Sound familiar?



however and lives with three daughters four months each. They live in Cape Cod, Mass; Port Charlotte, Fla.; The Woodlands, Texas.

Allie May Moxley Buxton, of Damascus, Md., still gets to church via the wheel chair. "Thanks to the faithful assistance of son Steve I am able to live at home." She was happy to discover the new district supervisor is **Rev. Vivian Crouse McCarthy '74**, summa cum laude of the music department. Allie May and former WMC roommate **Helen Armstrong** keep in touch. "Best wishes and good health and happiness to all of my classmates."

Samuel F. Baxter USA (Ret.), of Timonium, Md., explains that because of low vision he will send me a letter on his computer with magnification software. His travel is reduced because of impaired vision. However, one daughter took him for a 10-day visit to her Florida home. Another daughter hosted him for Christmas week at her home. His son hosted him for Thanksgiving weekend. Then he was off to the wedding of his lawyer grandson, 25, in Richmond, Va. There are activities at the Mercy Ridge Retirement Center. He enjoys the aquatic and fitness center, which has an 85-foot pool and several pieces of exercise equipment. He works out one hour each day four times a week.

Doris Haines Dixon, of Staunton, Va., says her daughter, Louisa, has an exchange program of her own. She lives part of the year here and part in Besancon, France. "She, my son, Woody, and I spent 16 days over Thanksgiving in France." Also, Doris has a new great-grandson, Owen Laird Marley. His mother, Doris's granddaughter Erin, is a nurse practitioner.

Caroline Smith Dudley, of Hanover, Pa., is in her 17th year as resident of Homewood of Plum Creek. She participates in music for Sunday chapel services. Bridge each week is enjoyed. Quiet evenings alone afford time to read. "I recommend *Fearless and Bold* by **Dr. James Lightner '59**." Also, best of all she is a proud great-grandmother to Dudley, 9 months. I wish to add that Caroline's ancestors figure in Dr. Lightner's book. John Smith of Wakefield, president of Western Maryland Railroad, played an important part in the founding of the College.

Charles R. Ehrhardt, of Sun City West, Ariz., says he has a list of "things to do" and occasionally feels enabled to do a small portion of them. "Slowed and showing." He is still blessed by wife Mitzie, family, friends and church and has happy recollections of alma maters, classmates, colleagues of days of yore, along with grieving at their passing. Right now, I am looking at Charles and Mitzie's Christmas letter with two photos along with the messages. One pictures the family in 1961, mother, dad, and four children.

The second pictures 23 from parents to great grandchildren. All beaming!

Kirk Fallin, of Manchester, Md., reports that he now has two children, nine grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. Kirk is still ambulatory. He drove to Lake George, N.Y., last September for a Navy meeting and to Florence, S.C., in October to visit a daughter. "I have a few squeaks and rattles and I won't be an octogenarian much longer."

Alfred Goldberg, of Falls Church, Va., says he retired as chief historian of the Department of Defense on Nov. 30, 2007. Since then he has had a full-time job caring for his wife who is seriously ill. He had 57 years of federal service, 34 as chief historian. "It was a good long run but there comes a time when the 'music stops'."

Eloise Doub Hoke, of Richmond, Va., attended WMC just one year. She has many happy memories and earlier brought her husband to see what a great place it is. "As I am sure most in the class are, I am 91 and feeling fine." Her husband has Alzheimer's and Parkinson's so she is homebound now caring for him. They have six children, six grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. During WWII, she was private secretary for assistant manager of a large defense plant. As children arrived, she became a full-time mother. Much later when her husband retired they traveled — two months driving around the U.S.; twice to Europe; and several cruises. "And yes, I am one of the feisty ones."

Alvan N. Moore, of Sterling, Va., says the best news is that he is still one of the survivors of the class of 1938. He passed 90 and they had a family reunion — 85 descendants of George and Naomi Moore (his parents) were present. Some met for the first time. He was the oldest. A bit frail but he still enjoys life in the retirement center.

Betty Sehrt Sperry, of Newark, Del., says "Life is quiet but good." She lives in a senior citizen community near her daughter. She flew to California last summer to see three great-grandchildren. "I walk with a cane but really cannot complain." Husband Charles passed away in May '06. To her it is still "Western Maryland College."

Mildred A. Wheatley, of Upper Marlboro, Md., is a patient in Bradford Oaks Home. She celebrated her 90th in May '07. She wishes all well.

And so now, it is down to me. I still live in my home of 56 years in Mt. Airy, Md. It needed repair so I have a freshly covered white vinyl house with black roof and shutters and a bright red front door. WOW. Earlier in March '07, a surprise 90th birthday party left me overwhelmed, but happy. Friends and relatives planned and attended — about 170 in all. Son

John started in January enlisting the aid of Calvary Church and the local garden club. My scrapbook is full of photos and well wishes. Growing old "ain't too bad!" Some WMCers present were **Arlene Guyton Runkles '34**, **Ethel Lauterbach Sellman '37**, **Frances Brown Crawford '45**, **Robert '48** and **Jane Conaway Wagner '49**, **Elizabeth Simpson Seidler '52**, **Richard Smith '52**, **Ernest '53** and **Rachel Early Green '51**, **Virginia Bond Norwood '53**, **Mary Jane Thorney Wilson '57**, **Norma Lee Etzler Dennis '59**, **Diane Simpson Krell '64** and **Leslie Jackson Simpson MED'78**. Following this, in the spring and summer, bridal showers and weddings saw two granddaughters whisked away by Prince Charmings. One wedding took place at the Little Baker Chapel, McDaniel College. I enjoy good health, walk frequently in a park nearby, grow and can a few tomatoes, take small parts in church dramas, (Susanna Wesley, mother of John and Charles last time) and thoroughly enjoy reporting monthly on birds for the Mt. Airy Garden Club. Life is good. Loved hearing from you.

Condolences have been sent to the families of the following: **Clayton Norwin Gompf**, May 12, 2006; **James Conway Davis**, September 2, 2006; **Ann Brinsfield Simmons**, June 7, 2006; **Paul Amos Nelson**, October 27, 2006; **H. Leroy Campbell**, January 3, 2007; **E. Worthington Belt**, June 8, 2007; **Dolly May Taylor Moore** August 17, 2007; **Alden Farnham Church**, August 19, 2007; **Elizabeth Temple Morris Madjeski**, October 25, 2007; and **Eleanor Taylor Smith**, September 11, 2007.

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W.D. "Woody" Preston, as per usual, was among the first to respond. He and his wife, Lucy, live in Naples, Fla., and occupy a good portion of their time reading and traveling. In the last report, Woody stated that his grandson, **Gibbs Preston '10**, was going to attend McDaniel College and lend his significant talent to the lacrosse team. In his communication, Woody talked about how beautiful the College is at present and that he and Lucy hoped to return in April to see Gibbs play lacrosse. As you recall, I mentioned that when he was in town, Woody attended the Old Timers Group Luncheon. The late **Tom "Terry" Tereshinski** was one of the founding members of that group which met once monthly at the Airport Inn in Westminster. Woody stated, "We will miss Terry at our monthly luncheon, we will miss him all year long."

Bill Keeffe, the good Rev. and his wife, Elsie, celebrated their 60th anniversary on Nov. 23, 2007. All of

his children returned home for Christmas so that Elsie, then ill, could share the Christmas holiday with them, during what turned out to be a terminal illness. Bill says that "Alice" went to be with her Lord on Jan. 14, 2008. "I am lonely, but she has found peace." Bill sends his greetings to all of his classmates.

Phoebe Johnson Rutherford currently resides in W. Dennis, Mass. She continues to enjoy good health and sends her best to all of her classmates. Knee replacements in 2001 and 2006 allowed her to enjoy a Christmas walk in New York City, as she states "up Fifth Avenue and down Park Avenue to include a visit to Rockefeller Center and Saint Patrick's Cathedral."

Wallen L. Bean, Beanie, as he was known in college, lives with wife Christine in Dartmouth, Mass. They celebrated their 62nd anniversary on Dec. 26, 2007. Christine continues to paint at age 87 and had good success at a recent show in Marion, Mass. In the previous report, the Reverend Bean stated that he was writing a book regarding growing up in the hills of West Virginia, going to seminary following his college life at W.M.C., and the transition to the ministry and a life dedicated to religious counseling. The writing is just about complete and he has decided to call it "The Uninitiated Hillbilly."

Beanie came to WMC from Moorefield, W.Va., and states that he has started to write a second book of "fishing stories." He is in good health except for Parkinson's syndrome, which is controlled by medication. His family of three sons and three grandchildren are fine, "all doing well." He expects to have a garden again this year and is planning to plant 200 strawberry plants. A Parkinson's disease support group, which he started, has flourished and currently has a growing membership. Son **James '72** is head of the music department of Friends Academy and is a classical guitarist. Son **Charles '72** works for the Library of Congress also sings in blue grass band. Son John is a traveling "trouble shooter" for a computer company.

Olive A. Cook, currently resides in Wilmington, Del., and writes, "I moved to a Methodist country home in 2004 and have a very nice apartment and am enjoying life here." I'm still singing in the church choir at Aldersgate Methodist Church and am also participating in the musical program at the Methodist country home. In 2004, Olive had a busy time trying to get her sister's estate in order after her sister succumbed to a stroke and her sister's son died the following day. But she says, "I had help getting things in order." Olive says that she is looking for someone she can ride with to the next class reunion on the Hill.

Frank D. Zeigler lives on Burnt Mill Road in Ridgely, Md., and just celebrated his 85th birthday. He

**Charles Irwin
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the triple jump
and discus.**

just completed a course of study in art marketing so that he can benefit his wife, an artist of some renown on the Eastern Shore. Frank says that much of his activity currently revolves around his wife's art career since "she does a goodly number of shows, and exhibits and teaches art classes." He reports his health is good but that his energy level is "not what I'd like it to be" but, adds "hope that all of my classmates are as fortunate as I am."

Ann Meeth Klingaman, of Columbia, Md., responded to our query and verified that she lives next door to **Bertha Hall Maloney**, her neighbor in McDaniel Hall. These grandchildren are working on advanced degrees.

Sean Eckhardt McWilliams split her time between Naples, Fla., and Maryland. From Halloween until the first of May in Florida and from May until the end of October in her home and her and Mac's office in Reisterstown, Md. Jeannie sent a copy of an article in the *Community Times* of Reisterstown, Randallstown, Glyndon and Owings Mills, written by **Eleanor Healy Taylor '43** regarding the naming of the stadium of Franklin High School for **Clarence McWilliams '43**, Jean's husband who for 25 years was the team doctor. At the dedication ceremony, Bill Myers, teacher, coach and athletic director at the school said, "Dr. McWilliams was a wonderful man, he did it from the kindness of his heart, without pay, and because he loved Franklin High School." Jeannie and Mac have a family of eight, and represented the fifth generation of the family to graduate from Franklin High.

As an aside, my wife's mother, Lillian Kloth, also graduated from that school and Ellen still has her class ring. Jeannie was a fireball of energy in college and is still having fun expending same. She writes: "I want to share my fun-filled holiday of 2007 with my classmates. Four of my six sons invited me to accompany them to Greece and the Island of Mykonos. We missed our Doc' who just wore out in March '06, among the boys, who are pondering a visit to Turks and Caicos in the Bahamas for a long weekend in May '08. I have told them that I am ready and my passport is still up to date."

Genevieve Spry McGee, in July '07, moved to a retirement village in Lewes, Del. The facility, Cadbury, is brand new, just opening in the summer of 2007. Her new address is 17030 Cadbury Circle, Apt. III, Lewes, DE 19958. The move allows Genevieve to be near her daughter in Rehoboth, Del., and thus in a better position to spoil her grandchildren. Genevieve was a transfer student to WMC and did not arrive until her junior year. In doing so, she states that she feels that she missed a good deal of WMC life but still keeps in touch with a few Western Marylanders and attends some alumni functions, particularly those held in Ocean City, Md. After the holidays, Genevieve traveled to the Virgin Islands and spent 10 days at St. Johns.

She informs me that her sister, **Ruth Spry Garrison '46**, has recently moved into the Bay Woods Retirement Home in Annapolis, Md. After leaving WMC, Ruth completed nursing training at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore and ultimately became head of pediatric nursing at that institution.

Mary Lee Crawford Yingling is residing at Carroll Lutheran Retirement Village in Westminster and "enjoying close contact with the many other Western Marylanders who live there. She says, "Bud '43 and Jeannie Diefenbach Smith are our great neighbors." Mary Lee also visits **Emily Billingslea Wirth** who lives in a cottage at Carroll Lutheran and sees Emily's cousin **Betty Billingslea Scott** on occasion. Then emphasizes, "all of us are still great friends." College ties can never be broken, formed at WMC. Mary Lee concludes by writing C.L.V. is a great place to see old friends and meet new ones.

R. Reese Scott writes that all is OK in his abode at New Providence, N.J. Reese and wife Jane have lived at the same location for some 43 years. They stay very active with exercise classes, church activity, tennis and keeping up with their 13 grandchildren. Three of those grandkids are already college graduates and two are currently students in college. One is a senior at Rutgers, where Reese completed his college education following his tour of service in the armed forces, and another is a junior at the University of Delaware. One of the grandchildren is a senior in high school and the others, still in school, cover the range from the fourth to 11th grades.

Mary Jo Davis Cochrane while in college lived in Golts, Md., and now resides in a Wonderful Life Care Community, Apt. 1038, 115 Northlake Drive in Orange City, Fla. She spent the Christmas holidays in Atlanta, Ga., with daughter Mary and Mary's husband, Dan. Her son, John, his wife, and granddaughter and husband live in Jacksonville, Fla. She drives there to visit with them. She has an active life with church, aerobics and friends with whom she plays cards, even with a pacesetter and a total hip replacement, she lives a very active life and loves it.

Arlie Mansberger and wife **Ellen Piel '46** traveled to Maryland in May 2007 for the 200th anniversary of the founding of the University of Maryland School of Medicine and his 60th class reunion there. A definite highlight of the journey was arranged by **Bill '41** and **Mickey '42 Adolph**, who arranged to move the regular "WMC Oldtimers" lunch group from the Airport Inn in Westminster to the Embassy Suites in Towson. Fourteen WMCers had a blast reminiscing about old times on the Hill. They included: **Tom '44** and **Mary Ruth '48 Tereshinski**; **Don Honeman '41**; **Nemo Robinson '43**; **Lee '43** and **Pearl Bodmer Lodge '43**; **Josh '43** and **Pat Patterson '46 Ensor**; **Bud '43** and **Jeannie Diefenbach Smith '46**; **Bill '41** and **Mickey Adolph '42**.

Arlie and Ellen extended their journey

and traveled to the North Shore of Massachusetts to celebrate the birthday of their youngest daughter, Leigh, a surgeon and public health officer for the counties on the North Shore. They cruised the Caribbean with friends, from the state of Washington, and since the four of them had been there on prior voyages, did not leave the ship but enjoyed the amenities of the Princess Line and the companionship of long-time friends. Two of their grandchildren were married since the last report. Their eldest daughter, Ellen Lynn, now deceased, looked down with favor when her son, Sean, was married in Houston, Texas. Ellen and I spent three days enjoying the wedding and the post-ceremonial activities. Will Mansberger, eldest son of Jack '75, was married in Thomasville, Ga., and the Rev. John Mansberger — that's right — performed the ceremony. In addition to being a surgeon and head of the department of alternative medicine, Jack is also an ordained minister; he has his American boards not only in surgery, but also in holistic medicine. After a couple of "gap" years in the paintball industry, the family has sold their store and Will has returned to college. Youngest grandkid, Luke, has retired as a paintball professional with the Detroit team and is back in college majoring in computer science.

Charles W. Irwin notifies us that he and wife Jackie have moved from Bel Air, Md., to a retirement community, Willow Valley Manor, in Lancaster, Pa., address: 211 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, Pa. 17602. Charlie, as you recall, was one of our dedicated track stalwarts and reported that at age 88 he still competed in senior events, specifically, the high jump, the broad jump, the triple jump and discus. In fact, at that age he showed his prowess at meets held at Towson University and at Salisbury University (in the 80 to 90 age group). His competitive motto was "If you can't beat 'em, outlast them." Charlie, now 90 years young, and in good health says that, "if I had known that I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

Jeannie Diefenbach Smith tells us that she and husband **Benjamin "Bud" '43** have dinner each Tuesday with **Don Honeman '41**. Jeannie says she has the usual aches and pains, including some sciatica and visual problems. These haven't slowed the dynamic "Diefie" down very much. She doesn't play field hockey anymore. In her senior year, she was selected as the left inner on the honorary tournament team. But she still plays a great game of bridge (information obtained by others at Carroll Lutheran Village). Husband, Bud, sent us a newspaper clipping regarding the collapse of the ceiling at the Embassy Suites where the "Old-timer Group" met us for a WMC reunion. Class Reporter Note: "WMCers always could bring the roof down."

After writing this, I received a letter from

Dieff with some additional information. The two Smiths lived in Salisbury for 40 years prior to moving back to Westminster. They have attended football games at WMC and have a monthly luncheon with 14 other WMCers. Bud serves on committees at Carroll Lutheran Village and currently is president of the Greater Westminster Kiwanis Club. Dieff stays active with aerobics and bridge. She and Bud are in good health having recovered from a four-vein bypass (Bud) and a stroke (Dieff). She says, "Our three children have produced four grandchildren and they have created four great-grandchildren. Our youngest child, Anne, retired from the Air Force with the rank of colonel and now teaches mentally and physically handicapped children." She closes with a suggestion: all of us should make every effort to attend our 65th reunion in 2009.

Elizabeth Billingslea Scott, who lived across the road from WMC for about 50 years where she and her husband enjoyed watching sporting events, especially football and basketball games at the College, is another member of our class who inhabits Western Maryland East-coast! I meant to say Carroll Lutheran Village. Betty has 10 grandchildren, one an alumnus of the College. Two of the other grandkids are married and the wedding bells will ring for a third in April of 2008.

Virginia F. Salerno Olsen has been selling real estate for the past 36 years and is still active in that arena. Her sister, **Gloria Salerno Adams** '42, lives in a condo on Cape Cod and wants to relocate to the state of Iowa to be near her son. Virginia and husband reside on a tract of three to four acres, is an animal lover and maintains a menagerie of four cats and 36 wild turkeys. She feeds them when the ground is frozen and covered with snow. She is providing food this month since they had an abundance of snowy weather. Virginia's husband is retired, an avid golfer and plays a round at every opportunity. She asked about all of her old friends at WMC.

Mary Louise Shuckhart Bricker lives in a retirement community, Normandy Farms, in Blue Bell, Pa. Her son, **Robert '67**, is practicing law in an adjacent community. Husband, **Bob Bricker**, quarterback par excellence, a member of WMC's Athletic Hall of Fame and a college trustee emeritus, has died since our last report. Daughter, Barbara, a graduate of Albright College, has a degree from that institution in home economics. Mary Louise still enjoys good health and sends greetings to all of their friends from "those great years at Western Maryland."

Emily Billingslea Wirth is living at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster along with many other WMCers.

Phyllis Louise Hess Mannino and **Dr. Paul Mannino** who lived on a large farm in Omak, Wash., at the time of our last report, were ill for the last few years. Phyllis with Alzheimer's Disease and Paul with renal failure re-

quiring dialysis. Phyllis died on Nov. 07, 2006 and Paul shortly after on Jan. 29, 2007.

Ruth M. Broadrup Hauff, wife of the late **Clyde "Skeets" Hauff** of New Albany, Ind., died on July 13, 2006 following a long and courageous battle with Huntington's disease. She is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Ruth was a home economics major and a member of Delta Sigma Kappa during her tenure at WMC.

Margaret "Peggy" Rudisill Quynn, died on July 8, 2006. Peg succumbed to a long battle with rheumatoid arthritis. Until shortly prior to her death, Peggy was a member of the altar guild and the choir at All Saints Episcopal Church in Frederick, Md. She also enjoyed taking part in several productions of the Mountain Theater, the Community Players and the Fredericktowne Players and was very active in community affairs.

Margaret Ann Smith Cassell, or fondly known on campus as "Smitty," died at her home in Salisbury, Md., on Dec. 10, 2006. A perennial member of the May Queen Assembly, Smitty, born in Princess Ann, Md., on the Eastern Shore was very positive in her insistence that Western Maryland College was in fact in Western Maryland. She worked for a time with the Maryland Department of Economic Development where she was responsible for coordinating the entry of new businesses into the State of Maryland. At WMC, she served as president of the student government and was listed among "Who's Who of American Colleges."

Ellen Jane Lovell Holter died Dec. 12, 2006 at the hospital in Frederick, Md. Ellen was a high school English teacher and a homemaker. She was a member of the Christ Reformed United Church of Christ of Middletown, Md., and was Sunday school superintendent and teacher of the church youth group.

Sigurd Lars Jensen USACE, of Colorado Springs, passed away on July 25, 2007. Sig's accomplishments as a member of the United States Air Force occupy a very long column in the Colorado Springs newspaper. At the Air Force Academy, he served as deputy chief of staff and as executive officer to two superintendents of the academy. He was commander of two combat support groups during his service in Vietnam and commander of two air force bases. During his tenure, he flew many missions in WWII during the Korean War and in Vietnam. His many awards included the legion of merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with three Oak Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Mexican Military Medal of Merit and the Vietnamese Honor Medal, First Class Sig. had many other honors and accomplishments which will not be mentioned in this column. While at college, he was a member of the football team, the boxing team, the tennis team and

family

My Dad's New Chapter

By Cara Ober

Our old house on Sullivan Road had a warm spot under the carpet where my dad would lie and read. On cold nights I would nestle up next to him and he would read to me.

The first time I noticed *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, I was about 5. I requested that it be read aloud to me and was told it was a book for older kids. My dad was rereading in preparation for his beloved Jan Term class on Narnia. I insisted with intensity and my dad's very-blue eyes considered my request. Then, he turned to the beginning of the book and began reading.

Night after night, chapter after chapter, a vibrant world became visible. We finished the first book, then moved on to the next, and the next, until we had read all seven books. My 5-year-old self dreamt, drew and wrote gleefully, with Narnia as my muse. At the end of Jan Term, I helped my dad grade his students' projects. In just three short weeks, psychology majors turned into cartographers, sports medicine students turned into fiction writers and education majors turned into painters, all because of their tender introduction to a series of fantasy novels for big kids.

Since that time, I have become an artist and educator myself, and I have continued to delight in the creative achievements of my dad's Narnia students. I recently asked him, as he approached retirement, what was his favorite class to teach at McDaniel? And his reply was immediate: *The Chronicles of Narnia*. This was not what I expected to hear from a former WMC football alum, basketball coach and physical education professor.

I think that my dad's experience at McDaniel College has been a little bit like his students' experience of *The Chronicles of Narnia*. It is impossible to say, after 40-plus years, how much each has given the other, but, for me, it seems that "every chapter is better than the one before" and the close of each book is bittersweet.



CARA OBER

Finally OK After Katrina



They lived just 400 yards from where the levee was breached on the 17th Street canal after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans. From the safety of a colleague's home in Shreveport, **Mary Lou Arnie '55** and **Ed '54 Kelly** sadly recognized their house on TV and in newspapers, submerged in 10 feet of water.

"It was awful not to know what happened to our possessions and all the objects in our home that held so many memories," Mary Lou says. The entire first floor was destroyed by the flood and the rest of their things were stolen or smashed by looters.

For a year, they lived in an RV purchased for them by their son, Mike, and parked in a lot owned by the aptly named Hurricane Swim Club, which Ed coaches. They showered in the club's locker room

and ate lots of sandwiches. Mary Lou, a paralegal with the same firm for 23 years, lost her job.

Now, almost three years later, the sun is shining again for the Kellys. With money from their private insurance, FEMA and Mary Lou's IRA, they were able to start over. Reached by phone recently at their new home on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain in Slidell, Mary Lou cheerfully reported that life is good again. Ed, 77, is coaching the swim club and the local high school swim team and Mary Lou, 75, volunteers five days a week at a nearby hospital as a patient advocate.

"I always look at everything as a learning experience. Living in an RV taught me about the important things in life. You don't need Estee Lauder cosmetics. You need a pair of jeans and a good pair of shoes," Mary Lou says. "We received so much kindness and caring from people. So every day I volunteer to try to give some of it back."

was inducted into the WMC Hall of Fame. Sig died of severe pulmonary emphysema and will later be interred at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Donald Stockton Woolston of Rockport, Mass., died on July 15, 2007. Don's college career was interrupted by WWII. He served in the Air Force. He returned to Western Maryland College following his time in the service and graduated in 1947 and returned to the campus for the 50th reunion of our class. His wife, Nina, notified the alumni office regarding his death. No other details are available.

Cordelia Price "Corky" Turk died on July 27, 2007. Corky was a devoted Navy wife and mother. She loved bird watching, gardening, playing and listening to classical music. Corky made her home in Virginia Beach and is survived by her husband of more than 55 years, retired Navy Captain Carl "Cal" Turk. It is said that Corky never met a stranger and she loved the little ones and in fact directed the cherub and tiny toy choirs at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach for over 20 years.

Agnes Christine Dyon Hacker was born on May 19, 1923 in Ironsides, Md., and passed away on Nov. 25, 2007. She met her husband on a blind date according to her obituary published in the *Houston Chronicle*, and she and John Hacker were married on April 15, 1949. They were married for over 58 years and to that union, three children were born: Christine, Carol and Colleen. Her obituary stated that she had the hardest job in the Navy... "being a Navy wife."

On January 27, while getting ready to send **Thomas Joseph "Terry" Tereshinski Sr.**, a response card, the phone rang and **John "Nemo" Robinson '43** informed me that Terry had passed away on Jan. 24, 2008, from complications of myasthenia gravis. Terry lived a full life and was the recipient of many honors. He was named to the all scholastic and all-star football team in high school as well as to the all-star baseball team. At Western Maryland he played two positions in football and was a member of the varsity baseball team. Terry left college to enter the Army in WWII and served as a captain in the 70th division. Hospitalized in 1945, in the Battle of the Bulge, he spent the next 33 months in the hospital, had 25 operations and his sports career as an athlete ended.

Terry returned to coach at WMC in both baseball and football. He was awarded the Western Maryland College Meritorious Service Award for outstanding service to his class and inducted into the Western Maryland College Hall of Fame for athletic achievements. Terry taught in the public schools, received the outstanding citizens award from the Touchdown Club in 1966, the Southern High School Bulldog Award in 1970 and '71, the Outstanding Service to Retired Teachers Award in 1993. Terry coached little league football and baseball, was presi-

dent of the ACC retired teachers association, among other positions and honors. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski '48**, and son **Thomas J. Tereshinski '81** of Owings, Md., and one grandchild. Terry led the consortium, which tried to block the college name change. He was a leader and by those who were associated with him over a long period of time, we salute him. He will be missed. At his memorial service, representing the friends from WMC, John Robinson gave a eulogy entitled "everybody's best friend" remembering the importance of "the old timers" to Terry. Nemo quoted an appropriate scripture passage from Hebrew 10:24-25 "Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another, to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more."

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1950

What a joy it has been to hear from so many of you from the Class of '50!

Dave and Christine Kintz '48 Myers have two children and are living in Vicksburg, Mo. Geoff is a power systems engineer and Diane, though educated in personnel management, taught ballroom dancing. Their six grandchildren range in age from 12 to 18. They enjoy trips to Florida but plan to be in Westminster in July for a family reunion.

John Gruber says that they are survivors enjoying the Tucson, Ariz., sun and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Free golf for life lured **Thomas N. Shaw** to The Villages in Florida. He calls it Disney World for adults. Along with fellow resident and cousin **Richard Shenton '57**, Thomas performs with a bluegrass gospel group, Last Time Out, entertaining at various churches and retirement homes.

We were sorry to hear that **Millard B. Knowles** lost his wife of 58 years in January. He is working part time as minister of Visitation at Perry Hall, United Methodist Church.

Bill and **Priscilla Lankford West** will celebrate their 54th anniversary in June. They live in Nelsons, Va., but their three children and seven grandchildren are scattered from Florida to St. Michaels. Modest Town Baptist Church is lucky to have Bill as the financial secretary and Priscilla as a Sunday school teacher. They have vacationed from Maine to South Carolina.

Ruth Marsden Idecker and Don travel to see several of their six children who live out of the Coraopolis, Pa., area. Their grandchildren range in ages from 5 to 20. Both Don and Ruth, particularly enjoy craft groups. The YMCA retired persons group also counts them as active members.

Peggy Stacy Jones says all is going well with her and Gene. She is looking forward to the 2010 reunion.

Dottie McClayton Krimski wrote from Florida. Her husband had a malignant brain tumor removed in February '07 and is still on chemo, and not doing well. He has no balance so he is in a wheelchair. Not really a good retirement life, she says. Between them they have five grown kids, six grandchildren and one great-grandson. She hopes to make the 60th reunion also. The Krimskis had hoped to retire to Mercy Ridge, but that looks doubtful now.

Mary and **Harry Walker** are in independent living at a continuing-care community in the foothills of the mountains of western North Carolina. They both are in reasonably good health, walking a lot and playing a game closely resembling golf. Harry has a great volunteer job sorting and pricing donated books for a thrift shop operated for a shelter for victims of spousal abuse. Both of them volunteer at their local visitor center.

In September, **Edward Flickinger** and his wife moved into the Ridewood Retirement Community in Silver Spring, Md. Currently they are doing volunteer work at their church and are looking forward to some traveling in the future. Ed retired from Montgomery County School as an administrator after 23 years.

Robert Ground writes from Arizona that he has been retired for a number of years. However, he stays active writing several food columns for the North American Newspaper Alliance that is published in papers across the country. He remarks that he has fond memories of WMC; even more than the time he spent at Hopkins and Cambridge University.

Ned Masenheimer writes that they have been residents of the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Pa., for several years. He is busy as a member of the men's chorus, the Homeowner's Association and the Remote Control Model Aircraft Club. They have five aircraft and are building a sixth with a 55-inch wingspan. This past fall, they enjoyed a Mississippi River Cruise with **Jackie Brown Hering '51** and **Ober '49** and **Jeanne Herr**.

William "Bill" Munroe sadly reported from his home in Whispering Pines, N.C., that his brother, **Ken**, died on Nov. 25, 2007. He had lived his last 14 years as a quadriplegic. His wife gave him remarkable care. Bill's card ended saying, "He died knowing he was loved; something we all may hope for ourselves and each other."

Miriam Simmons writes that all is well with her. She is just trying to age gracefully. She talks to **Ruth Marsden Idecker** often.

Donald and Jean Murray '47 Clarke report that they are blessed with five children and 12 grandchildren — nine boys and three girls. All are healthy and the eldest, an Army medic, just got back from 15 months in Iraq.

Jean has bounced back from bad shoulder and neck fractures (2006). They continue to live in Devon, Pa. Donald says Jean's outstanding cooking, baking and gardening show her farm background, and her piano playing continues to show her training under Miss Gesner. They are active in church mission and peace-making endeavors. Don does some free lawn work, plays violin and does some genealogical digging. He is looking forward to our 2010 reunion.

Charlie Hammer writes from Washington State that he just wants to say "hi" and wish us all well.

Homer "Soup" and Es Gross '54 Campbell send warm greetings to all of us. They continue to enjoy good health and have a very active retirement life in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. They often visit their children and grandchildren in Naples, Fla., and Atlanta, Ga. The family was all together in April '07 at Disney World to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ed Wright retired in 1994 after 43 years at a United Methodist pastor. His wife, **Libby Schubert '53 Wright** retired in 2000, also as a UAM pastor. They have been living in an 1860 log cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains for the last few years. They are restoring their cabin and have plumbing and running water. They have gone from "a house with patch to a house with bath." Ed continues to teach and preach to a Korean congregation made up of young adults and teens. They both are involved in volunteer work.

Charlotte and Elwood "Woody" Wallich lead very active lives playing golf, singing in their church choir, traveling in their motor home and spending time at Myrtle Beach, S.C. This summer they are planning tour and cruise with their daughter and family. Their two grandsons are in school, one at the University of Maryland and the other in middle school. They enjoy the young person's sports and musical activities.

Anita Rowan Townsley reports that she and Ed are still in Churchville. She is particularly happy with her new hip replacement. This past September they drove to Minneapolis for a P.E.O. International convention and afterwards visited four of Ed's WWII military buddies. They remain well and busy with volunteer projects and four gorgeous great-grandchildren.

Mary Ellen Smith Ewell and **Ron** are happy to report that they are still "waking up on the right side of the grass" at Asbury-Solomons Retirement Community. They are always busy there and find support for the physical ups and downs. Mary Ellen has enjoyed reviewing and writing about her life in a self-published memoir. Watching their seven grandchildren grow and change continues to bring them joy. **Brian Luttrely '07**, the eldest grandson, graduated from McDaniel.

George Winfrey had a defibrillator installed this year; hence, no camping. However, he does get to go back to have the defi-

brillator shocked so his heart will function properly. While visiting in Florida they see **Home and Es Gross '54 Campbell and Kelley '49 and Eileen Weeks '49 Rice**.

I have saved the best for last. I got a great letter from **Chris Nikolasopoulos** in Kifissia, Greece. He and his wife, **Katy**, are in reasonably good health and are enjoying their two children and five grandchildren. Three of them are in the U.S. since his married daughter, **Marlena**, is living in Ardley, N.Y. The other two are in Europe, one in Athens in High School and the other at Bristol University in England. Chris travels to the USA every other year. **Bob '48 and Helen Miles '49 Dabel** spent a couple of days with Chris before boarding a cruise ship in the Mediterranean. Chris and family enjoy a summer place in Mitzela, a fishing village in the bay in central Greece on the Aegean Sea. In his letter he remarks about those wonderful years on the Hill. He cherishes the fond memories of fun and camaraderie we enjoyed but feels sad when realizing that many of our classmates and friends are no longer with us. "It will be wonderful if we can all get together again in 2010 for our 60th reunion," were his closing words.

Many of our classmates are no longer with us. Besides **Ken Munroe** (who was mentioned earlier in this article) they are: **Robert T. Fink**, who died Jan. 19, 2008 in Rutland, Vt.; **John F. Silber**, who died Feb. 5, 2008 in Towson, Md.; **Betty Lee Robbins Seiland**, who died Feb. 12, 2008 in Sykesville, Md.

I continue to "bee-bop" along. I am active here, where I live, at Carroll Lutheran Village. I am co-chair of the wellness committee, do water aerobics, volunteer at church, play bridge and sing in a group called the Senior Singers. My three children and four grandchildren are active and busy. It was great to hear from each of you. I am glad that I took this job.

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1967

Carolyn Seaman Scott reports that she is still writing a column for their local newspaper and also enjoying their five grandchildren. She and **Bob '66** just built a timber-frame home in the Deep Creek Lake area and are trying to find time to enjoy it. Bob is not retired and she has been called upon to help on many good charities in the area in addition to her many demands on her time.

Pete Riker wrote to say that he has now been with the Georgia Department of Insurance for 10 years. His oldest daughter lives in Raleigh, N.C., with her daughter who is now 5. His younger daughter lives near him in the Atlanta area and works for Coca-Cola. Please contact him if you live in the Atlanta area.

John McCann reports that his retirement is around the corner but he is still in the fire

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Elton Keith '00 to **Brian Knupp** on April 12, 2008. They reside in Crofton, Md.

Amanda Cline '01 to **Edgar Chavez** on February 9, 2008. They reside in Burke, Va.

Marcus Helton '02 to **Mithona Dan '02** on October 20, 2007. They reside in Harrisonburg, Va.

Melissa Grimmer '03 to **Jeffrey Chin** on May 29, 2006. They reside in Scotch Plains, N.J.

Nancy Grossman '03 to **Daniel Lugassy** on October 28, 2007. They reside in New York City, N.Y.

Jan Pohl '03 to **Matt Hurff '03** on August 11, 2007. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Jeff Crowe '04 to **Stephanie Miller** on July 7, 2007. They reside in Hillsboro, N.H.

Thomas Kalar '05 to **Katherine Yi '04** on June 6, 2007. They reside in Killeen, Texas

Jennifer Owens '06 to **Darin For** on June 23, 2007. They reside in Honolulu, Hawaii

Alumni Show Class Spirit

More than 550 alumni and guests returned to the Hill in May to celebrate class anniversaries, attend classes with current students, tour new campus facilities and learn firsthand about College initiatives from President Joan Devellin Coley.

The following is a list of awards presented by Alumni Association President Corynne Courpas '76 to 2008 reunion classes based on their corresponding achievements. Fine crystal trophies and bowls are engraved with the winners' class years and on permanent display in Harrison House.

- Green and Gold Award presented to the Class of 1963, with the most active reunion volunteers. This class had 18 members working on its planning committee.
- Top of the Hill Award presented to the Class of 1948, who raised the largest reunion gift at \$2,305,873 for the Annual Fund, Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel, including capital and special projects, and the endowment.
- Green Terror Award presented to the Classes of 1963, 1973 and 1983, who tied with having 66 classmates each making a commitment to the 2008 Annual Fund.
- Whimsy (WMC) Award presented to the Class of 1968 with highest number of alumni and guests (a total of 70) returning for reunion.
- Carpe Diem Award presented to the Class of 1958, who achieved the largest increase in number of donors to the Annual Fund over the previous year. An additional 15 classmates made gifts this year in honor of their reunion, bringing the total to 45.
- Old Main Award presented to the Class of 1948, who raised nearly \$50,000, achieving the largest total dollar commitment to the Annual Fund.

Class of 1958 classmates Jane Roeder Anderson and Barb Hunt Ketay.



MATT SPANGLER

service and it is nothing for him to ride his bike 50 miles or more. He is busy training with his daughters for an upcoming two-day breast cancer walk in D.C. The walk is in honor of his late wife, Susan. Finally, on June 23, 2007, during a 75-mile fund-raising bicycle ride John was hit by another rider and seriously injured. He spent six days in the trauma center with several serious injuries. However, he is back on his bike clicking off the miles. On June 30, 2007, he left his high school science lab for the last time. In January '08 after a 20-year lay off, he returned to driving limousines for the funeral work.

Bill Rees writes that the 40th reunion was very moving and therapeutic, a sentiment that all of us who attended have echoed. He accepted my invitation to talk about difficulties encountered and offered this. After leaving WMC he served in Vietnam in the military for 19 months. This followed two years in Europe where he was in touch with **Chuck Moler**. He was a military advisor to the south Vietnamese. He learned to speak, read and write Vietnamese and about the people. He was wounded a few times while in combat there. He reluctantly left the military at age 26 and thereafter earned two graduate degrees in Florida. After a few years and estate and equity sales, he established a career with the Federal Government and participated in the U.S. Army Reserves to accommodate a more stable family life. He retired at age 58 after 30 years.

Although others were earning more money, this choice allowed him to do those things he valued. Unfortunately, he was divorced twice in 15 years but learned to make the best of each situation through his faith. His plan was to envision his future by asking himself the question, "Where do I want to be by x day certain?" Life is now perfect. He is married to a great woman and runs two businesses from his house. He has three grand children under the age of 5 who give him great joy. He enjoys sailing with his friends near his home in Orlando, Fla. When not sailing, he teaches shooting for the NRA and mentors Eagle Scouts. Life has turned out well for Bill.

Jan Bauer Flora started with our class, left after two-and-a-half years and graduated in 1968. She retired in 2006 and is enjoying things that she chooses to do like volunteering and traveling. Jan has three grandchildren.

As for me, **Bert Shore**, I have been blessed recently with my 30-year anniversary with Dale, an artist, who has loved me more than I have earned. Our son Noble, 36, has settled near our home with his wife and because of their excellent jobs, they were able to afford to buy their own home. Noble is taking up ice hockey again after a 14-year career from age eight through graduation from Carnegie-Mellon. After 32 years in private practice in Rockville, Md., and some substantial financial reverses in the last few years, before

turning age 59, I was very fortunate to be hired by a small personal injury firm in Silver Spring, Md., with a very large caseload. This practice well suited my socialist desire to redistribute the wealth from the insurance companies to the working poor. Thanks to a great support staff, last year I tried 58 cases which where overwhelmingly successful for my firm. I expect to work until age 70 inasmuch as I am in good health, lift weights and bicycle 44 miles a week for six months of the year. In the words of Daniel Webster, "Lawyers work hard, live well, and die poor." I expect this will describe me if I live long enough, which I expect to.

Jack Bentham writes that he and his wife, **Sue Seibert '70**, are enjoying being grandparents and are expecting a new grandson in July. Son John is an executive producer of *Defending the Caveman*, featured at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. Philip, his youngest, continues to build his graphic art print business. Jack is excited about his success in positioning Bentham Enterprises as an international investment company with key properties in the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Anguilla.

Donna Hann Fogle reports with fond memories of the Hill that she now lives in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., where she is a media specialist with the Duval County Public School system. She is working with special-needs students ages 11 to 22. As her late husband was a career Navy man she has lived around the world. Her oldest daughter is a teacher, her son works in electronics, and her other daughters are both in school (one working on a Ph.D. in music, the other a B.S. in art). She has three grandchildren who all live nearby. After leaving McDaniel, she received a BS from Jones Business College and a master's in library information from Florida State University.

Lee Asadoorian reports that he and his wife, Jane, have moved from Atlanta to Raleigh and that they have settled into the quiet life. He works part time repairing laptop computers, studies at North Carolina State for more IT certifications, and rides his bike about four times a week for 16-20 miles. His daughter, Carol, left for Afghanistan in January '07. She's in hospital administration and works in the 82nd Airborne Division Surgeon's Office. She'll return in April and then head to school at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Son Lee lives in San Diego and suffers through the weather. He works at the La Valencia hotel as a butler for their villas.

Barbara Hetrick tells that she has managed to make it back home before she retires, not that she can imagine actually retiring. After serving as chief academic officer at Hood College (Maryland), the Maryland Independent College and University Association, The College of Wooster (Ohio), and Catawba College (North Carolina), she is now the senior vice president for advancement at the Council of Independent Colleges in Wash-

ington, D.C. McDaniel is one of the 600 or so colleges she represents. She asks that when her friends get to D.C. that they call or drop a note at bhetrick@cic.nche.edu.

Dave Fisher hopes that your new class reporters won't make up too many things. He says that he is still loving retirement, working two days a week, and enjoying life every day. He has recently taken a two-week snowy-day excursion to the Caribbean and was planning a March trip to Disney World for a week with his daughter, Megan, son-in-law Joe, and grandson Nicolas. 3. Dave looks forward to seeing his grandson running amok with the characters and explaining the whole concept of the rock-and-roll roller coaster to him. In June he'll have his fourth annual family reunion in Nags Head, N.C. He enjoys seeing some notable alumni regularly at the monthly meeting of the Crab Guys at Gordon '68 and Barbie Payne '70 Shelton's house.

Judy Arnold hopes that we are enjoying retirement as much as she is and that "she is really enjoying not having to dance to anyone's drum but my own." She continues to enjoy international travel, spent three months in France (the Loire) in 2006, and visited Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji in 2007. Also, she spends part of her time in Lakeland, Fla. She has taken up golf and enjoys that, as well as bicycling, art, symphony, opera, educational courses and lectures, etc. And on occasion she still handles a few matters as a hearing officer for her old boss the Attorney General of Maryland. She reports that her sister, **Diane Arnold Schmitz** '69, and husband **Charles** '69 are doing well. They live just south of Raleigh, N.C., where their oldest son and his family live. Charles is still working in sales of nursing home equipment, but plans to retire in a couple of years.

Craig Homer Davis is getting ready to take the plunge and retire on April 30. He and his wife, Carol, have bought a place in Joplin, Mo., near her family. She's already living and working there. He's still in Leonardtown, Md., for the next couple of months. He doesn't have any immediate plans for retirement, but is looking forward to it. He's been all around the country the last several years. He is looking forward to settling down and putting down some roots. He's been a bean counter for Boeing about 25 years, working at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., the Palmdale Space Shuttle Facility, El Paso, Texas, Oklahoma City and now at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Janet Shedd Foerster writes that she lives in Bluffton, S.C., with her two Papillon's, Little Andrew and Chipper Jones (yes, the name is spelled with a "u"). Janet continues to practice social security disability law in South Carolina and Savannah, Ga. Janet's passions are the Atlanta Braves, the Hilton Head Island Humane Society, and the wonderful landscapes and seascapes of the South Carolina low country. Janet's mother, who

the girls from the "swinging wing" remember as the cookie baker and supplier of great treats, is 93 and doing great in Baltimore. Janet sends special cheers to Hetrick, Holly, Kathy, Chris, Dottie, and Jacques.

Kathleen Powers Freeman says that it was quite flattering that it took two men to replace one woman. Her news is brief—she is still teaching, but retirement looks better and she has four grandchildren, two girls in Towson where she is now living (moved from Westminster two years ago) and two boys who are living in Florida. All with their parents, she adds. Her mother, 98, is keeping her busy as she is not quite as mobile as she used to be. She finds her life is full and busy with both happy and trying times but she she continues to survive.

Ron Gunderson reports that he is still loving retirement in the West Virginia foothills near Hedgesville. He is very involved in community volunteer work — and trying to improve his golf game. He and his wife, Cindy, enjoy their eight perfect grandchildren.

Jack Gage tells us that he is enjoying the good life, playing more golf, and taking many more vacation trips after selling his business in 2007. He spent over 22 years selling women's lingerie (tough job, but someone had to do it!), and for 11 years he owned a print shop in Reading, Pa. He sold his business and retired in 2007. He has three girls all in their 20s, and they all still live at home, so his life is not dull.

Miles Cole retired as a lobbyist in Annapolis after 23 years in 2007. But in February he was asked by an old boss to be a government relations advisor to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore for two days a week and loves the chance to work around with real animals. He and his wife, Anne, are looking forward to being part of the McDaniel sponsored trip to Egypt in June with trips to Boston and Florida in between. He reports being surrounded by librarians as his wife is a law librarian, daughter Susan is the archivist for the Constellation Center in Cambridge, Mass., and daughter Elizabeth is going to graduate school in library science in England.

Nancy Pugh Hollywood reports that she is still living in Exton, Pa., and working at a physical therapy organization and is the volunteer administrator of her church. She is a grandmother to Maya with a second grandchild on the way. Additionally, her two dogs, a Jack Russell and an adopted Greyhound keep her busy at home.

John Greenleaf tells us that he continues to work for the Farm Credit system. He and his wife, Linda, are enjoying the empty nest with both kids "launched, i.e., educational expenses completed and careers in place. Their daughter, Jennifer, is getting married later this year and will be living in the Boston area. John hopes that this will help them to just semi-frequent trips to Cape Cod.

Steve Hart reports that she is retiring from

teaching high school English at Rockville on April 1 with a large exclamation mark. She's looking forward to traveling, teaching part time at Howard Community College and spending time with her granddaughter. She is still single, living in Columbia and wanting to hear from her old pals.

Jim Gibson is still enjoying retirement in Naples and traveling including recent trips to St. Petersburg, Russia, and Finland; Copacabana Beach, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Oaxaca, Mexico. He just returned from a trip to Naples. He and Nancy volunteer for the Naples Humane Society and Collier County Supervisor of Elections.

Darlene Joyce Claypool has been divorced since 1992. She retired from the Department of Justice, Federal Prison System in 1997. She has always traveled but has done more since retiring. She met a nice man who worked at the Pentagon. He died in the September 11 attack on the Pentagon. Darlene has been keeping busy doing ElderCare with her daughter's business and traveling back and forth to California to be with her youngest daughter and grandchildren.

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1968

It's 40 years since we walked across the stage at Alumni Hall and we're still talking to each other, doing interesting things, and giving back to our communities. I did want to inform everyone of the passing of **Joel Goldblatt**, a good man and a longtime supporter of the College. He was raised by a lot of people and will never be forgotten. I'll always remember his story of reaching for the straw.

After retiring from the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, **Anne Allen** is in her 18th year as a volunteer crisis counselor with RCIS. Anne's also doing weaving demos at the Carroll County Farm Museum and just adopted two ponies from Horsetest Rescue.

Polly's Patches, **Paula "Polly" Tarbutton's** company, makes suitcase tags that also work fine on laptops and pocketbooks — anything you need to ID. She's very involved with youth football in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where her husband (a retired NFL player) is one of the coaches. While bringing down the equipment they need to play American football, she's also teaching them English. Polly hopes to move there from Chestertown this fall.

Terry Walters writes, "Trying to get a children's book published. It's about a bear named Winsy who grows up and moves away from the cave. He tries to return later but learns that his family has changed their name and only talks to him when they need

family

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Family additions this season:

Anna Josephine Booy, on July 8, 2007, to Timothy and Regina Brewer '84 Booy.

Isabella Zareba, on December 13, 2007, to Kris and Inga Patrick '86 Zareba.

Lydia Joyce Rockstie, on February 8, 2008, to Michael and Lisa Finn '90 Rockstie.

Nicholas Engeda Cooper, adopted September 1, 2007, by Joe and Deborah Housley '92 Cooper.

Sadie Duffy, in October 2007, to David and Sarah Williams '92 Duffy.

Dylan John Webster, on October 30, 2007, to Jim '82 and Nakina Webster.

Quintin Ray Byrd, on April 17, 2008, to Eric '93 and Leslie Huffer '97 Byrd.

Connor Jordan Oland, on September 26, 2007, to Brenton '93 and Emily Oland '94 Squires.

Elliot Anthony DeFillipis, on February 18, 2008, to Mike and Elise Achuff '94 DeFillipis.

Jacob Laumann, on January 10, 2007, to Jeffrey '94 and Mary Laumann.

Maggie Murtagh, on March 16, 2008, to Peter and Laurie Clark '84 Murtagh.

Abigail Raydan Tichnell, on March 23, 2007, to Denny '94 and Crystal Ecker '99 Tichnell.

Carson Michael Jenkins, on March 2, 2008, to Kevin and Tammy Barnes '95 Jenkins.

Allison Cox, on January 5, 2008, to Christopher and Jen Belbot '98 Cox.

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Bob Morris
published his
first book,
*The Owl and
the Oak: The
Climate Change
Novel*, last year
to good reviews
and decent
sales, mostly
on Amazon.

money." That's a sad bear.

He must be setting some kind of record. **Roger Volrath** just completed his 40th year as a physics teacher at Glenesh High School in Howard County. He coaches their cross country team, with now the state championship last fall, his 10th! Roger's also on the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mimi Varison Heley is another 40-year veteran, but with IBM/Lockheed Martin, managing a department of system architects who are tasked with defining system solutions for customers which entail both hardware and software. I understand that just fine, thank you. Their sonar systems guide most of our Navy's ships and aircraft. Mel runs Dunn's Toy and Hobby in Manassas.

Joel Smith recently thought he heard the sound of one hand clapping, but it turned out to be a loose shingle on his roof. Anyway, he's gotten to be a real aficionado of the unicycle, and rides one throughout his house in lieu of walking. He says it was quite a project to make the entire house "unicycle friendly," but it was well worth it.

Charlotte Hanemann Bennett has eight years in at the Vigo Public Library in Terre Haute, Ind., after six years in a small town library. Small fish, big fish.

Richie Matza is still going strong at 30 years in private practice of orthopaedic surgery, doing hip resurfacing and computer-assisted total joint replacements. Brent is a second-year medical student at Tufts and Mark is doing stem cell research and applying to Harvard Medical School. If anyone can help him get accepted, it's the spirit of Harwell Sturdevant. You know I'm right!

Steve Jones was successfully retired for almost four years and is now working part time for his former employer. He missed the work, the people, the paycheck and that feeling of accomplishment you get when people think you know what you're doing. They've got two grandchildren in D.C. and one just a five minute walk from the house. There's a Greek island cruise planned for this year.

Someone else who recently retired but whose boss certainly did not want him to return is **Harvey Broodno**. Instead, he's been perfecting the better wheelchair. Harv's developed a more aerodynamic model by adding a fifth wheel and a rear windshield wiper. A Clarabelle-inspired horn adds to the fun. Better buy now before those babyboomers snap them up.

Playing a lot of golf but with little improvement is **Howard Goldberg**. Stick to IV basketball. He's still representing clients in the construction industry. Both kids are in the legal profession as well — Rick works for the U.S. Justice Department and Robin's a part-time lawyer and full-time mom.

Rick Gray is now serving a different church, Community United Methodist Church in Pasadena and loving it. Susan works at Broadneck High School in the guidance de-

partment. Matt's studying at LSU and Brad is in Las Vegas, dancing in "Mama Mia!" Kevin is getting married this summer, Kristen is graduating in May from Frostburg, and Emily is holding down the home front, playing field hockey and lacrosse at Broadneck High School.

Donna Downes Gayhardt and husband Jim continue to live in Westminster, she designs databases for PHH and Jim as an IT consultant. Daughter Megan works for a wine estate in France, developing export markets. Jen works for Howard County schools as an instructional assistant. All the ladies in the family love to travel and with Megan in France they've had an excuse for a lot of European trips.

Debbie Gudrian Schwarz likes to think good things come in threes, and she has a point: First, her grandson was born on July 18, 2006; second, her granddaughter will be born sometime in April '08; third she will be retiring from 27 years of teaching the last school day of June '08; fourth, she'll now have lots of conversation starters for the reunion. This all makes perfect sense to me.

Rick Matheny has finally been decreed a true Constitution State (Connecticut-The Land of Steady Habits) resident, married to the same lady for 37 years, living in the same house for 31 years, holding the same job for 32 years. They spend most Saturdays with their grandson, Jack, 3. All four of their kids live within an hour's drive. Rick's still doing lots of photography and has been featured in numerous exhibits. Steady as she goes, Rick.

Barbara Linton and **Bob Morris** have enjoyed their little town house on Capitol Hill in D.C., for nine years after spending the previous decades wandering the world. Barbara continues to turn out French scholars at Bancker Academic Public High School. Bob had his first book, *The Owl and the Oak: The Climate Change Novel*, published last year to good reviews and decent sales, mostly on Amazon. He just completed a reorganization plan for Sierra Club, and is starting work on his next novel. Son Joshua Free Morris got married in December and he and wife Ellie will move from Munich to Atlanta in the summer. Life on "the Hill" (Capitol, that is) moves a little faster than they recall life on "the Hill" (former WMC, that is), with everything from the train station to museums, art galleries, bars, restaurants and coffee houses a short walk away. They look forward seeing everyone at the reunion, and to a change in the (political) climate next year.

This one was so good it's going to be untouched: from **Joe Anthony**. "This old WMC nosetackle can't believe 40 years have passed. The coaches wanted the lineman to be agile, hostile, mobile and fertile and now I may possess only one of those attributes. The readers can guess which one. I'm still a working CPA tax accountant. My partners let come in as long as they can make some

money off me. Still living in God's country on the Eastern Shore in Easton. Daughter Kate graduates from Gettysburg in May after spending her fall semester studying in Athens, Greece and environs. The Mrs. and I visited and loved Athens and Greek cuisine. Take octopus salad, souvlaki and baklava washed down with a Mythos beer is to die for. Oldest son Blake is back in Lost Wages, Nevada after spending to months in Nassau operating a nightclub at the Atlantis resort. Tough work and he is just the guy to do it. Son Josh, 24, is doing fine. I'm feeling good, going to Scotland to log in May (been to Ireland three times), and aging gracefully. It's been a good ride for the most part and look forward to what the future holds." Very nice.

Steve Pond is still active in his new career as a one-man Tiny Tim cover band, available for weddings, bar mitzvahs, and wakes. But he's added a new dimension to his life as a handwriting analyst for NSA. He recently deciphered the Dead Sea Scrolls and came to the conclusion that they were really a low cholesterol, salt free, vegan cookbook. Stick with the band.

Steve and Louise Ramsey Andres are in the seventh year of a two-year project to renovate their rambling house in La Jolla, Calif. Thus far they've done foundation work, replaced the kitchen, stabilized the cliff that wants to reclaim the lot, electrical and plumbing work, replaced two sides of the house, and are now starting work on the second floor. To get away from the mess, they visit their grandchildren in Chapel Hill, N.C., and have planned trips this year alone to the British Virgin Islands, South Africa, New Zealand, and several spots in the U.S. Louise is in training to be a court-appointed special advocate for children in need, volunteers in a local hospital, is a member of the Rotary that built a school in Afghanistan and helps AIDS affected children in South Africa. Oh, and one more thing, she teaches disabled children to ride horses. Way to give it back!

Bob and Kathy Moore Rittler are still working full time, but have been having a clutter crisis. They've got way too much stuff and too little energy to purge it. I refer you to George Carlin's skit on "Stuff." With a grandson they enjoy visiting their children in Virginia and Texas. Expectations are that their other two children will be married in the next two years. Kathy sees **Nini Sloan** and **Bill Gibson** plus **Mike** and **Joan Hoffman Smith** on a regular basis.

At home, all is hushdram for **Gene** and **Pat McNally Ellis**. They come home, eat dinner, go to sleep, get up, and do it all again. But she's being modest. Pat was promoted to director of accelerated undergraduate programs at Villa Julie College and works with adults returning to college to complete their bachelor degrees. With another teacher and a student, she's publishing a paper, "Harnessing the Power of Art," where they com-

bine art and business. This is Pat's 21st year at VJC and she loves it.

International experiences continue for **Joan Dowell Winslip's** family. Joan returned to Afghanistan, working with courageous women judges. To say nothing of her own courage — Afghanistan is not Cancun. Jim will retire from college teaching after 32 years and will be coming to Washington to try something new. Their son, Chris, is back in D.C. as deputy director of the East Asia office at treasury, and daughter Courtney is in London at our embassy. Joan is most proud of having been honored by the McDaniel Board of Trustees at the 2007 Honors Convocation with the Trustee Alumni Award for personal and professional accomplishments. Her family, **Linda Sullivan Schulte**, plus **Ira '52** and **Mary Dodd '49 Zapp** were there for the award presentation. Congratulations!

Al and **Mary Feigelson's** daughter and her family (three grandchildren) live in Israel and a visit is planned by the longing grandparents. Mary continues to park in her new studio and care for their sick puppy, Fonzie. He's eating a special liver healthy diet developed by Margy and is doing quite well. Al expects to practice real estate law forever, and continues to enjoy Baugher's fried chicken every month. He misses **Fern Hitchcock '47** and continues to live by Fern's adage: "A blanket underneath is worth two on the top." Al recently negotiated a loan to clear up a long outstanding balance on his AGT dues and expects to be at a bidding session shortly.

Another classmate whose life was formed in the crucible of Fern's wisdom is **Jim Resau**, who recently returned from a week in the Dominican Republic, building houses for Habitat for Humanity with **Mike Ward**. They also saw a baseball playoff game and hiked in the hills. **Jim and Chris Connolly '67** became grandparents for the second time with a son adopted by Laura. She just had her second novel, *Red Glass*, published and is working on two others. I've read them both and am really looking forward to the others. Chris plans to retire this year while Jim continues at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich., working on that still-elusive vaccine for cellulite. Jim has no problem driving to Towson for crab night and to West Virginia for deer hunting with me and the kids. He made a great shot on a deer this fall with a rifle. That was older than Dr. Whitfield.

Will Davis continues to prosper in Bellingham, Wash., making buttons. His new wife encouraged him to try out for batboy for the local minor league baseball team, but the batman costume he wore to the ballpark turned out to be not what they were looking for. He remains hopeful.

Tom and Judy Fowler's daughter, Amy, will take a brief break as head field hockey coach at Dartmouth. Jennifer was recently promoted to vice president of digital music for Sony/BMG in New York. She is amazed that

Clive Davis still speaks of "records." Welcome to our world, Jen! Tom has retired from his side business as a DJ and from the Army Reserves, but continues as project manager for Russell Corrosion Consultants. He plays "Rust Never Sleeps" by Neil Young every day on the way to work. They spend summer weekends on their motorboat, "Windfall V," moored on the Sasquatch River.

Jerry Teges still has flashback to Hell Week in the AGT clubhouse, only this time he's Neidemyer and he's paddling (**Dave Fisher's '67**) butt. Stay on the meds, Jerry, they're bound to work someday. He's doing a lot of fishing on Lake Champlain and continues with his job at Clorox. **Karen Wagner Teges '90** is the event coordinator at Swan Harbor Farm in Hartford County helping brides create the perfect wedding. She did a great job on their older daughter's wedding last summer. The younger one is still at home and graduated this spring. Teges recently got a house (finally), a cocka-poo pup. Karen and her Delt sisters remain close and will be traveling to Quebec this summer to celebrate their 60th birthdays.

Leslie Miller Filmore and husband Jeff are still living in Beverly, Mass., most of the year but winter in Ft. Lauderdale. They have two granddaughters and she loves being a "Nana." She stays in contact with the old gang from David House and they get together every so often, and often stay out past 10:15 PM on weekdays, because they can.

She's got a new granddaughter in Boston, a new one in North Myrtle Beach, and parents in Maryland, so **Peggy Rhodes Stanley** and Mike spend a lot of time traveling up and down the East Coast. Retirement from teaching allows her plenty of time for gym workouts, biking, reading and socializing with retired friends. She and Mike are planning a three-week trip to Argentina next year.

Linda Sullivan 'Sully Schulte is in her fifth year at Anne Arundel Community College and Anne is heading up the public relations and marketing team. Their next guest speaker will be William Donald Schaeffer, speaking on how to treat women in the workplace. Should be good. She's still owns some race horses and continues to paint on canvas.

Sam '65 and **Patty Wahl Phillips** enjoy having a summer home in Virginia and a winter one in Tucson, Ariz., with both grandsons near the Virginia home. Patty keeps busy with three organizations that sew and crochet for several charities. She and Sam bowled on a team of five and they won the championship last year. They also play bocce and were on a team in the Senior Olympics this winter. Sam plays golf sometimes five times a week and recently made his first hole in one. He's still smiling about that one.

Bill and Janet Martin Kelly have now been married 42 years, with two married daughters and three grandchildren. She's in her 25th year of teaching at Westminster High

School, concentrating on American literature and 10th-grade English. It's a big school, but Janet sees **Diane Hare Cooper** in the hallways sometimes. Janet lives in touch with **Peg Nauton Schorreck** who stays in Lebanon, Ohio, near her daughter's family.

Still afloat on the boat for the last 30 years, **Leon and Sherry Redinger Whitt** only touch land via the bus conversion motor home for the warmer seasons. They camp out at Wal-Mart parking lots. They finally plan to become land lubbers again by relocating property to Delaware. She's trying to find a copy of the "Turds Greatest Hits."

Wayne Laessig's freezer is full of mules, shartails, huns, specks, honkers, ducks, and snows from hunts in Montana's Missouri River Breaks, the Little Belt Mountains, Klamath Falls, the mountains near Yellowstone, and Sacramento Valley. Guys who hunt know what he's talking about. He and wife Lynette are thinking about retiring a second time, but aren't sure. They're in Vacaville, Calif., for the time being but may relocate to some other spot in the far west. Wayne's teaching a course in stealth stalking of security guards in college libraries. In the last year they've done an Orcas Island trip, a couple of weeks in Yellowstone and a bunch of weekend wine tasting trips with their kids. Don't re-tire yet, things are going too well as is. They recently created an AC-119 Gunship Association of 600 guys from Wayne's Vietnam outfit and travel all over the country for reunions. They're living well and invite everyone over to visit.

Suhelen Warner Myers did re-tire in June, this time from a five-year hitch at Liberty Christian School. Now she has no free time, having nine grandchildren and each one celebrating at least one birthday every year. **Geary Med '72** and **Suhelen** will celebrate their 40th anniversary in June.

Bob Hibbard retired four years ago as a senior warden with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He and Becky built a home on the shores of lovely Lake Quinlan in east Texas, where now he can't fish because of all the projects he foolishly adopted. They started the Quinlan Community Foundation, their retirement association. Bob recently finished first in an Ernest Hemingway look-alike contest. He's also on the board of the Quinlan Heritage Foundation, which sponsors the Lightstron Doughboys Hall of Fame and Museum (a huge name to fans of Western Swing music). Grandson Taylor is an excellent ball player with pro prospects after high school and college are out of the way. Life is terrific, and evidently **Don Heath** was right when he told Bob at the last Preacher reunion that there would still be money left when he became eligible for Social Security.

Cary Wolfson, always a man of passion, remains passionate about his wife, Nancy, music and cycling, in that order. "Blues from the Red Room Lounge" celebrates its 23rd year on KBCO in Boulder and across the

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Family additions this season:

Elizabeth Hughes, on April 30, 2007, to Wade '98 and Maureen McDonough '98 Hughes.

Emily Claire Miller-Kellner, in May 2007, to Chad Kellner and Karen Miller '98.

Nathaniel James Ritter, on December 27, 2007, to James Ritter and Charlotte Saylor '98.

Marina Grace Andrus, on May 30, 2007, to Mark and Christy Veneziani '99 Andrus.

Samuel Christian Cushman, on October 13, 2006, to Michael '99 and Christy-Ann Brown '99 Cushman.

Acadia Perry Farley, on June 14, 2007, to Jeffery and Lisa Chesno '99 Farley.

Jacob Daniel Ford, on June 20, 2007, to David and Susanne Ames '99 Ford.

Sophia Emilie Fowles, on August 18, 2007, to Eric and Catherine Crosser '99 Fowles.

John Patrick Garrison, on February 27, 2007, to Joseph '99 and Kimberly Garrison.

Samuel Thomas Jacoby, on December 29, 2007, to Thad and Erin Farver '99 Jacoby.

Keira Allison Meagher, on March 21, 2007, to William '99 and Michelle Stack '99 Meagher.

Charlie Wood, on February 10, 2008, to Mike '01 and Katie Crowe '00 Wood.

Logan Matthew Kennedy, on October 29, 2007, to Dustin and Jaime Rosenberg '99 Kennedy.

Kaylee Lynn Lettau, on March 7, 2008, to Shane and Jennifer Geiman '03 Lettau.

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Bell Encore

Donnie Bell, Class of 2008, receives props on his diploma from proud parents Carla and Donald Bell '77 and sister Erin Sikorski. Donnie graduated as a College Scholar and earned departmental honors in Political Science and International Studies with a student-designed major in Peace and Security Studies. Now Dad Bell and Donnie can argue over who gets to read the Hill magazine first.



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country. This summer will mark his 12th consecutive year at Common Ground on the Hill. Cary's also teaching a blues history class and an intro to radio production, plus a class on the music and culture of New Orleans. While on a three-day bike tour through the mountains to benefit Denver Children's Hospital last year, Cary took a fall and wound up in a full torso back brace for three months. That didn't stop him and Nancy from a three-week 30th anniversary trip to Italy, but it slowed them down through airport security. He's finished rehab and is back to biking and skiing. They plan to return to Italy for another go round and more photography. Cary's HDTV has gotten him hooked on "The Wire," and he wonders how he ever survived driving a Rice's bread truck through those featured neighborhoods in the late '60s. We were immortal then.

Linda Showe Baker retired from "The Company" after 25 years, and claims that waterboarding is merely a line from a Beach Boys song. It's hard to let a good person go, so she's been rehired as a part-time retiree by the Defense Department. Mike retired after 39 years (!) with NASA and recently volunteered for the manned Mars mission scheduled to land next year. Son Craig is an engineer for the post office and wife Heather

Dan and Lynne visited with George '71 and Maggi Sliker in Upper Marlboro and traveled to Italy.

As for me and Barbie Payne '70, we're doing fine. I'm still having fun in the dental practice, plus lots of hiking, hunting, and backpacking. And there's always the monthly crab night and brewing beer. Barbie is teaching part time at Towson University and running doing educational consulting, although she claims that grandparenting our two grandchildren, Charlotte, 1, and Brent, 3, is the best job ever. Dianne's the source of the grandkids, and she works part time as a career counselor at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Wade married Lisa and they live in Denver. Drew and Sarah got married this spring and live in Boston.

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Hello, Everyone. I hope you are enjoying a happy and healthy 2008. It's difficult to believe that our 35th reunion will be next year. As you will read, in many cases, your children's lives and successes are a big part of the news that you shared. You and your children are amazing people! Thank you for all of your responses.

Roy Angleberger retired two-and-a-half years ago after 30 years of teaching. He is now the racquetball coordinator at the Frederick YMCA. He is thoroughly enjoying running leagues, tournaments, and giving private lessons. He is also an adjunct instructor at Frederick Community College and manages to play golf and give lessons in his spare time.

Barb Anderson Angleberger is still teaching psychology and chairing the social studies department at Frederick Community College. She hopes to join Roy in retirement in another three years. Their son, Mark, graduated from UMCP in May '07 with a degree in physical education/kinesiology and is teaching and coaching at Tuscarora High School.

Kathy Rigger Angstadt still works at Padonia Park Swim Club which has grown tremendously and continues to do so. Her son works with a concert company and lives in Federal Hill. Her daughter is married and lives with her husband in Glen Rock, Pa. Kathy enjoys traveling and improving her house.

Nellie Arrington still sells houses in Howard County. After 22 years, she's survived just about every market. Daughter Elyse graduated from Maryland with a degree in instrumental music and is presently a long-term substitute in music at Franklin High School. She was married in May '08. Meredith is a sophomore interior design major at Philadelphia University where she plays field hockey. Steve Spinelli '77 is the new president there.

Larry Bocchese (the Cheese) is semi-re-

tired and working as a guidance counselor at Sacred Heart High School in Vineland, NJ. His wife, Bev, is still putting up with him. Steven is a freshman nursing student at Gwynedd-Mercy College and Matthew is a sophomore at Sacred Heart High School.

Debbie Huffer '76 and Ken Bates still enjoy life on the Eastern Shore. They became empty-nesters this past fall when their youngest, Katie, left to attend High Point University. Their younger son, Cody, 22, finished his last semester at University of Maryland this spring, while older son, Nathan, 28, already graduated from Johns Hopkins University.

Bill Corley's three daughters are all doing well. His two ex-wives come over for dinner. And he went to Paris! He says "All in all, not a bad year."

Mike Deener retired from Frederick County Schools in December '04. He also retired from the Maryland Army National Guard in July '04. He now works as a consultant with a defense contractor in Arlington, Va. His wife, Annette Wirt '75, is still on active duty as chief of staff for Maryland. Their son, Captain Matt Deener, is serving in Iraq. Daughter Megan is a junior at Shepherd University, W.Va.

Mary Catherine DeRosa is still working her practice — the Independent Woman. Three female gynecologists are now practicing there. She is now a certified menopause practitioner. Her husband, Paul, retired summer 2007. He is now renovating the baths and kitchen in their house. They still have their lake camp in New Hampshire and hope to move up to the mountains one day, after Paul finishes redoing those bathrooms.

Michael Doukas is still practicing consumer law in San Diego. He is teaching English for fun to his Japanese neighbor. His son, Ted, 16, is doing very well in high school.

Don and Carol Enser '73 Dunaway are doing well in Florida. Six years ago Don started his own actuarial consulting firm and it is thriving. He is coaching his 39th and 40th basketball teams (12 and 13 year olds) at the Boy's Club this year. It helps keep him young. Their oldest son works as an actuary in Tampa, Fla. Their two other sons are at Florida State University studying engineering.

Tiina Liiv Ets should have two book translations published this year. She was an interpreter for President Bush when he visited Estonia in November '06. He is the first sitting U.S. President to visit Estonia. Her daughter, Marika, is living in Estonia, working at the foreign ministry. As I wrote this column in February, her son, Taivo (1st Lt. USMC) was on his way home from his second tour of duty in Iraq. Her other daughter, Hilleri, is a biology/philosophy major at Salisbury University.

Glenn Fell continues to live "the good life" in Florida as his family proceeds on its normal evolution through life. Daughter Julie graduated from UCF and is looking for a job.

is a teacher in Shelby, Ohio. Courtney works for Motorola in Chicago.

Dan Gottlieb sold the farm and the goats and moved to an over-55 development in New Market, Md. It's a gated community (to keep the inhabitants from wandering off) and has a his and hers Depends vending machine in the wreck hall. Greg and Brian both graduated from Full Sail in Orlando. Lynn's kids graduated from Yale and JMU and are presently finding their way in the world.

Son Brian is a junior at Florida State. Glenn is still working for a group of hospitals making sure their information services needs are met. Since they don't have a very good retirement plan, Glenn says he'll have to work until he dies, but says "since every week is a vacation down here, who needs retirement!"

Karen Gallagher writes that she is still in history – in a quiet little town, with lots of history – and she's enjoying life.

John Harbold still lives in Westminster and works at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. John and his wife, Susan, will celebrate their 30th anniversary at the end of 2008. Daughter Laura graduated from Dickinson College last year, summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and is living and working in Washington, D.C. Son William is a sophomore at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y.

Gary Harner continues to keep busy as an admissions counselor and lecturer in film history at Towson University. He continues to indulge his love of travel. In 2006, he visited Central Europe and in 2007 toured India. This spring he took a river cruise of Russia – St. Petersburg to Moscow.

Ed Humphreys' eldest daughter, Jennifer, got married in May '07 and finished school in December. Katelyn has started her first senior year at Pittsburg State KS (teaching is a five-year program) and Matthew graduated from high school. Over the summer 2007, Matthew led his high school future business leaders of America organization to its national meeting. His business ethics team finished fourth in the nation. Jan and Ed are still trying to find the free time that is supposed to come with an empty nest. They do enjoy geo-caching whenever they get the chance.

Linda Wooten Hutchinson's son, Kyle, has been wandering the world for almost three years, through Central America, Mexico, New Zealand and Australia. Pete and Linda spent two weeks with him in Australia in November '07. Kyle is finally coming home to attend sister, Erin's August wedding.

Tom Irons and his wife of 23 years got a divorce in 2006. His daughter, Katie, graduated VT in 2005 while Kellie is a sophomore at VT now. Tom has been employed as a superintendent for a general contractor for the last 14 years. He had lived on his farm outside Leesburg, Va., until the end of last year when he decided to downsize.

Nora Waugh Jones is currently an elementary school administrator in Montgomery County, Md. She is also a new grandma. Oscar Dylan Jones was born in August '07. Both of her sons are working in their fields and happy.

Dottie Hitchcock Keene recently completed the rollout of her company's customer relationship management system. She directs the training and support for Grinnell's 9000 users – she recently conducted 3 classes in three weeks in Canada. Daughter

Julie, 25, is a genetic counselor. Son Charlie, 23, is a grad student at Boston College.

Charlie Keil taught for 32 years in New Jersey, the last 25 at Haddonfield Memorial High School. He taught math, from Algebra to Pre Calculus. He coached baseball, boys and girls soccer, and golf at the high school. He was fortunate enough to coach a state championship team in both soccer and golf. He retired in July and he and his family moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to a house they had built. Charlie and Chris have been married for 28 years. Daughter Courtney, 24, was married in November '07. Son Greg, 21, is a junior at Coastal Carolina University where he majors in professional golf management, aspiring to be a teaching pro. Youngest daughter, Bailey, is 10. Charlie plans to work part time at a local golf course.

After 34 years, **Dennis Kirkwood** retired (June 30, 2008) from Hartford County Public Schools. His last 10 years were as supervisor of science. His wife will retire November 1 and then they plan to be full-time world travelers and gentleman farmers. They continue to lead nature trips for groups of friends to hot spots like Panama, Trinidad, South Texas, and Yellowstone. Their girls are both finished college and doing well.

Scott Krieger retired from Mercantile Bank in June '06 but joined Hartford Bank in September '06. Unfortunately, in June '06 his wife, Becky, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She endured surgery, chemo, and radiation and thankfully, has been clear ever since. Their son received his master's from Towson University last year and is teaching middle school science. Their daughter is now a senior manager of immigration at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Gary and Louise Mattocks McCrorie's oldest daughter, Kristen, graduated from Wake Forest University in May with a degree in his tory/sculpture. Kyle graduated from high school in June and will attend NCSU in August. Four more years of Louise driving a forklift on weekends at Home Depot to supplement working full time for Mecklenburg County Youth and Family Services in permanency planning for at-risk kids. When she wrote, she was preparing to take her licensed clinical social worker exam in March. Gary is at Watson Electrical Construction as senior estimator. The McCrories still rescue guinea pigs – down to 17 in February.

Lucinda Newby 73 and **Robert Noland** are empty nesters now, as Derek and Lauren are out on their own. Robert still works for Otsuka Pharmaceutical, but Lucinda has retired after 30 years with the State of Maryland in social work. However, Lucinda continues to work hard at planning vacations in places like Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland and the Caribbean.

Wayne Oland is the director of information management at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md. He and Jenny live in Frederick. Their son, Brandon, lives in Westminster

and is the copy editor of the *Carroll County Times*. Their other son, Ian, is a graphic designer with Visual Data Systems in Columbia, Md.

Rebecca Watkins Orenstein still lives in Westminster with a close communication with McDaniel. Recently, she's turned her focus from photography to video, and is producing a show called "More Ways to See God," which is an interfaith roundtable. She had the great honor to have **Dr. Ira Zepp '52** as a guest. She visits Merida, Mexico, frequently.

Maria Petrucci and her family have been enjoying living in Mt. Airy, Md., for about four years. She still practices chiropractic and craniosacral therapy in Columbia.

In July '06, **George Phillips** retired from Carroll County Public Schools after 31½ years. He now works for Washington County Public Schools as a supervisor for career, technology, and enrichment education. He is looking forward to having both children in college next year.

Leigh Rogoff is active in several campaigns important to him and his son, Aaron. He is active in various local and national groups such as the Federation of American Immigration Reform, an environmentally friendly oversight group, and one that is active in raising public awareness of the needs of at-risk children in Georgia. Leigh and Aaron try to travel to places of historical interest. They saw the reenactment of the crossing of the Delaware River by General Washington in December '07.

Chip Rouse continues to serve as department chair of business communications at Villa Julie College and teaches a section or two of journalism. Her son, Bryan, graduated from UVA with a master's degree in athletic training in July '07 and then started work with Orthopedic Associates in Towson. He also serves as head athletic trainer at Dulane High School.

Jeff Royer finished his 30th year teaching biology in Wicomico County. He enjoys his summers at his home on the Pocomoke River in Snow Hill, especially the water skiing.

Judy Gardner Salzman still teaches English at Lafayette and has taken on the responsibility of curriculum leader. Leon started a whole new business in April, Frankie's Deli. Oldest daughter Jessica graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School in May. Daughter Rebecca works for Macy's in Manhattan, in her field, photography. Matt finished his second semester at the local community college this spring studying art and writing.

After 24 years, **Linda Reeser Sappington's** job ended. The IT department for GST AutoLeather relocated to Detroit, Mich. She is now a day-program facilitator at Way Station-Turning Point. This organization runs support programs for people who have been diagnosed with mental illness. She has learned that a job working with people is always full of new discoveries. People have good and bad days. She is managing not to

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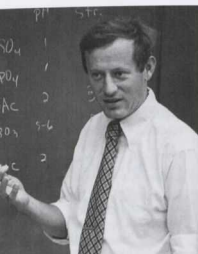
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Autumn Hazel Lovett, on June 12, 2007, to Chad '03 and Tara Webb '03 Lovett.

Aiden Moriarty, in July 2007, to Kevin and Ellen Miller '03 Moriarty.

Arice Rene Johnson, on January 20, 2008, to Eric and April Brown '04 Johnson.

Nathaniel Tone, on September 5, 2006, to Daniel and Lauren Day-Lewis '04 Tone.



David W. Herlocker

David W. Herlocker, professor emeritus of chemistry, died at home March 19 at the age of 67. Dr. Herlocker, who retired from full-time teaching in 2006, spent four decades teaching on the Hill and served as a long-time department chairman. Under his leadership, the chemistry department doubled in size, moved into high-tech labs, founded a chemistry honor society, Gamma

Sigma Epsilon, and graduated scores of students who have gone on to impressive graduate schools and careers in industry and the medical field.

He graduated cum laude in chemistry from Knox College where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. His graduate studies were at the University of Illinois, where he earned an M.S. in 1964 and the Ph.D. in chemistry in 1966.

One of Dr. Herlocker's favorite courses was one he developed in radiochemistry, the chemistry of materials that are radioactive. He combined the science with lessons in history, from the discovery of radioactivity in the 1890s to the development of nuclear weapons and power plants.

Alumnus Kevin Hadley '72 remembers Dr. Herlocker as the model college professor. "He demanded a heck of a lot from you, but he gained my respect and never lost it."

Dr. Herlocker enjoyed running and was a founding member of Westminister Road Runners and the patriarch of one of the club's most popular events, the Main Street Mile Race. The event celebrated its silver anniversary in 2006 with more than 700 competitors. Despite his suffering from critical injuries after being hit by a car while running in 1995, Dave was unwilling to quit and through therapy and true grit, he walked to finish the Main Street Mile a year later.

His allegiance to his students and their success was just as determined. Whether cheering on student-athletes or writing lengthy recommendations for graduate-school applications, his students knew that Dr. Herlocker gave 100 percent.

He also enjoyed participating in the campus community as a member of the Curriculum Committee, the Admissions, Retention and Standards Committee, the Admissions Committee and the Phi Beta Kappa chapter, and had served as interim College registrar. He was also a great colleague among the faculty and loyal timekeeper at Commencement registering faculty bets on the length of the ceremony.

own everyone's hassles and to keep smiling, and she even manages to help others laugh.

Sharon Wood Schaeffer finished up her 34th year of teaching high school art this year, and still loves it! She achieved secondary art certification in November '07. She continues to teach the secondary art methods course for McDaniel's education department. Her husband, **Frank '72**, is looking forward to retirement in a year or two. Their daughter, Kate, studied in Spain this past semester, and Sharon and her mom, **Annette McMahan Wood '49**, spent eight days visiting her. Their son, **Curtis '06**, works in Bethesda and keeps in touch with his lacrosse buddies from McDaniel.

Linda Sixx Shields completed her 34th year of teaching vocal music at New Windsor Middle. She still likes her job, but as most teachers know, it involves a lot more time outside of the classroom. She plans to teach a few more years before retiring.

Laura Stephenson was ordering plants for her perennial nursery, The Rock Garden, as she was sending me her news. She hopes to retire from full time OB/GYN to part time within the next four years. Husband Joe Thomas runs their B&B (Bed and Breakfast at the Rock Garden) near Penn State in Pennsylvania. Thanks to Penn State's football faithful, their B&B is very busy in the fall. Their daughter, Rachel, graduated this spring from Juniata College with a degree in environmental science. Son William is now a sophomore majoring in art at Loch Haven University.

Frank Wagner is living in Arlington, Va., (again) and still enjoys showing up every day to teach math to middle-schoolers. He spends time in Hawaii whenever possible, where his daughter and her husband are living (in Frank's house) raising his two awesome grandkids, Nico, 6 months, and Eva, 4.

Ann Swope Williams writes that many wonderful things have happened recently in their family: there are now five granddaughters, they moved to Charleston, and they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary!

I have to admit, for the first time since I started doing our column in 1974, I actually got a few post cards back without anything written on them. I think they were ripped apart in the mail and never reached their destination. So, if several of you did not get a card, I apologize, and hopefully we can catch up at our 35th reunion! Also, for the first time, I saved over our column in error, when I was about finished. So I redid the column and I am hoping, in my haste, that I got all of your information correct. If I didn't, I do apologize.

I'm hoping by the time you read that my son, Drew, has committed to a college for this fall. It was down to UMBC and Washington College. He was leaning toward UMBC at writing time; he is hoping to major in music. His band, Asbestos, has played in various venues around the Baltimore area.

They have raised over \$1,000 (playing at our church in Towson) toward homeless shelter meals that our pastor and church support. I'm still working for my dentist in Towson three days a week (and doing some volunteer work one day, too). The atmosphere is so different than working for a big corporation. I really enjoy the lack of pressure and leaving my job at work.

Thank you all for your continued support and for sending me your information. I hope to see you at our 35th reunion next year. Have a great summer and enjoy the rest of 2008.

Kathy Blazek Wright
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Hello to all the Western Maryland College 1980 graduates. It was great to hear from a number of you and you will note that there seems to be a recurring 50th birthday theme. I must admit that the process of putting together this letter has changed for the better over the past few decades. Cutting, pasting and editing responses to an e-mail blast is a big improvement over the days when I sent out hundreds of handwritten postcards and drafted all the letter on an ancient typewriter! All of your news is as follows:

Mitchell Alexander writes that things stay busy for him and wife **Mildred Artis '81**. Their son, Blake, is a high school junior thinking about going out for track and field in the spring, specifically discus and the hammer. Blake's younger sister, Paige, has shifted from karate to ice skating and she and her mom have a girls' afternoon on Saturdays. Mitchell continues to work at McDaniel where he says the biggest change has been the relocation of his office to the area across from the Dining Hall. The Alexanders are hoping to travel more this year and would particularly like to visit **Kathy Gault Peterson '81** and her husband, Mike, in California.

Gaye Annis-Forder became pastor of Loch Raven United Methodist Church in July '06 after 10 years as pastor of Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Carroll County. Gayle celebrated 25 years in the ministry last May. She remembers a time when she thought people getting those 25-year certificates were old. Now she knows better. Gaye says that in every church where she has served there has been a WMC connection and at LUMC there are two, retired pastor **Bob Frumig '55** and active member **Myra Birchard Wagner '79**.

Tom and Patricia John '79 Baugher write that since they live so far away and don't see many fellow Terrors, it is nice to read their news in *The Hill*. The Baughers enjoy living in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where Tom works on a naval destroyer software program at Raytheon. Tom loves being on the sports field and since his playing days are now behind

him, he gets his fix refereeing high school football and soccer. Their three sons grew up much too quickly. Christopher, the oldest is an accountant in Indianapolis and his Army Reserve Unit has just been activated so he will be deploying to Ft. Benning, Ga., for a year. Middle son Bryan also an accountant in Indy has them busy planning an October wedding. Youngest son Andy is a junior in high school and like his dad loves playing football. The Baughers traveled back to Maryland this summer to attend the wedding of Bruce England's '81 son, Jeff Vinson '80 and his wife, Vicki, also attended.

Jane Bielefield took time out to send an e-mail on what was her youngest daughter's first birthday. Her son, 8, is in third grade and is bright and happy. Jane's oldest daughter is planning her wedding for sometime next summer. Jane and her partner, Tracey, will celebrate 14 years in July. Both are in new jobs — Jane's position with Girl Scout Council of Northwestern Connecticut was terminated September 30 when the five councils in Connecticut merged into one. She is now a recruitment and training manager, writing curriculum and offering trainings to the volunteers and staff throughout Girl Scouts of Connecticut. She loves the new job and the team of women that she works with. She is also the business manager for the Torrington Service Center for Girl Scouts of Connecticut. As is the case from many of us, Jane writes that WMC seems lifetimes away — and yet it seems like yesterday.

Pete Boettger and his wife of 22 years, Linda, have lived in Greenville, N.C., for the last 20 years. Pete has worked as a physician assistant (Duke University Medical Center '85) for East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine, currently in a hospitalist capacity. Linda is also a PA (they met while training at Duke). They have two sons, Joey and Marc, ages 20 and 18 respectively. They received his MS in biology at ECU in 2002, and is active in coastal environmental advocacy. Pete writes that he enjoys meeting Bob Hubbard '77 and Tim "Cam" Hastings '79 in Virginia and eastern North Carolina for fishing trips each spring and fall. One of their most productive "holes" is named in honor of a fellow fisherman, the late Dr. Ralph John, who was gracious enough to divulge the secret location to Bob.

Ron '79 and Leslie McDade Bowen write that their family is doing well. Son Brett, 23, has his MBA and is working as an accountant for KPMG, an accounting firm in Baltimore. He recently got engaged. Matthew, 20, is a junior at the University of Maryland majoring in engineering. He recently went to New Orleans to help rebuild a home with his fraternity. Mickey, 18, is a senior in high school and headed to Salisbury University. Samantha, 10, is a fourth-grader whose passion is gymnastics. Ron and Leslie are doing well, trying to keep up with the kids. They

say it's a great life.

Lisa Finch Boyd writes that she started the New Year off by breaking her arm and therefore expects that things can only improve as 2008 progresses. Lisa continues to work at NIH while the remainder of her time is filled with family activities including visiting with her parents in Myrtle Beach and keeping up with daughter Valerie who turns 11 this year.

Sue Carson Trueedale and husband Don '79 will be celebrating their 28th anniversary this summer. Their eldest daughter, Brie, graduated from NYU in May and is currently working for the University in psych research. Their youngest, Chelsey, is a sophomore at the University of Mary Washington deciding on education or social work as her major. Don is the service director for Atlantic Automotive and Sue is finishing up her first year as an assistant principal in the Baltimore County Public Schools. **Jeanne Wells Cossentin** and Sue are deciding how they're going to celebrate their 30th birthday together.

Scott Dahne had lots of news to update. He and his former wife, Lori, were divorced in 2003 after being married for 20 years. Scott bought a new home about three miles from his previous one. His son, Matthew, 20, has graduated high school, and is living with his mom. Daughter Melanie is an honors student in ninth grade and lives with Scott half time. Scott met a beautiful woman, Natalie Nai-che, in 2005 and they've been together for two-and-a-half years. They are building a big beautiful custom home on four acres in Cave Creek, Ariz., adjoining the National Forest about five miles from his current home. Scott bought the land about eight years ago and finally decided it was time to go for it. Their home will be completed this summer and has room for any alumni who wish to visit especially for his big 50th birthday party on July 28. (Scott says if you refer to our alma mater as McDaniel, you can't come.)

After being semi-retired for a few years, Scott restarted his primary business along with several other endearment parties in an effort to avoid going crazy with boredom. Scott and Natalie hope to work for another three to five years and then retire and travel the world; recent trips have included Cabo, Costa Rica and London. Scott had dinner with Joan Develin Clope and several other WMC people at Ken Gil's '61 a few years ago in Phoenix and had a great time catching up on happenings on the Hill.

Mike "Count" D'Andrea says that back in May '06, he and college friends celebrated their 20th CampConc and treated themselves to a fantastic, surreal, five-day, brother-bonding excursion to Deep Creek, filled with good old rock and roll with their iPods, plus the quarters and shot-croquet in the beautiful foothill mountains. All were there and include Steve "Spanky" Evans, Jack "Wac" Maxwell, Dave P. Grossman, Jeff "Wally" Wahlrich, Rick 'Fulton. Bill lies '82, and

Mike's "other" two brothers (Ron and Ken). Mike and some of his friends returned to the Hill for Homecoming and of course, first headed to the Chimney Rock and the Falls (the other heaven), but once they settled back by ANW, they were "sobered" to once again know that the fraternity life, as they lived it, will always be best remembered in their souls. Mike's family is doing very well. Daughter Michelle is in Rutgers Pharmacy School; Son Michael is applying to colleges, while younger daughter Stephanie is in sixth grade and doing well on her still undefeated basketball team. Patty now married to Mike for 22 years wonderfully nurtures the whole family and Mike continues working at J&J Pharma.

Sue Fowler Katz writes that her husband, LeRoy, continues to work for Nestle. He also helps to coach a recreational lacrosse team of middle-schoolers. Their son, Alan, is looking forward to graduating in May '08 from college, majoring in dramaturgy at Carnegie Mellon University. Sue continues to coordinate an after-school tutoring program for a non-profit organization. In June '06 Sue and LeRoy went to a villa with four other couples in Umbria, as their way to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Their love for Italy has them planning another trip in the summer of '09. They still travel to Maryland a few times a year to visit family.

Kim Kost Berliant's new status is "empty-nester." Her son is a freshman at Claremont McKenna in California and her daughter is a sophomore at Carnegie Mellon. Kim and her husband, Allan, are taking a new lease on life and enjoying all the time they have with each other uninterrupted by lacrosse games, track meets, piano lessons, etc. They loved that phase of life and do miss it, but this stage has been awesome so far and they look forward to travel and adventures. Kim encourages classmates to call if they are in the Boston area; she would love to see people from WMC.

Jim Griesing is still working at The Hartford, as vice president of sales for property and casualty. Work is going great, although travel (32 weeks on the road last year sometimes gets old). Maggie, Jim's wife of 10 years, also works at The Hartford, running their loss control unit. The Griesings are now officially empty-nesters, (if you don't count Australian Shepherd "Foster" as a child). Daughter Shannon is a freshman at University of Vermont and loving it. She is going for a dual major, in pre-veterinarian and psychology and she also joined a sorority. Stepson Kevin is in his senior year at Eastern Washington State University, studying business and communications.

Jim and Maggie remain active, regularly heading up to their "get-away" home in Vermont to ski, snowshoe, hike, kayak, and mountain bike. They see Joe Della Bada '81 a lot, as he has a place nearby in Vermont, and recently saw Vince McDonald '81 and his fam-

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Those who will be missed:

Mr. Donald B. Mullendore '22, of Hagerstown, Md., on October 1, 1967.

Mrs. Louise Spedden Wright '24, of St. Michaels, Md., in 1991.

Mr. Paul G. Strayer '27, of Rochester, N.Y., on November 1, 1983.

Mr. George M. Sullivan '27, of Jekyll Island, Ga., on December 22, 2007.

Mrs. Ruth Schlincke Braum '28, of Seminole, Fla., on November 8, 2006.

Mrs. Norene Everhart Diehl '28, of St. Michaels, Cal., on December 9, 1997.

Mr. Arthur F. Condon '29, of Philadelphia, Pa., on March 1, 1980.

Mr. Clifford E. Funk '39, of Bowie, Md., on July 8, 1996.

Miss Margaret L. Christ '32, of Baltimore, Md., on January 31, 2000.

Miss Lilian E. Boughton '34, of Laval, Md., on February 15, 2008.

Mrs. Dorothy Hull Norris-Schuchardt '34, of Ft. Myers, Fla., on March 4, 2006.

Mrs. Esther Allmatt Stracy '34, of Denver, Colo., on February 1, 1986.

Miss Margaret A. Yocum '34, of Largo, Fla., on November 1, 2001.

Mrs. Jane Spalding Graeber '36, of Plainfield, N.J., on February 5, 2000.

Dr. Elizabeth P. Hagen '36, of Chester, Md., on February 7, 2008.

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Green and Gold to Eternity



When alumnus **Lee D. Lodge Sr.** considered his own funeral a decade ago, he requested his college sweetheart and wife Pearl to attire him from head to toe in College colors of green and gold. So together they shopped to find his eternal outfit and stored it away in the family cedar

chest. He died April 29 at age 89, just a few days before his 65th Class Reunion. When family and friends gathered at the funeral home, there they found their dear friend Lee in a green and gold fleece jacket, his class year, 1943 across his chest, lovingly hand stitched by Pearl, matching plaid flannel slacks, and in his quiet hands was a WMC baseball cap.

Pearl recalls that staying in the checkout line, he told another customer who admired the slacks, the purpose of the purchase. "Before she exited the store, she told Lee, 'Now, stay out of that suit!'" Lee had also asked Pearl to stitch on a nametag, but she declined saying, "Lee, you don't want to look like a billboard."

As an undergraduate, Lee was B.M.O.C. as president of the student government, class president, and Delta Pi Alpha president. Additionally, he was Cadet Colonel of the ROTC, won the Saber Award as outstanding ROTC member, and received the award for best all-around male student.

In 1999, he was inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame for his athleticism in baseball and basketball.

Lodge was president of the Old Colony Finance Co., Mount Rainier, and then owned and operated the Parkway Mart in Laurel, until he retired in 1980 to Frederick. In retirement, he enjoyed his Catocin mountain cabin retreat, known as Raven Rock, with lifelong college friends, Bob and Park Beglin (Lee was their best man at their wedding); was active in charitable work; and was an avid sports fan. He especially enjoyed the companionship of his pet dachshunds, Choo Choo and Foxy Lady, and traveling with his wife throughout the United States and abroad.

ily, who were just up for some skiing. Jim says that in addition to traveling for business, they do a lot of traveling for fun too, including a trip to see the Tampa Bay Rays kick-off spring training and travel to Tucson, Ariz., then to San Antonio for the Final Four. The highlight of this year will be a trip to Poland and Czech Republic in May to take his mother on a tour of her family's history. Jim welcomes hearing from WMC alumni, and the B-section Bombers in particular and says if anyone is heading up to Vermont please give him a call.

Jon Hockbarth writes that in honor of his 50th birthday this year he and his wife and

daughter are vacationing to Alaska in July. Jon is still working at Villa Maria as associate administrator overseeing residential and school programs for children with emotional/behavioral issues. In his spare time, he is studying to obtain his pilot's license, just for fun.

Sue Hevener Miller toured eight different college campuses with her Nathan, before his exciting acceptance to the University of Maryland, College Park, where he plans to study computer engineering and Spanish. Nathan also hopes to continue as a trumpet player with the Terps marching band. Nathan enjoyed a week on McDaniel's campus and even stayed in Whiteford during the American Legion's Boys State program last June. Sue's daughter, Meghan, is in 10th grade at Walkersville High School. She aspires to study nursing and is active with the marching band and the color guard. Sue is busy with school, music and church activities, in addition to six pets — three dogs and three cats. Sue, who is looking forward to 2010 and retirement from 30 years of teaching German and Spanish at South Carroll High School. She remains in close contact with her roommate Linda Huffman.

Bob Holcombe and his wife, Laurie, are doing well. They recently celebrated their 26th anniversary. Bob says they are both having fun running on the Stafford County (Va.) rescue squad as volunteers. Bob was selected as squad member of the year for 2007. Workwise, Bob has been at general services administration in D.C. for six years now. He still does extensive work with his church, and finds some time to play with his ham radio hobby. Oldest daughter Janis just brought her first house a mile or so away from Bob, and she also runs on the rescue squad with her parents. Youngest daughter Amy unexpectedly joined the Navy a year ago and is now on the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier on deployment in the Pacific. Bob and Laurie are proud of Amy — she finished her storekeeper school at the top of her class with a 99 percent grade.

Sam Hopkins has been the chief scientific officer of Synexis Inc. in Research Triangle Park, N.C. for the last two years. A few months ago a member of the human resources group came to his office and said, "There's someone here today who I believe you should meet." It turned out that **Jason Valentine '00** was interviewing with the company. He accepted a position with Synexis and is now contributing both to the company and to the reputation of science education at WMC. Sam has also had the pleasure of meeting Jason's wife, **Erin Howard Valentine '00**.

Nancy Menefee Jackson writes that after 16 years of freelancing while raising her daughters, she is back to work full time as a reporter for the *Catholic Review*. She remembers one bad moment in the job interview, when they told her which holidays she would

have off. "Does this mean I have to work all the rest of the days?" she thought. She also taught her first class in journalism at Villa Julie College this past fall, an experience she enjoyed but one she doesn't plan to do again soon due to time constraints. Nancy's getting ready to start her third season as assistant JV lacrosse coach for the Institute of Notre Dame, pretty good for someone who never even saw the game until she was on her way to the old student center at WMC and glimpsed a bunch of girls on the back field running around with wooden sticks. Her daughter, Lizzy, is playing for Lynchburg College while Maddy plays for IND's varsity (and is continually embarrassed by the mere presence of her mother). Husband Gerry hung up his cleats after many years of officiating lacrosse due to back problems but he's enjoying finally getting to see his daughters play.

Phyllis Landry writes that three years ago she made the decision to move to Hagerstown and take over the position of executive director of The Arc of Washington County, one of the largest and best agencies in the state providing services to people with developmental disabilities. Phyllis continues to enjoy this very challenging job. She also reports that it is great to live on a lake where she used to vacation and she likes hiking in the mountains and biking along the C&O canal. She fights again by staying active and living life to its fullest. Her children are 18 and 20 years old and have, for the present, chosen the world of work rather than college. Phyllis has made the adjustment and is embracing being an empty-nester.

Scott Peters is enjoying a period of life when not much changes from year-to-year and the best and proudest moments are more about children who have grown to young adults. Scott's oldest son, **Todd '02**, is into his second year pediatric/adolescent psych residency program at Brown University in Providence, R.I. **Josh '06** will be starting graduate school at Maryland University to become a physician's assistant. Daughter Stori enriched their lives greatly with the birth of her daughter, Brianna. Scott and Melanie very much enjoy being grandma and pap. Scott's youngest, Chelsea, is a junior in high school and is into the typical things 17-year-old girls are into.

Meanwhile, Scott is still working as a senior healthcare representative for Pfizer and continues to enjoy the intellectual and business challenges of promoting pharmaceuticals. He has given up golf and taken up fly fishing; he says it is much more relaxing, much less aggravation, but one can still stretch the truth about the results. Scott's wife, Melanie, is very busy as she recently ventured into the world of small business and opened a Rita's Italian Ice franchise. Scott and Melanie still enjoy summer vacations to Ocean City every year. Scott stays in touch with **John Seiler '84**, **Dr. Doug Pinto '83**,

and (ex-basketball coach) **Nick Zoulas MD '78** and has enjoyed the excitement of the renewed success of Green Terror hoops. Scott has made many trips back to the Hill over the years to visit his sons and enjoys running into folks and catching up.

Doug Renner says he is still enjoying teaching and coaching (track and field and cross country) on the Hill. His oldest son, Colin, is an honor-roll freshman at Francis Scott Key High School and played on the freshman football team. Twins Hannah and Noah, 5, enjoy preschool at Faith Christian School (FCS) in Westminster. Doug's wife, **Linda Marriott '87** teaches fifth grade at FCS.

Sue Robinson Tandy continues to teach first grade (26th year) and loves the kids but admits that she is beginning to look ahead to retirement in a few more years. Sue's older daughter graduated from college in '07 and her younger one will graduate in '09. Sue wonders how her children get to be 21 and 23 when she is (like the rest of us) "only 30." Sue became engaged to a wonderful man last year and they plan to marry in October '09. Somehow with two houses and four children it was a bit challenging to figure things out but they are now looking for land to build a place together and are excited about all that the future will hold. Sue continues her involvement with music, playing in community bands and singing every chance she gets. She stays in close contact with **Sally Stanfield '78** and last recently flew to Baltimore for a surprise visit. Sue says that even though she rarely makes it back to the Hill she likes reading everyone's news; it helps her feel young!

Fran Sevier Brown continues to work as an instructional assistant in the first grade at St. John's Parish Day School in Elliott City. Her children are busy in high school and her son is starting to look at colleges. The time does fly. Fran stays in touch with a number of her WMC classmates including **Barb Llewellyn Chisolm**, **Pam Holl Braxley**, **Faye Taylor Boynton** and **Jill Brooks Hodge '79** on a fairly regular basis and keeps up with **Joey Reynolds Galois** and **Sara Norman Watson** via e-mail. Fran is hoping that she and her friends from the Hill will all be getting together in the coming months to celebrate their BIG birthdays.

Jim Slack visited the King Tut exhibit at the Franklin Institute and Philadelphia's sights with his family last summer and tried to brush some rust off his tennis game. He is practicing ophthalmology in Fairfax, Va., with Kaiser Permanente.

Fred Smyth writes that life is good in Charlottesville. He and his family have been there over 10 years and hope to stay put. A couple of highlights of the last year included WMC alumni: Fred got to surprise **Jon Isaacs '79**, in Lexington, Ky., on the occasion of his 50th birthday and Fred's whole family spent some delightful summer days with **Tom and Kathy Chandler '78** Armbruster at their cottage on the shore of Lake Cayuga, Ithaca, NY. Fred's

children (daughter Jesse, 12, and son Danny, 9) have reached a wonderfully mobile age, so after their Ithaca sojourn, they headed north into the Adirondacks for their first family backpacking trip. They lucked out with the weather and recommend Moss Lake for an early first backpack or day hike. Fred continues to enjoy his work in the psychology department at the University of Virginia where he directs a research program, Full Potential Initiative. They study how unconscious biases about gender, math and science develop and influence students' academic and career choices. Fred wonders how an English major at WMC propelled him toward this. Actually he says Kathy Mangani's Women's Lit course does a lot to mind...

Susan Thornton continues managing and directing the children's theater at The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theater in Frederick, Md. She performs in and directs some of the mainstage shows there. Sue still hosts the local Comcast Cable 10 entertainment show Artscape, teaches at Dance Unlimited and directs the shows at Middleton High School.

Susie Tucker Taylor is still a laboratory scientist in the Maryland State Public Health Laboratory. She can retire in 2011 and hopes to launch some sort of second career, maybe nursing. Her daughter, **Emily '07**, graduated from McDaniel and son Zachary graduated from high school and is currently at UMBC. She enjoys spending leisure time in varied outdoor activities or in being entertained by books, movies or live shows. She hopes entering the empty- nest years will allow for more get-togethers with WMC friends.

Judy Walker still lives in Austin, Texas, where she moved after graduation. Her husband, Dennis Gold, is an attorney for the Texas teacher retirement system and Judy works for a medical device start-up company in their legal department. She may be returning to private law practice sometime later this year. Her twins, Bailey and Graham, 8, are in the second grade. They keep Judy very busy with homework and activities. Dennis and Judy celebrated their 25th anniversary last October (Jeez, Judy wonders, can we really be THAT old? It is really possible that our 30th college reunion is in two years?). Judy would love to see old friends from Maryland and says that anyone who makes it to central Texas this year should get in touch.

Dave Wahrhaftig is now in his 21st year at Kelso in New York City. He has been restoring an old house in his town for two years, and was moving in February. Dave and his wife have three boys, twins age 12 and a 9-year-old, plus four Labs (two puppies), all of whom keep quite busy. Dave sees **Ricci Bonaccory** at Bethany Beach every year.

Charlie Weevley writes that he and his wife, **Kim Reeves '82**, are still living in Catonsville, Md., and are both working at Northrop Grumman in software for various radars.

Their older daughter, Caitlin, 15, loves music and French and is attending Catonsville High. Younger daughter Emma, 12, likes dancing and French and is attending Sudbrook Middle school. Charlie and his family took a trip to Niagara Falls and the Finger Lakes region of New York last summer with **Bruce '83** and **Laura Dick '82** Swett and their two daughters. They also kept in touch with **Linda Blackett '82** and **Larry Beyer '82** as they live only a few blocks away. When not on trips, they keep busy with school and activities such as rock climbing, mountain biking and a bit of canoeing and kayaking. Charlie tried snowboarding this year with the kids and decided to leave it to those who held much faster than he does. And as he approaches the big Five-Oh, Charlie is trying to decide what to do with the second half of his life!

Scott Wheeler writes that he is anticipating a busy spring. Scott finishes his executive MBA program at Loyola College in May. The 21-month program, which Scott says is a terrific program, took him to China last August. Scott's son Andy graduates from Goucher College in May, so Scott and **Martha Hooper '79** are finally finishing with undergraduate college tuition. Daughter Kim will be finishing her third year teaching fourth grade at Magpolla Elementary School. Scott says that Martha is busy planning a family trip to Italy this coming summer.

Lisa Robeson writes that she earned a Ph.D. in English from Catholic University of America in 2007. She currently teaches English at Ohio Northern University, a private University in Western Central Ohio. Lisa's husband, Walter, teaches German at the same University.

Ellen Sartorio Lawrence continues to live in Pensacola, Fla., where she works for the two entities that represent the school district employees in the county — both teachers and ESPs. Ellen has now worked for the state affiliate — the Florida Education Association — for nearly 26 years. Her two children are now 17 and 14. Son Taylor is a junior, and daughter Emily is in eighth grade, looking forward to starting high school in an international baccalaureate program. Taylor is most interested in computers and sports (football and soccer) and his girlfriend, Emily is interested in many things. She bowls and golf, plays the piano and guitar, and does as much with her friends as she can manage to fit in to her busy schedule.

Steve Timchula continues as a partner in a Westminster law firm. He says he has been there since 1990 and is still working to stay one step ahead of the tax collectors. As to his children, Steve has no teenagers left. His youngest, Alex, will be 20 and he is an Airman First Class, stationed at Dover Air Force Base. Emily, 25, is a third-grade teacher in Myrtle Beach, and has a son who is 2. Brian lives in South Carolina after his brief stay in Arizona. He is 23, as is his twin, Dave, who is

family

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Mr. William F. Giglio '38, of Torrington, Conn., on December 27, 1993.

Mrs. Eleanor Taylor Smith '38, of Goldsboro, Md., on September 11, 2007.

Miss Marguerite L. Kirks '39, of Baltimore, Md., in 1975.

Mr. Theodore J. Mujivi '39, of New Brighton, Pa., on March 19, 2004.

Mr. Robert A. Shoemaker '39, of Woodbine, Md., on March 23, 2008.

Miss Pearl B. Bobbitt '42, of Williamsport, Pa., on January 26, 2008.

Mr. Raymond H. Rigler '42, of Hampstead, Md., on July 30, 2006.

Mrs. Mildred St. Clair Thomas '42, of Bel Air, Md., on February 1, 2008.

Mr. Francis P. Williams '42, MD '45, of Glen Arm, Md., on February 5, 2008.

Mrs. Dorothy Schwartz Leftwich '42, of Baltimore, Md., on January 29, 2008.

Dr. Milton J. Huber '43, of Chelan, Wash., on March 19, 2008.

Mr. Lee D. Lodge '43, of Frederick, Md., on April 29, 2008.

Mr. Allan Mainen '43, of Baltimore, Md., on May 12, 1998.

Mrs. Anne Covington Kidd '44, of Dumfries, Va., on February 6, 2008.

Mrs. Anne M. Nichols '45, of Newton, Mass., on October 9, 1992.

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Joan Lemeshow
Horton has a
new love in her
life, Tucker, a
golden retriever.
"Imagine a man
who will do
whatever you
ask of him.
That's what
Tucker does!"

working home improvements now. They are advancing through life and making their dad feel older all the time. On the bright side Steve is looking forward to getting his AARP card this year.

My husband **Mike Cantrell** and I and our two daughters moved into Baltimore last fall and are enjoying city living. It is closer to work for both of us as Mike continues with the law firm where he has worked for 20 years and I remain with the psychiatry department at the University of Maryland. We toured college campuses with our older daughter, Caitlin, who has been accepted to the Philadelphia University for the Arts where she will major in dance. Our younger daughter, Molly, starts high school next fall. Our family traveled to Italy last summer in part to see Caitlin who was dancing in Rome with a program through her school. Mike and I celebrated our 25th anniversary with new wedding rings purchased at a little shop in Rome!

Enjoy all of those 50th birthday celebrations. This is a great time to get in touch with those college classmates who can commiserate about the start of another decade. And remember to take care of all of the routine health maintenance and screening we should be doing. We've reached the age where annual physicals and other regular evaluations are an essential part of taking care of ourselves. After all we all want to be fit and healthy for our 30 year reunion in 2010!

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Still loving her job in the alumni office at McDaniel is none other than **Robin Adams Brenton**. "It's great to be able to connect with so many alumni each day, and to see so many at alumni events both on and off campus," she writes. Husband **George '85** is in his third year as director of physical plant at McDaniel, so they enjoy carpooling as their schedules permit. They've been in their home in Hanover, Pa., for 16 years. Travel in the past few years has included Hawaii, the Panama Canal and Disney World. They also try to get to the beach (Eastern Shore of Maryland) as much as possible. And they get together with Ann and Mike **Heppner '85** and Tim '84 and **Becky Poynter '83** Kirkbrun for dinners and with their families for a yearly camping trip.

The Butler family is doing well. **Karyn Upton Butler** writes. Bob continues to work at Atlantic Valve, the family business. He is going on 22 years. Karyn is back to teaching at Annapolis Area Christian Middle School. They are staying busy with soccer, horse training and the numerous activities that go along with three teenage boys. It is a wonderful stage of life, Karyn adds.

Julie Winkler Breed Loftis and her daughter are happy to be back in the Maritime Repub-

lic of Eastport (Annapolis) and have just had a new addition to their little family: A Newfound puppy, Kiko Garcia.

Gordon Digby is the regional vice president of ClubCorp Inc. Gordon writes that he is a PGA golf professional by trade, and he oversees 18 clubs in six states. His office is based in Centerville, Va. Gordon stays in touch and plays a little golf with **Jack Collins** and **Keith Grunow**. In addition, he has two kids, Thomas, 9, and Maddie, 7.

"I am sorry I missed the 20th reunion," writes **Laurel Dollar Seivold**. "I heard it was great." Laurel adds that they were going through a major home renovation and couldn't make it back. She is back working part time as a health care consultant for Kaiser Permanente. Quin, 7, and Naomi, 3, in the winter, she says. The Seivolds ski a lot in the fun, and her son is on the Squaw Valley ski team.

Karen Butting Donegan writes that Sean is now a junior and just beginning his college hunt; Katie is in eighth grade and dying to get to high school; and her youngest, Brian, is finishing elementary school. She adds, "We are looking forward to only having kids in two schools next year (instead of three as we have the last three years)." Karen switched schools this past year and is enjoying teaching second grade at the elementary school where she went to school. The benefit of it being a much shorter commute makes her more available for her second career as a chauffeur to soccer and football practices. Karen adds that she enjoyed a great dinner recently with **Andrew and Abbie Hume Stump**, Sean and **Angela Veltr McHultry**, Rick and **Kathy Boyer Rockefeller** and **Cole and Cathy Horsley '87** Younger, where they had lots of fun catching up and commiserating about teenagers.

"Whenever I hear from WMC, I always look back to those days and think, 'I can't believe it's been that long ago,'" writes **Sharon Emer Nolley**. She still serves as the public defender for the City of Lynchburg, where her office continues to grow along with the workload. She has been appointed to sit on the professionalism for law students faculty of the Virginia State Bar. She travels around the state and talks to law students about ethics and professionalism. She also sits on the juvenile detention alternative initiative board, which looks at ways to keep delinquent kids out of detention. Her kids, Ryan and Sydney, turned 7 recently and the Emer-Nolley family all enjoyed a trip to Disney World to celebrate. Like most moms, her time is spent shuttling them to various practices, church functions and scout meetings. Sharon and her husband, GW, recently renovated their home after 10 years, a project she is so glad is done. If anyone has any leads on our classmate, **Mary "Molly" Muir**, Sharon would love to hear from them — and Molly.

Beth Erb Follett still lives in Atlanta where she is currently a stay-at-home mom to Nich-

olas, 3. Her husband, Pete, is still in management for Universal Forest Products. They love living where they are on the blue and welcome visitors. **Joanne Colloffower Webster** lives not too far away and hopes to get together soon. (Be quick, Beth — the Websters are moving! See end of the column for more details.) Beth keeps in touch with senior-year roommate and good friend **Sheri Bialczak Leonetti**, whom she sees several times a year, and corresponds through e-mail or Christmas cards with **Sarah Burton Boling**, **Karl Hubach**, **Abbie Hume Stump** and **Heather Remberth '85**.

Still in Dallas for the past eight years are **Dave Fowler**, his wife, Halle, and three daughters. Dave still works for Wells Fargo and travels all over the West Coast. He keeps in touch with **Phil Boling '85** and **Michael McDonald**, and trades Christmas cards with several old frat bros.

Jane Manlove Garrett says, "Wow, I can't believe that it has been two years already! Looking back on my reply last time I am going to sound like a broken record!" Jane adds that she's gotten extremely busy at work and is traveling more and more. Jane and her husband, Michael, still get to enjoy their annual trip to Disney World. In fact last year, they celebrated their 20th anniversary there and had a great time.

Life in New Jersey is great and very hectic, writes **Joan Lemeshow Horton**. Joan is working at the Bonner Foundation in Princeton where she manages its national AmeriCorps program. Joan enjoys flexible workdays and hours. The kids are in high school. Sarah is a sophomore in high school and will begin the preliminary touring of colleges this summer. "So far the next year-and-a-half," she says, "our lives will be SATS, ACTS and applications! There is not enough wine in this world for this process." Jack is in seventh grade and already 5-foot, 8-inches. He enjoys golfing with his dad on weekends. Joan's husband, Mike, is as busy as ever, travels a lot, and is in charge of the entire New York metro region for Buck Consultants. And Joan has a new love in her life. His name is Tucker, a golden retriever. Joan adds, "Imagine a man who will do whatever you ask of him. That's what Tucker does!"

Becky Nave Hub practices optometry at Walkersville Eye Care and has been there for 16 years. Kids Ryan, 15, and Erin, 13, are lots of fun, she adds. Becky is enjoying being a high school parent and keeping up with her kids' activities. Becky is also still running and ran the Frederick Marathon last year and hopes to do more races. She and husband Roger will celebrate their 20th anniversary this year. They also recently bought some property on a lake in Kentucky and hope to retire there one of these years. She enjoys seeing her sister, **Marianna Nave McReal '84** and her family frequently, since they live close by.

Bob Ludlow has been living in Port Orange.

Fla., a suburb south of Daytona Beach for the last 12 years. He is married to Mindy and they have a daughter Casey, 10, and a son Jake, 5. Bob works for SunTrust Bank as a senior vice president where he manages a team of 16 commercial lenders that work with him in a three-county area. He is an elder at Port Orange Presbyterian Church and is active on the corporate board of the YMCA (that preacher training really paid off, he writes!). He and Mindy are very active in town, coaching basketball and soccer with Jake and taking Casey to gymnastics and cheerleading. He sees **Serge "Sascha" Rizzo** every few weeks as Sascha is also a senior vice president at SunTrust Bank, working as a CFP in their private wealth area. Every now and then a fellow preacher like **Keith Berlin** (Ra) will drop by when they are visiting Orlando, and share dinner and a few laughs with Keith. He also enjoyed having **Omar Cabrales** and his family drop in to say hi when they headed south. "If any WMC folks are in Orlando or Daytona for an event, lets get together for a few cocktails and a trip down memory lane," Bob adds.

Stewart Johnston made it through the MBNA Bank of America transition, and after 20 years in an office is now working from home full time with Bank of America, writes wife **Jeanene Owens Johnston**. Jeanene adds that although it took some time, Steve learned that he can actually do things like laundry and cleaning while working! I am sure that has made managing the kids schedule a lot easier. Speaking of their kids, daughter Taylor is in high school (Stew and Jeanene actually survived her first birthday, first date, first kiss!) and son Griffin is in second grade. They are both well and active in sports and church. Jeanene is still in recruitment consulting and likes it very much. They were blessed to spend the past two Christmases in the Caribbean. They also continue to vacation in the Outer Banks. "We are so fortunate to live in a fantastic neighborhood and can't believe we have been in Delaware for 11 years," adds Jeanene.

In addition to continuing work as a freelance editor and writer, **Laura King** has taken a part-time job teaching drama to Pre-K through fifth-graders at her daughter Katie's school. "It's the most fun and the most exhausting job I have ever had!" she adds.

Debbie Cooke Weissengen is still working VERY part time and doing lots of volunteer/mom things with her girls, Allyson, 10, in fifth grade, and Jackie, 8, in third grade. They're busy with swimming, softball, track, basketball, Girl Scouts, etc., which all require much driving, planning and helping out from Debbie. If this is not enough, Debbie is also on the Board of her church's nursery school and is the school treasurer. *Where?*

In her 14th year of nursing at Union Memorial's Open Heart Surgery Program is **Thea Bachman Law**. Daughter Maddy is 10

and son Ian is 17 and will be taking the SATS this year. Ian received 30 pieces of mail from different colleges in four days. She also reported that she and **Scott '85** finalized a divorce in September. She has kept in touch with classmates **Jon Shipley**, who is living in Germany, **Andy Robey**, who is a court commissioner, and **Chris Williams '87**, who works for Baltimore City Council. She also visited her parents in Florida.

Lucy Purcell Lutch is happy to report that all is well in Hartford County. Steve '87, Brigitte, 11, and Stevie, 8, are all doing well, and it seems that they have never been busier. Lucy works at Tiger Lilly, a baby's boutique shop on Main Street in Bel Air. The shop is a few doors down from Steve's office and a block from the elementary school that her children attend — very convenient. Her kids are into all the typical sports and activities, so a good portion of each week is devoted to that. Lucy and Steve continue to make the time to travel with them, including summer trips to the Outer Banks with a host of fellow WMC alumni, and skiing in the winter. Lucy stays in touch and often gets to see several Phi Alpha chapters as **Nora Kane Graham**, **Ami Wist Carter**, **Barb Pierantozzi-McCaughy**, and of course her sister-in-law **Laurie Lutch-Scannell '92**.

Still having fun with her husband, Phil Brown, and two daughters, Katie, 5, and Maddie, 3, is **Susan Malkus**. She is working part time as a training director for a D.C.-based government contractor. Susan says they travel to the Eastern Shore every chance they get and visit family and her sister **Betsy Malkus Evans '81** and her husband, **Steve '80**.

Mike McInerney and his wife are currently living in beautiful northern Virginia. He continues to work as a government contractor for the Department of the Army, enjoying the commuter traffic everyday to the Pentagon area. He admits he has not kept up with many former WMCers, occasionally hearing from **Mick Morris '87** and **Steve Hegna '89**. Mike and his wife have enjoyed traveling and vacationing in Anguilla once a year. He hopes to make at least one homecoming in the next few years, and looks forward to seeing all the WMC alumni.

Cindy Rasberry Minnich and her husband, Scott, still live in Mechanicsburg, Pa., where he's enjoying a four-month sabbatical from his job as associate pastor of Country and Town Baptist Church. Cindy is home schooling Sara, 12, Rachael, 9, and Joshua, 5, and though it's challenging, she writes that it has also been a great experience. This February they visited her parents in Lakeland, Fla., and Cindy took Sara on a surprise five-night cruise to Cozumel and Belize! It was a special "welcome to adolescence" trip in order to have some fun together, and to do a wonderful curriculum called "Passport to Purity" with her (it covers dating, peer pressure, etc.). Cindy writes that it was an amazing experience. In her free time she is a Pampered

Chef consultant.

Joe Monteleone summed it up pretty well on his postcard. He wrote: "I see no one, I miss everyone. Where is Jim Fultz '87? I value my days at WMC. I am blessed with a wonderful wife and three great kids (two boys and a daughter, 3). Coach **Sam Case '63** remains my idol!"

"Not much new here in Reisterstown," writes **Linda Strandberg Morrison**. She's still home with Ben, 6, and Mary, 10. She sees **Linda Bancroft Pyle** and **Wendy Zerwitz Schenker** occasionally, and is still active at church and at the kids' school. She adds that she is working a little, part time — just enough to keep busy.

Stephanie Shantz Myers is still in real estate with Long and Foster, and was awarded the 2006 number-one Long and Foster Individual Top Producing Agent in the Baltimore and Southern Pennsylvania Region (based on sales). She and husband Jeff went to Italy for two weeks and toured Venice, Florence, Rome, Pompeii, and several southern cities too. They also traveled to Hawaii, visiting Maui and Kauai, Kayaking and swimming with the turtles, and taking the helicopter tour over the island of Kauai were a few of her favorite all time experiences. How can they travel so much? Because son Nicholas is attending Mt. Saint Mary's University and daughter Lauren is attending Maryland Institute College of Art. And, Stephanie adds, both are on the dean's list. An empty nester she is not, however, as she and Jeff still enjoy the company of their three Yorkies.

Same old, same old for **Meg Packard-Motter**. Meg is still married to David (20 years), still living in Hanover, Pa., (17 years), still working part time as a social worker for the Frederick County Health Department (19 years), still teaching piano lessons, still home schooling Jordan, 14, Jenna, 12, and Julianne, 9, and still busy with church, music lessons for all three kids, gymnastics for Jordan, and ballet for the girls. And, last but not least, still planning a return trip to Sweden to visit **Karen Snyder** and family — as soon as all the kid-related debts are paid, she adds.

The past few years have been like changing in **Inga Petrick**. She got married to Kris Zareba, and she just gave birth to Isabella Natalia Zareba on Dec. 13, 2007. Inga, who has been living in the Dallas area for the past 14 years working as an executive for a global technology company, went from being an independent career woman, who has traveled the world over (U.S. to Dubai, Europe to India, Singapore to Japan), to getting married and sharing her space with a wonderful husband. Her sorority sisters **Kathy Goldsborough '85** and **Teri Davis Milne '85** flew down to Texas for her wedding. Inga adds that motherhood is definitely harder than negotiating deals in a boardroom. She will try to make it to homecoming in 2009.

Nicki Pesik, MD, continues to enjoy working for the Centers for Disease Control in At-

family

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Mr. Robert P. Storts '46, of Baltimore, Md., on July 23, 1989.

Mrs. Ruth Callahan Westfall '46, of Pocomoke City, Md., on February 5, 2008.

Mr. J. Allison Conley '47, of Mountsides, N.J., on February 21, 2008.

Mrs. Geraldine Frizzell Croft '48, of Hilton Head, S.C., on August 17, 2007.

Mr. Philip L. Mouser '48, of York, Pa., on September 33, 1993.

Mrs. Kathleen Revel '48, of Pembroke, N.C., on October 5, 2007.

Mrs. Onalee Cohen Schwartz '48, of Caldwell, N.J., on March 13, 2002.

Mr. Robert T. Fink '50, of Rutland, Vt., on January 39, 2008.

Mrs. Betty Robbins Seiland '50, of Sykesville, Md., on December 12, 2008.

Mr. John F. Silber Jr. '50, of Towson, Md., on February 5, 2008.

Mr. Harry G. McCrone '51, of Westwood, Mass., on March 20, 2008.

Mr. Philip S. Suwall '51, of Baltimore, Md., on October 13, 1983.

Mr. Elwood C. Weeks Jr. '52, of Northfield, N.J., on October 16, 2002.

Mr. Notley R. Barnard '53, of Baltimore, Md., on September 25, 2001.

Mrs. Sarah Marable Camm '53, of Severna Park, Md., on April 4, 2001.

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The Man Behind the Guns and Bling

In the past year, prop master Mike Sabo '93 finished the last season of *The Wire*, an Anne Hathaway movie called *Rachel Gets Married*, and a psychological thriller titled *Tell-Tale*. Now he's on the set of the horror movie remake *My Bloody Valentine*.

An excerpt from his post on "The Wire's" behind-the-scenes blog explains his important role on that critically acclaimed series, which ended this year: "In my job, I deal with everything the actors touch — everything from watches and wedding rings to guns and armor. I do all the blank firing guns on the show. And I do every car that's seen or driven on the show. And any dog. And I deal with all the animals. If there is a barking dog, I order the dog. Sometimes I even do effects."

Stay tuned for more about Sabo's career as the man who makes the scenes in a future issue of *The Hill*.



lanta. In addition to her three cats, she has added a Wheaton Terrier to the mix. It's now almost never quiet in the house, she writes. Summer plans include a trip to the U.S. Open in New York.

Work is going well for **Brett Rock** as he's been promoted to a senior-level electronics mechanic. He and wife Tara, a hair stylist in Lancaster, go camping a lot when the weather is warm. Son Zac is attending Harrisburg Area Community College. Zac even has his own apartment and is starting to deal with responsibilities, Brett adds. Daughter

Emily is in her senior year then will be attending HACC also. The Rocks headed to Cancun in April.

Rick and Loel Benisch Romeo celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in June '07. "WOW — where does the time go?" Loel writes! They celebrated with a family vacation in Jamaica. Both Rick and Loel earned their first-degree black belts in Taijutsu from Tristar Martial Arts in April '07 (Rick) and April '08 (Loel). Their son, John, 13, also received his black belt in April '08. Rick is currently training for his second degree. Rick can also be found playing disc golf on the courses located in various state and local parks. If Loel is out playing, too, watch out for flying discs!

Julie Jurd Sadler started up a solo practice in Urbana, Md., last year, which keeps her busy. Also keeping her busy are children Matthew, 8, who is competitively skiing and has taken a 1st place in slalom and 2nd place in giant slalom; older sister Rachel, 10, who is also competing; and Brooke, 7, who will start on race team next year. Julie is still coaching Brooke's soccer team, while her other kids are playing club soccer. Julie saw another class of '86er, **Susan Richardson Yurcin**, and her hubby at their high school reunion this past fall.

Wendy Zerwitz Schenker wishes she had something interesting or new to report for *The Hill*. Everything at her house is pretty much the same. The Schenkers are still living in Owings Mills and Wendy is still practicing law with her father in Dundalk. Son Robbie is in the "Law and Public Policy" magnet program at Towson High School. With a mother, father, grandfather and uncle who are all lawyers, Wendy guesses his interest in law was almost predestined! Since he will be taking driver's education this summer, Wendy and Gary are hoping this is the only exposure he will have to the law for a long time!

Heather Price Smith couldn't hold back her excitement in telling me she just got engaged! I am sure she will provide more details later. She recently decided to open her own law practice in Frederick — Price Smith, P.A. — with her mom, who plans on joining Heather when she retires from the bench. It's been exciting and crazy, writes Heather! Daughter Mattie, 14, was the first freshman in school history to make the varsity volleyball team. She is now playing for a national club level team and is already looking to be recruited for college play. Son Hank, 12, is playing football and lacrosse and growing rapidly. Both kids are far taller than Heather, she adds. Mattie is 5-foot 9-inches and Hank is 5-foot 7-inches (at 12 and wearing a men's size 12 shoe). When!

Every thing is well in Mt. Airy, Md., with **Joe Thomas**, wife Leslie, and children Joe, 9, and Amanda, 7. Joe is the athletic director at Long Reach High School in Columbia. His kids are involved in many athletic activities.

In fact, son Joe was runner-up in the state wrestling championships. The Thomases visit their property in Mandeville, Jamaica, during the summer. And, the Jerk Chicken Stand in Langley Park is still going strong — now serving steamed parrot patty! JAH BLESS, JT.

As I eluded to in **Beth Erb Follet's** update, **Tod and Joanne "Josie" Colliflower** Webster are moving to southern California, somewhere outside of the L.A. area, in June. From what Josie hears, the L.A. traffic will make the Atlanta traffic look like country driving. As she wrote, Josie was looking forward to a visit from **Robin Adams Brenton** in early March.

Lisa Abbey Wilking was thrilled to report the birth of Katherine (Kate) Fay in September '06. She is keeping busy with the girls, Caroline, 5, and Kate, a stay-at-home mom. They stay busy with Pre-K, dance classes, gymnastics, and play dates. She just finished the long, arduous process of finding a school for Caroline to attend next year. Boy was that ever draining, she adds. The Wilkings travel to Topsail, N.C., every summer for a week at the beach. Lisa writes that her husband, Kevin, won't even consider traveling on a plane with the girls until they can both carry their own luggage!

Dwain D. Woodley is the deputy district attorney for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. He is still living and loving life in southern California. He has two kids, Justin, 10, and Jordan, 8, who are growing up so fast. He misses his Sig Ep brothers on the Hill, and would like to give a special hello to **Tara Stevenson McEvoy '88**.

No significant life changes for **Dr. Susan Scharf**. She continues to live in Hampstead and works full time as a school psychologist for Baltimore City and part time in her private practice. Susan and her husband, Larry, keep busy shuttling daughters Briana, 7, and Rachel, 5, to school, piano, soccer, and gymnastics. They love to get away and travel when they can.

Back in the U.S. (Silver Spring, Md.) after five years of living and working in Turkey is **Nairy Ohanian**. She has just completed 18 years with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship as a campus minister — and it all started with IVCF on the Hill. She also published her first book this year and started a doctoral program in pastoral counseling. Nairy keeps up with **Cindy Raspberry Mimnick**, **Gail Sadler Jones '85**, **Andi Saccoccio '87**, **Liz Henry Bennett '87**, and **Val Wiedner Rickett '85**, and would love to get back in touch with her freshman roommate, **Nancy Allen Thacher '85**.

Drew and Laura Ahalt '87 Heck have been living in Mt. Airy, Md., for the past 19 years. They are busy with their kids, including college searching with their oldest, Corey. Drew enjoys coaching baseball and even drafted fellow classmate **Doug Barna's** son, but then got "stuck" with Doug as an assistant coach! Drew also continues to play golf with **Randy Blair**, who, Drew says, will not let him off the

hook until he beats him. "Guess we will be playing well into retirement," Drew adds.

Rick and Kathy Boyer Rockefeller are still in Ellcott City, Md., with their three daughters ("The Lovlies"), Rick continues as a division manager with Quaker City Motor Parts, and Kathy directs Howard County's Community Mediation Center. They are very active in their church, enjoy speed boating, and stay busy with their daughters' varied activities and interests (college searches, sports, drama, and academics). In January, Rick and Kathy met Peter and Karen Butting Donegan, Sean and Angela Veltre McNulty '85, Andrew and Abbie Hume Stump, and Cole '85 and Cathy Horsley '87 Younger in Towson and had a fun dinner. After so many years, Kathy can't believe how much thinner and younger everyone is looking.

We are all doing well, writes **Andrew and Abbie Hume Stump**. Children Drew, 16, and Holly, 13, are keeping them very busy. They enjoyed dinner earlier this year with some old friends from the Hill, including Peter and Karen Butting Donegan, Rick and Kathy Boyer Rockefeller, Cole '85 and Cathy Horsley '87 Younger, and Sean and Angela Veltre McNulty '85. West Chester is a great town, they add. If any alumni are in the area, please look them up.

I really do enjoy doing this column as I love to be in contact with so many of you. It is still hard to believe we graduated more than 20 years ago. I was up on the Hill recently, in my old dorm — McDaniel Hall — and I couldn't help but reminisce about my four years spent at WMC. They were the best four years. A lot of you said that not much had changed with you since our last update just two years ago. I ditto that — not much has changed for me either. I am still working part time, still deeply involved in my daughters' school as well as our church, and I still keep in touch with the same people!

A few of you mentioned exchanging photos of our families. I spoke with **Rob Adams Brenton** about this and she reminded me that under the Alumni section of the school's Web site (www.mcdaniel.edu), there is a place to "Get in Touch" and join the Alumni Online Directory where you may search for alumni, update your profile and add a picture, and receive news updates from the school. This is a great way for us all to stay in touch and to share photos of our families or ourselves.

Till the next update...
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Matt and Tanya Kabel '93 Ballard only get back to Maryland about twice a year but they had a chance to drive through the campus about a year-and-a-half ago and could not believe the positive changes. Both Matt and Tanya

had a crazy year, but a good one. Matt was in Kuwait or Qatar almost every other month while Tanya was away from home for seven months and spent some of that time in Afghanistan. They have been in Texas for the past two years. After all of this travel they are praying that they can finally come home, and expect a move to Maryland or Virginia for their next military assignment. "Who knows, maybe one of us will end up as an ROTC instructor!" They would love to get involved again in alumni activities once they get a little closer.

In the summer of 2006 **Kelly Wark Bove** and husband Scott moved from New Jersey to Wappingers Falls, N.Y., with their children Courtney, 5, and Tommy, 3. They love their new home and she continues to keep in touch with **Cindy Ricketts Lavallee, Mary Mahoney Pearce, and Crissl Cini Dahl**.

Tammy Lee Cadden and husband Robert enjoy living and working in Pennsylvania, just outside Philly. Tammy continues to work for The Institutes for the Achievement of Human Potential as the assistant to the director. The Institutes is a non-profit that provides programs and support to parents of brain-injured and wild children. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, watching football, singing, and doing needlework. In 2007, Tammy became an aunt for the first time when her younger sister and her husband in-law adopted a baby boy from Kobrother-in-law adopted a baby boy from Kobrother. She remains close with **Sierra Hurtt Alselrod '93** and husband Dmitry, who also live in Philly.

Things couldn't be better in New Jersey for **Kristine Meislohn Camburn**. Her daughter, Colleen, is in first grade and son Joshua is in preschool. She has been teaching seventh grade for the past 15 years and loves every minute of it. Kristine and husband recently bought a camper and have been out and about seeing all the sights with their two children and Brittany spaniel, Buster. She and her husband are just with all of her old friends from school.

Leslie Clowser Carbaugh continues to teach at the Trinity School in Frederick, Md., as she takes classes to achieve certification as a reading specialist from McDaniel College.

Deborah '72 Housley Cooper, husband Joe and their children, Kate and Pete, welcomed Nicholas Engeda home on September 1. "Nicholas was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on Feb. 17, 2007, and Joe and I took an amazing trip to Ethiopia to pick him up. He is happy, healthy, beautiful little guy and we are thrilled." They are living in Leesburg, Va., and DJ is enjoying being a full-time mom.

Cheryl Dishon is back in Baltimore and working in the library system. This time she is the children's specialist in a small neighborhood branch.

Sarah Williams Duffy lives in Anchorage, Alaska, with her husband, David, and her two daughters, Maren, 4, and Sadie (born

last October). After teaching middle and high school English for almost 10 years, Sarah now stays at home with her daughters. They enjoy skiing out their front door onto the trails in winter and backpacking, camping and catching salmon in the summer. They have called Alaska home since 2000 (with a short stint in New Mexico for David to attend law school) and plan to remain there in the future.

Nancy Flowers lives in northern Michigan with husband Bob Butz, a freelance writer. They have two children, Gabriel, 5, and Salome, 13 months. She stays busy as the senior manager of marketing with Hagerty which is the largest provider of collector car insurance in the nation and a great company to work for. Nancy says, "Northern Michigan is an incredible place to live and we do find time to enjoy the outdoors." They are 10 miles from Lake Michigan and one of the most beautiful beaches they have ever seen. Winters are brutal — very long with a ton of lake-effect snow, but it's always fresh and great for skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. Nancy sure misses the Phi Alpha girls; it has been way too long.

While working full time as a family physician at Family Practice Associates of Exton and Marshalltown, **Valerie Funk McAuley** had her third child, Catherine Louise, on March 18, 2007. She joined her big brothers, Ryan, 5, and Kyle, 3. Valerie keeps in touch with **Kim Bergen Sullivan, Colleen Klasmeyer '93** and **Tricia Duffy Murray '93**.

In the midst of a busy year is **Gina Gargue**. She is currently trying to finish construction of her new pet facility in Baltimore (Federal Hill) which will offer pet boarding, daycare and pet hospice/rehabilitation services. In addition, she still has her Century 21 Real Estate office, in which she is heavily involved. She says, "Luckily, the two projects are within a mile which helps." Other than a few trips to South Beach this winter, and the Jersey shore in the summer, Gina hasn't really gone anywhere else exotic or exciting. "No mountain climbing for me!" Her 13-year-old German Shepherd isn't doing well so she doesn't like to leave him for long periods of time. Gina really had fun catching up at reunion weekend and misses everyone.

Stephanie Gura-Aranowitz has been working in northern New Jersey as a surgical sales representative for a medical device company. She is married to Jason Aranowitz and has two kids, Jake and Maxwell. In her spare time, Sarah and Stephanie train for marathons. She has just qualified for the Boston marathon for the second time in her running career.

Gina Sciarra Haas is now residing in Collegeville, Pa. She is staying home to care for her daughters, Sophia, 9, and Juliana, 5. They have been so busy with plenty of volunteer and after-school activities that time is flying. A shout out to all her buddies from '91, '92 and '93!

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Mr. Guy B. Stephenson Jr. '53, of Takoma Park, Md., on June 27, 1984.

Mrs. Frances Paul Farnham '54, of Minneapolis, Minn., on April 3, 2008.

Mr. William B. Middlecamp Med '56, of Palm Harbor, Fla., on October 14, 1999.

Mr. Harry G. Kacandes '57, of Neptune, N.J., on October 18, 2003.

Mr. Edmund L. Moore Med '57, of Lancaster, Pa., on July 15, 1999.

Mrs. Gale Kerr Patterson '57, of Thornburg, Va., on March 17, 2000.

Mr. Frank O. Grosser '58, of Baltimore, Md., on May 1, 1976.

Mr. Wayne E. Hess '58, of Cambridge, Md., on November 27, 1997.

Mr. William H. Radcliffe Jr. '58, of Rockville, Md., on April 1, 1980.

Mr. Winston G. Seams '58, of High Bridge, N.J., on July 3, 2000.

Mr. John E. Calvert Jr. Med '59, of Elton, Md., on November 2, 2002.

Mr. Neil F. Bohn '60, of Littlestown, Pa., on February 26, 2008.

Mrs. Judith P. Kerr '61, of Moorhead, Minn., on March 20, 2008.

Mr. Samuel B. Michael '61, of Hanover, Pa., on January 14, 2008.

Mrs. Patricia Reed Barnhart '62, MLA's, of Jarrettsville, Md., on February 14, 2008.

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Rob Howell is still a lieutenant colonel in the Army and is in his senior service college year attending Harvard as a national security fellow.

Brian Hammann was given his third chance in life on August 7, 2006. He received a second kidney transplant donated by his brother Ken '90. Their oldest brother Dave '89 was the first donor. The first kidney lasted 22 years. The new kidney is working well right now. Brian is getting ready to participate in the 2008 U.S. Transplant Games, being held in downtown Pittsburgh this year. The games are just like the real Olympics but for all organ transplant recipients. Brian considers it to be an honor to be the team captain of Team Nation's Capital. He has been participating in the transplant games since 1994. The transplant games have become a big part of his life these many years. Due to injuries to his shoulder and knees, he will just be competing in table tennis this year. Brian thinks he has a very good chance at winning a medal.

In March '07, Stephen Harlan left Citigroup after 10 years in the equities division. In May, he received an MA in history from Rutgers. During the summer, he split time between home projects and golf. In December, he contracted as an Army ROTC professor at Princeton University. He also still serves in the Army Reserve as a training officer in the 2nd Brigade 75th Division at Fort Dix. "It was great seeing everyone at the reunion and an honor being a non-contributing member of the winning foursome at the Alumni Golf Tournament. To my teammates Brett Coyne, Jim Webster and Jack Olsch: I will remember to bring my own clubs and shoes next reunion."

Greetings from upstate New York. Philip A. Heavner and wife Marielle Ainsworth '94 think of the Hill often. They are keeping busy with their son Nathan, 4. Marielle is teaching on-line English classes at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, as she has since relocated from New Mexico to New York. Phil is the chief of pediatrics at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, N.Y. His department is a national leader in rural school based health. They would both like to say "hi" to all their friends from college.

Kristin Hegna was married to Mike Lindemuth in June '06 and lives in Red Lion, Pa. She and her husband are the proud parents of Madison Florence Lindemuth, who is "15 months old going on 20." Kristin has been working for the same company in Hunt Valley for the past eight years and in 2004 became a certified massage therapist. She was recently in Florida visiting fellow Phi Sig, Tracy Egan McGill, and her two sons, Peter and Ben. They had a great time talking about the good old days.

Aloha from Claudia Henemyre-Harris. She moved with husband Steve and son Nathan, a kindergarten, in May '07 to Honolulu, Hawaii. Claudia is still in the Army as a major. She works at Tripler Army Medical Center and is in charge of the clinical chemistry and stat laboratories. Her hobbies are going to the beach and running. Claudia recently

completed the Great Aloha Run in Honolulu (8.15 miles).

Living outside of Boston are Rob '91 and Jessica Barlow Howell. Jessica is taking a leave of absence for the year from Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia and staying home with their daughters, Hailey, 3, and Hannah, 1. Rob is still a lieutenant colonel in the Army and is in his senior service college year attending Harvard as a national security fellow. They are enjoying living so close to the ocean and have taken many day trips to Maine and the Massachusetts and New Hampshire beaches. They will definitely not miss the snow as they hope to return to the northern Virginia area this summer where Jessica plans to return to her part time job as a reading specialist.

Jonelle Leith Jozwiak sends her hellos from Texas. She moved yet again and is enjoying Texas life. Mark '90 is coaching high school football so that they have more time together as a family. They now have two children, Wes (October 24, 2002) and Emily (April 4, 2006). "There is more time to fish and do fun trips to the zoo on the weekends." Jonelle finished her master's in basic sciences and has returned to physical therapy part time. She says that she needed to get out of the house. If anyone is in the Dallas area or wants to say hi: emillej@jonellejzowiak@sbccglobal.net

For the past several years Mike Marceau has been a member of Veterans For Peace, a national organization of veterans. Since last year he has been vice-president of the Washington D.C. area chapter. One of their missions is to lobby lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Mike states, "We do this to end the war in Iraq and to remember the government promise to take care of our wounded veterans when they return home." The group does a lot of work with the local chapter of Iraq Veterans Against the War. Mike also visits our injured troops at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., on a regular basis. "It's been very rewarding to be part of these efforts."

Tracy Egan McGill and husband Don currently live in Jupiter, Fla., with their two boys, Peter, 4, and Ben, 2, who keep them very busy. They plan on moving back to the Boston area this summer if they can. Tracy writes, "I'm on my way to the airport today to pick up Kristin Hegna for a visit." She also keeps in touch with Sarah Williams Duffy and Heather Richardson on a regular basis.

Tom Quirk started his own financial planning and investment company in January '07. Tom has been a stockbroker now for 15 years and manages over 470 client accounts including several McDaniel professors as well as a few Founders Society members. He is a certified financial planner practitioner as well as a chartered retirement planning counselor and also holds a financial planning certificate through the Professional Development Program at Boston University.

Tom has done extensive work for clients from companies such as Fannie Mae, Lockheed Martin, Verizon and the State of Maryland. He also is one of the approved State of Maryland Pre-Retirement Instructors. In addition to running his business, Tom sits on the Community College of Baltimore County Foundation Board, the CCBCC-Catonsville Chamber of Commerce, the Major Gifts Committee of St. Agnes Hospital, and is president of the Oak Crest Community Association. Tom still keeps in contact with Brett Cohen and Nic Amodeo. He is also working with the Founders Society of McDaniel College (WMC) to encourage others to join this group. Tom lives in Catonsville, Md. with his wife, Siri, son Teddy, 7, and daughter Sofie, 2.

Jason Spiotta owns a solar company based out of Woodstock, NY. He was married to Elizabethanne Beaudry in 2003. They live outside of Woodstock with their two sons, Jackson, 4, and Che, 2.

All is well in the great state of Connecticut according to Scott Stamm. He really misses living in Maryland, though. He is a mortgage broker with Newtown Mortgage Corporation and works with two other Delta Pi Alpha alumni having a great time. It was a rough year for the mortgage industry but they pulled through and are still going strong. Scott has been married for eight years now and has three beautiful children: twins, Emma, 6, and Avery, 6; and Sara, 2. They are all doing wonderfully well and will be visiting the Hill at some point in the near future. He wishes everyone much success in the future.

Keith B. St. Amant has been working as a medical reviewer at the Food and Drug Administration since July '06. He and wife Jennie had twins in June '06, Jack and Sophie, who are 19 months old and a true handful, but lots of fun. They live in Frederick, Md., and hope to return to the Hill for an event soon.

Enjoying life as a principal at an elementary school in San Diego, Calif., is Daniel Sussman. He and his fiancée, Jori, enjoy playing soccer, competing in triathlons, and learning to surf. He keeps in touch with fellow Bachellers Ted Pollard '94 and Ed Koenig '95. Daniel sends regards to all of his fellow Bachellers.

Mark Titus writes that, "In January '07 my sister was diagnosed with an advanced and aggressive form of stage-three breast cancer. So it was a tough year for my sister going through chemo treatments and radiation, as well as surgery. Thankfully, knock on wood, as of this minute she is cancer free." In April '07, Mark spent part of his spring break in Denver, Colo. For the remainder of spring break, he took an Amtrak train, with his father, from Denver all the way to Emeryville, Calif. From there he spent three days in San Francisco with his parents and his sister's family. Also, in April '07, he enjoyed our col-

lege class reunion weekend. "I had a good time seeing the classmates that made it to the reunion. Although I hope to see a lot more class of '92ers at our 20-year reunion!"

In October '07, he bumped into **Scott Roth '94** at the Maryland Renaissance Festival. On Thanksgiving weekend '07, he went to the Half Moon Bay resort in Jamaica with his sister's family, brother's family, and his parents. "That was a great trip. I actually swam with dolphins. It was so hard leaving that nice warm air to come back to Maryland," Mark states that overall, not much has changed. He still keeps in touch with **Mike Kubacki, Mark Mills, and Kevin Wolters**. He is still working at the same special education school, the Carl Sandburg Learning Center, located in Rockville, Md. In March '08, he planned to make his first trip to Mexico where he and his parents plan to travel to San Miguel de Allende for five days. Mark hopes to see everybody is having a great year.

Gary and Charlotte Strickland Utter reside happily in their small town of Stewartstown, Pa., with their daughters, Ansley, 6, and Paige, 4. Gary is in his ninth year as a police officer, currently working with Springettsburgh Township Police Department in York. While his specialty is traffic enforcement, he found time in early 2006 to save a disabled woman from a burning apartment building and was honored with the Award of Valor. Charlotte tries to keep life more calm as a school guidance counselor at Central York High School. When they aren't working, Gary and Charlotte keep busy with all of the fun of parenting (and swimming and soccer and gymnastics and Sunday school, etc.) and as many Ravens' games as they can make!

This past fall, **Sarah Biggs Warner** achieved National Board Certification for Teaching. She continues to teach at Freedom Elementary where her daughter, Emma, 7, also attends first grade. She resides in Westminster with her husband, Mark, and their younger daughter Abby, 4. Sarah loves getting together often with **Jessica Barlow Howell, Erin Thompson Strowl '93, Wendy Gayo Pardoe '93** and **Katie Shepherd Dredger '93**, along with their families.

Jim Webster and his wife, Nakina, are very happy to announce the birth of their son, Dylan John Webster, born Oct. 30, 2007.

Jamie Wiles writes that life is great in Leesburg, Va., where he and his wife live with their three kids, Billy, 5, Cami, 4, and Samantha, 2.

Steven Zumburn wrote book and lyrics for the musical "Bring Me Giants," which made its world premiere production March 5th at McDaniel College. He has been working as a pianist for touring musical productions since 2000.

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Christian Abildso and Laurie Cicero Abildso are enjoying life in Morgantown, W.Va., which has been their home since 2004. Christian is finishing his doctoral studies in sport and exercise psychology at West Virginia University (WVU) with an anticipated completion date of May '08. Laurie has been working with WVU's Health Research Center as a health education specialist, and she has also been directing the local council of Girls on the Run, an after-school program that encourages healthy lifestyles and self-esteem for third-through fifth-grade girls. Once Christian has completed his education, Laurie and Christian are excited to begin their next adventure, which may include relocating. They looked forward to returning to the Hill and seeing old classmates at the reunion.

Jen Belbot Cox is living in Harford County, Md., with her husband and their two children. Their son, Andrew, 3, is the proud older brother to their newest arrival, Allison, who was born on Jan. 5, 2008. Jen is a pediatrician with Pediatric Partners.

Tasha Berry Christie is still happily married to her husband, Bob. The couple has two kids, whom Tasha loves staying at home. Tasha has branched out with her basket weaving, and is hoping to make it less of a hobby and more of an art. Tasha is excited to report that she turned her passion into a business (Tasha Christie Baskets) in summer '07. Tasha said that business is slow but steady. She hopes that in the next year or two, she will not only offer baskets, which she makes by hand, but will also offer supplies. In addition, Tasha will be teaching her first weaving course in Hanover, Md., this year and hopes to teach more in the future. Tasha showcased her baskets in New Market, Md., on New Market Day this past September and hopes to participate in more shows soon.

Jeanne Callahan Baranosky was married in June '01 to B.J. Baranosky. Her first daughter, Lillian, was born in August '02 and her second daughter, Grace, was born in February '04. Jeanne worked in the human resources field for over seven years at Penton Media, Inc., before deciding to be a full-time, stay-at-home mother in 2006.

Brian Combs married **Alison Leon '00** in September '04. Brian and Allison bought a house in Frederick, Md., where Brian is the general manager at Colonial Equipment Company. He reports that he and Alison enjoy traveling all over the country and the world to sight-see.

Julie Dietzel Clair and her husband, Doug, are now living in the Canton neighborhood of Baltimore City, Md. Julie reports that she

and Doug love city life. Julie is working for the Enoch Pratt Free Library as the assistant children's services coordinator. When the weather is warm, the couple enjoys spending as much time as possible on their boat. Otherwise, they spend their time exploring Baltimore or traveling. They intend to travel to Cooperstown, N.Y., and Europe in 2008.

Rebecca Earley Lee and her husband, **Christopher Lee '96**, recently celebrated their sixth anniversary. The two are still living in Adamstown, Md., and are keeping very busy chasing around their son, Cameron, 2. Rebecca is in her seventh year at Frederick Primary Care working as a physician assistant.

Kate Ensmore moved to Hood River, Ore., in July '07 to start a new adventure in life. She learned to rock climb and snowboard, and she is currently learning to mountain bike. She was excited to report that she intended to climb to the top of Mt. Hood in April. Kate says that she is having the time of her life, and has realized you are never too old to start over! When she is not climbing mountains, Kate is working as a training designer for a company that makes unmanned aerial vehicles. Kate is hoping to go to Australia for a couple of months to set up the company's training facilities there.

Liam Forsythe graduated from Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law in May '07. He is currently clerking for a Federal court judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and is living close to Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia.

Laurie Giorno Mace is excited to report that she has been married to her husband, Drew, for almost nine years. The couple is living in Bel Air, Md., with their two daughters: Adrianna, 6, and Sophia, 2. Laurie has been teaching elementary school for nine years in Harford County, Maryland. She currently teaches fifth grade at Youth's Benefit Elementary School in Fallston, Md. Laurie enjoys keeping in touch with former Omega sisters **Kim Haker Retchless '97, Jill Johnson, Lissa Price Porter, Sarah Sheckels Hendrickson '97 and Toni Randle '97**.

Erica Heibel is still living in Hermosa Beach, Calif., and loving it. She is a graphic design manager at Kennan and Associates. Erica is having fun in the sun with other McDaniel alumni **Mark Frey and Matt Koelling '04**.

Kendra Jones Merino has been living outside of Orlando, Fla., for the past eight years and working as a business analyst for the Walt Disney World College and International recruiting departments. Kendra reports that, while the recruiters do most of the traveling, she has had the opportunity to join them on a few recruitment trips over the years. In October '07, she traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil, and assisted in interviewing candidates. Kendra reports that the biggest and best change over the past several years has been her family. Kendra and her husband, Rafael, welcomed their son, Alex, into the world in

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Mr. James R. Jones Jr. '65, of Sarasota, Fla., on January 15, 2008.

Mr. Thomas S. Fort MD '71, of Belleair Bluffs, Fla., on October 8, 2006.

Mr. Theodore A. Giannecchini '71, of Rahway, N.J., on October 3, 1996.

Mr. Jack E. Nichols Jr. MD '77, of Ridgeley, W.Va., on September 15, 1992.

Mr. Michael J. Ross '80, of Costa Mesa, Calif., on December 15, 1992.

Mr. Richard S. Skyer Jr. MD '80, of Rochester, N.Y., on December 1, 2005.

Mr. Mark G. Goodman MD '81, of Preston, Md., on September 5, 1990.

Mrs. Cynthia Jacob Teasdale MS '90, of Ellicott City, Md., on February 26, 2008.

Dr. David W. Herlocker, chemistry faculty emeritus, of Westminster, Md., on March 19, 2008.

Art Honors

New art was unveiled in Winslow Hall and Hoover Library during Reunion Weekend to honor alumnus **George "Geordie" Williams '86** and Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies **Ira G. Zepp '52**.

Williams, a business administration and economics major and a cadet in the ROTC Green Terror battalion who served as a

First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, died Dec. 23, 1988, when a bomb planted in the luggage compartment of Pan Am flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland.

His parents, George and Judy Williams, made a gift of the bas relief bronze entitled "America," now installed in Winslow outside of the Military Science department. Geordie was the only child of the Williamses, who have also created a student scholarship in his memory.

"We'll never know what Geordie might have been, but we do know that his memory lives on in the many people whose lives he touched in his 24 short years. He was, and remains, a source of pride for family, friends

and alma mater," said McDaniel Provost Tom Falkner.

A lovefest of alumni, family and friends gathered on Hoover's second floor in late afternoon to unveil "Changing Lives," an acrylic painting on canvas, created by Ellen Von Dehen Elmes '69, who was commissioned by Charles '73 and Carol Hoerichs '70 Moore. The painting, done in three adjoining panels, celebrates the exemplary teaching, mentoring and caring provided by Professor Zepp and supported by his wife, Mary Dodd '49 Zepp, for decades of students here on the Hill.

Professor Zepp joined the faculty in 1963. His electrifying courses on taboo topics like human sexuality, death and racism, and his serious scholarship on a wide range of subjects from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X to the culture and religion of Islam, have inspired generations of students.



July '04 and their daughter, Sophia, in July '06. Because the family travels to California several times each year to visit Kendra's parents, her children have become quite the seasoned travelers already. The family's big vacation in 2007 was in Maui, Hawaii, where the kids ensured that Kendra and her husband saw every sunrise, thanks to the huge time difference!

Chris Kulp and his wife, Gail, are still living in Richmond, Ky., however they intend to move to Lexington, Ky., by summer '08. The couple enjoys living in Kentucky where Chris is a professor of physics at Eastern Kentucky University, a regional-comprehensive university of about 16,000 students.

Daniel Long was happy to report that he has worked for the Frederick County Public Schools in Maryland as an elementary school teacher for five years. He is currently teaching third grade at Myersville Elementary School. Daniel also earned his master's of education in elementary education in May '04 from Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md. As for his family, Daniel was married in October '03, and he and his wife have a daughter, who was born in February '06. The Long family currently lives in Hagerstown, Md.

Janna Malehorn and **Jason Wack**, who were married in May '05, welcomed their son, Jacob Robert, into the world on April 14, 2006. The family still lives in Cherry Hill, N.J., and keeps in close contact with **Shade and Maureen McDonough Hughes**, **Craig '99** and **Allison Conway Cancro**, **John and Ashley Welter Junkin**, **Sue Gaeger Bunting**, **Eric '00** and **Cindy Hess '99 Nottingham**, **Amy Doane Neubauer '98** and **Kyle, Denise Dill West, Erica Heibel**, and **Jodi Kiebez Bogert**. Although Jason works on Saturdays and Janna works from home, they try to get to Maryland as often as they can.

Missi Mangold Hayes moved to North Carolina in November '07 to be closer to her family while her husband, **Brian Hayes '99**, a member of the Army's Fourth Infantry Division, is deployed in Iraq. While teaching has been a rewarding experience for Missi over the past nine years, her move to North Carolina has given her the opportunity to try new things in life. She is now taking graduate classes in environmental policy and management. When Brian returns from Iraq in March '09, the couple expects to relocate to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in accordance with Brian's military orders.

Maureen McDonough Hughes and **Wade Hughes** are living in Parkville, Md. They welcomed their daughter, Elizabeth, into the world on April 10, 2007.

Stephanie Price Harris currently lives in Ocean City, Md., with her husband of six years, Kory, and their son, Cameron, 3. Stephanie graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatry in 2002 and is practicing full time as an optometrist. She opened her own optometry office, O.C. Eye Care, which is about a mile away from the beach,

in April '06.

Dave Roche is now a trial attorney practicing personal injury and criminal defense law in Connecticut. Dave is also licensed to practice in New York.

Jonathan Shacet moved from Front Royal, Va., to Bisbee, Ariz., in September '07. He is currently working as a reporter for the *Sierra Vista Herald* newspaper in southeastern Arizona. He covers court cases and immigration issues. Pursuant to the demands of his job, he crosses the border into Mexico on a regular basis. Jonathan is happy to report that the language skills that he acquired as a Spanish major at McDaniel are definitely coming in handy!

Since graduation, **Kimberly Suski Petry**, a Carroll County, Md., native, married Brandon Petry, another Carroll County native, at Little Baker Chapel, and is living in Hampstead, Md. The couple has two kids, Savannah, who is in middle school, and Lance, who is in elementary school. Kimberly and Brandon own their own building supply/construction business in Baltimore City, Md. Despite being a busy working mother, Kimberly found the time to go to graduate school where she earned her master's in environmental science and policy from Johns Hopkins University. She now serves on the Environmental Advisory Board to the Carroll County Commissioners.

Karl Thompson McBride reports that **Shade and her husband, Rob McBride '99**, have been married for almost seven years now. They have a son, Riley, 4, and a daughter, Ally, 2. Karl is a physical education teacher at The Catholic High School of Baltimore in Baltimore, Md., where she also serves as the school's athletic director. Rob is physical education teacher and strength and conditioning coach at Archbishop Spalding High School in Severn, Md.

Wedding bells rang for **Tavis Tucker** on July 7, 2007, and he and Jessica spent their honeymoon in the Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota hiking, sightseeing, viewing wildlife, and enjoying nature together. Jessica is a graduate of Shepherd University near Harpers Ferry, W.Va., and works as a naturalist at Bear Branch Nature Center. As for Tavis, after teaching math to seventh and eighth grade students for two years, he decided that a career change was needed. Accordingly, he took some classes at Carroll County Community College and has been working in the web development field ever since. About a year ago, he and Jessica bought a restored 1910 Colonial house in Westminster, Md. and, since then, have been working to decorate the house and suit it to their tastes.

Erin Von Tobel Gessner is still happily married to her husband, Brian, of seven years. The two now have two children, Aidan and Abigail. The Gessner family lives in Paramus, N. J. where Erin works part time planning meetings and events for an accounting firm,

in addition to her busy life as a mother of two. Erin was excited to report that she had the opportunity to go back to the Hill for Homecoming '07 where she had a great time with old Phi Sig friends, including **Chrissy Moyer Litz**, **Danielle Dickerson**, **Meredith Bowen Johnson**, **Sarah Rasinsky Drawbaugh** and **Niki Grandirimo**. Erin reports that her trip to the Hill was made complete when she was able to catch up with **Donte Abon**.

Marlene Wagner Stanton and her husband, Sam, moved into their new house that they built on his family's farm in Church Hill, Md., in August '07. They are enjoying life with their son, Giles Montgomery, who was born on July 22, 2006. Marlene is still teaching physical education in Queen Anne's County, Md.; however she now teaches at the same middle school that she attended, Centreville Middle. Marlene reports that it has been interesting to teach alongside some of her former teachers! Marlene also reports that she is coaching swimming at Kent Island High School and girls' lacrosse at Queen Anne's County High School. As if that is not enough, Marlene finds time to row with the Chester River Masters Rowing Club during the summer months. Marlene enjoys keeping in close contact with **Jessica Mongrain Benjamin** and **Kim Tower Kostelny '99**, and running into other McDaniel graduates.

Kim Walter Eckley earned her master of arts in human sciences with a concentration in thanatology from Hood College in Frederick, Md. She is now working for Lockheed Martin in Rockville, Md. Kim reports that she and her husband of over eight years are still living in Frederick where they have three dogs and a parrot. Kim was wondering if she saw **Michelle Hamilton Kersher** in the grocery store.

Matt Steiner and wife **Mary Cannon Steiner** are preparing to celebrate their 10th anniversary this summer. They now have two little girls: Molly, 4, and Michaela, 1. Matt works as an electrical engineer at TAI Engineering, a consulting engineering firm in Owings Mills. One of his current projects involves design work at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. Mary is a chiropractor with her own practice, located on O'Donnell Street in Canton. She has seen her practice steadily grow over the past several years, and enjoys taking Michaela to work with her on Fridays. One of the highlights of her practice is treating some of the cast and crew of the HBO series *The Wire*. Living in their Parkville home of five years, they enjoy their many home improvement projects, including two bathroom remodels, a kitchen remodel, and adding a screened back porch. They also like to attend church in Cockeysville, at Epworth United Methodist Church.

After getting married two years ago, **Stephen Manger** has completed his MBA at Smith College of Business at the University of Maryland College Park, started a new job with JDA Software and bought a house in

Germantown, Md. He is still able to see his old roommate **Jeff Soltz** when he comes to town. Stephen has also recently reconnected with other fellow alumni like **Christian Wohl**, **Joe Hilton** and **Dave Long '97** through Facebook.

Charlotte Saylor and her husband James Rittner welcomed their son, Nathaniel James Rittner, into their lives on Dec. 17, 2007. Since Nathaniel's birth, Charlotte has returned to work part time teaching biology courses at Towson University.

After Western Maryland, **Matt Wood** completed courses at the University of Baltimore School of Law and graduated in May '01. In December '01 he began working for California Pizza Kitchen at their Inner Harbor location and continued to move up through the company. In May '05, he opened a brand new CPK in his hometown of Gaithersburg. With a sad heart, Matt left CPK in June '07 after nearly six years. Matt then saw fit to enlist in the United States Army in July '07 and completed his training in October '07. He is now living in El Paso, Texas. He stays in touch with **Jeff Soltz**, **Bill '99** and **Michelle Stack '99**. Meagher, **Dave Alexander '99** and **Casey Wigglesworth '00**.

And I (Karen Miller) married Chad Kellner in October '05. I continue to own and operate a small marketing, advertising and graphic design agency in our hometown of New Oxford, Pa., just outside of Gettysburg called Syncopated Concepts. We have also expanded into the wedding/event business by offering custom invitations, etc. In May '07, I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Emory Claire Miller-Kellner. We continue to renovate our fixer-upper and hope by 2050 we will be done! We'll enjoy making several trips to the beach this summer while seeing it through Emory's new perspective. I continue to play basketball and softball on a regular basis with fellow alumni **Katie Haley '99**, **Erin Murphy Forman '97**, **Julie Backof Boden**, **Kristin Miller '99**. Life is busy, but life is good. I hope to see everyone this year for our 10th reunion and homecoming. Feel free to email me at: kmiller@syncopatedconcepts.com

As for me (Niki Grandirimo), I am still living in Arlington, Va., working as an assistant general counsel at the Central Intelligence Agency. I am currently the counsel to the agency's chief financial officer, and advise him on the legal issues related to how the agency spends its funds. When I am not at work, I enjoy seeing McDaniel alumni **Jessica Mongrain Benjamin**, **Natalie Hannibal '99**, **Erin Van Tol**, **Gessner**, **Sarah Rasinsky Drawbaugh**, **Chrissy Moyer Litz**, **Danielle Dickerson** and **Meredith Bowen Johnson**. Believe it or not, after 10 years, I am still playing soccer three to four times a week on local women's and co-ed teams.

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Brooke Boughter lives in Rochester, N.Y., where she is a teacher with the Cananda Central School District. In addition to teaching, Brooke loves soccer and has become the JV girls' soccer coach for her school.

Jamie Cascio is currently teaching English as a second language to international students at Newman High School in Boston, Mass. Jamie plans to attend graduate school in fall for a master's in international education and management.

Melissa Grimmer Chin was to be married on May 29, 2006 to Jeffery Chin. Melissa and Jeff recently moved to Scotch Plains, N.J., where they own their own nutrition business and are loving it!

Rebecca Stach Davis married her high school sweetheart, Heath Michael Davis, on Nov. 14, 2003. Two weeks after their wedding, Heath was deployed to serve an 18-month tour for Operation Iraqi Freedom and as a result Rebecca took over home buying duties. When Heath returned in March '05, the two officially moved in together and were elated on April 27, 2006 when their first child, Michael Wilson Davis, was born. Currently, when not enjoying the company of her new son, Rebecca has been building her home-based graphic design business, "Davis Designs," as well as working part-time in Westminster for the Financial Center.

Lauren Engel is working in development at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. On June 3, 2007, she completed America's Most Beautiful Ride in Lake Tahoe to benefit those affected by Leukemia and Lymphoma. Lauren is currently living in Hampden, Md., and keeps in touch with a number of her college buddies.

Danie Engles received her juris doctorate from the University of Baltimore in 2006 and is now an assistant state law official of Holman, Maguire, Timchula and Titus, Chtd. in Westminster. Daniel currently resides in Owings Mills, Md.

Andy Ewing planned to complete his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Washington in spring '08. One year prior, Andy had the pleasure of working at McDaniel as a guest lecturer for Professor Kevin McIntyre who was on sabbatical. More recently, Andy was the best man at his brother, **Ryan Ewing's '01**, wedding to Amy Oswley Ewing.

For **Staci George**, the last five years have been about change. She recently started a side business "By Staci" that specializes in media relations, marketing, and event planning. In July '07 she received her M.A. in communication, culture and technology from Georgetown University. When not working, Staci enjoys traveling to Westminster to hang out with her two best friends **Lauri Gann '04** and **Karen Whelan '05**.

Jonathon Shacat
is working as
a reporter for
the **Sierra Vista**
Herald news-
paper in south-
eastern Arizona.
He covers court
cases and
immigration
issues and
follows stories
across the
border into
Mexico on a
regular basis.

Name-Change Hassle Launches New Career

The last thing newly married **Danielle Rowlett** expected to become at the Department of Motor Vehicles was an entrepreneur, but that's where her thriving online business, **MissNowMrs.com**, was born.

Not quite 18 months since its launch, **MissNowMrs.com** has helped more than 13,540 brides living in every state change their names. Simply. Efficiently. Without hassle.

It started in 2005 when the 2003 graduate took the day

off from her very busy job in medical sales to change her name from Rowlett to Tate. She printed the forms from the DMV website and filled them out ahead of time. After nearly three hours in line, she was told she had the wrong forms.

She got back in line, this time with the correct forms, and filled them out while she waited. When her turn came around again a couple of hours later she was told she didn't have the

appropriate paperwork. In all, Tate only became Tate as far as the DMV was concerned, after three trips to its doors.

"I was really fed up at this point," she says. "I said to my husband, who's been an entrepreneur for 13 years, that I didn't understand why there wasn't some sort of service to help brides change their names."

His response? "Well, you should make one."

To say the rest is history is to ignore the thought and learning and hard work that went into establishing the service.

Every state has different forms and different procedures, and they change frequently. Tate researched meticulously. There was coding and programming. And that's where Tate says her McDaniel education gave her an edge.

"[At McDaniel] I learned that hard work, a book and the nerve to ask questions prepare you for almost anything," she says, explaining that she's used this formula to learn marketing, advertising, business and technology.

The service is \$29.95, takes about a half hour to complete the online form, and saves about 23 hours of time, Tate says. Her next big idea: another website and name-change service for divorcees called **GetYourNameBack.com**. This time, however, the idea isn't coming from personal experience.



After getting her master's degree in deaf education from WMC in 2004, **Sara Hansen** moved to Arizona where she worked as a teacher for one year. In 2005, Sara moved to St. Paul, Minn., where she is now in her third year teaching at Metro Deaf School as the elementary school team leader. Between school years, Sara uses her summer and winter breaks to travel around the state to compete in triathlons and to cross-country ski.

Candice Herron recently graduated with her master's degree in education from Bowie State University in December '07. Near the time she graduated, she sold her condo and purchased a house of her own! Candice is going on teaching her sixth school year as an elementary school teacher in the Prince George's County Public School System.

Jennifer O'Hara Hise was married to Adam Hise on Aug. 29, 2005. Jennifer and husband currently live in Elkridge, Md.

Jen Poli Hurff was married to **Matt Hurff** on Aug. 11, 2007, and many fellow alumni were in attendance to celebrate the occasion. Alumni in the bridal party included **Nicole Nickerson**, **Brandi Lysign**, **Tignall**, **Courtney Jones Wisk**, **Amy Berezany**, **Amy Huff Deavers '04**, and **Jeff Grever '02**. Recently, Jen and Matt bought a house in Owings Mills, Md., where Jen teaches sixth-grade reading and language arts and Matt is an associate at the law firm of Love, Fleming and Bersch LLC.

Aaron Hutsell enrolled at Springfield College in Massachusetts, where he earned his master's degree in secondary education. Currently living in Murray, Ky., Aaron is going on his third year as an assistant football coach at Murray State University.

Cara Jacobson will obtain her doctorate in clinical psychology from Loyola College in Maryland in May '08. She is currently living in New York City and working as a psychotherapist for the college students at Pace University.

A great deal has occurred in the life of **Jaime Rosenberg Kennedy** since she last reported. During 2007, Jamie passed her CPA exam and continues to work in the public accounting field at McGladrey and Pullen in Frederick, Md. In addition, she and husband Dustin welcomed the newest addition to their family, Logan Matthew Kennedy on Oct. 19, 2007. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Jamie and family live in Fairfield, Pa., with their dog and two cats.

Rick and Jeannie Bauder '02 Landgraf were married on July 14, 2007 at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in D.C. Among the guests were several McDaniel alumni including **Aaron Hutsell**, **Matthew Miller**, **Tom Browne**, **Joseph Pappafotis**, **Chris Currence '05**, and **Peter Shaffer '04**. Rick and Jeannie spent their honeymoon on the islands of Kauai and Maui, Hawaii. Currently, Rick has been deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, for his second tour to Operation Freedom and is serving as a battle captain for a Military Intelligence

Task Force. Rick is due to return home in December '08 and for Jeannie, she is in her second year of teaching third grade at Gallberry Elementary school in Hope Mills, N.C. Rick and Jeannie currently live in Fayetteville, N.C.

After graduating, **Chris Lindsay** immediately went to graduate school where she obtained a master's of community planning at the University of College Park Maryland. Currently, she lives in Silver Spring, Md., where she works as an urban planner for Prince George's County reviewing development proposals.

For the past two years, **Kary Magee Littleton** has enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom for her two daughters, Kaylyn, who will be 4 in May 2008, and Owen, who will be 2 in December. Kary can't believe how fast the little ones have grown up and matured. In May '08, Kary and husband Andy celebrated five years of marriage. Andy continues to work at Siemens while Kary has taken on major projects for her church youth group. Recently, she has become a voluntary organizer and loves planning service projects and community events with 15 to 20 kids.

Tara Webb Lovett and **Chad Lovett** were married on Nov. 11, 2006 at Kent Manor Inn on Kent Islands. More recently, on June 12, 2007 a new miracle was added to their lives when Autumn Haze Lovett was born. Living in Baltimore, Tara is a stay-at-home mom taking care of Autumn while Chad continues his work at Medtronic Neuromodulation.

Nancy Grossman Luggassy moved to New York City and began a career in advertising where she met her future husband, Daniel Luggassy. After meeting, both moved to the Baltimore area while Daniel completed his residency at the University of Maryland Medical System. On Oct. 28, 2007, Nancy and Daniel were married in Livingston, N.J., where fellow alumni, **Alice Utisinger Speert**, was one of their attendants. Currently, Nancy runs a branding group for a Canton based digital marketing and communications firm called R2integrated. In June '08, both plan to move back to New York City to continue their careers in toxicology and brand planning.

Matt Maueriello recently earned his master's degree in administration and supervision from Frostburg State University and is currently an administrator with the Washington County School System. When not working, Matt is an active member of the community through coaching football and basketball at the Mercersburg Academy. In addition, Matt still connects with his former college roommate **Danny Renn**. Matt and wife Misty, who have been married for almost five years, are very proud of their two daughters **Amelya**, 5, and **Sofie**, 4.

Alana Stubbs Michael and **Michael** have had two children since the last class column. Their son, **Lukas**, was born on May

21, 2006 and daughter Corrine was born on December 18, 2007. As of now, Matt is teaching math at Century High School in Sykesville, Md., and Alana is working part time for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in addition to staying at home with the kids.

Recently finishing her master's of science degree in genetics at Tufts University, **Ellen McMorley** became a licensed teacher and recently took a teaching position at the high school where she graduated. At her job, Ellen teaches AP biology and honors anatomy and physiology and reports that that her students are "awesome" and make work a pleasure. In August '06, Ellen married her high school sweetheart, Kevin, and had a son, Aiden, in July '07.

Megan Moulding, who currently resides in Atlanta, Ga., is now the director of health and wellness and resident services for a small non-profit organization who serves the "50-year-old and better" population and loves it. In her spare time, Megan can be found on the soccer field, the tennis courts, hanging out with her BBBS "Little Sister," or flying around the country to visit fellow alumni. Over the past two years, Megan has traveled to Denver, Colo., to visit **Leigh Garriques '05**; Wilmington, N.C., to visit **Kevin Kozak**; New Orleans, La., to see **Tierra Jolly '04**; and Pittsburgh, Pa., and Annapolis, Md., to hang out with **Tracey Carter '02** and **Becky Harman Shills** respectively.

Mary Muro Naugle continued her education at McDaniel College after graduating to earn her master's in counseling in May '06. In August, Mary was married to Ryan Naugle, a West Virginia University graduate, and were both supported by close friend and classmate **Kelly Roth** at their wedding. Last summer, when looking for a house, Mary and Ryan were filmed for an episode of "Hidden Potential" on HGTV which was a lot of fun. Although the show didn't land them their final home, Mary and Ryan bought a house in Westminster, close to campus, and close to where Mary works as a middle school guidance counselor for the Carroll County Public School System. Mary and Ryan welcomed a new family member to their lives recently, a dog named Stewie who brings them great joy.

Kaitie Odo Brown and husband Steve have just welcomed their third child into the family! Sarah Joelle Brown was born on Feb. 1, 2007 and her big brothers Ethan, 5, and Noah, 3, are great with her and love her very much. A few months back, Kaitie and Steve purchased a gym hoping that this will be the first of many. Recently taking over an existing business, the club is now called Quest Fitness and Tanning and hopes to expand in the Rochester, N.Y., area where they hope to move. Currently, Kaitie and family live about 20 minutes from Lake Ontario, Canada.

Mike Pitsikoulis currently lives in New York City and is a jack of all trades working as an associate producer for the National

Dance Institute, bartender, and actor. Mike's main interest is in the theatre but has been known to audition for film and television from time to time.

Since our last column, **Omar Pulliam** has continued his work with the Scotts Miracle Gro company, working in sales and employing graduates from McDaniel. In 2005, Omar purchased his first home in Perry Hall, Md., and in the following year rescued a stray pit-bull named Bauer.

Laura Slagle has been living in Harrisburg, Pa., working with autistic children as a therapeutic staff support. Recently, Laura was promoted to paraprofessional in the autistic school and enjoys her work very much.

After graduating, **Tammi Slater** worked as a writer/reporter for several different area newspapers and in January '07 made the jump to writing in magazines. Currently, Tammi works as a staff writer for *Corridor*, a monthly business and politics news magazine that covers the Baltimore-Washington area. Tammi currently resides in Catonsville, Md.

Jennifer Vanek Smith now lives in Mather, Calif., with her husband of almost two years. Jennifer was married at sunset on the beaches of Maui and can think of no better place to have been united.

Alice Litsinger Speert was married in 2006 to Jon Speert and both were honored to have alumni **Nancy Grossman Lugassy** and **Janet Prost** in their bridal party. Today, Alice works as a web technologies project manager for development and design at the National Institutes of Health. Currently living outside of D.C., Alice and Jon are enjoying the fabulous winter weather and travel whenever they can.

Since graduation, **Danielle Rowlett Tate** was married to Culin Tate in July '05 and left her successful career in medical sales to start her own internet-based company, MissNowMrs.com in April '06. The company is a name-change website for brides who need to have their information changed on various documents and was a concept inspired by her own name change adventures. Despite the challenge of running the business with a biology degree it has been fun and is enjoying her life greatly.

Chris Wineke and his wife, **Dana Gardner '02**, continue to live in Owings Mills, Md., which made for easy access to Loyola College in Maryland where he earned his master's in business education with a concentration in international business. Over the past year, Chris has traveled extensively, taking a week to visit Europe and two weeks to drive out west. Chris is very excited that his two siblings, **Amy '09** and **Timothy '11**, currently attend McDaniel College.

Brian '04 and wife **Christina Walter Winger** bought their first home in Hanover, Pa., and were married on Oct. 14, 2006. Many alumni shared in the big day including **Brooke Joseph Talmadge '02** who was the maid of honor, **Ja-**

min Bartolomeo, **Brian Martinzena '04** and **Ken Bertkau '05** who served as groomsmen. Christina works for Adams Hanover Counseling Services where she started immediately after completing her master's in social work in the summer of 2005. Life is pretty relaxed and quiet in the rural suburbs of Pennsylvania which is just the way she, Brian, and their new dog like it.

Wes Winters currently resides in Westminster, where he is an assistant wrestling coach at McDaniel College and continues to teach at Winters Mill High School.

Since getting married to Andy Wisk in 2005, **Courtney Jones Wisk** received her master's in education from Salisbury University and is currently the head athletic trainer at Wicomico High School in Salisbury, Md. About a year-and-a-half ago, Courtney and Andy bought their first house from alum **Virginia Holland Nicoll '59** and have loved living there ever since.

Anna Woods recently received her master's of science degree and board certification for genetic counseling from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine at NYU. Anna currently lives in New York City.

Liz Bryan Wulderk and **Zach Wulderk** happily live outside of Tulsa, Okla., with their two dogs and are very much enjoying life out West. Zach works for General Mills as the logistics manager for the company's manufacturing plants in Vineta, Okla., and Bakersfield, Calif. Liz is currently a senior account executive at Spectrum Science Communications, a healthcare public relations agency.

As for me, **Jamin Bartolomeo**, life continues to thrive here in Silver Spring, Md. I am currently a professor and chair of a counseling center at Montgomery College and I love what I do. Thanks to each one of you who submitted your updates. It's great to see such large accomplishments even only after five years. I look forward to hearing from you for the next edition of *The Hill*.

Jamin Bartolomeo
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back story

What they were thinking

March 27, 2008
Cory Briggs '09
teamed up with
8-year-old
Robby Shilling,
one of nearly
50 kids with
disabilities
participating in
the 19th annual
Tournament
of Champions
in Gill Gym.



Everybody Wins. I spent the whole day with Robby. It was quite a workout. He's probably the most energetic little kid I've ever been around. I think I lost about 10 pounds that day; I sweat through my jeans, I sweat through my jersey, I just sweat all day.

This was my first experience with the tournament. I'm on the football team and our coaches really endorsed the event and encouraged us to be part of it and other service-oriented activities this year. We had children from all over the county come to participate in 18 sporting events, including basketball and football throwing, soccer ball kicking and softball hitting. From the looks of it they had a blast. I know Robby did. His entire first-grade class came out to show their support and he put on quite a show for them.

Just to see those kids with the quote-unquote handicaps that they have and to see them do the amazing things that they did — it was an awesome experience. Without a doubt I'll be there next year. ■

TRIVIA CHALLENGE



On which campus building can this architectural detail be found?

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Rouzer

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"Singing
is just a fancy way of
Breathing"

—Professor of Music Margaret Boudreaux

This year's recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award and \$10,000 prize, Professor of Music and Choir Director Margaret Boudreaux, explains, "The Latin word for breath, *spiritus*, is the root of the word 'spirit.' When you take a breath you become inspired. Then, if you can communicate that spirit with those around you by practicing the attitudes of singing, those who hear you will be inspired as well."

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Las Vegas, Nevada

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Theatre professor Ira Domser's lectures are even more entertaining when delivered in the Green Room of WMC Alumni Hall.



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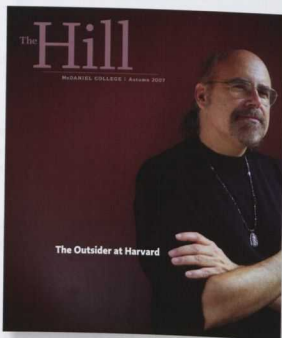


Class Noted

Guess which recent graduate just published her first romance novel, *Worthy of a Pirate's Love*? See Class of 2007, page 54.

Praise for our magazine

The Hill magazine received the Bronze medal recognition for overall excellence in the most competitive category of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II Accolades Awards program. Managing Editor Kim Asch's feature entitled "Lucky One" (Summer 2007) won the Bronze Medal for Best Article. Articles written by Kim Asch and Joyce Muller from the Spring 2007 and Summer 2007 issues earned an additional Honorable Mention award in the Staff Writing category. Only McDaniel and the University of Toronto were recognized with awards in all three magazine categories.



Carrasco educates and serves

Thank you for the cover story on alumnus David Carrasco '67 in the Autumn 2007 issue of *The Hill*. It was good to see how much he valued and benefited from the SOS service projects to Puerto Rico in 1964. In serving others, David Carrasco rediscovered his Mexican roots and became more fluent in Spanish. With his identification with the "underdog" and the "others," Dr. Carrasco has explored the Latin American culture of the past and today. When a fellow professor held a panel to discuss his book criticizing immigrants (especially Mexican) as a threat to American identity, Dr. Carrasco was there to set him straight. As a participant in McDaniel College's Great Decisions program considering immigration and Latin America, I found this a helpful article.

Marj Espenshade '76

More ties to Vladivostok

What a fun Christmas gift the Autumn edition of *The Hill* brought to our house. The note from Tom Armbruster on page 48 took us back to Vladivostok and lots of great memories. You see, McDaniel has had ties to Vladivostok for a while. John Miller Floyd '06 and Patrick '10 spent two years in "Vlad" in 1996-1998 as children of the Consul General (me). Of course, at the time, still in grade school at the brand-new Quality School International, the boys had no thoughts of college and no idea that they would both attend McDaniel. Even the Helsinki connection doubles up — Patrick was born there during our assignment to the U.S. Consulate General in Leningrad! The web of shared or similar experiences is amazing — they're just not so obvious most of the time. Thanks for re-enforcing how easy it can be to find common joys.

Jane Miller Floyd (mother of two alumni)

Editor's Note: Several readers wrote to congratulate College Historian James E. Lightner '59, professor emeritus of mathematics, on his newly published book, *Fearless and Bold*. Below are just a few.

History comes alive

I have been reading Jim Lightner's *Fearless and Bold*, the College history book featured in the Summer 2007 issue of *The Hill*. It is outstanding.

The format is so good. The calendar of world events for each decade puts everything into perspective. Also, he has made personalities that I knew of, having read Douglas Chandler's *Pilgrimage of Faith*, come to life by defining their struggles in their time period.

I always thought that the latter part of the 20th century had more changes in lifestyle than any other century, but one can just imagine in the reading of Jim's book what a tremendous change must have occurred

Stay Connected

- Reunion Weekend is May 2-4, 2008. See page 28 for details.
- To young alumni (and their parents): please share your new address with the Alumni Relations Office so that you can continue to receive *The Hill* magazine. E-mail leyler@mcDaniel.edu or call 410/857-2296.

for persons living at the time of the introduction of electricity, running water in the buildings, and the automobile.

Congratulations on a job well done.

Dottie Shindle '50, Westminster

Major triumph

This has been a banner year for the College, and Jim Lightner has certainly contributed to making it so with the publication of *Fearless and Bold*, an elegantly written, meticulously researched, comprehensive history of our beloved college. The book is a major triumph for Jim and for McDaniel.

Christine Royer '48, New York, N.Y.

Weighty accomplishment

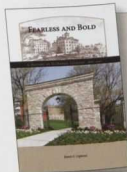
The book, *Fearless and Bold*, arrived yesterday and I've already learned a lot — although I'm only on page 8. I hope I live long enough to finish it. Of course, I've already skimmed, but I intend to read every word. It really is beautifully done.

P.S. I put the book on the scale. It weighs 4 pounds; feels like 40!

Arleen Heggemeier, professor emerita of music

Correction:

In a story about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's visit to campus in the Autumn 2007 issue of *The Hill*, Major General W. Montague Winfield, who presented the basketball legend and author with the Army Coin of Excellence, was identified with an incorrect title. He is Commanding General of U.S. Army Cadet Command.



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TRIVIA CHALLENGE RESULT



In the Autumn issue we challenged readers to choose the correct description of the College's connection to the controversial Pumpkin Papers, secret government documents that were revealed on a Westminster farm in December 1948.

The answer: Whittaker Chambers, the former Communist who hid the documents in the pumpkin, eventually enrolled as a student at the College.

This one stumped several readers who entered the contest, but 20 people answered it correctly — mostly because they had shared a class with Chambers during his time on campus. Bill Deaner '62 won the drawing for a free copy of *Fearless and Bold*, the new College history book by Dr. James E. Lightner '59.

He said he knew the answer because "I was in Economics 101 taught by Dr. Ralph Price with Whittaker."

See the feature story on page 18 in which alumni share their recollections of one of the College's most infamous students.



BEIL DENISON

Playwright Comes Home to Debut New Musical

Alumni Hall played host March 5–8 to the world premiere of *Bring Me Giants*, a new musical based on *Cyrano de Bergerac* by alumnus Steven Zumbrun '92.

Bring Me Giants was conceived in the late 1980s, when Zumbrun met composer Ivan Sherman during a run of the musical *Gypsy*. Sherman wanted to adapt *Cyrano de Bergerac*, the play about the swashbuckling poet, into a musical. Thus, the two started what has become a nearly 20-year collaboration.

In the years that followed, Zumbrun, who was traveling with national and regional touring musicals, wrote *Bring Me Giants* during the dead of night by the overhead light on tour buses as he crisscrossed the country.

Zumbrun describes the musical as “streamlined, lean and mean,” and says he has taken out the frosting — the extra characters and unnecessary subplots. What remains are 10 cast members, four of them with two parts each. “I really wanted it to be something you could do anywhere with a few talented people,” he says.

Professor of Theatre Arts Ira Domser, who knew Zumbrun from his student days, approached him and Sherman, and proposed opening the show at McDaniel. “It’s a good idea for students to work with playwrights and composers,” says Domser.

McDaniel is the perfect place to debut such a work, says Zumbrun, because it challenges the actors to master music and stage fighting, and have an understanding of dialogue during the 17th century.

“I have so much fun playing this character,” says Andrew Tucker '10, who plays *Cyrano de Bergerac*. “He really goes through every emotion known to a human being. He’s flashy but has the soul of a poet, and then we learn he is actually very troubled.” ■

Numb for a Cause

Both the water and the air temperature were just a few degrees above freezing, but that didn't stop a dozen students and a handful of faculty and staff from jumping into the Chesapeake Jan. 26 for the annual Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Special Olympics.

"It was very, very, very, very cold," said sophomore biology major Jessica Penn (pictured below, in red bikini). "I ran in up to my knees, and that's when it hit me that I couldn't feel my feet, and I immediately started to run back to the beach."

Penn is president of Best Buddies, a campus club that pairs student mentors with developmentally disabled Westminster residents. She recruited students to take the plunge to support a good cause while bonding over "a shared, crazy experience."

In addition to raising \$1,250, Penn said the group had fun, despite serious discomfort. Shortly before noon, the girls stripped down to skimpy bikinis and the guys shed all but their shorts. Jon Schultz '08 camped it up for the boisterous crowd in a leopard-print Speedo and shocked his friends by completely submerging himself in the icy water. Among the estimated 10,000 plungers were people clad in Polar Bear outfits and crab-themed attire.

"The worst part was defrosting myself. It took about 30 minutes to get all the feeling back."

Promptly at noon, the first group of plungers charged the bay. "We were all screaming, we were excited, we were totally pumped," Penn said. "That's what you have to do when you're about to do something very stupid, you have to go with the group mentality."

Two more groups raced into the water at 1 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. A total of \$3 million was raised.

"It's definitely a unique and worthwhile event," Penn said. "The worst part was defrosting myself. It took about 30 minutes to get all the feeling back." ■



Beyond funny

Freshman Danny Hughes created this cartoon for professor Robert Lemieux's new First Year Seminar "Comic Strips and the Communication of Culture." Beyond the course's creative component, students learned how the funny pages fit into history and reflect aspects of culture including politics, race, family and personal relationships.



Newsmakers

• **Zephia Bryant**, director of the Office of Multicultural Services, was honored by the Y of Central Maryland as a Drum Major Community Achiever. The award, given during the organization's Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast, recognizes Bryant's work as an agent of change on campus, and as one who perpetuates the ideals and dreams of the civil rights movement.



Zephia Bryant

• Associate Professor of English **Becky Carpenter** presented "It's a Job for Dad: Reinforcing Gender, Class, and Familial Norms in *The Dangerous Book for Boys*" at the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association. She also mentored students from her 2004 First Year Seminar who presented at the conference.



Becky Carpenter

• Associate Professor of Education **Eddy Laird** served in the lead reviewer of the Council on Education for the Deaf (CED) site visitation and review of Gallaudet University graduate programs for CED/National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.



Amy McNichols

• With colleagues from the University of Delaware, Associate Professor of Psychology **Stephanie Madsen** published "Adolescent Attachment Hierarchies and the Search for an Adult Pair-Bond" in a special topics issue of *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development*, vol. 117 (2007).

• Associate Professor of Sociology **Lauren Dundes** and Associate Professor of Sociology **Deb Lemke** are leading a major study for the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, founded by alumnus Dave Martin '62, of the phenomenon "Suicide by Cop." The project, supported by a \$22,000 grant from LELDF, employs four McDaniel students as researchers: Cody Crutchley '09, Keegan Wenner '09, Laura Sahn '09 and Craig Taylor '09.

• Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages **Amy McNichols** presented "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and the Myth of Venus" at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Convention in Atlanta. Professor Martine Motard-Noar presented "Les Filles Frappent-elles Fort? Filles et Femmes dans la Bande Dessinée Titeuf" at a conference in Roanne, France. ■

Ask the Expert

Congress is about to pass an economic aid plan to send rebates of \$600-\$1,200 to most taxpayers in an effort to stimulate the economy. What's the best thing individuals could do with the money?

Associate Professor of Economics and Business Administration Kevin McIntyre:

It is extremely difficult, nay impossible, to not be cynical about the current federal stimulus package; this is one of the dumbest tax schemes our government has ever passed, unless of course one considers the similar plan enacted in 2001.

Although at first glance \$1,200 per family may seem like a nice little windfall, remember the rhetoric used to justify this plan: millions of homeowners are hurting, they are in trouble with their mortgage or other debt, and the economy may be sliding into recession. Those things may be true, but in the grand scheme of things, is \$1,200 really going to save anyone in danger of foreclosure? Absolutely not.

Or will \$1,200 per household make a dent in the economy? No way. Think about this: the price tag for this plan is in the neighborhood of \$150 billion. The population of the United States is 300 million people, so on a per capita basis, every man, woman and child in the country will be seeing about \$500 from this tax cut. Assuming that this entire \$150 billion is spent domestically, we are looking at everyone getting to spend about \$1.40



more — about the price of a soda and a candy bar — per day for a year. To be sure, that's pretty sweet (pun intended), but a year's supply of Cokes and Snickers doesn't carry much weight in a \$13.5 trillion economy.

Here's a more serious example: current consumer spending in the U.S. is approximately \$10 trillion before adjusting for inflation, and is currently growing at about 5 percent per year. So assuming again that this entire tax cut will be spent domestically over the course of a year, we are looking at consumption growth accelerating about 0.1 percentage points on average — from, say, 5 percent to 5.1 percent — for 12 months after we get our checks.

But there's a "but": I assumed that all of the \$150 billion will be spent. That is, quite frankly, a dumb assumption. For many households, their tax refund has already been spent; their rebate is going to head straight to their credit card balance or mortgage company. Unfortunately in this case, the past is the economy's Las Vegas: what happened in the past, stays in the past.

And finally, let's not forget that this tax "rebate" is nothing more than a euphemism. This scheme is being financed with debt, so in essence this amounts to future U.S. citizens writing current U.S. citizens a check. This begs the question: is a gift you have to give right back really a gift? If you answered "no" to this question, the answer of what to do with your \$600 to \$1,200 is easy: anything you want. Just remember that sooner or later, Uncle Sam is going to want it back. ■



Work Out, Eat In

Finally, the hungry and health-conscious have a place to grab nutritious meals after working out. Sandella's, a fast, casual eatery with comfortable seating, opened in February at the Kiltzberg Pavilion in the College's Gill Center. It serves wholesome food, including wraps, paninis, pizza, quesadillas and salads, as well as smoothies and organic drinks and snacks.

"Now you can grab a healthier sandwich when you're leaving the Leroy Merritt Fitness Center," says Conference and Auxiliary Services Director Mary Jo Colbert 'MS93. "Portion sizes, calorie and fat gram counts are available for each item." ■



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The Finer Points of Learning to Chill

BY MICHELE LEIBERMAN

BethAnn Turner 'o8 admitted she was a little nervous as licensed acupuncturist Beth Grubb showed how she planned to stick five long, hair-thin needles into specific points in students' ears. The sterilized stainless-steel needles would be inserted just below the skin's surface to stimulate the body's natural healing ability.

"I wasn't sure if I was going to do it," Turner said. "But it was an opportunity that doesn't come around a lot, so I thought, 'Why not?'"

Turner was one of about 20 students in the Jan Term course "Coping with Stress," taught by Senior Psychology Lecturer Paul Mazeroff. The group practiced relaxation techniques including hypnosis, deep muscle relaxation, breathing, meditation, exercise, nutrition, guided imagery and assertiveness training.

"If you start implementing a health regimen now, you can reap the benefits all your life," says Mazeroff, who had to turn away 15 people this year due to the increasing popularity of the course. He says students tend to have a lot of stress in their lives, which shows up in psychological and physical form with sleep problems, headaches, or back and neck tension. He also notes that athletes find his course helpful because he teaches visualization, a technique frequently used to improve performance.

Mazeroff has led the class for four years. He has been treating people with stress-related problems for the last 30 years, and he taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses related to stress management.

"I've been in the stress business all my life," he says. Mazeroff let Grubb demonstrate acupuncture on his ears. Afterwards, he told the 20 nervous-looking



students, "I don't even feel it."

Grubb treats a spectrum of issues with acupuncture, and is even trained to treat animals. In fact, she credits acupuncture with saving her cat's life after he was diagnosed with kidney failure. Grubb previously donated

Acupuncture is one of many techniques utilized in Paul Mazeroff's course "Coping with Stress."



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medicine, stress is an interruption of the life force, or qi (pronounced chee). Qi, which moves through the body like rivers, can be disrupted by poor diet, lack of exercise, drugs, alcohol or trauma.

"You're going to have stress in your life," says Grubb. "It's going to be there, but acupuncture can help you deal with it."

Turner described the feeling of the needles as "warm and tingly." Then, she felt like going to sleep. She wasn't alone. As Grubb moved from student to student, tapping the needles into ears with deft fingers, whispering to each of them to inhale and exhale, it seemed that a meditative peace had descended upon the class. Mazeroff dimmed the lights. Sounds of waves crashing against a shore played as students closed their eyes and leaned back in their chairs. One young man lying on the floor snored lightly.

The course may seem like a dream for any weary college student, but it comes with a lot of work. Students are required to assess their daily stress, write a narrative about their lives and perform a relaxation technique for two weeks. Then, each completes a creative project based on their experience.

Psychology major Kenny McHugh '09 is practicing yoga for the first time in his life.

"I probably would have never tried it before," says McHugh.

After 30 minutes, Grubb took the needles out and turned the lights back on. As the group of weary college students opened their eyes, they seemed refreshed.

"It made me feel less tense," said McHugh of the experience. "I'd be interested in seeing what acupuncture can do for me long-term." ■

7 Actions that Ease Stress

- 1. Heed the research, which tells us the best stress reducers are social support and exercise.**
- 2. Be able to laugh and see the humorous side of life.**
- 3. Keep things in perspective: most of what we worry about will be forgotten.**
- 4. Maintain your focus on what is really important to you.**
- 5. Be mindful and enjoy the present.**
- 6. Avoid negative self-talk and negative people.**
- 7. Don't be afraid to fail or make mistakes. That's how we learn.**

her time during exam week to treat students with the testing jitters. Some later told Mazeroff that it helped them focus.

For the Jan Term class, she focused on students' stress. Grubb explained that, according to Chinese

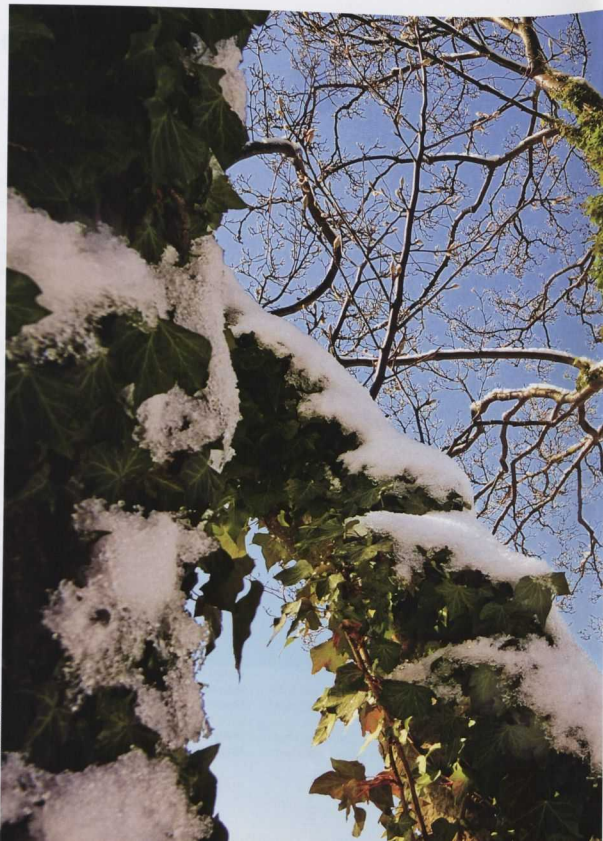
double take

Sights worth a second look

The Winter That Never Was

Snow was an infrequent visitor on campus this winter. And when it did come, it didn't stay long. Even the six inches that arrived with a significant storm in mid-January had melted away before lunchtime the next day.

BOB HANDEL/MANN





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In my own words

The Soft Side of Metal

Linda Van Hart '68

Lecturer in Art

She is a working sculptor, metalsmith and mixed-media artist whose architectural and body adornments are exhibited in high-end art shows and galleries. A past president of the Maryland Art Education Association, she inspires creativity in packed classrooms full of undergraduates and grad students who flock to her jewelry-making courses. She teaches at Common Ground on the Hill and is the visual arts coordinator. This spring semester she's on the faculty at McDaniel's campus in Budapest, Hungary.

They call me "The Tool Queen"

I was raised with a hammer instead of a Barbie doll. I have a collection of hammers. They're mostly yard-sale finds. I spend a little time with the grinding wheel and polish the hammers up to a mirror finish like the ones you buy from a store for \$45 or \$50. Mine cost 50 cents.

Heart Armor

My Heart Armor has become my major seller. It began when I was sculpting some milkweed pods and a buddy of mine was telling me how the love of his life left him. And the milkweed pods turned upside down and came together to form a heart in my hands as I was holding them. I said, "You need some heart armor. I'm going to build some for you." I was in Taos on leave from teaching when the river went dry for the first time in the memory of the people of Taos Pueblo. The elders had started a drumming cycle and on the fourth

day it rained. So they brought water back into that river. I thought, you know these milkweed pods are like empty husks; if this is going to be Heart Armor it needs a shot of energy down the middle because will has to be activated when people are in trauma.

A semester of firsts

I'm teaching digitally for the first time in my life. I brought only two suitcases to Budapest, so I don't

Linda Van Hart's hands-on instruction shapes students into expert metalsmiths and jewelry designers.





PHOTOGRAPH BY KIM

have books, I don't have slides, I don't have my own artwork or the artwork of other students. We digitized as much as I thought was essential. I'm teaching off Blackboard and ARTstor.

Found in translation

The first two things that we're working on are a sense of place and a sense of self because nobody's from here. They've all had to transplant and translate them-

selves here and I'm going through it with them. Last week I spent 14 hours working on one collage. I wanted to create a real tangible sample that my students can see right in front of them with me laying my life out there so they'll feel comfortable doing the same.

The streets have no name

I'm reminded of the U-2 song. A street name over here might start with a "T," then an "h" and a "c, s, z, f, y, i" and go on. As a dyslexic person, I can't remember the order of those letters, so these streets have no name. And when you walk down these streets with no name, the people don't look you in the eye. These are people that the Germans took over, then the Communists took over. These older people are used to trying to disappear. They don't look at each other; they don't look at you.

A foreign feeling

I'm not used to walking down the street and not getting attention. When I'm wearing my brilliant red hair — I have these additions that I wear in my regular hair — I like to challenge these people and I smile at them and it's very, very difficult for them not to look at me.

Peaceful warrior

I'm a warrior — I'm very active in the path that I take in my life. I worked with Pam Zappardino '71 and Charlie Colyer and the Zepps to help found the Peace and Nonviolence Center on campus. So I hesitate to use that word because it's so associated with violence. But I use the word in the sense of action, as in not taking "no" for an answer.

Not Hungary for a good hot dog

I'll tell ya what's funny: in a culture that specializes in the sausage they've got nothing like a Harry's hot dog with everything on it.

Cheers, or egézségedre

Hungarian wine is quite good. There's this one that's got a bull on the label that really is all that. And it's only about 4 bucks a bottle. ■



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"All of my Heart Armor has these two podlike chambers with a shot of energy down the middle. They're meant to be a talisman."

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Counting on Catastrophe

Thanks to
Karen Clark,
insurers are
much better
prepared for
the Big One –
and so are we

BY KIM ASCH

Photos by
Kathleen Doohar





It was a clear, sunny morning in Boston when Hurricane Andrew was wreaking havoc near Miami. Wind gusts topped 200 miles per hour, tearing apart neighborhoods, leveling buildings and throwing boats out of canals and into back yards. Karen Clark coached herself to remain calm from the vantage point of her office 1,500 miles away. This storm, she knew, would mark the turning point of her career.

Clark '79 and the firm she founded, Applied Insurance Research, had been working to change the way the insurance industry prepared for catastrophic events, such as tornadoes, earthquakes and hurricanes, like Andrew, which made landfall on Aug. 24, 1992. Five years earlier, she had developed unique computer models that made projections about the probability of catastrophes striking specific areas and about the financial losses they might cause. Traditionally, insurers relied mostly on guesstimates about their vulnerability to this kind of high-stakes risk. After all, catastrophes by their definition were unpredictable. Insurance companies were very good at assessing their risk for losses due to garden-variety mishaps, like auto accidents or house fires, because even though each individual incident is distinct, there is consistency over time with the percentage of insured individuals who file claims. Catastrophe insurance works differently, because either everything is fine or vast numbers of insured people suffer losses all at once.

Clark's models were a scientific innovation; they offered a rigorous methodology using data from a variety of sources. Her models combined long-term historical data on catastrophic events with numbers on building-replacement costs by zip code, engineering reports, local building codes, and more. Insurers and reinsurers — the people who cover insurance companies against large losses — had been shortsighted in assessing potential risks along the country's coastlines and fault lines, Clark warned. Not only had they failed to account for the accumulation of pricy properties in areas

vulnerable to nature during the 1970s and '80s, but they had also taken for granted their good fortune. They'd made lots of money not because their strategy was sound, but because there hadn't been any catastrophic storms in decades. The next time disaster struck, they were vulnerable to huge, perhaps devastating, losses.

Not many in the insurance industry had listened. On that Monday morning in August when Hurricane Andrew made landfall, Clark had maybe 30 clients who had used her models to plan for this kind of event and balance their portfolios accordingly. On Sunday, when it became clear that Andrew was headed for Miami as a Category 4 hurricane (it was later reclassified as a Category 5), Clark and her crew reported to work. They began to model some of the possible scenarios, feeding the computer software with data on the storm track; the minimum central pressure, which dictates the wind speed; the radius of maximum winds, or how wide the storm is; the forward speed,

and more. The models simulated the storm at every possible location. They simulated the damage. And then, ultimately, they spit out a dollar amount. By 9 a.m. on Monday, Clark sent a fax to her clients in which she estimated losses could exceed \$13 billion.

Nobody had seen that kind of damage before, and there were lots of naysayers in the industry. Clark believed in her model, but her imagination failed her. "What does \$13 billion of damage even look like? This is four times bigger than Hugo," Clark recalls thinking. The phones started ringing. Underwriters from

various insurance companies were outraged. The brunt of Andrew had hit not Miami, but a town outside the city called Homestead. "A few mobile homes and an Air Force base, how much can the damage be?" one person told her. Another, from Lloyds of London, said, "I'll bet you 5 quid it won't be more than \$6 billion."

Over the months that followed, as insurers totaled their losses, Clark's model was proven right. Because building codes had not been strictly enforced, the damage climbed to \$15.5 billion. Several insurance companies went bust. The truth of Clark's warning crystallized: catastrophe was too complicated and too costly to rely on guesstimates.

And that's when everything changed — for Clark, her company, and for the entire catastrophic-insurance industry.

At 50 years old, Clark is recognized within the industry as the pioneer who developed the first "cat model" and who persevered when many in the staid old insurance business laughed away the necessity of her innovation.

She relishes telling the story of a presentation she made to the venerable Lloyds of London, perhaps the world's best-known reinsurance company, soon after starting Applied Insurance Research, or AIR, in 1987. She was not yet 30 years old, a woman in a "pretty much 100 percent male organization," and pregnant with her first child. "They had based their reputation on how well they did their underwriting. It was the epitome of an all-boys exclusive club. But I'm totally oblivious because I'm just enamored with this model and I just think it's the greatest thing since sliced bread, so I just assume that everybody else in the world is also going to think it's the greatest thing since sliced bread," she says. "I have these vivid memories, I remember flying over for that presentation."

On the airplane, she sat next to a British businessman. He asked her, "Oh, so are you going over to visit relatives?"

No, she told him, "Actually, I'm going over to make a presentation to Lloyds."

The man looked at her in disbelief. "First of all, I'm a woman. Second of all, an American woman. And third of all, an American woman seven months pregnant. Now that must have seemed like the funniest thing he ever heard of."

She lugged her computer to the presentation, where a room full of men who prided themselves on doing all of their underwriting manually listened politely, but were unconvinced when she showed them models that generated losses of \$30 billion — 10 times more than they imagined possible — for a single storm.



"Most of the underwriters at the time said, 'We just don't need this computer model,'" she recalls. "After Andrew, the floodgates opened and everybody decided they needed this model. That's when AIR grew pretty significantly."

Over the past two decades, AIR has grown to 250 employees, including more than two dozen with Ph.D.s and 100 or more with master's degrees. There are meteorologists, seismologists, computer scientists, physicists, engineers and statisticians who develop models for all perils — including terrorism — for 50 countries. The company has offices in Boston, London, San Francisco, Hyderabad, Munich and Beijing.

"It would be hard to understate how much the computer models have revolutionized the way cat risk is understood," says Bill Riker, who recently retired as CEO of Renaissance Reinsurance Company, one of the most well-known and successful reinsurance companies in the world. "Before the advent of modeling, catastrophes were considered these un-understandable things. Now you have an expectation that catastrophes will happen with a certain frequency, and when they do happen you're prepared to manage the outcomes."

John Seo, a hedge-fund manager who invests nearly \$2 billion in catastrophe bonds and — like a reinsurance company — effectively covers insurance companies against catastrophe, says, "Karen is so visionary, she's amazing."

He continues: "She saw that if she built the cat models, in the end there will be societal benefit because the cost of insurance will be lower. Everybody told her she was crazy. They said, 'Karen, if you're right about the projections, we're going to have to charge more for insurance.' But she knew that in the long run the cat models would result in the lowest sustainable cost of insurance. Without her models you would have insurance being way too cheap, then after a catastrophe, insurance suddenly costing 10 times more than before, then insurance not available at all [because so many insurance companies would go out of business] — only movie stars and connected people would be able to get it."

Petite and soft-spoken, Clark attributes her drive to succeed not to business ambition but to a passion for the science and the benefits it offers. She grew up in Woodstock, Md., and earned a bachelor's in economics on the Hill, before setting off for Boston University for both an MBA and a master's in economics. There, she fell in love with the city, her future husband and computers.

"I was just so enamored with the technology, with building these models; I was a model nerd," she says with a laugh. "I enjoyed the creating and the building and I got very excited about validating the output of the models and seeing that it was credible and could

be used for decision making. I could see that it was bringing a lot of value to the insurance industry."

Hurricane Katrina was the second wake-up call — both for Clark and the industry as a whole, she says. When Katrina made landfall in Louisiana and Mississippi on Aug. 29, 2005, Clark was in her last couple years as CEO of AIR. She'd sold AIR in 2002 to a company called Insurance Services Office and was contracted to stay on for five more years.

At that point, she could have retired. "It was a logical time to transition," Clark says. But to what? She felt her work was not done. "Katrina really showed me that the industry was having a lot of challenges in using the models and that the models were not really being used that effectively," she says.

Losses totaled just over \$40 billion and many insurance companies hadn't properly prepared for that size loss. They complained that the models had failed them, despite that some of the projections had shown a probability of hurricane losses in excess of \$100 billion. "I personally became very engaged in this issue. We found out that the data companies were putting into the models wasn't very credible."

Instead of riding off into the sunset to pursue her hobbies of gardening and cooking at her suburban home, she launched a new business, Karen Clark & Company. After all, her husband is still busy full time and her three daughters are involved in their own activities. "What would I do, wait around the house all day for them to come home?" she jokes.

At her brand-new offices in a high-rise just across from Boston's Four Seasons hotel and around the corner from The Public Garden, Clark embodies the characteristics so many of her colleagues and clients reference when describing their admiration for her. She is happy, fulfilled, energetic, and yet calm too. She is passionate about her new venture, which opened for business in late 2007.

She intends for Karen Clark & Company to pick up where she left off with AIR, to help clients use the models and other tools to more effectively plan for catastrophe.

"Karen now phrases it, 'Models are necessary but not sufficient,'" says longtime colleague Vivek Basur, who also staved off retirement after AIR's sale to join Clark in the new company.

"I see this as being her last gift to the industry," says Seo, the cat-bond investor. "She's built this whole thing here; she advanced the industry a tremendous way and no one should expect her to do anymore. But then she saw this opportunity to play guardian to the legacy. That would be consistent with Karen's character." ■

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On days when the portly, gray-haired student, Whittaker Chambers, was not in Spanish II class, Professor R. Dewees Summers would take a few minutes to explain to his much younger undergraduates that they were rubbing shoulders with history.

Their august classmate was a former Communist and *Time* magazine editor who was best known for his controversial testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee about the espionage and perjury of State Department official Alger Hiss. It was on Chambers' farm, just a few miles north of campus, where the so-called "Pumpkin Papers" were seized by federal agents in December 1948. The documents were actually microfilm copies of secret government reports allegedly stolen by Hiss when he and Chambers were working together as Soviet spies.

Chambers had received the documents 10 years earlier while he was getting ready to renounce Communism and, rather than turn them over to the Russians, he'd hidden them as insurance against retribution for defecting. For most of that decade the documents were concealed in a dumbwaiter of a relative's apartment. But, as the trial heated up, Chambers retrieved them. When then-Congressman Richard Nixon issued a subpoena for any further evidence against Hiss, Chambers led investigators through the field to a hollowed-out pumpkin and handed over the film. Although the statute of limitations prevented pros-

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ecuting Hiss for espionage, he was eventually sent to jail for perjury. Chambers was regarded as either a hero or a villain by those who alternately felt Hiss was innocent or guilty. Exhausted by the furor surrounding the trial, Chambers resigned from *Time* and retreated to his Pipe Creek Farm to write *Witness*, a critically acclaimed 794-page memoir that is part spy thriller, part spiritual autobiography and part trial drama.

Forced into semi-retirement by heart problems, Chambers decided to enroll at the College in September 1959. At the age of 58, he had plans to finish the bachelor's degree he'd begun pursuing as a teenager at Columbia University. He intended to earn a master's degree too. In a conversation with Dean John Makosky, Chambers was asked what he planned to do with his M.A. He replied that he had no idea, but said, "I shall be different from what I am at this moment."

Professor Summers was a personal friend and became Chambers' academic advisor, recalls Anne-Marie Summers Egan '55. Chambers threw himself into his schoolwork. Despite his fluency in many foreign languages and the fact that he had been a professional translator of books, he studied French, Greek, Latin, Spanish and Russian at various levels. He took courses in psychology, economics, biology and European art. "Here was a man who was largely self-taught," says son John Chambers, who now operates the farm. "It was the discipline of the classroom that he sought."

An old activist friend in Europe had told Chambers, "You cannot understand what is going on in the world unless you understand science deeply." When a genetics course gave him trouble, Howard Davidov '63 offered to tutor Chambers. "He wanted to pay me and I said 'absolutely not,'" recalls Davidov, a retired radiologist. "At the time, I didn't know from Whittaker Chambers. Later, I found out about his background. He was a very nice guy, very unassuming."

In Spanish II, Bob Browning '61 recalls, "His spoken Spanish was quite good, but his grammar was about like ours." French was his forte, says Carolyn Bowen Thurber '62. "He had learned French from his

grandmother at the age of 5 and had read our assigned readings many times. He was very friendly and would always come early and translate passages for us."

The late William F. Buckley, Jr. in writing about his friendship with Chambers, described a funny story his college-going pal shared when asked how he got along with his classmates. "Fine," he told Buckley, puffing on his pipe. In fact, Chambers spoke delightedly about a connection he shared with his lab partner in anatomy class, a 19-year-old girl:

For months while they worked together she never said a word, and he was afraid his advanced age frightened her. Then, she finally broke the silence. She said, breathlessly, "Mr. Chambers? Tell me, what do you think of 'Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka-dot Bikini'?" Chambers hadn't a clue that the young lady was talking about a popular song, but he stalled as best he could until he deduced what she was talking about. Then, he confided that it just so happened to be one of his very favorite songs. "Her excitement was indescribable," wrote Buckley, in retelling the story. "From that moment on they chirped together like soul mates, pooling their knowledge of spleens and livers, kidneys and upper intestines."

Sadly, Chambers was never able to earn his bachelor's. He died of a heart attack in July 1961, at the age of 60. Had he finished his degree, President Lowell Ensor intended to ask him to be the commencement speaker on the occasion of his graduation.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan awarded Chambers the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously, for his contribution to "the century's epic struggle between freedom and totalitarianism." In 1988, Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel granted national landmark status to Chambers' Pipe Creek Farm. John Chambers reports that visitors call regularly to ask to come take a look at the patch, and some urbanites actually ask to see the pumpkin.

A green, 1954 Jeep station wagon sits permanently stalled in one of the barns on the property. It still sports a WMC sticker. ■

**The man behind
the Pumpkin
Papers, former
Communist and
Time magazine
editor Whittaker
Chambers, spent
the last two years
of his life working
to complete his
bachelor's degree
on the Hill.
Alumni remember
their very
nontraditional
classmate.**

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**Leroy
Merritt has
5 million
reasons why**

PUMPED UP

**you should
love your
alma mater**

**By
Kim Asch**

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Bill Denison*

The Leroy Merritt Fitness Center is alive with ambitious activity. Treadmills, ellipticals and recumbent bikes whir as heart rates climb. The clank of weight machines sounds like muscles growing. Sun streams through the two-story glass wall and illuminates the scene one Monday afternoon, while Merritt, the man who gave \$2 million to make all this possible, nods approvingly after taking his first glimpse of the facility in action.

Merritt '52, who owns 10 athletic clubs that bear his moniker, is pumped up about his alma mater. And his latest gift, in the form of a matching challenge grant of \$5 million, is intended to motivate alumni and others to stretch — maybe even sweat a little — to help fund renovations to student residence halls and addi-

tional athletic facilities as part of the Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel.

He's been less enthusiastic about the College's name change. When he learned six years ago that Western Maryland College would take a new identity, Merritt told President Joan Develin Coley that he thought it was a bad idea. "I was disappointed," he explains. "I said, 'I'll never give 'em another penny.'" Then, after a couple of beats, he adds: "But I did."

Merritt is characteristically nonchalant about his change of heart. "I don't believe in holding a grudge," he says with a shrug. "I love the College. It gave me the best four years of my life."

Merritt was a slight, serious, 17-year-old Eagle Scout from Dundalk when he arrived on the Hill just a few years after World War II in 1948. Many veterans were returning to, or just entering, college. Fraternities finally reopened with the return of men on campus. Most students felt lucky to be alive and able

to pursue a degree.

A senatorial scholarship was Merritt's ticket to a bright future. The beat-up 1932 Ford Plymouth he brought to school was his vehicle to instant popularity.

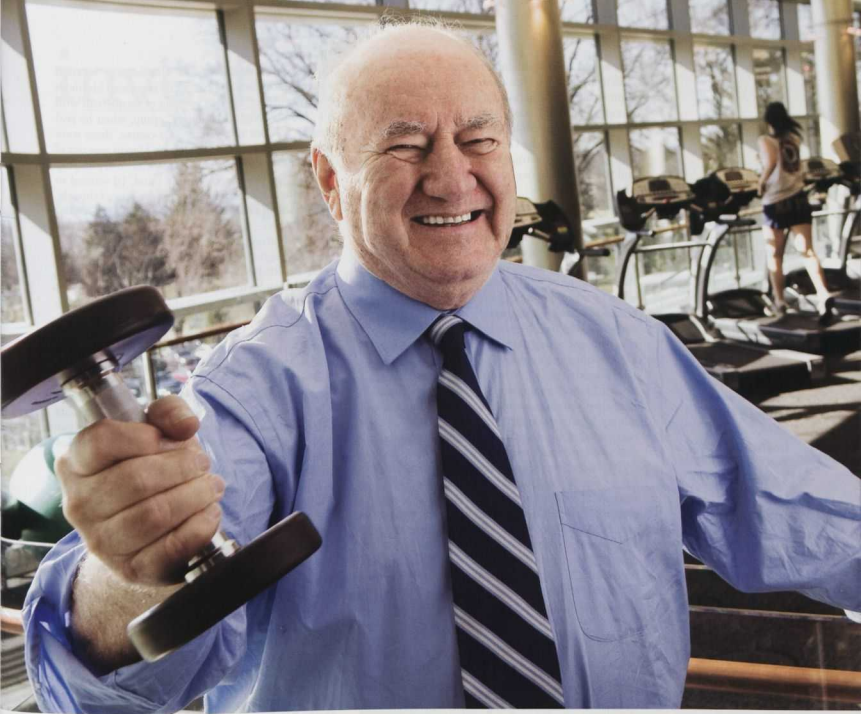
"He was one of very few who had a car, and the kindest man in the world," recalls longtime pal and classmate Vic Makovitch. The guys liked to take rides to The Pit, a men's bar at the very end of Main Street. On weekends, they took their dates to Frock's Sunnybrook Farms for dancing and dinner in front of the fireplace.

Merritt pledged the local Delta Pi Alpha fraternity, nicknamed the Preachers, which at the time was the most popular with athletes and high achievers. He played football all four years under legendary coach Charlie Havens, though at just 135 pounds he wasn't a

standout as a backfielder. "I was more of a bench carrier," he says of his role on the gridiron. He was also a boxer. About his career in the ring, he says, "I got the stuffing beat out of me. I never won a fight." Still, Merritt relished the experience. "I really enjoyed it. We traveled. The people were great. We had a good time."

For spending money, the economics major figured out ways to turn a profit selling items on campus. He and his roommate, Jack Molesworth '52 MED '59, sold late-night hot dogs they heated in a diaper pail, as well as sandwiches and sodas, to guys in the residence halls long after the dining hall closed. Since female students had to be inside to meet their 10 p.m. curfew, the guys took orders through a bathroom window, then quietly handed over the food so as not to be caught by the housemother.

Nancy Walker Molesworth '52 remembers another bestselling idea of Merritt's: "One Homecoming, Leroy had the idea of ordering some flowers, yellow chrysanthemums, and tying them with a green ribbon to sell to the men for their dates. In those days, we all



dressed up for Homecoming, not just the couples elected to the Court."

Back then, Mrs. Molesworth says, "None of us had much money. Times were tough financially."

Merritt had grown up watching his parents work almost all the time operating their two confectionery stores in Baltimore. They separated when he was 12 and during one period his mother juggled three jobs. About the same time, Merritt began helping at his uncle's farm in Winfield, just 10 miles or so from campus. Together, they used a crosscut saw to bring down old,

diseased chestnut trees and then heaved axes to chop them into firewood. He was also given a plot of ground, which he planted with green beans. The crop was so plentiful, he says, "I had to hire people to help me pick them. Then we brought them to the cannery. That taught me a little bit about money."

While in college, he worked with two other uncles in their concrete business laying block during holidays and summers. "I loved to work. It was all physical and I got to be very strong."

By his senior year, Merritt was part of a six-some

Leroy Merritt's \$5 million challenge gift is meant to motivate alumni to add muscle to their own College giving.

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that would become lifelong friends. He married his girlfriend, Jean Curl '52, from Cumberland, Md., the summer after graduation. Makovitch married Curl's roommate and girlhood friend, Anna Lee Park '52. And, of course, the Molesworths also tied the knot.

Merritt credits the College for launching them all into successful, rewarding lives. "We went everywhere and did everything we wanted to do from here," he says.

If it weren't for a hearing impairment, Merritt might have stuck with a career in teaching. He taught seventh grade for two years to fulfill his scholarship requirement and discovered that he loved it. But when he was drafted, he didn't sign up for a third year because he was certain he'd be pressed into military service. By the time he received notice of his "4-F" status, the school year had already begun and Merritt needed to find another job.

He decided to go into business for himself building houses. He built about 60 well-crafted, solid homes. In fact, they were too nice. "I never made very much money. I gave people more than they should have gotten. I'd say, 'Oh, you want the fireplace moved over? Sure, we can move it over.'"

His honest reputation brought him his big break in 1969. One day, while he was wearing a nail apron at work on a house, a huge black Buick pulled up and out stepped Edward St. John Jr., a developer who wanted to make Merritt a deal. He needed a builder he could trust to become his partner. As they drove around that day, St. John pointed out tracts of land that showed potential. They went into business together building industrial commercial warehouses and then renting out the space. The venture was wildly successful and the partners made millions in just a couple of years. "He learned how to build and I learned how to make money," Merritt says.

When Merritt decided to go solo again, he stuck to commercial real estate, mainly warehouses. He was wary when, in the late-1970s, a young racquetball enthusiast pitched the idea of building several courts in one of his Towson warehouses. Until then, he'd never heard of the sport, but he eventually agreed to fund the necessary construction and was astonished to see about 900 people show up for opening night. Racquetball was all the rage.

"I loved it. Everybody loved it. I had to go over at 1:00 in the morning to play because it was so busy," says Merritt, shaking his head. "I figured there was no sense knocking somebody off the court who wants to play just because I want to play."

Merritt saw that the athletic clubs were a booming business. He now owns 10 Merritt Athletic Clubs in

the Baltimore area. It was at the Security location where Merritt took the \$10 bet he says saved his life. It was over drinks, after an evening of racquetball with his "Monday Night Marauders" group, when he realized he was out of cigarettes. Of course, there were none for sale in the health club, so Merritt was out of luck. One of the guys challenged him to try to stop smoking for two weeks. "In my mind, I'd wanted to stop many times. So when this bet came on, I thought, 'Now I have a reason to stop.' Ten bucks. Jake Butler saved my life."

Over the past 55 years since graduation, life has given Merritt many rewards — and some disappointments. His wife, Jean, died a dozen years ago from emphysema caused by smoking. His buddy, Jack Molesworth, died last year. Many other pals are gone, too.

But Merritt has always been one to focus on the positive. Golf, he says, is "the greatest game in the world — and if I live long enough, I might be able to shoot my age." He loves to travel the globe with his partner, Gail. Movies, grandchildren and dinner parties with old high school and college friends keep his social calendar full.

His company, Merritt Properties, is thriving, with 14 million square feet of commercial real estate in the Baltimore-Washington area. His cousin — the son of one of the uncles who trained Merritt early on — is president, and his son, Robb, is vice president. "We have nepotism at its finest," he likes to say.

As his business has grown, so has his philanthropic portfolio. He supports dozens of organizations, especially educational institutions, including the University of Maryland and the Jemicy School, a private prep school for children with dyslexia where his daughter, Nancy, now 43, was among the first students.

About McDaniel, he says, "I think that there is the opportunity for people to come here and enlarge their lives."

Merritt has come to understand that his fears about the College's name change were unfounded, he says. Like many other alumni, he worried that his alma mater, Western Maryland College, wouldn't be the same place once it became McDaniel College. Returning to the Hill, walking across campus, and joining the rest of the tailgaters to watch a football game erased those concerns.

"I saw that the College really hasn't changed that much," he says.

Neither has Merritt. He's still the focused, loyal, generous and unassuming Eagle Scout from Dundalk. At 77, he confides, his philanthropy is not completely altruistic: "I'm buying my way into heaven." ■

\$6 million in challenge grants are call to action

Fundraising strategists and philanthropists alike know well the benefits of establishing challenge grants for large-scale campaigns. Leroy Merritt '52, Otto Guenther '63 and Mary Lynn Durham '70 have stepped forward to become catalysts in the Carpe Diem campaign by establishing challenge grants that will match new gifts, doubling the dollars received from donors.

Merritt has pledged \$5 million to create a challenge grant to fund renovations to student residence halls and athletic facilities. The Merritt Challenge Fund will match — dollar for dollar — all new gifts and pledges. (See page 20 for a story about Merritt.)

A second challenge fund, under the voluntary leadership of Guenther and Durham, is set to encourage new gifts and pledges, specifically in support of the endowment initiatives of the campaign. This Endowment Leadership Challenge Fund will match any gift or pledge of \$100,000 or more up to \$1 million that is made in calendar year 2008.

Endowed funds are essential for student scholarships, faculty development, academic department funds, and professorships. Campus renovations improve student life and services and keep McDaniel at the top of the list of academically talented prospective students in the increasingly competitive higher education market.

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 newly dedicated Merritt Fitness Center and Klitzberg Pavilion give students more to do and places to recreate. More students enjoy apartment living in the North Village and they are treated to everything from concerts to lectures in the renovated Decker Center Forum.

Construction planning is underway to renovate historic residences including McDaniel and Blanche Ward halls as well as a new stadium venue.

Gifts and pledges toward both The Merritt Challenge Fund and The Endowment Leadership Challenge Fund can be spread over a multi-year period. Donors may choose to make gifts of cash, stock or other appreciated assets. Individuals may also make planned

gifts that can provide tax benefits and income for life. Endowed gifts support the College in perpetuity and may provide donors with naming opportunities for long-term recognition.

Campaign Chair Lee Rice '48 predicts a great response to the challenge grants. "Thanks to these alumni, others can make gifts big and small that will have twice the impact," says Rice. "We're privileged to have such visionary alumni stepping forward early in the Campaign."

During the College's last comprehensive campaign, wider support among alumni was achieved when the Kresge Foundation afforded the opportunity for the College to earn a \$600,000 grant. New givers stepped forward and their gifts when matched raised over \$1.8 million toward the construction of Eaton Hall.

To learn more about the Carpe Diem Campaign and to make a Merritt Challenge capital gift or Endowment Leadership gift, contact Chip Junkin at 410-857-2256 or email cjunkin@mcdaniel.edu. Additional information about the Campaign can be viewed online at www.mcdaniel.edu/carpediem. ■

Gift Highlights

\$250,000 from Mary Lynn Durham '70 and William Roj '70 for an endowed scholarship.
The couple lives in Cleveland. She's a business lawyer and he's CEO of ERICO International.

\$200,000 from Donald M. "Punch" Lenesi '61 for stadium renovation.

Don lives in Virginia Beach where he is president of a real estate firm. He is an avid sports fisherman.



Each campus improvement project helps keep McDaniel at the top of the list for prospective students.

class notes

News and views about life since college



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1929

Virginia Holland Nicoll is 99 and resides in an assisted living residence in Salisbury, Md. She has many friends who visit. Her brother, **Charles Holland**, resides at the Berlin Nursing Home. He's 100 years old. Virginia encourages her fellow classmates to contact her.

1931

Lester A. Houck entered WMC in September 1927 at the age of 15. He and second wife, Ruth, still live on the Houck family farm in Westminster, Md. Lester's 95th birthday was in February '07. His four children and about 150 family members, friends and neighbors celebrated with him at the Wesley Church Hall.

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Toivo E. Puro of Richmond, Ky., writes that people started to notice that his age was catching up to him. They referred to him as an "old man" after his 90th birthday. That annoyed him a little bit and he started to believe them until his 95th birthday when the urge to see the National Parks awakened him like a breath of fresh air. Toivo and his wife, Mae, made the trip to Teton National Park, Yellowstone, Devil's Tower, Mt. Treasure, Crazy Horse and Bad Lands some 4,000 miles without any real problems. He writes, "age and physical ailments need not tie you to an easy chair and television. Get out and do something different." See page 30 for more about his trip.

1934

Mary Haig Hartger writes that it is good to reach the proverbial "old age" and still be remembered! She has a lot of good things in her life even though she lost her dear husband. She is still happy to have her beloved children: a son and three daughters. Mary makes her home in Vista, Calif.

Arlene Cuyton Runkles is 95 years young and volunteers a lot; mostly playing piano and singing for others. Arlene also stays active by exercising (taking yoga) and watching her diet. She lives in Mt. Airy, Md.

Rhonda J. Myers '88 is the class reporter for the Classes of 1929, 1931, 1933 and 1934.

Write to her at 3925 Sybil Road, Randallstown, MD 21133 or call Alumni Relations at 410/857-2296.

Photo:

Associate

Professor of

Chemistry

Brian Wladkowski

**'88 adds some
sunshine to his**

lecture. He is

**one of 24 alumni
on the faculty.**

1937

Many thanks to all who sent in the following responses. We are concerned about the rest of you.

Madalyn Blades Angel lost her husband, Ralph, on Sept. 3, 2007 after 66 years of marriage. A few years ago they had moved to Willow Gables, a retirement facility near Lancaster, Pa., after their many years of teaching and traveling. They are grateful to hear from many of their former students.

Dorothy "Dot" Hull Brown keeps busy with bridge, senior citizens, other organizations and going to yard sales and bazaars. He occasionally sees **Margie Hoshall Burch**. She reminds us that "life slows down when you reach 92."

Sue Hance Shipley Clabaugh feels blessed that at 92 years of age she is still living alone in her own home with no help in Prince Frederick, Md. She is able to drive herself to church, the store and beauty shop. She plays bridge in three different groups and takes her turn at being hostess.

Louise Shipley Fillion from Riverton, Wyo., still repairs books in public and college libraries each week and is the Methodist church librarian. She proudly joins the rest of us who are grandparents and great-grandparents.

Ralph Luman reported that he and wife Wilma sold their home in 2004 and bought an apartment in Atlantic Shores in Virginia Beach. They "spend a lot of time visiting doctors and hospitals." He still can "stand upright and walk to some of their meals."

Ethel Lauterbach Sellman has been very involved in work as a Lioness/Lion. She is still an active member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, having been state president a few years ago and state executive secretary for 10 years. Her daughters are retired school teachers. Her granddaughter teaches at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. She is recovering from surgery in mid-November for removal of one kidney.

Frederick Tyrell reports that he is still active in his church and the Kiwanis Club. They may soon move into a senior living community. He still remembers the Hill and its academic program with gratitude.

Elaine Fennell Wood exhibits her oil paintings occasionally in local art shows. She travels through the mid-Atlantic area with her two sons.

Paul Wooden retired from law practice on Dec. 31, 2005. He is senior vice president of the Taylor Technologies and also serves as a director. He has been active in Farmers and Merchants Bank, serving on the board of directors and various committees. He plans to retire in April '08 from the bank after 51 years of service. He and his wife, Peggie, are active in the Glyndon United Methodist Church. They are living

at Blakehurst, Towson, Md.

Peggy Young Bailly is living at Blakehurst, a retirement facility at Towson, Md. In March '07 she had a very bad fall which required two surgeries, one week in the hospital and over a month in the health clinic. She regularly chats with **Parvis Robinson Lesh** who is still able to live in her home.

Dot Hull Brown, Paul Wooden and I were able to attend our 70th class reunion in April '07.

Marvin and I are still at William Hill Manor but in separate parts of the facility. He has to be in assisted living in Marvel Hall and I can still be independent in an apartment. He was sent to the hospital on Thanksgiving Day with pneumonia. A week later he returned to his room but because of various problems he needs even more care. I enjoy your replies and writing the column for *The Hill* but old age is making me slower.

Y'all take care!

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1939

Louise Leister Haifley had a wonderful summer. She left her apartment in Florida and came back to her Manchester home "Mandy" built 52 years ago. Katherine, the youngest twin granddaughter, graduated as a doctor of veterinary medicine at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. She took the train and enjoyed NYC for the weekend. Helen, the older twin, manages day care for dogs in D.C. In July, her son, John, took her to Alaska to complete her 50-state tour of the U.S. It started when she was 11. Her granddaughter took her to Niagara Falls and Canada. She's 89 and visited the 50th. It was not planned, it just happened! Her former classes have had 60th, 53rd and 50th reunions to which she has been invited. It was a joy to attend them. She goes to a new senior center for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays and plays cards afterwards.

Dorothy Cohee Harris has been happily living at Oakcrest Retirement Community in Parkview, Md., for almost 13 years. She broke two femurs, has a torn shoulder rotator cuff and is in an electric wheel chair. But, aside from that she is healthy and cheerful! There are two grandsons. Her family of three is great.

Sara Jameson Highby, of Baltimore, is happy to announce the birth of her first great-grandson this past August.

Winifred Harward Howell is very well and enjoying life in Easton, Md. She enjoys playing bridge, attending the theater and symphony on the midshore of Maryland. Winifred also enjoys seeing **Becky Groves**

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libraries each
week and is
the Methodist
church librarian.**

Smith '37 and **Virginia Wooden Smith '40** who also reside at William Hill Manor.

Dorothy Harman LeFevre reports that her husband died in October '05. She sold her house and moved to a retirement community (Carroll Vista) in Taneytown, Md. Her family is growing as she has two daughters, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They are in good health.

Thelma Yohn Lockard is a widow and retired teacher from Franklin High School in Reisterstown, Md. She has a daughter who works at T. Rowe Price in Owings Mills, Md., and a son living in South Carolina. She also has two grown grandchildren — one is a teacher. Her son is retired from the state and is teaching safety driving. He has two grown children — one also living in Reisterstown and one in Georgia with a total of three grandchildren. Thelma is an avid reader and former tennis player in retirement and has sung in her church choir for the last 62 years.

Emeline T. Newman, of Tucson, Ariz., has reached her 94th birthday and limits her travels. She feels most fortunate to have enjoyed a long life of good health. She walks with the assistance of a "buddy" walking cane to keep her stabilized. She's able to get out to Tucson's operas, concerts and theater performances with the generous and loving assistance of dear friends. They see that she eats well by shopping and occasionally dining in one of Tucson's many good restaurants. Emeline writes that Arizona was unusually hot this summer. She reads a lot although, slowly, but clearly despite some glaucoma. She's in good spirits.

Frances Stout Taylor and her husband are still living on their farm in Princess Anne, Md. They are down to nine animals — four dogs and five cats. Frances has been married for 67 years and is 90 years young. She enjoys keeping up with four wonderful children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Frances would love to hear from her former roommate **Carolyn Timmons Suit** and classmate **Dorothy Cohee Harris**.

1940

Ethel Barnes Berry, of Salisbury, Md., reports that her first great-granddaughter, Anika, was born in May '07. They already have seven "grands" and they are all on sports teams. Ethel's grandson, Matthew, played on Maryland's Division III champion team at Salisbury State and received his ring. She's delighted in the future of their children. She and **Charles Med '63** live a quiet and "pill related" existence. Every day is precious, as were the days at dear old WMC. She'd love to know what her fellow classmates are doing.

Clarence Beard, of Baltimore, Md., writes that life has finally reached the slow lane. He left the retire-

ment home last April and moved in with his two daughters. His wife passed on Dec. 9, 2006. Clarence and his daughter, Christine, flew to Arkansas this summer to visit his one living sibling and to California to visit relatives and friends. He's sorry to say that there will be no more motor-homing. He will be 93 on his next birthday.

Charles Horan sends greeting from McKinstry Hall in Quincy, Pa.

Blanche Scott Jourdan sends greetings from Darlington, Md. She is fortunate to still be able to live independently but depends a lot on her daughters who live nearby. Her activities consist of church and family activities and playing bridge.

Norma Nicodemus Knepp reports that she and husband **Lester J. "Bo" Knepp '41** moved from Augusta, Ga., to a lovely retirement community in Columbus, Ohio, to be near their children. Bo died on March 30, 2007 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He is buried in the Dayton National Cemetery.

Bill Shockley lives in the same retirement community as **Charles Horan** in Quincy, Pa. He has been married to wife Mildred for 66 years. She is in an Alzheimer's clinic. At age 89, Bill still has his driver's license. He can't believe he's still here. He sends love to any 1940 classmates. "Go Western Maryland!"

Reverend Raymond L. Roderick is 97 and a resident of nursing care at Homewood at Crumland Farms in Frederick, Md.

Frank Shipley is still pushing happily along reading, playing golf and enjoying playing bridge better than he did in college. He resides in Annapolis, Md.

1942

Jeane Lamoreau and **Dick Baker** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in October '07. They were married in Little Baker Chapel by then-President Holloway. They have lived in Naples, Fla., over 20 years. Two years ago they bought an apartment in a retirement community and are enjoying a relatively stress-free life. They do very little traveling now. Their daughter and son-in-law live in Naples eight months of the years so they are well cared for. They send greetings to the other survivors of '42.

Lucille Grimm Berry was married and had two daughters. **Linda Berry Van Hart '68** graduated from WMC and now teaches art classes there. **Cinda Rier-son** graduated from the University of Maryland and is a management consultant. She and Ted live in Indiana. Lucille sold her home in Sykesville and now lives in Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md.

Gladys Crowson Crabb considers herself a "professional volunteer." She continues to read to a 96-year-old at the assisted living manor three times a week.

She stays active by taking an exercise class three mornings and a Tai Chi class two afternoons. She also tries to swim three days in between, juggling essays, editing papers and exposing several friends to Shakespeare's plays one afternoon a week. Clubs continue to call on her for programs. Gladys is trying to write a history of her church, Calvary Episcopal. Her son and daughter-in-law moved to a village nearby to care for his aging mother. She feels truly blessed.

Elmer J. Evans was shocked to hear of the passing of **Bob Bricker**, his roommate for three years on the Hill. He and his wife don't stray far from home. The usual old age ailments are to blame. His daughter and son-in-law lost their home in Florida due to a hurricane but now have a new one. Elmer is a resident of Cinnaminson, NJ.

Don E. Griffin, of Lake City, Iowa, finally hung up his traveling clothes for good. Don writes that getting through the airports and international customs was too much of a hassle. Don and his wife celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in October and they spend their time filling the bird feeders. If they don't keep them full the birds knock on the windows and ask "where's the food?" Except for a few creaks in the bones things are going well for them.

Dr. Lee M. Kindley and his wife, Mary, live at Falcons Landing, a continuing care retirement facility in Sterling, Va. They are not in the best of health and have had to curtail their traveling. They have their son and his family nearby and they are very attentive. They are so lucky. Lee would like to send his best to everyone from the class of 1942.

David Osborn says his routine existence as a senior citizen is so mundane that it would not and does not concern the world travelers at McDaniel. His three sons are gainfully employed to date; the most durable one seems to be the orthopedic surgeon who now has about 300 professionals reporting to him daily by computer. His chief concern relates to the nature of the international scene. Americans as a group tend to ignore it, but that form of indolence will not endure into 2008.

Wesley and M. Luise Grow '43 Sheffield are experiencing retirement home living. It's a different and challenging experience. They still journey to Vermont in the summer and take day trips during the winter in Florida. Their home is in Sarasota, Fla.

At the time of this writing, **Florence Barker Yarrison** was being cared for at the Solomon's Nursing Center in Calvert County, recovering from a "MRSA" infection and knee replacement surgery. She was optimistic to be returning home soon.

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Robert and Edna "Perk" Haller '46 Beglin have been living at the Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover, Pa., for three-and-a-half years. Bob writes that there are a few WMC alumni there and also others from Westminster. He says that the "oldesters" do enjoy it there and are fortunate to have the security and the freedom to do as they wish. Their children are a blessing although they do not live near them. Bob speaks of some health concerns and enjoys every day that he and Perk are together. They are in their 80's and have been

together for more than 59 years. They enjoy football games on the Hill with friends and other alumni.

Francis J. "Bud" Blair, of Hernando, Fla., writes that his and wife Gerry's health situation remains the same having an adverse effect on traveling. They visited Hartford, Conn., to attend the christening of their two great-grandchildren, Ryan, 2, and Emma. This was their first visit with them. Their son, Kevin, retired from the Air Force and is practicing dentistry in Snellville, Ga. He, wife Julie and children are doing great. Their grandson, Adam, is attending Auburn University, and their granddaughter, Elizabeth, is a junior in high school. Their daughter, Barbara, and husband, Bob, are doing well and living in Clark Summit, Pa. Their son, Eric, works for Hartford Insurance Company. He is married with children. They would like to extend their thanks to all their classmates who have been so attentive to him and Gerry during the past four years.

Louise Fox Dubin continues to live at the same address since 1950 when she and her husband were married. Her son lives in the second-floor apartment and helps her every day. Her niece also helps her and lives in Parkville, Md., which is close to her home in Baltimore. She is 85 years young and enjoys shopping and going places with her son. They visited the Hill once during the summer.

Josh Ensor is still in good health and enjoys "summering" in Westminster with so many WMC alumni in Carroll Lutheran Village. Surrounded by family in Maryland, he and wife **Pat Patterson '48**, get to be with them all. His son and family live in Spokane, Wash.,

Get Back Reunion Weekend 2008

FRIDAY, MAY 2-
SUNDAY, MAY 4

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

Questions?

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

Who's Celebrating?

All classes whose graduation year ends in a "3" or an "8" and the first-year-out class.

Who's Planning My Class Event?

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

Where Will I Stay?

It's not too early to make reservations. Rooms have been reserved at the following Westminster hotels:
Best Western (formerly Comfort Inn): 1-800-528-1234 or 410-857-1900
Boston Inn: 1-800-634-0846 or 410-848-9095
Days Inn: 1-800-329-7466 or 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.

where he is retired from the Air Force and is now a pastor. Josh and Pat spend the winter in a brand-new condo in Melbourne, Fla. They are blessed and grateful.

Mary Frances Hawkins Galbreath never thought her legs would give out on her but old age does strange things and she's stubborn enough to show old age who's boss so she keeps on going. She made two trips to Oregon this past year and hosted young Sam and the two granddaughters with each making their own trips — it's nice to spread out the visits. She was able to get alone time with each one. She's grown very fond of Texas but misses seeing family and they don't seem to leave Maryland and Virginia. She can't believe she's been in San Antonio for 18 years. She's loved to get back to her reunion but having to fly into either Baltimore or Washington makes it too difficult. She's thankful every day for the classmates who have kept in touch.

Milton J. Huber writes that there has been a huge change in his and wife **Ruth Miles Huber '45** lives. They now live in an adult family home where he receives round-the-clock loving care and delicious meals. He loves the view of Lake Cohan with mountains all around. Snow was already on their tops. They flew from Wisconsin to Washington State to visit their daughter, Jill, a registered nurse, who has been a tremendous help with their healthcare. They stayed because Milton's heart is slowly tiring and an opening was available there. Members of their family are concerned and supportive. They feel fortunate. Milton sends greetings to fellow classmates of '43.

Doris Harman Krusen is still happy in sunny Florida. They keep active by swimming and fishing. She does some traveling including taking an annual cruise. Her daughter lives close by and her son lives in Cape Cod. **Clare and Pearl Bodmer Lodge** continue to live in their home in Frederick, Md. Their traveling is now limited to day trips. Their most fortunate circumstance is lunching with college classmates in the area on a regular basis.

Mary Walker Metzger reports that she has had a rough year. She had heart surgery last February in Charleston, S.C. Two valves were replaced and she was recovering nicely. Then, an old problem of tremors and trouble walking reemerged. The tremors are controlled by medicine and she uses a walker to get around. She feels fine and is able to get out often thanks to friends and family. She sends best wishes to the class of '43.

Frances Ogden Moore is happy to report that she is well and active and is enjoying living her new apartment on the third floor looking out at the Chester River in Chester town, Md.

Verne Cooper Preston retired from her insurance agency in June '06 at the age of 84. She has moved to Rochester, N.Y., to be near her son, Brian. Verne lives in a high-rise

apartment house for seniors and has made some lovely new friends. Valley Manor offers her wonderful trips and activities. The dining room is like a fine hotel. Retirement is pretty good.

C. Prater Scott enjoys visiting the Hill, seeing classmates, other alumni, administrative folks and faculty, plus the beautiful campus. He is forming a group of the class of '43 for the May 2008 reunion. Since his retirement he likes letter writing, golf, gardening and family. He writes that he plans to see his classmates in early May. The Hill is a big part of their lives, keep in touch. The college is our "ties" — Aloha.

M. Luise Crow and Wies '42 Sheffield drove to Vermont in July and spent a month visiting old haunts and friends. In November they took their annual jaunt to Marathon, Fla., in the Keys. A longer trip to South America may be in their forecast.

Eleanor Healy Taylor, of Glyndon, Md., had a fun summer vacation at the beach with her family and many good times with her grandchildren. She hit a snag in October when she had to have major heart surgery. She is fine and fully recovered. Her holiday included 12 of her family members and three dogs. She counts her blessings.

Margaret "Peggy" Moss Venzke regrets that she will be missing the reunion. She and **E. Leigh '42** booked a tour of the Balkan countries — Albania, Macedonia, Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey and will be overseas at that time. They feel fortunate to be able to travel and will do so while she still can. She would love to be with her fellow classmates and recall all of the wonderful years at WMC. She enjoys the gatherings in Annapolis. Peggy makes her home in Arlington, Va.

Vernon H. Wiesand has been retired at Mallard Landing in Salisbury, Md., for almost two years. There are also four other WMCers there. **Vernon and Shirley Jones Wiesand '47** are as well as can be expected, and happy that they chose Mallard Landing as their residence.

1946

Fred Morgan, of Richmond, Va., was diagnosed in 2003 as having normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH) which frequently mimics Alzheimer's, but is treatable. Corrective surgery was done at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in January '04 and with wife Rosemary's help recovery was significant. They were asked to attend a global medical conference in May '07 in Rhodes, Greece, where Rosemary was one of four speakers on the subject of NPH at the opening ceremony. Fred regrets that he and Rosemary will not be able to attend the next reunion.

1947

Ira Altfeld (originally class of '45) writes that World War II interfered with his schooling. He's had a good life to date. He's been

married to Sue for 60 years. Their health is fine and they are lucky enough to have three great-grandchildren: Alex, Evan, and Samantha, all in good health and thriving. They spend more than half of the winter at their home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and the rest in New York as well as traveling. He is still a golf enthusiast and would love to hear from any of his classmates if they so desire.

Emajane Hahn Baker and husband Richard have moved to Homewood Retirement Center in Frederick, Md., where they recently had lunch with Nan and Carol Doggett '45 and Lloyd '49 and Charlotte Goodrich '49 Hoover. They sang "Dear Western Maryland" (quietly of course). Emajane says that they are well and life is good!

Jan McDowell and Ralph Barrett send greetings from southern Maryland. Jan reports it's been 60 years since graduation and of marriage. It's been 11 years of residence at Asbury Solomon's CRC. All is well. Their three children are doing well. She has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Dr. Fred Brown Jr. has no major events to report. He and **Mary Frances Willard Brown '58** enjoyed their annual visit to Maine and seeing family and friends in upstate New York, Virginia and Maryland. They went on a Caribbean cruise, flew to Europe and did their first river cruise on the Danube via Vienna, Prague and ended in Budapest. They reside in Sebring, Fla.

Eloise Horsey Cannoles sends greeting from Arlington, Texas. She reports that she is very healthy at 81, retired and has her two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren nearby. She stays active by taking Tai Chi and she and her daughter have a personal trainer.

Mary Gene Kennedy Carl leads a wonderfully busy life and she is grateful. She attended her grandson's wedding in Burlington, Vt., last May and enjoyed spending time with her sons, Bill and Jim, and their wives the week after in the Burlington area. She also enjoyed a week at Daytona in July with granddaughter Aimee and her friend, Laurie. She spent Christmas in St. Louis with great-grandsons Brendan, 5, and Duncan, 3, and their parents, Russ and Kathy.

Ann E. Fullerton, of Wilmington, Del., was disappointed that more of the class of 1947 did not attend the 60th reunion. Last October Ann and fellow classmates **Betty Miller Leichter** and **Natalee Pumphrey Thumel** spent time at Natalee's Crownsville, Md., home. While there, they went over to visit **Violet Carr King** in Reisterstown. Violet served a lovely lunch and then the four of them drove over to McDaniel to tour the campus and its new construction.

Peggy Shultz Gallagher writes that it's been a long time since she kicked the pole and slid down to Margaret and Earl's. She looked around and found out that she was very alone — no more trips to Ocean City, Md., since Joe and neighbor Shanie died. All of

family

Look, Three Kidneys

Brian Hammann '92 has had two successful kidney transplants in his life, thanks to his two brothers. **Dave '87** donated the first when Brian was 15. And when it started to fall 23 years later, **Ken '90** gave Brian one of his in 2006. Over the years, Brian has dealt with near-death illness and 53 trips to the operating room, but his brothers have always been there for him. Brian has competed for the past 15 years at the National Kidney Foundation's U.S. Transplant Games, and Ken usually travels with him. Dave and Brian are partners in an online used bookstore. "Every time someone becomes a living donor, they actually save two lives because they prevent someone from going on the donor list," Ken says.



Ken '90, Brian '92 and Dave '87.

Still Joy Riding

"A 95-year-old corder urges you to look at old faces and new spaces, and to take that trip you've been putting off because you thought you were too old."

That's the cover copy on *One More Look*, a self-published account of the 4,343-mile driving tour of several national parks enjoyed this summer by **Toivo E. Puro '33** and his wife, **Mae** (they took along a younger friend to do the driving). Puro says the national parks hold much of the beauty of this country and likens them to "jewels that decorate a well-dressed lady." He is also pleased to note that his lifetime entrance pass was still valid.

her children and grandchildren have moved to Texas and Louisiana and enjoy seeing each other. This past September her furniture and car left and she flew down with her grandson. Every day the sun shines in San Antonio.

Violet Carr King's husband of 59 years passed away on March 30, 2007. She still misses him terribly. She does have some good news — one of her grandsons gave her a beautiful long-haired cat, a full-grown special pet. He chose her bedroom as his own and lets her have the bed. He grows curled up on a soft chair. Her daughter and son-in-law took her to Scotland this summer. What a beautiful family with many castles.

Betty Miller Leichter sends greetings to her fellow classmates and friends. In September she visited with three of her classmates — **Natalie Humphrey Thumel**, **Ann Fullerton** and **Violet Carr King**. They spent all day at WMC (McDaniel) seeing the old familiar buildings and the new renovations and construction.

Her oldest granddaughter is married and she has a little great-granddaughter, Heidi, 3. Her other granddaughter is a senior at Westminster Christian College in Santa Barbara, Calif., going on to medical school next year and planning to marry in June. Betty lives in Beaver Falls, Pa.

Anabelle Klein May attended her 60th reunion. **Daphne Clarke Aburn '48** also lives at Edgewater retirement home in Towson, Md.

Carlton E. Mendell turned 86 on October 19. He has run 13 road races this year including some 5Ks and 10Ks. He has been in Windham, Maine, for three years.

George Norman is still arbitrating disputes at the age of 85. Following the passing of his wife, Betty, in 2004, he remarried in 2006. His four daughters and six grandchildren are in good health. His grandson, **Curtis Wharton '10** (Rhonda's son), is majoring in music at McDaniel College. He's in his second year and loves it. He makes his home Westminster, Md.

Alleck A. Resnick is still active on the McDaniel board. He attends most home football games and recently became a great-grandfather. He lives in Baltimore, Md.

Janette Millholland Royston lives at Broadmead in Cockeysville, Md. There are at least five other McDaniel graduates there. She keeps busy with sewing for the residents, working on the newsletter and is the financial manager of their barn sale. She says that Broadmead is a wonderful place to live.

Lee Beglin Scott reports that while in class on the Hill she was a leader in activities. She still calls, writes and sees classmates in person. What a warm feeling it gives. During her retirement, her activities include planting flowers, making gifts, cleaning and being with family along with cooking more. What a thrill to have wonderful grandchildren as a carry over from teaching. She's able to keep alert with current events. She encourages everyone to vote Be a winner. She also advises everyone to think of each other. She makes her home in Bethesda, Md.

Marion Stoffgen Thorpe writes that the past year has been most challenging for her. She is so grateful to be living in an Erickson Community such as Charlestown in Catonsville, Md. So much is offered for this part of her life. She participates in the spring and fall WMC lunches at Snyder's Restaurant off of the Beltway organized by **Betty Armiger Maas '48** and **Pat Patterson Ensor '48**. She also attends small WMC lunches at the Baltimore Country Club arranged by **Betty Becker Wentz '49**. They have been most enjoyable.

Anna Lee Butler Trader, of Salisbury, Md., would love to see her friends from college again. She had a rough 2007 but things look better now. She says that music, the theater and travels to England and Scotland are still a large part of her life.

Janice Divers Twitwell extends that the spirit of "reunioning" reported beyond our 60th class reunion on the Hill in April. This summer, **Shirley Snyder Garver '47** and **Frances Bartley Cleaver '47** joined them for a great visit at their favorite haunt, Squam Lake in New Hampshire. Jan had forgotten that Shirley and Fran had been protégés of Esther Smith in the drama department. Jan said, "What fun to hear them reminisce about those days. It was as if the intervening years were far less than 60. Add to this a visit with **Wayne '48** and **Ruth Cowan** in South Hadley, Mass., on our way up to New Hampshire." Community service interests (Caregivers, Rotary, Friends of the Library, Garden Club, Quilters, etc.) keep Bob and Jan going in addition to keeping track of their eight grandchildren. Tennis is still on her weekly agenda and is especially appreciated having had a stroke several years ago. A major project for the past six years has been co-chairing a committee that successfully brought to their town its first piece of public sculpture — a bronze life-sized sculpture of *Hadrosaurus foulkii* — commemorating a unique piece of

local history. Fossilized bones of this dinosaur were dug up there in Haddonfield, N.J., in the mid-1800s.

Carl Webb continues to give thanks for good health and wealth in the northwest (Salem, Ore.). He tries to keep up with eight grandchildren — one in dental school; one in the second year of the Naval Academy and six ranging from high school to kindergarten. He still builds furniture at a slow pace and is running out of space to put the things that he builds. Along with a number of his classmates he was in the class of '44 but took three years off for WWII and ended up in the class of '47. Carl says "hi" to all you former (not old) classmates, hang in there and stay active.

Rhonda J. Myers '88 is the class reporter for the Classes of 1939, 1940, 1943, 1946 and 1947.

Write to her at 3925 Sybil Road, Randallstown, MD 21133 or call Alumni Relations at 410/857-2269.

1949

News from **James A. Formwalt** is that after 50 years of living with a wonderful woman, his wife, **Shirley**, died on Feb. 2, 2007 from pancreatic cancer. His four children have helped him through the troubled times. His youngest son, who is single, moved in with him and has helped to maintain his home. He says with five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren his life has become very active.

Word from **Mary Ada "Tata" Twigg Welliver** is that she's glad she moved to Fairhaven in Sykesville in 2001. She's fortunate to be only 35 minutes from four children and nine grandchildren. She hopes to become a great-grandmother soon. Tom, her youngest son, and his wife bought Tata's home and the family goes there to celebrate family events.

Don and Joanne Dill now spend four-and-a-half months of the year in Arlington, Va., and seven-and-a-half months in Palm Coast, Fla. Latest count: five great-grandchildren, all boys!

Tom Barnes has been a resident of Broadmead for three years. He lost his wife, Catherine, in January '97 after 58 years of marriage. Their four children are spread from Elkton, Md., to Houston and Oregon. He is unable to travel because of health problems. He continues to play golf, but has retired from everything else.

Claude Libs and Anne recently celebrated their 55th anniversary. They spent a couple of weeks in New Hampshire with their daughter, Claudia, where they canoed on Bow Lake, drove the Pacer and then attended a gathering of 65 of Anne's Scottish clan the McCaskills. Both Anne and Claude continue with their volunteer activities but each begins to feel like slowing down.

Jim Leonard says, "Did you see I got an honorable mention in The Hill haku contest?" Jim continues to do acting and radio spots from time to time. He just returned from an Ocean City vacation with two sons —



one from Manhattan and the other from Champaign-Urbana. Dorothy is healing from a leg break. "But we're fine in our retirement community here in Albany. Best to all '49ers."

Ninita Barkman Smith and Jeff '50 have recently become octogenarians. They say, "I'd love to believe since it seems like we left WHCMcDaniel only recently." They have lived in their "retirement home" in Sudbrook Park, Baltimore County for 48 years and raised five children. Jennifer is a lawyer turned Unitarian minister. Holly Smith-Berry has founded her own marketing business after working for Toatmaster Corp. for over 20 years. Wendy is a certified massage therapist. **Jeff Jr. '83** is a security officer at Sinai Hospital. Julie is in software sales. All have two children each. Ninita and Jeff have traveled in their motor home to Alaska and the western U.S. many times but now are very content at home.

Word from **Henry Muller** is that he and Lynn are living in Towson and loving life. Lynn is coordinator of the Office of Counseling of Baltimore County. Henry has been doing part-time administrative substituting in Baltimore public schools. He says, "Let's all promise to show up for the 60th."

George A. Coulter says "hello" to all the class. Helen and George have been retired from Aberdeen Proving Ground for almost 19 years. They are still enjoying every day of retirement. He plays golf with his brother each week (walking). He and Helen are still active with church visits. Maybe best of all is two little children, a great-great niece and nephew, come to visit.

Jack and Doris Vansant Blades say, "Our daughters are still married to the same men. Jack and I are still exploring this beautiful planet on which we live. In the fall of 2006 we took a trip down the Danube, then a two-week trip of northern Italy. We climbed the Leaning Tower of Pisa on Doris' 80th birthday (Jack is 82). This past winter we had a trip to Central America along the route of the Maya — fabulous but difficult." Their latest trip was an Elderhostel to Cristfield, Md., learning more about the Bay. They had dinner with **Barbara Sowers Thomas**. They send good wishes to all our classmates.

Ruby Williams Browning and husband, Marvin, are fine in Martinsburg, W. Va., and send greetings to all classmates.

Dr. William W. Seibert writes that son David '78 is entering his 28th season as head baseball coach at McDaniel College. Bill and Jeanne celebrated 61 years of marriage in December. Bill was surprised to learn from the McDaniel College Football 2007 Media Guide that the punting average for one season, which he achieved in 1947, has not yet been broken and remains the oldest football record at the College.

Jane Conway and **Robert '48 Wagner** write from Mt. Airy that their granddaughter and grandson are students at Virginia Tech and

were there during the disastrous weekend of the shooting, but thankfully were unharmed. Jane and Bob enjoyed a wonderful cruise to Bar Harbor, Halifax, Nova Scotia, St. Joan, Portland and Boston. Jane says, "Our special joy each summer is spending time at our place on Smith Mountain Lake with all the family." **George Hopkins** writes from Port Deposit, Md., that major activities are traveling. His last trip was to Croatia-Slovenia. He is a church organist and leader of a community chorus with members from a half-dozen nearby churches. George says, "We have moved our base to St. Teresa Church in Port Deposit, and they present Stainer's *Crucifixion* on Good Friday afternoon and a program of anthems and solos the second Sunday in December. **George Coulter** is one of our most faithful members who has missed only one or two rehearsals in 14 years."

Shirley Wells Schaefer and **Paul '50** now reside in St. Michaels, Md., after leaving beautiful Delray Beach, Fla., to be close to family. With the adventure of living and traveling in Europe and Latin America behind them, they now focus on hobbies, friends and family. Paul does his gardening, greenhouse orchids and oil painting while Shirley concentrates on decorating, entertaining and the usual chores. Shirley writes that they are in Florida in the winter but return to St. Michaels in the spring. "Give us a call," she says.

S. George Walters writes from Hampstead, N.C., of his list of recent awards: recipient of Alumni Professional Achievement Award from McDaniel College, October '07; Businessman of the Year Award 2006; Assistant President/Director S.G. Walters Association Management Consultant celebrating 55th anniversary presented by New Gingrich with congratulatory hand shake by President Bush, March '07; named International Educator of the Year, January '07 Cambridge, England; updated one of his books adopted by National Science Foundation 2006 and 2007; named adviser in the Humanities and Arts, Cambridge, England, November '06; named Honorary Director General International Biographical Centre Cambridge, England, September '07; named Deputy Governor Biographical Institute, October '07; nominated for International Peace Prize, September '07. He attended the graduation of granddaughter Cassandra Jo Walters, the graduation of grandson George A. Walters III and then the wedding of Sanzy Melo Silva of Brazil in November '07.

Mary Dodd Zopp sends word that granddaughter Rachael, a senior at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, Md., is captain of her cheerleading team and daily announces for AM news and looking forward to college in the fall '09. Mary celebrated a fabulous 80th birthday last year and was surprised with a beautiful scrapbook containing 90 greetings from family and friends. They anticipate a visit to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and a visit with family in California

this winter.

Word from **Ed 'Lefty' Elliott** is that he's enjoyed his career in five colleges and 12 high schools teaching and coaching for most of the past 58 years. Two new knees which he recently acquired have enabled him to resume high school coaching. Last year Lefty was at Kenwood High School where he coached indoor-outdoor track and field. Twenty-three of these teams were city, county, state and/or regional champions. Many were individual champions. Two of these fine athletes were basketball captains at Western Maryland College (McDaniel) — **Sam Leishure '65** and **Dave Barnes '90**. There have been 112 teams and he's hoping for more! "What a life." In January '07 he was inducted into the Maryland Old Timers Baseball Hall of Fame.

Jack Spicinnall writes from Savannah, Ga., that he and **Ginny Hale '52** are blessed with good health, "only the usual aches and pains of impending age." Ginny is busy with church, bridge, some golf and caring for the house. Jack continues with golf four times a week and enjoys family and grandkids. John graduated from University of Georgia and Susan is a freshman at the University of Georgia. Andy is a senior in high school and Kathy is a high school freshman. They send greetings to all.

Annette McMahon Wood writes that she's happy to be living at Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover, Pa. She keeps busy and active with golf, aerobic exercises and walking and other activities and trips planned by the retirement center. She is glad that her two-year term as president of the Residents' Association is over.

Joseph Maciejczyk reports that both he and Dot so far are cancer survivors! Joe and Dot enjoy their grandkids and he still attends his army reunions.

Bill Bayliff writes, "My life underwent a huge change in April '07 when my wife of many years died of cancer." They had made plans to move to White Sands, a retirement community, in La Jolla, Calif., in September. Bill made the move alone at that time. He misses her very much but is determined to make the best of his circumstances. Fortunately friends in San Diego and relatives on the East Coast have been very supportive. The activities at White Sands are excellent and residents are extremely friendly. He's still working full time for the Tuna Commission in La Jolla which keeps him busy and interested in life.

Word from **James Ogden**, in Huntington, Md., is that he's "still keeping on." He works in "fits and starts" on a history of the World War II infantry in which he served. Jim says church activities, gardening, lawn care and reading take most of his time. He appreciates keeping in touch with classmates.

Word from **Dr. Peter Callas** is that following the passing of his lovely wife, Margaret, in February '07 Pete continues to volunteer

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Pamela Owen '81 to **Pete Torrell** on July 4, 2007. They reside in Port St. Lucia, Fla.

Karen Sullivan '91 to **Neil MacKinnon** in January 2007. They reside in Washington, D.C.

Sandra Owen '81 to **Jay Castellano** on March 10, 2007. They reside in San Jose, Calif.

Laura John '94 to **Steven Wrobleksi** on July 12, 2006. They reside in Havertown, Pa.

Sheri Lescher '95 to **David Fox** on October 13, 2007. They reside in Abbottstown, Pa.

Amy Sheridan '99 to **Mark Donathan** on November 3, 2007. They reside in Philadelphia, Pa.

Bryce Baker '00 to **MaryEllen Enos** on November 16, 2007. They reside in Rockville, Md.

Margaret Kolman '00 to **Scott Brooke** on June 9, 2007. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Sara Gregg '01 to **Eric Stanssen** on May 19, 2007. They reside in Sparta, N.J.

Kristen Ullmann '01 to **Jacob Kruten** on September 22, 2007. They reside in Rockville, Md.

Michelle Lynn Voight '01 to **Michael Schmorri '01** on September 22, 2007. They reside in Frederick, Md.

Jeanie Bauder '02 to **Rick Landgraf '03** on July 14, 2007. They reside in Fayetteville, N.C.

Derek Favreau '02 to **Amanda Grace** in October 2006. They reside in Towson, Md.

Melissa Anne Lane '02 to **Gregory Coughten** on May 25, 2007. They reside in Finksburg, Md.

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Anne Shuppert Schwarzkopf '49 plays her cello in the Sarasota Pops Orchestra in a string quartet and in a piano trio.

on a number of non-profit boards that support the needs of the elderly, retirees, veterans and local agricultural community. After a visit to the Glenn Mill Festival in Iowa, Pete spent two days in Alaska, visited friends in Sweden and relatives in Greece. Currently Pete is involved with plans to bring the Glenn Mill Orchestra to Hagerstown, Md., in May '08 as a fundraiser for veterans and salute to the armed forces.

Caroline McNabb Wheeler writes from California that she attended a performance of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* at a local theater. It was written in 1949 and performed at WMC/McDaniel in 1949 and possibly several times since. Because she was involved in 1949, seeing it again brought back a lot of happy memories. Callie hopes this bit of nostalgia stir up memories for other '49ers.

Duane Boyer writes from Geelong, Australia, that he's glad to hear from classmates. He has lived in Australia since 1973 so he's finally become an Australian citizen (a true Aussie!) and has a dual citizenship. Duane says now that he's 78 his body has finally caught up to age. However he's doing everything — pilates classes and water aerobics — so he's no longer feeling like he's doing things in "slow motion." He was in the States in June and July to visit friends and family.

Don Egner, from White Marsh, Md., says he's glad to hear from classmates also. No new projects for him but enjoying his grandchildren and life.

Ober Herr Jr. and Jeanne enjoyed a delightful cruise on the upper Mississippi River from St. Louis to Minneapolis the first week in October. Traveling with them were **John** and **Eve Schaeffer**, Ned '50 and Phyllis **Masenhelmer** and **Jackie Brown Hering** '51.

Helen Lavin Bell writes from Riverside, Calif., that she is enjoying life with her husband, Paul, and her art career. Currently, her curled steel on steel wall sculpture is one of 60 works juried into the Palm Springs Artists' Council's 39th Annual National Exhibition which opened Nov. 6, 2007. Active with contemporary and plein air art organizations, she is listed in *Who's Who in the West*, *Who's Who of American Women* and *Who's Who in America*. Helen and Paul have four children who are all married and pursuing professional careers. There are four grandchildren.

Mary Childs Rogers says, "Nothing I'd call news from this end, but every day seems to be nicely full of all the things that make life at 82 years fun and interesting like grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All the best to everyone."

Howard N. Hall writes from Annapolis that he and Jeanne continue to live at Heritage Harbor Retirement Community. They are fortunate to have good health and have traveled to many interesting parts of the world. They volunteer with 1724 Anne Arundel Free School Scholarships for Scholars International, the Anne Arundel and Maryland Retired School Personnel Associations and edit

the Baldwin United Methodist Church newsletter.

Word from **Betsy Buderer Bivin** was that she had just returned from Baltimore where she attended her 55th Johns Hopkins Nursing School class reunion and a visit with her daughter and family in northern Virginia. Betsy also says that she moved to a retirement community in May '07 and is happily settled in an 11th floor apartment with a good view of Sarasota Bay and Siesta Key. She says "no more cooking." Her address is 8400 Yarno Rd., #1166, Sarasota, FL 34231.

Ralph "Rev" Smith Jr. is glad to have his 1949 Aloha and also *The Hill* so he can keep in touch with friends and classmates. He has great memories but liked the College better with the Methodist church affiliation. His sister and brother also went to Western Maryland College.

Doris Ritter Ensinger writes, "How many ways can you greet your classmates year after year and say you're well, active and happy? I'm glad to hear from all of you and glad to report that Bill and I are on the go constantly. Hope you are too."

Our class president, **Frank Stephenson**, says, "I was honored to be named recipient of the 2006 McDaniel College Alumni Professional Achievement Award in recognition of a 42-year career as an aerospace engineer including 32 years at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The award was presented to me at the annual on-campus holiday brunch held in December '06. The award was also noted in Michigan Engineering publication. I received my aero engineering degree from Michigan in 1953. Meanwhile family has continued to enjoy retirement years." Frank was able to renew playing golf this year following hip replacement in 2006 and heart bypass surgery in 2004. "Ah, the golden years," says Frank. His wife continues to enjoy her remarkable needlecraft and knitting skills. Traveling is still a favorite pastime. He attended the graduation of grandson Craig Stephenson from the University of Alaska who is now working at the University's Super Computer Center. They also met their third great-grandchild, Xander, and his father in Anchorage. In addition, son David and wife Linda were able to visit from Fairbanks for three weeks in August. Frank and wife were scheduled for a 16-day cruise in January '08, which left from and returned to Buenos Aires and included three days of scenic cruising by the Antarctic Peninsula.

Rev. Jack G. Ammon, writing from Deland, Fla., reports that he is 88 and Betty is 86. They have been happily married for almost 65 years and are thankful for their reasonably good health. Jack was among the first group of GIs to be back on campus in January 1946. He is now serving as the chaplain for his Army division that just had its 62nd convention at Niagara Falls, N.Y. Both of their sons, Gary and Jay, were born while they were at college living at "Veterans' Wil-

lage." They have wonderful memories of their college days.

Jeann Silcox Baldwin says they're still able to be on the go but at a slower pace. They entertained **Anne Shuppert Schwarzkopf** from Florida this summer while she was in Chester-ton. Several of their close friends keep in close contact. Jean's youngest daughter has cancer so they are hoping for the best treatment. She says, "Golden age has a few tarnish spots. Keep well." Jean continues to read "Mother Goose" in costume to children.

Anne Shuppert Schwarzkopf writes that she and Jerry are enjoying their usual pursuits. Anne plays her cello in the Sarasota Pops Orchestra in a string quartet and in a piano trio. She also schedules golf, bridge, church circle, tutoring a foreign student in English, the fitness center and a daily swim. Jerry is still busy serving on boards of community association (9,000 residents in season), neighborhood association and Rotary Club. In the spring they traveled from Iga, Va. Falls to the southern tip of South America exploring much of the continent in three weeks.

Helen Miles Dubel and **Bob '48** continue their zest for travel. Last spring they took their third trip to China, including Tibet. In the fall they cruised the Mediterranean from Athens to Venice. **Chris Nikolopoulos '50** and his wife, Katy, were tour leaders in Athens and hosted dinner at a rooftop restaurant looking up to the moonlit Acropolis. Chris, a business leader in Athens, would enjoy hearing from WMC friends. His address is: Avras 44—Kefalari, 145 62 Kifissia, Hellas (Greece). Email: cnichols@hol.gr.

In an act of serendipity the Dabels found themselves assigned to the same dinner table with **Norman Stern** and his wife, Marie, for the entire cruise. Norman is a well-known artist in Maine. Helen and Bob have lived in the Glen Meadows Retirement Community, Glen Arm, Md., for nearly two years. They were delighted to welcome **Fletcher and Maradei Clayton Ward** to Glen Meadows in 2007.

In April '07 **Fletcher** and I moved from Abingdon, Md., to Glen Meadows Retirement Community in Glen Arm, Md. We have a patio home with a small screened in porch overlooking the rolling countryside, cornfields and sometimes cows and horses. People here are friendly and helpful and there's lots to do if we wish to. As usual we spent the month of July '07 in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., with family and friends. We are looking forward again to a July '08 visit.

It's sad to report these deaths of our classmates and we send condolences from the Class of 1949: **Dorothy Inez Gamber**, Dec. 23, 2005; **Wilton Oregon Harman**, Dec. 23, 2005; **Bertha Bern Spiegel**, Dec. 16, 2005; **Wilma Steele Alban**, Jan. 23, 2005; **Robert Henry Rhodes Jr.**, May 10, 2006; **Ernest Henry Leap Jr.**, May 11, 2006; **Willard P. Dooley**, May 15, 2006; **Aloysius William Malone**, June 20, 2006; **Rev. George William Piferdeort**, Dec. 4, 2006.

Phyllis Weaver Dahl, Aug. 4, 2007; and **Mary Jane Price Hager**, Dec. 9, 2007.

Thanks to everyone who sent your news and encouragement.

Maraded Clayton Ward
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Julian and Joanne Weigle's '53 Dyke really enjoy living in Hot Springs Village, a retirement community of about 17,000 nestled in the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas. Their four children and seven grandchildren are all in the Midwest (Texas, Missouri, and Kansas) except for one grandson who's in Washington State. They were back on the Hill in November for Julian's induction into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame. They had a great time visiting with old friends, seeing how much the campus has changed since the '50s, and remembering how much they loved their time as students on campus.

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Claid W. Ashcraft recently moved from Seattle, Wash., to the panhandle area of north Idaho, specifically the Silver Valley, to a Lutheran Good Samaritan retirement facility. He has a nice two-room apartment and enjoys the freedom of maintaining a house and yard. He hopes to be able to do some traveling in the near future. He's looking forward to his 55th class reunion next May.

John and Nancy McMath Clayton keep busy with children and grandchildren. They also participate in some county volunteer programs, with furniture and food projects. John participates in two barbershop choruses: The Chorus of the Chesapeake and Bay Country Gentlemen (Harford County group). They keep him busy. Due to health problems, Nancy has not been able to do as many activities as usual. They reside in Forest Hill, Md.

Ashley Collins looks forward to visiting with classmates during her 55th reunion in May. He and Doris continue to enjoy the natural beauty of central Pennsylvania and sharing with their extended family in the milestones of their lives.

John and Lillian Tapanin Dalton moved to Cumming, Ga., from the suburbs of Maryland. After 42 years in the same house, they decided that at their age it was time to be near one of their children and grandchild. They chose a retirement development of ranch homes occupied by people from many parts of the U.S. They are delighted with their new surroundings and very pleased with the friendly people they've met. They are involved in bridge groups, a book group, couples eating out and water aerobics at the local YMCA, as well as many activities at the local Methodist church. They welcome any

alumni who may be in the area. Their new address is 6590 Vickery Post Lane, Cumming, GA 30040.

Estelle Zies Edwards has been retired from Smithtown, N.Y., library for eight years. She worked as a children's and reference librarian. Her husband, Bill, is a retired minister. They enjoy concerts in New York City. Estelle is active in "Bread for the World," a hunger advocacy group. Most of all they enjoy their children and four grandchildren who live close enough to see often. They live in Setauket, N.Y.

Raymond M. Faby is still gainfully employed. By his calculations, he has 13 years to go before he reaches his retirement age. He enjoys working. Between him and his wife, Norma, they have six children and 13 grandchildren. He encourages everyone to stay healthy and hopes to see everyone at the 55th reunion. Raymond lives in Lutherville, Md.

Barbara Wilson Kohlmeier and husband Lou continue to live in their condo in Rockville, Md., and spend five to six months of the year at their home on Cape Cod, Mass. Numerous trips are made to Charlotte, N.C., for visits with their daughter, Ann, and grandchildren, Kelsey, 16, and Eric, 13. She treasures her WMC friends and had dinner recently with Joanne Althouse Hilsbee in Willow Grove, Pa. She's in contact with **Liz Kuhn Clarke** who resides in Santa Fe, N.M. **Nancy Wagner Phillips** and Barbara shared a farewell brunch with **Lillian Tapanin Dalton** shortly before Lil and her husband, John, moved to Cumming, Ga. Barbara also keeps in touch with **Margaret Pusi Kotulak** who makes her home in Baltimore.

Billie Mayers continues to enjoy a lot of hard work, especially for various efforts for the needy. Mill had pneumonia and Charlie had knee problems which caused them to miss trips planned for the summer. They still keep their clothes clean so they can take off to a number of places they had planned to visit. They are primarily a family of 23, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She says "Ain't life great?" She feels blessed and resides in Lewisville, N.C.

Virginia Bond Norwood's husband, Travis, passed away on Oct. 13, 2006 after 50 great years of marriage. Her son, Richard, is a music teacher in Elkins, W.Va., and is counting down the years to retirement. Daughter Barbara works at Odessa College in Odessa, Texas, after teaching music for 23 years. She loves the college scene. Granddaughter Natalie is a junior at Elkins High School and is looking at colleges, teaching dance as well as taking tap, ballet and jazz. Grandson Travis Robert, 13, is in middle school. He loves playing percussion in band and sports. Virginia resides in Mr. Airy, Md. and keeps busy with church and community activities.

E. Karin Nowack sends greetings from Hagerstown, Md. She retired two years ago after 50 years in the mental health care field —

first as an occupational therapist, then a psycho-dramatist and a clinical social worker. She is happily re-engaging in art classes. She was back on the Hill this summer for an oil painting class offered as a part of the Common Ground program. Her daughter, Laura, currently lives with her. Son David lives in Frederick and is pursuing a career in human resources after 20 years in the Army. Family, friends, gardening, art, church and other activities have her still wishing for more hours in the day.

Thomas A. Page, of Bowie, Md., continues to enjoy the blessings of good health and stays active with the family, church, Masons, Maryland Senior Olympics, travel and community activities. He and wife, Sybille, celebrated their 50th anniversary in June '07. They took a cruise with the family in July '07. They have two wonderful daughters, Linda and Sandra. Linda has two daughters, Jennifer and Kelly. They are both very active in their church. Jen is in her second year of college and Kelly is a junior in high school. Sandra lives in Rapid City, S.D. and teaches physically and mentally challenged children. Sybille is still painting, exhibiting and selling her creations. Stained glass is her recent hobby.

Mary-Ellen Elery is alive and well. Her primary interests in no particular order are theater, gardening, reading and animals. She attended a family wedding in Springfield, Ill., and highly recommends the Lincoln Memorial Museum and Library. Mary-Ellen lives in Walworth, N.Y.

Nancy Wagner Phillips, of Bowie, Md., reports that life continues much the same. Her family lives close by and she is able to enjoy many activities with her grandchildren and other family members. She is also involved with the community and church. She had planned several trips that were put on hold due to back surgery. She hopes to be back in circulation soon.

Deborah Wilbraham Raver survived the 2007 Fallbrook (Calif.) wildfire. They evacuated on Oct. 22 in their RV and camped out in a Wal-Mart parking lot for four days. She and Gordon '52 are in and stay busy with the church, travel, quilting, golf, PEO and Rotary, grandchildren and friends. They'd love to hear from whoever wants to get in touch.

Elmer Richards of Havertown, Pa., reports that he and wife Lorraine are doing well and have been married for 53 years.

Betty Herbert Salmahar traveled to Russia with classmate **Dorothy "Dot" Stuckhouse** in 2006. This year she took her son with her to China. She plans to visit Bermuda to see a granddaughter who is teaching dance in Hamilton. With 11 grandchildren, she has a lot of traveling to do. When not on the road Betty's home is in Vera Beach, Fla.

Edgar Shattuck finally retired to Brownsboro, Ala., (near Huntsville) two years ago to be near his three grandchildren, ages 16, 13, and 11. Next for the hot summer, he and

family

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Lauren Marquez '02 to **Thomas Heslop** on October 6, 2007. They reside in Alexandria, Va.

Christopher McNally '02 to **Erin Mansour** on July 4, 2005. They reside in Charleston, S.C.

Tiffany Musick '02 to **Todd Markwell** on June 12, 2007. They reside in Akron, Ohio.

Jennifer Rocco '02 to **Robert Earl Thatcher** on September 29, 2007. They reside in Sacramento, Calif.

Jessica Rouse '02 to **Jeremy Custer** on July 28, 2007. They reside in Hagerstown, Md.

Julie Ogrysko '04 to **Christopher LaMotte '04** on August 25, 2007. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Diane Lynn Fuentes '05 to **Bradley Barr '05** on August 18, 2007. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Bruce Chappell '06 to **Amanda Marie Martz** on November 10, 2007. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Amanda Strine '06 to **Jason Palmer** on May 11, 2007. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Lindsey Keller '07 to **Josh Harris '07** on August 5, 2007. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Jamie Elizabeth Kerns '07 to **Brian Yingling** on August 18, 2007. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Sheri McKinstry '07 to **Daniel Richmond** on May 25, 2007. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Melanie Elizabeth Soper MS '07 to **Brooks Weaver** on August 11, 2007. They reside in Taneytown, Md.

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wife Shirley enjoy it greatly. They've done quite a bit of traveling, especially in the Southeast. They also took a trip to New England and spent six weeks in Steamboat Springs, Colo., with their son during the hot-ter part of the summer.

Don Stanton is involved in numerous volunteer activities in North Carolina. He is president of the Lake Junaluska Property Owners Association, a director of the Foundation of Haywood Community College, and a member of the executive committee of the United Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council, and a lobbyist with the Haywood Community Church.

Carroll "Pete" Warner, of Columbia, Md., reports that life is still good for him at Harmony Hall (ALF) as he celebrated five years in residence. He lives near his daughter and her husband. Their sons are so grown up at ages 19 and 16. Son Stephen and Susan in Florida missed his. Their other two grandchildren are 17 and 16.

Hugh Ward says he is well and as ornery as ever and has successfully avoided growing old gracefully. Between prison work, homeless work and other activities he's able to meet people with interesting lives to keep boredom at bay. It also helps him stay out of his wife's way. Hugh lives in Tucson, Ariz.

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

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is great hearing from so many classmates.

Nancy Carskadon May has lived in Arcadia, Calif., for 40 years. She has worked with her husband, medical doctor Pete, for 20 years. He has been practicing in the same place for 50 years. They are growing old together. They have four sons: Chip, 53, an M.D.; Cass, 51, an appraiser; Matt, 49, an engineer; and Pete II, 47, an M.D. They live all over the country. Nancy says she loved her year at WMC but got married and finished at Cal State. She also went to a theological school.

June Parker Miles lives in Exmoor, Pa., where she teaches piano to 40 students. She also does the National Guild Auditions at Salisbury State University. Although she doesn't feel like running a marathon she is in relatively good health. She sends best wishes and fond memories to all our classmates.

Rita Burket Davidik lives in Columbus, Ohio. She has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She keeps in touch with many WMC folk especially those who as freshmen lived on McDaniel's fourth floor. In good health she is active in political matters - not Democratic or Republican but more conservative issues.

Anne-Marie Summers Egan is enjoying total

retirement. She still has a few piano students at the College and still directs the Presbyterian choir. She went to Scandinavia and Brazil last year but plans to stay home this year. Her seven kids are doing well. Seven of her 14 grandkids are now in college. They are starting to plan their 50th wedding anniversary for the summer of 2008.

Dick '54 and Doris Tuckwood Linton continue to enjoy their life in Saratoga. Last January, Doris met **Marilyn Coomb Stewart '56** at their duplicate bridge center. She and Dick have eight grandchildren. They enjoyed touring Europe last summer with their 13-year-old grandson.

Don '54 and Jan Spatz James live in Franklin, Tenn., where they play lots of golf when they are not traveling to see their children. Their son in southern California and his wife have a son, Robert, on a soccer scholarship at Azusa Pacific University and a daughter, Kelli, who is a junior in high school. Their daughters live in Scottsdale, Ariz., and in Nashville.

Jim Eckhardt's son has joined him in running their funeral homes in Owings Mills and Manchester, Md. Jim and Pat spend most of the winter in Duck Key, Fla. They have been traveling and spending time with their six grandchildren. Fortunately they are blessed with good health.

Larry Lockhart is still practicing law though slowing down a lot. His daughter, Laurie, from Mexico spent the summer with him.

Russell Cook is living in Ocean City, Md., and working at Edwards, the leading vacation store. He attended an alumni event at Shenanigans on the Boardwalk in October hosted by **Greg Shockley '83**. Russ's sister passed away spring '07. She lived in California where the fires have been. He plans to visit her adult children in California and Arizona. In the winter he visits his children and many grandchildren in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Olney, Md.

Gretchen Pierson Brockman says time flies when you are having fun so she must be having fun. She sees **Toni Baxter Davis** every year in February in Fort Myers, Fla. She expected her grandson, Garth, 20, a marine, home from Iraq in October. The whole family planned to be in Jacksonville, N.C., to celebrate. Gretchen who, like me, has not joined the computer age loves going to the YMCA six days a week for water aerobics.

Betsy Myers Bryant wrote that she had nothing to report except that her husband, Allen, passed away on March 11, 2007, after a lengthy illness. Our condolences go out to her.

Beatrice Ford McGlynn wonders how she ever found time to work since she is busy most of the time. She exercises, quilts, with pastels, plays cards and spends time with her grandchildren. Last year Be visited her son and his family in Bozeman, Mont. They toured Glacier National Park, Big Sky and other beautiful mountain areas.

Paul and Doris Burkert '57 Galvin and all their family are doing well. Paul continues his volunteer work so that he can "wear out" not "rust out." He lost his sister, **Eileen Galvin Gilmore '58**, to cancer in 2006. He enjoyed our class reunion and is looking forward to his next trip to Hawaii.

Harold "Bete" and Joan McCoy Posey, married since Oct. 10, 1956, have been hanging out in Mt. Holly Springs, Pa. He's looking for work after having retired three times. His two daughters and two granddaughters live in Kansas where one is an elementary school teacher and the other a volleyball coach at Kansas University.

After serving 20 years as an Army chaplain and 25 years in a local church, **Ray Davis** finally retired in June '06. He's now enjoying reading and spending time with his granddaughter who will be 2 in May. A second grandchild is expected in March. Ray loves San Antonio and is a big fan of their NBA champion Spurs.

Donald "Sandy" Roberts continues as chaplain in the Department of Pastoral Care at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore. He is no longer the Santa at Harford Mall but this year was the weekend Santa at Harbor Place. He and Elaine have seven grandchildren with another scheduled for March.

Gerald "Gerry" Sussman wrote that he transferred from WMC to the University of Maryland in his sophomore year but if we were interested here was some information. He is retired, living in Albuquerque, N.M., and active as a Forest Service volunteer. His wife still works as a home-care health nurse. One of his sons lives in Albuquerque so they have grandchildren nearby. Their other son and his family live in Connecticut. They go to visit them about three times a year.

Henry Taitt thinks of all the wonderful times he had at WMC and all the other people he knew there. Now his three children have graduated from various universities and he is only a few years from seeing his four grandchildren do the same thing. Henry says life has been filled with moments that never would have happened if WMC hadn't happened first.

Ivan Armacost retired to a senior community in Winchester, Va. He and Betty celebrated 55 years of marriage on Christmas Eve. They went on a cruise to the Panama Canal and southwestern Caribbean in mid-December. They enjoy their family, are active in the Methodist church and travel when they can. Ivan, originally from Hampstead, Md., still has a brother and sisters living there.

Elizabeth "Betty" Shepherd Collinson volunteers at her church office primarily doing computer-related tasks. She is enjoying her grandkids, one at the police academy, another playing lacrosse at St. Mary's of Maryland. The younger ones are in third and fifth grades. The fifth-grader, who is her only granddaughter, loves horses, lacrosse, soccer,

music, art, 4-H and excels in math. Betty wonders if she gets her genes from her.

Now that she has retired after teaching the biology lab on the Hill for 32 years **Mary Lee Young Schmall** says she's doing as little as possible.

Jim and Janet Boller Heins took time out of their usual busy schedule of traveling, volunteering and learning to give Jan time to deal with some aging and uncooperative body parts. She now has two bionic knees and is missing a gall bladder. With a clean bill of health she says her warranty is extended for quite a while. They have planned a month-long riverboat trip for the summer of 2008. They will go from Amsterdam to Bucharest. This winter they have tried something new — working with stained glass. They plan to take a course and then to tackle their sunroom giving the expanse of glass a little color. Jan keeps busy with her art classes and continues to play the violin in a local symphony orchestra and with a quartet. She and Jim both find volunteering at the C&O National Historic Park a rewarding pursuit.

Charlie and Ginny Tull '57 Phipps have been in the air a lot visiting their four grandsons, two in Texas and two in Montana. The boys range in age from 18 to 8. They had a wonderful visit with **Charley and Barbara Harding White**, Dick and Joanne Siehler '56 Durst and Joan Hutter Tull Weigle '57 and her husband, Russ. Charlie and Ginny stay busy with their church, traveling and trying to stay healthy.

James "Jimmy" Tene and his wife, Masae, spent a month in Kobe before returning to Tokyo in late October. Jim's biggest news was that daughter Emika's family moved to Charlotte, N.C., in March. His grandsons, 17 and 12, and granddaughter, 7, are enjoying life in the U.S. playing baseball and swimming. He would like to come to America to see his classmates and grandchildren but his health makes it hard for him to travel. He has a few serious weak points on his left eye (age-related macular degeneration), also pulmonary emphysema and bad knees. **Joe Rovensky '54** visited in July. He is very healthy and still working. They had a happy time having dinner and talking.

Albert Barnes spends eight months in Naples, Fla., and only four in Normandy Beach, N.J. He plays golf (lousy) three times a week. They eat out often and enjoy reasonably good health.

Phil Lawyer continues his job at Athletic Merritt Club. His daughter **Michelle Lawyer Gribben '89** enjoys teaching math at McDaniel. Her daughter is a senior in high school and very interested in music. Their beloved son, Kevin, was tragically killed in a car accident in February. He leaves behind his wife and children and a thriving orthodontic practice. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lawyers.

Retirement life remains pleasantly consistent for **Ron Jones** in Parsippany, Md., as he maintains their house, yard and koi pond.

Their involvement in a little country Methodist church keeps their souls together and workouts at the Merritt Club attempts to keep their bodies fit. They look forward to visits from **Charlie and Ginny Tull Phipps** and **Charley and Barbara Harding White**. Ron's oldest granddaughter, Jessica, graduated from physician's assistant school and is working at Northwest Hospital in Baltimore County. Megan is attending Roanoke College and playing on the field hockey team. There are lots more grandchildren coming on behind. Ron has taken up matting and framing of their Eastern Shore wildlife paintings and prints along with his other woodworking projects. He plays racquetball doubles four times a week with carefully chosen partners — usually on the court. He says he feels his age going on the court and young at heart coming off. **Suzanne Lussier-Jones '63** keeps her gardens going and always has a knitting project underway — usually for one of the grandchildren.

Joan Walter Winkelman has been having a ball visiting new places, including: Mount Rushmore, S.D.; Mackinac Island, Mich.; and Nova Scotia, Prince Edwards Island and New Brunswick in Canada. She is still plugging away taking Spanish — not too successfully. She has been doing water aerobics for 15 years and is in her 10th year being an election judge. She sees her sons, Don and Bill, and her grandchildren often. She learned through her high school news letter (Washington-Lee in Arlington, Va.) that **Kay Poch Kirkpatrick** had died in 2001. Kay had been living in Chevy Chase, Md.

Ty and Barbara Goeb Miller have taken several fun vacation trips this year including Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C. They visited Lexington, Ky., in the spring to see the beautiful maries and later to a sad places in our history, Shiloh, Tenn. They visited their son, Tom, in Fayetteville, N.C., to see their granddaughter, Isabelle, 7, and baby Polly Ann, born in April. They made a trip to Baltimore and then to Pittsburgh, Pa., to see their daughter, Gretchen. In the fall they flew to Santa Cruz, Calif., to visit their son, Ty. In November, Barbara had a complete knee replacement. She is healing nicely. She deeply misses her dear friend and our classmate **Ira Lee Hohmann Seek**.

Walt and Marilyn Golding Rigerick had a great family time for two weeks in the fall in Hawaii. Their son retired after 26 years and they attended a very impressive ceremony. They keep busy with church and community activities. Marilyn sings in the community chorus. She also puts Dr. Makosky's training to good use in an AAUW book club. Walt loves to fish.

Mary Lou Arnie Kelly wrote me a long letter about the trials and tribulations she and **Ed '54** had with Katrina. You can read her story as a separate article.

I was honored to receive an Alumni Service Award at Homecoming '07. My thanks

to whomever nominated me. My broken shoulder did not heal the way my doctor thought it should have so I had a total shoulder replacement in August. I don't have complete range of motion but I no longer have the pain I was having. With my two new knees, my right shoulder and a plate in my left arm my grandson calls me the bionic grandma. It has not slowed me down too much. I'm still very involved at church and in several community activities. My grandson, Robby, 13, decided he wants to be Rob. At 13 he's an eighth-grader who plays the trombone in his school band and is All-County Band and now joins his dad in the Westminster Municipal Band. He has his black belt in Karate, plays baseball, is an honor student, an acolyte at church and has reached 6 feet in height. You can probably tell I'm a proud grandmother. Susan continues to teach AP English. Robert has a real estate business and along with his wife another home-based business. Both are very involved at their churches.

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2007 was a banner year for many of us with our 50th high school reunions as highlights. Many of us, in addition to seeing and catching up with many high school folks we had not seen for many years, also saw some 1961 graduates or classmates where several members of a high school class also went to WMC. Now we are looking forward to 2011.

Before the news, a sad item to report in case you missed it in the spring '07 issue of *The Hill*. Carroll "CIT" Giese died on Sept. 27, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Pat, three children and a couple of grandchildren.

On Aug. 31, 2006, Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. announced the appointment of **Chuck Bernstein** to Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Chuck succeeded a judge who retired and will serve until Nov. 4, 2008 when he will stand for election to a full 15-year term. Chuck has had more than 35 years of legal experience both in public service and private practice, being in private law practice since 1980 and a solo practitioner since 2003. Prior to his private practice, he served as an assistant state's attorney for Baltimore City, an assistant United States attorney for Maryland, a staff attorney for the U.S. General Services Administration, and as federal public defender for the District of Maryland. After WMC, he received his law degree from University of Maryland School of Law. Chuck's investiture ceremony as an associate judge was Jan. 4, 2007, in the Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. Courthouse.

In late 2006, Chuck was a co-winner of the John Adams Award for excellence in defending indigents in federal criminal cases. In early 2007 he was given the Robert Heeney Award by the Criminal Law Section

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Family arrivals this season:

Elizabeth Franks, on November 24, 2007, to **Charles '63** and **Jennifer Franks**.

Derek Oliver Jones, on December 23, 2007, to **William and Julie Biddinger '90 Jones**.

Quinn Mahoney, in August 2007, to **Mike '90 and Jackie Mahoney**.

Sage Ramirez, on June 25, 2007, to **Doug and Jenny Otto '90 Ramirez**.

Veronica Frances Buzzi, on September 30, 2007, to **Edward Buzzi '93** and **Sue Clabby**.

Justin and Camryn Bonner, on May 2, 2007, to **Justin and Mary Nicholson '94 Bonner**.

Kyle James Haga, on June 28, 2007, to **Kevin and Susanne Laws '94 Haga**.

Mallory Ellen Burn, on September 21, 2006, to **Tom '97 and Alyssa Dunbar '97 Burn**.

Kyan Asher Freed, in August 2007, to **Mason and Kamali Welch '97 Freed**.

Parker Giannelli, in October 2007, to **Justin and Deana Fennel '97 Giannelli**.

Nicholas Heiger, on May 2006, to **Craig and Carolyn Buzanowski '97 Heiger**.

Aubrie Elizabeth Hendrickson, on May 11, 2007, to **Dan and Sarah Sheckels '97 Hendrickson**.

Madden Elizabeth Hoover, in January 2007, to **Lance and Melissa Meehan '97 Hoover**.

Brody Jahn, in April 2007, to **Drew '97 and Elaine Eierman '97 Jahn**.

Derek John, on October 23, 2007, to **Ryan '97 and Shelby John**.

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class notes

Alan Katz '61
was named
2006 Volunteer
of the Year at
the Maryland
Zoo.

of the Maryland Bar Association for his contributions to the criminal law. Also in the fall, he participated in a symposium marking the 30th anniversary of the prosecution of Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel at which time he represented one of the co-defendants. As part of his ongoing activities in educating lawyers, in fall '07, he lectured lawyers on the criminal law decisions of the recent Supreme Court Term. For his leisure time in spring '07 he took a bicycle trip in Arizona; then in July, spent a week cycling in the hills of Tuscany with off-bike time in Florence and Rome before and after the cycling. "It has been a good year."

We often go to great lengths to make sure that college ties can never be broken. **Brenda Stevens Cornwell** tells it best: "I was driving with **Chris Reichenbecker Boner** and **Pat Krebs Snowerberger** as my passengers to the Rockville, Md., metro station to meet **Drake Lankford** on her lunch hour from her job at the Pentagon. None of us had seen Gail since graduation. She called when the train got to Rockville and said for us to look for her as she got off. I jumped out of the car and started looking for women who looked to be the right age. I saw one and waved. The woman waved back and I ran forward to give her a warm greeting and a big hug. I noticed that a second woman was accompanying the woman I had just hugged. Hmmmm, I thought. After a few minutes of general chit chat, I asked the lady 'Is your name Gail?' 'No, it is Irene.' Whoops, I said with a hearty laugh: 'I just hugged the wrong woman.' Back in the car, Chris and Pat were getting a big kick out of the whole scene. Gail finally did come through the tunnel, and we got together for a fun, fun lunch." They hope to do it again sometime, but NOT on Gail's lunch hour. As for Brenda, "life is blessed with great children and grandchildren, a great husband and wonderful friends. For all of these, I give thanks each and every day."

In San Diego, Calif., **Dotty Holland Baty** was busy canning and making jams from the bounty produced by their big garden planted during the summer '07. Dotty is really enjoying home activities. To add to this, she got a quilting sewing machine and is ready to start a new quilt. Her tennis team went to southern California sectionals and had a good time. Her team did not win, but Dotty won her matches. Dotty and Gary still love to play tennis together. Church activities take up much of their life. The family is well and they are enjoying their grandchildren, the oldest being 18. "My how time flies."

In Charlottesville, Va., **Joyce Turner Kerns** still works at Westminster Presbyterian Church where she regularly sees **Jack '63** and **Betty Jacobus '63 Blackburn**. Joyce struggles with heart issues and arthritic joints, managing to have a fairly normal existence, and says she is living the cliché that "getting old is not for sissies."

"Life is a blast, and I am enjoying every

single minute," says **Jan Shadrach Kraynick**. "Retirement is so busy. When did I ever find time to teach?" Her three children each have two children, and those six grandchildren are the absolute joy of their lives. Jan is still an advocate for children with dyslexia and provides consultation services to parents and organizations. She is a member of the Carroll County Special Education Advisory Council that makes recommendations to the Board and is also on the executive board of the Carroll County Retired School Personnel for whom she plans various trips. She loves to travel. In 2006 she took a group of 25 people to Kenya on safari, which included a hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti. The trip was one of the best adventures of her life, and she cannot wait to return. October '06 was spent in Hawaii, with two weeks cruising the islands including Fanning Island out in the Pacific. Following that, her entire family vacationed in Chapel Hill, N.C., where one daughter lives, and also visited the mountains of Asheville and then Cherokee Land. When she sent the news for this column in September '07, she had just returned from South Dakota visiting Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and the Badlands and was preparing to depart in October to lead a group to Iceland. Plans for 2008 include a spring trip to China and a cruise on the Yangtze River and in October doing the Canadian Rockies by rail. Jan lives in Westminster and invites any alumni to drop by when they are in the area.

On Aug. 3, 2007 **Alan Katz** and **Helen welcomed** their first grandchild, **Galit Eliana Madairy**, daughter of Al's daughter, **Mara**, and **Chris Madairy**. She weighed 9 pounds and was born two weeks before the 95th birthday of Al's mother. Helen has retired again. Al was named 2006 Volunteer of the Year at the Maryland Zoo. He also works occasionally as a social worker at Stella Maris Hospice in Timonium. Al and Helen live in Owings Mills, Md.

Mary Stein continues to love living in Rehoboth Beach, Del., where she takes watercolor, stained glass and star-gazing from the Lifelong Learning Academy, enjoying not having to write a paper or take an exam. She is spending this winter (2008) in Key West, Fla., and plans to spend next winter there also. If you are there in the months of January through March, look her up at the Key West Golf Club, 204 Golf Club Drive (305-292-0664).

Fred Dikes and **Sharon** continue to enjoy life in Vancouver, B.C., during the nice weather and then travel to warmer climates around the world during the winter. During warm weather 2007, they had a wonderful visit with **Ken and Joanne Moffatt '65 Gill** and **Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert** at a fabulous resort in Sooke Harbor which is on Vancouver Island. In fall '07, Fred and Sharon were in Mt. Dora, Fla., prior to attending Homecoming at McDaniel.

Jon Myers reports that **Bev Schott '60** broke her patella in November '05. Upon release by her doctor to full activities on Sept. 20, 2007, Jon and Bev were off to their first vacation in two years: to France with **Orzie Stewart** and **Aimee**. Son Jeff is a professor at Manhattan College and lives in Chappaqua, N.Y., with his children ages 19 and 14. CFA and MBA. Michael's investment firm, has performed beautifully over 10 years. He is the heart and soul of the families' investment decisions. His children are ages 17, 15 and 13. David continues with his Mead business (Redstone Mead in Boulder, Colo.). He is the largest premium craft meadery in the U.S.

Business travel with **Beth Butler Sansbury** and **Dave** in 2007 included **Japan**, **Indonesia**, **South Africa** and the Republic of the Congo where Dave spent a day crouched behind a desk as rebels fought government forces in the street outside. Personal travel was to calmer places like Venice and Sicily. Beth's father died in July at age 95, with his quality of life good right up to the second stroke. Beth and Dave's daughters (two each) are doing well and living in the D.C. area. Beth is in her eighth year as a docent at the Sackler and Freer Galleries Asian Art. Come for a tour.

Jim Matousek and **Lou** cruising the Mediterranean in spring '07, visiting Rome and then off to Florence, Messina, Naples, Croatia, Barcelona, Cannes, Provence, Venice and Monaco. It was hectic with lots of walking up and down hills. They took special note of little old ladies coming out of the mountains from their daily ritual of getting supplies with their shopping bags full. No wonder their hearts are so good. Croatia was absolutely beautiful and is becoming the place for the jet set. An 800-square meter condo goes for 1 to 1.5 million Euros. In Provence, little villas being built by foreigners in the hills were 500,000 Euros. All the big stars were in town for the Cannes Film Festival. The Matouseks continue to enjoy their farm, children and grandchildren there in Herkimer, N.Y., and in Memphis, Tenn., with two grandchildren, 16, and driving and looking forward to college and careers as a pharmacist and in medicine. Jim and Lou keep busy with church projects, civic activities and conservation programs.

A blast from the past is **Ralph S. Vincent** who was with our class during our freshman year ('57-'58). During '58-'59 he attended Frostburg State and spent two years trying to find a job to work his way back to WMC. At the end of January '61 he enlisted in the Navy and spent the next four years as a guided missile man at Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Va. He worked eight years for Dictaphone as a service rep and then in '73 went to Westinghouse (now Northrup Grumman) as an electronics tech. After moving several times in the Baltimore area, he moved in the '80s to Ellicott City where he currently resides. In 1987, he joined a historic preserv-

tion group that succeeded in getting Baltimore City to remodel the President Street Railroad Station into the Baltimore Civil War Museum which the group still supports and for which it still exhibits. He retired in August '04. He remembers fondly his year at WMC and the people he knew there and would like to hear from some of them. Ralph never married and has no children, but he has plenty of nieces and nephews because his brother and his brother's present wife each have five children.

Irwin "Ozzie" Stewart has been retired for 13 years. In 2007, his wife Aimee joined him in retirement by selling her Geriatric Care Management Business. They enjoy life with their grandchildren. In July they traveled to Croatia and in October, Normandy. February '08 will find them in New Zealand and Australia.

Douglas and Carolyn Powell continue to spend the fall and spring months in Maryland and live in Walnut Creek, Calif., in winter and summer. In 2007 they traveled to Ecuador and their beloved Switzerland. Wedding plans are in the works for daughter Sarah.

In our next column, the news from **Eldridge '60** and **Jane Williams Ward** may be a new address in Pennsylvania, since their farm in Frederick, Md., is for sale: 10 acres, four-bedroom house, barns and fenced pastures where they have raised cattle, goats, chickens, ducks, pigs, and now sheep. Eldridge takes care of the place and works out at the gym. Jane has been working on a book about her father and his family and is also doing research for a genealogy group, writing a chapter for their last volume. She sews, knits, crochets, and occasionally helps teach her home-schooled grandchildren. In October '06, grandson Levi Thomas Ward was born.

Still enjoying living in Bethany Beach is **Lorena Stone** who teaches part time at Delaware Technical and Community College. In August '07, just before the beginning of school, she and several friends took a cruise along the New England coast, visiting many islands such as Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

From Blacksburg, Va., **Don Linzey** reports that he is in his 19th year of teaching at Wytheville Community College where he teaches human anatomy and physiology and wildlife biology. He continues his in-depth research in the Smoky Mountain National Park with emphasis on establishing the presence of mountain lions (cougars) in the Park. For the past five years he has taught a one-week natural history consortium in the Park, including students from the University of Georgia, Purdue University and Wytheville Community College. In January '08, he was in charge of giving a multi-media program on his cougar research at Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., a nine-day event given by more than 60 experts, featuring hikes, walks and live animal presentations.

Scheduled for publication in March '08, is his book, *A Natural History Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park*, for the University of Tennessee Press. It is a comprehensive book covering geological history, presence of Native Americans, early settlement, Park formation and history of natural history research in the Park. It is 300 pages and has 150 color photographs, maps and drawings. **Don Shure** previewed the manuscript and offered many helpful suggestions and comments. He also wrote the foreword for the book. In 1991 Don and his wife organized the Blue Ridge Highlands Regional Science Fair for southwestern Virginia. The 17th annual fair is in March '08. The winners do very well when they go to the International Science and Engineering Fair. In 2007, one of the junior winners is one of the top 40 young scientists in the country. "That makes all of our work worthwhile."

The Linzeys have a second home in Gatlinburg, Tenn., which is bordered on two sides by the Park. Don and Janice Shure visited. Their primary home is in Blacksburg. "If anyone is planning to come to Gatlinburg, please get in touch with us and we can give you lots of information that the average visitor is not aware of and that will hopefully make your visit a pleasant and memorable experience."

Bob and Connie Arvin McCallum continue living in Columbia, Mo. Bob retired last year after serving 36 years on the faculty of the University of Missouri's School of Medicine where for the final 10 of those years, he was dean of students. He remains involved with the medical school as an emeritus professor of medical psychology. Connie too has retired after a long career in education, which saw her go from classroom teacher to school principal to Missouri State Department of Education consultant to, before retiring, college professor. Bob and Connie have traveled extensively throughout the southwest United States and central and southeastern Canada. Their first grandchild, Callum Michael Scates, was born Nov. 1, 2007.

After eight years of being Floridians, **George Varga** and Judy moved permanently to Boston, buying an apartment in the city. They did this to be closer to their grandchildren, Maddie and Charlotte, who are in the precious years of 7 and 4. They still plan to rent in Florida for two winter months. Continuing to serve as college trustee, George has been joined by two classmates — **Ken Gill** and **Don Rembert** — in making the Class of 1961 well represented on the College Board.

From Sun Lakes, Ariz., **Mike Bird** continues to play competitive senior tennis, ranked number one in both singles and doubles in the southwest region in the 65-plus age division. Recently, however, a few injuries and illnesses have slowed him down a little. He is doing better now. Ursula continues to improve her golf, winning their developer cup tournament in early 2007. Now she is get-

ting the trophies. They continue to enjoy visiting and following the activities of their children and grandchildren: Chris and his wife and three small boys in Dallas and Andrea and her husband and daughter in San Francisco. Mike is enjoying being a political observer, rather than being an active participant, and has more time to read these days: some economics, thanks to Ralph Price, and also many other topics.

Pat Fimo Long and Nelson did a lot of driving in summer '07. After Nelson attended a government meeting in California, they drove the California coast. Then they put many miles on their car driving from their home in Wyomissing, Pa., back and forth to Charlotte and Hilton Head, changing many diapers along the way. Their son and wife became parents of a little boy in June while six months prior, their daughter and husband became parents of a sweet little baby girl. They count their blessings in having two mothers who are still very sharp at 95 and 92.

In Murfreesboro, Tenn., **Susan Garrelson Daniel** keeps in touch with her college roommate and other college friends, wishing they could see each other and get together now and then. Her son, Doug, received tenure and is assistant professor of mathematics at Presbyterian College in South Carolina. Recently-married daughter Jenny is a first responder Nashville Metro firefighter who still owns three horses. After a two-year stint in the Peace Corps in Namibia, Africa, Tom teaches English as a second language at Texas Instruments in Japan. Sue continues to write books on the history of their local county which was 200 years old in 2003. Husband Jim was elected to and serves on the County's Commission.

Malinda Burgess Fossett and **Clarence '58** have moved to Ashburn, Va., in a Del Webb Over 55 Community. In the process, they downsized and got rid of lots of "stuff." They are enjoying their new home and friends and are also closer to their daughter and grandchildren. In September '07, they traveled to the Georgian Bay area and to Toronto. They are in good health and are busy enjoying retirement.

From Knapolls, N.C., **Ann Perigo Mueselman** is in her 30th year of teaching, this year at two elementary schools.

Don Rembert continues to be heavily involved with the College. In October '06, Waldorf Way, which was built with funds provided by Don and **Judy Ellis '60**, was dedicated. It really complements Gill Gym, the Merritt Fitness Center and the Klitzberg Pavilion Center. Also in October, the WMC Heritage Society was formed. Its first project was to underwrite **Jim Lightner's '59** book on the history of the College. *Fearless and Bold* was released in October '07. Don was elected a College Trustee in June '07, and the Carpe Diem Campaign was kicked off at the Founders' Dinner on Sept. 29. The Remberts have been traveling with **Ken and Joanne Moffatt**

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Samson Gray Selig, on March 17, 2007, to Dave and Ann Bevans-Selig '97.

Claire Welch, in May 2007, to Todd and Alison Winters '97 Welch.

Olivia Anne Dilger, on September 28, 2007, to Jason and Lisa Young '99 Dilger.

Chloe Anneliese Diller, on August 24, 2007, to Frank Diller and Jennifer McCabe '99.

Langley Evelyn Benson, on October 12, 2007, to Chad and Michelle Hughes '00 Benson.

Jeannette Brennon, on January 24, 2008, to Josh '05 and Cella Stroope '01 Brennon.

Emerson Leona Graff, on August 23, 2007, to Jason '02 and Emily Graff.

Brody Harrison Griffith, on September 16, 2007, to John '02 and Nicole Griffith.

Madison Merrill, on August 6, 2007, to Jeremy '02 and Jennifer Cook '03 Merrill.

Joseph Daniel Von Bergen, on October 5, 2007, to Thomas and Sarah Hill '02 Von Bergen.

Abigail Grace Ware, on September 10, 2006, to Joshua and Stephanie McFeeley '02 Ware.

William Brian Cornega, on December 6, 2007, to Brian '03 and Patty French '05 Cornega.

Avery Eileen Martinenza, on April 6, 2007, to Brian '04 and Katie Martinenza.

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'62 Gill, recently to British Columbia where they rendezvoused with Fred and Sharon Dikes on Vancouver Island. Judy is into golf and being a loving Nana. Don has been picking and singing, having fun meeting new musicians and friends. They had another grand July 4th celebration at their Bethany Beach home.

James A. Bryan also talked about the Founders' Dinner in September. He noted that the bank he worked for in Baltimore went away in a merger and some of his friends lost their jobs.

Bob Rippen is still enjoying his golf with MISGA and has great fun with his grandchildren, the children of Rick '92, Ryan, 9, Elena, 7, and Patrick, 5. He especially enjoyed working with Ryan on his Cub Scout golf badge. Because of Mae Retha's health, they have had to limit their travels but still enjoy each and every day.

Sue Wheeler Goldsborough reports that her daughter and family moved from Yokohama in the spring of 2006 to live permanently in the U.S. They lived with Sue and Ted in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. for 14 months before settling outside of Princeton. They all lived together with no strife, the only downside being some fatigue from the youthful energies of two boys, 3 and 6. It is great to have their family closer than half a world away. Sue saw Mike Bird, Ken Gill and Don Shure at her high school reunion.

Gary and Marcia Wilson Tyeray have moved back to Bridgewater, Va., to a small cottage in the retirement community where they remain active with the local hospice, literacy and church organizations. In October, they took a Budapest to Bucharest river trip which included a journey to Transylvania and the haunts of Dracula.

Dan Shankle's four daughters all live within a half-hour of his home in Germantown, Md. and are all busy with their families and careers. Donna is a nephrologist at Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore. She has given many lectures and written articles about hypertension. His four oldest grandchildren are in college, two at the University of Maryland and two at local junior colleges. His four youngest grandchildren are ages 4 to 15. In summer '07, Dan fractured his neck in a surfing accident. He has recovered well. His daughters said, "Dad, you won't do this again." He said: "Ha, Yes, I will, but very carefully!"

From Forest Hill, Md., Bea Ackerman Sherrill reports that her youngest daughter, Heather, gave birth to their third grandchild, Charles Kenneth Rudolph, on Nov. 24, 2007, his father's birthday. Her daughter, Renee, the baby's godmother, and Heather's husband, Dave, were in the delivery room. Bea and Richard are looking forward to spoiling this grandchild who lives only 25 minutes away, while Bonnie and their other two grandchildren, 10 and 7, live in Satellite Beach, Fla. Bonnie and her family traveled

from Florida after Christmas at which time her children met their new cousin. Bea still enjoys working three days a week at St. John's Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Md. Bea and Richard stay active at church, at home and with family.

After all these years living in New York, Joanne Lamb Hayes is crossing the river and discovering Brooklyn where she has two wonderful granddaughters: Shelby, 1, and Lena, eight months. Joanne is still working and loves to babysit whenever invited.

Pat Lakin Lemkuhl has retired after teaching for 42 years. She misses the students, their special talents and the adventures they shared. Over the years they have amassed many friendships and love their visits. Pat and Taylor are now involved with their five grandchildren and are always busy with the farms and rentals where there is constant maintenance. The family vacation each year is on the Outer Banks. They enjoyed dinner with Dick and Jean Jeffrey Carter in Media, Pa., and visited with Sylvia Scott Lukemire at her brother's birthday party. Her brother Coach Dwight Scott '53 also is retired from Boonsboro High School.

Al and Nancy Smith Stewart's goals when they retired and moved to Lake James in Nebo, N.C., more than five years ago were to travel as much as possible, enjoy the lake house and have visitors. In 2006 they did all of these things, traveling to Spain, Paris and St. Croix and in July having their three boys and their families visit from England, Northern Virginia and Colorado. The crowd included seven grandchildren. In September they went to Italy and the U.K. They also had visits from several WMC friends including Ann Morley Willard, Tom '58 and Kay Payne Beckett, John and Diane Kanak '62 Holter and Tony and Rhia Ireland Wilson. There were family reunions in New York, New Hampshire and West Virginia and two side trips to see their newest granddaughter, the great-granddaughter of Astronaut Alan B. Shepard.

In 2007, they went to the U.K. and Bozaine and Montana, Oregon, Colorado, Maryland, New Jersey and New York in the U.S. The kids all came in July. In October, Al and Nancy went to Barbados for a rest. Thanksgiving was spent with their families at Nancy's ancestral home in West Virginia. They spent Christmas in Denver. Their 2008 plans include an April Windjammer Barefoot Cruise followed in May by a trip to Germany and then a stopover in the U.K. to visit family there. On the home front, Nancy volunteers at the local visitors' center as well as at Hospice. She sings in the church choir and is a member of book and bridge clubs. Al stays out of the way with yard work, boat trips, photography, etc. For a change of pace, they also escape to local B&Bs. They invite anyone in the area to look them up.

From Baltimore, Marguerite Whaley Stucki reported the birth of their newest grandchild, Hunter Ian Walter, on Nov. 2, 2007, to

their daughter Jennifer Marguerite and Dennis Buettner. His older siblings are 15-month-old twins Bethany Marguerite Bella and Christian Andrew Scout. Marguerite is involved in volunteer work with the Courage Lion Program, a program developed under the guidance of Johns Hopkins Children's Center to provide to children who are experiencing illness, trauma, etc., a plush "Duffy the Lion" along with an illustrated children's book entitled, *Courage Pockets*, and an audio book with encouraging songs and music by insightful artists to help children more easily convey the information needed in their treatment, while engendering hope and bolstering courage, and thereby enhance interaction between children and medical professionals.

Barbara Holland Wilson is chaplain at Methodist Manor House in Seaford, Del. She lives in Georgetown, Del., and is enjoying her grandchildren, 16, 15 and 11.

Ken and Joanne Moffatt '62 Gill continue to travel. They have sold one of their larger boats and are planning, leaving three remaining. In 2007, they held their fourth annual football reunion party the night before the Hopkins game. Twenty-four teammates, spouses and friends attended including: Fred Dikes, Don Rembert, Donald 'Punchy' Lenesi, John McKenna '62, Harry Bacas '62, Don Hobart '62, Sam Case '63, and Alex Ober '63. They are blessed with seven happy and healthy grandchildren, and Joanne spends as much time as possible between Annapolis, Chesapeake and Phoenix to be with them. Ken continues to enjoy his responsibilities as a trustee for McDaniel College and Annapolis Hospital and Medical Center. Ken and Joanne live in Severna Park, Md.

Pat Scott Pond shared her thoughts on the house she is restoring in Carlisle, Pa. "I scrape another window out of the house, I may just jump out of it. I had no idea how long restoring an old house would take when I bought it. It has been years in the process. Am not sorry I did it but wish I had the money and energy to wrap it up before I'm too old to enjoy it. Currently I am sidetracked into refinishing a very wide and tall set of shelves that came out of an old Victorian drugstore. Two full glass sliding doors and all the bubbled black vanish that makes projects like this the work of a lifetime. Under all that goop is a gorgeous solid mahogany case 5 feet, 6 inches long by 6 feet high."

Don Rice retired in 2004 after teaching 42 years at South Hagerstown High and Hagerstown Community College. For the past 15 years he has worked at Antique Crossroads in Hagerstown. Don and Mary have three children and five grandchildren with whom they love to visit: Robin Rice Berglund '84, in Tampa, Fla., Kent in Frederick, Md., and Kellan in Columbia, Md. They have vacationed recently in Tampa and the Grand Canyon area and look forward to an Alaskan cruise in summer 2008. Don visited with

Ron and Jackie Cook Sanders at his South Hag-
erstown High reunion.

Joan Hesson Myers keeps busy in retire-
ment with family, including eight grandchil-
dren ranging in ages 1-year-old twins to 18.
She continues serving the church as choir di-
rector and organist and serves on the board
of several community and farm-related orga-
nizations. Joan lives in New Windsor, Md.

Doris Simmons and **Pepe Sandoval** stay very
active with running and biking in Ocean
View, Del., and also do a lot of volunteer
work with the Benedictine Sisters in Ridgely,
Md. They enjoy season tickets to the Balti-
more Symphony and Baltimore Opera Com-
pany with occasional visits to hear the Phila-
delphia Orchestra. Their location at the
beach allows them to spend time shelling
and using the shells for various crafts. They
enjoy traveling as time allows.

Sarah Kadij and **Bud Jenkins** feel blessed to
enjoy good health so they can enjoy the plea-
sures of living in the waterfront community
in Anne Arundel Co., Md., where they have
lived for 28 years. Her passion is gardening
and his is fishing. Their latest shared interest
is getting close to nature by kayaking.

Martha Woodward Davis reports that she
and Dick are hanging in there. Her 35th year
of teaching at Berkeley Prep in Tampa, Fla.,
is a busy one. Her oldest grandchild gradu-
ates from high school in 2008 and plans on
going to a Florida college.

Bob Leavy's wine venture, D'Vine Wine
Bar and Shop, at the Shoppes of Dunwoody
in Atlanta, Ga., appears to be going well,
since its fourth anniversary celebration was
held in June '07 with wines, food and enter-
tainment.

Julie Boettger Tufaro retired as a counselor
at the Psychiatric Hospital after it had a new
owner for the third time. She is working part
time for a chiropractor in her town of Watch-
burg, N.J., and enjoying spending time with
her grandchildren.

From Bowie, Md., **Bobbi Hastings Jung** re-
ports that Paul's plan to retire on April 1 was
not an April Fool's joke; he actually did it on
April 1, 2006. In retirement he still does
some bird watching and is almost addicted to
genealogy with several major projects in-
volving indexing of records. Bobbi is also do-
ing genealogy with two projects: trying to
trace and link Hastings individuals in
Worcester County, Md., and Sussex County,
Del., where the largest concentration of that
surname is located and trying to get her
aunt's 40 years of research on her mother's
side published.

Bobbi is treasurer of the local genealogy
society. She works one day a week, except in
tax season when it is three days and she en-
joys her art classes. Bobbi and Paul vaca-
tioned last year in Vancouver, Canada with
whale watching and Butchart Gardens in
Victoria as highlights. Daughter Dana is vice
president of business continuity at Provident
Bank and is a special aunt to Scott's kids:

Connor, eighth grade; Morgan, fifth grade;
and Mia, 3, going on 23. Scott is now with a
computer firm in Baltimore. Wife Dawn is a
crisis interventionist at the elementary
school, president of the PTA and is finishing
up her degree.

From Greenville, S.C., **Joan Davis Sorensen**
is happy that their son, Trygve, and his family
have moved to Charlotte, N.C., which is
much closer to them than when he lived on
the South Carolina coast. Joan and her hus-
band are enjoying their retirement. In June
'06, they spent three wonderful weeks in Ire-
land with a brief visit to London with their
French "son" and his family. He was an ex-
change student with them many years ago
and has been a member of their extended
family since then.

As for me, I feel like **Mernette Huk**
LeFevre's reply: No news to report except for a
change in her e-mail address. I changed
computers, but my e-mail address did not
change. In June '07, we took a one-week
cruise on the Chesapeake Bay which was a
lot of fun. Otherwise, things remain largely
the same and relatively quiet. I do enjoy
hearing from all of you in reply to requests
for class news. For those of you who visit
Florida, Seffner is a few miles east of Tampa.
We are a short distance from I-4 exit 14
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Thanks to all who wrote to tell me about
their lives, particularly those who sent e-
mails. Naturally, the overriding theme to ev-
eryone's updates for the Class of 1979 was
that most of us turned 50 in 2007. This hor-
rific event certainly got everyone's attention.
Most people expressed surprise that they
reached their "Golden Years" so quickly, oth-
ers recounted various ailments, while others
reported parties to mark the milestone.

Carol James Avery writes that she is finish-
ing up her first 24 years of practicing law in
Howard County this fall. She has a solo prac-
tice in Columbia, Carol and her husband
have lived in Severna Park with their two
children for a little over 10 years, after mov-
ing from Annapolis. Her eldest, Lauren, is a
sophomore at Severna Park High School.
She is a very talented musician. Her high
school band will be performing at Disney
World this spring. She hopes to attend col-
lege at McDaniel — too soon! Her youngest,
Andrew, is in the fifth grade at Shipley's
Choice Elementary School. His main focus
is baseball, at which he excels. They spent a
week this past summer in Cooperstown, N.Y.,
where his 10-year-old tournament team
competed in the Field of Dreams Tourna-
ment against teams from all across the coun-
try. It is a beautiful area of the country and
Compound and the rest of the family enjoyed the

town and the Hall of Fame between his
games. Carol spends most of her time fol-
lowing her children to their events and
cheering for the marching band in competi-
tions and the baseball teams. She has gotten
into scrap-booking, which is a real addition,
and has her children to thank for filling over
10 volumes so far. She is still holding on to
her Orioles season tickets, an eternal opti-
mism, I suppose.

Tom '80 and **Patrice John Baugher** are enjoy-
ing life in Ft. Wayne, Ind., but can't believe
that two of their boys are now college alumni,
too. Christopher graduated from Butler Uni-
versity and is an accountant in Indianapolis.
He also is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army
attached to the 1st Battalion 330th Infantry
Reserve Unit. Bryan is a Ball State University
alum and also is an accountant in Indy.
Youngest son Andy is still at home. He is a ju-
nior at Homestead High School and loves
playing football. Patrice teaches Pre-K and
loves having the opportunity to help young
children grow and learn. She also keeps busy
as membership chairman for the High
School Athletic Booster Club and treasurer
for the neighborhood association. Tom
works at Raytheon on defense projects and
referees high school soccer and football
games. The Baugheres headed back to Mary-
land in June for the wedding of Bruce '81
and Barbara England's oldest son, Bart, and
enjoyed catching up with Jeff Vinson '81 and
his wife, Vicki. Future travel plans include a
crui- se to the southern Caribbean at Spring
Break.

Wayne Birely joined the rest of his class-
mates as potential members of AARP. He
thoroughly enjoys the discounts that mem-
bership brings. Wayne saw many old Betes at
Ron Bowen's "Over the Hill" party and he
runs into **Tom Wiedersheim** every weekend at
Hunt Valley Country Club playing golf.
Wayne participated in his first Maryland
State Golf Association Senior Open. During
the event, Wayne saw "the much older Betes"
Jer Lynch '78. Earlier this year, Wayne orga-
nized the 20th reunion of the only two la-
crosse championship teams that McDaniel/
WMC has ever had. By the way, Wayne is of-
fering a \$100 reward for the safe return of
his poster, which disappeared nearly 30
years ago (meaning that I did not take it).

Mary Gately Bodley is keeping busy with
her law practice in Catonsville, Md. Mary
and her husband, Dennis, are doing the kid
juggle, with Michael, 14, Caroline, 11, and
Bridget, 9. Mary gets together for an annual
girls get-away with Sally McCall Moore, Linda
Sorrentino, Claire, Dori Babary Chappell and
Little Sue Fairchild Sager, which is always a
blast.

Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen report
that their kids are exceptionally active and
excelling in all manner of sports and/or busi-
ness. Oldest son Brett is working full time as
an accountant with KPMG, Matt is back at
University of Maryland as a junior in the en-

family

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Those who will
be missed:

Mrs. Hazel M. Bratt '27, of Easton,
Md., on March 26, 2005.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson Gibbs '38,
of Venice, Fla., on September 1,
1998.

Mrs. Virginia Shockley Ruth '28,
of Yuba City, Calif., on September 10,
2006.

Dr. Ernest B. Nuttall '29, of
Towson, Md., on July 9, 2007.

Mrs. Mildred Benjamin Cutler '31,
of Port Deposit, Md., on July 24,
2007.

Mrs. Kathleen Moore Raver '33,
of Reisterstown, Md., on August
31, 2007.

Rev. Wendell S. Junkin '33, of
New Cumberland, Pa., on June
30, 2007.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mellor Johnson
'34, of Easton, Md., on December
2, 2007.

Col. Andrew G. Gorski '35, of
Alexandria, Va., on August 19,
2007.

Mrs. Catherine Kephart Amos
'36, of Columbus, Ohio, on
October 24, 2007.

Mrs. Kathryn Wentz Sieverts '36,
of Lutherville, Md., on December
4, 2007.

Mrs. Julia Connell Blough '38,
of Cumberland, Md., on October
24, 2005.

Mrs. Alden F. Church '38, of
Jacksonville, Fla., on August 19,
2007.

Mrs. Temple Morris Madjeski '38,
of St. Inigoes, Md., on October
25, 2007.

Mrs. Dolly Taylor Moore '38,
of Denton, Md., on August 17,
2007.

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Larry Adams

A dedicated trustee who worked tirelessly for the College's graduate-level program in human service management, **Laurence "Larry" Adams**, died Feb. 13 at the age of 86. A retired engineer, Adams once helped run one of the nation's largest aerospace corporations and in 1988 was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, the highest professional distinction afforded to engineers.

Adams worked for what would become the Martin Marietta Corp. for nearly four decades, ultimately serving as the firm's president and chief operating officer.

He was a three-time recipient of the NASA Public Service Medal for his contributions to the redesign of the space shuttle solid rocket booster and to the Viking Mars Lander and the Skylab programs.

He was dedicated to helping the developmentally disadvantaged; he and his wife have a disabled daughter who resides in one of the Target-managed group homes. In 1992, his continued efforts led to the establishment of The Laurence J. Adams Chair in Special Education, the College's first fully endowed professional chair and an endowed scholarship for special education for grad students.

"Whenever Larry called to talk with me, he would first let me know if he was calling as a father or a board member," said Dr. Tom Zirpoli, Target's CEO. "When he was talking about family, it was always with a smile on his face."

Engineering program and president of his fraternity, Mickey is a senior in high school and is captain of the football team (coached by **Dave "Wimpy" Cesky '75**). Daughter Sammi continues with her gymnastics and has had a goal in each of her field hockey games. During the summer, Ron and Leslie threw a 50th birthday party for classmates. In attendance were **Wayne and Laura Birley**, **Keith and Robin Lee '80**, **Lawson**, **Tom Wiederseim**, **Dale Silliman '80**, **Scott '80** and **Martha Hooper Wheeler**, **Mike Modica** and his fiancée, **Debbie**, **Sue Sullivan Matthews** and **Jan Claypoole Neel**. Earlier in the summer, Ron and Scott Wheeler hooked up with **Scott Schneider '78**, **Terry Koenig '78**, **Tom Wiederseim**, **Dale Silliman**, and **Bob Le Sueur** for a day out on the Bay.

Pat Blades Chapman reports that she celebrated her 50th birthday by taking a family vacation in Hawaii this past summer. The highlight of the trip was flying over the flowing lava in a helicopter. Also, the beaches were wonderful. Carl and Pat are both teaching school. Although Carl retired once, but couldn't stay away. Their daughter, Sarah, will graduate from high school in June '88 and her brother has just gotten his driver's permit. Pat keeps in touch with **Sue Person**

Lake through their children's swim meets and corresponds with **Andrea Jones Hall**.

John Cochran has lived in Virginia Beach for 25 years and is still working for the Department of the Navy as an analyst. His son graduated from Randolph-Macon College last year and is now a manager at the Virginia Beach Hilton. His daughter is a high school sophomore in the International Baccalaureate program and dances mega hours a week (for you TV dance fans, she dances with Travis, Danny and Jamie). John still enjoys golf and is available to play if you find your way to Virginia Beach. His golf highlight this year was to play Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill in Orlando three weeks before the PGA tour event, where he saw Arnie and got Annika Sorenstam's autograph. John looks forward to seeing **Jay Gardiner** and many others at their 30th reunion in a couple of years.

Alison Crispell continues to work at Provident Bank's headquarters in Baltimore. She has done a fair amount of traveling in the past year: Italy in November, Oregon in February, Spain and Portugal in October, and has planned a ski trip for Park City, Utah in February '88.

Debbie Scalone Day has been busy celebrating 50th birthdays this year. Hers was in March and her husband, **Randy '77**, threw a surprise party for her. **Paul '78** and **Beth Dunn Fulton** were there. In April they returned from a trip to Mexico in time to help surprise Beth on her 50th at the Inner Harbor. She reports that her son, Jacob, and his wife, Alison, are living in the UK as Jake pursues another master's degree, this time from Oxford University. Jessie graduates from Salisbury University this spring and is getting ready to student teach and Justin is a sophomore at Delaware Valley College, studying agriculture and playing lacrosse. The whole family planned a visit to London and Rome before Christmas to visit Jake. Randy is still with Perdue and Debbie retired from teaching preschool music, but occasionally teaches at conferences and training sessions. The Days didn't keep the empty nest long. They recently got a golden retriever puppy.

Mary Ellen Thornton DeJick is still living in Mountain Lakes, N.J., where she teaches fourth grade. She has two daughters in college, a senior at the University of Mary Washington, and a sophomore at Syracuse. Both are active in sports at the college level. Meredith, is goalie on the lacrosse team at UMW and Tracy plays field hockey at Syracuse. Her youngest, Michelle, is a senior in high school and is busy playing field hockey also. She planned on applying to McDaniel this fall. They don't get to see their family and fellow alumni **Dave '78** and **Beth Silvius '78** DeJick as much as they would like, but are looking forward to seeing them over the holidays.

For the past four years, **Brenda Eccard Delinger** has been with Booz Allen Hamilton as the risk manager and also supporting proposal development for various financial gov-

ernment agencies including the PBGC, the Federal Trade Commission, and the OCC. Traveling to Arlington, Va., from their home in Boonsboro, Md., several days a week can be tiring, but telecommuting has made things much easier for her. Their son, **Adam '80**, is in his second year as a future McDaniel alumnus and although he started out as a math major like his mom, he is currently pursuing the deaf studies program. He is also pledging the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Brenda enjoys spending more time on campus after years of being away. In late June, Brenda celebrated her 50th birthday with longtime WMC Delta Sigma Kappa sorority sisters and best friends, **Nancy Schwarzkopf Gaffney '77**, **Nan Hollinger Gaffney '77**, **Terry Holland '77** and **Beth Heckert Lewis '77**. They stayed at Nancy's home in Carlisle, near San Diego, and had fun visiting the wine country of Temecula and many other attractions. They were fortunate that their visit was months before the terrible fires that hit the California coast. Nancy and her family actually had to evacuate for a short period of time until the Santa Ana winds shifted and they were able to return home safely and without fire damage. They are already planning a "reunion" at the beach next year and hope to take a cruise in the near future.

Jim and Tracey Douglas are still living in beautiful downtown Olney, Md. Tracey works in the emergency room at Montgomery General Hospital. Jim is the chairman of the science department at Sherwood High School and is teaching AP Biology. He looks forward to retiring from MCPS in the next two or three years. Dr. Alspach came to his school last spring to help judge the science fair. Jim's and Tracey's daughters, **Stephanie** and **Tracey Marie**, are a senior and a junior, respectively, at the Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda. The Douglas family is busy with the travel and challenges of the college search process. It seems like just yesterday Jim was walking to the Carriage House with **Ron Lebowitz** on the first night of our own freshman orientation at WMC.

Steve Dyer reports that he is working for a large law firm in Charleston, S.C., specializing in formation of captive insurance companies and is still working on his golf game. His step-daughter, **Emily**, is attending Clemson and Steve has become a Clemson football fan. Steve isn't sure that 96,000 fans are as much fun as 500 in their cars around Bair Stadium, but he does know the Clemson Tiger is a much better mascot than the Green Terror "ball of fur."

Chris Sprinkle Eversly visited Myrtle Beach for their annual family vacation again this year. Her daughter took her boyfriend, her son took a classmate and Cindy took several books and cash for margaritas by the pool. Her son, John, 12, and the rest of them – after they all got sunburned – played a lot of laser tag.

Cindy recently sent her daughter, Allison

(Ali), to James Madison University as a freshman. Although Ali is adjusting well, she called Cindy to report that her roommate gets up at 6 a.m. to jog, shower and study. This is the complete opposite of Ali, who rolls out of bed five minutes before class starts. Cindy said Ali's experiences are startlingly reminiscent of the days she spent rooming with **Kim Smith Charette**. Cindy keeps forgetting that she's 50 because, "in my head I'm still 27, so I manage to do stupid physical stuff that my bones won't take anymore." I guess that somewhat explains how she broke her foot this year. Cindy expanded her CPA practice to include money management and financial planning and works both out of a home office and an office in Frederick, concentrating in individual taxation and estate planning. Things are going well and she loves working from home which has been a big help since she's a single mom. Cindy has been single for over 10 years, although she occasionally dips into the dating pool.

Paul '98 and **Beth Dunn Fulton** are still enjoying spending time on their boat "Mulligan" as they explore the Chesapeake Bay. Their oldest daughter, Ryan, is getting married in June to Gustavo Quintero, whom she met at work in Florida. Their middle one, Colleen, completed her degree in psychology at University of South Florida in May. She is now enrolled in a nursing program in Florida. Killian, their youngest daughter, is a senior at Westminster High School. She is hoping to get college applications out this month so she will know where she'll be attending in the fall of '08. McDaniel is not on her list of schools — it's a little too close to home. Paul and the girls surprised Beth with a 50th birthday party. Their good buddies, **Randy '97** and **Debbie Scalzone Day**, were there to help her celebrate in style. Beth still feels like she's 25 ... until she realizes that she has a 25-year-old child.

Jay Gardiner is the assistant dean and athletic director at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. Jay is married to Tara, a fifth-grade teacher in Cherokee County, Ga., and between them they have five children. Jay's three boys that are all out on their own and her two girls, Abby, 10, and Shelby, 9. Jay serves on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes board in Cherokee County, Ga., and plays tennis and, when **John Cochran** can coerce him, a little lousy golf.

Wendy Gross is still at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and is still against the name change to McDonnell. She would like to hear from **Debbitz**, **Pat Clarke**, **Chipp**, **Debbie**, **Snag**, **Moose** and **Cosmo**.

Andrea Jones Hall is getting used to the empty nest with both boys in school. Hooray! She's working on another graduate certification, this time as a math specialist. Besides teaching fifth grade and taking classes, she also teaches a developmental reading

class at Germanna Community College. She wishes to thank her classmates and fellow alumni who contacted her after her dad's passing.

Best Lengyel Hewett reports that she is coaching dissertation and other writers, and facilitating grief groups and seminars at her parish church. For fun, she's been to Hawaii he works on emergency management projects with their local governments. Their son, Russ, is in his third year of graduate school at UIUC working on a Ph.D. in computer science. They miss seeing him as often as they'd like, but they keep two terriers around to keep them on their toes and awash in cuddly moments.

Bill Jenkins has been very busy with teaching and designing for the theatre program at Dominican University near Chicago. He also finds himself doing more and more work in his alternative worlds of victim advocacy, anti-death penalty activism, gun violence prevention, and Restorative Justice. His wife, Jennifer, is now working as the National Victim Coordinator for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and they are both involved in helping the Virginia Tech victims as well as gun violence victims across the country. Bill's book has been an invaluable tool for these families. At school, Bill is now in his fifth year on the faculty. A small-world moment came recently when the Paul Winter Consort came to play at his theatre. While they were setting up the stage, Bill had the opportunity to tell him how much he enjoyed the concert he gave at WMC years ago. Bill gets out of the dark theatre as often as possible for backpacking and hiking excursions but misses the mountains of the East Coast. His current mid-life crisis consists of learning to play the harp. Bill and his wife are taking lessons together and it's great fun.

Leslie Renshaw Kemp's 50th birthday present from her husband, Vern, was a one-week vacation in Maine, which she hopes to call home one of these years. But the reality is she's still employed and still has many furry animal mouths to feed, so they probably won't be moving anytime soon. Leslie works four days per week at Kingstown Farm, Home and Garden, an individually owned Southern States store, running the pet department. Her favorite part of the job is that she buys directly from vendors and manufacturers, giving them a lot more variety in her departments. She loves bringing in new things for the furry members of their families. Antiquing, the process of actually doing the stitches, rather than the piecing. She's working on as a job, and one for the family. She wishes us all a happy 50th and reminds us to "Make them the best years!"

Keith and Robin Lee '80 Lawson are well. Older son David is a sophomore at Penn State (loving frat life, going to football games, etc.), and hopefully loving his out-of-state-tu-

ition classes). Younger son Chris is a high school junior (playing soccer and lacrosse). Keith has spent the past 20 years as the senior tax lawyer at the mutual fund trade association (Investment Company Institute). His business takes him on some interesting trips, including Zurich, London, Dublin, Kyoto and Brussels. Robin is very busy substitute teaching, helping out at Chris' school, and keeping up with friends and family. They saw quite a few WMCers at **Ron Bowen's** belated 50th birthday party. This summer, Robin and Keith made their first trip back to the beach in 10 years, and Keith spent two weeks backpacking with Chris in New Mexico. The Lawsons have attended many Nats games this year and finally have their own Redskins season tickets. Everyone needs a vice.

Mary Thomas and **Bob Le Sueur** report that life is good, but they have a grad student, college student and high school student who are attempting to bleed them completely dry. Bob and some fraternity brothers took a little boat trip around the Eastern Shore over the summer.

Mike Lewis retired from the federal government in 2001 after 22 years and has been struggling through some health problems. Mike has three herniated discs and the ones that aren't ruptured are arthritic, the result of too many collisions on the football field. For the past six years, he has been in constant pain. He and **Missy Bain** have been married over 26 years and Missy has really stuck by him and helped him fight to keep a positive attitude. Missy is still working for the government and is looking towards retirement in another four or five years. Missy has moved up the chain of command in the Department of Education about as far as possible without significantly increasing her travel requirements. She is in charge of student loans for post-secondary education.

Mike and Missy's goal is to find a waterfront house in the Myrtle Beach area so he can sit on the deck with a cup of coffee and do a little fishing and crabbing, and watch the warm water activities. Their daughter, Jessica, is a sophomore at Columbia University, in New York City, and is majoring in chemical engineering. Their "baby," Billy, is a junior at Poolesville High and is about 6-feet 1-inch and 225 pounds (sounds like dad). He recently got the second male lead in the school play and loves to act, but plans on pursuing a career as a marine biologist and may attend UNC-Wilmington.

John Little, "the Preacher type dude," is still in Houston, Texas, working in the insurance industry. He made it back to Baltimore two times in 2007. He usually visits when Ratdog is present in the DC/Philly/Baltimore area. He has managed to stay in touch with **Owen Rouse '81**, **Rick Rosenfield '77**, **George Kleb '82**, Mr. B and the YDOUASK band of criminals. John would love to hear from any other "frat" people who remember JFL.

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Mr. Paul A. Nelson '38, of Dallas, Texas, on October 27, 2006.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shunk Rother '39, of Towson, Md., on September 11, 2007.

Miss Blanche W. Drennan '40, of Hampton Beach, N.H., on November 6, 1992.

Mrs. Winifred Coberly Good '40, of Oviedo, Fla., on December 27, 2005.

Mrs. Margaret Wheeler Stalcup '40, of Richmond, Va., on August 31, 2007.

Mrs. Ethel Richards Barnes '41, of Timonium, Md., on August 16, 2007.

Dr. Francis L. Grumbine '41, of Adamstown, Md., on September 26, 2007.

Mrs. Eileen Trott Sheets '41, of New Freedom, Pa., on October 25, 2007.

Mr. William A. Sturm '41, of Arnold, Md., on December 2, 2006.

Mr. David L. Brengle '42, of Middletown, Md., on May 14, 2007.

Mr. Joan Daniel Bair '43, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., on October 8, 2004.

Mrs. Agnes Dyson Hacker '44, of Houston, Texas, on November 25, 2007.

Col. Sigurd L. Jensen Jr. '44, of Colorado Springs, Colo., on July 25, 2007.

Mr. Thomas J. Tereshinski Sr. '44, of Galesville, Md., on January 24, 2008.

Mr. Donald S. Woolston '44, of Rockport, Maine, on July 15, 2007.

Mrs. Mildred Smith Oscarson '45, of Pompano Beach, Fla., on December 18, 2006.

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Stan Bowlsbey

Longtime dean of graduate studies and professor emeritus of education **Stan Bowlsbey** died Jan. 30 at the age of 77 from complications resulting from several strokes suffered over the last 18 months. He first came to the College as a student in 1948 where he ma-

jored in both English and French, graduating in 1952.

In 1969, he joined the faculty as professor of education. Two years later, he was named director (later dean) of the graduate program, upon the retirement of his mentor, Dr. Joseph R. Bailor.

From that time until 1988 he served with distinction as director of the program leading to graduate degrees. He also coordinated a highly successful graduate program in school administration from which graduated scores of principals and supervisors in Maryland and southern Pennsylvania. During his long tenure, the graduate program grew steadily and the department of education, for which he also served as chair for a number of years, expanded and evolved into one that produced an award-winning undergraduate teacher education program and that simultaneously provided highly successful graduate programs for teachers and other interested individuals.

While his hairline receded during his tenure on the Hill, he never lost his serious, intense look, his keen intellect and love of precise writing. Having been the editor of the *Gold Bug* (the College newspaper) during his undergraduate days, as a faculty member he often volunteered his advice to student editors and encouraged bright undergraduates to employ their talents toward the teaching profession.

His mentorship of new professors, especially in the education department, yielded outstanding educators including current McDaniel President Joan Develin Coley and Dr. Francis "Skip" Fennell, professor of education who currently serves as president of the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics.

In 1988, Stan was named to the newly created post of dean of planning and research in the academic dean's office. The following year, he retired to consult at the state level. He was named an Outstanding Educator of America in 1970 and 1974, and awarded the College's Joseph R. Bailor Award in 1988. He received the Trustee Alumni Award in 2000; his beloved mother, Blanche Bowlsbey '27 who died in 2006 at age 100, received this very same honor in 1988.

Brent "Bo" McWilliams enjoys getting *The Hill* and keeping up with what has been going on, but the whole name change episode from several years ago still seems ridiculous to him. He's been living out West for 24 years, the last 17 in Arizona. He's happy to report that his wife, Carol, has not thrown him out yet. The boys are bigger than him. Brandon is in his second year of college and Bryan and Ben are seniors in high school. Needless to say, a lot of things get broken around the house but Bo reports that it has been great watching them grow up over the years. Cara, their daughter, 10, takes charge most of the time. He wishes all of our classmates well as we begin tackling our fifties.

Jim McWilliams and wife Randi have traveled a bit this year to New Orleans for Mardi Gras and San Diego and Key West for fishing. Jim is still with the Naval Audit Service and says that work is still going well. He still hears from **Elwood Enser**, **Kerry Wright '80** and **Brent McWilliams** and the rest of his family from time to time.

Dave Meyer has had an active year. He has become engaged to Martha Haines, a government lawyer from McLean, Va. He has rented out his house in Kensington to his daughter, Beth, while she finishes school. For his 50th birthday, Dave took a two-week adventure travel trip to the wilds of Alaska. He also supported Beth as she ran in the Marine Corps Marathon and joined her on the course the last six miles.

Mike Modica once again had a great time reuniting with friends at the annual Minotaur Open in Myrtle Beach arranged by **Mark and Eric '77** (aka "Manny" and "Schwarz") **Rosenberg**. In attendance were **Bob Irvin '77**, **Mike "Art" Cottingham '88**, **Gary Walters '77**, **Mike "Snippy" Spatz '88**, and **Chuck "Wizard" Boehle '88**, **Jay Cooke '78**, and **Chris "Chunga" Parr**. Mike missed not seeing **Ray Via** and **Judd Miller '88** at the event the past few years and hopes that he can attend in the spring. Mike is very happy to report that he has recently gotten engaged to Deborah Wilson. She accepted Mike's proposal despite comments to her about him from the likes of Cottingham, Irvin, Cooke and Boehle. Mike's son, **John '80**, is a sophomore at McDaniel and has the benefit of all of the facility upgrades that did not exist when we attended. Mike wants to congratulate **Ray Via** for being a semi-finalist in the Northeast Regional tap dancing contest. Mike reports that Ray would have won the contest if he didn't stub his big toe during the compulsory rounds.

Chris "Cung" Parr continues his highly successful financial planning business, Financial Advantage, Inc., which manages \$230 million of assets for 160 clients nationwide. The firm is consistently ranked in the top 250 independent wealth management firms in the U.S. and Chris has been recognized since 2000 as one of the "Nation's 150 Best Financial Advisors for Doctors" by *Medical Economics Magazine*. Chris proudly re-

ports that he was elected chair of Howard County Employee Pension Oversight Commission while in his third year of a voluntary five-year appointment by the County Executive. The Commission oversees \$450 million of assets. Chris also is a board member of the Family and Children's Services of Howard County, Md., and is the head coach of the Howard Huskies Mite Ice Hockey (ages 7-8). Chris and Diana are approaching 20 years of marriage — a mutually amazing accomplishment — and can provide endless details about his two wonderful children, their friends and activities upon request.

Rick Powell and his family continue to live in Catonsville. A building renovation program at the church and Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity have kept him and Jana busy. Rick reports that it was odd to visit McDaniel with a prospective student (their middle son).

David and Cheryl "CJ" Walter Rager are entering their third year of ministry in south Florida — CJ as pastor in Cokesbury United Methodist Church and David as pastor at Miramar United Methodist Church. They have been very thankful that no hurricanes have come their way since Wilma of October '05. Their son, Micah, is finishing his master's degree at George Washington University in D.C. while their son, Ben, is in his sophomore year at the Honors College of Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter. They feel they are blessed indeed.

As most of us are, **Cheryl Collins Reinecker** is trying to slide into her 50's gracefully. To help make the transition easier, her husband, **Dave '77**, gave her a great surprise send-off for that big birthday. The other big celebration in their family is the engagement of their younger son, Jonathan, to a wonderful young woman, with a wedding in a year or so. Otherwise, life in the Reinecker household is pretty routine, which is just fine with them. After burying both David's parents in 2006, and then having to purchase the family farm, they have had enough challenges for a while. They're still trying to wrap up the settlement of the estate, but the end is in sight. Cheryl has volunteered to serve on the Alumni Outreach Committee, so if anyone has any suggestions of how our alma mater can keep us connected with it and each other, please let her know.

Doug Ragan sends greetings from Greenville, S.C. In the fall, he kayaked the Rogue River in Oregon for four days. The Rogue is one of the original wild and scenic rivers. The Ragans spend their summers in Lake Como, N.J., a few blocks from the beach, then return to South Carolina in time to get Benjamin, 8, back to school.

Bill Roelke is a partner at a law firm in Jacksonville, Fla. His wife, Luyan, teaches Chinese language to some adoptees in Jacksonville. Bill stays busy trying to keep up with his son Tai, 3, and daughter, Moli, just 4 months old. Bill has managed to keep in

touch with Keith Slifer.

Susan "Speed" Tuley Routsen has been teaching physical education for 28 years in Carroll County and is currently at Runnymede Elementary. She has enjoyed the numerous WMC/Daniel student-teachers that have passed through the doors over the years. She has two daughters, Kyle Marie, who attends UMBC and plays lacrosse, and Kimberly Speed, a senior at Towson High, who plays field hockey and lacrosse. Speed has coached recreational and indoor lacrosse for 14 years (and sends her thanks to Dr. Richard Clower '50 for getting her started!). With her husband, Chris, and her girls, Susan has enjoyed traveling to the beaches of the U.S. and she enjoys sailing and sewing, and visiting with her WMC friends. Speed sends a "special hello" to all the HOBS!

Sue Fairchild Sager (aka Li'l Sue) has been a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines for three years now and loves the job. It is truly hard to explain how perfect a job it is for her. A 50-year-old female working for an airline which promotes a spunky personality has absolutely too much fun most days. Husband Tony '77 continues to work at NSA and loves it. Next year they have three graduations: Julie from UMCP master's in library science (she's an archivist ... and, yes, there are suggestive archivist bumper stickers to be had); Dan from UMBC with a degree in social work (he's the big picture man); and Thomas from high school. Thanks to the gift of e-mail, Sue stays in touch with *Sue Person Lake*, *Dori Babayak Chappel*, *May Gately Bodley*, *Linda Sorrentino Glaeser*, and *Sally McCarl Moore* (who transferred out after two years "but IS a WMC'er at heart, big time").

The Sagers live very close to Steve '78 and Kate Shirley '80 Luette and have run into them, and send Dave '77 and Kim Nichols '78 Dolch on a flight that she was working. Her pastor, Gayle Annis-Forder '80, and husband Dick were transferred to another church last June and Sue misses their frequent contact. In November, Sue, Dori, Sally, Mary and Linda celebrated their WMC times and 50th birthdays in Ocean City, Md., at Sally's mom's house. This was their fourth time to celebrate their WMC years together. Their only regret is that they waited too long to start. The Sagers visit McDaniel for sports events to watch *Bucky Martin '80*, whom Sue describes as "our hero." Sue had a ball at the Class of 1977 30th reunion party with so many people and they recently had dinner with *Harry '77* and *Deb Malone and Rob '76* and *Robin Platty*. Sue swears they were just older versions of their college-days selves.

David Schroeder reports that he is living in Timonium and working in Baltimore as the vice president and part owner of a home medical equipment company. He and his wife, Kate, have a daughter, 12, who wants to be an actress. They enjoy camping and day-trips to NYC and are planning a trip to Europe next year.

Like all of us *Scott and Robin Seiland Trenner* find it hard to believe we are now 50 years old. Robin never thought that she would be the old person standing in line or walking down the street. Despite their advancing years, Scott and Robin are doing well. They celebrated 25 years of marriage (who would have thought?) by having a surprise party thrown for them by his parents and the best man from their wedding. Like *Bill Jenkins*, Robin began bar lessons last year. Meanwhile, Scott is still involved with Jiffy Lube and has begun spending his free time showing his antique cars at shows or renting them to the movies being made in the area. His ambulance was on "America's Most Wanted" on September 8. Robin is still directing youth choir at her church and has taken on way too many volunteer projects at their youngest son's, David, high school. David, in his senior year, has begun his college search. Chris, the oldest, is a junior at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and loving every minute of it. They keep in touch with a few alumni; Scott sees *Mike Barry* all the time. *Jim Selfridge '81*, *Joe Menendez '83*, *Robbie Bowman '88*, *Scott, Mike Barry, Larry Matthews '75* and a host of other characters get together every Ravens homegame to tailgate for four to five hours before kick-off. Robin keeps in touch via e-mail with *Suzette Schaffer Burgess '90*. Jayna, wrote a 50th birthday week-end for Rick that included a day of phone calls and e-mails, a surprise party and a church party that included Rick not having to preach that day because his parishioners were doing it. And twice a year they see *Doug Barnes* (he's their dentist). He turned 50 with a surprise bash also.

Amy Turner says that WMC seems so long ago. For 20 years she has been practicing law on behalf of poor people in Louisville, Ky. In January '07 she finally married the man she has been living with for 20 years, Jim Griley. Her oldest stepdaughter, Wendy, is still working her way through college (it's been about 10 years, but she keeps plugging away at working full time and taking whatever classes she can). Her youngest stepdaughter, Abbie, is a massage therapist. She and her husband have two children – Dhané is in second grade and Kyla is 3. All live within a short distance of Amy and Jim so they get to see lots of them, which is great. Grandchildren are wonderful.

Mark '77 and *Jan King Vernon's* son, *Greg '50*, is a sophomore at McDaniel this year (and a wrestler!). Daughter Laura, 24, completed her master's at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, then worked several months in Hawaii and is now a full time occupational therapist in Florida. Jan and Mark still live in Clearwater and work in the Tampa area. They celebrated Jan's 50th birthday at the Atlantis Resort in Paradise Island, Bahamas.

Ray Via reports that the Via family is doing

very well after living through some difficult health issues, but everyone seems to be fine and recovering nicely. Since the last Class of '79 update, they traveled to Kiawah Island Resort, just south of Charleston, S.C., for the first time instead of their annual summer vacation on the Outer Banks and, on the way back home, stopped off in Sunset Beach, N.C., to see *Mark "Manny" and Carolyn Rosenberg*. While in the Myrtle Beach area Ray and Manny played golf with Manny's brother, *Eric "Schwartz" '77*, and *Jim Lamont '80*. In celebration of Ray's 50th birthday in October, Ray and his wife, Claudia, traveled to Pinehurst, N.C., for a long weekend, meaning that Ray was fortunate enough to play two of the top 100 golf courses in the world (The Ocean Course at Kiawah and Pinehurst # 2) during a four-month period. Ray's daughter, Alex, went away to a lacrosse camp for the first time and is showing a lot of promise for her future at the collegiate level. Also during the summer, Ray and his son, Matthew, took a "Field of Dreams" trip and hit the "triple crown" of baseball parks, visiting Yankee Stadium in New York, Fenway Park in Boston and the "Friendly Confines" of Wrigley Field in Chicago. On one trip, Ray bumped into *Mike Modica* at the airport in Minneapolis. He might have walked right past him, but he recognized Mike's "unusually wide stance."

All is good on the work and family front for *Vince Wesley*. Vince is still working with SunTrust in Washington, D.C., as senior vice president and manager of the SunTrust Institutional and Government Division. Vince has been with the bank for 23 years. Vince and wife Valerie live in Catonsville, Md., and are experiencing their second year as empty-nesters. Their eldest, Caroline, graduated from Lynchburg College in Maryland where she majored in athletic training and also played basketball for the school for four years. Vince and Valerie attended most of her games while she was there and last year they attended all of her games and now can say that they have been to every college campus and athletic facility in the ODAC Conference. It was great fun, but a lot of miles on the car and late nights on the road. Caroline is now attending Indiana University as a graduate student working on a master's degree in kinesiology. The twins are now sophomores in college but are a little closer to home. Elizabeth is a nursing major at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. Adrienne is a sophomore at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa. (near Hershey) where she is majoring in elementary education. Her favorite thing is singing in a number of choirs and working hard on her vocal talents. The Wesleys have kept in touch with *Scott and Robin Seiland Trenner*, *Mike and April Daniels Walter*, and *Tim Shank*, who is in West Palm. Vince has also played in a few golf tournaments with *John Feldman '66*.

Barry Whitley tells me that, in March '06,

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Mrs. Charlotte Hails Smyth '48, of Cockeysville, Md., on January 4, 2008.

Mrs. Phyllis Weaver Dahl '49, of Davidson, N.C., on August 4, 2007.

Mrs. Mary Jane Price Hager '49, of Frostburg, Md., on December 9, 2007.

Mrs. Rebecca Morris Kleish '50, of Salisbury, Md., on August 31, 2007.

Mr. Kenneth H. Munroe '50, of North Las Vegas, Nev., on October 26, 2007.

Mr. Edwin W. Ransford '50, of Mertztown, Pa., on February 11, 2007.

Mr. Guy R. Smith '50, of Columbia, Md., on January 22, 2008.

Dr. George H. Shyn '51, of Pasadena, Calif., on February 26, 2004.

Mrs. Chester S. Smocharski '51, of Glen Lyon, Pa., on September 10, 2007.

Dr. L. Stanley Finkowsky '52, of Finksburg, Md., on January 30, 2008.

Mr. James T. Marsh '52, of Leonardtown, Md., on September 16, 2007.

Mr. John E. Molesworth '53, Med '59, of Frederick, Md., on August 31, 2007.

Mrs. Ellen Widdows Harper '53, of Coatesville, Pa., on June 27, 2006.

Mrs. Shirley Jeffreys Strong '54, of Orange, Calif., on October 27, 2007.

Mrs. Kay Poch Kirkpatrick '55, of Bethesda, Md., in March 2005.

Mrs. Mary Jane Davison Anderson '56, of Kingsville, Md., on August 8, 2007.

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he was diagnosed with Stage IIIa malignant melanoma. But he also happened to be very fortunate as lymph node involvement was minimal without spread to any other organs. Barry celebrated one year cancer free in May. PET scans and careful monitoring are indicated for several years. Quick action, personal advocacy, good friends, a strong support network and a positive attitude contributed greatly to his positive outcome. Barry cautions that, if you haven't been to a dermatologist lately, please make an appointment today. It may save your life. While most of us acknowledge our 50th birthdays this year, Barry will truly celebrate his as last year he wasn't confident he would be here to do so. He has returned to employment with Ascension Health, moving from an out-sourced business partner that was not a good fit for him. He loves his job again and continues to travel around the country. Barry and his partner, Rick, celebrated 18 years together with a trip to New Orleans in December. Barry tells me that, while it sounds like a cliché, confronting one's own mortality does cause one to re-evaluate what is important. Barry did have the opportunity this past year to see some good friends from WMC/McDaniel days. **Pat McGinnis Vorel, Wendy Powell Smith, Rolf Freisendorfer '81** and his partner Don Russoli, **Dave '78** and **Joan Hughes '81** Hynson, **Gerry and Nancy Menefee Jackson '80**. Some of them went to Maggie's for lunch and Hoffman's for ice cream and Barry reports that the peanut butter ripple is as good as ever.

Mary Louise Jones York and her husband, Tom, have three of their four kids finished with college and one with "just one, maybe two more classes, I promise" to go. They are both working in Charlotte, N.C., and living in Lake Wylie, S.C. Tom is the director of internal audit at UNC-Charlotte, and Mary works for JELD-WEN Windows and Doors as the account manager for the Home Depot account. They've bought a small vacation condo on Oak Island, N.C., where they spend their limited spare time. (How many years until retirement?) Mary has heard from **Julia Vaughan Donovan** and **Tony '77** and "Little Sue" Fairchild Sager, but they haven't been able to hook up in a while.

Kathy Zepp-Inhoff is still teaching and has been with Frederick County Public Schools for 14 years. She is also doing adjunct teaching at Frederick Community College and Hood College. Her daughters are both in college. Kristin is a senior at Drexel and Ali is a sophomore at Dickinson. She had a blast when her youngest, who swims for Dickinson, had her swim meet on the Hill this past year. Kathy reports that it was surreal being back at the pool — the first time since he last swam there in college. Kim Easterday was just starting her coaching career in the late '70s! Kathy says, "Fortunately, my daughter swims much better than I did!"

As for me, I continue to love what I do,

Golf Packages of the Carolinas, the business my brother, **Eric Rosenberg '77** and I own and operate, with substantial assistance and support from our wives, Carolyn (mine) and Anita (Eric's), is thriving. We've been in business together for about 6.5 years and we can't think of a better way to earn a living. Our office is a block from the ocean in north Myrtle Beach and we play lots of golf. The biggest misconception by our friends and classmates, including those who attend the annual Minotaur Open, is that we are retired. I tell them that, aside from the 12 to 14 hour workdays and the stress of owning a small business, it's exactly like being retired. One of the many benefits of living in the Myrtle Beach area is that classmates are anxious to visit. In the past couple of years, we've seen **Vince Wesley, Wayne Birley, Mike Modica, Ray Via, Chris Parr, Jim Lamont '80, Bob Irvin '77, Mike Cottingham '78, Gary Walters '77, Mike Spath '78, Chuck Boehlke '78, Jay Cooke '78, and Judd Miller '78**. Anyone else wishing to visit the Myrtle Beach area is invited to contact us. Carolyn and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary in January '07 and, as long as she doesn't kill me, we'll be together another 20, 30, or 40 years. Happy 50th everyone. See you at the 30th reunion in 2008!

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It looks as if the Class of 1985 has full calendars these days. Between our children's activities, our careers and retirements, anniversary celebrations, volunteer duties and sneaking in a little personal time when allowed, the treadmill of life is continuously in the "on" position. It was great to hear from so many of you, so please keep the news coming my way.

Business is going well for **Jay Udkie**. He and his family recently moved to Kingsville, Md. His two daughters, **MacKenzie, 5**, and **Blaire, 4**, enjoy ganging up on daddy whenever they can. Jay keeps in touch with many Betes and often sees some Phi Alphas.

Jeff and Val Wieder Rickett enjoy living in Columbia, Md., with their two children: **Samuel, 9**, and **Amanda, 8**. They're excited about starting a multiracial church, City of Hope Church, along with another pastor in their denomination. They began public worship March '07. Jeff serves on the board for the Howard County Domestic Violence Center and also the advisory board for the Volunteer Center of Howard County. Val is active in the children's school and helps with the worship teams. They regularly see **Barb Bailey Collins '81** and **Carol Frances Carrico '83** who are involved with the church, as well as **Ronnie Gavlin '87**.

Life is good for another Columbia, Md., resident **Diane Culver Borucki**. Diane gets to-

gether with her WMC girlfriends each month for dinner and she can't believe they've all been friends since 1981. She said they have just as many laughs now as they did in college — maybe even more. Her son, **Bryan**, is a freshman at River Hill High School and son **Ben** is in the fifth grade at Clarksville Elementary. Diane, husband **Dave** and their boys enjoy life as much as possible between sports, school work and other extra curricular activities. Diane is the manager for Acclaim Title & Escrow and she'd love to work out business relations with anyone who is a current loan officer or realtor.

All is well in Alaska for **Ed and Elizabeth Hedges Ripley**. Their oldest daughter, **Emily, 16**, has huge aspirations for her life. They are encouraging her to look at McDaniel College to set the stage for her brilliant future, but they aren't sure how much away as parents they really have. Son **Noah, 13**, is active in sports, drama, and all things fun. Elizabeth writes that all the world is truly his stage. She and Ed have full-time jobs driving the kids around to all of their activities and they're counting the days until Emily gets her driver's license. On the career side, last year Ed was awarded the BP Teacher of Excellence Award in his borough and Elizabeth helped to strategically plan for, name, market and open a brand-new hospital for their community. They also celebrated 20 years of marriage, 17 of those in Alaska. Being so far away, they miss their college friends and extend an invitation to come visit for some awesome Alaska hospitality.

It was interesting to find out a few classmates have recently retired from the military. **Stephan Brady** retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Air Force in March '06, having been on the faculty of the Air Force's Graduate School for six years. He has since joined the faculty of Penn State University as an assistant professor of operations and supply chain management. His eldest daughter, **Stephanie**, is in her senior year at Miami University (Ohio), and his second daughter has just started her first year at Penn State and is on the swim team. His son, **Matthew**, is settling in at his new high school and swim team. Steve's wife, **Jennifer**, is wrapping up her master's degree in electrical engineering, and they are both looking forward to life in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

Jeff Hayman is enjoying part-time work since his retirement from the Army in 2005. He works three days a week as a contractor and his wife, **Jeanne**, works two as an oncology nurse. Jeff spends the remaining days fully occupied on a variety of interests including boating on the Chesapeake, a helicopter crew recovery project in Vietnam, and appearances on several docu-drama television series including "The FBI Files" and "Interpol Investigators." The Haymans invite everyone to come visit them in Reedville, Va., and enjoy the atmosphere of "Mayberry on the water."

Retirement finds **Rich Harfst** settling in northern Virginia where he loves spending time with his three children. After 20-plus years in Army intelligence, he retired only to end up as a defense contractor working as a Strategic Planner for...Army intelligence! After 30 years as a runner, he turned his attention to triathlons last summer and is completely hooked and looking forward to his sophomore season.

Things are going well in the private practice world for **Lucas "Loc" Gwynn**. His practice is in the D.C. area, but he also owns an art gallery in Baltimore. Stop by the gallery or check it out on the web at www.isabelhenrygall.com. Loc sends a hello to his old dorm Elderside and a Ciao to the people of Elderside.

For the past eight years, **Jeff Stebbins** has lived in Indianapolis and enjoys the Midwest. He currently works for Roche Diagnostics as Director of sales and marketing support for the professional diagnostics businesses. He and wife Paula have two children: Emily, 11, and Joe, 9. They spend most weekends in the fall and winter traveling with kids for volleyball and ice hockey. Jeff is actively involved in the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and every October he joins approximately 250 riders from across the country in Death Valley, Calif., to complete a 105-mile bicycle ride in one day in support of JDRF and finding a cure. He claims it's a great event and it keeps him cycling throughout the spring and summer in preparation for the ride. Jeff stays in touch with a few alumni pretty regularly and always enjoys hearing from former cronies. This past spring a bunch of Betes got together in Baltimore for a fundraiser supporting housing for the underprivileged. Though it was great to see everyone, it was hard to believe how much time had passed. He'd love to hear from everyone and you can get his e-mail address from the online directory in the alumni section of the McDaniel website.

Terri Taheri Huckle and her husband, Brian, bought a new house two years ago and moved to Middletown, Md. They have a son, Ryan, 9, who plays soccer and basketball and a son, Evan, 8, who plays football, basketball and soccer. Terri finally left her old high school (Centennial High School in Howard County) and is now working at Brunswick High School in Frederick County as a guidance counselor. She still keeps in contact with **Jeanie White Kane**, **Barbara Lawson Foreman**, **Jeanne Hogan Bonnell** and **Jeff Stebbins**.

Carrie Miller Parker is still living in Westminster and is on the go with her kids, 12 and 9. Her consulting work, Parker Marketing, is going well and keeping her busy. Carrie was planning to see some buddies for an Omega reunion in Hagerstown, Md., this past November and she still keeps in touch with other WMC friends too. In addition to her active everyday life, she's been planning a summer '08 soccer trip to Italy for her

daughter's team.

Some of you that were at Homecoming may have had the pleasure of seeing **Tracey Serrattelli Swenson** and her twin daughters. She and husband Kurt are having a blast with Tayte and Karly, 2. Needless to say, Tracey said the girls keep them very busy. Tracey is still staying in shape by doing a few triathlons, but mainly just running and spending time with the girls. They've been traveling as a family quite a bit this year in a new RV which is equipped with bunk beds for the girls. They enjoyed visiting with **Lisa Whyte Arens** and her family and also visited **Sue Stevenson**, her husband, Bunky, and their twin babies. It's hard to believe The Carpenters of our Johnnie Follies show are both moms of twins.

From Myrtle Beach, S.C., **Kim Grouver Hughes** tells us she's doing freelance writing for both The Sun News (the area's daily newspaper) as well as a local monthly business publication, *Costal Business Life* magazine. Kim and husband Brian are busy with their two daughters, Lindsay, 11, and Caroline, 9, and their two dogs.

Andy Mehli is still at Knox College in Illinois. He and his wife are keeping busy with their two girls, Chloe, 7, and Ada, 5, who are growing up very fast. Andy also enjoys woodworking and built a new woodshop this past summer.

"All is well here in Cleveland, Ohio," writes **Chris Gray Aiello**. She keeps in touch with **Lisa Whyte Arens**, **Tracey Serrattelli Swenson**, **Ami Farrell Stern '86** and **Eve Al-Armasi Angers '86**. Chris and Tracey have been in touch more this past year because Tracey was involved with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training endurance program which Chris was also involved in. Chris ran a half marathon in honor of her son (three years off chemo and doing great) and a friend who is battling Lymphoma right now. She's also been working at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as a patient aid coordinator where she helps patients who have been diagnosed with blood cancers. Chris finds it rewarding to help others since she knows what they are going through. Her three kids, Kelsey, 16, Jake, 13, and Josh, 7, are all doing great, and Chris keeps busy by transporting them to dance, football and other school activities since her husband travels quite a bit. Chris said she's just living the typical "mom" life, all are healthy and that is more important than anything else.

George Brenton is beginning his third year as director of physical plant at McDaniel and still loves being at the College and taking care of the Hill. He and **Robin Adams Brenton '86** are living in Hanover, Pa., and have been to do some traveling in between big weekends at the College and their Green Terror duties. They were able to go back to George's old homestead in Hawaii, through the Panama Canal, to Disney World and most recently to Niagara Falls.

It's been a great year for **Allan Bernardini**. He and his partner, Dr. Matthew R. Hamilton, have purchased a veterinary practice in Marmora, N.J., just outside of Ocean City, N.J. They have named their practice Beach Buddies Animal Hospital and are really enjoying their new venture.

When sending in her news, **Lynda Rennie Tankersley** had just returned from a business trip in Milan, Italy. After working over 20 years at Johns Hopkins University, Lynda finally left and went to work for Brimrose, a small private industry in Hunt Valley, Md. She's living just over the Maryland/Pennsylvania line in rural Loganville, Pa., and keeping busy with her three girls, Rennie, 13, Hana, 11, and Ella, 8, who are each in two sports. Lynda says they grow up fast.

Jenny MacLean Arrogancia is teaching geometry and AP statistics in the upper school at Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore. She has a 9-year-old daughter who goes to Rodgers Forge Elementary School. They like watching the Washington Bayhawks lacrosse team, for which Jenny's husband, Tanno, is goalie coach.

Their's another Green Terror in the Zimmer family. **Tom '83** and **Beth Chapman Zimmer's** daughter, **Kate '11**, is a freshman at McDaniel College on the women's basketball team and majoring in math education. Their oldest daughter Sarah, 21, is a senior at Mount St. Mary's and majoring in English education. Son Corey, 16, is in the ninth grade, plays basketball and runs cross country at Stephen Decatur High School where Tom is an assistant principal. Beth is working for a local developer and they still enjoy living in Ocean City, Md. All three kids work at Shenanigans (owned by **Greg Shockley '83**) on the boardwalk during the summers.

Louise Nemchik Montoya and family are healthy and doing well in Philadelphia. She continues to work at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as a mental health coordinator for children and families with deaf or hard of hearing members. She's been married for 17 years with two stepdaughters, two sons-in-law, one son, one daughter, nine grandsons, their first daughter and a dog! They enjoyed their first trip to the Florida Everglades last spring and an annual trip to see their older kids and grandchildren who live in Las Cruces, N.M. At this time, she and her husband are starting to think about colleges for their younger kids and daydreaming about where they might settle down once only two of them are left. Louise sends a big hello to everyone in the Class of 1986.

Kirsten Nystrom Snyder celebrated 16 years of marriage this year. She and husband Brandt are still renovating their 1884 home 15 years after moving in. She's on the board of directors for the McDaniel House for Healing and Transition Program and is the director for York County's Premier Harp Ensemble, The Muses, and has 25 harp students. Kris works as a certified music practitioner at two insti-

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Mrs. Shirley Lee Clarke Mann '56, of McLean, N.Y., on September 22, 2007.

Mrs. Ruth Dickson Preston '56, of Sykesville, Md., on January 12, 2008.

Rev. Richard S. Buterbaugh '57, of Corfu, N.Y., on August 6, 2007.

Mr. William E. Higgins '57, of Sebring, Fla., on May 28, 2007.

Mr. Richard L. Stone '57, of LaPlata, Md., on October 15, 2007.

Mr. Edward R. Eyer Jr. '58, of Manchester, Md., on July 17, 2007.

Mr. Robert K. Pippin '58, of Sherwood Forest, Md., in 2000.

Mr. Thomas A. Kerrigan Med '59, of Glen Rock, Pa., on April 1, 2007.

Mr. Richard Walters Med '59, of York, Pa., on January 31, 2007.

Mr. Robert J. Einwachter '60, of Glenshaw, Pa., on March 16, 2006.

Mr. Thomas E. O'Malley '63, of Newport News, Va., on November 9, 2007.

Dr. John F. Kressler '64, of Arnold, Md., on September 21, 2007.

Mrs. Barbara Druey Schild '64, of Foley, Ala., on May 5, 2007.

Dr. David W. Reger '65, of Princeton, N.J., on December 11, 2007.

Ms. M. Christine Syer '66, of Riverton, N.J., on December 3, 2006.

Mr. Grady H. Edwards Med '68, of Fairfield, Pa., on August 18, 2007.

Mr. George A. Myers Med '68, of Hanover, Pa., on November 6, 2007.

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Liz Gates
Haslbeck '85, a
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with the U.S.
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tutions and plays the harp for "life events." She has two CDs and a website: www.handstopharps.com. As Kris puts it, "Not bad for a Brit Lit major." She stays in touch with **Randy and Kristin Freed '84 Bennett, Pete Roof '84, Chuck Pierpont '84, Beth White Werrell '83, Betsy Mitchell Henning '84 and Kenneth 'Chip' Fox '84.**

When **Cliff Martin** sent in his news, he had just returned from a campus tour with his nephew/godson who is considering attending McDaniel next year. Cliff mentioned how great it was to see all of the amazing changes at the College. He's currently the deputy executive director of the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County and has been doing so for 16 years. Recently, he was elected the president of the Maryland Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies, which is keeping him extremely busy. In addition, he's a national trainer for affordable housing programs, so he travels all over the country about 20 times a year. He just finished a huge remodeling project on his home in Parkville, Md. Cliff sends his best to all of the Sig Ep alumni.

Not too much has changed says **Charissa Wieland**. She's been living back in Hagerstown, Md., for four years and works for the Washington County Health System. She's also been selected for the Leadership Washington County Class XXI this year, which she feels quite privileged about since the class has 32 great people from around the county who work in business and non-profits. The group has really clicked well, so she anticipates a good time serving, learning and having fun. The program runs from September to June at which time they will all "graduate."

All is well with **Wes Crowder** and family in Gettysburg, Pa. After getting his wife, Dee, through college (she's now a teacher), they have recently sent their oldest daughter off to college in Ohio and have two kids still in high school. Wes has been employed at Northrop Grumman Flight Test in Baltimore for 18 years and says it's been quite a ride and still looking up. If there are other alums working at Northrop Grumman stop by the 737 hangar and visit him.

Greg McAllister was married to his partner of 14 years, P. David Pacheco, in a civil ceremony in Victoria, British Columbia, on Oct. 10, 2007. They live along the Rio Grande between Santa Fe and Albuquerque with their three children: Britney, 13, Vanessa, 11, and Michael, 10. Greg practices dentistry in Albuquerque. David is a clinical pain specialist at the VA hospital there. They also own and manage a store of high-end specialty furniture stores, Simply Stickley and Simply Amish, focusing on American made, heirloom quality furniture from Stickley and the Amish.

Liz Gates Haslbeck is approaching the 20-year mark as a research scientist with the U.S. Navy. She said job security is knowing that biofouling organisms will always find a

way to grow on ship hulls and steel will always find a way to corrode — no matter what you do. Liz has started college shopping with her now junior in high school, Carrie. Stephanie (now in 10th grade) is watching carefully. Carrie loved McDaniel, which she visited in November, and while there Liz dragged her in for a quick visit with some former professors, Drs. Long and Brown. Liz was told Drs. Paquin and Alspach are still around, but Dr. Iglich moved over to information technology.

Andy '84 and Anne Mercer Bowes are still enjoying life in Yorktown, Va., which is a good thing, because they could potentially stay there when Andy retires from the Army in 2009. Anne is staying busy home schooling their son, Ben, and being president of the Fort Eustis Spouses' Club. They sent daughter Katie off to college this fall (not McDaniel...frown) and she's having a great time. They were recently in Westminster for Fall Harvest Days at the Farm Museum and noticed how the town keeps growing and that downtown is really becoming quaint.

As some of you may recall, in 2000 **Ben Franklin** became an optometrist, and branched transferred to the USAF (he says it's a better way of life for aging soldiers of democracy). He's presently assigned as chief of aerospace optometry at Columbus AFB, Miss., which is a welcome assignment from the fast pace of his previous assignment at Hurlburt Field, Fla., where he dealt with special ops, deployments, hurricanes on the Gulf Coast (luckily, Ben and his family dodged them all). He and his wife, Tina, are foster parents to two young boys: Ethan, 2, and Landon, 1. According to Ben, his paternal genes have kicked in and he enjoys all the challenges of parenthood — except changing poopy diapers!

He just earned his fellowship into the American Academy of Optometry, which means more alphabet behind his name and more responsibility. He misses flying, but gets invited to do so often, however patient care keeps him very busy. This could be Ben's last military assignment and he'll know more next summer if he's staying or retiring to non-military practice. Ben keeps in touch with **Jeff Stebbins** and **Matt Kozak** and can't believe it's been over 22 years since we were in college. With that being said, he wanted to say Hi to all classmates (**Col. Duane Gamble** is still a STUD), his fraternity brothers, **Marc '87 and Wendy Allen Yates** at Ft. Rucker, Ala., and especially all his brothers/sisters in uniform serving our great nation. Look Ben up on the alumni online directory (www.mcdaniel.edu/alumni) and say "hi."

Jackie Ford Kirwin writes that they are all doing great. She's teaching preschool and is lucky to be able to take her daughter Riley, 2, with her every day. Son Ryan is a senior in high school and is applying to colleges (his interests are psychology and music). Emma is in ninth grade and stays busy by playing two sports at a time.

Alan Alvey is moving up the government ladder at DIA. He was recently promoted to GG 15 and has earned himself a heavy commute to Virginia every day. He is also serving a one-year tour as single parent to his three children: Douglas, 18, Gregory, 14, and Samantha, 11, while his wife, **LTC Sandra Brant-Alvey '87**, is mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as deputy commander, USACIPPM-PAC, Camp Zama, Japan. Alan and Sandy celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on May 17, 2007, with a Mediterranean Cruise before Sandra's mobilization. Alan has also been fortunate to vacation with the family in Australia and will be vacationing in Japan for three to four weeks in summer '08. What little bit of free time Alan has is spent taking care of the 46-acre homestead in Fallston, Md., and helping his son, Doug, apply for an appointment to the Naval Academy or VMI ... there is family rivalry brewing now between the Army and Navy. Go Army, Sink Navy!

Lauri Gerber Friedman has been married for the last 10 years and is currently teaching in the Montgomery County Public School system as a computer science teacher at the high school level.

Life in Hanover, Pa. is going well, but busy, writes **Gretchen Fesche Walter**. Having two teenagers in the house makes things a little crazy. Berrett turned 16 in December and is excited about getting behind the wheel ... Gretchen and husband **Jody Walter '83** aren't as excited about that idea. Berrett and Jody have started running together, and just ran their first half-marathon. Daughter Heidi continues to focus on her dance and how long until she too can drive. Jody still teaches in Carroll County and after 16 years at home, Gretchen has returned to the work force by starting her own business, Music and Motion, offering Kindermusik classes for newborns through age four. She continues to volunteer in the school system and at church. She goes to as many yoga classes as she can fit into her spare time. The Walter family heads south in the summer to kayak and surf and during the winter they go anywhere there is snow to board and ski. Gretchen says she's not sure if this is keeping her young or making her old before her time.

Sandra Carlson Alexis continues to work part time as pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Baltimore City and her husband, **Lans**, has been a pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Essex for almost 10 years. Sandra also does some visits and leading services at Oak Crest, a retirement village east of Baltimore. Their oldest daughter, **Lara**, is hunting for colleges and will graduate from high school in June. Their twins, **Abby and Sara**, are in middle school but are looking forward to a high school next year. They both have autism. Youngest Erik is all boy and is enjoying fourth grade. Sandra regularly keeps in touch with her ex-roomie **Julie High Savoyers '86** who is an occupational therapist for Carroll

County Schools and a mom to two.

Going 23 years strong, **Terri Scarborough Brown** is still a teacher in Hartford County. On top of her bachelor and master's degrees from WMC, she just completed her 30 Beyond. A year ago, she, husband Mark, and their daughter Mackenzie, 12, moved to New Freedom, Pa., and they love their new home and neighbors.

Tom Quirk is living in Boston, teaching high school in nearby Lexington and along with his wife, Kathryn, raising their two sons Ryan, 4, and Charlie, 2. He occasionally hears from **George '82** and **Tina Volpe Kleb** and is hoping to get back to the area to hear **George** and **Charlie Brown's '83** band YDOUASK. He's also hoping to visit the campus with his family prior to this news column's release.

Kristin "Lolly" Lathroum Lister enjoys working and living in Westminster, Md. She loves her job at McDonald and wants us all to stop by the alumni office in Elderside Hall and say hello whenever we're in Westminster. Lolly's two oldest daughters attend North Carroll High school where **Troy Barnes '84** (assistant principal) keeps an eye on them, **Michele Everett Sebel** teaches their GP literature class and **Denny Snyder '88** keeps them in shape, teaching physical education. Lolly looks forward to the "almost-monthly" dinners with **Laurie Chance**, **Karen Gallagher Ames**, **Diane Culver Borucki**, **Lisa Wyle Arents**, **Susan Cooke Meurer**, **Debbie Reda Brown** and **Lisa Turner Horn** and wants them all to know that the next time she gets to plan the dinner, they're all going to Glar.

Another classmate that's on the college campus circuit is **Debbie Reda Brown**. Her son, Drew, is a senior, so Debbie has been taking him around to tour prospective colleges. In addition, their family recently returned from a trip to Disney World where they had a great time.

Lisa Turner Horn can't believe she's been at NSA for five years and as huge as that place is, her office is right next door to **Karen Gallagher Ames's** office...small world. Lisa's son, Jake, is proud of the fact that he's taller than her (approx 5 feet 8 inches), loves football, baseball, soccer and basketball. Keley is still a dancer, twirler, flippin' upside down gymnast and a soccer player. Lisa coaches Keley's travel soccer team, which plays year round. The family went on their summer vacation to Minnesota and South Dakota to see the sights as well as to get some beach time.

Lisa Miller Van Suendenal and husband Greg celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this past June and in August, sent their daughter, Caitlin, off to James Madison University. Their son, Ryan, 14, started high school this year and enjoys playing basketball and hanging out with his friends. Greg and Caitlin have been very active in HOBY (The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) and hope to get Ryan involved soon. Lisa is still teaching fifth grade at Oak Hill Elementary

School in Severna Park, Md., which is where she attended as a child. It's been wonderful raising her family and working in the same town where she grew up. She's been teaching in Anne Arundel County for 22 years and eight years into retirement doesn't seem that far away. In their "free time" she and her family love to travel and most recently went on a cruise to Bermuda with extended family.

What a wonderful year for **Sue Stevenson** and her husband, William "Bunky" Child. William George Child and Ellen Grace Child arrived on July 3, 2007, and are doing great. Sue finds it amazing being with them and watching them grow every day. She cannot thank everyone enough for all of their support and generosity in helping to prepare for the twins' arrival and she especially loved the Green Tree tributes.

Ken and Heather Rembert Fahmy celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in 2006. Son Garrett, 14, is a freshman in high school and just finished his freshman football season. Playing a high school sport has really been a positive experience. Daughter Kendyl, 11, is a sixth-grader. She plays soccer and is involved in the Girls on the Track running program. Ken's firm, Fahmy and Associates, is now 22 years old. His business specializes in employee benefits and insurance for individuals and small businesses. He recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business with an advanced degree in retirement distribution planning and he still finds time to work out daily. Heather says she lives a difficult life as housekeeper, homework helper, cook, shopper and just "mom." Heather's parents, **Don '61** and **Judy Ellis '60 Rembert**, are extremely involved with the College and dedicated the walkway and landscaping around the gym, called Waldorf Way, in remembrance of Don's WMC football coach, Coach Waldorf. Heather's father is also a trustee of the College. Ken and Heather also recently played in a McDonald golf tournament at the Gettysburg Links where several of Ken's Gamma Beta Chi fraternity brothers were in attendance. They really had fun seeing familiar faces.

From New Jersey, we get a big hello from **Pam Jurysin**. She and husband Kevin O'Brien are enjoying all the hectic moments of their wonderful family. With Scott, 16, and their twins, Luke and Joey, 3, they run the gambit in challenges with teens and toddlers. Recently, they moved to a larger home in Monroe, N.J. Kevin works as a police sergeant and Pam is an RN working full time as a hematologist/oncology consultant for Celgene, a biotech company. They are looking forward to next year when Kevin will retire and take on the full-time responsibilities of "Mr. Mom." With boy-girl twins, he will be running from football practice to dance class and back!

Alice Cialella writes that she is still living near Stony Brook, N.Y., and working at Brookhaven National Laboratory on a di-

mate change project, which is finally very relevant. She and **John Robinson '86** continue to be amazed and challenged by daughter, Zoe, 9, who loves acting, gymnastics and talking. When Alice has "down time" she enjoys exercising and has added lay swimming to her routine in the last year so she could lose a couple of running days during the week and give herself a good excuse for slower 5K times. She said it's working on both counts. The family is very excited because they will be living in Sweden for six months starting in January. John will be taking his sabbatical from teaching at the University and though Alice will still have to work, she'll be able to telecommute from Stockholm. How bad can that be?

Carole Templeton Molloy hit a career milestone of 20 years as a head volleyball coach, 15 at our alma mater. Her team finished the 2007 volleyball season as Centennial Conference Championship runner-up. She's still teaching a variety of activity classes in the physical education department and celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary in 2007. Another milestone for Carole was she finally gave in to husband Terry who's wanted a dog forever, and adopted Kirby, a yellow lab. Carole enjoyed seeing friends and classmates at our reunion and would like to keep in touch between those reunion years. Send her an e-mail, you can find her on the college website.

Deep Creek Lake, Md., is where you'll find **Dee Kennedy** and family. She and husband Tim Longest, have two children, Nathaniel, 13, and Alexandra, 10. Dee works part time for Smith Barney in Cumberland, Md., and finds that it's a nice break from taking the kids to soccer, basketball, dance, baseball and softball. In the summer, they spend lots of time swimming and boating (the lake is better than air conditioning) and in the winter they shovel snow, ski/snowboard and sled. Also, each year she gets together for a shopping/drink/eating extravaganza with **Helen Potter Curry**, **Sandra Michener Lazar**, **Carrie Miller Parker**, **Mary Ellen Miskelly Kelly**, **Amy Barnes Elliott '84**, **Fran Ward '86** and **Susan Wallace '86**.

Karen Gallagher Ames and husband Al are still in Howard County with kids Olivia, 17, Evan, 15, Nicholas, 15, and Riley, 4. They both work for the Department of Defense and keep busy with the kids' high school sports and preschool activities. They enjoy the fact that they have built-in babysitters. Karen regularly sees **Laurie Chance**, **Kristin Lathroum Lister**, **Lisa Wyle Arents**, **Diane Culver Borucki**, **Sue Cooke Meurer**, **Debbie Reda Brown** and **Lisa Turner Horn**.

Finally, this year **Lisa Wyle Arents** had a chance to go to Homecoming and she reports there was a great showing by the Phi Alphas. **Sherry Serratelli Swenson** was also able to make it with her twins, 1. Next year, she hopes to see **Sue Stevenson** there with her new babies. A couple of times a year, Lisa

family

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Dr. Frank G. Bowe '69, of Lawrence, N.Y., on August 21, 2007.

Mrs. Carol Makosky Spranklin MED '72, of Dover, Del., on June 30, 2006.

Mrs. Susan Winkler Willy '72, of Sugar Land, Texas, on November 26, 2007.

Mrs. Allison Ondrasik King '75, of Melbourne, Fla., on August 17, 2007.

Mr. Clarence A. Reinert MED '75, of State College, Pa., on August 22, 2006.

Mr. Philip R. Nixon MED '78, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., in November 2007.

Mrs. Patricia Gleason Purcell MLA '80, of Rockville, Md., on December 12, 2007.

Mrs. Jeannette R. Cadwallader, MED '81, of Reisterstown, Md., on October 16, 2007.

Mr. Thomas L. Kehoe Jr. '88, of Haddonfield, N.J., in 2006.

Mr. Robert M. King, MS '92, of Washington, D.C., on October 6, 2007.

Mrs. Emilie Appleton Wilkins MS '92, of Pasadena, Md., on August 5, 2007.

Mr. Stephen M. Kellner '92, of Owings Mills, Md., on October 24, 2007.

Mr. Chad E. Kardell '05, of Leesburg, Va., on January 24, 2008.

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gets to see **Chris Gray Aiello** and once a month the Phi Alpha in the Baltimore area try to catch up over dinner. Lisa has been with Northrop Grumman for 23 years and her overscheduled daughters, Brittany, 14, and Lexi, 9, keep her and husband Jeff running around the house. She loves seeing old WMC buddies on the sports fields and hopes everyone is doing well.

Dan '84 and **Lucrezia DiFioro Krolkowski** are doing just fine in New Jersey. Their son is a freshman at Rowan University and their daughter is a junior in high school who will soon be getting her driver's license. Lu said she's finally finding she has some time for herself and is enjoying it.

Joe and Romna Loll Cobuzio were on campus this past summer taking their daughter, Alyssa, for a tour and interview and they couldn't believe the new gym. It's been a busy year with finding a college for Alyssa and a high school for son Joey. They keep in touch with **Glen '84** and **Sue '86 Richardson Yurcisin**, **Rick Donley '84** and his family, **Paul '83** and **Laura Mackay Lewis**, and **Tom '84** and **Liz Stern Flaherty**.

Ross Brightman started his 14th year of teaching at St. Petersburg College and over breaks he gets great deals on cruises out of Tampa. He's happy to report that he survived another hurricane season.

After finally paying off her medical school and WMC loans, **Deborah Ratzburg Hopkins** is now paying for daughter Sarah's college at Penn State and her son, Stephen, will graduate from high school next year. She's finally settled in at State College, Pa., and is working in the ER at Lewistown Hospital.

Anne Hicks is celebrating her 13th year as a veterinarian in Essex. Her children, Chris and Katie, are busy in sports, especially baseball and soccer. This past summer they took a family vacation to Montreal and Niagara Falls. In February they plan to celebrate her husband Greg's 50th in Walt Disney World.

The Midwest is home for **Warren Porter** and **Alma Mickey '98**. Warren is working at Eli Lilly and they are raising their two sons in Indianapolis. Alma and Warren also enjoy riding their motorcycles and say they both have such fond memories of college.

Four kids in three different schools, sports, volunteering, church and her husband's business keeps **Diane Perry Kendall** busy these days. Diane is living in Silver Spring, Md., with her husband, Clark, and their family: Whitney, 12th grade, Kelly, eighth grade, Ryan fifth grade, and Megan, first grade. She can't believe she has a senior in high school and wants to know how time could have gone by so fast.

Caroline Benson Tringali and her husband, Brian, celebrated 10 years of marriage in August with a family trip to Rome and Tuscany, Italy. They took Scott, 16, Grace, 6, and Brian's mother who celebrated her 70th birthday while they were there. Grandma called it, "The trip of a lifetime." Last winter they

made several family trips to Marco Island, Fla., to visit Caroline's parents and in December '06 Caroline and Brian took a rare trip alone to Hawaii for the Governor's inauguration and some R&R. When not traveling, the family keeps busy with Scott's sports, driver's education and college search. Grace started first grade this fall and loves school, ballet, piano and Girl Scouts. Brian's work is crazy busy with the presidential race starting earlier than ever! Caroline keeps busy juggling everyone's schedule and volunteering at Grace's school. They still live in Alexandria, Va., near George Washington's Mt. Vernon and welcome visitors who are in the area. Caroline writes, "Thank you to everyone for supporting my effort as the class news reporter for the last 20-plus years. I really had fun doing it and handling it over was a bittersweet decision. Maybe in 20 years when Laurie is ready for a change I will do it again. I will miss the personal contact with everyone and look forward to reading your news in *The Hill*."

As for me, I'm still living in Crofton and frequently getting together with my group of Purple Cows (as you may have read over and over again in this column). I'm thrilled to be taking on the class reporter role so please keep me in the loop on news you'd like to share... you don't have to wait for an e-mail or postcard to do so. Reconnect with old friends by checking out the online alumni directory on the College's website (www.mc-daniel.edu). Also, be sure to update your information so others can track you down. If you haven't been on campus for awhile, try to plan a trip there this year. I always enjoy my visits back to the Hill and I've had the opportunity to meet some neat students who probably could have been us 23 years ago. Though the name has changed, the campus appearance has changed and many of the familiar faces have changed since 1985, it's still OUR college with OUR memories and that will never change.

May you all have a terrific 2008 and thanks to those that replied with news. I look forward to us keeping in touch.

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Greetings, Class of '90, and thanks for your great response via e-mail and postcards!

Tori Fulton Adams and her husband moved back closer to the Hill recently, leaving Georgia and settling in northern Virginia. Tori works as the communications and volunteer coordinator at the Alzheimer's Family Day Center in Fairfax.

Lt. Col. Mike Adderley has continued to make frequent moves in support of his career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. After spending many years in the Midwest, he was

assigned to the Pentagon for a year. This allowed him to spend time at McDaniel and get reacquainted with **Adam Plummer '91**, **Rob Howell '91** and **Jeff McAndrew '92**. While at the Army Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., Mike was in the same staff group with his Sig Ee little brother **Rich Edwards '91**. Rich taught him about the Army and Mike taught Rich how to play golf. Mike is currently stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., but is looking forward to summer of '08, when he'll return to flying B-52 bombers from either Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana or Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. He and his wife, Katherine, keep busy with their daughters Erin, a competitive gymnast, and Katherine, a baseball and softball player. Mike says hi to all the Sig Ees and reminds them they have less than a year to visit him in sunny Florida.

Rob Brown is in his 12th year of teaching at the Community College of Baltimore County, Essex, where he is an associate professor of mathematics. Bob serves as president of Harford County Right to Life and as a member of the board of directors of Maryland Right to Life. He and his wife, Lisa, enjoy their children Joshua, 2, and Caleb, 1. He continues to write and record music as the internationally ignored and critically criticized one-man Christian band "Moron." In his few moments of spare time, he's attempting to complete Moron's seventh full-length CD. Fans, friends, and foes can reach him through his website, www.moronusmusic.com.

Barb Wolf Brummett lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, Rodger, and three sons, Jacob, 9, Jed, 7, and JJ, 5. She owns a business where she teaches tumbling and physical education in pre-schools, and keeps in touch with **Debbie Atwood Marini**. She continues to play basketball in Westminster with other alumni. **Sue Head Conklin '94**, **Rhonda Smith Waller '92**, **Alice Smith Rau '91**, **Denise Spangler St. Rose '95** and others.

Rick Clow graduated from George Washington University with a Ph.D. in molecular genetics, and spent time in research science at the Medical School at University of Maryland. After enduring post-doc life, she took a job with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a biotechnology patent examiner. She has been with the office for six years and lives in the Annapolis area with her partner and son. She actively keeps in touch with **Deb Thigpen Bailey '91**, **Wendy Ploger** and **Jennifer Lee '92**. Lori, Deb, Wendy, and Jenn got together this past summer for a day of crabs and beer and catching up on old times. Lori extends a big hello to Ted and **Jess Diller '98 Graves**, **Roland McCham '89** and **Wendy Wilson Leatherman** - she misses you and thinks of you often.

Rebecca Britton Swain Conrad is in her 18th year of teaching. She lives in Hagerstown with her husband, Mark, and daughter Lauren, 2, whom she describes as more joy than

she could have ever imagined. Rebecca teaches seventh-grade English and enjoys the variety of students she is given each year to nurture and guide. She'd love to hear from Beth Sullivan, Jim Marsh, Patti Lappin Fay and anyone else from DMC '03.

Missy Ridgely Covolesky and her husband, Dave, recently celebrated their 14th anniversary, with a trip planned to Hawaii to celebrate. Missy works with Boeing on the SBI-Net program — it's the virtual fence to help curb illegal immigration on our borders. She traveled for work extensively in the past year, to all points on the U.S. border and to Israel and Germany to review production lines for some of the equipment. Missy was recently accepted into the Army J.A.G. Corps and will be going back on active duty next year for some training. She writes that her grandmother was quite upset when she learned the J.A.G. program doesn't really include flight training like in the TV show! Missy sends a shout out to her roomie, **Linda Neide Plummer '85**.

Rhonda Mide Sullivan, and to **Jeff Hayman '85** — get ready for Buffett '08! **David Dinger** is the assistant principal at Ramstein Intermediate School on Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, where he resides with his wife, Valerie, and children Seth, Luke and Sofia, in 10th, 8th and 5th grade, respectively. David met up with **Dimitrios Garefalakis '93** recently while on vacation in the States and caught up on old times. He keeps in touch with John Kressler and sends a big "thank you" and "come home safely" to all the service members who are deployed around the world.

Joanne Salkin Fishman is happily settled in Olney, Md., with her husband, Robert, and daughters Sarah, 4, and Rachel, 2.

On July 4, 2007, **Steve Fogle** was spotted chasing children as part of the Krotzvil for Congress army in the Severna Park, Maryland Independence Day parade. Steve is co-ordinating the Anne Arundel County campaign for fellow alum **Frank Krotzvil's** bid for Congress. **Frank Pommett '91** coordinates the campaign for Harford County. You can view the campaign webpage at www.krotzvil.com to learn more about Frank's family, career and campaign.

Mary-Nel Corcoran Cethagen opened Hopscotch, a children's gift and consignment shop in Timonium, Md., in the summer '06. Her partner in the store is a close friend and previous co-worker from their Talbot's days. The store website is www.hopscotchgifts.com. She and her husband, Mike, also fill their time with daughters Caroline, 8, and Bess, 6, who are active in lacrosse, swimming, basketball, and brownies. Mary-Nel keeps in close contact with **Jennifer Brocato Caine** and **Lynn Johnson Iklé**. She reports that Maggie, 6, Ella, 4, and Lucy, 2, Jennifer runs a part-time catering business between caring for her three girls. Lynn also has three children: Charlie, 10, Henry, 5, and Lilly, 3. She

recently earned her real estate license and hopes to be in practice soon. Mary-Nel recently joined **Terry Dripps Grothmann '89**, **Bob Grothmann '89** and **Mary O'Hara Zorbach '89** to celebrate Terry and Mary's 40th birthdays.

Ted Graves and his wife, **Jessica Diller '88**, live in Mt. Pleasant near Walkersville, Md., with their son, Charlton, a skateboarding enthusiast. Their business, Pleasant Hill Custom Builders, is doing well and Ted enjoys working around Lake Linganore. Jessica is a freelance interpreter in Frederick and an artist. Ted and Jessica spend all their free time remodeling their own home, traveling and playing soccer. They send a shout out to **Roland McCahan '89** and **Wendy Wilson Leatherman**, and miss **Lori Clow** and dozens of others.

Dr. John Grimes is happily practicing dentistry in Hanover, Pa. — and hopefully it's a profitable practice, since his daughter, Rosana, started college in the fall of '07.

Ken Harman lives in Columbia, Md., with his wife, Karen, and their children, Stephanie, 9, Drew, 6, and Joe, 4. Ken has been director of bands and performing arts at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C., for the past four years. On Aug. 7, 2006 he donated a kidney to his brother **Brian '92** who was in need of a transplant.

Jane Miskelly Hartlove and her family recently returned from an amazing trip to Disney World with their two sons, Brendan and Ryan, who had a great time with all of their cousins. Jane and her husband, Brian, built a new house in Elkton City, Md. While she has enjoyed being at home for several years, she is looking forward to returning to Anne Arundel County Public Schools as a guidance counselor next year. On the weekends they spend most of their time on the soccer field since both Brian and the boys play on indoor and outdoor teams. In October, the family trekked back to the Hill to see the College and to eat at Baugher's, bringing back a lot of great memories.

Eric Hedeman married wife Jen on June 5, 2004. They have a daughter, Gwen, 2, and the family resides in Severna Park, Md., in the same community as **Steve Fogle** and **Jeff Faust**. Eric has been working in the mortgage business for the past 17 years, and currently works with **Kevin Elion '89**. He says hello to his Phi Delta brothers.

Lisa Cantlie Hummel lives in Vienna, Va., with husband **John '91** and their three children Maddy, 13, Jack, 10, and Susannah, 5. Lisa is teaching preschool and John is still working with the FBI. They have seen many alumni since moving back East, including **Van Lorton '92**, **Glen '94** and **Lisa Allwine '91**. **Larson**, **Wendy Skidmore Harris '91**, **Missy Anderson**, **Wendy Skidmore Harris '91**, **Dennis '89** and **Lori Perugini '91** DeMatte, **Mike Nicholson '89** and **Andrea Amrhein '91**.

Bill Jacobs is a system engineer at NIH, and president of the Highlands of Ohio Condo Association and the Montgomery Green Democrats. In 2005 he founded the Athens

Project and ran for the Montgomery County Council as its first direct democracy candidate. He and wife Monica recently celebrated 10 years of marriage together.

After working for 15 1/2 years in the McDaniel admissions office, **Julie Biddinger Jones** retired to stay at home with her daughter, Angie, born on Dec. 27, 2005. She stays in touch with former coworkers and fellow alum **Heidi Snyder Reigel '97** and **Gina Rende King '01** and still spreads the word about what a wonderful college we have. Julie and Angie have frequent play dates with **Lori Wieder** and her son, Ben. Several times a year, she enjoys getting together with **Shari Barnes Serafin**, **Debra Wayne Weber**, **Trish Koch Ryan**, **Kim Andrews O'Connor**, **Ellen Marth McCarthy** and **Kathy Murphy Tingling '88** and their families. Other alum she feels lucky to see are **Suzanne Braschi Rossi '89**, **Rodney Joyner '88**, **Sandy Metz Boms '89**, **Carol Bantz Boggs**, **Diana Little Ross** and **John Ashbrook Clarke '93**.

Colleen Dolan Lang and **Greg Lang** are living in Hopkinsville, Ky. Greg works at Ft. Campbell as a flight surgeon, spending a lot of time traveling back and forth from home (and sometimes cold) countries in far away places usually seeing the world from the back of a helicopter. Colleen stays at home with their four children, Mary and Rachel, 9, Rebecca, 7, and Sean, 5, home schooling and playing with the kids who participate in soccer and ride horses. They have enjoyed Kentucky but have not had a chance to see any fellow alums lately. Colleen and Greg both say hello to **Pat Feehan** and family, and **Blake Austensen '88** and family.

Burlington Township, N.J., is home to **Darren Lofrinzi**, his wife Amy, and children Mary, 12, and Alex, 8. Darren coaches his children in soccer and baseball, and is an account executive at large-format digital graphics firm in Philadelphia. Darren caught up with **Jim '89** and **Frances Fato '89** Cardea during the Thanksgiving holiday, and sees them annually at Dr. Don Carden Golf Tournament in South Jersey in September, which raises money for cancer research. Jim started this tournament 10 years ago in honor of his late father and it's been a great way to get together with college friends. Other attendees this past September were **Marc "Booshi" Bouchard**, **Eric Landgraf '87**, **Dave Ferguson '89**, **Jim Weber**, **Norm Dahl '87**, **Matt Palazzo '89**, **Tom Paranzino '82** and many more.

Lisa Diffebaugh Maher has been married to her high school sweetheart for 17 years. She and her husband thoroughly enjoy their three children, Ryan, 12, Rachel, 10, and Brennan, 9. Lisa has been back on the Hill for graduate courses and is still trying to figure out what she wants to be when she grows up. In the meantime, she is a home and hospital tutor and substitute teacher for Carroll County Public Schools. Lisa keeps in touch with **Julie Biddinger Jones** and chats with **Tracey Snyder Folio** at their children's school.

Mike Mahoney and his wife, Jackie, cele-

The Doctors Are In

Congrats to members of the Class of 2002 who we can now call "Doctor."

Rachel Gast graduated from medical school and is in her first year of pediatric residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore.

Erik Higginbottom graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School in 2006, with the degree of doctor of dental surgery. He is now doing his orthodontic residency at the University of Maryland with the expected graduation date of June '09.

John Buschman completed a medical degree at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. In 2006, he moved to Sandusky, Ohio, to do a traditional rotating internship at Firelands Regional Medical Center and continue training as an orthopedic surgery resident.

Robyn Hoffman earned her doctorate in physical therapy in December '05 from Elon University and currently works as a physical therapist at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N.C.

class notes

The Van Halen reunion tour was the high- light of Robert Paul's year.

brated the birth of their son, Quinn, in August.

Debbie Atwood Marini has returned to work full time as director of a therapeutic foster care program. She and husband **Jorge '88** have three children, ages 9, 7, and 5. They enjoy their family time and the kids' sporting events and other activities. Debbie writes that she frequently sees **Barbara Wolf Brummett**.

After teaching Pre-K, kindergarten, third and fourth grades, **Gina Woolen McDonald** now teaches K through 5 as a librarian for Baltimore County Public Schools. She recently began pursuing her second master's in media and technology. She and her husband, **Mike '86**, oversaw the construction of their new building in preparation for the relocation of their store, the **Cork & Barrel**, now located on Route 40 in Havre de Grace. They also keep busy traveling to the many sporting events and activities for their daughters **Maddie**, 11, and **Rori**, 8.

Mark Mulle and his family moved to New London Township, Pa., where Mark recently began working with **WL Gore and Associates**, home of, among other things, **GORE-TEX** fabric technology. He celebrated **Will Hornsey's '93** bachelor party in Atlantic City along with **Chris Ikonich '91**, **Walt Eife '92**, **Mike Orlando '91**, **Mike Sherlock '91**, **Paul Borneyk '91**, **Allen Mott '87** and **Steve Bailey '97**. Mark reports that good times and bad golf were had by all. Although he's disappointed to hear about the loss of the **McDaniel Sig Ep** chapter, he's hoping someone is working to keep the alumni communication going, maybe **George Brenton '85** or **Jeff Smith '88**.

Jennifer Dempsey Oberfeld and her family moved to Midlothian, Va., in the spring '07. Jenny works as the creative director in the family business, a real estate development company, **SouthCoast Properties**, located in Richmond. Life is very full, but when she has spare time, she loves to work in the garden. Despite the recent, difficult loss of her mother, Jenny is kept optimistic, and busy, by her daughter, **Kayla**, 6, and son **Matthew**, 3. They recently spent time with **Jenny Otto Ramirez** and her children and marveled that, because of their time at **McDaniel**, they've now known each other for 21 years!

Robert Paul lives in Chicago with his wife, **Wendy**, and daughter **Amelia Joy**, 2. He recently left **University of Phoenix** after 14 years to join **DeVry University** as vice president of metro operations (according to Rob, a bigger fish in a smaller pond). This would have been the highlight of Rob's year, however the **Van Halen** reunion tour took that crown. Rob says hello to **Jim Borra '91**, **Scott Bailey**, **Paul Borneyk '91**, **Scott Walton '89** and all the **Sig Eps** from the glory days of **WMC**.

In 2006, **Wendy Ploger** moved to New York City to embark on a career in photography. It was no surprise to her that **NYC** is expensive and crowded, but she still loves it. **Wendy** stays in touch with **Lori Clow** and **Deb Thijsen Bailey '91**.

Jenny Otto Ramirez and her husband, **Doug**, remain in Afton, Va., and love country living with their three children. **Jenny**, **Doug**, **Sander**, 5, and **Zoe**, 3, welcomed their newest addition, daughter **Sage**, on June 25, 2007, so life is busy but fun. **Jenny** teaches art history part time at **James Madison University**. She keeps in contact with **Kelly Wiles Loiacono**, **Kelly Sell**, **Jenny Dempsey Oberfeld** and **Tracey Holter Zirfas**, and looks forward to the trip they are planning to celebrate turning 40. Yikes!

Doug Ripley continues his work of 17 years as a private school teacher and lives in Towson, Md. He still enjoys running and racing, even running cross country and track races on the Hill recently. Seems he couldn't not run, could he — he became a married man two years ago.

David and Diana Little Ross celebrated their 15th anniversary in 2007 and have four daughters, 9, 8, 4, and 2. **Diana** is a full-time mom and is home schooling the kids. **Dave** is an attorney in Washington, D.C., and a part-time seminar student.

After years of living across the country, **Rhonda Mize Sullivan** and her family have finally moved back closer to **McDaniel**, settling in Lorton, Va. **Rhonda's** husband is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, giving **Rhonda** a chance to see family and stay in touch with **Missy Ridgely Covolesky**, **Mike Nicholson '89** and **Glenn '91** and **Lisa Allwine '91 Anderson**. **Rhonda** still teaches full time online with **Central Texas College** while running daughter **Kate**, 3, and son **Ryan**, 5, to preschool, tumbling and soccer.

Kathi Perry Thornton retired from the U.S. Army in 2005 and is now working for **Northrop Grumman TASC** in Alexandria, Va., providing contract support to the Army Space Program Office (ASPO). **Kathi** feels lucky to work for **Major Lisa Allwine Anderson '91**. **Kathi's** husband, **Bob**, is still on active duty with the U.S. Army and is deployed through the summer of 2009 in Iraq supporting **MNCI** in the green zone. **Kathi** and **Bob** have three children, **Madison**, 8, **Emma**, 3, and **Bobby**, 1. **Kathi's** oldest daughter, **Danielle**, 23, was married in November '06 to **Chris Linehan**. They all reside in Kingstowne, Va., while **Bob** is deployed, and expect another move after his safe return home.

Life is sweet for **Josh Valentine**. Work is busier than ever at **SugarBakers Cakes** in Catonsville, where he is a pastry chef, and **Josh** has finally met **Mr. Right**. He and his partner, **Steve**, had a great summer, enjoying their cottage in Rehoboth. **Josh** keeps in touch with **Wallace Henry '91**, **Rhonda Myers '88** and **Darolyn Milburn '89**.

Tracey Holter Zirfas is still teaching first grade full time in the Tampa, Fla., area. She also still runs and works in the two Marble Slab Creamery ice cream stores she and her husband own. And yes, she still loves to eat ice cream — but only their own! On any previous days off, **Tracey** and her husband of 12

years, **Mike**, love to go to the beach, go on their jet ski or on their boat. They enjoy the many visitors they've had since moving to Florida, and **Tracey** says, "Let me know if you are ever in town, alumni!" Her parents **John '61** and **Diane Kanak '62 Holter** also live in Florida. The "Brady Bunch" — **Tracey**, **Kelly Wiles Loiacono**, **Kelly Sell**, **Jenny Dempsey Oberfeld**, and **Jenny Otto Ramirez** — hope to get together next spring or summer to celebrate their upcoming "BIG" birthdays. Their plan is to head to Key West for sun and fun. We'll look forward to hearing about that in our next column.

My husband, **Tom '88**, and I (**Kathy Eskut Krach**) still live in Frederick, Md., with our three children **Alex**, 10, **Sophie**, 7, and **Tommy**, 3. **Tom** has been working for **Pepsi Company** for the past 19 years, currently in an office in our home. He retired this past spring from the **Army National Guard** after 21 years of service, with the rank of Major. I recently took a job as assistant of marketing and communications of the **Trinity School of Frederick**. We frequently see many alumni who also reside in Frederick, especially **Julie Bugb Mahler '87**, **Ferren DeMoro Bolesta '87** and **Darrell '87** and **Kris Twiford '88 Guyton**. In October '06 we attended **Kathy Brady Bolesta's '88** 40th birthday celebration where we saw her husband, **Bill '88**, and **Kevin O'Connor '88**. With our own 40th birthdays looming in 2008, I have been reminiscing a lot lately about my class of '90 **Omo** sisters. I would love for all of us to get together sometime in the coming year and celebrate! My contact information is below. After 17 years of class reporting, I have decided to retire and give someone else the opportunity. I've enjoyed hearing from so many of you during that time, and I will continue to look forward to reading your updates in the years to come in **The Hill**. If you are interested in becoming a class reporter for 1990, please contact **Linda Eyer** of the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

As for me (**Becky Cosentino Robertson**), I continue to enjoy a very busy but very fun life with my husband, **Chip**, and children **Benjamin**, 6, and **Olivia**, 4, in **Davidsville, Md.** I work at **Booz Allen Hamilton** near Ft. Meade, Md., and spend any time I can volunteering at school, helping on the soccer field, and doing lots of other non-work-related things. We enjoy traveling when we can, and are hoping to make our first family trip to **Disney World** later this year.

Thanks for your great response for the column. Forward updates to us any time.

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Ann Bevans-Selig and husband Dave Selig are celebrating the birth of Samson Gray Selig, born on March 17, 2007. Sam has two brothers: Danny, two, and Max, 17. They live in Silver Spring, Md., where Ann runs a marketing and web development company. She recently reconnected with **Ingrid Carlson** and **Elisabeth Janin**, praise be to MySpace.

Kristen Osh Benjamin has a home in Hampstead, Md., with her husband, Matt, and children, Jocelyne, 7, and Nathan, 3. Kristen has her own business with Mary Kay and is working towards her directorship as the kids get older. They are involved with JDRF to support Jocelyne and Matt. Jocelyne has had diabetes since age 3 and is now on an insulin pump. They keep very busy with the kids' activities and spending time with family and friends. Kristen writes that, "It was great to see so many people at our 10-year reunion. Leslie Kirkwood Osh, Jen Deetsch Yeager and I cut a rug!" Kristen's sister, **Lindsay Osh '88**, is still keeping the Osh name alive on campus.

Phil Simmerer has been quite busy the last five years. He opened his own insurance business in April '03. Then, he married Kimberly Kavakos on June 6, 2003, and their child followed shortly after: Cameron Louis Simmerer was born Jan. 29, 2004. Phil and his wife moved into what they hope is their last house for a long time in July '05, just west of Ellicott City, Md. His daughter, Emma Christine Simmerer, was born on Feb. 3, 2007. Phil says "being a dad is the best thing that ever happened to me." His business keeps him quite busy as they have grown tremendously since they opened. He now has seven licensed agents on his staff and one unlicensed person. They are recognized as one of the top agencies in the country for Nationwide Insurance and he has an office down in Prince George's County, Md. Their primary lines of business are personal auto and home insurance but Phil also has two financial specialists and a commercial insurance specialist. He stays in touch with **Kurt Michelsen '98** but he rarely runs into anyone else from the Hill.

Byron Druzgal reports that all is great for his family. They do not have any more additions, just Cooper and Gus, 4, and Owen, 2. Rebecca is a full-time mother taking care of the kids. Byron is continuing to do emergency medicine work in Michigan, Hawaii and Pennsylvania. It has been a fun time for their family to travel around and spend time with both sides of the family. Byron says, "It was nice to see everyone at the class reunion last spring. Time really flies by fast!"

Joanna Lawjowski has been very busy. She holds a master's degree in music therapy from Immaculate University, and she's also a board-certified music therapist. Joanna is the music teacher at The Bayshore Jointure Commission in New Jersey, a small county

school for autistic students. She also teaches private voice and piano lessons. She has moved into her own house in Point Pleasant, N.J., which makes it very convenient for her when she performs with her partner, Patrick, in their singing duo, "Patrick and Joanna." They perform all over the Jersey Shore and they love every minute of it. If anyone is in the area, please stop by for a show. The most important addition to her family is a Yorkie puppy named Kielczek, which is Polish for shot glass.

Melissa Meehan Hoover is a math professor at Bridgewater College living near Charlottesville, Va. She and husband, Lance, had a baby girl, Madden Elizabeth Hoover, in January '07.

An executive recruiter for JM and Company, **Steve Hallowell** is living in Pennsylvania with his wife, Stephanie, and their baby girl, Courtney. He still sees **Kevin Bernhardt** regularly in Pennsylvania, and **Eric Laurence** and he recently debated **Kevin Koretzki, Jay Junkin '98**, Dan Deluca, Brett Edwards and Jay DeVito in the annual **Edwards vs. Rocca** Class Wars. **Les Holleben** reports from Los Angeles, Calif. He thinks he only lives about three miles from **Becca Friedman** but they haven't gotten together yet. Ross started his second year at the NFL Network in L.A. (Culver City) as a bureau producer for the cable channel's news desk after nine combined years with the Ravens, Redskins and Browns in different capacities. In the fall '07, Ross was the best man in **Brian Wyant's** wedding in Boston. **Matt Roff**, **Mike Caldwell**, **Michael D'Antonio** and **Karl Friedheim** '00 were in attendance.

After spending a year in NYC for graduate school, **Melissa Summers Mackie** moved back to Charlotte, N.C., to accept the director of alumni affairs position at Charlotte Country Day School. She was able to escape the summer heat of Charlotte with a quick trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Since **Cathy Pech Kipier** last submitted to the Hill, her husband, son, and she have continued to be cross-country travelers. They spent one year living outside of Dallas, Texas, and have recently settled into a house in Buffalo, N.Y., as of July '07. They are very happy to be close to both families here in New York and in Baltimore. They make frequent trips to see friends and family in Maryland. Cathy still keeps up with **Susanna Kupperd Aldridge**, **Julie Kissel Remo '96**, **Katie Remo** and **Elena Tiller '98**, although busy lives and distance don't allow for get-togethers as often. She also has enjoyed catching up with **Anne Hillery Harper '96** via e-mail. Cathy continues to work part time as a nurse in a local hospital, but really enjoys her role as mom to Robbie, 3, who keeps her laughing at his antics. They are leading a busy, satisfying family life and are happy to finally be staying in one place for a long while. Cathy hopes this issue of *The Hill* finds the rest of the Class of '97 happy and healthy!

Amy Rice Mirra is enjoying motherhood

and staying home with Kyle, 2. It seems to get more and more fun the older he gets. **David '96** and she are looking forward to a trip alone together to Australia in October '08. Amy continues to do part-time educational work from home.

Jennifer Deetsch Yeager married Daniel Allen Yeager of Pine Grove, Pa., on Dec. 2, 2006 at Old St. Paul's Church and the Tremont Grand in Baltimore, Md. Daniel is a Penn State grad and an engineer for Alton Science in Annapolis, Md. Bridesmaids (and Alpha Nu Omega Sorority Sisters) included **Toni Randle**, **Sarah Sheckels Hendricks**, **Cindy van Der Nat**, and **Kerri Ryevelt**. Jen is an advisor for the Alpha Nu Omega sorority along with **Toni Randle** and **Kristi Simon** '00. Professionally, Jen is working as the special events manager for The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and will be completing her certification in events management from Georgetown University in spring of '08. They are currently residing in Glen Burnie, Md.

Lisa Hill Pearce and husband Austin welcomed son Colin Alexander on Nov. 11, 2006. Lisa's stepson, Forrest, is excited to be a big brother. Between working full time and traveling a good bit for Love and Company, plus being a mom to a teen and a tot, Lisa hasn't had much time to keep up with friends, including **Brandy Mulhern Putnam**, who now lives just down the street. Lisa sends her love to all her friends and Omega sisters.

Randy and Kim Zehner Rytter live in Frederick, Md., with their son Reagan, 3, daughter Kathryn, 1, and two dogs (Brinkley and Riley, a golden retriever and a yellow lab). Randy specializes in workforce planning and organizational design for Booz Allen Hamilton and just received a promotion. Kim splits her time being a stay-at-home mom and working as an independent consultant providing health and life insurance as well as financial services. They enjoyed seeing all of their friends at our class of '97 reunion in May.

Bobbi Lester Silver lives in Lexington, Ky., with her husband, Matthew, and children, Elizabeth, 5, and James, 2. She is a development officer at the University of Kentucky where she raises money for scholarship funds for first-generation college students from Eastern Kentucky. She spends a lot of time volunteering in her community. Life is chaotic but happy. Hello to fellow Omegas.

After graduation, **Laura Lee Gatier Dolbow** went to the University of Delaware and completed her BSN (nursing) in 2000. In May '01, she got married to husband Eric. He reports, "No kids yet, just four rotten little cats and an absolutely adorable little niece." Laura started her master's degree at University of Delaware and will hopefully either get her nurse practitioner's license or become a nursing instructor. Right now, Laura is working on a stepdown unit and as an IV nurse at a hospital in Wilmington.

Deana Fennel Giannelli currently resides in Perry Hall, Md., with her husband, Will, and

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News from our Master's Alumni

Bob Morrow M.D. '75 has been appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB). He will fill the open at-large seat representing the statewide deaf community. Morrow retired from SCSDB as athletics director after 35 years on the SCSDB faculty, during which time he taught physical education, coached sports and directed athletics.

Former principal at Eldersburg (Md.) Elementary School **Jacalyn Lewis Powell Med '77** was appointed as principal at Hampstead Elementary School.

David C. Alexander, Ph.D. (M.Ed. '78), has been appointed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services as the director of the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Alexander will assume responsibility for the division and take on many duties to elevate access to programs, services and information for deaf or hard-of-hearing people residing in New Jersey, including legal, medical, educational, employment and vocational opportunities.

Jerre Brimer Med '80, director of The Learning Tree Inc., and an avid cyclist, participated in a nine-day, 865-mile bike trip. He hoped to raise \$10,000 for preschool equipment and supplies for Auburn's The Little Tree Learning Center while raising awareness of his plans to replicate the center in Mobile. Jerre and his wife, Pat Murphy Med '80, founded The Learning Tree Inc. more than 20 years ago after working in Maryland and Mobile as public school teachers for multiple-handicap and deaf students. They also operate residential homes in Mobile, Jacksonville and Tallahassee for children and adults ages 7 to 21.

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Friedman '97 was given the amazing opportunity to manage the World Press Tour for the NBC hit series "Heroes." In August, she traveled throughout Japan, China and Singapore with the cast and crew for various media-related interviews and events.

two sons, Carson, 2, and Parker, who was born in October '07. Deana teaches at Perry Hall Middle School and is the mathematics department chairman there. She keeps in touch with **Jessica Wiadomski Bertozzi '98** and would love to hear from some classmates and Phi Alpha sisters.

Living in Fallston, Md., things are very busy for **Ryan John** and his wife, **Shelley**, who have three children. Derek was born on Oct. 23, 2007 and is doing great. Ryan is still with Alban Tractor and Shelley is a stay-at-home mom as of June '07. The girls are in preschool and doing great.

Alison Winters Welch and her husband welcomed a baby girl in May '07. Her name is Claire. Her brother, Ian, is a huge help and very protective already. Alison is still teaching fifth grade at Westminster Elementary School. She often meets up with **Stacey Glacken Czech**, **Amy Rice Mirra** and **Ingrid Carlson** for lunch or to get the kids together.

Teresa Harwood Barnes-Krebs is a sociology graduate. For the first time in a life, she has a very short commute to work. She works three miles away at Carefirst in Owings Mills, Md. Her teen daughter, **Mindy**, will continue college classes (she's just starting her first year at CBCC and plans to transfer to McDaniel in two years). Teresa has just discovered a love of all James Rollins spy books. She hopes to start classes again towards her master's, but it's hard with being the chaperone for her three children's functions. On an adventure note, Teresa and her son discovered a love for snowboarding. Teresa reports, "Of course my balance isn't like it used to be."

After completing her educational specialist degree in school psychology at Radford University in May, **Kamali Welch Freed** and her husband, **Mason**, moved to Sterling, Va., in June. Additionally, they welcomed the arrival of their first child, **Kyan Asher**, in August '07. Right now, Kamali is a stay-at-home mom and loving every minute. She remains close with **LaVita Westbrook-Scott '96** and **Amber Harris Fillylu '98** and speaks with them pretty regularly.

On Jan. 29th 2006, **Tiffany Urbansky-Maloney** gave birth to her daughter, **Meredith**. She keeps them on their toes. Tiffany continues to work as a school psychologist in two elementary schools in Massachusetts. She loves her job and how much time it allows her to spend with her daughter. They are finishing their basement; it has taken a long time but it is finally just about done. Now, she can get all the toys out of her living room. She is in regular contact with **Noelle Alampi '96** through mail and e-mail. She is a dear friend and she wishes they lived closer so that they could meet up more regularly.

Tom and Alyssa Dunbar Burn just celebrated their seven-year anniversary and are living in Rehoboth Beach, Del. Their son, **Tommy**, became a big brother on Sept. 21, 2006, when his sister, **Mallory Ellen Burn**, was

born. Tom works at WBOC-TV as the art director and does a little freelance on the side through delmarvagraphics.com. Alyssa is enjoying staying at home with the kids and doing a little part-time substituting for the school district.

Kimberly Klein-Bush received her graduate degree from McDaniel in counseling in 2000 and has been residing in Littlestown, Pa., for the past seven years. In 2002, she married Matt, a fellow therapist at a residential treatment facility. Kimberly and Matt have two wonderful sons: **Corey**, 3, and **Connor**, born in November '07. Kimberly is currently a stay-at-home mom and loves every minute of it.

After 10 years, **Chester Stacy** is happy to still be in contact with several college friends. He reports that it was great to see **Keith and Julie Kissel '96** Remo this summer and meet their boys. **Faith Walker** was wed in early November where she asked **Chester** to share a reading. **Chester** helped **Dan and Melissa Farrell Franko** with a painting project even more recently. He keeps in regular contact albeit remotely with **Ingrid Carlson** as she extends her education in Canada toward at least one doctorate. For more than two years now, his girlfriend, **Kassandra**, has lived with him in Columbia where he is still employed at **MBC Precision Imaging** as a graphic designer. **Kassandra** graduates in May and already enjoys her teaching internship at **Mt. Hebron High School**.

Reporting from Fairplay, Md., **Dawn Downey Stiles** has taken some time off from teaching elementary school to raise her daughter, **Emily**, 3. She still keeps in touch with **Joanna Lajewski**.

Living in Woolwich, N.J., **Sherrie Bernel Ryan** has been married for nine years and has two children, **MacKenzie**, 7, and **Owen**, 4. She works as a chemist for **Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics** — formerly **Dade Behring**. She and her husband have recently vacated to Colorado and **Walt Disney World**.

Julie Sanders was very happy to see so many familiar faces at the '09 reunion yearning this past May. She is currently in her third year of vet school and is excited for her fourth year and clinical rotations that start in May of this year. **Julie and Cory** live in Blacksburg, Va., with their two dogs and she is still volunteering with humane animal organizations in their area when she can.

Brandy Mulhern Putnam changed jobs in early 2008 and is now a senior producer with The August Jackson Company in D.C. She continues to produce corporate meetings, media and communications campaigns across the country. Her daughter, **Anna**, 3, liked visiting "mommy's college" for our reunion and enjoys gymnastics class with **Randy and Kim Zehner Rytter's** son, **Reagan**. **Brandy's** son, **Graham**, 1, enjoys saying "hi" to her **Jefferson, Md.**, neighbor **Lisa Hill Peare's** son, **Colin**.

Rebecca Friedman writes, "Greetings from

sunny Los Angeles! It's been quite an eventful year for me thus far." She was able to travel back East to enjoy the 2006-'07 holiday season with old college friends in Baltimore. Including **Toni Randle**, **Missy Baldwin** and **Jen Doetsch Yeager**. This past summer, **Becca** traveled back East once again to celebrate good friend **Cindy Slaughter's** marriage to **Thomas Neuberger** as well as the birth of **Sarah Sheckels Hendrickson's** baby girl, **Aurie**. She spent another fun-filled weekend with the girls celebrating both festivities. **Keri Reyelt** was dearly missed on both occasions. On the work front, **Becca** has been traveling a lot and was given the amazing opportunity to manage the **World Press Tour** for the NBC hit series "Heroes." During the month of August '07, she traveled throughout Japan, China and Singapore with the cast and crew for various media-related interviews and events. It was truly the highlight of her career. **Becca** continued her travels this past fall to the West Indies and Mexico and had a wonderful 2007-'08 holiday season with friends and family.

Drew and Elaine Erieman Jahn are currently living in Charlotte, N.C., and enjoy being able to spend a lot of time outside thanks to the nice weather. They had a lot of changes in their lives this past year. After being with **Bank of America** for six years, **Drew** is starting a new job with **Wachovia** in 2008 as the financial analyst in charge of all branches in the western half of the country. He is excited to start something new. The biggest change of 2007 was the addition of baby **Brody** to their family in April. He's the reason that they didn't make it to the 10-year reunion. Big sister **Molly**, 4, started preschool this year and enjoys finding new ways to make **Brody** laugh at her! **Elaine** is still staying home with the kids, enjoying every minute of being a stay-at-home mommy. They look forward to a trip north to the new and improved **Buzsaki**.

Carolyn Buzsaki Heiger and her husband, **Craig**, were married in June '05. Life picked up a faster pace with the birth of their first son, **Nicholas**, in May '06. In the mean time, **Carolyn** finished her master's degree on the Hill and then learned she was pregnant again and due in April '08. **Carolyn** writes, "I suppose I will actually use my degree at some point, perhaps once the kids are old enough to go to preschool." Her husband is a **Baltimore County** officer in **Essex, Md.**, and they are living in **Harford County**. They spend their travel time visiting with family at the beach or up on **Cape Cod**; although, she says that has turned out to be a huge trip with a child in the car. **Carolyn** tries to stay in touch with a few classmates, including **Tasha Berry Christie '98**, **Jill Forsythe Boniface**, and **Julie Sanders Donovan**.

Writing from **Greenwood, Ind.**, **Susanna Kuipers Aldridge** is busy with her family. Her husband, **Tim**, and she took their children, **Spencer**, 4, and **Ashley**, 2, to **Disney World**

over Thanksgiving '07. As of January '08, Susanna purchased her own veterinary practice and is the owner of her own hospital. She indicates that it will be challenging, but she looks forward to being her own boss.

For those who attended our 10-year reunion, I am sorry I missed it. I was nine months pregnant and not up for partying! My husband, Dan, and I welcomed our first child, Aubrie Elizabeth, into the world on May 11, 2007. I am back to work full time at T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. Moving out of a recruiter role, I am now a human resources generalist supporting one of our business lines. Dan is seeking another master's in non-profit management at the College of Notre Dame while working full time at Kennedy Krieger Institute. So between working, school and becoming parents, we are busy. I recently met the third addition to **Ryan** and **Shelby John's** family, Derek. Also, in the recent past, we headed to Ocean City, Md., with **Lis Kirkwood Osh** and **Jack Osh**, **Jen Doetsch Yeager** and her husband, Dan, and **Toni Randle**. In mid-March, I am heading to Puerto Rico with some friends including **Toni Randle**, **Missy Summers Mackie**, **Miss Baldwin** and **Jen Doetsch Yeager**. I also still stay in touch with **Becca Friedman**, **Kerri Reylet**, **Kim Haker Retchless '96**, and **Cindy Slaughter Neuberger '96**. Looking back on the past 10 years that have flown by, I am very thankful for the friendships that I made on the Hill. It was great to hear from everyone! Please stay in touch and encourage those who you keep in touch with to contribute in the next issue. You can always email me at dansarah@trowe.com. Take good care.

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Amanda Lofton Groff completed her master's in teaching and licensure in art this summer. She is currently teaching design and computer animation at Kecoughtan High School in Hampton, Va., while her husband, **Jeff Groff '01**, completed his Ph.D. at William & Mary in December and is teaching calculus there as well.

After teaching in the public school system for four years, **Amy Davidson Latta** made a career change in June '06 and began her dream job as a professional ballroom dancer. Currently, she is one of four ballroom, Latin and swing dance instructors on staff at Dancing Made Easy in Westminster. Amy and her husband, Dan, were married six years in December.

Congratulations to **Rachel Gast**, who graduated from medical school and is in her first year of pediatric residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore.

Jay Lorene received a master's degree in counseling education from McDaniel College in 2005 and is currently employed by Riverview High School as a school guidance

counselor, where he also coaches JV football and varsity track at his high school alma mater in Florida.

Corinne Brinnier received her master's degree in human resources in May '05 from McDaniel. She is working for Allegis Group in Hanover, Md., as a corporate recruiter. She is enjoying city life as a first time homeowner of a townhouse in Baltimore's Canton district as of July '06.

Ben Graf is working as an instructional design manager at K12 Inc., an online curriculum company in Herndon, Va. He and his wife, Emily, and their daughter, Emerson, reside in Odenton.

Brooke Joseph Talmadge was just appointed as the new case management coordinator for The Greentree Shelter at The National Center for Children and Families in Bethesda. She is the largest emergency shelter for homeless families in the county. She is also finishing a master's of social work degree at University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work. Brooke and her husband, Shawn, reside in Germantown, Md.

Abigail Barber Engel received a certificate in thanatology and is working towards a master's degree in the same field which studies death and dying. She also teaches writing as an adjunct instructor at the LaPlata branch of the College of Southern Maryland.

Catherine Pandorf Amatt finished her master's degree in 2004 and married Michael Amatt on Aug. 5, 2006, in St. Anne de Grace, Md. **Lisa VanKusen** was the maid of honor and **Jason VanKusen '01** was an usher. In attendance at the wedding were **Shauna Dominguez**, **Maribel Calderon**, **Aaron '00** and **Suzz Holmes Knizer**, **Irish Brun del Re**, **Theresa Faust**, and **Bill Null**. Cathy works with children with developmental disabilities while her hubby is an executive chef. Cathy and Michael now live in Warrenton, Va.

Christopher McCall moved to Charleston, S.C., after graduation and began a coaching position for the Citadel Wrestling team while continuing graduate work in sports management. He married Erin Mansour on July 4, 2005. They have two daughters Dylan, 12, and Madeline Grayce, 2. Chris worked for the Charleston City Fire Department from April '05 until his recent tragedy on June 18, 2007. Chris now has his own fitness, personal training and consulting business, Absolute Fitness, and works as a sales and leasing consultant for Baker Motor Company.

Claire Adams Aubel works in public relations at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores and is working on a master's degree in zoo and aquarium leadership through George Mason University.

In June of 2007, **Danielle Price Rinker** became a marketing specialist for SkillsUSA, a national nonprofit student organization in Leesburg, Va., and then two months later she and her husband, Tom, bought a home in Thurmont, Md. They also own a bicycle shop that celebrated its two-year anniversary

in November.

Dawn Harner Long graduated from nursing school in June '06, and now loves working as an LPN in a nursing home. She and her husband of three years, Ron, who serves as a Baltimore County police officer, live in Hanover, Pa. with their daughter, Madelyn, 1.

Derek Favreau was married in October '06, to Amanda Grace. He is also working to complete an MBA from Loyola College. The couple resides in Towson, Md.

Erik Higginbottom has been married since July '03, and since then has graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School in 2006, with the degree of doctor of dental surgery. He is now doing his orthodontic residency at the University of Maryland with the expected graduation date of June '09. **Hsin-Lun Tsai** is a therapist providing in-home mental health therapy for children and adolescents and their families. She will be moving to Baltimore City in the near future but is currently living in Bethesda, Md.

Jack Griffith is currently employed at Somerset Hills Club, a residential treatment facility for boys most of whom are classified emotionally disturbed, as a paraprofessional. During the summer months he works at Camp Harmony, a summer day camp, as the adventure rope instructor and transportation coordinator. In November '05, he got married, and then after almost two years later he and his wife, Nicole, were blessed with the birth of their son. The Griffith family resides in Dunellen, N.J.

Although he resides in Wisconsin, **Jeremy Keil** has been doing some traveling to Colorado and Montreal for doing well at his job at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He is also hoping to visit his brother in Hawaii since he has been stationed there since he returned from Iraq in September '07.

Jill Krebs and **Brendan Henderson '00** are living in West Haven, Conn., with their border collie Ella. Jill is in graduate school at Drew University. She is still running and she completed the NYC marathon last fall.

After graduating, **John Buschman** spent four years in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., completing a medical degree at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. After graduating from medical school in 2006, he moved to Sandusky, Ohio, to do a traditional rotating internship at Firelands Regional Medical Center and continue training as an orthopedic surgery resident.

Thay Bleya teaches fourth grade at Friendship Valley Elementary School, where she has been teaching for five years. She is working on her master's degree in education administration at McDaniel. They recently purchased and renovated a historic home steps away from the College.

Robyn Hoffman earned her doctorate in physical therapy in December '05 from Elon University and currently works as a physical therapist at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N.C. She enjoys the warmer weather

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with developmental disabilities who engage in challenging behaviors.

Assistant Director of Student Teaching at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania **Marianne Hazel**, who earned her master's degree at the College in 1998, was awarded a 2007 Peers' Choice Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. As a full-time University supervisor, Hazel helps to prepare student teachers as the culmination of their teacher preparation program.

Steven Lockard M.Ed. '98 has been appointed by Frederick County Public Schools to the position of instructional director of elementary schools. Formerly a principal at Tuscarora Elementary, he began the new position December 1. He also recently won The Washington Post's Annual Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. Lockard has worked at Frederick County Public Schools for the past 15 years.

Lynn Webster Earp MS'01, a reading specialist at Winters Mill High School and senior class advisor, was named as one of eight finalists for Carroll County Teacher of the Year in 2007.

Ruth A. Mason MS'06, a third-grade teacher at Freedom Elementary School, was named as one of eight finalists for Carroll County Teacher of the Year in 2007.

Get Reading, Matey

While you may not have heard anything new about **Amanda Brown '07**, you might have caught wind of a new book by the mysterious Amanda Broadbeck. Released in September, the 224-page romance novel *Worthy of a Pirate's Love* can be found on Amazon.com with credit given to Amanda's pseudonym. While the real Amanda works her day job as an administrative coordinator at Havtech, hopefully Ms. Broadbeck can find success in the cutthroat world of book sales.



of North Carolina but misses her family and friends in Maryland, including her sister, **Jill Hoffman '07**, and all her Phi Sig friends. Robyn, however, is having a great time down south, sky-diving for first time in August '07.

Kara Moran is the assistant director of institutional advancement at The Catholic High School of Baltimore, coordinating public relations and marketing for the all-girls Catholic high school. This is her fourth year at Catholic High. Kara lives in White Marsh and enjoys spending time with her friends and family, especially her 17-month-old nephew.

Meghan Tracey is currently in her fifth year as a physical education and health teacher at Abegami High School in southern New Jersey, where she currently lives. Meg is assistant coach of the women's varsity soccer team and the women's varsity basketball team, a team that has made it to the state championships for the past three years. She also advises the girls' athletic association. When she is not traveling to Abegami games on the weekends, Meg visits Philadelphia, Princeton and Baltimore to spend time with friends.

Susan Werley is Jumpstart's executive director of the Northeast Region. Jumpstart is a national early education organization that prepares preschool children for school through literacy initiatives around the country. Sue began working with Jumpstart as a graduate student at Tufts University and has worked her way up during her five years with the organization. She lives in south Boston and loves city life. She travels home to New Tripoli, Pa., to visit her family and friends and catches up with her friends in Maryland often. In August '07, Sue traveled to Italy, a country she had not returned to since her wonderful study abroad experience at McDaniel.

After taking several classes and sitting for some exams, **Laura McKenna Burdt** is now a certified dental and orthodontic assistant and works for a well-known pediatric and orthodontic office in Mt. Airy, Md. She is also busy with her two children: her son, Garrity, is in kindergarten plays soccer and lacrosse, and her daughter, McKenna, is in preschool and quite a ballerina.

After being a corporate training specialist for CitiMortgage for the more than three years, **Billie Shorb Wagner** transitioned into a new role as project manager, still with CitiMortgage in Frederick, Md. She and her husband, Neal, recently celebrated their six-year anniversary. The couple resides in Gettysburg, Pa., in the home they built three years ago.

Lisa VanAken Dale left her job at an NYC literary agency to get her master's degree in fiction from Fairleigh Dickinson University. In the spring '07, she sold two novels to Grand Central Publishing (formerly called Time Warner). The first book *The Lucky Moon* will be published under the name Lisa Dale in 2009. For more, visit www.lisadale.com.

books.com.

Jeffrey Schutz recently finished his second deployment in Iraq. He and his wife, M.J., have been married for almost four years, and they have two dogs. They are stationed at Fort Hood in Texas but hope to be moving back East when Jeff gets out of the Army in the spring.

Nichole Christman is in the midst of her second year of residency in family medicine at York Hospital.

Rachel Ward lives in Cambridge, Mass., and just received a master's degree in French literature from Boston University in December.

After practicing law in Pittsburgh, **Randall Justice** joined the firm of Blakinger, Byler and Thomas, P.C. in Lancaster, Pa., in the spring '06 as a litigator. Randy also bought his first home last year.

After spending a few years in northern Virginia, **Keith Long** and his wife, **Rebekah Schnapp '05**, sold their home and moved to Lancaster, Pa. Keith is the youth pastor at Faith Bible Fellowship Church in Lancaster, while Rebekah teaches English as a second language in the Penn Manor School District. **Jennifer Rocco** married Robert Earl Thatcher on Sept. 29, 2007, and the two reside together in Sacramento, Calif. She recently received her juris doctor from Lincoln Law School and will sit for the California Bar Exam in February '08. She is enjoying life with her new husband and their dog, Pippin, while studying for the bar exam.

Jessica Rose got married on July 28, 2007 to Jeremy Custer. She continues to teach in Frederick County, Md., at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. Jessica also coaches JV volleyball at the school.

Ryan Deffenbaugh is in his second year as an assistant soccer coach at Penn State University after coaching at McDaniel for three years. Along with coaching, he is finishing a master's degree in education.

Sarah Hill Von Bergen and her husband, Thomas, built a yellow colonial house on 26 acres in Westminster and moved in March '06. The couple welcomed a baby boy in September '07. Sarah has been working at T. Rowe Price for over five years and currently writes letters and e-mails to shareholders. The Von Bergens are active members of Firm Foundation Church.

Shahid Gaddy McLean and his husband, Marcus, are enjoying life with their 15-month-old son, Collin James. Shahid is working on a master's of education in reading at Towson University and she teaches first grade in the Baltimore City Public School system.

Shannon Coleman Fuoco has been an investigator for Child Protective Services for over two years. She got married on Aug. 1, 2005, and she has two gorgeous dogs.

Shawn Minnier finished a master's in school counseling at McDaniel in May '07 and is currently a school counselor for Carroll County Public Schools. Shawn is also the head boys' basketball coach at Francis

Scott Key High School.

Tonia Pope Brown is working on her master's in divinity at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa. She got married on Feb. 14, 2003 and in June '05, her son, Adam, received a long-awaited kidney and now is college bound! Tonia enjoys attending school productions that her daughter, Amanda, performs in.

Terrae Whiting recently bought a new home in York, Pa., where she is working as a school psychologist for the York City School District.

Tiffany Musick is a second-year pediatric resident at Akron Children's Hospital. She got married on June 12, 2007, to Todd Markwell at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Christy Dotson is taking her last class of the reading specialist master's program at McDaniel.

Lauren Marquez was married to Thomas Hesley on Oct. 6, 2007.

Rachel Cast graduated from medical school in spring '07. She is in her first year of pediatric residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore.

Jeanne Bauder and **Rick Landgraf '03** were married in Washington, D.C., on July 14, 2007. Jeanne is teaching third grade at Gallberry Farm Elementary in Hope Mills, N.C., while Rick is deployed in Iraq until December '08.

Adam Mussaw and his wife, **Mary MS'05**, have been married for four years. Adam was recently promoted to a research director at WB&A Market Research while his wife completed her master's degree from McDaniel in educational administration and supervision.

Christopher Bauerlein has been working as a senior journal production editor at Lipincott Williams & Wilkins in Baltimore for three years. He and his wife, Jessica, have been married for two years and they reside in Owings Mills, Md. They both enjoy spending time with family and gathering with friends from Hanover Bible Church in Hanover, Pa.

Suzanne Holmes Knizner is enjoying living and working in Baltimore, Md., with her husband, Aaron. She recently accepted a job as project and corporate coordinator for Campaign Consultation, Inc., a consulting firm in Baltimore City. Suz is involved in the McDaniel College Alumni Council and Young Alumni Committee, St. Rose of Lima School Board, and the TurnAround, Inc. *Steppin' Out for the Stars* Planning Committee.

As for my own update, my husband, **Ellis**, and I have a 16-month-old daughter named Sophia Noelle. She ruled the roost after she was born, so I decided to take a year off of working full time to stay at home with her. Then in September '06, I went back to work full time as the director of development at Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore. Ellis is an attorney in Elkton, Md., and is enjoying practicing law and happy to be fin-

ished with law school. As with everyone, the crazier our lives get, the harder it is to stay in touch with our fellow grads, so feel free to keep in touch by emailing me at anytime at evallins@admin.msnet.edu. You may also drop me a line at:

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2007

The Class of 2007 is experiencing varying degrees of success in the short time since graduation. While some classmates are getting married and finding occupational success, others are pursuing further education or still finding their way.

Josh and Lindsey Keller Harris wasted no time getting married after graduation. The happy couple tied the knot on August 5 in a ceremony at Covenant of Grace, with numerous current McDaniel students in the wedding party and in attendance. Josh is currently attending medical school at University of Maryland and Lindsey has enrolled in physical therapy school at University of Maryland.

Terré Thomas, Ashley Prather '06 and Shauntia Nixon have found themselves especially far away from the Hill—nearly 7,000 miles, in fact. The three ambitious world travelers are teaching at the English Center for Children in South Korea. Terré is in Busan while Ashley and Shauntia are stationed in Daegu. While the move to the other side of the world was a huge step, Terré reports that she is enjoying the opportunity to explore a different culture and is finding out more about herself in the process.

While you may not have heard anything new about **Amanda Brown**, you might have caught wind of a new book by the mysterious Amanda Broadbeck. Released in September, the 214-page romance novel *Worthy of a Pirate's Love* can be found on Amazon.com, with credit given to Amanda's pseudonym. While the real Amanda works her day job as an administrative coordinator at Hartebeck, hopefully Ms. Broadbeck can find success in the cutthroat world of book sales.

Stacy Fitzwater is spending her days as a teacher with the Lasallian Volunteers Program, a Catholic service organization. Stationed in Newburgh, N.Y., Stacy is working at San Miguel Academy, a middle school for underprivileged boys. Never one to embrace free time, she is teaching music, computer and physical education while assisting with other subjects and programs.

David Greisman is living in Keene, N.H., and working as a reporter for *The Keene Sentinel*. David's duties include covering to towns east of Keene, two school systems and other general assignments. While he is undoubtedly busy with this exciting new job, David commented that he is somehow getting much more sleep than he did during his time at McDaniel.

On July 7, 2007, Derek and **Samantha Hemler Parthree** exchanged vows and settled in together in Hanover, Pa. Samantha is working as licensed support staff for Feuer Insurance Services in Westminster. She indicated that she doesn't plan on selling insurance long term, but that it is a steady source of income to help her get through this major transition in her life. She encourages anyone in need of an insurance quote to contact her.

Ian and Christy Searing Hines walked down the aisle on Sept. 22 in Millersville, Md. Mutual friends and McDaniel graduates in attendance included **Jason Fratto**, **Pat O'Toole**, **Jackie Horton '06**, **Allison Dower** and **Maggie Ross**. Now residing in Baltimore, Ian is working as an elementary school teacher for Baltimore City. Christy is doing her best to help the homeless in her job with Baltimore HealthCare Access while pursuing her master's in applied sociology at UMBC.

Christina Smith has returned to her roots in Salt Lake City, Utah, to take some time off to save up money before going on to graduate school. In August, she landed what she calls her "dream steppingstone job," working as a writing coach with the Salt Lake Community College Writing Center. In addition to assisting individuals in every stage of the writing process, Christina has also had the opportunity to teach two writing workshops. She keeps in touch with **Maart Klaber**, who is working as an au pair in the Netherlands while taking language classes.

Following a summer internship with the Family Research Council in the Academic Affairs Department in D.C., **Chelsea Phillips** has found a job as the legislative events coordinator for the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce. Chelsea has also joined the GOLD Committee at McDaniel to help plan alumni-related events.

Lindsay Graham has taken some significant steps toward getting her foot in the door of the sports journalism world. She has been working in an unpaid internship at Newbury College, covering soccer, volleyball and basketball games. She is responsible for tracking statistics, writing press releases and reporting scores to newspapers. Lindsay was excited to get the chance to support the McDaniel women's golf team when they entered her home turf to participate in the Mt. Holyoke Invitational in South Hadley, Mass. Lindsay also has spent some time assisting the assistant athletic director at Boston College. Currently, she is looking for full-time jobs in media relations and sports information at colleges on the East Coast.

Betsy Beveridge is working in admissions on the Hill while living in Owings Mills with **Jason Fratto**, who is attending law school at University of Baltimore. Betsy is happy to be spending more time at McDaniel and was excited to participate in the Levanduski-Fitzgerald wedding held on campus in November (see below).

Alex Barnold is living in Westminster and

teaching math at Century High School in Sykesville, Md. She is teaching honors trigonometry, honors geometry and pre-calculus. Alex teaches with classmate **Cristen Callegary** and keeps in touch with her North Village apartment-mates.

For those who may be having trouble finding a career right out of college, **Lianne Price** has proven it is possible. A mere one month after graduating, Lianne landed a job as a human resources representative with major clothing corporation Phillips-Van Heusen.

Lindsay Martin, Nicole Cahill and Carolanne Bianco are all happily residing together in Glen Burnie, Md. Lindsay is working as a sign language interpreter for a non-profit psychiatric rehabilitation facility and pursuing her certification in American Sign Language. Nicole is working as an English teacher at Chesapeake High School.

Melvinia Coler is showing that experience in theater can lead to solid employment after college. Since August, Melvinia has been working for Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia as a sound technician for shows such as *Titanic: The Musical* and *The Sound of Music*.

While the Baltimore Ravens had a less-than-memorable season, **Chris Martin** was able to make the most of an internship he had with the organization immediately following graduation. Chris worked with the video operations and strength and conditioning departments for the Ravens.

Vincent '06 and Alison Bradley DeAugustino were married on Nov. 24, 2007.

Jonathan '06 and Victoria Levanduski Fitzgerald were married on Nov. 30, 2007 in a ceremony held at McDaniel.

It has been a pleasure hearing from everyone over the past few months. Please note that, due to the time delay associated with printing *The Hill*, any future plans for moving, getting engaged/married, or attending school could not be included when this was assembled. Feel free to write me as things happen, and I will make sure they are included in the next edition.

While this piece outlines some of the things that our classmates are accomplishing, it quickly became apparent to me that a significant portion of us are still finding out what we are going to do with our educations. As of this writing, I myself am in the same boat. I am sure that the next installment of our class notes (set for next year) will find everyone settling into comfortable lives and achieving high levels of success. Best of luck to all — and keep the news coming.

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back story

What they were thinking

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Senior Laura
Fralinger with
her host brother
during a coastal
conservation
study tour and
home stay on
the Philippine
island of Bohol.



Reality check. We were there to see the environmental degradation. These are people who rely on fishing for their livelihood and they're finally realizing that the way they've been fishing has destroyed most of their reefs. They've been dynamiting and using cyanide to catch fish. Now they understand they have to change.

Most of us were kind of nervous about the home stay. We were all separated in a different home. I gave Beanie Babies to the three children in my host family and after that they wouldn't leave my side. They were calling me "Auntie Laura." The poverty was apparent, but they seemed happy. Few of these people had TVs or cars, they took bucket showers and they had the use of electricity for only a few hours a day. It was the biggest reality check; you really don't need that much stuff to get by. ■

TRIVIA CHALLENGE:

In which year did the faculty finally decide to abolish regular Saturday classes?

A. 1956 B. 1967 C. 1978

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"I don't believe in holding a grudge."
—Leroy Merritt '52

In our story about Class of 1952 alumnus Leroy Merritt (*Pumped Up*, page 20), the commercial real estate developer dismisses his disappointment over the College's name change and explains his decision to make his recent \$5 million challenge gift.