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Pulitzer winner inspires young journalists

Your article about Wendy Ruderman paved a perfect path that Wendy waltzed down during her visit to campus during Families Weekend. Wendy met with a roomful of budding college journalists the Friday before her SmartTALK debut with President Roger Casey. Just as she dazzled the crowd in Alumni Hall, she cast her anything-is-possible net over a standing-room-only audience that afternoon.

Wendy’s candor and confidence convinced the students that no matter how the news is dispersed, there would always be a need for reporters who know how to squeeze out every angle of a story and then write it so clearly that readers hang on until the last word. As students listened to her, they could let go of the anxieties associated with a field that shifts like quicksand beneath them. She was able to convince them that it is possible to find a job that you love if you constantly take leaps and know that your liberal arts education will help you land on your feet — anywhere.

Ruderman showed the students that some of life’s best successes are the result of intellect, persistence, timing and luck — and even when you hit pinnacles like earning a Pulitzer, you may still have to face some pretty basic questions like, “Will a job last long enough to pay all the bills?” But, she told them, you just keep doing what you love, and do it well.

If Wendy’s accounts of talking to drug addicts and facing corrupt cops didn’t entice my students to go back to their work for The McDaniel Free Press with more fervor, her humor sure did. My favorite moment, and I’m sure the moment that every student will remember, was when Wendy confessed that, as a student on the Hill, she was not perfect. In fact, her antics were chronicled in the Campus Safety Blotter multiple times. I’ll keep those tales off the record, but they will be long remembered, as will Ruderman’s inspirational visit.

Lisa Breslin, Advisor, The McDaniel Free Press

‘Watchdogs’ play crucial role

I’m so glad I was able to see Wendy Ruderman ’91 speak. She was not only an engaging speaker, but her continued excitement about journalism was also an inspiration. She describes journalists as watchdogs, and while writing fluffier pieces is often equally fun, it is nice to recognize the immense power journalists pos-
Her passion for her field and her immense success is also a reminder to pursue what you love and work hard.

Kim Williams, Editor, The McDaniel Free Press

**Careful reading reaps new connection**

I just want to advise you that it is true that “Ties (at WMC now McDaniel) can ne’er be broken!” When I received a copy of The Hill earlier this year, I read with great interest that Louise Leister Haifley, class of 1939, had written noting she had twin granddaughters named Helen and Katherine. This really excited me as I have a twin sister named Helen (I am Katharine) and she too was also the elder. I then consulted the Alumni Directory where I found Louise’s address. I contacted her and we have had several great letters. I have never known another set of twins named Helen and Katherine and it has been great corresponding with her. Keep up the good work!

Katharine Wiley Pearce ’52
Manteo, N.C.

**Let your voice be heard**

The Mail department is your place to sound off about what you read in The Hill. Letters should include your full name, address and phone number or e-mail address so we can contact you for confirmation. Letters may be edited for length or clarity. Send to Kim Asch, managing editor, The Hill magazine, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

**Caption Contest Report**

In the Summer 2010 issue, we challenged you to write a caption for this whimsical photo taken by photography student Dana Button ’10. The caption was to include at least one of the following words or phrases: McDaniel, Phi Beta Kappa, commencement, alumni, Carpe Diem, First Principles.

Our panel of judges included the photographer, Dana Button; art professor Susan Bloom; and Pat O’Toole ’07, assistant director of alumni relations.

Aaron Davis ’85 wrote the winning caption (above) and will receive the prize of a McDaniel College sweatshirt. His other entry also scored well: “McDaniel senior Dana Button asked herself philosophically, ‘Is it better to use sunblock or to be sunblock...’”

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News around campus and beyond

Smart Cookies
A home-baked cookie competition between faculty and staff ultimately favored students, who gobbled up winners and losers alike at the Midnight Milk and Cookies event, a perennial favorite during Alcohol Awareness month in October. For the record, Naomi Raphael’s chocolate Milky Way cookies were deemed the most delicious.

Ratting Out Depression
Marlene Vasquez ’12 and psychology professor Madeline Rhodes are observing rats for signs of depression and anxiety — possible effects of the anti-epileptic drugs their mothers were given during their 21-day gestation.

Their research was able to continue over the summer thanks to significant funding from the College toward expenses, from materials to stipends to room and board, and was just one of 14 summer research projects that received such support.

So how do Vasquez and Rhodes sort out which rats are depressed or anxiety-ridden? Normally excellent swimmers, depressed rats just float instead of paddling around the makeshift pond in the lab. Rats with higher levels of anxiety cower in the corner of an open square, constantly on the lookout for danger.

A neuroscientist, Rhodes says there are some clinical reports on the behavioral effects of prenatal exposure to anti-epileptic drugs, but there is more work to do to determine all the neuroendocrine and behavioral effects.
Rah-Rah Rankings

Here's something to cheer about: the U.S. News & World Report 2012 annual college rankings have finally put McDaniel where it belongs — in the first tier among national liberal arts colleges (the top 125 in the nation). And, according to the U.S. News survey, guidance counselors at America's best high schools rank McDaniel 83rd in the nation. U.S. News also rates McDaniel as one of America's Top-50 "A+ Colleges for B Students."

That's not all. Washington Monthly magazine's September/October 2010 issue named McDaniel to the top 100 Liberal Arts Colleges in the nation, citing our ability to graduate students at a rate beyond the expected outcome (McDaniel ranks 35th in this category). In August, Parade magazine named McDaniel to its A-List as one of America's Top 25 Liberal Arts Colleges, based on a survey of U.S. high school counselors.

Honk With Pride

Now you can purchase a Maryland license plate bearing the McDaniel logo and hit the road to build awareness and prove that your blood runs green-and-gold.

"It's an easy, cost-effective way to show your loyalty and pride in McDaniel and find friends on the road," said Alumni Association President Don Hobart '62.

The affinity license plates will cost $25 each for numbers 0051 and above, and are distributed in numerical order. Important numbers in McDaniel history, such as 1867 (the year WMC was founded), will not be available until prior numbers are sold. Out-of-state drivers may purchase a McDaniel College vanity plate in the College Bookstore.

To order a McDaniel College affinity license you can e-mail or call the Alumni Office at alumni@mcdaniel.edu or 410/857-2296. Please do not order your McDaniel plate directly from MVA because the Alumni Office must process your application first.

Faculty Keeps Pace With Growth

Here on the Hill, where the majority of classes are still taught by full-time professors and average just 15 students, the size of the faculty must grow to accommodate the increase in undergraduates. And grow it does. This year, six new scholar-teachers joined the departments of biology, communication, environmental policy and science, foreign languages, political science and international studies and sociology, bringing McDaniel's FTE faculty to 135. Among them is alumnus Richard Smith '00, assistant professor of sociology, whose research interests include the waning influence of black clergy in the U.S. (See page 10 to learn more about him, in his own words.)

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A Serious Look at South Park

The edgy cartoon South Park is getting a serious look this semester in an interdisciplinary course for sophomores. Through the lens of historical and contemporary texts, theories and concepts from sociology and philosophy, the course addresses issues such as race, gender, sexuality and consumerism to analyze and critically think through the very real social problems addressed by the TV show through (often controversial) humor.

The course is offered as part of the McDaniel Plan’s innovative Sophomore Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS) program. SIS courses, required of all sophomores starting this year, examine issues, topics or sets of questions that are best understood when they are explored from multiple disciplines of study. The courses, taught by a team of faculty from various departments, also help broaden students’ campus experience by exposing them to professors and other students outside of their chosen majors.

Other SIS courses include Katrinaville: A Tale of Two Cities; Everything I Needed to Know I Learned from Science Fiction, and The Arab World.

Ask the Expert

Most contemporary music is copyrighted and therefore can’t legally be downloaded without paying for it. But with all the mainstream file-sharing sites out there, it’s so easy to do just that. What are the ethics of helping ourselves to these digital freebies?

Robin Armstrong, Associate Professor of Music:

I frequently discuss this issue with my students. Many of them seem to use a set of related justifications that essentially boil down to “because music is intangible it’s OK.” But it’s not O.K.; it’s a violation of copyright law.

Whenever I assign a term project that involves having my students choose a specific song, I tell them to let me know their selection so that I can purchase it for 99 cents and then loan it to them. That way they won’t download it for free. I ask them, “If you knew certainly you wouldn’t get...
caught, would any of you consider going into the grocery store and shoplifting?” That shocked them. They don’t see it as the same thing.

There are so many free sites out there and they essentially provide what looks like the institutional acceptance of free downloads. Many people think, “If this website says it’s OK then it’s OK.” But you need to read the fine print. It usually says something like, “This site is not to share, copy” righted material and if you’re doing that you’re doing wrong.” It’s the only way these sites can exist.

There are so many different people whose income depends on that 99-cent download. It’s like 99 people, and a penny goes to each. That might not seem like a lot but when you magnify it by millions of people buying iTunes downloads, then that penny begins to add up and provide a real living to a working human being.

That’s where ethical considerations begin to trump even the legal considerations. Yes, you might feel like a geek for being among the only one of your peers following the letter of the law, but if you understand that if you don’t follow the law you’re hurting someone, then personally I don’t feel like such a geek for following it.

Light Bulb Department

Seniors John Modica and Ryan Allnutt have big plans for First Global Visions, the non-profit consulting company they founded in Carroll County a year ago to give students experience through community service projects.

They envision their organizational model on campuses across the country, providing leadership and career training experiences to college students through energy efficiency audits and upgrades, social entrepreneurship and civic engagement.

First Global, which is recognized by the IRS as a public charity, is already showing results. With a third student, Laura Garrison, Modica and Allnutt wrote the proposal that won the fledgling company, partnered with the Hindman Foundation, a $64,000 EMPower-ING Clean Communities grant from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA). Modica quickly put the funds to use conducting energy audits and retrofits in the homes of 11 low- and moderate-income families.

After receiving the Griswold-Zepp Award for most innovative service project, Modica set up a booth at local community events and distributed 1,960 compact fluorescent light bulbs and other gadgets to maximize energy efficiency.

Net Worth

The evening was breezy, mild and bug-free — an advantage that was not lost on the 150 students participating in an all-night outdoor event to raise awareness and funds for the prevention of malaria.

“It’s so bizarre how here, mosquitoes are just an annoyance, whereas somewhere else it can mean potential death,” said co-organizer Mara Seibert ‘13 of the Advocacy Team student club.

Each year, malaria kills a million people, mostly children. But wide dissemination of insecticide-treated nets could conquer the problem by 2015, a United Nations goal.

Several student organizations worked together to create a makeshift campground on the quad and provide food and games. A documentary about efforts to prevent and treat malaria played on a big screen while 65 custom-stenciled T-shirts sold for $5 apiece.

The effort raised between $200 and $300, which Seibert said will make a big difference, considering the malaria nets cost only about $6. “How cool would it be to be able to say that our generation is the one that ended malaria?”

25
Annual sessions completed of the wildly popular Summer Music Camp, founded and directed by senior lecturer Linda Kirkpatrick. Campers have come from 12 different states and New Delhi, India, and many return as college freshmen who go on to work as Music Camp counselors.

$3,000
Amount juniors Lizzy McCaslin and Becky Putnam will each receive in research stipends, thanks to a national Computer Research Award to support their faculty-student project in information flow in networks. The two will also share an additional $3,000 to travel to conferences.

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Hours in duration of a high-powered campus conference on “The Dynamics of Terror Networks in North Africa” featuring noted national and international speakers and hosted by the political science and international studies departments.
Solving a New Poe Mystery

BY KIM ASCH

Long after his death in 1849, Edgar Allan Poe, one of America's best-known writers of mystery and the macabre, is still revealing secrets.

Last fall, students in a new, upper-level course devoted to the provocative author of such dark classics as "The Raven," The Tell-Tale Heart and Murder in the Rue Morgue experienced a eureka moment while delving into one of Poe's lesser-known short stories, William Wilson. Their fresh interpretation of the tale was a revelation even to their professor, Robert Kachur.

Here's the gist of the story: a young man who goes by the name William Wilson chronicles a life of torment inflicted by his doppelganger, who has followed him around the globe since childhood. William Wilson's double is a witness — and sometimes a whistle-blower — to every evil temptation he has and every crime he commits. During the final scene at a masquerade ball, Wilson takes a dagger to his nemesis, who is suddenly revealed by a mirror to be William Wilson himself. The story ends with the final tragic line, "How utterly thou hast murdered thyself."

On the day last November when Kachur intended to delve into discussion of the story with his class, he says he planned to orchestrate a lively conversation that did justice to traditional interpretations of the tale, which argue that it dramatizes Poe's beliefs about the biologically driven, self-destructive impulse he called "the Perverse."

Instead, Kachur says, this "particularly smart and engaged group of students...began, spontaneously, to offer a reading of William Wilson that interprets the narrator's persecution by, ambivalence toward, and eventual murder of his doppelganger as dramatizing a struggle with the 'unspeakable horror' of homosexual desire."

It was the first time Kachur had been asked to consider that there might be a sexual subtext to this particular Poe piece. He had recently published a scholarly article on sexual trauma in The Tell-Tale Heart but he wasn't at all sure the same could be argued about William Wilson. "Although I was thrilled to see my students making such a creative, scholarly move," he says, "I was not initially convinced that their reading was tenable."

The students insisted. "It seemed so obvious to us," recalls senior Danny Hughes, an English major with a minor in secondary education. "It felt like an idea that found us, rather than that we formulated the idea."

So Kachur, winner of the 2010 Distinguished Teaching Award, kept an open mind. As he examined textual details together with his students, their argument "incessantly gained traction — and even more so when I began to connect their observations to relevant

Senior English Majors
Kim Williams and Danny Hughes, along with their professor Robert Kachur (left), find there are new ideas to discover in the works of Edgar Allan Poe — even more than 150 years after his death.

The Hill
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ideas from queer theory," he says. "By the end of the class session, I had goose bumps. I knew that something important had happened."

Since then, the two student leaders in the discussion, Hughes and senior English major Kim Williams, have been collaborating with Kachur on an article on homosexual panic in William Wilson. The project was awarded a Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Research grant, which provided $500 stipends for the trio and a month's room and board for Williams (Hughes commuted from his parents' nearby home).

They spent the month of June researching queer theory, the body of existing scholarship on sexual thematics in Poe's other works, the body of existing scholarship on William Wilson and historical data on contemporary attitudes toward same-sex desire. Poe's link to Baltimore — he met his wife while he lived briefly in the city and is buried there at Westminster Hall — made the research "more interactive," says Williams.

Adds Hughes: "We took a field trip for our Poe class to his gravesite, his museum and an art exhibit. This was huge for our research, because although the state of Virginia would claim otherwise, we feel that Poe's connection to the area is strong, present and a great source of pride."

The trio plan to complete a final draft of their article later this semester and submit it for publication in such prestigious peer-reviewed journals as Gothic Studies, Poe Studies or GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies. They will also collaborate on a paper for presentation at next spring's 2011 Queer Studies Conference at the University of North Carolina-Asheville.

Williams hypothesizes that she and her peers may have picked up on the homoerotic subtext more easily because of the relative ease of talking about queer issues among members of her generation. "Whereas before these themes may have been overlooked, or purposely ignored, now it's something that can be, and is, brought up in discourse," she says.

Kachur agrees. He points out that the exploration of anxiety-producing homoerotic themes in gothic horror fiction began in earnest with the ascent of queer theory in the not-so-distant 1980s. "For some reason, perhaps because Poe's complex works raise so many themes that have taken critics in other directions, the presence of sexual anxieties in some of his stories did not begin to be explored until the 1990s, and they remain relatively unexplored today," he says. "My students and I are finding ourselves riding a wave of new critical interest in this area, and we're anxious to make an original contribution toward contemporary readers' understanding of a tale by a writer as iconic as Poe."

The prospect of publishing original research is thrilling — not to mention a boon to their graduate school applications — say Hughes and Williams, but the experience has also taught them there's still life in old texts.

Says Hughes: "It's really interesting to realize that we're still discovering new things about somebody who was writing over 100 years ago."
Living the Dream

Richard Maurice Smith '00
Assistant Professor of Sociology

He was raised in Baltimore, attended a majority-black public high school and became the first generation in his family to earn a bachelor's degree, as well as a master's and a Ph.D. from Temple University. While on the Hill, he ran track and was president of the Black Student Union. He married his college sweetheart, Camille Cooke '00, and is the father of their two young children. His research focuses on the sociology of religion and the sociology of race and racism. This fall, he returned to his alma mater as a member of the full-time faculty.

Happy to be home

I am really, really excited and thankful to be back. It was always kind of my hope after I finished my Ph.D. that I could come back to McDaniel and maybe have the same influence on students — not just academically but also socially — that my professors had on me.

They believed in me

My advisor was Deb Lemke. Jean Shin was a mentor to me. I kept in contact with both of them throughout graduate school, and they were very instrumental

Sociology professor Richard Smith '00 is researching why churches are still segregated.
in helping me to get through. I would sometimes call Jean Shin for advice about classes or research I was working on, and he was always willing to give advice.

**Why don't we pray together?**

I'm interested in researching why churches are still so segregated. Even though we've made progress in other areas of society—especially the military—religion is far behind. My hope is that through my research I can bridge the gap and help to address racial divisiveness in Christian churches.

**Evangelicals and race**

Another research interest for me involves exploring how race is still influential in American evangelicalism. What got me interested is the election and presidency of Barack Obama.

The rhetoric and views that were stated about Barack Obama during the campaign and continually through his presidency by white conservative evangelical spokespeople differed from how they talked about other Democrats in the past. Some white evangelical preachers told their congregations that it was a sin if they voted for Barack Obama and to pray for his death.

There is an increase in end-time rhetoric as well. Certain white conservative evangelical preachers teach about Barack Obama’s “new world order” and that his presidency is a harbinger of the tribulation period, in other words, the end of the world as we know it. My research addresses the questions, why is this type of rhetoric taking place and how does it relate to historical white conservative evangelical views of African-Americans?

**Education really is power**

As a young person, I would read about different black people who were really influential in America, and I noticed one thing that was very important to them: their education. Slaves were killed as a result of trying to read. I always knew that education was important.

**Too small for football**

My football coach brought me out here. We met with the football coach but he told my coach I was too small to play for the team. I was really upset about that. But I got over it.

**The minority view**

One thing I realized growing up going to mostly black schools and living in predominantly black neighborhoods is that’s not how it is in most places. I knew I needed to interact with different kinds of people from different backgrounds. I wanted to put myself in a situation where I was the minority in the college years so I knew what it would feel like before I got out into the working world.

**The reason I'm a smart dresser**

I only own one pair of jeans. Usually I'll wear khakis. I’ve learned that I get much more respect when I dress well, and I don’t have the same challenges facing some young black males my age in terms of having security guards follow them around in the stores. Besides, I tend to look younger than I am, and I want to put that distinction there—I am a teacher.

**Sorry to be so mushy**

What I like most about teaching is the interaction with students and the chance to help them as they search for what they want to do. I hope I can inspire them to do even greater things than they think are possible. I know it sounds kind of mushy, but I’m very passionate about teaching because I realize how much influence others have had on me and how they have helped me to be where I am.

**My children’s future**

I have excitement and concern. On the one hand, my daughter and son’s first president is an African-American man, and we also had a viable female candidate. Yet there are still people who haven’t yet crossed over to see that we are a great society and that we can work together regardless of our race. That’s what makes us great as Americans.

**Another first black president**

I used to say jokingly I would be the first black president but Barack Obama beat me to it, so I told my wife, maybe I’ll be the first black president of McDaniel College.
got swagger?

Let's Pump Up the Volume on McDaniel Pride

By President Roger Casey

hat do you call a lawyer who argues before the Supreme Court, a recipient of the Purple Heart, an endowed professor at Harvard, a cutting-edge biomedical researcher, a director of a national arts festival, a senator, a member of Congress, an Emmy winner and a Pulitzer Prize winner? At McDaniel, we call such achievers alumni.

Since assuming the presidency after nine rings of Old Main on July 1, I have proudly joined you in ringing out: “I am McDaniel.” Why do I feel so honored to speak these three powerful words?

McDaniel has been singled out nationally as one of only 40 schools in the best-selling book, Colleges That Change Lives. We boldly declare we’ve been “Changing Lives since 1867.” How do we change them? The transformation starts with our personalized interdisciplinary curriculum (The McDaniel Plan).
We don’t stop at changing lives. We want to change the world, too.

President Roger Casey gets the campus community pumped at a pre-game pep rally during Families Weekend.

engaging and relevant majors, and phenomenal faculty-student collaborations in teaching, research, advising and even crab-eating. Our faculty invest deeply in our students and in their success—not just for four years, but for their entire lives. And when we say we mean personalized attention, check out the published data: an average class size of 15 and not even one percent of our classes with 50 or more students. At Princeton, like many Ivy League schools, that percentage is in the double digits.

Our innovative January courses take students to, for starters, Spain, China, Cameroon, Belize, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Japan, Turkey and Greece. Want more internationalization? Then you can study with students from around the globe at our degree-granting European campus, the only accredited American university in Budapest, Hungary.

We don’t stop at changing lives. We want to change the world, too. Our diverse student organizations serve a veritable United Way of their own, philanthropically contributing time and raising funds for numerous worthy causes. In fact, anyone can get involved in service, clubs, athletics or the arts at McDaniel. You can serve a Boys and Girls Club that’s literally in our back yard or you can participate in a choir, art show, improvisation troupe or nationally renowned folk-arts festival, Common Ground on the Hill. Our college is also committed to environmental sustainability. The president drives a Prius, and even our mascot is green.

And speaking of The Green: no other college offers tailgating in a drive-in stadium, a stadium where the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens hold their training camp.

Finally, location, location, location: we’re around an hour or less from Baltimore, D.C., Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay, Amtrak, and the whole world through the global connections at BWI. And yet, you won’t fight rush-hour traffic to get to class. Eighty-five percent of our students live on campus, along with McDaniel’s president, whose office is the first door you see when you walk inside the student center. That’s a powerful statement about putting students first in the priorities of our college.

As an added bonus: if four years aren’t enough at McDaniel, you can stay and get a master’s degree or postgraduate certificate from one of 20 or so highly regarded programs, from deaf education to gerontology. Around 2,600 students are doing just that.
But you don’t have to take my word about McDaniel’s excellence. We host a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, America’s most distinguished academic honorary society. Fewer than five percent of American universities can claim this distinction. And this fall, for the first time in our college’s history, U.S. News ranked McDaniel as one of the top 125 liberal arts colleges in the nation. Perhaps even more important, they named us one of the top 50 so-called “A+ Schools for B Students.” After surveying America’s top high school guidance counselors, Parade magazine named us one of the Top 25 liberal arts universities on their “A” list of schools. And Washington Monthly says we are fifth in the nation in service to our community and nation. In fact, we produce more ROTC officers than Harvard, Stanford, Brown, Penn and Yale combined. The

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5 ways to get your swagger on

1. Download an “I Am McDaniel” screensaver or grab a jpeg to use for your Facebook profile photo (mcDaniel.edu/IAmMcDaniel).
2. Order McDaniel gear from the bookstore and wear it everywhere (mcDaniel.edu/bookstore). Be ready to explain your pride when strangers ask about the College.
3. Follow President Casey on Twitter @DrRog and re-tweet his posts to all your followers. Ditto for @McDanielNews for all the latest bragging points.
4. “Friend” Roger Casey, McDaniel College, McDaniel College Alumni and an array of other McDaniel-related Facebook sites.
5. Put a new McDaniel license plate on your car and drive with swagger (mcDaniel.edu/licenseplate).
We need to get McDaniel’s light out from under the basket and become the shining beacon on the Hill. Recognitions keep coming: a McDaniel student just received a prestigious Gilman Scholarship to study in Jordan and Michelle Shearer, a graduate of our master’s program in education, was just named Teacher of the Year in Maryland, the state ranked number one in public education in the U.S. Added bonus: her principal graduated from McDaniel too.

So now you see why “I am McDaniel.” As a former varsity college cheerleader, you can also see why, as your ninth president, I plan to become the biggest cheerleader in American higher education. In loud decibels, my megaphone broadcasts this simple and provable message: “Invest in McDaniel. You’ll get lots of change back!”

My wife, Robyn Allers, and I were delighted to begin this fall living in the historic president’s home of one of America’s finest colleges. We’ve welcomed a first-year class composed of more than 40 percent first-generation college students and over 20 percent students of color. This fall, we awarded over $25 million in financial aid to continue making the education you received on the Hill accessible to a new generation of amazing young people. I get to learn from them every day. Hundreds of them are my Facebook friends. I invite you to be one too. As part of our students’ social network, I see the wonders they perform every day: starting a nonprofit, student teaching in a local elementary school, serving as a splendid campus tour guide, winning Centennial Conference athlete of the week, gaining admission to a prestigious graduate school, having their scholarly work accepted at a major national research symposium.

One day, these future McDaniel alumni will cure cancer, develop alternative energy sources, invent new technologies, be elected to Congress, start sustainable businesses, have their art reviewed in The New York Times. And when a reporter asks these graduates, “Tell us who you really are,” I hope they will begin their story the same way I hope you start yours, the same way I start mine: “I am McDaniel.”

Come back to campus. The transformative education you received: pay it forward! Wear McDaniel gear. “Like us” on your Facebook account. Help us make sure that news about this great college reaches coast to coast and on every continent. To paraphrase a Judeo-Christian proverb: “We need to get McDaniel’s light out from under the basket and become the shining beacon on the Hill.” Or, as I say in the lingo of our students: “Go out there and McSwagger!”

We cannot make McDaniel a world-class college without your support, verbally and financially. My college experience changed my life. I suspect yours did, too, or else you probably wouldn’t be reading this column. Help us make McDaniel universally synonymous with educational excellence.

I am honored to serve as your ninth president and look forward to meeting each of you face to face over the coming years. Thank you for inviting me to be part of this life-changing place. I am McDaniel. But even more important, “You are McDaniel!” Tell everyone you know. Now!
on the Hill. Or, as I say in the lingo of our students: "Go out there and McSwagger!"

There will be pomp. There will be circumstance. And there will most certainly be a flurry of stimulating lectures and performances leading up to the official inauguration of Roger N. Casey as our ninth president. Join us on April 16, 2012, when a colorful procession of visiting dignitaries dressed in full academic regalia will bring greetings from around the world and President Casey will articulate his vision for the future. Stay tuned for a detailed schedule of events planned for Inauguration Week.
t's probably impossible to know which came first. Is Eric Schwaab a good fisherman because he is patient and resourceful, a careful listener and quick thinker with a talent for close observation? Or has his favorite pastime played a key role in honing all these skills from the time he was a boy in Catonsville, Md., casting his way up and down the Patapsco River?

Either way, it is Schwaab's love of the outdoors, especially marine ecosystems, that has carried him along the currents of his career and sustained him when the waters get rough.

In February, the Obama administration appointed Schwaab '82 to the helm of the National Marine Fisheries Service at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) where he oversees an annual budget of about $905 million and more than 3,000 employees in six regions, six science centers and 12 laboratories in 15 states. Just two months into the job, BP's Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded, killing 11 workers and causing a massive oil leak that lasted three months and dumped 185 million gallons of crude into the Gulf. Schwaab plunged into the crisis as a point man for federal efforts to protect fish, sea turtles, dolphins and whales and ensure the integrity of the seafood coming out of the affected waters. (He's quite certain it's safe: "The Gulf seafood is more heavily tested now than any other seafood in the world.")

Since April, Schwaab has made frequent trips to the Gulf in order to keep a handle on the enormity of the operation undertaken by NOAA, in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and partner agencies in five states, to assess the full extent of the damage.

By early November, research teams documented oil on about 1,000 of the 2,000 miles of shoreline they surveyed, including salt marshes, sandy beaches, mudflats and mangroves. They collected more than 25,000 samples of water, sediment, tissue and tar-ball samples. And they documented 2,263 visibly oiled dead birds, 2,079 visibly oiled live birds, 18 visibly oiled dead sea turtles and 456 visibly oiled live sea turtles. Teams also assessed how the oil spill impacted the public's access to recreational beaches, boat and fishing trips.

NOAA and its partners intend to put their findings forward "in a legally defensible way," Schwaab says, in order to recover from responsible parties (including, but not limited to, BP) the funds necessary to return the environment to the conditions that would have existed if the oil spill had not occurred.

"It's going to take a long time," he says.

Schwaab has spent most of his 28-year career at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and is no stranger to contentious issues. His first job out of college was as a natural resources police law enforcement officer on the Chesapeake Bay. He eventually served as director of the Maryland Forest Service; director of the Maryland Forest, Wildlife and Heritage Service; and director of the Maryland Fisheries Service; and in a second stint at DNR as its Deputy Secretary.

While working to rebuild the blue crab and striped bass populations, he had to plot a careful course of initiatives involving catch limits while avoiding restrictions that were too economically painful for local watermen. Along the way, he earned a reputation as a fair-minded consensus builder who relies on science, not politics, to guide his actions. (Schwaab says he's happy to report that the crab population is at its healthiest point in 14 years.)
“He was good to work with, even when we disagreed. He listened and his heart was in the right place,” recalls Larry Simns, president of the Maryland Watermen’s Association.

Simns says he “heartily recommended” Schwaab for the NOAA appointment, expressing confidence that “his energy and intelligence” would serve him well in a bigger pond.

Schwaab commutes to his agency’s Silver Spring headquarters from the Catonsville home he shares with his wife of 25 years, Valerie, and their three daughters, Alexandra, Rachel and Madison. About 30 percent of his time is spent traveling. Already this year, he’s made half a dozen jaunts to New England, where new catch limits and a “catch shares” program for rebuilding fish stocks has fishermen crying foul about the new limits. He spent a week in the central valley of California, where there are river systems that still support salmon and yet are heavily relied upon to support big agriculture and municipal uses in southern California. He’s been up to Alaska and to Hawaii.

“From early on I knew I wanted to be involved in natural resource management, but I also knew I wasn’t going to be strictly a scientist,” he says. “I’m fortunate enough to be in a position where I can effect some good decision-making and where I can help people who are doing important work continue to do it.”

His biology degree has helped propel his career, Schwaab says, but so have the courses he took in economics with professors John Olsh and Ethan Seidel, literature with Ray Phillips and sociology with Ron Tait. He also earned a master’s degree at Towson University in environmental planning and completed a leadership program at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

One peril of his demanding new role is the limited free time he has to enjoy the outdoors. In August, he was able to snatch four days for his annual fishing trip with two buddies in the back-country of central Idaho.

“We were 500 miles from the ocean and there were Chinook salmon in a small stream that you could practically jump across that had made an unbelievable migration to find a place to spawn,” he says. “The power of that scene was just amazing. All of the challenges we put in front of these fish and they’re still out there. Once you see those fish are working that hard, how can you not work hard to protect them?”

Ironically, Eric Schwaab has little time to pursue his favorite hobby now that he is federal fisheries chief, but he did make it to Idaho for four days this summer to catch trout.
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How has high-tech social networking among faculty and students changed campus life?

BY KIM ASCH

Loud, fast action illuminates a big screen at the front of the lecture hall where members of the movie club have convened for a 9 p.m. showing of the cult classic *Death Race 2000*.

Despite the excitement of this science fiction thriller, cell phone and laptop screens continue to flicker in the semi-darkness. These film buffs are texting, tweeting and updating their status on Facebook, all while ostensibly enjoying the show.

No one appears to be bothered by this, least of all senior communication major Mike Pfeiffer, the club's president. "I'm really not happy unless I've got two or three different types of media going at the same time, and I don't think that makes me an outlier among my peers," he says later in the evening while digging into a cheesesteak in the pub. "It's not that I'm not paying attention to anything. It's that I'm paying attention to everything at once."

Welcome to the new normal, circa zK10. In just the last five years, the rise of Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and texting has changed the way we communicate. These days, just about every student carries a smart cell phone equipped with a web browser, camera and media player. In fact, this fall it was a sign of our wireless times when the College
ceased installing campus phones in the dorms. (Many alumni would probably relate to a Facebook post by Heidi Snyder Reigel '97 when she heard the news: Can you imagine college life without those prerecorded messages from former staffer Ernie Ogle?)

There's no longer any need to walk over to your friends' ANW suite, bang on the door, and ask if they want to go eat dinner. Today's students simply send out a mass text on their way to Glar. Freshman-year blues and study-abroad anxieties are much less daunting now that Skype makes it possible to make free video calls over the Internet to everyone you know. And Facebook, Twitter and other social-media sites allow students to keep their families, friends and even their professors up to speed on what they're doing — complete with photos — all day long.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported in September that frequent Facebookers are more likely to return to the same college for their sophomore year, according to findings of a study published in the Journal of College Student Retention. Richard Beck, an author of the study, told the Chronicle that the social network not only makes it easier for freshmen to find friends, it increases the likelihood of students' developing deeper friendships following chance encounters.

But is all this hyperconnectivity always a good thing? Is this generation of tech-savvy, some say tech-dependent, undergraduates missing out on real-life face time, or just plain down time, by virtue of their immersion in the virtual world?

President Roger Casey riffed on this generation's favorite form of communication during his convocation speech to the entering class: "I wanted to make my remarks today as personal and relevant to your generation as possible, so instead of speaking I thought I would just actually text them all to you," he quipped, getting lots of knowing nods from parents and laughter all around. Dr. Rog, as he is known to students, encouraged first-years to keep their cell phones on during his speech, to take pictures and post them immediately, and to tweet their impressions.

Casey, who is an expert on the millennials and an avid user of social media, also urged first-year students to occasionally put down their technology and "just stare out the window" every once in a while to reflect on their journey. "His holiness the Dalai Lama has said, 'You folks in the West are never going to be enlightened until you learn to sit in a room by yourselves and do nothing.'"

Status Update

One of the first assignments Associate Professor of Communication Jonathan Slade gives students in his Intro to Media course involves having them document their exposure to media over a 24-hour period.

He started teaching the class in 2003, before the advent of Facebook, YouTube, podcasting and Twitter. "In the past seven years I've seen a drastic increase in their interactions with media in all its forms: print, cell phone, the Web, TV, radio — it's virtually impossible to document everything," he says, adding that most students report regularly interacting with at least two or more media at the same time. Texting is by far most popular, and some students text as often as 200 times per day. "The only two places they can escape media are in the shower and when they're sleeping."

Nobody seems to mind, Slade says. "Almost universally, they see the positives of technology and they don't see what they could be missing out on."

Slade also sees a lot of benefit to these new communication tools. He and his wife
conducted an experiment this summer in which they relied solely on their iPhones to guide them while driving across the country (see sidebar, page 24). And he is active on Facebook, often finding internships and jobs for his students by networking with successful alumni he's been able to connect with there. He is also not above using Facebook to track down absent students.

Still, Slade insists that it's important to consider how we might be affected by these technologies that have so quickly become an integral part of our lives.

"It would be like human beings breathing oxygen but never studying it or how it affects us," he says. "My biggest fear is that media controls my students; they don't control it. They get really angry with me when I say that."

Around campus, other faculty have noticed a shift in the social scene with the proliferation of personal technology and ubiquity of wireless Internet connections. Theatre Arts professor Elizabeth van den Berg was surprised to find the Green Room so quiet during a recent production of *A Doll's House*. Actors hanging out together between their scenes normally have to be reminded to keep conversations to a whisper when the performance is on the nearby understage.

"But now that we have wireless in Alumni Hall, there was dead silence because they were all bent over their laptops," she says. "I kind of miss the old days when people used to play cards."

Psychology professor Stephanie Madsen says that despite her "no texting" classroom policy, she has busted several students who were doing just that in the middle of a discussion. Not only does she find it distracting, but she explains, "students' learning is hampered more than they think. The research shows we're not as good at multitasking as we like to believe we are."

"I kind of miss the old days when people used to play cards."

—Elizabeth van den Berg

Senior Mike Pfeiffer (far right) and his peers are perfectly comfortable texting and talking at the same time.
When my wife, Novia, and I pulled out of the driveway for a late-summer vacation, it was more than just a last-minute, two-week getaway. It was a full-blown experiment in digital media.

With only an agreement to drive west until we got tired, and no idea where we wanted to stop or what we wanted to see, we quite literally planned our vacation on the fly, using only our iPhones to find attractions, consider routes and book motels.

Fourteen hours and 54 minutes later, just after midnight — having used Sirius satellite radio to pass the time and Google maps to find our way — we left Interstate 80 and pulled into Iowa City. As I sat at a stop sign at the bottom of the exit ramp, my wife booked a room on Hotels.com and even found a diner for our next morning’s breakfast on Urbanspoon.

We were exhausted, of course, but also exhilarated. Could this sort of hyperconnectivity to media revolutionize the way people take vacations? Or, like the Donner Party, were we charging into something ill-prepared, abandoning common sense?

We decided to find out.

The next day, as we continued our journey west, a historical markers application on Novia’s phone beeped: There were covered bridges to the south. Should we stop? Why not? We left the highway and stumbled into the bridges of Madison County. That’s right: those bridges. The ones from Robert James Waller’s 1992 novel and Clint Eastwood’s 1995 film.

Other notable scenes from our improvised vacation: Night #3 in Park City, Utah. This scenic mountain town was scrubbed free of any remnant of the annual Sundance Film Festival — and no one could even be prodded into recounting stories about it — so while Novia shopped, I used my iPhone to take pictures of the historic Egyptian Theatre. At 7,000 feet above sea level, though, the air is mighty thin, and I found myself battling the headaches and muscle twitches indicative of acute altitude poisoning. My remedy: A quick iPhone Google led me to the online Merck Medical Manual. Two ibuprofen and a pitcher of tap water later, I was asleep.

Day #5: As we pulled into Portland, Ore., Novia recalled seeing a Rick Sebak program on PBS that highly recommended two restaurants in this city on the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Finger at the ready, I fired up the iPhone, and by dinnertime, we were eating at the Tin Shed on Alberta. The next morning we devoured a sumptuous breakfast at Helser’s. Two more excellent

Much to “Like”

evertheless, Madsen says there is much to like about digital communication technology. “This age group is one of the most anxious. College is a time when you have to figure out your identity, decide on a course of study and a career, navigate your way into adulthood. In some sense I think all these connections can be supportive and helpful.”

Philosophy professor Peter Bradley agrees. He’s one of the few members of the faculty who tweets regularly and he organizes McDaniel-related Twitter users, or tweeters, into lists that he manages. Anyone can decide to follow these lists and be clued in to what students, faculty, staff and alumni — including President Casey — are communicating in 140 characters or less.

For Bradley, Twitter is mostly a tool to talk about philosophical ideas and share links to articles. In his Great Works course, Bradley has been talking with students about Aristotle’s posit that to live well one needs both friends and ample time for contemplation.

The argument could be made that all this media interferes with quiet time and is therefore detrimental to a good life.

“But the counterargument is that friendship is probably more important to your
finds courtesy of 21st-century media technology.

We continued traveling this way for our entire trip, pushing our portable media devices to the limit. Novia regularly used her iPhone to find yarn stores (Knitmap.com) and to keep track of our gas mileage (AccuFuel), while I used mine to monitor the weather and pay our monthly bills from the road.

The only moments of concern arose in Nebraska and North Dakota where we traveled several hours without any cell coverage at all. The feeling of suddenly being disconnected in the middle of nowhere was surprisingly jarring. Then in Oregon, I accidentally dropped a penny into the dashboard power jack we were using to charge our phones. The penny immediately blew a car fuse, and for a day or so we resorted to covertly charging our devices in diners and yarn stores until I finally wrested the penny free with a bent paperclip. Using Yelp.com, I located the only hardware store/bar combo in Cannon Beach and purchased a new fuse — and a beer — just two blocks from the Pacific Ocean.

Would we vacation this way again? I honestly don’t know. The recklessness of it is both intoxicating and disturbing.

If as a species we’ve reached the point where we can remotely access any piece of information imaginable at an instant’s notice, what will this lead us to conclude about the value of planning? Will whimsy overtake deliberation? Will frantic, seat-of-the-pants decision-making obliterate genuine, rigorous preparation? At what point is a task simply too large to float on a transient digital surf, and are we paying enough attention to recognize when we’re approaching that threshold before a situation becomes irreversibly dangerous?

And, of course, can you really call something a two-week getaway when you are undeniably hot synched — Borg-like — to the World Wide Web?

All important questions, and a great way, I must say, to kill off one’s post-vacation euphoria in five sentences or less.

Jonathan Slade ’88 is an associate professor of communication & cinema.
Ultimate High
Seniors Ben Andres and Luke Terrell catch some air as they compete for the catch during Frisbee Club practice at North Village. Now in its fourth year, the Ultimate Club holds campus tournaments and has spent time teaching local school children about the sport, which Andres describes as “something between football and soccer, but played with a Frisbee.”
Fans Cheer Campaign to Build New Stadium Facility

On a crisp autumn day, there is no better way to experience a football game than by tailgating at McDaniel's unique drive-in stadium. The panoramic view, from the majestic ridgeline of handsome academic buildings down to the sparkling ProTurf of the gridiron, is almost picture-perfect — except for the antiquated grandstand on the west side of the bowl.

With its bare metal bleachers, cramped press box and shabby restrooms, the 26-year-old facility is hopelessly outdated, says College Trustee Ken Gill ’61, who played football as a starting end for three years under coach Bob Waldorf. "Right now we probably have the worst athletic facility in the whole Centennial Conference. We need a new stadium badly," Gill says.

Steve Peed '01, a former football player and sports information director who now oversees athletic communications at Centennial Conference rival Franklin & Marshall, agrees.

"McDaniel's venue is everything it should be except for the stadium; it just doesn't fit the rest of the scene," Peed says. "When you look around the conference at schools like Dickinson, Muhlenberg, Gettysburg and F&M, they've all made significant upgrades in recent years. It's time for McDaniel to make that evolutionary step."

Under Gill's leadership, an alumni committee has been working to raise $9.5 million to fund a new, fully equipped stadium facility to replace the current grandstand built in 1984. The new stadium will feature home locker rooms and visiting team meeting rooms for football and lacrosse, modern training rooms, easily accessible concession areas and public restrooms, increased seating capacity, a reception and gathering room, a walkway around the field, a comfortable press box and visitor stands.

The new facility, designed to enhance the College's
hallmark bowl, will help the college attract student-athletes, coaches and fans and offer yet another venue for the collaborative living and learning for which the College is known.

Intercollegiate sports are an integral part of the McDaniel College student experience, with one in four undergraduate students participating in at least one varsity sport, Gill says: “We expect the new stadium will be a great benefit to the College’s recruiting efforts in football, lacrosse and every other sport. And we think it will make a positive impression overall with every prospective student.”

Women's lacrosse coach Muffie Bliss says she has already seen prospective students’ “eyes light up” when she tells them about the future facility. “It's definitely a huge selling point.”

Ground will be broken on the project only when funds for the total amount are secured, Gill says. The general operating budget will not be used for this endeavor and the project does not qualify for state funding. Already, $7 million has been raised, with $6 million contributed by five key alumni supporters, Gill says. About $2.5 million remains to be raised in gifts and pledges.

For more information, contact Lee Primm at 410-857-2224 or lprimm@mcdaniel.edu.

Buell House welcomes home WMC Heritage Society

Renovations are nearly complete on the old stone house that once was home to College founder Fayette R. Buell and also housed the private academy that evolved into Western Maryland College.

The house at 205 Pennsylvania Avenue will serve as a conference facility and an apartment for visiting scholars and lecturers, as well as the future home of WMC Heritage Society and as a setting for alumni gatherings and historical displays.

In March, the WMC Heritage Society adopted the $300,000 project, one that chairman Don Rembert '61 says is a natural. Established in 2004, the Society provides a way for alumni to honor the College's heritage—Western Maryland College was renamed McDaniel College in 2002—and educate current and future students and faculty on the traditions and history.

"The spirit of Western Maryland College lives on, the memories and shared experience are indelible," says Rembert. "A song lyric goes 'memory is a gift a man can't live without,' so it is with those who have spent time at our alma mater."

Rembert, joined by his wife, Judy Ellis '60, of Reston, Va., helped lead fundraising that supported the publication of the College's history, Fearless and Bold, by Jim Lightner '59, professor emeritus of mathematics and College historian. To date, more than 1,000 books have been sold to help support the annual WMC Heritage Society Scholarship.

Buell’s Westminster Male and Female School opened on April 16, 1860, and operated year-round, with terms beginning in April, July, October and January. The tuition was $3 to $7 per quarter, and females could board. It was one of several private schools that operated in area. The College purchased the property in 1950, and it housed two apartments as well as the Golf Clubhouse for a number of years.

To learn more, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 410-857-2296.
class notes

News and views about life since college
On Friday, April 30, 2010, 12 of this class gathered for lunch at Carroll Lutheran Village to celebrate our 65th reunion. Through the planning of classmates Donna DuVall Sellman, Kay Kaiser Frantum, and I, the delicious crab cake meal, treasured fellowship, and informative update of the College by Chip Junkin, we "had a ball." In addition to the planning committee, the following members attending were: Cecelia Buckner Bouma and husband John, Rev. Carroll Doggett and wife Nan Austin '47, Marian Whiteford Boyer and husband Sam, Mary Webb France and daughter Pat, Anita "Neets" Richardson Oswald, Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn and grandson Zach, Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn, Jack Smith and wife Barbara, and Gale Lodge Thiele.

My guest was Debbie Higgs who has been my faithful typist for our column all of these wonderful years. As each of us was given the opportunity to update his/her eventful life, we all agreed we are very fortunate to be able to attend and truly enjoy our mid-day festivity. The Rev. Dr. William Smith's endearing letter to me regretting his and Mary Lou's absence was left at my home. However, with the use of my recent purchase of computer and printer, I mailed a copy of his letter to each luncheon guest.

Each of our luncheon guests updated his/her status as follows:

Cecelia Buckner Bouma is glad to be here with old friends, even though she graduated from University of Maryland.

Marian Whiteford Boyer (in a letter following the luncheon) "Sam and I both enjoyed the luncheon; still keep connected to Neets, Stoney, the Brooks, and Gale; families join us at Bodkin Ark in Anne Arundel County to fish from our pier; five of seven grandchildren are in colleges in the fall."

Anita Richardson Oswald is happy to be here and at home in Carroll Lutheran Village.

Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn is in her own home in Annapolis. She walks with a friend and continues gardening. Her grandchildren keep life interesting. She was so glad to have Zach with her at the luncheon.

Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn teams up with her niece, Luciene's daughter Ann, in "heavy" trail walks.

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Nicole Cahill '07 (center, in gray McDaniel sweatshirt) enjoys the ultimate Homecoming tailgating spread with family and friends while cheering on her brother, fifth-year senior receiver Matt Cahill '10.
Louis still manages the family coffee business. She is always on the move in her travels.

Jack Smith and wife Barbara are happily retired in Galesville, Md., watching their family members busy in college (McDaniel).

Kay Kaiser Frantum and Ted love their residency in Carroll Lutheran Village. They are glad to help wherever they can—like preparing for our reunion.

Donna DuVall Sellman is still busy with hands in Carroll Lutheran Village activities and church choir. She keeps in touch with her two families and many friends. Donna keeps on the road or in the air to explore beyond Westminster. Grandson Joe graduated from Miami University in May with grandma sharing his glory. An uneventful delay in flight caused Donna to patiently wait for a home passage. In June she joined Rill's Bus Company on a trip to South Carolina following a journey to Georgia in April. You and Willie Nelson surely keep "on the road again!"

Yours truly:

...need one more day in every week but I find time to rest or relax with a book, and lately "practicing" on my latest toy — the computer. My love for Shepherdstown and the eastern West Virginia panhandle has been spread beyond my immediate families, including eight great-grandchildren to be-

ing the reading grandma for two separate groups of young children. I organized and hosted the fifth Eldersburg, Md., reunion of 150 people in April '10. Shepherd University's Friends of Music gave me the chance to enjoy nine fabulous concerts. Daytrips back to my beloved home state of Maryland helps me keep ties with so many. But the best thing about being the Class of '45 reporter is that I have learned to know such wonderful classmates I really didn't know 65 years ago. Thank you for letting me keep my job. Just wish others would respond to our communiqués. Long distance phone calls have lifted my spirit.

Ann Winters Tait from Westwood, N.J., emailed me with regrets of attending our luncheon. Graduations of grandchildren in Richmond, Va., had her priority, seeing her heirs "making still another step toward the future." Ann states how lucky she is to be exceptionally healthy.

From Homewood in Frederick, Md., Rev. Carroll Doggett with wife Nan happily says of his 65 years after his graduation from WMC, "I am one of those alumni who after learning about Dr. McDaniel's contributions to our college felt good about the name McDaniel."

Another Homewood resident, but in Hanover, Pa., is Frances "Fuzz" Brown Crawford and husband Bill. Both having grown "older and slower but function as well as we can and grateful to function at all." She hopes to continue a yearly luncheon with college friends and high school classmates. My phone call to Frances in early spring was most welcome.

Mary Webb France updated her life at Charles-town Retirement Community in Catonsville, Md., where she still enjoys bridge games and fellowship there. She drives locally to church in Woodlawn.

Ann Leete Hudson and husband Lingo are happily retired in the Silver Spring, Md., community of Riderwood. Their neighbors and friends there must get used to the Hudson's absences quite often. They traveled from Budapest to Bucharest part time on a ship up the Danube in 2008. Then in 2009 a super guide in Egypt gave them a first-class tour of the pyramid, sphinx, temples, and a cruise up the Nile. Family activities included a grandson's graduation from Georgetown University in 2008. Another grandson's graduation from Catholic University and a granddaughter's marriage in Bellingham, Wash., were shared with grandparents in 2009. The Hudsons missed a wedding of another granddaughter in March '10 but a trip West in July will make up for it.

Ann and Lingo are happy to have a son just "around the corner" and a daughter only 17 miles away. Son Charles is 3,000 miles away. They still drive 21 miles each way to their church almost every
Sunday. Ann missed our reunion, but knew both she and her husband would have been extremely tired after Lingo escorted a bus load of retired teachers to Al- lenberry Playhouse in Pennsylvania the day before. We surely missed both for they’ve been so faithful in attending previous reunions.

Home to Gale Lodge Thiele has been Silver Spring, Md., where she keeps on the move from the swimming pool and day tripping. One of those mini trips was a monthly lunch with her big brother Lee ’43 (now deceased) and Pearl Bodmer ’43 Lodge at Baugher’s in Westminster. Just “keeping in touch with people” is priority!

A big move from Vero Beach, Fla., to Durham, N.C., found Marion Maddox Suhorsky and husband Joe much closer to their two daughters and families. Being out of the hurricane corridor is a plus, too. Lots of activities, theater, and plenty of bridge balance out the lack of their Florida swimming pool where six days of water aerobics was great. Even a now and then visit from their family from Texas and their two great-grandsons is most enjoyable.

Rev. Earl and Betty Little ’48 Morey celebrated their 62nd anniversary in Haymarket, Va., with three married children, 15 grandchildren (five are married giving the grandparents nine great-grands). Earl has ministered all over Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and our USA with his wife by his side. Now he provides a Bible Exposition each Sunday in Kings Chapel at Fairfax, Va. He states that he has kept in touch with Carroll Doggett, Bill Smith, and Bob Adams—all four are reverends.

Bill Smith was recently featured in an article by Jim Dodson in The Pilot, published in Southern Pines, N.C., in which Bill was dubbed “Chaplain of Muirfield” for giving 30 prayers over as many years in a ceremony honoring world-famous golfers for whom each memorial tournament was named. The article coincided with the 2010 memorial at Muirfield, Dublin, Ohio at which Seve Ballestaros was the honoree. In this same article, some fascinating and heart-warming things were revealed about Bill. Among the renowned golfers is Jack Nicklaus and wife Barbara who have become best friends to the Smiths. Along with friendships, tragic ending to a promising son hit the Smith family when Craig, 14, was taken in death to bone cancer. When Bill was in his doctorate of ministry program at Boston University’s School of Theology, a seminary classmate was none other than Martin Luther King sharing many classes with Bill.

Since 1999 Rev. Robert Adams has been “thriving” through fabulous courses at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc., headed by the expertise and experience of master’s and doctor’s degrees. Re-
his wife are pretty healthy. Bob has plenty of time for naps, yard work and his senior fitness group, "Silver Sneakers," which meets three times a week, as well as remaining active in church, choir (no tryouts required) and small groups.

Marian Benton Tonjes retired recently and is enjoying the additional time traveling. Her most recent trip was to Doha, Qatar, Muscat, Oman and Dubai with Vantage Deluxe Travel—fascinating! In June her family gathered in Albuquerque to celebrate three birthdays.

Mary Lou Schanzke St.Leger still loves living in Ocean City, Md. She stays in touch with Sonya Wine Dyer, Angie Crothers Zawacki, Dodie Arnold Callahan and Kathy Bliss Wassman. Her traveling has included a trip to the Baltic countries and China and a New England cruise last fall. She has three sons and three grandchildren. "All are wonderful!" Mary Lou reports that as of now she is in good health and spirit.

Betty Shivers Hitchcock has been living in the Lutheran Church Retirement Village in St. Louis for seven years. She enjoys the many activities offered and volunteers in a variety of areas. She lives within two miles of her daughter and her family.

Betty Linton deKeyser continues to stay busy with genealogical research at the research library in Glen Burnie close to her home in Pasadena, Anne Arundel County. This interest prompted a trip to England and attendance at the NGS conference in Salt Lake City. Frequent trips are made to Pennsylvania to visit children and grandchildren and to Buckingham's Choice, near Frederick to see her sister and brother-in-law. (She has also made other WMC contacts there.) "I hope others are having as much fun as I am!"

Larry Loper and his wife of 59 years have a busy year ahead of them: weddings of several grandchildren and engagements of two others. Additional grandchildren updates: one is a medical doctor in his second year of residency, another is in the Navy studying in Oxford, England, and others looking for work. The Lopers are still living in the retirement community of Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover, Pa.

Joe Hurff went to work at Aberdeen Proving Ground following graduation to work as a computer programmer on the ENLAC, the world's first electronic computer. Forty years and eight or nine super computers later he retired. He then purchased a condo on the river in Havre de Grace and got a sailboat to fill the slip that came with the condo. "My retirement years have been spent golfing, bowling, water and snow skiing and sailing." A knee replacement a year ago has only slowed him down but not kept him down.

Shirley Stevenson Potter Wend reports that she has finally gotten around to officially taking her husband's name. They are living in a villa in a retirement community in Pennsylvania after 23 years in their home in Monkton, Md. Their children are doing well and grandchildren range in age from 5 to 27 years plus two great-grandchildren. Their travels have taken them to many parts of the world, the most recent trip was a return visit to France.

Martha Buchanan Brauning and husband Gary continue to enjoy life on the farm. Most of their children and grandchildren live in Maryland so they are able to do a lot of bonding. They have attended a number of their grandchildren's graduations in the physical learning center at the college. Their family increased in number last year with the arrival of two great-grandbabies.

Leo and Barbara Flouzts Lathroum report that they are well, considering their ages. They spent their annual family vacation in Ocean City with 31 kids and grands.

Dottie Klinefelter Earl acknowledges that blindness does impose restrictions but she enjoys knitting lap robes for the hospital and listening to books on tape. In June she and Ho 'go enjoyed an Earl family reunion at Skytop in the Poconos. They enjoy observing the grandchildren as they grow and enter the adult business and professional world.

Mary Ellen Hess Meyn is excited that her daughter is moving to a great little town in Pennsylvania named Ligonier that is just a half hour away from her. She has enjoyed helping her find a place and get settled. Mary Ellen's granddaughter attends school in Vermont and her grandson will graduate from the University of Utah and hopes to get into law school. Mary Ellen's son, Bill, is still in Santa Fe, N.M. Her sister Anna Hess McLean '48 and her five children visit frequently during the summer. Her husband plants the garden (Mary Ellen helps) and they all enjoy the harvest. "I'm slowing down a bit but still enjoy the country."

Lincoln Justice shares that life in the Ozarks is an adventure that is becoming more interesting every year. In 2009 he and his wife helped to launch the Well Fed Neighbor Alliance in southwest Missouri to re-localize the production of human food and jobs. The project was started with a 1,000 garden plan and by April people had started 3,500 new gardens. The goal for 2010 is to organize a cooperative business with farmers and consumers in the 27 counties around Springfield. This can help reduce the 95-percent of human food that is imported. There is a saying that the best security comes from having Well-Fed-Neighbors. Lincoln and Rachel are enjoying the Discovery Group and the Energy Alternative Network as well as working with people involved with natural healing methods.

Bob and Barbara "Babs" Payne Wilsey ended their Florida adventure about a year ago — smart move — sold just when the market was about to fold. They are doing limited traveling now and manage to take daughter Sharon (ICU nurse in Baltimore) and one granddaughter with them to explore and do some weekend sojourns around the mid-Atlantic. Babs lunches and plays bridge with old buddies once or twice a month and Bob cultivates his flowers. They will be taking their younger granddaughter to visit McDaniel with high hopes she'll choose it for her higher education. Following surgery each of their daughters has lost 100 pounds — "two happy women."

Ed Klohr and his wife have given up household chores for a carefree lifestyle at Edenwald Retirement Community in Towson. Instead of shoveling snow last February they were attending impromptu snowflake parties. There are several other WMCers living here. Their son, Steve '81, and his wife, Wendy Protzman Klohr '81, live in New Jersey and their daughter, Pam, in southern Maryland. Though they no longer work at Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks the Klohrs return every few years as tourists. This year they plan to travel by Amtrak to attend an employees' reunion as part of Glacier's 100th anniversary.

Doris joiner Hancock and husband Bill '54 are still living in Sedona, Ariz. (one of the most beautiful places in the world). Their travels bring them to the East Coast several times a year with time allowed for a stop at Baughers for lunch. "On the Road Again," the Hancocks are in Memphis, Salt Lake City and then back to Maryland/Virginia serving as tour guides for friends from Texas. There will be a stop at Friendly Farms for a Kenwood High reunion for Bill. In July they celebrated their wedding anniversary in Darango, Colo.

Bill Rosenberger is still maintaining his veterinary medicine practice in Reisterstown while LaRue Coblenz '50 is overseeing the growth and development of the five grandchildren. All the boys are potential McDaniel lacrosse players. Their son David 'go is living in California and is vice president of Quicksilver.

Pat Shear Pylypec reports that she doesn't do much? (I'll let you be the judge). She is active in the local AARP, a book-reading group at the local library, and the local HOA for the development where she lives. She also volunteers where needed at church. In April the AARP chapter and the local senior center sponsored a spelling bee for seniors. There were 25 participants and the winner was Pat. She missed only four words out of 70. Though her vision is cloudy she has read 12 books this year and is still looking for quality.

Mary Ruth Williams acknowledges reaching the 80-year milestone in July. (That is an achievement or curse for many classmates). In 1973 she moved to Bladensburg to live next to her brother, Hooper. Although he died five years ago Mary Ruth still enjoys the location and the neighbors. She reports that her health is very good (considering her age), except that Alzheimer's is a constant companion in a modest way.

Bill and June Beck '52 Rhoads joined the
family

Third Generation's a Charm

John "Jack" and Marian Scheder Goettee, both alumni from the Class of '57, have extra incentive to visit the Hill these days. Their oldest grandson, Nick Galinaitis '13, is in his sophomore year and is the family's third generation to attend the College.

"We never pushed him toward McDaniel, but he just kept saying 'I feel at home here,'" says Marian, taking obvious pride in her grandson's good judgment. Two of their three children are alumni, including Jeffrey Goettee '84 and Elisa Galinaitis '85.

Marian met John during their sophomore year in one of biology professor Jean Kerschner's invertebrate zoology classes on the third floor of what was then the science building but what is now Hill Hall. They married in 1958 and never got too far from campus, working together in John's nearby dental practice for 42 years.

Her labor of love, she says, has been her volunteer job chronicling the ups and downs and calm in-between of her classmates as their reporter. "I think it's important and so do my classmates," she says. "The longer we're out, the more we want to touch in."

Touching in is something she and John make sure to do with everyone, especially their grandson Nick. In October, they had already made five quick trips to campus from their home in New Windsor, Md. They like to be there on Friday afternoons when visitors are welcome to listen to David Kreider's piano students play new pieces. "I studied piano and organ for years but can't begin to play as well as Nick," Marian says. "He's a natural."

"Volunteer of the Year" a few years ago. Mobility problems have reduced the amount of traveling she has been able to do but has managed a couple of cruises. For her 80th birthday last year she and her family traveled to Winkelman, Ariz., for a lively birthday party and some genealogical research. "Life is still fun and interesting," we look forward to seeing her at the reunion.

Evelyn Hoyle Higbie is currently spending time in her garden. In other seasons she is taking classes in watercolor, Spanish and history, as well as participating in a book club and quilting group. In June she spent a delightful week in Aruba with her daughter and one of her granddaughters.

Dottie Frizzell Williams feels guilty telling us about Maine this summer when the rest of us have been suffering in the heat. "There are blue skies, 70 to 80-degree temperatures during the day and 40 to 50 at night with plenty of lobster, mussels and crab to eat," she issued an invitation to stop by and cool off if you're traveling down Route 1 from Canada, go south about an hour and fifteen minutes to Jonesport and you can sit on the deck and watch the lobstermen and the seals. Don't be too disappointed — the water is probably too cold for swimming.

Richard Cohen had been retired exactly one year when he wrote on June 1. There are occasions for him to see some emergency clients once or twice a week. Volunteering for four organizations manages to fill some of his time — including Gilda's Club. He works out at the gym six mornings a week and has time for reading, mostly non-fiction but happy to get into some novels. He just started his autobiography but it is too soon to know where it will go. The Cohens did Hawaii last December and Savannah in September.

Elizabeth Thomas Nichols is living with her daughter in Asheville. She has three grandchildren living there, three in Texas, two in Arizona and great-grand in Arizona. She is retired but very involved in church community in Bradenton, Fla., when she was declared legally blind. She has an apartment, has served as president of the Resident Council and has kept busy with volunteer work, having been named
class notes

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Dolly Dalgleish Darigo spends a lot of time traveling to visit their children — to Denver to assist Susan in her move to a handicap accessible condo; to Hawaii for grandson's wedding and to Alaska to see Nancy and her family. Volunteering is on her "at home" schedule. It was good to see Dolly in Westminster for a mini high school reunion in June.

Rachel Holmes Cruzan is taking it easy this summer after a bothersome winter entailing arthritis of the back. Happily the aquatics program at The Lodge on the Atlantic has her much better. Her oldest daughter, Bob Eberts, Mary Leslie, and her family come down for visits. Rachel had a note from Barbara Pflouz Latham who lives not too far away from her four Baltimore-based grown children. "Come on down the water's fine and the weather tops."

Diane a kindergarten teacher. I remain very involved with the Woman's Club as well as church activities. Janice Zerbe Ferrull is not sure anyone remembers her since she attended WMC for only two years. (I and I'm sure many others do remember). After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan she was a stewardess for United Airlines. That career ended when she married Don Ferrull (stewardesses were required to be single). After being a stay-at-home mom to two daughters she later worked for the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau. After living in Mill Valley and Sonoma, nine years ago they moved to Sun City Palm Desert to be near their daughter who live in southern California. Now, at an age when most of our contemporaries are welcoming great-grandchildren, finally they have become grandparents and are finding it is keeping them young. Jean does a lot of line dancing and oil painting and Don golfs. Jean has many fond memories of her days at WMC. Of the three girls who ran around together only Char Janney Mellott went on to graduate. She is gone now as is her former roommate Virginia "Jinx" Engle Hazel. She still hears from Betty "B.J." Bayless Bridgman Taylor but has lost contact with Evelyn "Evie" Loveless.

Bill Simpson and wife Peg are keeping busy in their community with church, service clubs, and other volunteer activities. They also have the opportunity to travel while visiting family and friends in distant places. Bill says, "I'm grateful to still be singing the wonderful music we enjoyed on the Hill."

Charles "Chuck" and Peggy Brown Ecker continue to reside in Columbia. Chuck just retired as superintendent of the Carroll County Public School System after a tenure of 10 years (he was originally appointed as the interim superintendent). (Editor's comment: Chuck and Peg were guests of honor at a lovely reception at Martine hosted by friends, and staff in recognition of his service to the community. I haven't heard what Peg's plans are for Chuck's retirement.)

Stephen Covey lives in Dunlap, Ill., and Florida. He is retired after serving 38 years as a judge in both state and federal courts. His wife, Betty White, died in 1994. Their three sons are lawyers, all practicing in Pennsylvania.

Phil Sack and his wife have been living in West Palm Beach, Fla., for the last 15 years. Winters are great; summers not so great (not too good in Maryland this year). Reasonably good health allows Phil to continue golfing and allows travel to visit children and grandchildren who live all over the country.

Josefine Kohner Zukav sends greetings. She says, "Can't believe I turned 80!" Sounds familiar, doesn't it? In the past nine months the Rockville, Md., area has had three large snowstorms, an earthquake and a 75 MPH rain/wind storm. What next?

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Peggy Kerns Band and husband Ray downsized to a smaller residence but remain in the Bethesda, Md., area. When Peg and I connect on the phone the lines are busy for at least an hour.

I appreciated all the notes I received. My grandson, Andrew, works for RBC Wealth Management in Baltimore; Ashley received her doctor of pharmacy license in August.

Kara and Ryan are juniors in college, and Brennan a sophomore in high school. Renee Horning Kuhn '78 is a kindergarten aide and Diane a kindergarten teacher. I remain very involved with the Dr. Seuss literacy project with the Woman's Club as well as church activities.

It is with regret that we acknowledge the deaths of the following classmates and extend our sympathy to their families and
I received a phone call from Walter "Soup" Campbell who also lives in Ocean Pines. But as it can happen, we didn't know that we were both living here until he received my post card and recognized my address. Small world! Needless to say, we had a lot to talk about. I was totally amazed! Walt (as is preferred) and his wife, Peggy Van Dyke '59 moved to Ocean Pines a few years ago from their first retirement home in Saint Michaels, Md. Mittie and I asked them to join us for lunch and then we all took a boat ride. We cruised some of the Ocean Pines canals as well as the Saint Martin River. We were aboard my Sweetwater Pontoon.

John "Kaiser" Wilhelm emerges as a first time responder to The Hill since his graduation and says hi to all of his classmates. His news covers his path through the University of Maryland Dental School and his practice of dentistry in LaPlata, Md., which he started in 1962. After a long and successful career, Kaiser sold the dental practice to his son, Eric '89. Actually Kaiser says that Eric "The Man" - has been his boss since 1998! Kaiser's three children include Eric, Mark and Sarah. Eric and his wife, Erica, have two sons, Dalton, 17, and Dakota, 15. Kaiser says they are two very fine young men. Mark is living in Baltimore and doing well working in the grocery business. Sarah lives in Santa Fe, N.M., with her husband and son, Ashby says that he and his second wife, Ann Hathaway Sexton, are still working but not for long. They like spending their time enjoying their children (his three and Ann's three from a previous marriage) and grandchildren. In closing, Kaiser looks forward to our 60th class reunion in 2013.

I received a postcard from Conny Jones Stehl. She says that she still lives in Lutherville in her home of 55 years. Her only daughter lives and works in Bel Air. Both of her grandchildren are teachers and one is a WMC alumna. Conny is proud as can be of her grandson, 16, who plays basketball. Conny enjoys duckpin bowling, bridge and volunteering at GBMC. She is in a really fun group, "Bykota-on-State," at the Towson Senior Center. This group puts on musical shows for retirement communities. And she adds, "and anyone else who wants us." In February she vacationed at Redington Beach, Fla. She was joined by her classmates and friends Jo Ashhouse Hilsee, Barbara Bankson Hiestand and Liz Kuhn Clarke.

An email arrived from Lillian Topalian Dalton in Cummings, Ga. After 43 years in the suburbs of Maryland she and her husband, John, chose to live closer to their daughter in Georgia. So they found a retirement community nearby and settled for smaller quarters. They love it! Now, they are involved more with both the family and community activities. A trip to Hawaii is planned for later this year with their other daughter and family who live in California.

Mary Deering's email announced Joe's death in 2006. She will send something I can use in a future column in The Hill.

Ashby Collins writes that he and his wife, Doris, continue to enjoy life at their home in Carlisle, Pa. Their children and grandchildren live within relatively easy reach making it easier for them to be a part of their lives. Ashby says, "It is a blessing to be able to watch them deal so positively with life's trials." Traveling and vacations are still there but are usually closer to home.

Raymond Faby writes that he is working as a federal judge in Baltimore and has no plans of retiring at this time. He and his wife, Norma, live in Lutherville, Md., and are kept busy with a loving interaction with the families of their six children. Ray says that he and Norma get "great pleasure" in watching some of their 13 grandchildren engage in various athletic endeavors.

Carroll G. "Pete" Warner writes to say that he still preaches and teaches the "Word." He can pitch horseshoes and walk pretty good but has given up soccer. He is proud of his four grandchildren, ages 18 to 22, that will all be in colleges at the same time. Pete has plans to come back to campus soon to meet and greet his classmates and the president of McDaniel College.

Nancy McMather Clayton wrote to tell us that John is still singing barbershop! He is in the "Bay Country Gentlemen" and the "Chorus of the Chesapeake." Hmmmm! I could just keep going on and on about John and Nancy's accomplishments but I will say they are two very fine young men and even an alligator. Betty lakes all of her children. She has four children and eleven grandchildren and four of them have also seen enough to the Arctic Circle to count. Small world! Needless to say, we had a lot to talk about. I was totally amazed! Walt (as is preferred) and his wife, Shirley, now live in Washington, Alas. and have been there for five years. Ed says his oldest grandchild is attending Cumberland University (Lebanon, Tn.) on a soccer scholarship and has just finished his freshman year. His two granddaughters are both attending Huntville High School. Ed and Shirley spent a few days last year in Nashville with John and Nancy McMather Clayton. John was attending a Barbershop Convention and performing in one of his barbershop quartets from Maryland. Both families are planning to visit again later this year.

Tom Page reports that he is still enjoying the blessings of good health and staying active with the family, church, Masons, Sport Fit Gym, and the Maryland Senior Olympics. Unfortunately since his last report in the spring of '09 his wife, Sybille, lost her fight with Leukemia and went to be with the Lord. There was a memorial service last August at the St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Bowie, Md. She is sorely missed by her family and friends. Tom says his granddaughter, Jennifer, had graduated from a local two-year college last year and now has completed the junior year at Messiah College in Pennsylvania. His granddaughter, Kelly, completed her freshman year at South Carolina School of Leadership. And as always in closing Tom encourages everyone to stay healthy and happy.

Dave Rhodes and his wife, Barbara, sent an email from their home in Kitty Hawk, N.C. Dave says life is good. They are both in reasonably good health and active in their church. Dave is a starter/marshal at Pointe Golf Course two or three times a week. This sounds like maybe he might be known to play the course a bit! This past March David and Barbara traveled to Brantford, Fla., to visit with Nancy Lee Winkelman '51. Also they maintain contact with Katherine Wiley Pearce. Dave says that he would like to hear from his classmates that come to the Outer Banks for vacations.

Barbara Wilson Kohlmeier and her husband, Lou, still live in Rockville, Md., in their condo. In the spring and fall they spend time at their home on Cape Cod. Their granddaughter, Kelsey, has just finished her freshman year at the University of North Carolina. She was chosen, one of 25 from the freshman class, to go to Singapore for two months study abroad this summer. Barbara's grandson, Eric, has two more years in high school and is very active in baseball, football and lacrosse. Barbara keeps in contact with close Western Maryland friends including Liz Kuhn Clarke, Joanne Allthouse Hilsie, Lillian Topalian Dalton, Margaret Puls Kotula, Barbara Bankson Hiestand and Nancy Wagner Phillips.

Betty Herbert Saltmarsh writes from Vero Beach, Fla., where she resides most of the time. She loves her surroundings including a golf course, ponds filled with water birds and even an alligator. Betty travels north to Frederick and Westminster every year to visit her children. She has four children and 11 grandchildren as best as I can tell from her letter. She also travels to Denver, Wilmington and Sedona for family visits. One of her touring highlights has been the two annual WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Jessica Boheman '99 to Michael Onghai in April 2010. They reside in Manhattan, N.Y.

Matthew McCann '02 to Annalisa Snair on July 17, 2010. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Rebecca Gist '02 to Scott Wagner on May 1, 2010. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Staci George '03 to Josh Kowalski on July 10, 2010. They reside in Woodbridge, Va.

Amal Kalaq '03 to Jonathan Lamb on June 19, 2010. They reside in Alameda, Calif.

Meghann Butler '04 to Shawn Salafia on January 2, 2010. They reside in Union Bridge, Md.

John Luster '04 to Josephine Mannino on July 15, 2010. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

Christina Morris '04 to Thomas Berry on July 3, 2010. They reside in Baltimore, Md.


Jannine Lewis '05 to Patrick Hayes III on January 2, 2010. They reside in Perry Hall, Md.

Christina Carbonette '05 to Gregory Lass on May 23, 2010. They reside in Toms River, N.J.

Jarrod Egolf '05 to Ashley Martin on June 18, 2010. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Anea Lecze '05 to Rama Inacio on March 10, 2010. They reside in Corfu, Greece.

Jennifer Parry '05 to Christopher Maize on October 18, 2009. They reside in Billings, Mont.

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8 Inducted to Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame

More than 350 guests rallied in Gill Gymnasium Nov. 5 for the annual Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony. This year eight alumni-athletes were honored and presented etched-crystal awards by the SHF chair and alumnus Bill McCormick ’73.

This year’s Hall of Famers are Meaghan Giorno ’00; Sara Rebecca Cassilly Borland ’82 (posthumous); Kelly Wilson Duvall ’00; Marie “Maggie” Mules Herman ’81; Harry M. Lambert ’58, M.Ed. ’67; Alexander G. Ober ’63, M.Ed.’69; Ron S. Sermarini ’00; and Eugene “Stoney” Willis ’34 (posthumous).

The names of these athletes, with their biographies and athletic records of achievement, are now added to the Sports Hall of Fame electronic kiosk displayed in Gill Center’s Klitzberger Pavilion.
Bill Muhlenfeld writes from San Antonio that he has little or no change to his home or lifestyle. He has been a widower for more than six years, but two of his three children live in San Antonio (one just across the street) so he says he gets a lot of supervision. Five of the seven grandchildren are there, also, and he lives for them — they are the future. Bill says, “At age 75, I’m OK and I send warmest regards to my classmates.”

From Pennsylvania, Karin Schade James is just glad to be healthy enough to enjoy day-to-day activities. She is still dancing every week and looking forward to a September cruise on the Mediterranean.

Anna Jarrell still returns to Camp Strawderman each summer and was there at the time that she sent me the news for this column. In April, Anna and Pat Dixon Bloomer took a trip to Ireland. They thoroughly enjoyed the trip, but then returned to the USA was delayed by the volcano eruption in Iceland.

Pat Dixon Bloomer’s report on the trip was that it was wonderful. Weather, food and accommodations were great and they had a terrific bus driver. She says it is so green that it is really hard to describe.

Pat Werner Callender and husband George still reside in Florida and both have been having some medical issues. Pat is undergoing chemo treatments for cancer but they are both very optimistic that Pat will regain her health. Keep them in your prayers.

Earle and Sara Price Finley love calling North Carolina home, but miss their classmates on the Hill. They enjoy reading about all of us. Their son and daughter-in-law in Charlottesville, Va., adopted an 8-year-old Ukrainian orphan last November. Their daughter, Sue, and her husband, Steve, and family were to move from Augusta, Ga., to Vancouver, Wash., this past summer. They were to have a family reunion in the mountains of North Carolina.

One class member, Dick Graham, just attended his last high school reunion in Virginia this summer. Last summer, his wife, Marilyn, received her BS from the University of North Carolina in Wilmington, something she was unable to do earlier in life while growing up in Central America. She is currently working on an MBA in sustainable business online through Marylhurst University in Oregon, while working as coordinator of green technologies at the local community college. News from their blended family includes a wedding of their oldest son in September in Southport, N.C. Their only daughter graduates from high school next year and it seems that Dick is never far from some level of education. Aside from regular travel, including another trip to Guatemala and El Salvador this summer, he has also managed to stay busy leading an Osler Lifelong Learning program at UNCW. He has also attended other OLLI programs and, in recent months, worked on the 2010 census. He looks forward to our 55th.

Marge Pott Ensinger and her husband, Stuart, retired more than 10 years ago, but have been active volunteers with math in the elementary schools. Stuart has come up with a variety of new concepts and teaching techniques. She says we have heard our presidents lament over science and math in our country but Marge and Stuart are working from the ground up — just small blades at the grass roots level. Their daughter, Dorothy, and son-in-law now have three children ages 9, 5 and 3 months. They live about 15 minutes away so they see them often. Their son, Bill, married Becky on Aug. 1, 2009 after they met on e-Harmony. Becky raises prize-winning goats, makes and sells goat milk soap and other products, sews and sells quilts, gardens, cooks, and is a wonderful Christian. They live in Tennessee.

Paul and Mary-Ann Fritts Ensor thought that Paul was going to retire from the practice of medicine with the Maryland State Health Department when his license expired in September, but that did not suit some of the nurses with whom he had worked for so many years. So, the Ensors made a quick trip to Boston in March so he could get a few more CME’s. He does enjoy those days each month that he sees patients. Their son, David, and his family have moved to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, taking the two youngest grandchildren much too far away. They have enjoyed the frequent trips to northern Virginia to visit them, but they will just have to learn about the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Their daughter, Carol Ensor Creel ’99, their oldest granddaughter, and their great-granddaughter, Peyton, live in Falling Water, W.Va., so they get to see them quite frequently. Mary-West says she is happy as long as she is well enough to teach disciple Bible study, entertain, and travel. Buddy and Grace Fletcher Pipes come down from Vermont to visit them and the Ensors go up there for visits.

A very “fun” handwritten note came from Dusty Martzell in out in Murrieta, Calif., about 60 miles from San Diego. Dusty says he does not have a computer, therefore no email. He reports being one of the “old men” of the class, having turned 78 in June. He is still “kicking” and coping with old age. Dusty definitely holds the record for stints — had number 13 last December. He said he retrieved his old yearbook after he got the post card, and remembered the good days of living in Vetville and the really nice friends like Warren ’55 and Mary Alice Mcague. Ken ’56 (now deceased), Nick Spinnato ’58, Tom Braun (now deceased), and Meta Justice Smith David ’55, and Nancy Bayliss Fowler ’54. They were all very supportive when Dusty had his ankle operation. The old saying about “jump ‘em next week” always comes up in this column because it was such a “fond” memory for those football players. Dusty says that Bob Butler needs to get that group on the “ball” and thump ’em before we run out of time.

Dusty did ask me to print his new telephone number because he would love to have calls from some of the classmates. His new number is 951-698-0792 and I did call him and had a delightful conversation.

Barry and Audrey Pierce Maberry had difficulty catching up with their mail since they spend more than four months in North Fort Myers, Fla., but my postcard finally reached them in Annapolis. It is difficult for them to get back for reunions, since they are usually in Florida at reunion time, but they are going to try for the 55th. Audrey says their biggest news is that they finally bought a laptop to augment their “clunky” desktop. Doesn’t get any better than that!

When in Annapolis, Barry and Audrey visit their daughter and family and grand doggie, Cody, in Mt. Ayr, Md. They also spend a lot of time watching their teenage grandson play baseball. Their son and family live in Atlanta, so they travel in that direction. They had just returned from a time share in the Smokies and were planning another week in Ocean City, Md., in July and Myrtle Beach in September. Audrey does not play as much golf as Barry, but she has made a resolution to get out more often. They do have a little nine-hole course in Heritage Harbor, where they live. The last hole is called Cardiac Ridge and there is a bench dedicated to some poor golfer who died while hoisting it up the hill. She might just reconsider her plans.

Carol Bingham Prendergast was certain that she had missed my deadline, but you just made it, Carol. We can blame it on her fractured wrist and the fact that two of her daughters and great-granddaughter were with her for a few days. All of her daughters and families were coming to St. George Island — a barrier island in the crook of Florida’s west coast — to celebrate Carol’s 75th birthday, along with her daughter, Alison’s, 50th birthday. They have lots of family birthdays in August and Carol said they would probably need a half-acre sheet cake with an unmentionable number of candles. She was going to try to convince the gang that all those candles would make too much light for the hatching sea turtles and confuse them about the direction of the sea. They all are praying that the oil spill would not reach Panama City and move further east.

Another class member to finally catch up with her mail is Joyce Harrington Stotter because she has a new address, new phone number, and new email. She now lives at Merritt Island, Fla. Her husband was diagnosed with Parkinson’s 12 years ago and has become much worse during the past year.

About six months ago, Joyce had a minor stroke and her cardiologist told her that she needed to stop doing so much. So, Rick and Joyce moved into an assisted living facility and they are getting the help that they need.

Joyce had an MRI two months ago which showed that her heart is healing itself and
Maryland’s Top Teacher

Michelle M. Shearer, a chemistry teacher at Urbana High School in Frederick County who earned her master’s degree in Deaf Education at McDaniel, has been named the 2010-2011 Maryland Teacher of the Year.

Shearer also holds a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Princeton University and dual certification in chemistry and general special education. She is passionate when it comes to teaching Maryland’s “scientists of the future” and believes chemistry is everywhere, and chemistry is for everyone. Her rewards come from seeing students of all backgrounds and abilities — including those with special needs — connect with science in a personal way.

An eager mentor to new chemistry teachers, Shearer collaborated in developing materials of instruction in the International Baccalaureate Chemistry Program and she served as Content Area Leader in the science department at the Maryland School for the Deaf. She is the recipient of a variety of awards and recognitions that include the Siemens’ Award for AP Teaching, an Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher nominee, and the AP students’ Award of Awesomeness in recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of being the best teacher ever.

Throughout college, Shearer intended to become a scientist but later changed her focus to teaching. Two predominant factors that influenced her to become a teacher were her parents and the students at the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf in Trenton, N.J. Until their retirements, her mother, Beverly Meredith, was an elementary school music teacher, and her father, 1966 McDaniel alumnus Philip Meredith, was a DuPont chemist. Both emphasized the value of education and held teachers in the highest regard.

Among those Shearer thanked in her acceptance speech were McDaniel alumni Kathy Campagnoli ’82, who is principal of Urbana High School, and close family friend Jim Lightner ’59, who is a McDaniel trustee, professor of mathematics emeritus and college historian.

will continue to do so if she takes care of herself. She is able to drive and maintain a normal lifestyle.

Joyce is part of a spiritual-life team that grew from a couple who did a study of spiritual experiences of people of different religions. They had a questionnaire and investigated churches of different faiths — United Church of Christ, Jewish, Muslim, and people with no religious affiliation. The surprising discovery was that many people had these experiences which were often life changing but were afraid to tell anyone because people would think they were crazy. Once people started talking they realized that these experiences were important whether they were visionary or came from information from other people. Her decision to attend WMC made a big difference in how her life evolved but she says she was not bright enough at 18 to realize that. Joyce hopes to link up with Lynnda Skinner Kratovil for a vacation in Maryland. She is so glad that they connected with Peg Simon Jurf (now deceased) at the 50th reunion. It is hard to believe that someone who seemed perfectly healthy could be gone so fast.

Mr. Airy, Md., is still home to Mary Jane Thorney Wilson. Her two youngest grandchildren, a boy and a girl, were adopted by Mary Jane’s son and daughter-in-law from the Philippines and I know they are adored by all.

Jean Goode Stahl and Bob had a very busy spring and summer. Jean lost a sister, a sister-in-law and her brother with whom the family was very close. Jean and Bob had their four grandchildren for Camp Willow for a week, and their son’s family was with them for two weekends for lacrosse tournaments in York, Pa., and at Lehigh University. Jean and Bob celebrated their 53rd anniversary by taking a 12-day river cruise through Holland and Belgium in April. The flowers were magnificent and the other sights breathtaking. You can visit them at Willow Valley Retirement Community — just call them.

Well, I guess it is time for the news from the Goettes, although there isn’t a great deal of change in our lives. Ten grandchildren keep us “on our toes” and keep our minds busy trying to get that proverbial “one step ahead.” The three boys in New Mexico still fly in to visit us in the summer, and they always enjoy our swimming pool. Our house seems to be the gathering place, which is a wonderful feeling. I get granddaughters who want to dress here for their proms, their dates who would like to dress here, also, and friends arriving (in all the obviously most uncomfortable prom garb) to take group pictures. Of course, there are frequent family suppers here, too. We are glad to do it for them. Our oldest grandson, Nick Galinaitis ’13, graduated from high school in 2009 and wanted to have his graduation party here, so we did that for him. He just completed his freshman year at McDaniel College, and absolutely loves the life on the Hill. This is the third generation of "Hill" family for us. Our next oldest grandchild, Emily, just finished high school in Hanover, Pa., and the next oldest one will graduate next June from high school here in Carroll County. We do some traveling and stay active with college and community activities and Jack maintains his great garden. We still do many activities with Paul and Mary-West Pitts Ensor.

The most difficult part of writing this column is reporting on those classmates who are no longer among us. The notices that I receive from the alumni office always carry a sad note. Joanne Parrish, who was my college roommate for four years, passed away on July 23, 2009; Peg Simon Jurf on Aug. 22, 2009; Betty Culpepper Hall on Jan. 6, 2010, and Thomas Wolf in 1995. I am sure that most of you are also aware of the fact that our dear friend and soccer coach, Philip Uhrig M’67, passed away earlier this year. He always felt particularly close to the class of ’57.

It is so great to hear from all of you. This class continues to move on, up, and out! My, what accomplishments are still being achieved by this group. As we all get to, or past, that three-quarter century mark, we become aware of all the things that our parents tried to tell us when we were younger: “just wait until you are my age.” “you will find out why I wear those sensible shoes,” “every day brings another creak or another ache, but you just move on.” May we all continue for many more years, and enjoy our 55th reunion in just two more years! “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass it’s about learning to dance in the rain.” I think we all, at our stage in life, are enjoying those “dances in the rain.”

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Ann Schwartzman Rader and Robin Siver Snyder answered my email request almost immediately. Then when I was writing this column, I realized both of their email messages had been erased. My security system found their messages questionable! Both Ann and Robin had to remember what they had written and send it again.

After teaching four levels of Latin and a Spanish class the last few years, Ann retired on July 1, 2010 from the Howard County School system and on July 2 accepted a full-time teaching position at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Before retiring, she touched base with two of her very first Spanish students, Rhonda Dahl Buchanan ’76 and David Mowry ’76. Her son, Matt, received his master’s in math from Johns Hopkins University in May and then she and her husband vacationed in Italy. Summer saw her at Common Ground on the Hill. She
also taught an evening course and prepared a new one-week Spanish intensive review class at Notre Dame. 
Next was Robin Silver Snyder. After 23 years as a painting contractor, the economy has forced her to start a new career. She's working at Publix Supermarket. She commented, "I'm probably the only clerk with an MBA." While the economy in Florida is "really bad," she's done some good things for herself. Filling a couple of life dreams recently, she took a course, passed the exam and became a licensed horticulturist and joined an opera company last year.

Responding to my email broadcast last May, Ron Sher almost as quickly wrote back. His triplet daughters graduated from Boston University on May 16. One is going to teach for America in New Orleans, one to law school in New York and the third working in advertising. Ron recently traveled to Saigon, an amazing place that he said he spent most of his youth avoiding.

Another quick responder, Carol Deluca Council emailed that she was disappointed by the low turnout for her reunion. The rental rain the next morning did not stop her from coming in first in the women's golf tourney. She and husband Tommy love the golf life on the coast of North Carolina.

Les Caplan is "still living the life of the world's oldest ski bum in Keystone, Colo." He's in a relationship with a wonderful woman and planned to go to the Telluride Bluegrass Festival in June and motocycling to Sturgis, S.D., in August.

After 17 years on WMC's Board of Trustees, Carol Armack Carter has emeritus status. She wrote that it was a privilege working with Joan Develin Coley. October '09 she joined Feeding America, a national network of food banks. She does fundraising with individuals and family foundations at the $1 million to $25 million level. When not traveling, she works out of her home near Sarasota on Anna Maria Island, Fla. She'd like to know when any classesmates are visiting the area. Her email is Casacatter41@comcast.net.

Bill Dudley is still doing his sole deen practice while his wife, Lois, is still teaching adult education in Vineland. They enjoy the Jersey Shore at home in Cape May, a couple of blocks from the beach. He continues to enjoy playing a lot of tennis and fishing. They go to Florida several times in the winter to warm up, but also enjoy Vermont, the Adirondacks in upper New York and the Outer Banks, N.C., for fun get-a-ways. Son Scott, '82, opened his own dental practice in Arlington, Va. Robyn, '30, is teaching AP biology at Egg Harbor Township High School in south Jersey. Keith, '27, is their maverick living the good life in Vail/Edwards area of Colorado where he works for the Beaver Creek ski patrol in winter and is a foreman for a local landscaper in the summer. They planned to visit him in July.

Mary and Don Elliott celebrated son Zach's wedding in October '09 and their 40th anniversary this past summer. Now retired except for some consulting, they live in a lake community about an hour west of St. Louis within driving distance of daughter Sarah. Older son Scott lives in Sydney, Australia. The last several years they have had fun visiting Australia and New Zealand.

Still happily retired and living in Southbury, Conn., Jim and Amy Lewis King are thinking of downsizing and moving to the Connecticut shoreline. As Jim is still an avid hunter, fisherman, hiker and naturalist, they have too much "stuff." He serves on the board of directors at their local Audubon Society. She sings in an a cappella women's choir, and hikes with a group of intrepid women. For the past few years she has tutored through a program called America Reads. Living about two hours away from son Andrew, his wife, Janet, and the cutest grandson ever, Liam, they see them often, and occasionally Liam visits on his own, and helps "Gwadpa" cook (another new passion of Jim's). Keeping their fingers crossed, Amy said that Andrew's partnership in an interactive design company has gained business during this recession. Youngest son Russell is scheduled to graduate from the University of Minnesota in civil engineering in December '10.

Two years ago, Jim and Amy went on an Irish hiking adventure, and last year a driving and hiking trip down the Washington, Oregon and California coast. They vacation annually with Earl and Carol Harris '70 Dietrich and see Erik and Mary Hite and Amy North '99 Meiklejohn. Marcia's travel has included mission trips, the first after graduation with an SOS college team to Puerto Rico to maintain a library established by a previous team and work as recreation counselors at the local Y, then later missions with church to Barbados, Honduras and Russia, helping with construction and children's Bible school. She also backpacked during her 40's on National Sierra Club trips to various beautiful wilderness spots in the USA, and traveled to many countries in Europe, to Ecuador, and cruised Alaska, the Caribbean, and South America.

Mike and Janet Elin '70 Baker retired from teaching in Anne Arundel County, Md., this past June. Janet finished 30 years teaching math at Glen Burnie High School. Mike retired after 41 years. For the last 35 years, he was athletic director and dance, health and physical education department chair at North County High School.

After living in Tacoma, Wash., for the past three years, Patti Pole Coolsen and husband are back East enjoying the heat and humidity and glad to be closer to their nine grandchildren. They have become very good friends with Bob and Linda Green '70 Lenz. They were boating together one day when Patti noticed Bob's Western Maryland sweatshirt. One thing led to another and Linda and Patti realized they both been French majors, but didn't know each other then. Patti still sees Jane Elicker Dodson once in awhile and exchanges holiday cards with Pat Quail Heath.

Yes, Ray Simpson has news. He grew an eight-inch long beard, and then cut it down to about two inches. He said, "Since movie prices have gone to $12 or $13, I tell my friends that growing a beard was the only thing I can afford to do now!" After his parents passed away, he had a three-foot pile of old mail, bills, etc., to deal with regarding the estate. After that awful experience, he's selling the farm, and has "put money down on a nice "bank repo" in the Ocala/Summerfield area of Florida. Ray got the price "right" because he can own it mortgage free. He intends to keep old friends, meet new ones, and "party hearty, in true WMC tradition!"

Ron Clawson also has some news. After almost 30 years of federal service, he's now semi-retired as he was asked to come back to mentor 20 hours a week. When his wife, Jeanne Marie, retires in September '11, he will fully retire. In his free time, he does chores and plays duplicate bridge. A big thrill, shortly before he retired, was a business trip to Australia and New Zealand that he wrote,

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Welcome to Emma’s Place

When Dennis Sisco ’68 served on the Board of Trustees (1999–2007), he used his voice and vote for the improvement of on-campus student housing. On Nov. 6, he and his wife, Alexine Lesko, visited 283 North Village where they were treated to breakfast by the students who currently live in one of nine modern apartment-style residences that anchor the north side of campus.

This newly dedicated address now carries the name Sisco Hall “Emma’s Place,” following the Siscos’ generous commitment and their wish to honor the memory of their daughter Emma Knox Sisco, who died in 1995 before the age of 2.

Sisco credits his professors for preparing him well to realize his boyhood dream of becoming an entrepreneur. In 2001 he told The Hill: “Jim Lightner taught me to overcome fear and loathing of advanced math... Ira Zepp taught me that spirit is important in all things... Ralph Price and Al Law taught me how to think and how to articulate and defend my ideas.”

Lesko and Sisco are proud parents who, despite the sorrow of Emma’s short life, remember her as a “wonderful and beautifully happy child.”

“was terrific despite the 14-hour flight.” While he enjoyed our 40th reunion, he wants to see more classmates at the next one.

The last to respond to the traditional postcard was Phil Riggins. After 20 years primarily as a lobbyist on Capitol Hill, he joined the U.S. Department of Veterans as a senior executive. He did two stints at the assistant secretary level, one in congressional affairs and the other in public affairs. From 2001-2009, Linda Vestal Riggins ’70 and Jim lived in southwest D.C., and loved all that the city offered. When he retired in September ’09, they decided to move to his hometown Crisfield, Md. Despite the change of pace, they have been “quite busy as general contractors overseeing a significant (10 month) renovation of our waterfront home.”

Linda celebrated her 70th year as an owner of a nutritional supplement business and as a nutritional consultant. 2009 saw Bill and I doing less traveling. Late January of that year, we went to Dublin. More impressive than the Book of Kells, is the must-see Chester Beatty Library behind Dublin Castle. That May we stayed at an old-time Floridian place right on Pompano Beach. At the 2009 Chesapeake Region Rolls Royce Owners’ Club fall meeting, we received the “Most Active Member” trophy. 2009 was a slow year for the club, too.

In Baltimore, son Robert, 35, married Byul Pak on July 11, 2010, in a Jewish ceremony they had planned with the officiating Rabbi. The witnesses to the Ketubah, traditional Jewish marriage contract, included her Palestinian bridesmaid. During the ceremony, her mother offered them sake, first in individual cups and then from a shared cup. They also did the traditional sharing of wine from a Kiddush cup, a blessing for wine in remembrance of the Sabbath. Her brother read a Buddhist meditation concerning choices one makes in life. We (mostly Bill who did all the research and purchasing) had planned to have renovations done in the house before wedding guests visited. Nothing got done! We have wall paper, plumbing equipment, lighting fixtures, and various kinds of tile strewn in the garage, and spa room (we have a hot tub). Supposedly the remodeling will be done in September.

Please keep emailing me or update your office. Thanks for keeping in touch.

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Hey Everybody. It is hard to believe that so much time has gone by. It seems like just yesterday I was writing about people being “soccer moms.” Now it seems that the two hot topics are 25th wedding anniversaries, empty-nesters and people saying, “I am still working at ....” Where does the time go? As Captain Phil Harris says, “You can either watch life go by, make your life happen or ask what the @%$ just happened?” Hope you all continue to make your life happen.

So here’s the news:

**Nancy Marlowe Merritt** was the first to respond to the email... less than five minutes after the email was sent, so she gets to be the first listed. **Bernie** continues to be a partner in Weber Merritt Company and Nancy owns Moving On, Inc., which helps seniors move to retirement homes. Their oldest daughter, Caitlin, graduated from James Madison University in May ’10. Casey, the youngest, became a freshman at Shippensburg University in the fall of ’10. Now that the kids are out of the house, they plan to do some traveling in 2010-11.

**Mildred Artis Alexander** tells us that Mitch ’80 is still working at the College. Their son, Blake, 19, attends CCBC in Catonsville. He is interested in art, photography and travel. Paige, 12, is part of two figure skating teams this season (Junior Sycro and Production). In addition to ferrying her around for practice and competitions, Mildred also figure skates. Yes, she is not only a “skate mom” but also a mom who skates. She loves her adult class and has just started taking private lessons. She does not compete but enjoys trying to get her body to do what her mind can. She still scrapbooks for herself and others. Snowstorms are good for completing client’s scrapbooks. Over the years their family has traveled to Florida, Myrtle Beach and Virginia Beach. She and Mitch celebrated their 25th anniversary in September ’10.

**Chris Bartos** spent a month in Namibia working with the Cheetah Conservation Fund. For the past two years Chris has worked on training Finn, a young border collie, as a scat detection dog. Important in field research, these dogs search for a specific type of scat (in Finn’s case, cheetah) and signal it to the researchers, who then collect it and mark the location. Able to cover large areas with unerring accuracy, scat dogs have revolutionized field studies. While he was with Chris, they flew West and trained at the Center for Conservation Biology, University of Washington. They both worked hard and learned a lot, although staying in a cabin a few miles from Mount Ranier was glorious! When Finn was trained, they flew to Africa and spent a month teaching the staff at CCF how to work with him. Finn now lives and works in Namibia and is doing his part to help save wild cheetahs.

**Katy Dowd Beattie** and **Taylor** are in Norfolk, Va., where she teaches at Norfolk Academy. Their oldest daughter, Cameron, a graduate of Loyola, was deployed on June 21 to Afghanistan with the U.S. Army 27th Engineer Battalion.
Connie Thompson Bowman and Rob are now officially empty-nesters. Son Bobby is heading to ASU to wrestle for the Sun Devils and daughter Caroline graduated from Penn State this year with a BFA in musical theater. She is touring the country with the musical Spamalot. If it comes to your hometown make sure you go and see it. She plays the Lady of the Lakes.

Sherry McClurg Bukowski sold her printing business in late 2007 and is currently working for the new owner as a manager. She now has free time and less stress. She still lives in Damascus, Md., with her husband, Al, and their dog, Max, but their household also now includes both her mother and her mother-in-law (OK, so the stress is not totally gone).

She remains friends with Kim Cooper Remsberg who lives in Ijamsville, Md., and Pam Owen Torell who lives in Port St. Lucie, Fla. They try to see each other as often as they can, which is made easier by the fact that Pam is a commercial airline pilot and owns his own plane. When Sherry was in Tampa visiting her sister, Janice McClurg ’83, Pam and her mom flew over from the East Coast to join them for lunch! They also saw Pam and her husband, Pete, when Kim and she traveled to Florida in January to see Kim’s daughter, Adele, perform in a gymnastics competition. Kim and Sherry did visit Disney parks in two days (pretty awesome for two girls who have reached the big 50!). She just finished her seventh year serving as captain of an American Cancer Society Relay for Life team that includes 17 wonderful girlfriends who have raised over $11K this year. Is it possible next year will be our 30th WMC reunion?

Phyllis McMahon Christopher will be married 24 years this summer. Rachel will be 3, Alex will be 23, Jason will be 20. Her two granddaughters are Gaby, 12, and Kora, 3, and there is a baby boy on the way. She still works at home (environmental consulting). Her niece, a high school senior, is considering going to McDaniel College.

Lynn Rothacker Dowd and Bob ’75 are looking forward to being empty nesters in the fall when their youngest, Jack ’14, is a freshman at McDaniel this fall. Lynn has been self-employed for the past 12 years doing consulting on work and disability issues and teaching web-based graduate classes for George Washington University. Lynn enjoyed reconnecting with Ann Landwehr Israel ’82, Andie Staisloff Youngk ’82 and Mary Hoyle Gottlieb through Facebook. The group is planning their third in-person get together.

Jean Elliott is still doing public relations at Virginia Tech. This summer she went to Africa for a month where she taught English to children with a study abroad group from Virginia Tech. It was a working vacation of sorts, with service work and safari mixed in. She also co-chairs the faculty/staff LGBT caucus and has organized several social/educational fundraising events for scholarships. She finally resigned her volunteer job as a choir director after 13 years and took fiddle lessons to try something new. Basically, life is good in the mountains of southwest Virginia: lots of canoeing/kayaking options and many trails to hike.

Mark Franklin is still in the Army and returned to the U.S. this past November after serving 15 months in Pakistan as the Army Liaison Officer to the Pakistan Army and Chief of Staff for the Office Defense Representative, Pakistan in Islamabad. He is now back in the Pentagon working as the Senior Country for China in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy and Planning in a 30-year career at which point he will have to retire, probably in late 2011. Cathy was a rock during his deployment and took great care of their house in Manassas, Va. Tara graduated from VCU in 2004 with a degree in English and is teaching at a local elementary school. Matt should graduate from VCU (in shahllah) this summer. Mark has managed to stay in touch with Pat Clarke ’79, Judy Walker ’80 and Pam Clelland ’80 over the years and recently made contact with his old roommates, Jerry Proffitt ’80 and Dave Langley ’80 and Anton Stuntz Mendsohn.

For Lucille “Luann” Leatherman Freiberg-shauer life on North Hutchinson Island in Florida is a permanent vacation. She skips across AIA to the beach any sunny day: plays bridge twice a week; plants flowers and pull weeds; and enjoys cocktails with friends on a regular basis. She volunteers at the Indian River Medical Center to stay current with what’s new in medicine in Vero Beach. Scrapbooking is her hobby. She and her husband, Bob, head to Maryland from June to October to be with family. She has seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter just a year old (through her son, Jeff Wilhite ’78). Life is good indeed!

Debbie Beissman Funk says all is well in the Funk household. Jeff ’82 and she live in Manchester, N.H., outside Boston, where he manages three offices for MEMIC Insurance. Jeff travels between his offices in Manchester, Albany, N.Y., and Hartford, Conn., and continues to love what he does.

The Funk’s oldest daughter, Kaitly, 23, got married on Aug. 8 on Cape Cod. She graduated from G.W. in D.C. last year and is a journalist for a local T.V. station, her husband teaches history at a local high school. Their second-oldest daughter, Kelsey, 21, is in her senior year at Rivier College and has applied for the master’s program in psychology which will keep her there one more year. She is starting to plan her wedding now that her sister’s is over. Keity, 19, finished her freshman year at Canissius College where she plays Division I soccer on a full scholarship. She was named freshman player of the year and managed a 4.0 both semesters. Johnny, 13, is loving life with his three older sisters out of the house. Let’s just say he is into anything and everything a boy could be into.

The Funks built a house on Cape Cod three years ago and spend every spare minute there. At some point they will make a move there permanently. She has enjoyed several gatherings there with Dottie Scroggs Freeman, Fontelle Bennett Maclaughlin, Ginni Brown Morani, Molly Maclaughlin Quinn, Debbie Ambrose and Donna Regner Tamburrelli. If anyone is in the area either place, look them up.

Betsy Walsh Geiger is still teaching at Allegany High School in Cumberland. Her daughters attend Frostburg State University and University of Maryland so she and husband Rich are working hard to keep up with college tuition. She is certain many of our classmates are in the same situation. November ’09 she went to Hershey, Pa., to visit with some of the girls including Lynn Keener Totty, Nancy Heinbaugh Cummins, Barb Forrety Wahlbrink, Connie Thompson Bowman, Helen Wroe Kline and Lisa Brandau Stickel.

She thinks that everyone still looks the same and was amazed that no one has changed. Betsy got to visit McDaniel. Allegany High School sponsored a field trip to take students to visit McDaniel and University of Maryland and she was a chaperone on the trip. McDaniel looks amazing and she was thrilled to accompany some of her students on the trip. The gym and the library are so nice. It was wonderful to be back on the Hill.

Mary Hoyle Gottlieb is still working for the Treasury Department (23 years) and it is an interesting time to be working there, though, with the financial crisis, everyone hates them. Her daughter, Julia, 16, is learning to drive (aagghh!) and is still pursuing her love of music with voice and piano. Mary and Julia get to vacation every year in the Finger Lakes, N.Y., with the family, including her sister, Meg Hoyle Tison ’79. Mary had a reunion with Lynn Rothacker Dowd, Ann Landwehr Israel ’82 and Andie Staisloff Youngk ’82 in Annapolis. It was great connecting and catching up.

After 20-plus years, Wade Heck retired from Congress as a staffer last year. He is now lobbying for the Babcock & Wilcox Company, an energy technology and manufacturing company. Joe Menendez had a number of McDaniel grads out to ski the Rockies this past January, including Paul Fulton ’78, Randy Heck ’82, Steve Asroff and Scott Kallins and they linked up with Dave Moskowitz ’80 — that’s two Preachers, three Betes, a Bachelor and a B Section Bomber all on one ski slope — and no bloodshed. Wade seems to run into Hunter Steadley whenever he is in Florida. He is a member of an eastern shore hunt club and sees George Boins, Rick Morani and John Patrick throughout the year.

Scott Kallins is still in Florida, practicing law, coaching lacrosse at the Sarasota Military Academy and enjoying his opportunity.
It Rocked

Gerald Winegrad '66 and Dennis Amico '65 had a vision: a reunion, not just for their individual classes, but for everyone from the 1960s. They built it and nearly 200 people came for the "Rock, Roll and Remember" weekend in October. Among the highlights, says Winegrad, was getting 32 former football players down on the field to run a play during halftime. The announcer called each of their names as they ran into position. Winegrad played center. He snapped the ball to quarterback Amico, who passed it to Frank Kidd. Despite his knee replacements, Winegrad says, "Frank hamboned it all the way to the endzone." Saturday night's dinner dance featuring a live band that played classics like James Brown's "I Feel Good" had everybody feeling like they were back in college again. Winegrad, wearing shades and a Blues Brothers hat, never stopped moving. "At one point, John Olsh looked at me and says, 'It doesn't get any better than this.' That was the best part of the weekend," Winegrad says. "Because I felt the same way."

1960s Reunion visionaries Dennis Amico '65 (left) and Gerald Winegrad '66 (right)

ties to travel. This year was interesting in that he won three prestigious awards: the Manatee County Bar Association's community service award, the Sarasota School Boards Pal award, and the Florida Department of Education Commissioners award. He was also nominated by the Florida bar for the justice Steve Astead award...but got beat out! He spent Memorial Day '10 in Baltimore watching the lax championships. He enjoyed hanging out with Chris Imbach '84, Hunter and Kate O'Dwyer '82 Steadley, Steve and Susan Dean Asroff, George Kleb '83, a couple of McDonough buddies and a diet of crab, crab and crab. He drove by the Hill for a look at all the impressive changes and naturally popped into Baughers for a double scoop of chocolate ice cream.

By the time you read this Allen Kwiatkowski's oldest daughter, Emily, will be married. His next, Nathan, is at George Mason deciding whether to continue in math or go to physics or engineering. Emily, Nathan, and son-in-law Dan recently gave Allen and his wife a trip to Williamsburg and provided the sitting services! A very nice break. Dianne is homeschooling the last two of the four children (Allen helps sometimes with math and history). Daniel is 14 and Hillary is 12! Allen is still at Lockheed Martin in Manassas, living in Warrenton. He is still involved with Heritage Presbyterian Church, sometimes speaking with folks that call there for financial help, and ministering a little bit at the Fauquier Family Homeless Shelter.

Dr. Dawn Sweeney Lindsay still lives in California but moved from Orange County to Glendale in March '07. Glendale is a suburb of L.A. County about 15 miles from downtown. She moved to Glendale because she was hired as the vice president of instruction in January '07. In July '07, she was asked to be the interim superintendent/president and was offered the full-time permanent presidency in April '10. With that, she'll be out there at least another three years, maybe more.

Dawn's son decided he wanted to return to the East Coast in February '10 and moved back to Gettysburg, Pa., where he is currently staying with his dad. He seems to like the East Coast better and will be attending college there this fall. She finds it hard to believe that she has a 21-year-old son. She still has her two chocolate labs although they are starting to get old. Despite their age, they are great company as she is now really single for the first time in over 20 years. L.A. has a lot to offer but she misses the East Coast and tries to get back at least every three to four months. Her parents are still living in Fallston, Md., and the trips to the West Coast seem to be hard on them. She wishes she got to see more people from WMC.

Karen Lyhus McCoy is in her third year as a realtor with Long & Foster in Eldersburg. She is working with her sister, Kathy Lyhus Dixon '84, Karen enjoys life in Ellicott City and is single. Her daughter, Molly, attends University of the Arts in Philadelphia and she is a jazz performance major. Her son, Colin, will be a freshman at University of South Carolina in the fall. Life is good!

Fran McCollum is still teaching at Westminster West Middle School (4th grade). He is also still coaching at Westminster High School (next year will be his 30th high school soccer and tennis seasons). His oldest two kids are now through college (Towson University) and the youngest is a freshman at York College. He enjoys going to her tennis matches. He hopes one day her team will play McDaniell although that didn't happen this year. His wife is still teaching at Linton Springs Elementary in Carroll County.

Jill Kortelesky Menmicken still lives in Garden City, Long Island, with her husband and two children. She continues to sell staffing service in NYC with Forrest Solutions (look me up on LinkedIn if you are looking for a job in Manhattan!). Her daughter, Katy, is a junior in high school and has been looking at colleges. She reconnected with Phyllis McMahon Christopher while in Baltimore in April. It was great to see Phyllis (and she hasn't changed much in 25 years)! Jill's son, William, is entering high school in September. Jill planned to go on a mission trip with her kids and 50 teens from her church in the summer '10. She was a mission trip leader last year in Denver, and enjoyed it so much that she decided to attend the Vermont trip. She has been very involved in the youth programs at her church, and has enjoyed being a teacher and mentor for the teens in a variety of programs.

Rick and Ginni Brown Morani moved from Ellicott City to Grasonville in September. No downsizing for them—a little more land, a pool and on the water. Would love to have friends visit! Rick is working part time in EC and part time from home (avoid the beach traffic at all costs). The job market isn't any better on the Eastern Shore so Ginni is playing golf, volunteering at the Center for the Arts in Centreville and trying to kill all the freakin' weeds in her yard—a
loving battle. They bought bikes and a great friend has decided to let them babysit his jet-ski for the summer so they are never bored.

Their oldest daughter, Megan, graduated magna cum laude from St. Mary’s College of Maryland with a degree in history and minor in museum studies. She has gotten a part-time job at the Museum of Eastern Shore Life, cataloging, and has secured an Internship at the Baltimore Museum of Art for the summer. Their youngest daughter, MaryKate, just finished her second year at UVA. She spent the last semester in Valencia Spain where they, of course, had to visit. Great city, particularly since they visited during the week of Fallas, the biggest, loudest festival in the world. They had a blast! They found out that they have some WMC alumni as neighbors on the shore, Terry Koenig ’78 and Scott Schneider ’78 are nearby. John ’80 and Nancy Paulsen ’78 Patrick, Debbie Ambrose and George Boinis and their family have all been by to visit.

Mary Morningstar still enjoys her job in the corporate legal department at Lockheed Martin. Her husband, Wilder Leavitt, loves being a volunteer paramedic with the local rescue squad in Bethesda, Md., which serves most of northwest Washington, D.C., and the close-in Maryland suburbs. They enjoy hiking vacations and are planning a trip to Nepal next year. They have already submitted three “fourteeners” in Colorado (three peaks over 14,000 feet) and also submitted the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. They are fortunate to be close to Mary’s sister, Sara Morningstar ’83, and her husband and their three daughters, so they see them often. They also see Laura Angel Hanratty and Jane Cavanaugh and their husbands.

Michele Pielrodmick is finally living down at the shore in New Jersey. She is looking to get a second career as a special education teacher and hopefully she will find one of those scarce jobs.

This is the year that Laurie Morstein Rovin became an empty-nester too. Daniel, 23, is in NYC living his dream to become a jazz musician (saxophone player) and Hannah, 18, is off to Wofford College this fall. Hannah was cheer in college and plans to become a pharmacist. Who would have thought it? Husband Paul has found his calling in his Judaica creations, Laurie has had a bat mitzvah — at age 50 — better late than never! She loves living in Greenville, S.C. She had a great vacation with her daughter in Ocean City this summer. Hannah wanted to see where her mom partied in her youth. She still works for the United Way of Greenville County, doing a lot of public policy and special projects for the board.

Maria Kamm O’Haver has started a new “career” after retiring from science. She has her own long arm quilting business. It’s great to work at home and be doing something that’s so much fun. She sees so many beautiful quilts and meets wonderful people in the quilting world, and it keeps her very busy. Both her sons have graduated from college. One has a job and lives in Arlington, Va., and one is still at home looking for employment while going to graduate school. They all still get together for family vacations. Most recently, they’ve been to Hawaii, Alaska, and skiing out West. Of course she has to check out the quilt shops in all these locations.

Bill and Jane Garrity Planttholt are experiencing the empty-nest syndrome and quite frankly enjoying it. This past year they celebrated their 25th anniversary. Jane is completing her 27th year of teaching physical education in Harford County and Bill is still teaching in Baltimore County. Jimmy graduated from Washington and Lee University in May. He earned a degree in economics and four varsity letters for baseball. He is in the record book for career saves in pitching as well as his regular duties at third base. Katie attends Radford University and is majoring in fashion. Jane occasionally runs in to Cheryl Stoner Spath ’80 in Bel Air and enjoyed teaching two of her children. Jane had a dorm-life flashback experience in February when her daughter got strep and tonsillitis at school and she drove six hours to check on her. The blizzard hit and snowed her in the dorm for four days. The highlight was early Sunday morning when they had a dorm fire drill. It is not comforting to know that half of the freshman class has seen her in pajamas.

Craig and Sherry Bennett ’82 Rae will soon be empty-nesters as their younger daughter, Shelley, becomes a freshman at University of North Carolina—Charlotte. Their son, Chris, lives in Charlotte after graduating from Catawba College in 2008, and their older daughter, Shannon, will be a senior at Wingate University (also near Charlotte) this fall. Shannon had a heart transplant her freshman year at Wingate which took her out of her first semester, but she will have earned enough credits to graduate on schedule with her class in spring ’11. Sherry and Craig are incredibly proud. They continue to suffer the brutal winters of Hudson, Wisc., where he is president of SMC Innovations — 2009 winner of Popular Mechanics’ Editor’s Choice Award. He spends most of his time in airplanes, traveling primarily throughout Asia, North America, and Europe, but still plays as much golf as possible.

Owen Rouse has been riding the commercial real estate cycle as part of his role as partner at the Columbia, Md., based firm at Manekin LLC (17th year) and has just returned from London as part of a liaison function as 2010 President of Corporate Facility Advisors/CORFAC International, one of the world’s largest commercial real estate organizations. He was also named 2010 Broker of the Year by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (Maryland Chapter). Look for Owen and friends in Pine Island of North Carolina’s Outer Banks each fall. He has run into some old WMC friends, Neil Epstein ’83 and Joe Menendez from time to time and hears the radio advertisements for McDaniel College all the time.

Mary Schiller and husband Scott Rosenthal ’76 are trying to keep up with their two boys. Al is finishing his freshman year at Salisbury University and Kevin is finishing his freshman year at Glenelg High School. They have fun at the boys’ baseball and football games and in their spare time they enjoy bicycling.

Regan Smith is the only one who sent a handwritten note. I can understand doctors writing but not lawyers writing. Here is the best I can come up with as to what he was trying to write. He is still in Ocean City practicing law. His oldest will be a sophomore at Collegegate next year. She is playing lacrosse, doing great and having fun. His son will be a senior in high school and is working on the college search process. His youngest is in eighth grade and doing well. Most of his time is spent at some kind of sports game with the kids. His wife, Julie, and her sister still own and operate the Angler Restaurant and Marina and Jim Selfridges’ son, Jon, works for them. He sees Greg Shockley ’83 and Steve AwaI regularIy. He also got to talk to Tim Streett on the phone.

Bart Stockdale stays young by being involved in youth baseball in Townesontown and Roland Park. He and his wife, Carol, married for 26 years, are also having fun keeping up with their “kids,” 21 and 18! Laura is in Optometry School in Philly and Brian is looking for a college to call his own. They have been on 20 college visits. It is down to three in the south. He wants a pre-med/bio. Bart says to everyone in our class and from ’82. He wishes there was time to keep up with everyone. He enjoys reading about them in The Hill and remembering his days at WMC! He has talked to Tommy Sinton, Woody Ensor and Ed Kilculen. They are all busy too.

Carla Fifer-Staub is still in Pennsylvania. And her husband will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year on December 26. They have four children and 11 grandchildren, 21 to 6. The eldest granddaughter is both an engineering student and in the marching band of University of Delaware and a junior. The second eldest at 20 is in the ROTC program at Temple University. Carla is semi-retired and works for Lutheran Counseling Services at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Hanover. In September, she was to begin a spiritual director training program at the Wernersville Jesuit Spiritual Center. It is an academic and experiential two- or three-year program that teaches the spiritual exercises in the Ignatian Tradition. It requires that you do a 30-day or nine-month weekly retreat, have spiritual direction yourself, and learn to give spi-

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Those who will be missed:

Dr. Richard S. Mehring ’40, of Keymar, Md., on August 13, 2010.


Dr. Charles M. Horan ’41, of Washington Grove, Md., on June 24, 2010.

Mrs. Jayne McKinney Meredith ’42, of Towson, Md., on June 26, 2010.

Mrs. Maud Wilson Shirley ’43, of Silver Spring, Md., on May 3, 2010.


Mrs. Gladys Schlag Twigg ’47, of Pasadena, Md., on June 14, 2010.

Mrs. Janet Breeding Yost ’47, of West Orange, N.J., on May 3, 2010.

Mr. Charles W. Fleming ’48, of Richmond, Va., on June 4, 2010.

Mrs. Lilian Lines Goss ’48, of Vicksburg, Miss., on March 8, 2010.

Mr. Robert B. Kimble ’49, of Leesburg, Fla., on December 13, 2009.


Mrs. Norma Roberts Hicks ’50, of Baltimore, Md., on March 14, 2008.


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Stanfield Captains Alumni Outreach Team

Sally F. Stanfield '78 has been named president-elect of the Alumni Association and will succeed Don Hobart '62 as president on July 1, 2011. An attorney with the Baltimore firm Callegary & Steedman, she represents children who need special education services and advocates for adults with disabilities. Stanfield earned her J.D. in 1981 from Washington & Lee University School of Law.

Stanfield practiced as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County, Wash., handling felony jury trials and appeals, before entering private practice in Seattle, and then in Baltimore, after returning to Maryland in 1995. Stanfield worked in her family's farm businesses for several years and taught in a Title One physical education program for pre-kindergarten students in the Baltimore County Public Schools for four years. She has coached high school girls' lacrosse and officiated high school field hockey. Stanfield retired in 2006 from showing her Arabian horses.

As a senior associate attorney with Callegary & Steedman, Stanfield also represents children who have special education needs in school disciplinary meetings. When police charges result from such a violation, Stanfield represents these children throughout the ensuing juvenile court proceedings. Beyond her practice, Stanfield is a member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Chapter of CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder). She also volunteers time to Pathfinders for Autism and to the Adults with Autism Resource Group.

While on the Hill, Stanfield excelled in academics, as well as in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse. She was inducted into Trumpeters and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies, graduated magna cum laude and was a member of the Argonauts at commencement. In 1988, she was honored by the sociology department as one of its outstanding alumni and was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. In 2006, Stanfield was honored with induction into the College's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She lives in Abingdon with her partner, Mena Dyches.

Alumni Outreach Team

Pam Owen Torell is starting her 12th year flying for American Airlines. With her husband, Pete, in commercial aviation insurance, it seems everything they do involves airplanes. Recently, she flew her personal plane to Florida's west coast to have lunch with Sherry McClurg Bukowski and her sister Janice McClurg '83. They had a great time!

Barbara Forrey Wahlbrink can't believe all these years have passed but is happy to hear of so many old friends doing well, with kids almost grown. As a new Facebook user, she finds the best thing about it is viewing old friends' photos and seeing kids who look so much like their parents way back when, those faces we remember from WMC days! She is thankful to report all is well with their family. Oldest daughter, Grace, is a rising senior in the Honors College at the University of Maryland. She just returned from a semester in Europe and is doing a communications/public relations internship in downtown D.C. this summer. Middle daughter Hope will join her sister as a freshman in the Smith Business School at College Park this fall. And their youngest, Nora, will be entering eighth grade.

The Wahlbrinks are still in the Honey-Baked Business, which makes them crazy-busy at the holidays, but gives Jeff '80 an opportunity in the off season to coach soccer and cycle all over the county, the state and beyond. Barb's been out of the corporate rat-race for almost 10 years. She still works part time at her church and really enjoys the fulfillment and flexibility of that. Travels in recent years have taken them to Italy, Spain, Guatemala, Mexico and the Caribbean and by the time this is read, they will have had a family vacation in Maui. She still keeps in pretty close touch with some great friends from WMC and hopes to see more at the upcoming reunion!

Ann Sowers Zimmerman is in York, Pa., and is busy as a taxi service for her two children, Kyle, 14, and Jared, 11. She works with her husband in his chiropractic office and does some volunteer work in the community. Every now and then she finds time for a glass of wine on the back deck. If anyone is in central Pennsylvania drop in and join her.

Unfortunately I need to report about the passing of one of our classmates. Nancy Anzalone died suddenly in an automobile accident on Wednesday, May 27, 2009. She was 49. Nancy devoted much of her life to God and was a very active member of the Church of St. Joseph. She was a CCD teacher, a member of the choir, and a lector. She also devoted time to visiting residents at Olcott Manor and the Benedictine Sisters of Elisabeth. Nancy was a C.P.A. She was employed as a senior accountant by Louis Berger Group in Morristown. She received a teaching degree from St. Elizabeth College and was previously a teacher at St. Peter the Apostle and St Vincent DePaul schools.

My husband, Brad, and I live just outside of Orlando in Altamonte Springs. Our son, Mackenzie, 18, is trying to figure out what to do now that he is a "grown up." Our daughter, Briana, 21, is in to the world of fashion at J Crew and also works part time for me in my office. I continue on in the world of mental health with my offices despite the state of our healthcare system. Facebook has been lots of fun for me and I know so much more about people than they have shared here but I don't want to breech anyone's privacy. I agree with Barb, the best part is looking at the pictures. If anyone heads to Florida on vacation, give me a call. I would love to see you and your family.

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Thanks to all who responded. Amazing enough, I even heard from a couple of alums who sent in their news for the first time since graduation! As I said in the original e-mail request for news, this column is not just about sharing "new" news — it's about connecting and staying in touch. It's just nice to read about everyone's busy lives.

After 15 years as a Department of Army civilian Sandy Brant Alvey "retired" and took a promotion with the Department of Defense at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. Still active in the reserves, she was recently assigned as a chemical/biological subject matter expert. Life is busier now than ever as she and husband, Alan '85, are almost through Air War College while still keeping up with the kids. Doug, 20, is on Marine ROTC scholarship at Virginia Military Institute. High school graduate, Greg, is considering the Savannah College of Art and Design, while Samantha, 14, is now a sophomore. The Alvey family traveled to Egypt for two weeks on the Red Sea, visiting Cairo, Luxor and the Pyramids.

Liz Fox Beaulieu and her husband are still living in Durham, N.C., with their three children. She teaches language arts at a nearby junior high school and spends most afternoons driving kids to baseball, lacrosse, tennis, Scouts and other activities. Their closest year of time is the winter when they only ski (no hockey, no basketball, just skiing)! This past summer, the Beaulieus spent time at their lake house and also visited Korea through an adoption company that helps families explore their children's heritage. Living so far from Maryland makes it hard for her to see anyone from WMC, but she does miss her friends and hope they are well.

During the summer of '09, Diane Hauser...
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Cabrales along with her husband, R. Omar Cabrales '86, and their daughter spent a fabulous three weeks touring Greece and Italy. While Diane continues to teach, she has also completed her MD certification and is currently working towards her master's at College of Notre Dame of Maryland. The Cabrales family often visits Don and Dottie Gardiner at their apple orchard.

Martin A. Conover and Jeffrey D. Kirkwood M5's8, MLA '00, celebrated their 20th anniversary in June '09. The winter before, they got away from cold, snowy Minneapolis to celebrate Jeffrey's 50th birthday in the Yukon. They continue to spend many weekends at their home in northwest Wisconsin and maintain their condo in Minneapolis for weekday life. Their collie, Scout, still rules the roost! Jeffrey's father passed in November '09 and Martin's mother followed in April '10. Martin changed jobs last year, but continues in the field of nonprofit philanthropy with the Minnesota Network of Hospice and Palliative Care. Jeffrey is still in high demand as a sign-language interpreter.

Dennis DeMatteo and his wife, Lori Perugini '95, are planning to celebrate their 15th anniversary with a romantic get-away to Paris. Last year, the Steve Baily, and Mike and Susanne Meadows Hogan families made it to the DeMatteo's annual summer party that features the Big Kahuna water slide. Dennis's daughter, Kelly, still enjoys swimming and competes with Dad in some open water ocean and bays swims.

In January '09, Kelly Connor Dietzsch and her husband, Andy, made an exciting and life-changing move to Raynoldville, Mo. (in the Ozark Mountains) where they now own and operate Splitlimb Ranch. Kelly and Andy raise elk and beefalo cattle, along with chickens, guinea hens, and Flemish giant rabbits. In addition, they have a Guest Lodge, for individuals and/or families who want a rural farm experience. Another life-changing event is in the works as they are in the process of adopting two brothers, Tyler, 10, and James, 9. Visit Kelly's farm on the internet at www.splitlimbranch.com.

Brian and Cassie Schneeberger Felch now have children in each level of the public school system. Mallory is in high school. Grant is in middle school, and Cole is in elementary school. Brian works for Northrop Grumman, while Cassie writes a neighborhood column for the Howard County Times. The Felches miss having the time to connect with college friends in person but have found that Facebook is a wonderful way to stay in touch.

A stay at home mom, Joan McKebye Fritz enjoys helping out her boy's school, attending Eric's, 12, soccer games, and cheering on John, 15, who runs year-round for his high school. Her husband, Jeff, continues to enjoy his job with the federal government. In the summer of 2009, the Fritzes vacationed for a week in Ocean City, Md., and then visited with family in northern Michigan on Lake Huron. They also squeezed in a trip before Christmas holidays to New York City with some friends to see a show and enjoy the sights and decorations.

In Shepherdsville, Va., Holly Morgan Frye and family celebrated two graduations this past spring. Son Trey graduated from high school and Holly received her master's degree in college student development and administration from Shepherd University. Her younger son, Donovan, 9, is currently in fifth grade. Holly still loves her position as director of Shepherd's Community Service and Service Learning Office—a role that allows her to do crazy things like spending a week in North Carolina with 20 students building a house, bagging 40,000 pounds of potatoes for local soup kitchens, and organizing Shepherd's Relay for Life event. She says that her love of service projects began at WMC with Dr. Ira Zepp '52, who she will forever hold as one of her greatest mentors.

In January '09, Nicole D. Gaines entered a singing contest with a song she wrote and won a trip to the Gospel Stellar Awards at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tenn. In the last year, she bought a home in Bear, Del., and became the director of Delaware Technical and Community College's Child Development Center. Her motivational speaking company, NspireD, featuring seminars designed for separated and divorced women, is now three years old, while her cake-designing company, Nvision, is five years old. Nicole also co-hosts "Straight Talk," a cable television show in Delaware. Her sons, Jerry, and her daughter, Nicalia, are both in college.

Barry Goldmeier sent news in for the first time since graduating! And what news it is!

Since the mid-90's, Barry has run about 10-15 marathons a year while juggling five balls. He writes that fellow classmates should look for the "The Marathon Juggler" at many races in the Baltimore and D.C. area!

Dawn Heiges Hoffman is in her 23rd year of teaching in the Gettysburg, Pa., area. She enjoys long walks and short jobs on the battlefield with her dogs, taking care of Fletch, the new pup her family recently adopted, and attending her children's sporting events. Daughter Samantha plays club volleyball and rides for the Equestrian Team at Susquehanna University. Kurt, 16, plays football and baseball and was a ball boy this past summer for the Chicago Bears. Her youngest, Mitchell, 14, wrestles and participates in football and track. Dawn, her husband, Adam, and the kids vacationed again at the Outer Banks this past summer. She still keeps in touch with 17-year-old son, Ann Rice Dunn and her husband Rick.

Derek Howatt is having the best time of his life with fiancee Kelly who he met in the parking lot of the apartment complex where they both lived. Now homeowners in Owings, Md., which is only one mile from the Chesapeake Bay, Derek spends a lot of time (and money) re-modeling their new home which he says was stuck in the '80s. Still employed by the Charles County Public Schools, Derek manages the maintenance of the athletic fields for all 43 schools.

Still a part-time partner in the same CPA firm she has been with since graduating from WMC, Susan Pinto Keen supports physicians and other healthcare clients. She is also busy with twins Abby and Lindsey, 14, who play travel soccer and softball, and Brad, 15, who plays travel soccer as well as golf.

Susan is trying to come to terms with the fact that all three are now in high school and one is on the verge of driving. The Keens do quite a bit of traveling—Naples, Fla., Disney World, and their nearby beaches. This past summer, they visited New York City and Niagara Falls.

Lynn Fangmeyer Lang just completed her seventh year teaching lower-school religion at St. John's Episcopal School, the same school her brothers attended and where one of them teaches third grade. Her husband, Paul, still works at NASA Goddard. Lynn's now 6-foot-tall son is a high school sophomore and interested in politics. Her daughter, seventh grade, shines as both a mathematician and musician. During the summer, they enjoy their local pool, visiting relatives in Missouri, and spending time at her parent's place at Bethany Beach. Lynn keeps in touch with Leslie Stinchcomb Dolan '86 and Lisa Lertora Schuler '86. And, of course, she sees her sister-in-law Leigh Filer Fangmeyer '88.

Still living in Manchester, Mass., Luc Levenson, is the vice president of IT for Pro Teck Valuation Services. His children, Philip and Emma, are both now in middle school. Luc is active leading backpacking trips in the White Mountains for the local Boy Scouts of America Troop. He and his son both earned their Wilderness First Aid certifications this year.

Michele Fetsko Liston spends a lot of time at cheerleading competitions and travel baseball games supporting her step-children, 15 and 13. She and her husband, Darrell, enjoy two great vacations in 2009—a week in Colorado visiting family with the kids, and a blissful week in Turks and Caicos without. Michele is still a convention planner with an association in the insurance industry, so her travel schedule for work keeps her busy as well.

Julie Bugg Maher still loves being a stay-at-home mom. She has lots of volunteer opportunities at school, church, and in her community of New Market, Md. Julie regularly teaches children's church and is a middle school youth leader. She also enjoys watching her children (Morgan, 15, Mallory, 10, and Mitchell, 5) participate in sports, especially since her husband, Ed, is usually coaching on the sidelines. Holly lunches often with Ferren DeMore Boiesta, Laura Alan Heck, Kris Twiford Guyton '88 and Kathy Es- Krad Krach '90. They always have a blast.
Victory So Sweet for Alumna of the Year

Sally Keck Gold ’78 began her years of service to the College as a sophomore helping with the Alumni Fund campaign by stuffing envelopes and working phonathons. Now 30 years later, her varsity record as a volunteer is one of the best.

During the Nov. 6 Homecoming celebration — where the Green Terror conquered rival Gettysburg in a 36-30 triple overtime win — Gold was recognized as Alumna of the Year.

From serving as a class agent and reunion coordinator to president of the Alumni Association from 1994-96, and college trustee for eight years, Gold has rallied many to give back to her alma mater and has demonstrated true meritorious service.

“As a student I never understood how many concerned people played a part in my education,” she says. “Whenever I spend time on the Hill, I hope that my work helps current students to have as positive an experience as I did.”

A music degree and an M.B.A. from Loyola launched Gold into bank management. She retired early from banking, raised two children with husband Carl Gold ’78 and currently works part time in her husband’s law office in Baltimore County.

Her teamwork savvy and strong work ethic give her star power in the huddle as proven by her success as a coach/mentor/director of Destination Imagination, a national program that teaches creativity and problem-solving skills to students in more than 30 countries. She serves as a volunteer leader of over 1,000 Maryland team managers and officials who make the program possible for thousands of kids each year.

Now as the 2010 Homecoming Alumna of the Year, Gold is especially proud. “My children used to think that I went to lots of meetings at the College so I could ride in a parade and throw candy,” Gold recalls. “Homecoming is even better since I can run out on the football field as the game’s honorary team captain and toss the game to!”

catching up. Summer plans included a WMC girls’ weekend at Kim O’Dea Landgraf’s new beach house.

Todd Mitchell jokes that sometimes his life is like Bill Murray’s in Ground Hog Day with his kids’ many activities. His son, Matt, is a senior at North Carroll High School while his daughter, Kelsey, is a freshman. The balance of his time is divided between rock fishing in the Chesapeake Bay and playing golf. He sends hellos to Paul, Dennis, Alan, Steve, Buzz and Brian.

After 20 years, Doug Nolder left the high education field of student affairs and now works for Zale Corporation on the opening of a Charter School for Performing and Fine Arts. Academy Dell’Arte will hopefully be ready for a fall ’11 opening (grades 7 to 12). Doug’s wife, Wendi McQuene “88, was promoted to assistant principal (after teaching kindergarten for the past 10 years) and is currently interim principal. The Nolders still live in Palm Bay, Fla., with their children, Chelsea, 19, a sophomore at Florida State University, and Austin, 16, a junior at West Shore High School in Melbourne, Fla.

While still living in Venice, Fla., Amy Ratcliffe hopes to sell her condo when the real estate market improves so she can move to Lafayette, Ind., to be near family. She is in her sixth year as editor/project manager for the International Journal of Central Banking, an economics trade journal; Amy works from home and loves it! She is also writing a novel and very involved with the Sarasota Fiction Writers group.

Suzanne Brazis Rossi explains that her job is perfect for her. She teaches physical education, coaching field hockey and lacrosse, and works as the athletic outreach coordinator at Garrison Forest School. Suzanne also runs the Cockeyeville field hockey program. She and her husband, Chris, who has an athletic surfaces business, enjoy the craziness of raising four children: Nick, a college freshman; Megan, a sophomore; Mallory, a fifth-grader (both at Garrison Forest) and Jack, a seventh-grader at Gilman School. Her two girls enjoy field hockey and lacrosse, while Nick plays lacrosse and Jack plays golf. Suzanne teaches or coaches many daughters of WMC alumns (Chris ‘88 and Susan Shomer ‘89, Newman, Kevin ‘86 and Karen Scheidt Groner and Carrie Miller Parker ‘85). Suzanne’s father passed away in November. She shares that he loved WMC and was proud that three of his children are WMC graduates.

Last March, Dave Reith completed his 16-month job as CFO of NSTec in Las Vegas, which is majority-owned by Northrop Grumman. His wife, Sharon Pierce ’88, and children enjoyed the warmer weather although 115 in the summer is way too hot. Dave has since been named the new electronic systems controller and vice president of finance at Northrop’s operation in Baltimore. His family, however, remained in Las Vegas through the end of the school year. By fall ’10, the Reiths hoped to be settled into their new home in Woodbine, Md., not far from good ole WMC! They were going to try and make it to Homecoming. After being out-of-state for eight years, Dave and family are excited to be home.

A couple of years ago, Bev Kreitler Shander and her husband, Chuck, welcomed Cody, an 11-week-old West Highland white terrier to their household. Bev and Cody attend training classes, working toward Cody’s certification as a pet therapy dog. Their visits to a local retirement facility are a big hit. Last year, Bev and Chuck journeyed to Charleston and Hilton Head, S.C. This fall, it’s a week-long tour from Las Vegas, traveling along Route 66 to Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park as a delayed celebration of their 30th anniversary. They are looking forward to seeing parts of the country neither of them have seen before.

First-time contributor Michael Smith, his wife, Kathy, and four children are great. They still get together with a dinner group of WMC friends started 15 years ago. The group includes Dave and Laurie Vozzella Bell, Kevin ‘86 and Karen Scheidt Groner, Becky and Barry Bartholow, Du and Tracy Parker ’88 Salvo and Bob ’86 and Laurie Thompson ’88 Wrightson. Mike is going into his fifth year in the insurance business as an agent for Diversified Insurance Industries, Inc. out of Baltimore. He is still involved in lacrosse, coaching a UU Greene Turtle Club team. Mike is psyched about McDaniel’s lacrosse coach, Matt Hatton MS’08, who he feels is doing a great job coaching and getting alumni involved.

Dave Stroud and his family now live in Chesapeake, Va., where he works for Unisys as a project manager, supporting the U.S. Joint Forces Command. Dave and his two boys, James, 13, and Sean, 11, spend a lot of time doing high adventure treks with their Boy Scout troop. He also enjoys watching James play lacrosse and Sean play baseball. The Strouds are close to both Virginia Beach and the Outer Banks so they occasionally kayak and surf when the water is not too cold. Dave writes that it’s good to be back on the East Coast.

Last October, Kate Sampell-Willmann published the history book “Lewis Hine as Social Critic.” Currently, she is living in the south of France with husband, Doug, and poodles, Karl, and is looking for work.

Back in 2009, Todd Wolf was promoted to colonel and, in preparation for future assignments, spent the past year attending the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. In May ’10, he completed his 23rd year on active duty with the U.S. Army, followed by his War College graduation in June. Todd now works at the Pentagon as a liaison officer on the Joint Staff, working transportation and logistics issues for the Department of Defense. While Todd attended War College, his wife.
Anita Butler ’88, and sons, Marshall, 16, and Owen, 13, resided in Springfield, Va. Both boys remain active ice hockey players, so the Wolf family spent time last year at various local ice rinks, along with one tournament trip to Cleveland, Ohio. This past summer, they took a trip out to Washington state to visit with Todd’s parents and see the sights.

In February ’09, I gained another little boy to enjoy and take care of when my family rescued a sweet-natured miniature schnauzer named Charlie. He is a bundle of energy and a lot of fun for all of us. Christopher, 14, Gregory, 11, and my husband, Ron, did a great job taking care of me last January after I broke my ankle walking Charlie on an icy day — I was laid up for over six weeks. After too many years, I had the pleasure of seeing Margaret Miller when she traveled to New York City last fall. I also visited with Patrick Dail ’89 that same evening. Every two years, my extended family vacations together. In 2006, it was a cruise; this summer, we spent two weeks enjoying the boardwalk and beaches of Ocean City, N.J.

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Robert “Robby” Dodd lives in Silver Spring, Md., with wife Jenny and their two kids, Johnny and Nora. He’s currently the principal of Argyle Magnet Middle School and thinks of his old friends from the Hill often. His dad, Alan Dodd ’51, is still going strong at 81.

Rebecca Caves Cinelli and husband Jim have two boys, Nathan, 17, Peter, 5, and a yellow lab, Rocky. They just moved to a new home in Wyomissing, Pa. Their summer has been busy with activities and getting acclimated to the new place. She says “Hello” to her old buddies, especially those fun Phi Alpha girls.

Brenda Dorsch Ibutu worked in the PR/film/video production field for 11 years, then went back to school at Loyola University Maryland, earning a master’s in pastoral counseling in 2008. She is currently completing her last year of coursework on her Ph.D. In the same field, Brenda is now a fully licensed LCPC and is working at Epiphany Counseling Center in Lansdowne. On June 5, 2010, she married a wonderful man from Kenya named Timothy, whom she met in the master’s program.

Alexander Batson is still married and living in Ellicott City. His oldest daughter, Lyndsay, 13, is in the 7th grade and enjoys ballet and tap. His youngest daughter, Marcella, 10, is in the fourth grade and enjoys drama class. He is still working onsite at Goddard Space Flight Center doing computer network security. He is Facebook friends with Joe Stoffa and Jeff Spera.

In November, Ed Buzzi was finally, and happily, laid off from his corporate job after 10 years. He took the opportunity to expand his side construction business, Odds-n-Ed’s, to a full-time endeavor. The seven-hour weekly summertime commute from Matumuck, R.I., to McLean, Va., to handle business is a tad long, but not altogether unenjoyable.

Christine Keiner’s news is that her book, The Oyster Question: Scientists, Watermen, and the Maryland Chesapeake Bay since 1880, won awards from the Maryland Historical Trust and Organization of American Historians.

Coleen Klasmeier is a partner and practice group head at the law firm Sidley Austin LLP, in Washington, D.C. Her emphasis is on global regulation of drugs, medical devices, and biotechnology products, and she spends most of her time defending individuals and corporations in civil and criminal matters in the United States. She and her husband, Cass Lawson, sold their place in Adams Morgan about three years ago and bought a house in Annapolis, Md. She’s spent time in India, Dubai, and Europe, the UK (where they used to live and have a home), and the Americas, and look forward to their 10th anniversary trip to Syria and Cyprus. She is in touch with Tricia Duffy Murray, Valerie Funk McAuley ’92 and Kim Bergeman Sullivan ’92 and enjoyed seeing Jennifer Harding and Heather Wakefield Spire at Tricia’s wedding.

Will Dator and his dog, Roxy, are still living outside Park City, Utah, on top of a mountain at 7,200-feet elevation. He can snowboard out his front door, down 15 miles! Harrison Dunne visits yearly to ride Utah’s famous powder. The past two years he has been learning to play the guitar and now writing his own songs. He attended song school at Planet Bluegrass in Colorado this summer. He has been driving the Karaoke-Music taxi in the winter for six years (fun work) and still runs W.F. Dator Construction Systems. He has always bought and sold antiques and antiques, but has recently started an eBay store and also sells at a flea market in Salt Lake City every Sunday. He still loves sleeping outside, riding his motorcycle and dancing to live music with friends.

Hi to all Preachers Peace.

Tracy Baynard is starting her third year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the Kinesthesiology and Community Health Department. Her research on the interactions between cardiovascular function and exercise with obesity and other special populations (e.g. Down Syndrome) is starting to get off the ground. She enjoys teaching — but still can’t get over teaching 150 kids in an intro class compared to our experiences at WMC! Tracy and husband Bo welcomed their second son, Torsten Sherman Baynard-Fernhall, on April 16. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 22” long. Ridon, 3, and Torsten are keeping them busy and they’re enjoying ‘nearly’ every minute of it!

Jeremy Kenney was married on July 24, 2010 to Megan Smith in Philadelphia, Pa., at the University of Pennsylvania. Brett Young ’94 was his best man and Eric Disharoon ’92 was a groomsman.

Matt Byrne and wife Kerry are still living in Texas. They are currently helping their oldest son, Tyler, begin the college search. Both Danny and Tyler are excelling in high school, and recently they won the Texas State UIL (University Interscholastic League) academic meet in Austin. In 2009 they traveled to Hawaii and visited with Matt Gebhard and are planning to return for Christmas. They just returned from a trip to Alaska photographing wildlife. In February, Matt was in Baltimore during the storm and, wished that the swim team could have had the reunion for Kim Easterday’s last meet, but mother nature had other plans. Matt says “Hi” to all old ROTC and swimming friends.

Alicia Moore Brady and husband just had a baby girl. Meghan is 6 months old. She balances out her two older brothers, Mark and Matthew. Alicia works at the local high school in the special education department. She is in a master’s degree program at Goucher College.

Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh opened her own law office last summer and stays busy practicing criminal defense and family law. She resides in Lovettsville, Va., with her husband, Travis, and three children, Brady, 9, Kate, 7, and McKenna, 3. She is planning a trip to Texas this fall to visit with Mark ’90 and Jonelle Leith ’92 in Ozawkie. Mary visits the Hill often to visit her baby sister, Sarah McGuirk ’92, who is a junior at McDaniel this year (yes, she was born our freshman year... don’t we feel old!)

Erica Guenther Steele is enjoying her two daughters, Payton, 8, and Makenna, 4. Payton keeps her busy with 4-H and a variety of sports while Makenna will start preschool in the fall. Erica continues to live in Westminster and is now teaching second grade at Spring Garden Elementary School in Hampstead, Md. It has been a big change from fourth and fifth grade but she loves it. Erica is looking forward to a Disney Cruise with her friends and family in the summer of 2011 to celebrate her 40th birthday.

Bill Yankosky ’92 was just promoted to professor of mathematics at North Carolina Wesleyan College, where he completed his 10th year as a faculty member. This past spring, he received the college’s Exemplary Teacher Award for 2009-10. He has been serving as the director of the college’s honors program for the past few years. He still resides in Wilson, N.C., with his wife, Janet Alcorn Yankosky ’92, and their two wonderful, energetic sons. Bill and Janet are celebrating their 15th anniversary this year.

Kendra Harbaugh Sampson lives in Jefferson, Md., just outside Frederick, and loves

Wendy Ruderman ’92 and her reporting partner Barbara Laker have a book deal for their Pulitzer Prize-winning Philadelphia Daily News series of stories that exposed widespread corruption in the city’s narcotics division. Midnight In the City of Brotherly Love will be published by HarperCollins in 2012. (See page 2 for letters to the editor about her visit to campus for a Smart-TALK conversation with President Roger Casey.)
Make Way for the ‘French Thwarter’

New moms find all sorts of ways to work off steam — and those last few baby pounds — but Courtney Risch Donovan ’99, mother to 2-year-old Savannah, has found a characteristically outside-the-box solution.

She is the “French Thwarter” in the Chesapeake Roller Derby, a pirate-themed, co-ed league based in Westminster that raises money for charity. Her number, “504ever,” references the area code of New Orleans, a favorite city.

“Learning the sport was one of the things on my bucket list,” says Donovan, who practices four hours a week and is cheered on at games by her daughter and husband. “I’m the farthest thing from an athlete, but I’m learning.” Donovan still plays the concert bass clarinet and the baritone sax and one of her intricate needlepoint pieces took first place at the county fair in York, Pa. But nothing gets her energy flowing like roller derby. “I’ve lost 10 pounds since July,” she says.

spending time with (and spoiling) her two rescued dogs, Bonny and Clyde. In addition to that, she thoroughly enjoys reconnecting with college friends on Facebook.

As for me, Wendy Gayo Pardoe, I enjoyed a year of travel with my family. We also added on to their family with a new puppy, a Boston terrier, as a tribute to our beloved Boston Red Sox. I am so proud of son Max’s baseball season. His travel team won the season with only one regular game loss and they swept the end of season tournament.

I’m thrilled to say I’m as close as ever with fellow classmates and sorority sisters. Erin Thompson Strovel, Katie Shepherd Dredger, Jessica Barlow Howell ’92 and Sarah Biggs Warner ’92. Wendy Gayo Pardoe 6447 Tydings Road Sykesville, MD 21784 and Mary McGuirk Drumbaugh 12892 Picnic Woods Road Lovettsville, VA 20180

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Kristen Kurtyka Reilly and husband Gabe celebrated their eighth anniversary with wonderful news — they were expecting their first child. Ilaria Lucille Reilly was born on Dec. 23, 2009. Kristen continues to work as a CPA for a local Colorado accounting firm and enjoys watching Ilaria’s smile and sweet personality during her time at home. She had such fun visiting with old friends at the 10th reunion last May and looks forward to the adventures and challenges of the next 10 years.

Kathleen Snyder Shambaugh welcomed Corbin Ryan on May 29, 2009. He joins big brother Greyson and dad Jamie. She recently met up with Amy Sheridan Donathan, her husband, Mark, and daughter, Kate, along with Mandy Hofstetter Ferringer, her husband, Kurt, and children, Ben and Annie, at the Shambaugh’s home. The college roommates enjoyed eating on the deck, catching up and watching the kids play while the husbands watched the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Julia Motorina ’00 and Art Vinokour celebrated their 10th anniversary in August with their daughter, Alina Rose. After getting their MBA degrees in 2003 and 2004, respectively, they moved to Connecticut. Art works for an investment management company and was recently promoted to director. The couple stays in touch with the Russian group of McDaniel students, many of whom still live in Maryland.

In November ’09, Andrea Ahlburn Goodpasture and husband Miles welcomed son Adam to the family. Andrea works in the airline industry in Texas, but parenting is definitely the hardest job she has ever had.

Mike and Kare Fisher Waddington live in southern New Jersey with their two daughters, 5 and 4. Mike recently completed the MBA program at Wilmington University and is working as a sales account manager for Swedish Match, NA. After two long years as a regional manager for a tutoring service, Kare is back in the classroom in her dream job. She serves as a physical education teacher, pre-kindergarten teacher and administrator at her daughters’ preschool. It is hard for both of them to believe that 10 years ago they were married in Little Baker Chapel. How time flies.

Sara Gruber Long still has her professional organizing business, Sara Long Organizing. She only works weekends now that her son, Thomas Carl Long, was born in July ’09. Sara and her family recently moved to a new townhouse. In her spare time, she writes grants for a local library. Sara caught up with fellow alumni Faye Ingram Hillman ’00, Roxann Ingram ’00 and Don ’01 Toot, and Cassie Domser ’01 and Hendrik ’03 Lamers in May at the Crawfish Boil in Northern Virginia. She tries to keep in touch with McDaniel graduates online — look for her after 9 pm.

Since our last update, Elena Bozyliniski has added a new son and a new job. Sebastian David Cole was born in January ’08 and joins big sister Isabel. Elena now works as a senior project manager at Loyola University of Maryland and is busy preparing for a new certification for her job.

The updates continue to grow for Tim Herb. He and his wife just celebrated their third anniversary in May ’10 and the birth of their son in August ’09. Along with their daughter, 2, the family resides in Towson, Md. They spent the summer enjoying beach trips and family block parties in their neighborhood. Tim is now in his 10th year in the investment and finance industry and works as a vice president with RBC Wealth Management. He is also blessed to have a career connection with football. Tim serves as an advisor with the NFL Players Association and has the opportunity to work with many NFL players. As for his former brothers on the gridiron, he still keeps in touch with Joey Garrison, Tom Lapato, Justin Sheridan, Rory Maher ’00 and Ryan Smith ’01. They are all anxiously rooting for the football team to return to their winning tradition and bring the Centennial Conference Championship back to the Hill!

In November ’08, Dinali Jayasinghe was blessed with a second son, Dinuk. She is still attached to UNDP/GEF/ISGP and recently completed her master’s in economics from Columbo University. Dinali’s thesis focused on environmental economics. Along with her husband, Ruwan, and sons, Venuk and Dinuk, Dinali hopes to visit the States soon and take her family to visit her alma mater.

The Cushwas are alive and well. Mike and Christy-Ann Brown Cushwa just purchased their first home in Alexandria, Va., after making seven moves in 11 years. In May ’06, Mike graduated from Johns Hopkins SAIS program in Washington, D.C., with his mas-
A number of alumni have shared updates on their personal and professional lives recently, including Marcelle Mason, Pete and Liz Valuets ’98 Bushnell, and Marcie Delahoz Mason ’96. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our school’s bimonthly column, here are just a few glimpses into the lives of some of our alumni:

**Pete Mason** is the program coordinator of the Children’s Aid Society of Franklin County, Pa. He oversees the programs for juvenile delinquents who are court-ordered to be in the company’s care. In his spare time he loves coaching son Luke’s various soccer teams. If he is not on the soccer field, Pete is in his beloved nearby mountains where he rides ATVs, hunts, fishes and practices shooting various handguns. He is still married to **Marcie Delahoz Mason ’96**. Both are grateful for the outstanding education they received at McDaniel and hope Luke can be the next Green Terror.

**Shane** and **Tracie Browning Toothaker** reside in New Market, Md., with their two daughters, Lindsay, 6, and Aubrey, 4. They just added a new addition to the family, a chocolate lab puppy named Ray. Shane continues to work for Lonza in Walkersville, Md., as the director of eCommerce and has the opportunity to travel to Germany and Switzerland quite often. Tracie is a stay-at-home mom and keeps busy by volunteering in her daughters’ schools. In their free time, the Toothakers love going out on their boat and kayaking.

**Gavin William Meagher** was born on May 5, 2010, to **William and Michelle Stack Meagher**.

**Michelle Garvey Frost** works as the aquatic supervisor for the city of Wellington, Fla. Between running a busy facility and planning special events for the city, Michelle spends time with her husband and daughter, Maeson Olivia, 2. She also meets up with fellow sorority sister **Stephanie Cox** in West Palm Beach. Michelle enjoyed visiting with friends from the Hill at **Wanda Mahlom’s** wedding in July ’10.

After living in Manhattan for a year, **Ryan Keough** moved to Lancaster, Pa., to be the stage manager at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. He spent the summer working at Mount Gretna Theatre as an assistant stage manager and appeared onstage as a lost boy in Peter Pan. Ryan continues to love his life as a working theatre artist!

**Erin Pettebone Hemelt** celebrated her 10th anniversary this July. She lives with her husband and sons Michael, 5, and Mason, 2, in Abingdon, Md. Erin stays home with her boys while her husband works as a controller in Columbus, Md.

Times have changed for **Jorge del Villar Gonzalez**. After graduating, Jorge worked for the Mexican government at the depart-ment of social affairs and the department of foreign affairs, where he served as an advisor to the Minister, Jorge Castañeda. Although the Minister himself encouraged Jorge to become a career diplomat, he decided to pursue a career as a writer. After studying creative writing in Mexico, Jorge became a weekly columnist at El Universal newspaper. He has published several books and is currently writing one in English about spiritual and emotional development. In 2005, Jorge’s father passed away and he took control of the family cattle ranch. His daughter was also born in 2005. Three years later, Jorge and his wife married while his daughter served as the maid of honor; Jorge fondly remembers his time at McDaniel College, particularly his classes and art exhibitions with Dr. Julie Badiee.

**Paul and Jaime Walker Luse** love being parents to their son Brady. Jaime continues to practice law full time at Tydings and Rosenberg LLP in Baltimore. Paul manages a team of software developers at Hewitt and stays busy as their church’s worship leader. The family vacationed at the beach this summer with Nicole Machaly Weering, her husband, Brian, and their baby girl, Mary.

**Katie Crosser Fowlkes** still lives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with her husband and daughter, 3. She teaches special education and loves spending time at the beach along with family and friends.

After three years of practicing law in North Dakota, **Janet Keymetian** moved back to New Jersey in 2009 where she is a real estate and foreclosure lawyer with Zucker, Goldberg and Ackerman in Mountainside, N.J. Janet looks forward to opening her own firm over the next year and becoming her own boss again.

**Kyle ’00 and Amy Doane Neubauer** had their second son, Garrett Thomas Neubauer, on March 13, 2009. **Kevin Cooke** lives in Annapolis with his wife, Katie, and two children, Ethan, 2, and Abby, 4 months. He is in real estate and sells homes in Howard, Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties. Kevin recently created a program called “Helping Hands” wherein he gives five percent of his earned commissions back to a client’s charity of choice. He is working to make this a national program to help support the many worthwhile charitable organizations all over the country. You can learn more about his program at www.kcookehomes.com, search Helping Hands.

In her second year as assistant professor in the Goucher College psychology department, **Jen McCabe** enjoys teaching four different courses, including *Human Learning and Memory* and *Cognitive Psychology*. Jen runs an active undergraduate research lab studying topics of memory and metacognition related to teaching and learning issues. She has been married to Frank Diller for nine years, and they have a wonderful daughter, Chloe Annelleee, 3. Jen and her family live in close proximity to, and visit often with, fellow alumni parents, **Diane Ercole McCabe ’72** and **Jay McCabe ’72**.

Since graduation from McDaniel, James Reddan moved to Oregon and attended the University of Oregon where he completed two master of music degrees in choral conducting and music education, after which he taught choral music in both junior high and high school in Las Vegas, Nev. James traveled with his high school students to Beijing in June and July ’08 to perform as part of the Summer Olympics Festivities. In 2008, James moved back to Albany, Ore., where he is the director of choral activities at Linn-Benton Community College. James recently took the choirs on tour to New York City where they won a gold and two silver medals at the National Choral Invitational, and were honored as a finalist for the American Prize in Choral Conducting in May.

Currently, James is working on his doctor of musical arts degree in music education through Boston University. He has been busy traveling with family and his students to Europe and Asia, and celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary in August.

**Jessica Marie Boehman** graduated with her Ph.D. in the history of art from the University of Pennsylvania in May ’09 with a specialization in Italian Baroque Sculpture. The following fall, Jessica served as visiting assistant professor at the College of Wooster in Ohio, where she had a great time teaching fantastic students in a setting much like McDaniel. In April ’10, Jessica married her longtime beau, Michael Onghai, in her hometown of Frederick, Md. They honey-

**Going the Distance, and Then Some**

Juggling a busy marathon season means something different for avid long-distance runner **Barry Goldmeier ’87**. On Oct. 26, he ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., and the New York Marathon the following week — all while keeping five red bean-bags aloft.

“The Running Juggler,” as he is known, has been running and juggling for more than 20 years. In the past, he had been back to the Hill to run and juggle 5K’s and mile runs organized by professors Skip Fennell and the late Dave Herlocker. He’s run and juggled in races in Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Maryland.

Search his moniker on Flickr, the photo-sharing website, and you’ll find dozens of snapshots of him taken by awe-struck spectators. “I am easy to find in the photos,” he says.

He’s usually wearing a white Planters Shirt that says, “Everybody Loves a Nut.”
Journey to the Bottom of the Sea

"It feels like going into space but in reverse." That's how Helen Ver Eeck '05 describes the sensation of traveling 1.4 miles to the bottom of the ocean aboard the research submarine Alvin.

Ver Eeck is close to completing a Ph.D. in microbiology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her research was on hyperthermophiles from deep-sea vents, a.k.a. "black smokers," that spew superheated water, hot gases and heavy-metal particulates out of the Earth's crust. Ver Eeck, who expects to defend her dissertation in mid-December, says this research may one day lead to an alternative fuel source.

A native New Yorker, Ver Eeck says her only previous sea-faring experience was aboard the Staten Island ferry. She spent months on the research vessel Atlantis with her advisor and a few other scientists and students off the coast of Washington and Oregon.

Trips down in the tiny submersible were cramped but exhilarating, she says. "I saw the most amazing purple octopus. It had a huge umbrella belly and was bright purple with a blue eye. Fewer people have been where I was than in outer space."
traveling and spending time with my godchildren, Ben and Annie Ferringer.

We continue to keep in touch with Amy Sheridan Donathan, Kashi Snyder Shambaugh, Rob Newman, Meredith Wissel Veilleux '97 and other friends from the Hill. We look forward to catching up with everyone at Homecoming this year.

Please keep us updated! If you have any news you would like to share with the class of 1999, please contact us.

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Andrew Bollard lives in Fells Point where he bought a home. He works as a project manager for a publishing company down town and is also pursuing a master's degree in economics and public policy at UMBC. Outside of work and school, he has been busy volunteering his time to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program in Baltimore.

In 2009, Ashley Hoover graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in Washington State and decided to move back to the East Coast where she is currently practicing law in Baltimore City.

Jamine Bliss Lewis married Patrick O'Neill Hayes III '06 on Jan. 2 at the Antrim in Taneytown, Md. They bought a home in Perry Hall. Jamine has been working for GGP in Towson in the leasing department since July '08

Jessica Bradford St. Clair and her husband, Rob, are about to celebrate their second anniversary. They recently bought their first townhouse in Blacksburg, Va. Jessica is working on her Ph.D. in mathematics at Virginia Tech with plans to graduate in May '11.

Lindsay Lengerman Grabowski married Steve Grabowski '04 in April '06. They live on the Marine Corps base, Quantico, in Virginia. They were blessed with their first child this past winter, Sadie Rose, born Jan. 21. Lindsay is currently a stay-at-home mom, pursuing her M.B.A. and M.S. in financial accounting from UMBC.

Erin Lucas recently began a new job working as an elementary school behavioral therapist. Erin bought her first home and had her first son all within the first week of June '09.

Michael Vyskociil celebrated three years of working for the Gettysburg Foundation, the non-profit fundraising and management partner of the National Park Service at Gettysburg. Michael continues to serve as communications and marketing coordinator for the Foundation and encourages all McDaniel alumni to check out this famed Civil War battlefield park. Michael also continues to contribute feature articles for Carroll Magazine and Celebrate Gettysburg, in addition to serving as feature writer for the recipes topic on Suite101.com.

Kevin Joyce and his wife, Christine, graduated law school in May '08. They are enjoying their son, Jameson Connor, who was born in July '08. In April '09, Kevin started his own law practice, Joyce & Associates, LLC.

Ana Lezcano Inacio recently married Rama Inacio on March 10, 2010 and is living on the island of Corfu, Greece.

Tiffany Norquest is working at Duke University Corporate Human Resources since July '07. Since 2008, she has also been working as a personal fitness trainer. Tiffany has lived in North Carolina since May '07 and is enjoying being a mom to Alyssa Isabel Rusnak, born Dec. 20, 2008.

Kelly Grubb Blake and Mikey Blake are living in Hanover, Pa., with their little boy, Parker Lewis Blake, born Aug. 3, 2009. Kelly works as an internal medicine physician assistant and Mikey works as an HVAC mechanic, both in Westminster, Md.

Jessica Zimmerman is still living in Somerset, N.J., with her partner Stephanie and their crazy 4-year-old boxer pup, Dex. Jess works from home as a senior analyst for UnitedHealth and hopes to attend Seton Hall University’s law school program in pharmaceutical and health sciences in the fall of 2011. She hopes all of her Phi Mu sisters are doing well around the country, and hopes to see them at wine fest or in her travels.

Crystal McCubbin is currently teaching third grade in Baltimore County. Crystal lives in Harford County, Md., and is working towards her master’s degree in leadership in mathematics.

Felicia Donelson just finished her first year of law school at Howard University School of Law and this summer spent six weeks in Capetown, South Africa, taking classes at the University of Western Cape in the Comparative and International Law Program. Felicia was recently selected as a consultant/trainer to support the Youth Track for the 2010 National Leadership Conference taking place in Anaheim, Calif., in August '10.

Since McDaniel graduation, Erin Shinholt Kleopa has been working for residential life at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. In May '09, she earned a master’s degree from UMBC in applied sociology with a certificate for the non-profit sector. Life’s journey now finds her spending her free time (and all her money) traveling the world, including western Europe, the Mediterranean, and across the U.S. Salsa dancing is her favorite pastime, second only to living life with her husband, Costas Kleopa. They were married June 20, 2010 in Elkridge, Md. — and in Cyprus.

Jessica Watson officially started her own design business, J Watson Creative, in 2010. She also led the committee that planned Baltimore’s first design conference, A Day in the Life Baltimore Design Conference, which took place in April ‘10 at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

As for me, I celebrated my marriage to Gregory Lassik on May 23, 2010 in New Jersey, then we renewed our vows in St. Lucia shortly after. I’m currently working for the...
Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services out of Community Medical Center Emergency Room in Toms River, N.J., while also attending nursing school with plans to be a psychiatric registered Nurse. Two of my closest friends from McDaniel, Kristen Morrison and Geneve Kallins, traveled to New Jersey to celebrate the wedding as bridesmaids in my bridal party. Kristen is currently living in Abingdon, Md. and works as a benefits specialist for the Baltimore County government, where she has been working for the past five years. Geneve returned home after spending some time studying in Israel, and is currently residing in her hometown of Bradenton, Fla. Christina Carbonetto Lassik 906 Green View Way Toms River, NJ 08753

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Justin Reitz is now living in Denver, Colo., and working part time for the Colorado Rockies in the promotions and special events department. Joseph Potucek is interning in the acquisition services branch of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Arlington, Va. He is also a full-time student at McDaniel earning a master's degree in liberal arts. Bianca Rieti adopted a puppy, Hunter, and re-located to West Chester, Pa., where she is attending graduate school at Immaculata University for counseling psychology with certification in primary and secondary education. After completing her master's, she plans to obtain her doctoral degree in sports psychology.

Rhonda Martinez received her license to teach in Maryland and is anxiously waiting for her elementary classroom while she enjoys life with her two children. Jennifer Sandler lives in Annapolis, Md., and works as a financial aid counselor/study abroad coordinator in the office of student financial aid at the University of Maryland. After serving as a student ambassador and peer mentor while at McDaniel, she's discovered her passion for working with prospective and first-year college students. She is currently applying to graduate programs, and intends to begin working on a master's degree in higher education administration in the fall of 2011.

Tara McKinney has moved to Silver Spring, Md., with her boyfriend Adam Peña '07 and their kitty, Tagen. She is working at Bond Beebe in Bethesda, Md., while she studies for her CPA exam.

Erin Balsamo is in her second year of graduate school at UMBC working towards a Ph.D. in applied physics. This summer, she did pre-doctoral candidacy research at NASA Goddard. She is planning on moving in with a roommate in Upper Fells Point in Baltimore and continues to experiment with different sports.

Danielle "Danny" Fraider spent the fall of '09 student teaching in Westminster before moving back to her hometown in the suburbs of Philadelphia where she worked as a substitute teacher at the Havertown School, an all boys K-12 school in the spring. She is now the assistant women's basketball coach at Ursinus College and is working at William Penn Charter High School in Philadelphia as a long-term substitute teacher for health and physical education where she also coaches field hockey at the middle school.

Shane Bringer is studying for his master's of divinity at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and is the seminarian at Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral. This summer, he studied clinical pastoral education at Wyckote Church Home in Pennsylvania, working with residents suffering with Dementia. He plans to get his Ph.D. in liturgics and church history to teach and do research.

Kadijat "Yemi" Oladiran interned at the Public Health Foundation in Washington, D.C., working as a business administrator/bookkeeper before traveling to Nigeria for two months. In January, she moved from Maryland to California to pursue a master's degree in public health with certification in emergency preparedness and response at Loma Linda University School of Public Health. She hopes to finish the program in June '11 and then complete the Peace Corps masters of international program in Africa.

Justine Koontz received an achievement award from Peabody Preparatory for studies in composition and attended a choral composition workshop at Lehig University.

Katie Dorian has been working at the Delaware County Courthouse in Media, Pa. This fall, she started her first year of law school on a full-tuition scholarship at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Scott Pusateri worked as an intern at Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick, Md., after graduation. He moved to New Haven, Conn., after being accepted into Yale School of Medicine, where he is studying to become a physician assistant. His graduate education is being funded by the United States Navy in exchange for three years of service as a practicing physician assistant, serving as a medical corp officer in the Navy.

Kris Breeden worked as a communications assistant for a non-profit organization that represented independent shoe store owners until August '09. She then moved to Granada, Spain to live and work with a family as an au pair where she taught English to two boys ages 4 and 7. While in Spain, she took Spanish courses at the University of Granada's Center of Modern Languages. This past summer, she lived with her fiancé in Oxford, England. She has since moved back to Maryland and started her master of arts in teaching at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where she focuses on secondary education with a concentration in Spanish.

Leah Back stayed in Westminster after graduation where she lived with her roommate and their two fish, Ezra and Ernest. She taught English and helped with the music and costumes for the spring production of Grease at Winters Mill High School in Westminster. She plans to move back to Philadelphia to teach and start graduate school.

Thorne Rintel was busy applying to nursing schools before she finally decided to attend University of Maine in Fort Kent.

Yvonne Pearson has been working at Bloomingdale's as a personal shopper in the dress department. She has also worked as an assistant stylist for the Essence Magazine runway show in honor of Black History Month. She recently traveled to Miami and loves having a job where she is paid to shop—a dream come true!

Liz Walther took the summer off after graduation to spend time with her family. She moved from New Jersey to Maryland and now works at Aerotek Staffing in Hanover, Md., as a business operation's associate.

Jackie Kahler is halfway through graduate school at the University of Maryland pursuing a master of public policy specializing in international development. This summer, she interned with World Vision, a Christian NGO that serves the poor worldwide. After she graduates, she plans to go on a long-term mission trip to at least one third-world country.

Genai Moore has been working in social work with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services and also attends the University of Maryland where she is working to become a clinical social worker.

Nicole Harris is a fourth-grade teacher at Eldersburg Elementary School in Carroll County. She resides in Gaithersburg, Md. When she is not teaching, she is spending time with her best friends from the Hill and also participating in several church activities. She serves as the secretary for the White Pearl Alumni Chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Lauren Hild is working at Target, Inc., as a community living manager while she earns a master in human services management with special education.

Lindsey Shue is excited to have started her career path by getting her feet wet at Metastorm, Inc., an international software company for business architecture, based in Baltimore City. She hopes to one day work for their in-house graphic design team using her creative skills and talents she gained while at McDaniel.

Lauren Howe is working towards a master in social work with a concentration in families and children at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. She lives in Westminster with Danielle Gagliardi '09, Alicia Ciato and Lauren Groves '08.

Hillary Keating graduated in May from The University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice with a master's in...
social work. She has passed her licensure exam and is working for the Methodist Board of Childcare as a social worker in a boys' group home in southern Maryland.

Amanda Becker now lives in Austin, Texas, where she works for International Studies Abroad and loves it! She gets to fly all over the U.S. and Europe for business.

Michelle Fluty moved over to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and is teaching health and physical education at Stephen Decatur High School. She was an assistant lacrosse coach this spring and is now the head field hockey coach.

Jim Dyson worked with the Carroll County government as part of their office of environmental compliance, doing work with the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. He is now putting his environmental policy degree to use working with CONNOR Institute, a real estate due-diligence and environmental training firm.

Stephanie Banik joined the Maryland Park Service where she works as a park ranger in southern Maryland. Every day she gets to enjoy hiking trails, viewing wildlife, and helping the public appreciate Mother Earth while preserving the outdoors. If your travels ever find you in Calvert County, Md., stop by Calvert Cliffs' State Park and Stephanie will be more than happy to show you around.

Jon Zimmerman has been working as a benefits analyst for Banyan Consulting in Mechanicsburg, Pa., since August '09. He is now working part time as he is back at McDaniel where he started the masters program in school counseling.

Jason Stealy is living in Indianapolis, Ind., with his new puppy, Squirt. Cody Cutchley launched his career with the FBI as an investigative specialist in Raleigh, N.C. He is still running and qualified for the Boston Marathon after running his first marathon at the National Marathon in Washington, D.C. He plans to pursue a master's degree in a field that will help him become a special agent in the FBI.

Lindsey McDonald moved right outside London, England, after graduation where she spent seven months working for the English Lacrosse Association as a full-time lacrosse coach for Great Britain's youth. While abroad, she was afforded the opportunity to travel to many amazing places. She has since moved back to the States.

Kayon Williams is working as an advisor in the office of enrollment management at University of Maryland University College. She is planning to start working towards a master's degree with a specialization in human resource management this fall.

Jacqueline E. Miller never really left McDaniel! She is working towards her master of liberal arts degree on the Hill while working for Carroll Care Pharmacies in Westminster.

Rachel Wert Cooper married Jacob Cooper after graduation and moved to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina where he is currently stationed. The couple has also welcomed a baby boy into the world, Wesley Michael Cooper, who was born on Feb. 11. She is a stay-at-home mom and is now working on her master's in special education at Capella University online.

Alex Hussein is in her second year of law school at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Anja Jones attends medical school at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Kara Miller teaches first grade at Robert Moton Elementary School in Carroll County. She is currently attending graduate school at McDaniel to earn her master's degree in the reading specialist program.

Catherine "Katie" Linton is working towards her master's in social work and works full time at the ARC of Washington County, which serves individuals with disabilities.

Brad Ryder started the physical therapy program at the University of Maryland.

Janice Watson moved to the UK two months after graduation where she is living it up and traveling a lot. During the volcano in Iceland, she sought refuge traveling to Croatia, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria and Slovenia.

James W. Eaton Jr. is currently attending graduate school at McDaniel working towards a master of science in secondary education while also working as the assistant to the head brewmaster at Brewer's Alley in Frederick, Md. He serves as the head counselor at Sandy Spring Sports Camp over the summer.

Julie Hill moved to Gainesville, Fla., after graduation to attend the University of Florida for a Ph.D. in developmental psychology. She proposes her Master's thesis at the end of the spring semester on social beliefs and adolescent problem behavior and plans on defending it before the end of this fall semester. She loves the Florida weather and watching her new football team on TV but says, "nothing could ever beat tailgating at McDaniel!"

Derek Smith graduated from a police academy run by the Pennsylvania State Police and is working for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation of Natural Resources as a ranger at Codorus State Park.

Annastasia Zenner accepted a seven-month contract with the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico (UIPR) - San Germán as a microbiology research assistant. Her research focuses on the drinking water systems in rural communities of Puerto Rico. She is also involved in research, under the EPA, testing the water quality of the marine environment as well as determining sources for contamination. She is finally adjusting to the Caribbean weather, picking up some useful Spanish phrases and learning to love the local criolla cuisine. Her new favorite food? Tostones, a twice-fried green plantain which she says are much better than French fries!

Jennifer Noel began teaching English and journalism for all grade levels at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, Pa., after graduation. She was also a teacher for the D.C. College Success Foundation's Summer Academic Enrichment Program at McDaniel which she describes as a "fantastic and life-changing experience."

Toni Tagliareni received her master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in May and will begin teaching this fall in Newark, N.J., as part of the Teach for America program.

Laura Davis is the copy editor for KMI Media Group, a Rockville, Md.-based publishing company that produces nine different magazines serving the United States Department of Defense and military. She currently lives in Frederick and still enjoys spending time catching up with some of her Phi Mu sisters.

Carla Schwager is at West Chester University in their clinical psychology master's program where she is doing her internship and practicum with sexual offenders. She is also assisting a professor who is organizing the Association for Women in Psychology (AWP) conference in Philadelphia.

As for your class reporters, Kate Maloney moved to Baltimore, Md., after graduation and worked at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry as a research assistant. This past spring, I was offered a job I couldn't refuse working as a chapter coordinator for Active Minds, Inc., a national non-profit with a network of student-led chapters on college campuses across the country that work to raise awareness about mental health issues and eradicate the stigma associated with seeking help. I started a chapter of Active Minds while at McDaniel and am now thrilled to be working for the national headquarters in Washington, D.C. I live in Rockville, Md., with my boyfriend and Kelly MacKinnon.

Leahanne Marino — I moved back home outside of Philadelphia and landed my dream job as a wedding specialist at The Concordville Inn where I get to work with brides to plan their special day and help them have fun while doing it. After about a year, I finally accepted the fact I actually graduated from college and am enjoying being a big girl now.

Thanks to all who submitted a note for our inaugural column in The Hill. We loved hearing from you and we look forward to hearing from you again soon!

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Sorry, Joe Soellner ’13

We know you begged your sister, Mary Clare Soellner, not to show up at Homecoming in front of all your football teammates to cheer you on in her green girl getup. But then, you guys were victorious. Coincidence?
New View. I was thinking about how beautiful the city of Pest looked from that angle. I was also anticipating the sun going down and all the lights coming on in the city, lighting up buildings like Parliament and Buda Castle.

I've learned that even though I'm a pretty reserved person, when necessary I can overcome obstacles like a language barrier in order to get what I need. I've had to learn how to buy groceries without understanding any labels and figure out how to get around an unfamiliar city. Now I know that I have the ability to live in a foreign place.

My sense of the world has definitely changed. I grew up in Howard County, Md., which I always knew was a very privileged place to grow up, but you never realize how privileged you are until you live in an area that is stricken not only by poverty but also carries the scars of its history everywhere you go. I see homeless people on the street every single day in Budapest and I am also reminded every day about how much the city suffered in the war. Also, I am taking a Holocaust and Memory class here and that amplifies the meaning in everything I see.

If I could bring anything back from Budapest, I think it would be the mass transit system. I use the tram lines at least once a day. It's the way everyone gets around.
FIND: 13 distinct differences between Picture 1 and Picture 2. List them, and send us your answers.

SUBMIT: Guess the Differences, The Hill magazine, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157. Or e-mail kasch@mcdaniel.edu.

Correct entries will be entered into a drawing for first prize. PRIZE: A McDaniel sweatshirt.
"The Gulf seafood is more heavily tested now than any other seafood in the world."
—Eric Schwaab '82

The Gulf of Mexico oil disaster exploded just a few months after Eric Schwaab '82 was appointed federal fisheries chief by the Obama administration. Learn on page 18 why he believes it's safe to eat seafood from the Gulf, what helped restore Maryland's crab industry, and how a Chinook salmon inspired him.
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The 6-foot dandelion, by Rachel Held '10, was accepted into the Fantastic Fibers exhibition at the Yeiser Art Center in Paducah, Ky.

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"May we continue to be a warm and open community for another 140 years!"
—— Gina King '01

Promised Realized

I was so happy to read the story about the same-sex wedding of Stacey Roach '03. I remember her as the gregarious president of Allies, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance on campus, and I’m glad to know she was able to meet and marry the love of her life. As director of admissions and a fellow alum, I constantly tell students that they can find their voice and follow their dreams here on the Hill. I do this in speaking from experience, and it means a lot to me that Stacey’s story confirms my promise. May we continue to be a warm and open community for another 140 years!

Gina Rende King '01, Baltimore, Md.

Insensitive to traditionalists

I am writing in response to the piece entitled “Over The Rainbow” in the Spring issue of The Hill. There are many alumni (myself included) who hold to a traditional view of marriage, i.e. a one-man, one-woman union. While I understand that you may not share this view, I am sure you would agree that this is a highly charged controversial issue. Knowing this, I am profoundly disappointed that you would choose to feature this article so prominently in The Hill. This decision gives the appearance that you place no value on the beliefs of those who oppose same-sex marriage. I don’t know if this was your intention or not, but either way, I believe this was a very insensitive decision on your part.

Doug Pinto '83, Mt. Airy, Md.

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- Mark your calendars for Homecoming Nov. 6, 2010. Game against Gettysburg starts at 1 p.m.
- Follow McDaniel News on Twitter at http://twitter.com/McDanielNews
Video extra
Watch a video interview with Roger Casey, McDaniel's ninth president (below with wife Robyn Allers), to learn who his role models are, what he plans to do first when he hits campus, and how the rapper Eminem reminds everyone to carpe diem. Go to mcdaniel.edu/casey.

Tune In, Be Here
SMART TALK @McDaniel
Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. in WMC Alumni Hall
President Roger Casey will engage alumni, educators and newsmakers in one-on-one interviews and roundtable discussions. Pulitzer Prize winner Wendy Ruderman '91 will be a featured guest.

In the Spring issue, we challenged you to craft a clever caption for the cartoon above, created by Harry Bliss, whose work has been featured on the cover of The New Yorker magazine. Many of you showed off your witty side.

Judges for this round were: Suzanne Nida Seibert '83, senior lecturer in the English department; Max Robinson '10, a lifelong comics aficionado and co-founder of Danger Sauce, the campus improv troupe; and Hill Editor Joyce Muller.

David Grodnick '87 wrote the winning caption (above) and will receive the prize of a McDaniel College T-shirt.

Sean Healey '99 came in by a close second with, “I would be impressed if it was an iPad.”
Our First Four-Major Man

Eric Lemmon '10 says he wasn't always a phenomenal student. In fact, it wasn't until high school that he really started to apply himself and discovered a passion for science. Since then, he's more than made up for lost time. He is the College's first quadruple major, pursuing studies in physics, chemistry, biology and biochemistry.

This spring, he won the 2010 John and Edythe Portz Award for Outstanding Maryland Honors Student at a Four-Year College. In July, Lemmon is off to Stony Brook University in Long Island, N.Y., where he will pursue an M.D. — Ph.D. in Biophysical Chemistry. A full scholarship and $26,000 annual stipend will support his studies.

Until he reached high school, Lemmon describes himself as "the lazy smart kid who never did homework and got A's on all my tests." By eighth grade, that formula no longer worked and his science teacher set him straight.

Biology Professor Louise Paquin and other McDaniel faculty members who nominated Lemmon for the Portz Award have not only been impressed with Lemmon's academic achievements, but with his leadership skills and eagerness to tutor other students. Lemmon has also been involved in serious research projects; a summer internship at the University of Los Angeles at California enabled him to explore the use of computational chemistry to design a synthetic enzyme.

He says people might be surprised to learn that he is also a member of a fraternity on campus, Phi Kappa Sigma. "Sometimes people doubt that I have a social life," he says. "We're the very, very diverse fraternity. I've become friends with people I probably would have never met otherwise. I find that fun."
Trash Becomes High Couture

One person's trash may be another person's treasure—and it just may be somebody else's high couture.

Or so it seemed at the "Reduce, Reuse, Re-fashion" show, where the Art Club and the Environmental Action Club joined creative forces to challenge participants to design runway-worthy ensembles out of recyclable items that often end up in trash bins.

The offbeat event was held as part of RecycleMania, a friendly, 10-week competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste-reduction activities to their campus communities. By week 10, McDaniel had recycled more than 43,363 pounds of paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, or 13.95 pounds per person.

An uninformed observer arriving during the design stage of the Re-fashion show might have mistaken the piles of assembled materials as merely a chaotic mix of cardboard and plastic, newspaper and aluminum. However, the imaginative students revving up for the competition saw only the possibilities. Nine teams of two to five students spent 90 minutes fabricating their masterpieces out of the provided recyclables.

The trash was quickly and impressively transformed into gowns, hats and accessories. The teams were judged in categories including "Most Original," "Most Sophisticated" and "Best Overall."

Art Club president Jes Osrow '10 said the event encouraged students to exercise their artistic flair in a fun way, adding that "fashion is a form of art that often gets overlooked."

It certainly would have been difficult for anyone to overlook the outfits that walked down the runway at the culmination of the night, around 8:30 p.m. From an elegant black and white gown made of newspaper to a belly-dancing costume created out of torn and layered plastic, the participants made up for any deficiency in the available materials with plenty of imagination. Modeling the gown that won the night's top honor of "Best Overall" was Junior Erin Duffy, wearing a white plastic dress with a layered bubble wrap skirt, M&M cardboard belt and Kix cereal box vest. She and her teammates won reusable water bottles, one of the many "green" prizes awarded throughout the evening.

Senior Ashleigh Smith, referring to the turnout of more than 50 students, enthused, "For this being a first-time event the student participation is unreal."

Kelly Whall '11 defined the show and its purpose when she described it as a stunning example of "what we can achieve when we learn to preserve our resources and put them to better use."

The College's innovative approaches to advancing environmental thought and actions, such as the Re-fashion show, were recognized with an award from the Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council.

— Danielle Lombardi '09
**Newsmakers**

- Associate Professor of English Robert Kachur received the Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award for inspired classroom work and dedication to students. The award provides a $5,000 honorarium for the faculty recipient and a matching fund for ongoing professional and scholarly development.

Since 1998, Kachur has taught classes in British Enlightenment and Romantic literature that draw heavily from philosophy. He also teaches courses on literary giants ranging from Wordsworth to Keats to Coleridge and Blake. Kachur took his students on the road in a 2009 Jan Term to lurk about England's Whitby Abbey, to spy on the Romanian hometown of Vlad the Impaler and to retrace the steps of Dracula as depicted in Bram Stoker's classic.

More recently, Kachur's new course on Major Figures focusing on Edgar Allan Poe's fiction, poetry and non-fiction prose has led to a revelatory interpretation on sexual themes. Kachur and two undergraduates will research the work this summer with the goal of completing an article for publication.

- With teaching careers each spanning four decades, Professors Leroy Panek and Michael Brown announced retirements effective this spring. Both arrived at the College in 1968 with freshly minted Ph.D.s and leave having earned the respect and friendship of their faculty colleagues and students. Each is also valued for effecting vital tenure-track faculty appointments and curricular revisions during their leadership as department chairs. (Read more about the successes of Panek and Brown on page 48.)

- College alumnus, professor emeritus and historian James E. Lightner was elected to the Board of Trustees. Like the College's namesake William Roberts McDaniel, Lightner has risen through the faculty ranks to be named a trustee after successfully serving in significant roles both inside and outside the classroom.

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**Ask the Expert**

**How are bugs put to work to reduce the use of pesticides and crops on the nation's produce? It seems counterintuitive.**

Bob Schroder '57, Ph.D., a retired entomologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and an adjunct lecturer at Loyola University:

You first have to understand that most of the pests we have in this country are insects that have been accidentally introduced from abroad without their natural enemies that would normally prevent their proliferation. During my 38-year career, I traveled the globe in search of potential bio-control agents, including parasitic and predator insects, that could be imported and released to control the bugs that plague American crops.

This approach can be very successful and ultimately better for people and the environment than relying solely on pesticides. You know, when DDT was discovered as an insecticide during the second half of World War II, scientists thought they had the solution — up to that point more people were killed by malaria and typhus carried by insects than by bullets. But in 1962, just about the time I was starting my career, biologist Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring*, which raised concerns that DDT and other insecticides were a health threat. Meanwhile, many insects had already developed resistance.

Since then, the USDA has hired thousands of entomologists and spent millions and millions of dollars on the effort to develop biological/natural pest control programs. We've had some real successes in controlling some of the major agricultural and forest insect pests, but it's a complicated process. Permission to work with these parasites must be obtained from both the host country and the U.S. government and, once here, the insects have to be quarantined until they are proven safe for release. As explorers, we always carry a list of biologicals we're on the hunt for — you don't want to come home empty-handed.

Our big break came during a 1991 expedition I led in Brazil with a team of entomologists from Argentina, Russia and Moldavia. We discovered that corn rootworm loved to feed on a bitter root...
there, which we were able to replicate back at home from a mutant strain of watermelon that was just as bitter. The discovery of this bitter root lead to the development of bait that is currently being marketed for control of the corn rootworm pests in the U.S. We took this watermelon, crushed it, ran it through a press and got the juices out of it. These insects just fought over this juice, they were going berserk to get it. This became the basis of our new bait, which we mixed with 90 to 95 percent reduced rates of insecticides that were used to control the pest. Our new mixture is the equivalent to reducing three pints per acre — which is a pretty heavy dose — to about two shot glasses. This bait has been applied to millions of corn acres.

We also tried mixing the watermelon juice bait with the red dye found in Pepto-Bismol. The rootworms fed on it, turned red, and died right away upon exposure to the sun. I hold two patents on the use of the watermelon juice with reduced rates of pesticides and on the formula for the watermelon juice and the red dye.

It's pretty much a given that we can expect a new pest in this country about every three years. Of all the insects out there, the one everybody should leave alone is the ladybeetle. A lot of people see them in their immature stage — they look like little spiny bugs on your plants — and they kill them. Don't do that! Ladybugs eat aphids and other pest insects and are wonderful to have around.

— Exercise science major Sean McGarry '13, who took first place among nearly 60 responses to the Center for the Study of Aging challenge to capture the essence of older adults in just six words.

Tassels Unfurled

Just a week after Lookin’ at Lucky nosed passed a field of 12 to win this year’s Preakness, graduating seniors, 444 strong, posted their silks to strut their academic achievements.

Silken cords encircling their proud necks ranged from the McDaniel green and gold to an elaborate combo of braided red-white-black for Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science and Government) to pink and silver for Beta Alpha Chi (Music honor society). With over 20 honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, and nearly one in four seniors graduating with Latin honors, the seniors stretched their necks outward to spy family and friends who cheered them over the finish line.
Charles "Chuck" Ecker ’51
Big Kid on Campus

Since 2000, he's served as superintendent of the top-ranked Carroll County school system, the ninth-largest of Maryland's 24 districts, after a distinguished career in education administration. He was elected to two terms as Howard County executive, from 1990 to 1998. A U.S. Navy veteran and farm boy at heart, he started his career as a physical education teacher and coach and went on to earn his M.Ed. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. He's been recognized as one of the top 100 U.S. school administrators. He is a 1999 inductee into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame. Married to Peggy Brown '51 for 57 years, he retired June 30 at age 81 — while he still has the energy to enjoy his golden years.

The right impression
I like to tease and I like to laugh. Laugh and the world laughs with you. I like to make it so you're glad you saw me today.

What I learned
• On the family farm outside Uniontown, Md.: If you want to make a change you prepare the land, you plant the seed, then you have to nurture it
along and then you reap the benefits.
• In the Navy: To follow orders.
• At WMC: If everybody agreed with everything it would be a dull world.

Love at second sight
Peggy and I had some classes together at WMC. She remembers me in a folk dance class as the guy with the broken leg. I broke my leg playing football under coach Charlie Havens. I was a day student, living at home with my parents and brothers, and I also had a job when I was not in class. Because I was not on campus much, Peggy thought I was married. We started going together while we were both teaching at Taneytown Junior-Senior High School — she was surprised to learn I was an eligible bachelor.

Married 57 years and counting
The secret to our longevity? Fresh air. When I get upset I take a walk. No, seriously, I attribute it to the fact that even if we don't always agree on everything, we give and take and we make the best of each situation.

Just follow the golden rule
Whether it is in marriage or the interaction with people at work, school, community, church, etc., differences are healthy. We need to treat others the way we want to be treated, with dignity, respect, understanding and kindness, regardless of whether we agree or disagree on an issue.

I still believe in public schools
I think public schools are great. Both my children were educated in public schools. Carroll County schools are ranked near the top and it's thanks to the teachers, the principals and also the parents. I think public schools can do a lot but they can't do it all — they need the help of parents.

If I called all the shots
I wish we had the authority to mandate that parents volunteer in the school so many days a year. In private school they can do that; in public schools we can't. But parents need to be involved.

Some parents need to learn
Parents need to take responsibility for raising their children. They need to be involved not only in their children's school, but also be aware of what they are doing on the Internet. And when a child goes out, ask: "Where are you going?" "With whom are you going?" "What are you going to do?" "When will you be home?"

Disagree with me — please
I make a lot of decisions here, some good and some bad, and I encourage people to come in and say, "Hey you dummy, why did you do this?" If they convince me, I'll change. If they don't, I expect loyalty. Some do come in here, but they don't call me "dummy." At least not out loud.

Honesty is my policy
Bad things happen; it is how we handle them that is important. I believe that we have to be up front and honest with people. When bad things happen, tell all the facts about the situation that do not violate any privacy laws.

Lasting regret
I look back and wish I had done some things differently. I wish I'd spent more time with my kids and with my wife. I've neglected them. When I was county executive, I used to be out five nights out of seven. Some days I'd eat three meals out. Friday nights were slow, but I was tired. I used to go home and go to bed at 7 o'clock on Friday nights.

What's good about getting older
The alternative is terrible. The benefit is you can help more people. You learn and become more understanding, more moderate; you find out there are at least two sides to every issue.

A frugal man's fitness regimen
I go to the gym three mornings a week now. I meet the trainer at 5:30 a.m. The reason I have a trainer is I'm cheap. If I'm paying him, I get up and I go. That's incentive.

Sleeping in sounds good
That's one good thing about retirement — I'll be able to work out a little later.
Art On the Edge

How the Studio Art program sharpened its rigor and relevance —

and got the attention of top-ranked graduate schools

BY KIM ASCH
For four glorious weeks over Jan Term, Associate Professor of Art and Art History Steven Pearson did little else but paint, logging as many as 15 hours a day while a fellow in the international residency program at Vermont Studio Center. With such rare, concentrated time to focus on his own creative work, he was able to complete a mammoth, 32-panel, 8-by-16-foot piece of abstract expressionism for his spring solo exhibition at the selective Arlington Art Center.

When the show opened in April, not only were his current students in attendance (Pearson gave them a ride), but so were several of his former protégés — now MFA candidates. They, too, came out to support and congratulate their mentor, friend and role model.

"It was really great to have them there," Pearson says. "It's important to me, and to my students, that I continue to paint, to do shows, to stay relevant on the art scene."

Relevance has been the central theme of Pearson's vision for the Studio Art program, which he set about reinvigorating upon his arrival on campus six years ago. For Pearson, art is both a way of life and a means of making a living. "It doesn't feel like work, because it's what I love," he says. He wanted to spark that same devotion and discipline in talented students and provide them the right opportunities and guidance so they could go on to top-notch graduate school programs.

First, he added depth and rigor to the curriculum by introducing new courses, including four semesters of Advanced Studio. In all his classes, he began challenging students to push beyond the technical aspects of how to make art and to use what they learn in other disciplines to bring content to their work.

"Good art has content," Pearson points out. "St. Francis of Assisi said, 'He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.' It's not always easy to combine all three, but at a liberal arts college, I think our students have the advantage."
As director of the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery, Pearson has been proactive in bringing to campus a wide variety of high-quality art, from the figurative and representational to the conceptual, for the benefit of his students. Through his various residencies and gallery shows, Pearson has made connections with artists all over the world and he often persuades them to come to campus to lecture and critique students' work.

Advanced Studio students are required to write critical reviews of each of the exhibitions and he submits the most insightful articles for publication in the widely read BMore Art blog (published by Cara Ober MS'98). He also assigns summer reading. Students must follow the writings of three current art critics — last year it was Roberta Smith, Ken Johnson and Jerry Saltz — and create a journal with references to the artists mentioned, their work, and a glossary of terms.

"It lets them know what's going on in the contemporary art world so they're not working in a vacuum," says Pearson, who many students have dubbed a "walking thesaurus" because of his ability to cite from memory artists, both living and dead, with similar styles or who influence each other.

As for student exhibitions, Pearson raised the standards so only the best work gets showcased.

"In the past, everyone was able to show, which created a false impression of the realities that face the artist after graduation. Students now realize that they must endeavor to work hard to earn the privilege to exhibit their work," observes Michael Losch, who teaches art history and often collaborates with Pearson. "The overall quality of the student shows each year has risen significantly and many people have noticed this fact."

With Pearson's encouragement, students have started entering outside juried exhibitions, winning spots over more experienced, professional artists.

"Steve has an amazing eye for recognizing potential in people. He always made us feel that we could do anything we set our minds on accomplishing and he would be here to help us," says Tara Russell '09, an MFA candidate at University of Delaware. "And he's still here to support us. I talk to him at least once a week."

Central to all this success is the strong sense of community that has blossomed among the art students. Losch observes: "There's a palpable sense of electricity and inspired excitement."

A mentor program pairs more-seasoned majors with underclassmen. The regular peer critiques in Advanced Studio condition students to talk about their own work and to offer feedback on one another's work with honesty and respect. "I've never been intimidated by the grad school crits because I grew a thick skin at McDaniel," Russell says with a laugh.

And the Art Club, which Pearson founded and for which he serves as advisor, brings together students from all years to work on group projects, hear talks by visiting artists and go on field trips. A perennial favorite is the trip Pearson leads every semester to the Chelsea district of New York City, where more than 300 galleries are crammed into just a few blocks.

The new Art Studio addition — a 2,400-square-foot, two-story, light-drenched space — brings all art classes under one roof and enhances that sense of community. Pearson can often be found there, in the studio side of his office, snatching moments between classes or in the evening hours to work on his own projects.

Married, with a young son, Pearson still makes time for helping his most promising students apply to master's of fine art programs at big-name graduate schools. He photographs their work, helps them assemble portfolios, edits their artist statements and writes recommendation letters. This academic year, 11 of his former students were pursuing MFA degrees in highly competitive programs — often with substantial or full scholarships. Two more are on their way next year.

"When I was getting my portfolio together, he was willing to literally drop everything and come over and help me at 10 or 11 at night," says Bobby Coleman, a painter who just finished the first year of his MFA program at American University. "There's no way I would have gotten to grad school without Steve."

An MFA program can be crucial to an artist's development, says Pearson, who earned his MFA at the top-ranked Hoffberger School of Painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art. It offers two or three years of concentrated study under excellent faculty among exceptional peers. And the degree itself opens a lot of doors to jobs in the art world, from teaching to curating to operating a gallery.

"If I see that a student is approaching their work with a lot of talent and ingenuity, I start the grad school talk," he says.

Pearson stays in close contact with all his former protégés — just check out his Facebook wall, which is full of images of their work and an ongoing conversation about their progress. He brings them back for talks on campus, visits them at their graduate school studios and makes it to most of their shows.

And they, of course, return the favor. "These are my colleagues and peers now," Pearson says.

What follows are brief portraits of some of the emerging artists to come from the Studio Art program.
Tyler Mullan '10

MFA candidate ’12, with a specialization in sculpture, American University

Her latest natural material? Beeswax.

AHEAD OF THE GAME: Grad school bills won’t be an issue, thanks to a full scholarship.

AN EYE FOR SCIENCE: With a double major in studio art and biology, Mullan takes much inspiration from the natural world and challenges to its existence.

EARLY SUCCESS: Her work, “It’s Not Easy Being Green: Environmentally-based Deformities in Frogs,” was featured in a national juried exhibition at the Allegheny Arts Council in Cumberland, Md.

Chloe Watson ’07

MFA ’10, Mount Royal School of Art, Maryland Institute College of Art

Bedrooms and intimate spaces of her past have become the primary settings for Chloe Watson’s current paintings. “I have been using an entirely new approach with this series — lighting geometrically shaped paper cutouts in my studio, sketching them from observation, and then translating that sketch into an element in a painting.”

OF NOTE: She was among only 15 accepted from a candidate pool of 270.

KUDOS: Program Director Fran Barth selected her for one of four graduate assistantships and says, “She has amazing management skills and interpersonal relationship skills.” On top of that, she can weld. “She came in drawing, and now she does these kind of line-drawing sculptures in space,” Barth says. “She’s developed her own work and her own ideas. She’s grown a lot over these two years.”

CLASSROOM ASPIRATIONS: Watson was a teaching intern for MICA undergrads and would like to find a college faculty position.

MCDANIEL LEGACY: Both of her parents are alumni. She started at New York’s Pratt Institute, but was disillusioned and transferred to McDaniel, where she says she was “far more productive” under Pearson’s tutelage.

COMMUNITY MATTERS: “Staying in touch is a huge part of the art world. I credit Steve for making sure we all know about and go to each other’s openings and shows.”
Rachel Held '10
MFA candidate '12, Rinehart School of Sculpture, Maryland Institute College of Art

EARLY SUCCESSES: Her fiber chess set, with a dandelion theme, was one of five finalists selected out of 800 entries in the Fibers: Decorative category of the NICHE 2010 awards, which recognize excellence and innovation in American and Canadian fine craft. Also, her 6-foot fiber dandelion (shown on the cover) and two other pieces were accepted into the Fantastic Fibers exhibition at the Yeiser Art Center in Paducah, Ky.

BEHIND THE SCENES: "I had to mail the dandelion down to Kentucky in pieces with 12 pages of instructions and diagrams of how to put it together. They sent me pictures once it was complete. It looked good."

ARTIST STATEMENT: "Dandelions, to me, are a source of comfort and reassurance in times of stress and anxiety because they are beautiful fragments of nature that tell a familiar, cyclical story, and remind me of my childhood. They begin as seeds, grow into flowers, transform into puffs, and dissolve into new seeds, like the life cycle of mankind."

"I don't know what my work will look like in two years. That's a cool idea sometimes. Sometimes it's scary."

Tara Russell '09
MFA candidate '11, University of Delaware

"I love abstraction. I'm dealing with the psychological processes of the mind in interpreting color and form."

WHY I'M HERE: "I always wanted to do studio art but there's a common misconception that you'll starve. Steve Pearson made us all understand that if you pursue higher education you will be able to make a fine living doing what you love. MFAs open the doors to grants programs, residencies, teaching, gallery work, curating, critical writing..."

LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY: "I was lucky enough to be offered a full-tuition scholarship and a graduate contract, so I teach a class every semester. They cover all my living expenses and give me a studio and I teach. How often do you get an opportunity to do what you love for two years and get paid for it?"

MY PARENTS' BLESSINGS: "I remember when I got my e-mail with the scholarship. I've never seen my father so happy. He actually danced around the room."
TOP PRIZE: Her untitled installation piece, which featured her own studio as a work in progress, won first place in the 2010 annual Department of Fine Arts and Art History Award Show and a $1,500 prize.

OTHER RECOGNITION: Delivuk was awarded a graduate teaching assistantship, which covered half her tuition and provided some income.

LATEST WORK: Her thesis show comprised three simultaneous video projections on gallery walls. In each, the artist appears to be speaking but is actually lip-synching both her questions and another person's answers from interviews she conducted with professionals representing various aspects of the food industry.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT: "I aim to become an animal activist and a butcher, a farmer and a lobbyist, because these people and their personal politics are sometimes very different and I'd like to provide a platform for where these ideas can all come together. The context of the self is disrupted through these performances — the specifics of my and the interviewees' identity become blurred."

PERSONAL RELEVANCE: "Having conversations with people who work in the food industry enables me to see past the reasons that I am vegan and has allowed me to find links between what I eat and the larger world."
When journalist Wendy Ruderman '91 first met Ventura Martinez, the former drug dealer and longtime police informant feared for his life and hadn't slept in days.

His cover had been blown. A suspicious dealer had hired a private investigator who discovered that Martinez was living in a house owned by the narcotics officer who had arrested him. Now, drug dealers wanted him dead and he had become a liability to the police after word got out that many of the arrests based on his informant work during the previous seven years had relied on lies and fabricated evidence.

An anxious Martinez begged Ruderman, a reporter for the Philadelphia Daily News, to help protect him. "I told him I couldn't guarantee him that, but that I could tell his story," Ruderman recalled.

Dejected, Martinez left Ruderman's office. But he was back two days later, ready to talk and convinced it was the only chance he had of saving his life and protecting his family, which included two young children.

What ensued was a series of stories, "Tainted Justice," that dug deeper and deeper into the tangled relationship between Martinez and the police, and exposed a band of corrupt narcotics officers. The series — which involved combing through thou-
sands of the Narcotics Field Unit's suspicious search warrants and arrest records — resulted in an FBI probe, led to five officers being taken off the street and forced the review of hundreds of criminal cases that were compromised by the scandal.

On May 24, Ruderman and fellow Daily News reporter Barbara Laker received a Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting for the series that exposed power-hungry police officers who, according to Ruderman, “had lost their mission and crossed the line.”
On the day they learned of their Pulitzer Prize win, Ruderman held aloft a red, white and black Asics children’s sneaker, size 3 1/2, filled it with Champagne and sipped a toast to herself as cheering colleagues in the newsroom applauded her and Laker for winning one of journalism's most prestigious awards.

In an age of mind-blowing technological advances and information-rich databases, Ruderman says all she really needed was that pair of tennis shoes — and sheer determination to right a wrong — to help bring down the band of rogue narcotics officers.

“That was all I needed,” Ruderman marveled just days after winning the Pulitzer, still wearing the sneakers that were beginning to feel less sticky with wear.

A petite woman who stands just under 5 feet, Ruderman spent months exploring the dark streets of dangerous neighborhoods in Philadelphia late at night. Persisting through language barriers, she interviewed innocent residents and drug dealers alike, who told eerily similar stories of horrific encounters with narcotics officers who stole money from shop owners and lied about evidence to secure search warrants against suspected drug dealers. There were even accounts of one squad member — a cop who had earned the nickname “boob man” — who sexually molested women.

For all the work she has done over the years in exposing police misconduct, Ruderman says she doesn’t hate the police. Quite the opposite: she says she believes that there are plenty of conscientious cops patrolling the streets of Philadelphia and beyond.

It’s what makes good cops go bad that so thoroughly fascinates Ruderman. And she says she never wavered in her commitment to the “Tainted Justice” series. Not when, in an effort to intimidate her, police union representatives posted her home address on a website popular with cops. And not during the countless hours she spent poring over and sifting through search warrants to detect patterns amid hundreds of cases.

“This was an elite force spending a lot of time raiding bodegas, smoke shops and corner grocers,” Ruderman explains. “We began to wonder, why are they spending so much time on these small merchants?”

Many a night, after her regular work hours, Ruderman would head out to find more people to interview while her husband, Karl Moser, stayed home with their two sons, Brody, 6, and Sawyer, 4.

“People say we gave voice to the voiceless,” Ruderman continues. “We just listened, and we cared.”

She says she certainly never expected that her work would lead to a Pulitzer Prize.

“When we got our first national award for the series, we were shocked. When we got our second, we were more shocked,” she says. “But the Pulitzer? No, no way!”

Since winning the Pulitzer, Ruderman’s life has been overwhelmed with calls from Hollywood producers pitching ideas for a movie and a television series, literary agents proposing book deals, and requests to do speaking engagements.

“Our lives feel forever altered,” she says, as she jokes that she hasn’t gotten much work done lately in the newsroom. “It’s really amazing.”

While in New York City recently for the Pulitzer presentation, she and Laker had a breakfast meeting with Anthony Edwards, known for his role as Dr. Greene on the long-running series ER, who now owns a production company. He’s one of several producers floating the idea of creating a television series done in the vein of Law & Order, with actors portraying Ruderman and Laker pursuing investigations on their beat.

“It’s crazy to have someone like Anthony Edwards more interested in what we have to say instead of us being the ones asking the questions,” she says. “It’s a very surreal experience.”

Amid all the hoopla, Ruderman is keeping her feet planted firmly on the ground.

“There’s not a lot of money in books and movies unless you’re Will Smith,” she says, only half in jest, as she calculated aloud the fees for agents and taxes. “Maybe nothing will come of all of this, but it sure is fun.”

She says she is seriously contemplating taking some vacation time to work with Laker on drafting a book proposal. If they secured a deal, she says, she would probably take a more extended leave to focus on writing the book.
Ruderman's journalistic success comes as no surprise to those who knew her on the Hill, where she made quite the splash as a reporter and writer for the campus newspaper and Contrast, the College's literary magazine.

"As adviser to the Trumpeters and Alpha Nu Omega, both of which Wendy was a member of, I saw Wendy at her finest," says Susan Milstein, professor of business administration. "She had more zip and fun in her than anyone I can remember working with."

At Commencement, where she delivered remarks on behalf of the Class of 1991, Ruderman was awarded the Philip and Azalea Myers Award for Creativity in English. During her senior year, the communication major wrote Playthings, which was produced by the College's theatre department.

Ruderman also was active in several College organizations, including the Jewish Student Union, Alpha Nu Omega and the Trumpeters, among others. And she was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

She says the College provided a nurturing environment that helped prepare her to head out into the world with greater confidence.

Ruderman's first job after leaving the Hill was as editor for a small weekly paper, the Plain Dealer, in South Jersey. "For $13,000 a year, I wrote all the stories and headlines and took all the photographs," she recalls. "It was an 80-hour-a-week job, and I felt like I had made the big time."

After two years, she grew weary of the relentless schedule and workload. She quit the job and spent three months traveling around Europe with her sister. When she returned to the U.S., she took a public relations job with WHYY, Philadelphia's public television and radio station.

But she longed to return to newspapers. So she enrolled at Columbia University, where she earned a master's degree in journalism. She also began work with an online division for The New York Times, preparing events guides. "Grunt work," she calls it.

After graduating from Columbia, she moved back home to help care for her ailing father. She decided to stay close to home after his death to support her mother through her grieving after a 30-year marriage.

She went to work for the Trenton Times' statehouse bureau, then the Associated Press, and back to the Trenton Times. And then she went on to the Bergen Record, where she worked for three years covering police issues.

"My co-workers got tired of throwing me going-away parties," she says.

In December 2002, the Philadelphia Inquirer hired her. About four years later, she was facing being laid off when an editor with the Inquirer arranged for her to take a job with the Philadelphia Daily News.

"I'm addicted to journalism," she says. "I can't imagine doing anything else."

Ruderman's success in journalism comes as the industry continues its struggle to stay afloat. While newsrooms have shed fewer jobs in the past year, thousands of journalists have been laid off in recent years as publishers try to figure out how to keep newspapers relevant — and profitable — in an increasingly digital age.

"It's so depressing," she says. "Thank God I won a Pulitzer."

With a Pulitzer to her credit, she imagines she won't have trouble staying employed in the news business.

But she muses over the irony that amid the changing journalistic landscape, she won the Pulitzer by using old-fashioned gumshoe reporting, hitting the streets with notebook and pen. Still, she says she may sign up for a five-day workshop at Columbia University to learn how to shoot and edit video.

"I know I need to get beyond my dinosaur ways because the industry is changing so much," she says. "If I don't get beyond my notebook, the very thing that has made me a success, I'll become obsolete."

But she hasn't lost heart about the future of news.

"I think there will always be a need for news gatherers," she says. "We just have to figure out how to finance it."

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The Hurt Locker, this year’s winner of the Academy Award for best motion picture, gave civilian moviegoers a realistic glimpse into the volatile environment soldiers must navigate in the battlefields of the Middle East, where the front line is everywhere and everyone is within lethal range of an exploding roadside bomb.

What has yet to garner the general public’s full attention is what happens to those soldiers who survive bomb blasts and heavy firefights and walk away seemingly unscathed. Why do many of these men and women with few if any injuries subsequently begin to suffer from blinding headaches, cognitive impairment, memory loss, anxiety and depression so debilitating that they are unable to resume peaceful lives once they return home? Why is there a surge in military suicides? And how can these patriots be saved?

AIR RESCUE

How pressurized oxygen could help soldiers with posttraumatic stress disorder • By Kim Asch

Tom Fox ’79, a biology major and former Army medical evacuation pilot with a master’s in counseling and psychology from Troy State University, is on a rescue mission of sorts. He and a like-minded network of M.D.s, Ph.D.s, clinicians and ex-military are working to raise awareness about the so-called “silent wounds” of the war on terror and to connect afflicted veterans — as many as 620,000 of them, according to a RAND Corporation study — with effective treatment.
“Silent wounding can historically be traced back as far as the American Civil War,” Fox says. “In every war since, there has been a population of soldiers who have never been rehabilitated to rejoin the work force.”

In previous wars, the condition has been called shell shock and battle fatigue. Now, Fox asserts, post-traumatic stress syndrome, or PTSD, is the catchall diagnosis to explain these invisible wounds. “I’m not saying that there is no PTSD, because certainly trauma experienced in war can bring about psychological injury,” Fox says. “But unrecognized physical injury is not the same as psychological injury.”

In fact, Fox explains that many of these silent wounds are actually undetected traumatic brain injuries caused by emboli, or air bubbles in the bloodstream, that form when a soldier is exposed to “blast overpressure” — the blast waves emitted by bombs, grenades and heavy gunfire that produce a change in ambient air pressure. He says the condition created by exposure to this overpressure, followed by unchecked decompression, is very similar to the bends, an illness suffered by deep-sea divers who are removed from pressure environments too quickly.

Fox and his colleagues are pushing the government to fund a treatment that is also used to heal the bends: hyperbaric oxygen therapy. HBOT involves breathing pure oxygen while in a sealed chamber that has been pressurized to as much as one-and-a-half to three times normal atmospheric pressure, which dissolves the air bubbles and allows more oxygen to flow throughout the body.

“Treated with hyperbaric oxygen, the adverse consequences of these bubbles are avoided and the long-term effects of the injuries caused by them are prevented,” he says. Untreated, the injuries caused by these bubbles may cause a lifelong disability. The presentation is dictated by the final resting place of the bubbles, and may mimic a stroke or a heart attack, posing a diagnostic challenge to doctors unfamiliar with these injuries.

Although hyperbaric oxygen is still viewed as an experimental therapy for PTSD and traumatic brain injury, it’s approved by the Food and Drug Administration and considered a standard treatment for gangrene, brain abscess and injuries in which tissues are not getting enough oxygen.

Fox, a certified hyperbaric technologist, learned much of what he knows about HBOT while serving in the Army. He also trained pilots, medics and technicians while chief of the atmospherics branch of the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine. He says, “During the Persian Gulf War our attention was on limb salvage. The guys had hit land mines. As part of a team that included good surgeons, we were able to save legs from amputation.”

These days, Fox attends many meetings in Washington, D.C., as a vice president of the nonprofit American Association of Hyperbaric Awareness. He works to educate members of Congress and officials at the Veterans Administration and Department of Defense about the potential of HBOT to help suffering soldiers. He also writes articles for publications like *Special Operations Technology* and *Veterans Today* to get the message out directly. His goal is to get insurance reimbursement for HBOT treatments and to establish hyperbaric centers in each of the nation’s VA hospitals.

“There’s enough evidence out there that shows HBOT could be helpful,” says Greg Ayotte, director of consumer services for the Brain Injury Association of America. “The Association certainly supports the idea of further study.”

Donald Hall, Ph.D., a Vietnam vet and former prisoner of war who retired from the Navy, is impatient with the study-and-see approach. He works around the system to find pro bono treatments at HBOT clinics up and down the East Coast for hurting veterans who, he says, “fall through the cracks” in the VA medical system.

Hall and Fox have never met in person but they speak by phone at least twice a week. “Tom has a heart of gold for the vets just like I do. He’s made some important contacts for me at clinics willing to take on soldiers pro bono so I can get them into these treatment centers.

“So many of these people come back home and they don’t realize what’s wrong with them. They can’t sleep, they can’t eat. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy takes care of a lot of that. It’s not a cure, but it helps them 90 percent. It brings back their personality,” says Hall.

“We took a 22-year-old boy from Texas and got him into treatment. His father and mother called me just before Thanksgiving. He’d been exposed to 41 IEDs over two missions and was suicidal,” says Hall, adding that the soldier showed much improvement after free HBOT, as well as physical and mental health therapy. “My payment is getting calls like the one from his parents telling me they now have their son back.”
Marrying his second wife, Claudine Lanoix, who is also a certified hyperbaric technologist. Together, they operate Island Hyperbaric Centre and treat people with neurological injuries as well as those with sports injuries, including members of the Australian ski team, who flew in from Toronto for help with their knees four days before they competed in the winter Olympics.

Today, Alexander Gonzales, a civilian, is here to heal a broken collarbone. He sits inside the chamber, which resembles an underwater vessel — with plenty of windows for sightseeing. He wears a lightweight plastic oxygen helmet, which quickly delivers 100 percent oxygen to the bloodstream, enhancing the body's natural ability to heal from traumas and diseases and guard against infection. Sessions in the chamber also help to stimulate the growth of new skin and small blood vessels, which can improve circulation and wound healing.

Gonzales reclines during his hourlong “dive,” the term used for a session in the chamber, and watches a movie on the TV in the corner of the room, listening to the sound that is piped in. The process is generally relaxing, with the exception of an ear-popping sensation some patients experience.

A course of treatment for most traumatic brain injuries requires a few dozen dives. Fox sees signs of hope on the horizon that these will one day become routine. Several studies — some funded by the military — are currently under way to prove the efficacy of HBOT in treating these silent wounds. One at San Antonio's Wilford Hall Medical Center is expected to wrap up this fall.

In Fox's opinion, it can't happen soon enough. The wars continue to rage in Iraq and Afghanistan, putting soldiers in peril. He says: "A German doctor in 1942 gave a good description of blast overpressure. It's 'the shot without the bullet, the slash without the sword. It's present everywhere and it can't be shielded.'"
Good Seats
Endowment Gifts Strengthen Academics with New Faculty Chairs
By Joyce Muller

McDaniel faculty who gathered April 16 for the annual campus dinner hosted by college trustees received an unexpected surprise when not one, but two endowed chairs were announced.

With a gift of $1.5 million, JoAnn Harris-Bowlsbey established The L. Stanley Bowlsbey Chair in Education and Graduate and Professional Studies, named in memorial tribute to her husband of 33 years, an alumnus, professor and administrator who had served for more than three decades as the College’s first graduate dean.

Provost Tom Falkner announced that Francis “Skip” Fennell, professor of education and coordinator of the graduate-level program in elementary education, will be the first recipient of the Bowlsbey Chair. From 2005 to 2008, Fennell set an outstanding example as president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the world’s largest and most influential mathematics education organization.

“My husband, Stan, both recruited and hired Skip as the first elementary education coordinator in 1976, and he embodies Stan’s unwavering dedication to excellence in leadership, teaching and service,” said JoAnn.

On this evening of well-kept secrets, Board Chair Martin K.P. Hill revealed the establishment of a second endowed faculty chair, having spearheaded an effort to raise over $1.6 million from trustees beyond their campaign commitments to honor President Joan Develin Coley.

“We believe that the great strides McDaniel has made are directly linked to the courage, wisdom and tireless efforts of President Coley,” Hill said.

“For some time, we have thought of doing something meaningful for Joan to show how much we appreciate all she has done for the College. She has been a phenomenal president and formidable fundraiser, one whose dedication to faculty support has established the Center for Faculty Excellence, endowed funds for teaching enhancement and scholarship, two new endowed faculty chairs and an endowed professorship.”

Coley, whose retirement begins June 30, was clearly moved by the announcement and expressed her profound gratitude for this singular honor, by far the “greatest honor of my professional life,” she said. Coley joined the faculty in 1973 and is the College’s first president to be promoted to the position from the ranks of the faculty.

Her abundant appreciation for literature, music, art and film, and her undergraduate degree in English, led Coley to designate the chair that will bear her name to honor “someone who is passionate about creativity in all its forms: as artistic process, expression or performance.

“Scholars may be chosen from areas such as the fine or performing arts, creative writing or poetry, film analysis or music theory, or areas yet to be developed through scholarly research,” she added.

At the May 2 Honors Convocation, poet-in-residence and English Professor Kathy...
Mangan was named the inaugural recipient of the newly created Joan Develin Coley Chair in Creative Expression and the Arts.

Mangan's impact as teacher, mentor and muse to her students spans more than three decades. Her proven skill as a professor of English earned her the College's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1984, and in 1999, Mangan was selected as the first recipient of the Ralph and Dorothy John professorship.

In recognition of their outstanding teaching, service and dedication to students, both Fennell and Mangan will receive additional funds to support their scholarship and the distinction of the named-chair designation until their retirements.

To learn more about the creation of endowed chairs, professorships and visiting scholars, contact the Development Office at 410-857-2250.

Yingling Family Funds 'Green' Stadium Lighting

Fuels first step toward athletic field renovation

Installation of field lighting in Bair Stadium was completed this spring thanks to a gift of $100,000 from a family of Green Terror athletes, alumni and parents whose love for football spans several decades and generations. The Westminster-based Yingling family includes former Alumni Association President Carroll "Splinter" Yingling '68; his brother John; their respective wives, Susan Morales Yingling '70, M'00, and Sharon Hafner Yingling; and parents, Mary Lee Crawford Yingling '44 and husband Loring, who passed away in 2009.

These fixtures will provide three levels of lighting for player safety and the enjoyment of spectators during night practice and games and also employ new energy-efficient "green" lighting technology.

"I remember talking to football coach Tim Keating 10 years ago and asking him what he needed," said John Yingling, who, with his brother Splinter, played in a semi-pro football league, the Carroll County Chargers, during the early '70s.

"Lights," Keating said, adding that this would provide more flexibility for the team's practice schedule. So, we're ecstatic that we can do this," said John.

Both brothers can always be found perched at the north rim of Bair Stadium to follow each and every first down during football season. Both, too, have grown children who graduated from the College and appreciate the academic experience that prepared them for professional careers.

"We're lucky to have such dedicated alumni and fans who support our athletic programs," said Jamie Smith, athletics director. "Division III athletic programs are highly competitive and the planned improvements to our stadium will help our student-athletes and coaches, and provide an improved game-day experience for all."

Ground will be broken on the $8-million plus stadium project when funds for the total amount are secured. The general operating budget will not be used for this endeavor. When completed, a fully equipped facility will replace the current grandstands built in 1984. Of course, the stadium will retain its "bowl" shape and tradition of drive-in tailgating.

To learn more about the stadium project, call Lee Primm at 410-857-2224.

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class notes

News and views about life since college
"We're here to cheer to victory the green and the gold..." brave words which can always strengthen us and help us to forge ahead. Again I shall reveal how we are doing that. Thanks so very much for responding to my plea for news of you.

Charles D. Baker, of Towson, Md., and wife Marcel are doing well. He is active at Loch Raven Methodist Church and also the Optimist Club. Charles says, "But I can't wait until summer and a return to our cottage on Millers Island. Best wishes to all classmates."

Ltc. Samuel F. Baxter, of Timonium, Md., writes that there has not been too much change since we last communicated. He is still at Mercy Ridge Retirement Center. He is legally blind from macular degeneration. He can no longer drive but has excellent transportation from Mercy Ridge and his family. His primary-care doctor is available three days a week and nurses operate the Wellness Clinic five days a week. The hair salon takes care of barbering, and there are church services available daily. His three children are in Maryland and have scheduled it so that one visits him each week bringing needed merchandise. For a monthly fee Mercy Ridge provides one meal a day, noon or evening. His apartment has a full-service kitchen for entertaining or eating in. There are exercise facilities, weekly movies, frequent band concerts. Also arrangements can be made for travel local or out-of-town. "So except to visit my children I have little need to go outside the complex. This was a great place to be during the winter snowstorms!"

Allie May Moxley Buxton, of Damascus, Md., says that like most of us she is nearing 93. She still lives at home with the able assistance of her son, Steve. "He takes me to church almost every Sunday, weather permitting, in my wheelchair." She enjoys the message given by a young minister, Dr. Wade Martin. Allie May and Steve do their own cooking; son-in-law and church friends bring delicious foods. "God is good. We lack for nothing!"

Virginia Smith Colburn, of Havre de Grace, Md., writes, "Two years ago I broke my hip which has slowed me down a bit. I still maintain my home which we built in 1956. I have been a member of Grace Reform Episcopal Church for over 80 years..."
Growing Old Ain't So Bad

“No, it ain’t too bad to grow old,” says Helen Leatherwood Simpson ’38.

At 93, she lives alone in her home of 58 years, is healthy, can drive in town, shop for food and prepares her meals. “I love walking and working in my yard with several young lads from our church. I live in a hickory grove so we have oodles of nuts, leaves and branches to constantly clear away. They also help me compost and plant a small vegetable garden.”

She continues as church historian and can read the Sunday service scripture lesson. Also, she makes a monthly report on birds to her local garden club. Last summer she was invited by friends to ride in a 1903 Oldsmobile in the local firemen’s carnival parade. “What fun! We donned old-fashioned dress and hat. I am a lifelong citizen of Mt. Airy so many recognized me and whooped as we passed. We won first prize!”

Another exciting day occurred in November when she was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. She and husband Allen Simpson ’36 (now deceased) moved there when it was just getting started. Caroline’s musical abilities were soon recognized. She was asked to play the piano for church services. This she has done for 19 years, as well as helped to select new pianos, directed an eight-man harmony group, played piano and organ duets and encouraged younger people to participate. Recently featured in the center’s newsletter she is lauded for bringing “music to our ears.”

Caroline Smith Dudley, of Hanover, Pa., lives in Homewood of Plum Creek, a retirement center where there are nearly 1,000 people. She and husband Allen ’36 moved there when it was just getting started. Caroline’s musical abilities were soon recognized. She was asked to play the piano for church services. This she has done for 19 years, as well as helped to select new pianos, directed an eight-man harmony group, played piano and organ duets and encouraged younger people to participate. Recently featured in the center’s newsletter she is lauded for bringing “music to our ears.”

Caroline enjoys reading, playing bridge, cooking, and being with her grandchildren. She is very proud of daughter Janet who celebrates her 10th successful year as president of Salisbury University in southern Maryland.

Kirk Fallin, of Manchester, Md., writes with difficulty saying he is recovering from three months in the hospital for brain surgery for a subdural hematoma (son John’s search on the computer found this is a cluster of blood cells which can be from injury or old age). He had just come home on Jan. 30. He decided to give up driving but has been cooking and housekeeping for wife Helen. “I am still enjoying life. I now have two great-great-grandchildren.”

Alfred Goldberg, of Falls Church, Va., writes that he retired two years ago at 89. He was chief historian of the Department of Defense. He now works half time in his former office. He and wife Gertrud have lived in a retirement community, Goodwin House, Bareley’s Crossroads for almost 10 years. He has good health but is aware that he is aging rapidly. His wife is in nursing care. Between checking on her and his work he has little time for more. He sends best regards to all, and plans to attend our next reunion.

Elise Doub Hoke, of Richmond, Va., keeps busy enjoying the computer, jigsaw puzzles, and movies from Netflix. She continues to live in her home of 51 years. Her large family visits often so she has help and support when needed. A daughter wrote this response as Eloise has hand tremors.

Alvan N. Moore, of Sterling, Va., writes that he and wife Veronica Kompaneck ’40 are living in a life-care retirement facility on the border of Loudoun and Fairfax Counties in Virginia. They have been there almost 14 years and have enjoyed this lifestyle immensely. “It is a delightful place to live, a real country club with all activities and facilities one could ever want.” The residents are primarily retired Air Force officers with a number of retired Navy, Army, Marines and a few state department retirees, CIA and other government retirees. “I am about as well as can be expected for my age. I walk with a cane or walker. I swim twice weekly, walk a mile each day, eat two or three meals daily, and keep my weight the same as it was in college. I occasionally play golf but may quit soon. The fairways are too long, the streams and lakes too wide, and the hills too steep! It is a great relief to know that in my terminal years I will not be a burden to be cared for by my children or grandchildren.”

Betty Sehrt Sperry, of Newark, Del., is still getting around although a bit slower. She enjoys spending time with family and watching sports, especially football, on TV.

Helen Leatherwood Simpson, of Mt. Airy, Md: you’re right, that’s me and I’m still a bit frisky at 93! (See sidebar story.)

And now I report the families who have lost loved ones I have sent our condolences. These classmates are: Virginia Brittingham Coble, April 6, 2008; Pershing Volkart, August 26, 2008; Stanley Benjamin, December 24, 2009; and Edith Murphy Varner Cheatham, August 16, 2009.

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1944

The alumni from the Class of 1944’s responses are listed in the order in which they were received.
Wallen L. Bean has been retired since 1995 due to medical problems associated with Parkinson's. He says that each year of the disease, now lasting some 10 years, has been associated with the loss of one more activity that he has always loved — fishing, hiking, driving, etc. He states that two years ago he began writing his memoirs. That task was completed in 2009 and resulted in publication of a book, *A Most Uninitiated Hillbilly*. The title came from a statement by one of his WMC professors at the time of his graduation.

Wallen says, the book tells of growing up in a beautiful secluded valley in West Virginia, going to WMC, then to Boston University School of Theology to become a Methodist minister, and finally becoming a pastoral counselor. "These are stories I encountered along the way of many friends, of my successes and failures. There is even a love story." One of Wallen's reviewers wrote, "Wallen Bean's book is an invitation to a family reunion in Simon Bean's mountain. Heroes and alcoholics, small kindnesses and great deeds, poverty and mean streaks are all part of a story as simple and beautiful as a homemade quilt."

The Rev. Bean's publisher sent me a copy of his book and I have just finished reading it from cover to cover. The book is indeed fascinating, especially for those fortunate enough to have been a friend, college classmate, seminary friend, parishioner in one of the various churches in which he served or had his guidance as a counselor. It is a "no holds barred" autobiography in which the honesty of the author is evident and, as far as I am concerned, a "must read." For more information, see www.authorhouse.com, enter 'Wallen Bean' as the author and follow the instructions. Wallen lives at 14 Hilltop Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747 if anyone desires to contact him directly.

The Rev. William "Bill" Keeffe, a widower since Jan. 14, 2009, writes as follows, "This has been a quiet year for me, just walking at the mall and volunteering at the Concord Hospital. I was pleased to have my newest great-granddaughter and her mom and dad visit from California. My daughter and her husband came up for Thanksgiving. It's good to have family around and checking up on you from time to time."

Note: In Wallen Bean's book in the section on Boston University School of Theology, Bill was one of Beanie's roommates. Three of them lived on Garden Street, on the backside of Beacon Hill and the rent was only $24 per month. Bill and Wally often ate their meals in "greasy spoon restaurants" and at least twice were laid low with food poisoning. Sounds like a tough life for dedicated young scholars in their quest of an advanced degree in sacred theology.

Phoebe Johnson Rutherford, of West Dennis, Mass., writes, "Greetings Arlie. No computer (I'm a dinosaur), so I still rely on phone and mail. I'm very fortunate that I still enjoy excellent health and am able to remain in my own home (with my kitty). My granddaughter, Kirel Rutherford Boess, who graduated with honors from Hofstra University, on Long Island, will be returning on March 2 from South Korea where she has spent an interesting year teaching English and other subjects to students ranging in age from 6 to 18."

Ann Meeth Klingaman and Bertha Hall Maloney, roommates at McDaniel Hall at WMC are next door neighbors at Vantage House Retirement Home in Columbia, Md., which Ann states has the nicest, most considerate staff of any retirement community. Ann, rightly so, is very proud of her family. Her grandson, Nick, who has earned his doctorate in climatology, is working with Australian scientists on the problems of world-wide climate change and drought conditions in Australia. Granddaughter Beth has almost finished her work toward a doctorate in clinical psychology. A third grandchild, Marianne, was just awarded a master's degree in osteo-archeology from the University of Edinborough, Scotland. Ann's eldest son is a sportswriter for the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper and the youngest son is the department head of social studies at Centennial High School in Columbia, Md. Sounds like they take after Ann — as you may recall, while at WMC, she was a consistent dean's lister, vice president of the Argonauts and president of the Tri Beta honor society in biology.

Robert Reece Scott, of New Providence, N.J., writes, "First the good news — four of our 13 grandchildren have already joined the ranks of college graduates (all with honors) and thankfully are gainfully employed in spite of the recession and high unemployment rate. Two others are college seniors and three more of our grandkids will depart for various campuses in September '10. I have had a bit of heart trouble since February '88, and following cardiac catheterization, my cardiologist advised me that I should have an angioplasty, with the insertion of a stent in one coronary artery. I improved dramatically. Again, in November '05 further cardiac symptoms required another angioplasty and the placement of two additional stents. I have never stopped playing tennis and have tried to remain in good playing condition. My cardiologist, a Hopkins graduate, has been careful and caring and my tennis activity has been carried out with his approval. My wonderful wife, Jane, and I have recently celebrated our 61st anniversary at our home with many family members present."

Mary Jo Davis Cochrane writes, that she has been a widow for some 20 years and now lives in a wonderful retirement community in Orange City, Fla., and...
**class notes**

**Do you remember the Maypole Dance? Barbara Jean Pfoutz Lathroum ’51 recently shared this photo taken at the annual May Day celebration during her campus days. By 1972, the traditional event had evolved into Spring Carnival.**

She does water aerobics, plays cards with friends and still drives. Her son, John, lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and her daughter, Mary, is in Atlanta. “In March, I will become a great-grandmother.” She sent me copies of two poems she wrote while at WMC. The poems are both dated November 30, 1940.

**Mary Margaret Turnley Gipe’s husband, Paul, a 1942 graduate of Gettysburg College, informed me that Mary is currently suffering from Alzheimer’s and has been in a nursing home in Cumberland, Md., for the past 18 months. As you recall, Mary was the editor of the *Aloha* of 1944 and was listed in “Who’s Who” during her senior year. Paul visits with Mary every day and says she would like to hear from her alumni friends. He asked that you send greeting cards to him at 1014 Van Buren Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502, and he will see that she gets them.

**Jeanne Louise “Diefie” Dieffenbach Smith has macular degeneration and her husband, Benjamin “Bud” Smith ’43, responded for her stating that her penmanship was, if anything, worse than his because of the disease. However, Dieffe keeps busy with bridge, bowling and a modified exercise program which includes swimming. He says that Dieffe handles her eye problems exceedingly well. Bud, who has had some recent problems with Polymyalgia Rheumatica, says that their family has recently enlarged by two male members — Callin in Charlotte, N.C., and Ben in Carey, N.C. — which has made great-granddad and great-grandma very happy.

**Jean Eckhardt McWilliams was my off-season partner in the college dining room where we vapped on tables. I don’t know what Jeanie made because she was a regular, but they paid me 50 cents per meal. However, the baking staff was very good to us and we took much leftover cake or pie back to the dormitory and shared late-night snacks with our friends. Jean, as you recall, was always vivacious and I gathered from our discussion that she remains very energetic. She wrote, “Thanks to Arlie for handling our Class of ‘44 alumni news. I always look forward to reading about my classmates. Where have the years gone? May there continue to be so much to be thankful for. The McWilliams family and clan are expecting their first two ‘grand’ in 2010 — one in the spring and one in the summer. We have been delighted with our 22 ‘grand’ over these many years. Many graduations, from high schools, undergrads and grad schools. Lots of fun for sure! I move between Naples, Fla., and Fenwick Island, Del. I will be at Fenwick between May and Halloween before returning to Naples for the cold months. I always enjoy having visitors at either place. Please give my greetings to all.”

**Frank Zeigler, of Ridgely, Md., writes that time treated him well up to 85. Now things seem to be taking a slightly downward curve. Nothing really serious but he had an annoying case of shingles on his right leg in the beginning of 2010 and his wife, Joyce, also has a new problem, Parkinson’s, but it has slowed her artwork down very little. For 16 years, Frank was elected to serve as judge of orphans court (probate court) and later as chief judge. "Age does have some rewards as I was honored by my service club, Rotarian National, for being an organizer and the first president of the club some 50 years ago.” Secondly, he completed more than 50 years as an active member serving monthly meetings of the Religious Society of Friends; for 18 years as clerk of the meeting and as clerk for eight years of the southern quarter. Their meeting house in Easton, Md., is the oldest documented building in the state of Maryland, dating from 1684. Since they do not have ministers, clerks are administrative heads of meetings. “I still enjoy helping my artist wife at shows with sales of her original artwork. We have enjoyed traveling to such places as Churchill, Canada, to live among the polar bears for a week, to Alaska on six occasions for three weeks and to Russia in 1988 for three weeks, etc. Currently, there are no major places I desire to visit or things I hope to do in the future. I now visit those places through publications, via television, etc., while reclining in my lounge chair.” Frank wonders how many of his classmates have been to Russia. I can’t answer that question, Frank, but Ellen and I found our brief visit to Russia to be very delightful.

**Charles Irwin**, our blond, handsome track star while at WMC, says that at age 92 he has started to slow down to some extent although he still competes in senior Olympics and states, “I probably will only compete in four events this spring instead of the usual six. His wife, Jackie, has not been in top health lately and Charlie says, “I believe the good Lord keeps me here to take care of her.” He sends his best to all.

**Beverly Slacum Agnoli** said, “Asking me to report to the alumni certainly opened a floodgate of memories. My days at WMC were so special. I made so many wonderful friends and those friendships have lasted a lifetime. Ann Meeth Klingaman, Bertha Hall Maloney, Margaret Daughton, Lois Corbett Higman and Betty Leister Laws ’46 still keep in close touch with each other. Sadly, we have lost many of our dearest WMC friends.” She says she is fine, but old age has slowed her down more than she imagined. Her husband, Art, 93, is still very active. Beverly says she loved being a member of the College Players. Esther Smith was an amazing instructor who “brought out the best in all of us.” Among her favorite memories: walking to the kicking post every evening after dinner (don’t know why we did it, we just did); we all dressed for dinner; we all walked to Carpe Diem with our date. “Our lives are so simple now.”

Her children all nearing retirement age and her four grandchildren are well on their way. Anne was married in May and works in chemical engineering. Her brother, Brad, is doing post-doctoral work in Arizona. Johnny is an environmentalist with the state of Maryland and his sister, Carolyn, is a kindergarten teacher in Dover, Del. "All in all, life has been very good to this WMC grad.”

**Mary Lee Crawford Yingling** states, “It has been approximately eight years since I took up residence at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster. I am where I should be at this stage of my life and I love it. Ben ’43 and Jeanne ’43 Dieffe Dieffenbach Smith are great next door neighbors. I see a lot of Western Marylanders — Emily Billingslea Wirth, Betty Billingslea Scott, just to name a few. My husband, Loring, passed away on March 6, 2009. Fortunately, I have two sons who live in close proximity to me.” Note: Life at Carroll Lutheran Village sounds as though it is an extension of Western Maryland, and all who live there seem to enjoy themselves immensely.

**Genevieve Marshall Spry McGee** writes, “I have been living in Lewes, Del., now for about three years (Cadbury at Lewes) and am quite happy with my living accommodations since there are many planned activities for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. I particularly enjoy for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. I particularly enjoy for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. I particularly enjoy for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. I particularly enjoy for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. I particularly enjoy for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. I particularly enjoy for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. I particularly enjoy for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. I particularly enjoy for residents and where ones’ own work load is certainly lightened. 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do frequently. I’ve made many new friends and am happy to be close to my daughter and her family who live in nearby Rehoboth Beach. I still go with them to Nantucket, either in the summer or over the Thanksgiving holiday. This year, we spent New Year’s week on the island. It was cold but relaxing. My sister, Ruth Spry Garretson ‘46 lost her husband and continues to live in a retirement home in Annapolis on the Bay (Bay Woods). She sold her condo in Fenwick and misses the summers which she spent there. She has two children, a daughter in Alexandria and a son in California. She informs me that Peggy Davis Hiss ‘46 lives independently in Baltimore City.” Genevieve was a transfer student and spent her final two years at WMC and says, “I never felt that I was a full-fledged Western Marylander. My schedule was so packed that I even had to take Saturday classes in my senior year. I realize how very fortunate I was to get such an outstanding educational opportunity.”

Grace Dryden Venable was a co-ed who hailed from southern Maryland (Pocomoke) and who resides in Parkville, Md., with her physician husband, Dr. Sid Venable. The yearbook lists her as a sociology major and a “brain.” She writes that she was happy to hear from WMC and she looks forward to reading the latest class news in The Hill. Grace says, “Our family circle continues to grow and includes a new member, a great-grandson. Many thanks to WMC for its interest in its alumni and our love and best wishes to all in the Class of ’44.”

Ellen Fiel Mansberger ‘46 and I have greatly reduced our travel recently. We took our bi-ennial trip up the northern side of the East Coast to renew old friendships and visit relatives. Of this 15-day journey, 10 were spent in the Baltimore area and five in the north shore of Massachusetts. While in the Baltimore area we had lunch with Ann Stevens “Steevey” Garman ‘46, Ellen’s college roommate, and Jeanne Berryman Knight ‘46, “The Nightengale,” who sang at our wedding. We were guests for dinner at Edenwald in Towson hosted by Dr. Edward Kohler ‘51 and his lovely and gracious wife, Louise. We were a bit late arriving for dinner and Ed, an anesthesiologist, quipped, “Times never change… the anesthesiologist is always waiting for the surgeon.” As we have reported on previous occasions the “oldtimers” group of alumni which meets on the last Wednesday at Baughers Restaurant in Westminster at the suggestion of Dr. Bill Adolph ‘41 and his wife, Margaret “Mickey” Reynolds Adolph ‘42, were kind enough to meet us for lunch at the Embassy Suites. Present for the luncheon in addition to Bill and Mickey were Robert “Bob” ’43 and Perk Haller ’46 Begln, Josh ’43 and Pat Patterson ’48 Ensrn, John “Nemo” Robinson ’43 and Lucía, Bud ’43 and Jeanne “Dieffie” Diefenbach Smith, Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski ‘48, Pearl Bodmer Lodge ’43, Judy Collinson Garber ’41 and Don Honeman ’41. Most folks had at least one article of clothing or jewelry representing Western Maryland College. As a matter of fact as we said our “Auf Wiedersehen” Bob Begln pinned a WMC arch pin on my sweater. It was a “keeper,” a very memorable occasion.

Many college stories were told and embellished, and in fact, it was probably appropriate that the ladies and gentlemen sat at separate tables which were far enough apart so that the stories and embellishments of same could not be overheard. The meeting was a personified example of the Western Maryland College Alma Mater that “college ties can ne’er be broken, formed at W.M.C.” On a sad note Bill Adolph called at 8 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2010 to inform me that Don Honeman, the captain of the basketball team which won the Mason Dixon Conference Championship in 1942, who had a military career following graduation at WMC, had landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day and was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart medals, had died at 4 p.m. that day. Following our 10 days in the Baltimore area, Ellen and I flew to the Logan Airport in Boston to meet with our youngest daughter, Leigh, a surgeon and public health officer for several counties on the north shore of Massachusetts and her husband, David Joseph, to help them celebrate their 10th anniversary. Our son, John Arlie “Jack” Mansberger ’75 and his family visited with us for Thanksgiving. Jack, a surgeon, is also the department chairman of integrative medicine in Thom- asville, Ga. Jack was in the initial group of doctors in the United States to take and pass the board examination in holistic medicine.

Katherine Clemson Turner, a registered nurse and Towson neighborhood activist, died of heart failure at Oak Lodge Senior Home in Pasadena, Md., on June 22, 2009.

Gibbs Preston '10 follows in his family's footsteps with his own record of accomplishment.
On History’s Trail

George Seymour ’50 and wife, Betty, volunteer a lot with their town museum in St. Michaels, Md. His latest project has been to bring local recognition to Talbot County’s most famous son, Frederick Douglass. He developed walking tours of Frederick Douglass sites, got the state to dedicate MD Route 33 to him, and recently wrote a booklet, A Walk with Frederick Douglass Around St. Michaels.

“KC” or Kitty, as she was called, was born and raised in Westminster, graduated from Westminster High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from WMC in 1944. A 1947 graduate of Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing she worked as a public school nurse. During the ’60s she was the night nurse at St. Timothy’s School in Stevenson, Md. She married Arthur Turner in 1948 and the couple moved to the Southland Hills neighborhood of Towson where KC became very active in community organizations. She continued her very active role in civic affairs until 1997 when she left Towson. Then a widow, she moved to Piney Point and later to Lexington Park prior to entering the nursing home in April ‘99. A memorial service was held in her memory at Trinity Episcopal Church in Towson.

Esther Louise Bradley Trice, of Salisbury, and formerly of Hurlock, Md., died on Feb. 5, 2010 at Wicomico Nursing Home in Salisbury. Esther taught at Hurlock Elementary School and was a member of the Hurlock lunch bunch and the Unity Washington United Methodist Church in Hurlock. She had quite a large family — four daughters, two sons, six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. As you recall Esther enjoyed life and was always around in college when there was a good time in the offing, whether it was a bridge game, jitterbugging, or tilting the pin ball machines. “Es” was well liked by all.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to be the class reporter for lo these many years. Thank you to Western Maryland College (now McDaniel), to the Alumni Association and to the members of the Class of 1944.

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1950

How great it has been to talk to and to hear from so many of the “gang” from the class of 1950.

My earliest response was from Mary Ellen Smith Elwell. I’m going to quote from her e-mail. “Sixty years for Mary Ellen Smith Elwell has meant a husband, Ronald (who died of cancer in November ‘99), three children, now productive adults, and seven grandchildren, thankfully in age-appropriate schools or employment. My undergraduate education prepared me well for graduate work: a master’s in social work from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. I had the opportunity to teach for 19 years at Western Maryland and finished my teaching career at Salisbury University. They’ve been busy, productive years.”

Harry Walker and his wife, Mary, have been living in a life-care facility in Western N.C. for 11 years. They volunteer by sorting and pricing books at a thrift shop for the benefit of an abused-spouse shelter. He plays nine holes of bad golf (his words), weather permitting. Mary is in to card-making and made all their Christmas cards this year. They are both in reasonably good health.

How nice to receive a letter from Ruth Holland Iser. In 2004, her husband, Jerry, died. In 2007 she moved to Wilmington, N.C., to be near her son and his family. She says that at age 77 leaving Salisbury, Md., was an easy decision. She wanted her two grandchildren to know “Gramma.” In 2009 she lost her two precious lab dogs. A third grandchild was born in January, while the rest of the family was down with the stomach flu. So it was Gramma to the rescue (car pooling, groceries, errands, etc.) for five weeks! Although she misses the four seasons of Maryland, being near her family and going to church together each Sunday makes it worthwhile.

In an e-mail Jim and Mary Hawkins ’53 Hackman tell about moving into a retirement village in Elliott City. Jim keeps busy with activities inside the community where he is chairman of the food committee and a member of the community council. He has not managed to give up outside activities either; as he remains an active bass and emcee with his barbershop chorus and is a board member of a local credit union. Their three children and their families all live in the general area and the six grandchildren, ages 5 to 19, try their best to keep the Hackmans up-to-date with the times.

Dorothy Alexander Bickley also enjoyed contacting many of you by telephone. She reports that her youngest daughter, Beth, and her family have become Washington Capital ice hockey nuts. This is partly due to a grandson who plays ice hockey as many hours as he is allowed. Her other grandchildren, Christina (a crew team member whose boat won the Virginia regatta) and Marcus who plays the cello, live with her middle daughter in Alexandria, Va. Her oldest daughter and husband have founded their own law firm in Houston, Texas. As for Dot she volunteers in two schools, sings and leads a discussion group at church, plays bridge and enjoys her family. She plans to move to a retirement home in June. She reported also that Doris Day moved to a retirement home in Tennessee in September and is happy there. Dottie reports that Rachel Ennis Estep sounds just like she did in college, and has a busy enjoyable life in Chevy Chase, Md. She also enjoyed her conversation with Peggy Riely Brannen. She was married to Carlo Ortenzi ’48, who died young, and she has remarried. They live in North Carolina.

Priscilla Lankford West wrote that she and her husband, Bill, have been married 57 years. They started their married life in New Hampshire, Va., and still live there. They raised three children (didn’t Dr. Earp say 2.5 was the national average in the late ’40s?) and have seven grandchildren. Bill is an electrical engineer graduate from Virginia Tech. He spent his professional career with the U.S. Navy, NASA, and CSC. Priscilla’s professional career consisted of two-and-a-half years teaching, two years with the U.S. Navy, and 15 years as a bookkeeper at a local bookstore. Their health is “pretty good, no complaints.” A big event this year was an 80th birthday party hosted by her children. She says that 80 is the new 50.

Ellis Leatherwood writes that he, his wife, Jan, and he are enjoying their 13th year at Carroll Lutheran Village (CLV) in Westminster, Md. Having come to CLV from Mt. Airy, he has never strayed far from the Hill. On vacations after retirement they have traveled in 49 states (he hit Hawaii on his way home from Korea, but it wasn’t a state then), and most of Canada. He enjoys reading, crossword puzzles, and walking. At the Village he finds himself surrounded by WMC alumni.

Ed Wright reports that following a four-year heart by-pass surgery in September ‘08, his general health has improved. Ed and Libby Schubert ’52 will be traveling to Nassau in April to baptize their second great-grandchild. No, this is not a “destination event.” Their granddaughter married a Bahamian and lives with her husband in Nassau. In retirement, both Ed and Libby occasionally preach and lead retreats. Most of the time they enjoy wide water views at their home in Hampton, Va., and Blue Ridge mountain views at their log cabin (c.1860) near Skyline Drive.

June Graf Hale says that she retired from teaching after 32 years. She and her husband, Frank, moved to Plum Creek Retirement Center in Hanover, Pa., in 2005. They celebrated their 68th anniversary this year. She continues to play golf, bridge, take bus tours and travel (most recently to Iceland).

George Seymor writes that he retired from a career in mental health/social work in 1987, his last job being chief of social work at the Eastern Shore Hospital Center, Cambridge, Md. His wife, Helen “Betty” Radcliffe, a retired RN instructor, and George returned to their home town in Talbot County, St. Michaels, in 1972. They have been married for 57 years.

Earl and Sue Hall Coons continue their tree farming operation and growing small broilers for Mountain Farms. They stay “young at heart” due to their triplet grandchildren who are 6! They live in Westover, Md., in the countryside of the Eastern Shore.

Ken and Joanne Koehler Hoover sent a “blurb,” as they called it, which I am going to quote. “We’re settled at Garden Spot, a continuing care village in Lancaster County, Pa., and can’t believe there are no WMCers here. Our children and grandchildren are still in the New York and Boston areas coping with the city life, but we’re happy here enjoying the quiet country life. We welcome visitors.”

Johnson City has been hometown to Martha Schaeffer Herwig and her husband, Dave, for 20 years. There they enjoy a scenic area of mountains, lakes, beautiful golf courses
and southern hospitality. Four sons and families are settled in faraway places from Los Angeles to New York. Eleven grandchildren are scattered, too, in different directions where college and jobs take them. They are enjoying their freedoms in a retirement village cottage with wonderful neighbors. Gardening, golfing, volunteering at church, going to plays and concerts, and participating in nearby East Tennessee State University events, as well as traveling to see their scattered family members in their active lives, keeps them busy and active, too.

Donald Clarke and his wife, Jean Murray '47, reside in Devon, Pa. Their '47 marriage was to an Army medic who survived duty in Iraq, is where college and jobs take them. They are moving, although they are living in a wonderful neighborhood with wonderful neighbors. Garret County, Md. is in the Western part. He and his wife raised four sons and a daughter in a small home in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where they spend the winter. They also enjoy trips in their motor home. Activities include church volunteering and singing in the choir. They are on the waiting list for a cottage at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster. Their one daughter has two sons. The oldest is a rising senior at the University of Maryland and the younger in high school.

Ginny Armacost Kirchner says that she and her husband, Jerry, have been doing missionary work for the last 29 years. They mostly go to Asia (Taiwan, Indonesia, Singapore, India). Their family includes five children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. They are now living near Lancaster, Pa. Several class members have died but have not been recognized in the memorial column so I would like to include their names and the dates of their deaths: Eugene J. Frank on Jan. 4, 2005; Bryan B. Haddaway on June 26, 2008; Buford C. Zephir on Sept. 7, 2000.

Now, for me: My husband sadly died 15 years ago. He was a graduate engineer from Johns Hopkins. We are the parents of three daughters who live in close proximity to me here at Carroll Lutheran Village. I am also busy with three grandsons and one granddaughter and activities. As for my hobbies, I play bridge, sing in a senior choir (55 plus members), am busy as vice-president of our resident association, do water aerobics and enjoy my women's circle in church.

What a joy it has been to talk to many of you and to hear from so many members of our class of 1950!

Your class reporter, Marion Auld Geyer 1000 Weller Circle, Apt. 309 Westminster, MD 21158

I've wasted enough cyberspace and postage contesting the early retirement (after a mere 27 years) of our Pris McCoy LaMar as our class reporter. We can't replace her, we owe her a far more than a green & gold watch, she saw right through my whimpering confession that I loved her and hasn't stopped laughing. So, you're stuck with me, and Pris is guaranteed a continuation of all the e-mails I've received thanking her and the messages I've sent screaming for advice. We haven't had a column in four years; there's much to report, listed in imaginative alphabetical order and edited in joyful disregard of the truth.

When John Batista isn't conducting training and classes as a docent at the Dayton Art Institute and Suzanne Dorsey '55 isn't busy in two book clubs, stock club, bridge and church activities, they hit the road to keep tabs on family scattered in Ohio, Maryland...
and Massachusetts. While participating in a family summer get-together in Bethany Beach, Del., John had lunch with Dave Edington ‘59 and Pete Urquhart ‘58 who, John wisely observes, “are older, much older than I.”

Marilyn Maclean Baumeister assures me that in another 25 years “we will be creating centuries who use mental telepathy to communicate without the bother of putting pen to paper or fingers to keyboard,” rendering clairvoyant journalism obsolete. While extending me that welcome comfort, Marilyn continues to live loving near the river and oaks in South Carolina and, with her husband, Heard, welcoming family and friends. Her youngest daughter’s husband died within the past year. Her son and older daughter live nearby.

The 2009 birth of two grandsons to his two sons (one in Anne Arundel County, Md., the other in San Antonio, Texas), capped Stan Bice’s summary of news from the past 10 years: Retired from United Methodist Church and moved to Annapolis (2000); moved to Riderwood, a continuing-care retirement community in Silver Spring, Md. (2005); has successful extensive back surgery (2005); celebrated 50 years in the ministry (2007).

My December plea brought an instant response from Mary Bond who sent greetings “on my way to Oaxaca for a couple of months in Mexico where I spend at least two months every winter suffering from SADD.”

In November after our 50th reunion, we were notified of Bill Clem’s death. The news was especially difficult to accept. When asked, in our questionnaire, his plans after the 50th, he had replied “continue to live it up.” His wife, Churchil McKinney, writes that he “had a wonderful life and no regrets, accomplished much, had the respect and affection of his colleagues and peers, a large and loving family.” Over the years, Bill had been one of the most faithful of our classmates in describing his journeys through research and writings in immunology and medical microbiology, his love of teaching and music and, in his spare time, his cultivation of tropical plants.

Joanne Siehler Durst shared a year of “bad news-good news for our family.” In April ‘09, Bradley ‘83, Joanne and Dick’s ‘55 oldest son, died suddenly from a heart attack at the age of 49. He left a wife and two teen-age daughters. Joanne and Dick’s youngest son lives in Charleston, S.C., with his wife and two young children. He has also served with the Army Reserve in Iraq. Jeffrey is in Marietta, Ga. Joanne and Dick divide their year between Potomac, Md. and Sanibel, Fla. Last winter they were joined at lunch in Naples, Fla., by Bill and Marilyn Coombe Stewart, Ellie Lawson Ellington and her husband, Bill, and Brad and Sandy Jones.

Dottie Rach Frech remains busy with church activities, subbing and playing bridge. Her son and daughter-in-law adopted two children from Russia who are thriving in their new country and family.

Bob and Lyn Hazel ‘59 Green, in their retirement home in Hilton Head, take full advantage of tennis and golf. They managed to break away from that hardship assignment last year with trips to Hungary, Austria and Germany and a January escape to Florida where they reconnected with Jack and Judy Morton.

Also on the road: Frank and Helen Prettyman Hickam, chalking up miles in their motor home between Delaware and Florida plus Colorado, Washington and Oregon visiting children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The motor home, not yet equipped for fluctuation, goes in dry dock when they head for family in Hawaii.

Ruth Allen Higbee is active with the Stratford (N.J.) Women’s Club and DAR; she and her husband, Sam, enjoy his Destroyer Escort Sailors Association activities.

Confession from Kay Holt: “I haven’t written for ages. I taught in the department of biological sciences at Mount Holyoke College for nearly 40 years and because I was always busy meeting parents and alums at commencement time, lost touch with most of the classmates at my own college.” Now retired, Kay plays golf, sings in two choruses and in the summer spends a week performing at the Berkshire Choral Festival.

Another singing scientist: After working as a research physicist in the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and at the University of Wisconsin, developing software for satellite meteorology, Hugh "Ben" Howell retired last year, had triple-bypass heart surgery and pronounces himself “in better shape than I have been for a long time.” He and Suzy, his wife of 35 years, hang out with their daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren. He’s also a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra Chorus. In the past two summers he has been in contact with Bob Crush and his wife, Lee, living in Jeppa, Md. Refusing to send what could have been at least literature for the grocery checkout-line, Peg Janney announces that she could make up some news, like being abducted by gypsies or working deep under cover for the CIA. Lacking that, she settles for plain truth: “Still alive and reasonably well in Colorado, my kids are on to each other,” she writes. Her service abroad includes two years in Italy, a year in Mexico where I spend at least two months every winter suffering from SADD.”

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Bruce and Pat Ellis Marti expressed their sorrow over the death of Peggy Simon Jurf ‘57, Pat's good friend since high school. After his heart surgery two years ago, Bruce resumed his part-time work at the Department of Agriculture in Washington. For the past three years, Pat has been employed part-time editing and proofing "Quote Acrostic" puzzles, even selling three Q's of her own.

The Maple Lawn Shopping Center near Laurel may be a candidate for extra Home Land Security surveillance. Raymond "Skip" Merkle reports that he, Jim Pearce, Gene Goll, Dick Durst ‘55, Charlie Luttrell, Phil Lawyer ‘55, and others "recently had lunch there. Skip's observation: "All the guys were losing hair, turning gray or balding, except for me." He invites others of us to join, hair optional.

Jack Morton is hiking 30 miles a day and roller blading six to eight miles when it's not too windy. Winters are spent in Florida and summers in Pennsylvania. Three children spread across the world, the youngest in Cape Town, South Africa, provide Jack and Judy an easy excuse for continuing to travel “while I'm still on the green side of the grass.”

Marilee Hodsdon Quesada verifies Pris McCoy Lamars account of their European ad-
ventures, attesting to spectacular scenery and superb wine. Marilee finally joined the rest of us as the retired elite, providing more
time to visit with her three children and eight grandchildren, including travel to see her granddaughter, Nicole (daughter of Donna Quesada ’85), graduate from Marquette. She has cheered Charlie Luttrell in his
tennis tournaments, events which have provided enjoyable contacts with Caryn Enson Peterson ’58 and Ronald, Jack and Beth Wittke 
Barney ’93, Fred and Nancy Kemmerer Leary.

The lunch tables in Garrett County, Md., feature Friday get-togethers between Walt Sanders and Jack Turney, joined by a former CIA field agent and a World War II instructor pilot for the Army Air Corps who later served as a delegate in the Maryland State Legislature. Walt assures us that the weekly discussions of current politics and history are refreshingly civil. He divides his time between Baltimore, visiting children and five
grandchildren, and his small West Virginia farm just over the Maryland line.

Howard Shores concluded his 30-year Navy career, retiring as captain. He commanded the destroyer USS Turner Joy, which is now part of the Naval Museum in Bremer
ton, Wash. He and his wife live in Redlands, Calif., with two children and two grandchildren in San Diego. He admits he’s gotten too old to really retire, still owns and operates a swimming pool cleansing agency, has his own income tax preparation service and is a
distributor for Xocai-Healthy Chocolate (he assures us there is such a thing and “eating chocolate for a living ain’t a bad way to go”).

During the past year Barbie Hoot and Don ’53 Stanton visited their seventh continent with a 2-2-day cruise down the coast of Chile, circling Cape Horn and spending three days in Antarctica. While on land in western North Carolina, Barbie serves as president of the Lake Junaluska area garden club, joined Don as they returned for the 150th birthday of Adirion College (where Don had been president) and, with Don, enjoys their three children and three grandchildren.

Bill and Marilyn Coome Stewart have declared themselves the prize winners from the class of 1956 for number of years married (55). Their wedding in Frederick between sea
merstems of their junior year featured two guests, Brad Jones and Ellie Lawson Ellington, and the honeymoon celebration was next morning attending classes. While patiently waiting for us to present their trophy, Marily

retired after 31 years as a special education teacher, Bill retired with 37 years in education, the last 15 as school superintendent; after the official retirement, he was a part
time school psychologist until 2006. They’ve raised five children, now have seven grandchildren, have visited Ireland, England, the Canadian Rockies, have lived in the same house in New Jersey for 50 years, and have a winter villa in Florida. Bill holds a number two tennis ranking in New Jersey for 45 and

older, and plays golf. Marilyn is a prize-winning gardener and relaxes with bridge.

There may be hope for reality in politics. Nancy Reter Stockdale Metrick is serving her 16th year as a delegate in the Maryland State Legislature. Three sons live in Florida, a foster
son is in California, two daughters in Maryland, and 12 grandchildren. One of her

daughters, Linda Stockdale Hublund ’80, is a teacher in Worcester County and is married to Bob Hublund ’78.

Last in the responding alphabet: Bunky Sporlein Gosnell, June 6, 2006; Robert Hal

wer; and Beth Witzke.

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Stephanie Queen ’04 to James Kershesky on April 4, 2009. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

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Summer 2010
Classmates Named as Alumni Insiders

On Commencement Day, 901 new graduates became members of your Alumni Association. Make that 902, as President Coley's honorary degree counts her in the Class of 2010. Who represents the 25,000-member strong association and your voice to the College?

That's the work of the Alumni Council led by Alumni Association President Don Hobart '62, who has focused the Council's work this year to identify, strengthen, and personalize alumni communications. The Council meets three times annually and its members serve on four standing committees: Awards and Sports Hall of Fame; Nominations and Governance; Outreach; and Graduates of the Last Decade. Eleven alumni are elected to serve three-year terms for each decade.

Beginning terms on July 1, 2010 are Eric Lanny Buckner '65, Deborah "Debi" Lanius Cameron '75 and Carrie Miller Parker '85. They join the members-at-large: Robert "Bob" Butler '57, Linda Mahaffey Spear '66, Jeff Carter '70, Wade Heck '81, Kevin Heffner '82, Lynn Klingensmith Williams '90, Alice Smith Rau '91, MS '93 and Lisa Hill Pearse '97.

Using e-mail, members-at-large stay in touch and provide updated news to classmates following each Alumni Council meeting. "We count on this network of alumni to keep everyone engaged and find that e-mail adds timeliness and cost-effectiveness to our efforts," says Hobart.

Have you missed getting these updates? Please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@mcdaniel.edu to confirm your e-mail address.

Lea Hackett Hartman and Mary Sue Trotman Munder have decided to celebrate their 70th birthdays together in Punta Cana and plan to spend the month of May together in St. Augustine. Mary Sue and Armit are well and enjoying retirement in Charlotte, N.C., where they are both active in their church. Mary Sue is cooking and serving the home less while Armit delivers the meals. Lea and Dean cruised the Panama Canal in February. They are also involved in their church, working in the church library and Lea teaches a few classes.

Some of us just can't seem to stop working. Catherine "Kit" Reese Hartzler writes that retirement is not yet a word in conversation. Kit is happy to be feeling good and not dealing with any serious health issues.

Tom Hayes recently stepped down from the chair of the Baruch College English department where he headed up 50 full-timers and 50 part-timers. Although Tom has had Parkinson's disease for 16 years, he remains quite active. This summer he is planning a bike trip through Cornwall, England. Tom reports that his three grandchildren who live nearby in Brooklyn are the joy of his life.

After 40 years of teaching anatomy at the University of Maryland, Don Hobart finally said no in 2008. He still works with Rehab Essentials administering their distant learning program which is now housed in the University of Montana. Don also serves on a couple of boards and his duties as president of the McDaniel Alumni Association are fulfilling. Don and Janice Mooney Hobart '60 travel as much as they can and enjoyed a raft trip down the Colorado River last summer with nine alumni. The Hobarts also spent a few days with Bill and Barbara Bergquist and enjoyed a day on Bob Wolf's small yacht. Janice stays busy with her College Found business and serves on the board of Rape Crisis Intervention. Both Janice and Don are happy to have their five grandchildren within an hour's drive.

John '58 and Diane Kanak Holter love living in Lake Jovita, Dade City, Fla. They have lots of visitors and encourage anyone who is near the area to come visit. Son Scott and family live in Denver, Colo., and have two children. Son Stuart and family live in Charleston, S.C., and have one child. Daughter Tracey Holter Zifras '90 and husband live just south of the Holters in the Tampa area. Diane says John plays a lot of golf and enjoys fishing and working around the house. Diane stays busy with a variety of activities in their multi-age community and reports that they could not be happier.

Barbara Yingling Jobson and Ron are retired and live in Ocean Pines, Md. They bowl with the Ocean City Seniors and play bridge in restaurants around town. Last year the Jobsons celebrated their 45th anniversary with a trip to Barcelona and cruising the Mediterranean with stops in Florence and Rome. Living 2000 miles from their daughters and grandchildren means that Bill and Christine Lewis Lipp travel a good deal to visit them. Daughter Carla is in the Indianapolis area. She and Kevin have three children: William, 11, Andrew, 6, and Kacy. Daughter Natalie is in Louisville. She and Greg have Haley, 3, and Gabrielle, who was born in September. Christine and Bill find that Canada and their National Parks are their favorite vacation spots. Occasionally Chris substitutes in middle and high schools in Rocklin near Sacramento. Bill is retired.

Jim and Susan Hogan Lomax are retired, but you won't find them quietly sitting in their rocking chairs. Sue continues to sing in church and with a professional quartet, The Upbeats, although she gave up her professional status as church soloist. She also subs occasionally for friends. Jim is busy planning vacations. Sue and Jim love the Philadelphia Orchestra, opera and theater productions. The Lomaxes run back and forth to Virginia to see their daughter and her three little girls and to Westminster where Paul '55 and family are located. Recently their granddaughter Addy, 7, sang with a community chorus at Baker Chapel. Since Sue sang there and Paul was married there it was a very special event for Jim and Sue. The Lomaxes also enjoy cruising and just returned from a 16-day cruise through the Panama Canal. They hope to go to St. Petersburg next.

Courtney Jones McKeldin is still a Baltimore City zoning commissioner. She was appointed by Mayor O'Malley and then re-appointed by Mayor Dixon. She will serve in this capacity until 2012. Courtney's husband, Ted, is still working full time with the Maryland Attorney General's Office. Their son, Ted, is a Lt. Col. in the Marine Corps assigned to NSA in cyber intelligence. Their daughter is married and she and her husband have two children, Claire, 9, and Charlie, 7. Next year to celebrate their 50th anniversary, the McKeldins are taking the entire family to a small town in the Swiss Alps called Wengen in the Bernese Oberland. Courtney and Ted try to go there every other year as it is a very special place for them.

John McKenna is planning a white-water rafting excursion in Idaho this summer and then in July is traveling to Ireland. He has three beautiful grandchildren who he totally enjoys. John writes that his current endeavor is to find a rich lady. Call John if you qualify!

Carleen Ritter Minor writes from Oregon that she is still teaching piano and voice and also conducts a singing class. Her interest in antiques has enabled her and a friend to have a booth in a local antique mall which Carleen says she really enjoys. In addition to teaching and running her antiques booth, Carleen also manages five rental houses. She has three grandchildren in the Seattle area so she sees her daughter and family as much as possible.

Currently director of business development for a successful and fast-growing small
business, Nancy Singer O'Malley says she is working harder than she should be. She has two adorable baby grandsons who live close by so that she can spoil them on a regular basis. Nancy has a special new friend who has a 42-foot sailboat, so Nancy can enjoy a respite from her hard work.

Received a nice e-mail from Downing Price from Paris. He writes that he and Edna went to France in 1965 and have been happily married for 48 years and have enjoyed wonderful travel. They have three children: Mark, a teacher in Houston; Jordan, a psychotherapist in Austin; and Aaron, a computer expert in Davis, Calif. The Prices have three granddaughters. Downing and Edna still both work full time in their ophthalmology practice which comprises four doctors and two locations. Edna is the administrator for both locations and 32 employees. They are both active in the nonprofit which they formed back in the 1970s, BVIW: the missionaries International. BVI is still sending five ophthalmology teams each year to provide pro bono medical and surgical care for the underserved in the world. They have built clinics and surgery centers in five countries and Downing says that he and Edna feel really good about that part of their lives. They have no plans to retire at present as they are really enjoying what they do. The Prices send greetings to all their classmates.

Jim and Manetta Willett Pusey say that they rarely have any news because they are dull. Only Manetta would call their active lifestyle dull, Jim has retired but will return to work for a while this year to train someone for his job. He stays busy with community and church activities, and yard work around his and his mother's house. Jim's mother is 93 and still lives alone. Manetta retired in August '08 but was asked to return part time. The Pusey's children are well. Daughter Rebecca and her husband, Eric, live in Perry Hall and teach elementary school in Dundalk. Daughter Allison and husband, Keith, live in Fairfax, Va., with their two sons. Daughter Leslie lives at home and is working on her master's in post secondary education. Manetta and Jim and Leslie enjoy day trips to the Eastern Shore.

Don and Carol Westerfield '60 Rbabush have moved permanently to California where they used to winter. This past summer they were back East and took a trip to the Finger Lakes with Hunter and Fran Burnett '63 Kirkman. The Rabushes were planning to visit friends in Ohio, of the retirees in Costa Rica were back East and took a trip to the Hill this spring for Carol's 50th reunion. Travel seems to be the favorite past-time of the retirees in our class. Louise Styche Rainis writes that she has visited Egypt, Jordan, Mexico and Las Vegas and took several short trips to visit friends in Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania this past year. In 2010 she plans to travel to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Louise loves her life in South Carolina and stays busy assisting with several projects for Meals on Wheels. Louise has been elected to serve as president for one of the organizations within her neighborhood. In August Louise was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery and radiation; she has had a rapid recovery which she attributes to the support from family, friends, and neighbors. Now she says she plans to enjoy life to the fullest, connect with longtime friends, spend time with family and watch her grandson go off to college.

Judith Meredith Reichard writes that she is still enjoying the good life in Annapolis with a few part-time jobs and classes without exams. She took a trip to Rome and a 14-day cruise around the eastern Mediterranean that included Florence, Pompeii, Pisa, Tunis, Monte Carlo, Majorca, Sicily, Tuscany and Barcelona. Judy has one grandson at Fairleigh Dickinson University and another at Columbia Law School and many others all along the way.

Martha and Ken Reifsnider are living in Columbia, S.C., where Ken is working as director of the future fuels initiative at the University of South Carolina and director of the Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Center of Excellence and faculty chair at the university. He and Martha have traveled to China, Latvia, Germany, Greece, Portugal and Italy in the last two years where Ken lectured and enjoyed the sites. The Reifsniders' children live in Austin, Texas, Raleigh, N.C., and Rochester, N.Y.

Beatty Beall Rommel and John are now Florida residents, but spend about six months a year in Baltimore where their children and five grandchildren live. They both continue to play lots of golf and Beatty enjoys watercolor, book club and a little volunteer work. Beatty and John feel blessed that their health is good and they are able to watch their grandchildren grow.

Ray and Kay McKay Rongley continue to enjoy the challenges of the working world. Ray remains employed at George Mason University, but has changed from the foundation vice president to the regional campuses vice president where she manages administrative operational, and site projects. Coincidentally, one of her projects is the Vint Hill Sustainability Institute, located at the former Army base where she lived during the '60s. Ray is vice president for business development at Bleum, Inc., a Shanghain-based company, working with clients in the U.S. Kay sometimes manages to tag along on business trips. Their spare time is spent at their Florida home, playing golf, enjoying nine grandchildren's activities, attending performing arts events, traveling (most recently to China, Jordan, Israel and France), and of course, dancing. Total renovation of their Fairfax home is in its final phase and the Rongleys extend an invitation to friends for a visit. Kay says life is good for the Rongleys and they appreciate every blessing.

Harry Rumberger went back to campus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1959 soccer team. The day of Homecoming weekend was a rainy day and the continuous rain made a sloppy, muddy mess—so bad that the Homecoming soccer game was called off by the refs half way through the second half.

Jack Baile and Sam Corbin were also present for the game and Harry says that they all had great fun expounding on their exploits of 50 years ago. Harry was elected president of the Dallas Camera Club last year. His photography skills have improved and he has been selected for the masters designation with the club. Harry and Janie have produced digital travel slide shows of their travels to Norway, China, the Baltic States and Russia that they show to their local senior and service groups who enjoy travelogues. Harry and Janie and I enjoy seeing each other at lunch when the Rumbergers come to Fredericksburg to visit their daughter.

Nancy Anthony Schmidt says that she is still enjoying retirement with some volunteer work, spending time with her eight grandchildren and doing some traveling in her spare time. Nancy enjoys reading for her book club and playing bridge. This past year she visited friends in St. Augustine, Fla., and also spent some time in San Antonio. In March, Nancy was planning a two-week trip to Egypt and Jordan. She says that she will play tourist and ride a camel. Like most of us, Nancy says she can't believe that we've been out of school almost 50 years.

Stan Sharkey reports that he has been working for the State of Maryland for the past two years in Juvenile Services Education. He says that he has learned a great deal about inner-city life. He and Carolyn bought a place in Estero, Fla., near Fort Myers and try to visit there whenever possible. Stan still enjoys driving by the WMC campus reliving old times. Carolyn is busy with her clubs and activities and enjoys her retirement. Bill '63 and Maureen Fibey Sitter are still very involved in their business. They have finished a major update of their Bible-based finance workbook including a companion DVD: The Legacy Edition of Financial Freedom in 7 Weeks Plus. During 2009 daughter Cassidy passed the D.C. Bar Exam. Son Chris says he is the administrator for both locations and profit which they formed back in the 1970s, Eunice Sank Seymour, Bob Manthey '63 and Carol Latham Philpot-Jensen and their spouses. They also traveled to New England where they did 16 Volksmarches (10 km walks) in 28 days including a walk in each of the New England state capitals. Carolyn and Bob are

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planning trips to the Midwest and Europe in 2010. They will tour six European countries and attend the Passion Play at Oberammergau. The Thurbers' children are close by. Daughter Karen lives at home and is a puzzle writer. Son Kent is a physicist at the National Institutes of Health.

Barbara Walker Van Denburgh reports that this winter in South Carolina was the coldest since she moved there in 2004. Barb stays busy in several quilt groups, teaching in a new quilt shop, making flags and streamers for RiverGartens Ministry, doing volunteer office work and crafts for special events at Heartland Hospice, going to card parties and the beach. She spends time each year at the Outer Banks.

Bob Vaughan and wife Carol sold their home in Hampstead, Md., and moved to the Eastern Shore into a three-bedroom condo just north of Salisbury. Daughter Tiffany, son-in-law Matt and grandchildren Allison, 6, and Trevor, 3, live in Garrisonville, Md. Son Geoff lives in both Colorado Springs and Jackson, Miss., depending on where his company needs him. Geoff's wife, Krista, is a career officer in the U.S. Army and is currently stationed in Albuquerque, N.M.

Jim Waddell continues to winter in Fort Myers, Fla., and summer in Laurel, Del. Jim enjoys returning to Carroll County for Baugher's produce and remembering fun times as he walks around the Hill. Last summer Jim toured London and Rome with his son and granddaughter. Then he took a cruise from Rome to Istanbul with his other son, Jim enjoyed hosting friends Herb Fallin and John McKenna. Our deepest sympathy to Jim on the death of his wife, Carolyn, who lost her long battle to cancer in December '08.

Warren Watts lost his wife to cancer in 2005 and met his current wife, Maria, at the Hospice of the Panhandle in Martinsburg, W.Va. Maria's husband had died of cancer also. Warren and Maria were married in 2007 and are very happy. Warren retired from the United Methodist ministry with 50 years of service in 2008. He still continues his counseling practice of marriage and family in Martinsburg. He was certified as an ethics investigator for the State of West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling and the Office of the Attorney General. He serves as an investigator for both Berkeley County and Morgan County in West Virginia. Warren is also certified by the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation out of Lexington, Ky., working with police, attorneys, and state licensure boards in both counties. Warren says that he enjoys working with all types of people both professionally and personally.

Warren's new family consists of a stepson, 20, and step-daughter, 25. They join Warren's two children from his first marriage. The Watts built a new home in Hedgeville, W.Va., and are enjoying country living. Their health is good and they are enjoying life and their professional lives. The Watts look forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion.

Rev. Diana Calvert Westerink retired in June '08 after 23 years as a United Methodist minister in the South Carolina Conference. Since then she has been working with the Cooperative Ministry, an organization that offers supportive services to the working poor. Currently she is coordinating supplies and volunteers for the Columbia Homeless Shelter. Diana's two sons are practicing physicians specializing in rehabilitative medicine in Columbia. Her six grandchildren are growing fast. The oldest is a sophomore at Davidson College and the youngest is in middle school.

Sandy and Bob Wolf are planning a trip back East to Pennsylvania for three weeks and then are planning an extended road trip during May and June. Bob has been a faithful friend who visits Barb and Bill Bergquist and e-mails many of us in the class to fill us in on Bill's progress. The Wolfs continue to enjoy life in Olympia, Wash.

Diane Gardner Biddinger and husband Bob flew to Tahiti in September '09 and took a seven-night cruise on the Paul Gauguin Ship to the Society Islands, including Bora Bora. In April the Biddingers are headed to Chile, Argentina and Brazil for 16 days. Diane included information about the Chandler House Gang get-together in Williamsburg. She and Peggy McIntyre Bowman both wrote of the good time the group enjoyed at the Kingsley's home on the water.

Jim '60 and Mil Dickey Thomas are now living in an over-55 patio home development and says it's great to be all on one floor. The Thomases are making new friends there, but still return to their old neighborhood to do things with their longtime friends. Mil is still playing the organ for Central Christian Church in Denver and enjoys the choir and the three-manual pipe organ. Mil and Jim's children are enjoying their careers. The Thomases now have four grandchildren, two girls in Carnation, Wash., and a boy and girl in Colorado. The two grandchildren in Colorado are from China. Mil and Jim went to China in December '08 to get Bin Bin, an active 6-year-old. His sister, Carlee, was 3 at the time. The children have adjusted well to each other and have learned to speak English; they both are doing well in school.

Last year Mil and Jim went on a cruise around South America, made a driving trip to Oregon and Washington and another to the Canyon lands of Utah and on to San Diego. This year they took a driving trip with Jack Carole Richardson '65 Bailey to Little Rock and San Antonio to see Presidential Libraries. In April of this year the Thomases planned to travel east for Jim's 50th reunion. Then to Kenya in July on another mission work trip and Switzerland on the way home. Mil hopes to see many of us at our 50th reunion.

The last two years have been busy for me. I continue to work in a lay ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, traveling to Lutheran churches around the country to teach workshops and classes to strengthen the outreach ministry of the congregations. I have served churches in Pennsylvania, Montana, Tennessee and most recently Jacksonville, Fla., and The Villages, Fla. When I'm not traveling with the church, I manage to get in a trip or two to Salt Lake to visit my older daughter and her family. Her two boys, 10 and 8, and my two grandchildren in Richmond, 3 and 5, bring me great joy. I have enjoyed reconnecting with one of my college roommates, Ann Medding Gillespie, and we have great fun meeting for lunch and catching up on our lives. Ann and I were friends in elementary school and met again as freshmen at WMC. I've also had a chance to visit several times with Carole Gordon Smith when I'm in Salt Lake City visiting my daughter. Carole is busy with church work and here several grandchildren.

Thanks so much for your responses; it's great to renew old friendships. I'm looking forward to our 50th reunion and hope to see many of you there.

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Wayne Laessig is still consulting, hunting and going on adventures (not always in that order). They were heading to a Star Trek convention, then a final duck hunt before the season closed. In February they headed to Chena Hot Springs in Fairbanks to join friends soaking, trying to avoid freezing to death, and watching the aurora borealis. Lynette just got her cataract removed and a multi-focal lens put in and if you've seen "Avatar" you'll understand when she says "I see you" has a double meaning now. He's still doing volunteer work for his AC-119 Gunship Association; they just printed up a great history book with tons of stories in it, and he's the reunion coordinator for a September reunion in California. Wayne's still a volunteer at Baldrige Examiner.

You'd think that being retired would mean a leisurely life, but not so. This year, as usual, has been a full one for Patty Wahl Phillips and Sam '67. In October they did a 4,000-mile trip to Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington, visiting two couples they know in Oregon, toured four more state capitols, and headed back down the Oregon-California coast as far as Hearst Castle and then east back to Arizona. They only have seven state capitols left to tour. Patty is happy that she has managed to keep off the 20 pounds she's lost. One of the problems with living in an adult community is that when people notice that you've lost weight, you have to reassure them that you did it on purpose! She keeps busy as president of the sewing club, sewing for three charity groups, and is in charge of training people to use the sewing room. She
sends three days a week and bowls with Sam on a team once a week. Sam spent most of the summer in Virginia upping Little League baseball since he not only umpires the local games, but was also chosen to umpire in the State Tournament. He had cataract surgery on both eyes when they got back to Arizona in October. Patty assures me that the surgery was neither requested by nor paid for by the players. He's doing fine and sees the world as brighter than before his surgery. They go back to their Virginia house during the summer so that they can see their two sons' families. The one bad thing about spending time in Arizona is not being with the grandchildren, Darien, 4, and Isaiah, 3. At that age, they change rapidly. While back in Virginia this summer Katherine 'Kay' Henley Hart and Bill came for a visit after not seeing them for about 30 years. They split their time between their Maryland home and their Florida home.

Rick Matheny reports from The Land of Steady Habits: "I just entered my 40th year of marriage, my 34th year as the director of health of the Farmington Valley Health District and my 53rd year in our house in Granby, Conn." He has four children: Lisa, 35; Brian, 33; Julie, 31; and Mark, 29, as well as two grandchildren, Jack, 5, and Mason, 2. He has three cocker spaniels. "My free time is spent on photography and continuing to play golf poorly. We live in a beautiful part of Connecticut and spend a lot of time hiking in the woods as well. If that hasn't put you to sleep, my wife, Ines, a native of Uruguay, and daughter, Lisa, spent a month in Rio, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires this past summer while I dog sat. Is there something wrong with that picture?" To be fair, he has spent many weeks on his own in the Great Smoky Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks as well as in the hill country of Texas with "my little photography hobby."

Joan Dowell Winship and Jim continue working with their respective international organizations based in Washington. This past year, Joan had the privilege to travel to a diversity of places, including Bosnia, Brazil, South Africa, Korea, the Philippines and Nepal. Happily, Jim came with her to Zanzibar and Tanzania where they were able to take several days to do a safari to a national park. It was fantastic to see the wildlife in their own habitats! Best, however, was the birth of their first grandchild whom they get to see often since he, their son and daughter-in-law, live in Alexandria. Their daughter and her husband are back from four years in London and also in D.C. So they're enjoying being in the same locale once again.

Jeanne Black Festas is serving a wonderful church in Green Valley, Ariz., a retirement community in sunny southern Arizona, the home of the nation's largest pecan orchards. People say ministers are paid peanuts for their efforts, but that's not the case for Jeanne. She was looking forward to hearing Dr. David Carrasco '67 lecture on the border issue, a very pertinent topic there, at a nearby UCC church, and Walt Michael was going to be playing hammered dulcimer. Steve Jones is now semi-retired working two days a week doing IT support at his last employer (Kindred Healthcare). He left in 2004 because they would not give him part-time work. "It is great because we have some income without touching our investments while having lots of time for us and grandkids. We now have four grandkids, ages 6, 3, 2, and 6 months. The two younger ones live a 10-minute walk from our house so papa gets lots of time with them! Being a papa is even better than I thought it would be." Susan and Steve continue to work on seeing the world; they recently went on a 10-day Panama Canal cruise. He estimated that they were younger than 85 to 90 percent of those on the cruise. Take it again in 10 years and you'll fit right in.

After many years of working in the Maryland Department and with the Afro-American Collection/Department, Eva Sleazak is currently a reference librarian in the social science and history department at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Md. This past Nov. 10, she was one of nine honorees at the Annual Mayor's Reception and History Honors sponsored by the Baltimore City Historical Society. Eva keeps busy with presentations and local history and genealogical research projects.

After 17 years with the Seton Family of Hospitals in Austin, Texas, John Evler called it a career, almost. He's got a new career going as a senior consultant to Ascension Health in St. Louis, consulting with their hospital operations in Michigan, Wisconsin and Arizona. His wife of 35 years, Mescal, also came out of retirement as a textbook publisher and is now working for a New York development house, back into the editorial side of publishing. Their son graduated from law school in Sacramento, Calif., and returned to Texas to sit for the bar.

Leslie Miller Filmore and husband Jeff continue to split time between Beverly, Mass., and Ft. Lauderdale. They are both healthy and active. Leslie has rediscovered ice skating, trying to get to the rink three times a week. She loves being nana to Jeff's two girls, ages 4 and 6. Abby, Leslie and Olivia love the water parks — the bigger the slides the better! Little kids always think an adult on a water slide are so brave. They might have a point.

She hopes to bicycle across the United States when she retires, she can't imagine when that might be. MaryAnn Julia Kaveski and Nick have cyclically recently in Utah, Bryce and Zion canyons. This past fall they spent time with Trish Euer King and Guy plus Gail Lentz Gratziick and Ed. They are all doing well.

Pam Grahamjaske is a painter. (Not at all what I thought I would end up doing for a living.) She sells her work from galleries in central Virginia, near their home in Rapidan, near Charlottesville, and in Southport, N.C., near their home on Bald Head Island. Her husband, John, and they have been married since 1968 and they have two daughters, and a Harvard law school graduate doing criminal defense in Portland, Ore., and the other working in the legal department of Gannett newspapers in northern Virginia. Her husband, John, is a retired lawyer, working as a part-time consultant now in labor relations, matters for various clients around the country. They are passionate travelers and spend much of their time away from home now that the girls are on their own. "Interesting, isn't it, how life works out over the years. Our lives can become so much different and so much more than we ever thought possible when we were 20 or 21. Perhaps my dreams were simply more limited than they should have been all those years ago, but life has offered so much more than I could have imagined then. I suspect that life has offered surprises like this to all of us; at least I hope so."

Ralph Wilson and I spend a lot of time together watching the Orioles at Camden Yards, sometimes with als like Earl Dieterich '69 and Gary Rudacille '69, especially since he's supposedly slowing down on his legal workload. He seems to work just as hard as ever. Kathleen retired as head of the Baltimore City School System food service last year and enjoys the lack of stress. Younger daughter Kimberly recently married and Kora teaches middle school math in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Bob and Barbara Linton Morris are still happy row-house dwellers on Capitol Hill in D.C. There's something exciting about being next door to the Center of the Political (and now Social) Universe, while living in an old-fashioned, small town neighborhood. Still, their biggest excitement is happening in Atlanta, where Josh and Ellie were approaching the birth of their first grandchild, a boy due in early May. They expect to be wearing tracks into 1-85 as they subject him to periodic spoiling. Barbara is still churning out French and Spanish scholars in Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, a beacon of scholarship winners in the stormy D.C. public school system. Great kids keep her going. Bob had his first novel published, The Owl and the Oak, to good reviews and tidy sales and is now headlining up the Sierra Club activist network, a national network of local grassroots activists.

Larry Ruderman retired from teaching health education and being an administrator after 34 years about seven years ago. That lasted about six months and he's been a professor in the education department at Hunter College in NYC. He and his wife spend a lot of time in Maryland visiting their daughter and two grandkids, plus more time in Houston with their other daughter.

Linda Flinn Collier reports that 2009 was

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Conor James Buckley on October 15, 2009 to Kevin Buckley '99 and Elizabeth Budny-Buckley '99.

Alexandros Agathangelou Michael on December 10, 2008 to Eleftherios '99 and Jennifer Vick '98 Michael.

Emmalea Yvonne Bartolain on June 12, 2009 to Aaron Bartolain '01 and Tara Spicer-Bartolain '01.

Anna Olivia Lammers on March 17, 2009 to Hendrik Lammers '03 and Cassandra Domser-Lammers '01.

Ella Kate Lebo on February 15, 2010 to Paul '01 and Lisa Peterson '02 Lebo.

Eliza Nicole Moore on May 26, 2009 to James '01 and Lea Moore.

Michael Marins Nacelli on June 22, 2009 to Philipp and Amy Leonard '01 Nacelli.

Emma Grace Nunnelee on September 8, 2009 to Jason '01 and Jennifer Nunnelee.

Logan Hunt Pearce on September 25, 2009 to Alan and Rebecca Hunt '01 Pearce.

Madalyn Sheets on November 14, 2009 to Caleb and Brandi Holmes '01 Sheets.

Hadasnah Arwen Shullenbarger on November 1, 2009 to Christopher and Jessica Vermillion '01 Shullenbarger.

Claire Elizabeth Sweeney on March 30, 2010 to Brett '01 and Katy Sweeney.

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In April, Terry Walters ’68 began a second season as an official scorer for the Washington Nationals’ Double-A affiliate team, the Harrisburg Senators.

Steve Pound’s new career as a Tiny Tim cover band is still going strong, with requests for his act surging for wakes, Bar Mitzvahs and stances involving snake handlers. He was recently inspired by the speaking style of Ben Stine, and has put together a monologue (speaking in his best Ben Stine voice) of an account of the political implications of battle of Jutland. It runs four hours and has been endorsed by the American Insomnia Association (AIA) and the Association of Caffeinated Beverage Bottlers (ACBB). Copies are available through LBI BScoma.com website.

Dave Millhouser and his long-suffering wife, Susan, are still living happily in Gloucester, Mass. Dave has retired from the motor coach business after 40 years. He’s doing some freelance writing for trade publications and works as a mate on a charter dive boat, plus does some underwater photography when he can squeeze himself into a wet suit with the aid of some Kentucky jelly. If you want a good deal on a bus, call Dave.

Bill and Cornelia “Nini” Sloan Gibson are still raising horses and farming in Carroll County, between surgeries. Nini has had four procedures to save her eyesight from glaucoma, while Bill had a subclavian stern put in to correct a blockage. He said that he feels a lot smarter with the breathing oxygen to the brain, and would like to retire Western Civ.

Another farmin’ fool is Dan Gottleib, whose try at goat herding is falling on hard times along with the economy. And now, as many people want them as house pets. Katie is completing her freshman year at University of Connecticut and Caroline is finishing her junior year in high school, so Dan is trying to get a contract to supply goat milk to the local school system. Katie wants to be a veterinarian so that she can join the family business.

Cary Wolfson in his own words: “Still living in Boulder. ‘Blues From the Red Rooster Lounge’ is about to celebrate its 25th anniversary on KBCO and in syndication. I’m now an exhibited photographer. I’ll be at Common Ground for the 14th year this summer, teaching classes on the blues, radio production and photography. I’m getting social security.”

Nancy and Cary planned a trip to Amsterdam and Paris in mid-May. After breaking two vertebrae in a bicycle crash in 2007, he’s back on the bike and rode over 3,000 miles this year. More than 80 people came to his photo reception and he’s made three sales so far. He’s auditing photography classes “Whew. I’m going to have to learn a whole new language, fine art-speak.”

John “Ome” and Sue Mawby ’69 Heritage became grandparents to Simon on Jan. 8, 2009, thanks to their daughter, Jill, a media specialist in Greenlawn, Conn. Erin will finish her residency in ER at Palmetto Richland Hospital in Columbia, S.C., this June and will do a one-year fellowship at Morehouse. Hospital in New Jersey starting in July. John and Sue enjoyed a trip to Hawaii in June. Ome’s still having nightmares about not being able to do his math homework, but the recently completed primal scream/all-nighter session with Jim Lightner ’59 and Doug Burrill seems to have helped.

Peggy Rhodes Stanley writes: “With sons in Boston, Mass., and Myrtle Beach, S.C., and family on the Eastern Shore, Mike and I spend a lot of our time traveling the Atlantic Coast. Four grandchildren under the age of three are definitely incentives for leaving rural North Carolina where we live in the Foothills. Our last vacation adventure was Argentina and we look forward to a 2011 trip to Australia. Since Mike retired in May ’09, we both stay involved with volunteering and individual interests. Two Ritter weddings in 2010 gave us the opportunity to see Kathy Moore Ritter and Bob, Carol Hooper McKelvie and Dick, and Claire Whittington Fulton and Brown. Of course, none of us had aged since the 60’s! What fun to get together with great friends!”

From Jim and Chris Connelly ’67 Resau: “Life is pretty good in Michigan but not good enough to prevent me from retiring in 2011. We will stay connected to Michigan through our grandson Noah, 6, and to Colorado where our grandson Brahm is 3. We will soon live in Towson close to Gordon, crab guys and warmth again.” Chris is retired already but quite busy helping daughter, Laura Resau, with editing of her books. Book number two, Red Glass, won National Library of Congress America’s Award and four others are or will be in print. “The Van Andel Institute in West Michigan is alive and well but it is time now to enjoy my Maryland, U.S. Army, social security and 401K’s before we are too old.” He just got back from his fifth Habitat trip to Central America with ’68 closest friend Mike Ward. “All you WMC folks should join Mike and me on these trips. It is warm, friendly and quite uplifting to help others and Mike deserves considerable credit for making me a part of this altruistic adventure, plus it has no snow and good cheer every evening.”

Terry Walters: “In April I will begin second season as an official scorer for the Washington Nationals’ Double-A affiliate team, the Harrisburg Senators. I am also re-editing my baseball-themed book while I search for a publisher. And, I’ve been busy trying to find investors to buy a small foundering college that we can rename Western Maryland College. I hope the name won’t be confusing since the school is in Pennsylvania.” He was recently granted lifetime membership in the Flat Earth Society.

Sherry Redinger Whitt has a fabulous offer for free-booking classmates. Will Davis take note: “Classmates going to the beach this summer at Rehoboth, Lewes, Bethany, etc., should get in touch with me (via email or cell 410-935-2510 or home phone 302-858-5024) for an overnight stopover. We have a guest bedroom and bath ready at all times for visitors. Also, we have a live-aboard boat and waterfront property for sale on Stoney Creek in Anne Arundel County. We still enjoy traveling in our motor home and wonder why in the world we didn’t choose to go to Arizona this winter.”

Nora Marvil Arnold, after 38½ years in continuing education and workforce development, which includes 34 years as a dean at Wor-Wic Community College in which she was one of the first hired to start the new college in 1976, was to retire as of June 30 this year. Joe, who retired several years ago, and she have traveled a lot in Europe and throughout the U.S. over the years but they want to do a lot more. Nora has her pilot’s license with an instrument rating but, since she hasn’t flown for a while, she is looking forward to getting current. “I am really excited and looking forward to some major R & R! I would love to hear from some of the old gang at WMC.”

Peggy Howser Drenning became a grandma for the first time with the birth of Meritt Kathryn Mantz to Alex and Tyler in Alva, Okla. She used the little one’s arrival as a good reason to sell their treasures in Maryland and use the funds to purchase a grandparent house on the same street where the kids live. Now Peggy realizes why people retire.

From a snow weary Linda Sullivan Schulte: “Okay, I had not been out snowshoeing for the last two weeks I would have made your deadline for news by February 15th... but alas, my Olympic trials in pushing heavy amounts of snow interfered.” In late December she was deployed with her animal rescue team to Tennessee to help with a rescue of 84 horses that had been confiscated by the Humane Society after being abused by a madman. So for a week she got to walk, groom, feed, muck out stalls and love these handsome and (despite everything) loving animals. “I love my volunteer work as part of a national animal rescue team. Can’t wait until I’m re...
tired and can devote even more time to my four-legged friends."

Hey classmates, from Linda Berry Van Hart: "Went in to many friends at Sue Morales '70 and Splinter Yingling's home after. Ira Zeppe's '52 celebration of life and also after a few football games. Amy Lewis King '69, Earl '69 and Carol Harris '70 Dietrich, and Bruce Cohen '66 among others not seen for awhile. This year the Visual Arts Program I put together for Common Ground has a continuing 'green' focus Week 1, July 5-9, and a strong Native skills focus during Week II, July 12-16. Check us out on the web at www.commongroundonthehill.org. We have quite a reunion here each summer with Don '69 and Ellen Von Dehse '69 Elmes, Cary Wolfson and me teaching and Walt Michael performing. On a personal note, my article on 'Reticulation: Process and Sources of Information' is being published in the next Metals Guild of Maryland Newsletter. Mixed media collage is my focus at Off Track Art, an artist coop in town, and I do high-end shows selling my jewelry from Boston to Atlanta. Bulgaria is a destination for the first time this year. Retirement? What's that??"

Harvey Broddon sent me a note on my favorite stationary, one featuring Punxsutawney Phil on the cover. Since he retired, the Philadelphia Adult Probation Department has declared Chapter 11, and Harvey has had to resort to snowball fights with Gov. Ed Rendell to keep in shape. Besides that, he's tutoring first-graders in reading at his old elementary school and visiting seniors (people like us) in nursing homes. As soon as I get admitted, I expect a visit. He's off to Buenos Aires for a vacation this summer.

Barbara Payne '70 and I continue to enjoy life in Towson. Last summer, Barbie went on Habitat for Humanity mission to Romania with Barb Thomas '70, also visiting McDaniell's Budapest campus. I went to Tanzania with a select group of bird watchers and hunters for the purpose of seeing as much wildlife as possible, and we succeeded beyond all expectations. The dental practice continues to be fun for me. Barbie teaches part time at Towson University and does some consulting as well. We spend lots of time hanging around the cabin in West Virginia as well as the kids and grandkids. And there's always the Crab Guys for me and the Round Robin for Barbie.

I hope to see a bunch of you at the next reunion.

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Hello. Everyone. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful 2010. I was happy to see a few of you at our 35th reunion. We had a great time. I hope more of you will attend our 40th. This column is the first one I've done using your e-mails, so I hope I get all of your information in the column correctly! I found I'm not very good with cutting and pasting and editing. As always, thank you for all of your responses and kind words.

Congratulations to Cathie Rees Lenhoff who was named the Cecil County Teacher of the Year for 2009-10. What a wonderful tribute. She has seen Dave Volrath at several events, as well as Sue Tustin, who came to wish her well at the State Teacher of the Year Gala. Cathie is in her 36th year of teaching German. Cathie and sister, Ruthie, still take kids on trips. Cathie and Ruthie were planning a trip to Rome in January '10 with their husbands (and no kids).

Dave and Patty Eyre '75 Volrath still live and work in Bel Air, although they have a second home in Ocean Pines where they spend most of their summers and weekends. Their boys, Kris, 30, and Colm, 27, are both out of college. Dave and Patty are enjoying their empty nests and their extended families that now include daughter-in-law Nicole and granddaughter Madeline. Patty is in her 27th year as a teacher mentor and Dave is completing his 35th year with Harford County Public Schools, including the last eight-as executive director of secondary education. Dave's position has afforded him opportunities to travel and collaborate in educational initiatives at the highest levels across the state and he has been fortunate to have been able to present on topics nationally. Beyond work and family, Patty and Dave still love the beach and have taken up scuba diving and boating as their latest mid-life crisis activities. Dave says that the fish are safe, but other boaters may be at risk. The Volrats spend several weeks in the Caribbean each summer and, with retirement on the horizon, look forward to more travel.

Earl and Jean Scott Holloway celebrated their 35th anniversary in August '09. Their son, Scott, works for the same data processing company he started with after graduating from Salisbury University. Daughter Kelley moved back to the "right" side of the Bay after the first of the year, having spent 10 years away in college and then working for a medical equipment company in Maryland and Virginia upon graduation from UMBC. In October, Jean visited with Charlotte Lent who stopped by Jean's home on her way back north from a business trip to Florida. Jean works with small community water systems in Delaware helping them find funding for capital projects. She also does classroom and one-on-one training on budget, rate setting and similar financial management topics. She also does some training at Del-Tech in Georgetown.

Ken and Debbie Huffer '76 Bates still live in Ocean City. Their two youngest, Cody, 25, and Katie, 21, are living at home with them. Katie has one more year of college. Their other two have already graduated - Nathan, 30, from Johns Hopkins and Cody from University of Maryland. Nathan is married and living in Baltimore. The last time they saw any classmates was when Tim and Chris Carter '75 Karman were visiting Ocean City over a year ago.

 Beckly and Scott Krieger are new grandparents. Harper Ann Hunt is the daughter of their daughter, Kelly and her husband, Chris. Kelly left her position as assistant manager of immigration policy at the U.S. Census Bureau to be a stay-at-home mom and Chris is a department manager at the FBI. Their son, Jonathan, moved back home to Maryland after a two-year teaching stint near Asheville, N.C. He is now living in Locust Point in Baltimore City and teaching middle school science in Baltimore County at Arbutus Middle School. Scott took early retirement from Mercantile Bank and Trust in May '06, just a few months before they announced the sale of the bank to PNC. After trying the retirement thing for a while he joined Harford Bank as a business development officer in September '06. His office is only three miles from their Bel Air home, and he is loving life as a community banker and non-commuter. He is also a board member of the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum and an active member of the Bel Air Rotary and three Chambers of Commerce. Becky still works at Franklin Square Hospital as an RN. Thankfully, she is cancer free after being diagnosed with breast cancer in June '06.

The news from Dottie Hitchcock Keene is that her family is growing. On Sept. 6, 2009, her daughter, Julia '04, married Dave Wilkins, and on Aug. 7, 2010 her son, Charlie, plans to marry his sweetheart, Meg. So the Keenes are in "wedding mode" and having a lot of fun.

Kathy Rigger Angstadt continues to work at Padonia Park Club. The family-owned club just celebrated its 50th anniversary with both member and alumni employee events. Both of her children are homeowners now and wonderful young adults. She enjoys their friendship and camaraderie as adults. She also cherishes two great friendships from college-days to present with Chip Rouse and Linda Wootten Hutchinson. She says life is good.

After 23 years with corporate America, Sandra Schindler Jensen is now working for the Board of Education as director of an after-school program in Georgia. She says it's more personal reward than financial, but a lot of fun. She has a daughter who is a junior at 'Bama (University of Alabama) and her son is a sophomore at Vanderbilt University - both schools are a tad larger than McDaniel. Jean and Dennis Kirkwood are still enjoying retirement and continuing to work on their own version of extreme makeover with their house. When all is finished only the interior wall will remain untouched. They are doing 85-percent of the work so it is slow going. They took time to travel in the past year to Panama, north California and Oregon, Florida and the Adirondacks. In 2010 they hope to make it to Texas, Uganda and Costa Rica.
Bob Sklar '74 is glad to have made it through the recession so far with a job. Luckily folks still have to pay taxes. He is still living in Boca Raton, enjoying the Florida lifestyle on the weekends and working for Broward Health in the IT department during the week. Most of his spare time is spent playing golf and taking leisurely bike rides with his wife, Missy. Their son, Brian, graduated Florida State last spring and is currently in law school at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami. Daughter Julie is going to Florida Atlantic University (FAU) to get a master's in English. She is talking about moving to Maryland when she gets her degree. Glenn wrote to me on Super Bowl Sunday — those in the Maryland area will remember the massive snow storm that weekend (and the following week) — and he says that perhaps after seeing that storm, she's going to change her mind!

Linda Reeser Sappington is beginning her fourth year working at Turning Point, a community support organization for people coping with a serious mental illness. The organization is going through lots of changes as they continue to fight for the funding to help folks. She says there is a lot of paper work, but thinks the work she is doing is necessary and worth a bit of pain on her part. She still makes a weekly mess in ceramics with folks. They had a great time wrapping gifts for the Red Cross at Valley Mall. She still cooks on occasion for 60 folks. She also still has all of the mirrors on the huge van that she drives sometimes. She calls the year a success.

All three of Ann Lehman Nordvist's sons are married now and living in the area. Blair and Ann went on their second trip to Jinja, Uganda, in December '09 on a missions trip with their church. They work with the child sponsorship of AIDS orphans with an organization called AOET. They are planning on going again this year. Blair retired from printing and is facilities manager at their church, Grace Community Church. Ann is a nanny for two children and still works as a waitress at the local pub a couple nights a week. No grandchildren, yet, but they do have a "grand-dog," Willy, a 10-pound Chihuahua. They got an RV so he can vacation easily with them. The Nordvists love RV'ing and taking trips on their Honda Gold Wing.

Charlotte Lent wrote a lot and I'll do my best to consolidate her information. Charlotte, I hope I do it justice! Career-wise Charlotte has completed 32 years with the U.S. Army's Packaging Center, the last 22 years as an industrial engineer and the administrator for the Hazardous Materials Packaging Testing Program. All that experience included designing a certified shipper for infectious substances and took her to Paris to address the International Air Transit Association. She has been designated the Government's Expert Witness for trials/hearings involving packages that are not in compliance with the transportation regulations. Also, she has been inducted into the Military Packaging Hall of Fame. Charlotte earned an MS in industrial engineering from Lehigh University. Charlotte was a census taker in 1990, 2000, and was on the waiting list to be called.
for the 2010 census when she wrote. She found the door-to-door interviews quite fun. She still lives on and takes care of a 150-year-old farmhouse by herself. Charlotte had the honor and privilege to represent the packaging center in the Civician Honor Guard at the Change of Command ceremony when Col. Tracy Ellis ’84 passed the command of To- byhanna Army Depot over to Col. Ron Al- berto. Col. Ellis is the second WMC graduate to command TYAD since she started there in 1978, the first being Col. Greg Virgil ’70.

Ed Humphreys missed our 35th reunion last May because he was transitioning from his contractor position to becoming a Department of Army Civilian. He still has the same office, same desk, same workzones, computer, etc., but is now working directly for the Army. He has joined the Facebook crowd and found some old friends.

Nancy Fishbaugh Cassell is still working for the State of Colorado, which is in the midst of consolidating IT from all the agencies into one group. She hopes to be working in the program management office. She is still busy with her Creative Memories business and creating more digital storybooks to share. Last year was rough for most independent businesses. Wayne has worked again after an eight-month dry spell with his technical illustration business. He kept busy with model building and taking good care of Nancy.

Karen Georg Sirian is enjoying her 12th year as vocal music teacher at Runnymede Elementary School. Last spring she took her fifth-grade chorus to sing in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, D.C. What a thrill for those students! Karen’s oldest grandchild, Hunter, started kindergarten this year. Bob and Karen are excited about land and sea excursion they will be taking in Alaska in July, right after Bob’s daughter’s destination wedding on the Outer Banks in June. They recently had dinner with Monika van der Berg ’73 and Bill ’73 McCormick at Dutch’s Daughter in Frederick, and they sometimes run in to John “Chip” ’73 and Norma Hamilton Graber at BSO Pops concerts at the Meyerhoff.

Gary Harner still works in the office of admissions at Towson University and teaches history of film in the department of electronic media and film there. He has continued to treat himself to a nice trip abroad each year: in 2009 he traveled to China and Tibet, and spring of 2010 he took a 15-day trip to Egypt. Last November he spent a wonderful day in NYC meeting up with his WMC roommate Ray Sweetman ’75 and his lovely wife, Colleen. Their friendship after all these years continues to be a major source of joy to Gary.

John Campbell says life is good. His wife, Carla, daughters, Kerry ’53 and Katie, and dog, Rocket, have enjoyed living in Damascus, Md., for the past nine years. Kerry is at McDaniel College studying biology, playing field hockey and lacrosse. John was a fre-quent visitor to the College this fall for games and he says the campus looks great. Katie is a senior at Damascus High School and is captain of the field hockey and lacrosse teams. John’s not sure what he is going to do with himself this summer, now that both girls are finished with traveling to club lacrosse tournaments. He may have to do some real chores around the house. John has been working in the bioinformatics area for the past 20-20 plus years: part of the time at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, a good chunk of time at Gene Logic, a biotech company, and most recently, working for Northrop Grumman on an NIH contract.

Don’“Drama” Ehman’s first grandson, Neil Ehman Kinsey, was born on Oct. 21, 2009. His son, Mike Kinsey, is in his 10th year at recording for the blind and dyslexic in Princet- on, N.J. On weekends he plays drums for rock band, “Third Sun.” Don’s wife, Linda Kinsey, has been a principle at Michael Graves Design for 22 years and is vice president on the board of Young Audiences of New Jersey (an arts education service provider). Don has been the program officer for artists’ services and the ADA coordinator at the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for nine years. He is frequently in touch with mentors Tim Weinfeld and Bill Tribby ’56.

Bob ’73 and Donna Herbst Water moved September ’09 to Danville, Pa., where he is a controller for the Geisinger Insurance Plan of the Geisinger Health Plan. They live in a beautiful scenic area with an apple orchard behind their home, where deer gather every day. That helps to make up for the fact that they are nowhere near a mall or even a Tar- get, quite a shock for someone who was used to going to Tyson’s Corner to shop every week in their previous location. To do major shopping, they have to go to Harrisburg or Towontowne Center (near me!). Donna is currently librarian at a public school in Lewis- burg, Pa., that only has grades 4 and 5. She teaches all 14 classes twice a week, once for library, then again for computer and re- search skills in the Mac lab. She can’t wait to get there every day. Both of their daughters graduated in May. Chloe ’07 received her MFA from MICA and Hana graduated from VCU in Richmond.

Pam Clark got married, for the first time, last summer (Aug. 1, 2009). She married Max Lilly, University of Cincinnati ’76, in her hometown. They rode in a float (theme: the Lucky Ducks) in the annual Betterton Appreciation Day parade and the ceremony was performed after the day’s biggest event, Cow Plop Bingo.

Harry and Anne (Stubblefield) Dill just celebrated their 32nd anniversary. After 18 years in Annapolis, they’ve been living in Phoenix since 1998. Harry is an engineer, consulting with Honeywell, designing flight control systems for aircraft. For the past eight years, Anne has been selling banking products in the community association mar- ket niche. Their daughter, Sara, is an airline captain for a regional carrier, counting the days until she recovers so she can move up to the majors. The Dills enthusiastically welcomed another daughter into the family when their son, Ben, married Liz in the summer of 2008. They live in Phila- delphia, where Ben is now in law school and Liz is a practicing attorney. Anne gets back East three to four times a year to visit her parents, who live in Baltimore. For fun, the Dills have spent many wonderful vacations flying to remote retreats along the shores of the Sea of Cortez in Mexico, some places you can only reach by light plane. In January, they chartered a 50-foot Beneteau and sailed the British Virgin Islands for a week. Locally, they enjoy playing golf, a little ballroom dancing and hanging out with good friends. Anne says life is good.

Harriet Lowry Doherty and Denny will cel- ebrate their 30th anniversary in August and have lived in Lutherville, Md., since 1986. They have two children, Steve, 28, graduated from James Madison University in 2004 as a finance major and was about to receive his master’s in finance from University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind. Laura, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Delaware. Denny and Harriet are both self-employed. He started Chesapeake Fundraising in 1985 and he specializes in fundraising with schools and non-profits. Harriet has been with Lincoln Financial Advisors for over 20 years. Since 1994, she has been a financial advisor, specializing in retirement planning. Calvert Hall High School, Loyola High School and Martins Catering are a few of her clients. She says life is challenging, but good (the meltdown in the financial markets wasn’t fun).

Frank Wagner is still teaching math in the D.C. area, coaching cross country and base- ball. He and his wife, Pat, live in Reston, Va. Their kids and grandkids live on the Big Is- land of Hawaii, where they spend summers and school vacations.

Sharon Booker writes that she is still teaching at Liberty Christian School and has a total of 36 years teaching now. She also coaches two chess teams there that are doing well. Three of their four sons are married with the fourth getting married this summer. Joe and Sharon are so thankful that each have jobs. Becky is a sophomore at Salisbury University. She really enjoys the Cru (Campus Crusade) group there. Sharon enjoys helping with an ESL class this year. She writes that it is so fun to meet people from all over the world and help them.

I wanted to share with you all some sad news. On Dec. 16, 2009, Gerry Kurek passed away. Gerry was a wonderful guy and I know that his wife, Isabel Kurek, and their chil- dren, Michael, Daniel and James, are feeling a great loss.

It was wonderful to hear from so many of you via e-mail and to see how many of you
Philip "Phip" E. Uhrig, who served the College for over three decades, most significantly as its director of alumni affairs, died April 20 at the age of 94. The Philadelphia native had resided at Brentwood Care Home in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Early in his 32-year career at the College, Uhrig inherited many responsibilities from his predecessor, the late T. K. Harrison, that ranged from public relations to student admissions to athletic coaching and programming for alumni and fundraising. At the time, the assignment most close to Uhrig's heart was coaching the men's soccer team. He took a losing program that ended in 1950 with a winless 0-10 record and finished his coaching career with a 1959 squad that is recognized as one of the best ever and still holds many of the College's records.

He earned a master's degree in education in 1952 and soon after convinced then-President Lowell Ensor to restructure administration and employ staff with professional experience in student recruitment and public relations. During his tenure, Uhrig developed a full-service alumni association, launched its first Annual Fund and planned giving programs; he also initiated the Green and Gold Sports Hall of Fame to which he was inducted in 1998. He was instrumental in innovative improvements that engaged alumni at both annual reunions as well as in regional meetings across the country.

In 1981 upon his retirement, the Board of Trustees elected him to receive emeritus status.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Ruth Uhrig of Indian Wells, California; daughter Jane Connor; and two grandchildren, John and Sarah (Daisy). Son Jeffrey died in 1998. Memorial contributions may be made to the Philip Uhrig Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

responded with positive words of "life is good." I agree, thankfully, that life is good. I'm still enjoying part-time work at my dentist's office in Towson. It's much more relaxing than the corporate world of Verizon. Drew finished his sophomore year at UMBC in May as a music composition/recording technology major. His band, Ashes, toured in August '09 (Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Athens, Savannah) and in January '10 (Richmond, New Orleans, Miami, Savannah, Fayetteville). Plans are in the works for a summer '10 tour also. It's great fun to go to his concerts and see the joy performing gives to him and his band mates.

I wish you all continued good health and happiness and will look forward to hearing from you in 2012.

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"Friendships are like the ground we stand upon, they are like the air we breathe. What matters about friendships aren't these events about which stories can be told. . . . It was the millions of cups of coffee that we shared, the cigarettes we smoked, and the weaving of bonds between us that happened when we weren't looking."

— Linda Hart

Here is the latest about old friends and acquaintances from the Hill.

Mitchell Alexander and his wife, Mildred Ann Anderson, had lots of news to report about his family. Son Blake has started classes at a local college in Catonsville where he is majoring in mathematics. He turned 18 last March when Mitchell wrote. Between Paige's performances and competitions, Mitch says he and Millie have no extra cash to spare. Mildred and Paige are involved in student affairs and Mitch concludes this month's newsletter. He is getting married and is adjusting to the additional work from hiring freezes and cut-backs. Mitchell continues to work on the Hill and is looking forward to the College's new President (elect) Casey coming to campus.

Wade Anderson says he cannot recall where he was at the last update . . . maybe a child or two ago. Wade is still practicing law in Birmingham and very "dug in," with his wife, Jennifer, also a lawyer, and their two children, Dru and Lucy. Wade decided that he would have his own grandchildren. Of course, the children take up the bulk of the spare time, but Wade still enjoys hiking, picking a little music with Bruce Downs when they can, and designing and building furniture. So far, Wade says he has been successful at the woodwork, in the sense that he still has all his fingers. Although it has been at least 25 years since he has been on the Hill, it remains on his list of things to do.

Tom and Patricia John '73 Baugher live in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Tom works for Raytheon on defense projects and referees high school soccer. They are now empty-nesters. Their oldest son, Christopher, is a company commander in the Army reserves and recently returned from a year's mobilization at Ft. Benning, Ga., to resume his accounting job in Indianapolis. Their middle son, Bryan, got married and it was wonderful to have fellow alumnus Bruce England '81 and his wife come to Indiana to join the celebration. Bryan and his wife, Britni, just added another boy to the Baugher family so Tom and Patricia are now grandparents. Their Andrew is a freshman at Indiana University (the Kelley School of Business with a full scholarship) and he pledged Phi Delta. Tom and Patricia will celebrate their 30th anniversary this year with a trip to Mexico.

Mary Ellen Bellanca describes her exciting news from Lake Woebegon as follows. She is enjoying teaching Brit Lit., environmental literature, writing and other courses on the faculty of the University of South Carolina. She is also working on research about romantic writer Dorothy Wordsworth with a view toward her second book publication. (Her first book, called Daybooks of Discovery: Nature Diaries in Britain, came out from the University of Virginia Press in 2007, a big milestone in her career.) Aside from work, she looks after her garden and the 1930s house that she shares with her partner, David Cowles, in the historic district of Florence, S.C. Since David's fifth grandchild was born last summer, Mary Ellen suggests that this makes her a sort of step-grandmother of five.

Peter Boettger lives in Greensville, N.C., where he continues to work as a physician assistant (Duke University '85) at East Carolina University, Brody School of Medicine, since 1987. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons, Joey and Marc. Joey is a Marine and Marc is a sophomore at ECU. Peter's interests and activities include his church, fishing and crabbing in the Pamlico Sound, and coastal environmental activism.

Heather Burnett Knutsen concurs that it is hard to believe it is 30 years. Heather just completed a master's degree at our alma mater this past December. Gay Jewel Love '77 is a supervisor in the program she was in, so they crossed paths. Heather lives in Sykesville, so Westminster is in her weekly routine. Heather's daughter, Katarina, is a junior at Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh, and was studying in Paris in the spring. Heather hoped to visit her in April. Her son, Kristopher, is a sophomore at Lebanon Valley College where he is on the football team.

Scott Dahms says there have been no major changes in his life out in sunny Arizona.
Scott and his family do enjoy getting pictures of the snowstorms and is happy to call back to their East Coast family and friends and let them know that they’re having three feet of snow, Arizona weather is 70 degrees and sunny. Scott’s son is now a senior at NAU in Flagstaff and his daughter is a junior in high school.

Mike "Count" D’Andrea and family are doing very well. In spite of being a part of the recent Johnson & Johnson lay-offs (November ’09), Mike’s 2-year-old side company, Slidomics LLC, was bought out by another company, Analytical Biological Services, Inc., where he is their new vice president of research and development as of February. Patty and kids are doing very well as Michelle is in her third year of pharmacy school (Rutgers), Michael is majoring in physics at Dartmouth, and Stephanie will be graduating eighth grade this spring. Count continues to see his college Phi Delta brothers annually with a 3D Camp Count (XXIII) scheduled for April ’10. They include Dave Grossman, Steven “Spanky” Evans, Richard “Feet” Fulton, Jack “Wac” Maxwell, Jeff “Wally” Wallbrink and Bill Iles ‘82. Generally speaking, all are doing well in spite of accumulating years.

Charlie and Kristen Bova Der write that Charlie is in his third year with SAP America and is still at his first client, International Paper. He travels to Memphis, Tenn., each week and feels fortunate to have a long-term assignment during this economic downturn. He still works out and plays golf when time and weather permit and he would like to get back into the guitar. Last summer Charlie and Kristen visited Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Shirley Plantation and St. John’s Church. Still with Chesterfield County Public Schools, she is working with the Head Start program this year. This is Kris’ second year as a member of the Kwany Club of Chester and is interclub chairman for the club. Walking and reading remain her free time activities.

Last May their son, David, completed a master’s degree in enterprise application architecture and development and has begun work. Son Bryan is in his second year of graduate school in a five-year biophysics Ph.D. program at UNC Chapel Hill. Matthew is a senior at the University of Richmond after working in New York City this past summer at an advertising agency. Daughter Katie studied in Barcelona, Spain, for a semester.

Sue Fowler Katz is well and living in Ohio. Sue is working for an educational learning center, helping students to improve their reading skills. Previously Sue had worked for five years for a non-profit literacy organization (sadly, those doors had to close last June). Husband LeRoy still works for Nestle. Their son, Alan, is working and going to graduate school. He hopes to finish by the end of the summer. Sue is looking forward to going to Italy in the spring. They will start in Venice. Sue saw the hotel online where she stayed when she first went to Italy during Jan Term of her junior year at WMC and hopes to stop by. After three days in Venice they will connect with friends in Rome and travel on from there. Sue makes it back East periodically to visit family and go to the beach (and eat steamed crabs!). LeRoy and Sue have taken up golf as a recreational sport which gives them one more reason to look forward to spring.

Rick and Kathy Smith Gambino are looking forward to the 30th reunion. Kathy is a clinical associate professor at Stony Brook University. She completed her doctorate in May of this year and has a paper accepted for the International Business and Economy Conference (IBEC). They decided to make it a family trip, so they were planning to travel to Prague in the Czech Republic for January. (Some people go to Paris in the spring or fall in the fall. But Kathy says she and Rick go to Prague in the dead of winter!) Rick has taken to kayaking at 4:30 am in Long Island Sound all winter long. He has a dry suit that he swears will save him if he falls into the freezing water. He also claims that the little light on the back of his boat will keep him from getting run over by lobstermen in the dark. (Kathy is not convinced.) Christopher, their son, continues at Remsoul the year after Remsoul and Laura, their daughter, is a senior in high school.

Jim Griesing is still in denial that it has been 30 years, most days it feels something less than 10. Jim retired last July from Hartford, after 20-plus years, but that did not last as long as he thought it would. About four months later, he was back in the workplace with Hanover, as vice president of marketing and distribution. It actually is a lot of fun, so not really feeling like “work.” Part of the deal was moving from Connecticut to Massachusetts, which has worked out great. Jim and his family are in a little town called Brimfield, home of the largest antique fairs in the U.S. (three weeks per year). So if anyone is in Brimfield he says they should call him as he lives a stone’s throw from the fair. His daughter, Shannon, is a junior at University of Vermont, which makes the 30 years since WMC feel more plausible. He is regularly in touch with Joe Della Badia ‘82 and Vince McDonald ’81 and a few of the E-Section Bomb- ers. Life is good and Jim remains thankful for the experiences and friends from WMC.

Bill Hamilton writes that after nearly 24 years as an IT programmer analyst, he now has four years with Conning Asset Management to his credit. The information technology field is both challenging and rewarding. He is happily married to Sue, his wife of 23 years, and the proud father of Joanna, 20, and Lydia, 18 — both home schooled. Bill joyfully serves at his church and boldly preaches the Gospel once a month at a nearby correctional facility. His motto is “live right; Don’t quit!”

When she wrote in February, Susan Havener Miller was looking forward to warmer days and retirement after teaching German and Spanish for 30 years at South Carroll High School. She even student-taught there in the spring of her senior year. Susan and her daughter, Meghan, are “graduating” together in 2010. After Meghan’s graduation from Walkersville High School in May, she will begin her studies in resort tourism management with Spanish/French minors at Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina. There will definitely be some retirement trips south for Susan, especially since Meghan hopes to participate in the Chanticleers marching band. It was wonderful for Susan to watch Meghan conduct the Marching Lions this past fall as their drum major, earning Outstanding Drum Major at band competitions. Susan’s son, Nathan, is a sophomore at University of Maryland College Park in the computer engineering program. He received his commercial driver’s license and is driving the campus shuttle buses, in addition to playing in the Terps marching and pep bands. Susan enjoys visits with Linda Huffman and her daughter, Amelia, 4, from China. Linda continues to work at National Geographic in Washington. It’s always great to hear from Rick and Kathy Smith Gambino, Chris ’79 and Michelle Porter Queen, Kim Cooper Reamsburg and Patty Noonan Tressler at Christmastime.

Bob Holcombe wrote that his youngest daughter joined the Navy three years ago, and is on the aircraft carrier Nimitz in the western Pacific Ocean due to return to San Diego around March. Oldest daughter is married and lives just about a mile from Bob as the crow flies. Over this past summer Bob took motorcycle lessons and shortly thereafter purchased his first motorcycle, a new Harley Road King. Bob is really having a ball riding around the Virginia countryside. Bob still works for the General Services Administration (GSA) in D.C., and lives in Stafford, Va., just north of Fredericksburg. He’s been volunteering with the local rescue squad for almost four years; the past two years were spent taking Fireight 1 and II classes and an EMT-Intermediate class. He also remains active in a non-denominational church. Bob thinks all of the WMC class of 1980 should be encouraged to join up with Facebook.

Sam Hopkins and his wife, Pam, were able to meet in Paris last spring for an impromptu vacation. They spent the week sightseeing and visiting with friends. When they are at home in Raleigh they spend the majority of their time raising their three children Rachel, 12, Will, 8, and Claire, 8. After seeing the summer issue of The Hill (which had a wonderful article featuring Sam!) all three children have started asking questions about college life in Westminster. Sam and Pam plan on attending reunion weekend and college graduation in the spring. Research at Seynexis is progressing well. Sam plans on initiating a global development program for their anti-hepatitis C technology during the...
PBK Fast Forward

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious American honor society. Only about 10 percent of the nation’s institutions of higher learning have Phi Beta Kappa chapters. The Hill heard from a few of the 23 members of the Class of 1980 who were inducted into the Delta of Maryland Chapter in its inaugural year:

Mary Ellen Bellanca is an associate professor of English at the University of South Carolina, Sumter, where she specializes in 19th-century British literature and environmental literature.

Jim Slack practices ophthalmology in Fairfax, Va., with Kaiser Permanente, and taught for 10 years at The George Washington University Medical Center.

Fred Smyth is a research assistant professor of psychology at the University of Virginia. See his class note at right.

Delta chapter members are invited to update the College with their current professional careers and accomplishments for creation of a new PBK website.

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coming 12 months. Sam has continued to rely on Jason Valentine to solve many questions related to technical development for the project. In December during a break at the ACTG annual meeting Sam was able to touch base with Brad McCullough.

Kim Kost Berlant recently caught up with Lynn Knouse Brinker and they hope to see each other next time Kim visits Baltimore. Kim went to the JHU/McDaniel football game in November but didn’t see any familiar faces; she was disappointed that there were no Phi Alph’s there (young or old) either. The game had special meaning for Kim as she met her husband 33 years ago when WMC played JHU at JHU! The two have been married for 27 years. Kim’s daughter is scheduled to graduate from Carnegie Mellon this May. Kim’s son is a junior at Claremont McKenna.

Phyllis Landry says that after almost five years of living in Washington County, she still loves her job as the executive director of The Arc of Washington County, still loves hiking in the mountains, still loves riding her bike or running on the tow path and still never misses traffic jams. Her daughter, 20, moved back home with Phyllis after a couple of years of trying to find herself. She has now settled down into a busy routine of working full time at an adult daycare center, going to college full time in the evenings, volunteering with Hospice on the weekends and still finding time to run 5ks with her mom. They ran 12 in 2009! Her son, 22, has been on his own for four years (but still in Hagerstown) and spends all of his free time and money on caving, rock climbing, kayaking and any other extreme sport he can attempt.

Robin Lee Watson writes that 2009 has been a big year for her and her husband, Keith ’79. Their youngest son graduated from high school in June ’09 (in Bethesda, Md.) and has joined his brother (who is a senior) at Penn State. So they are now empty-nesters, although Robin suspects this is temporary, since they do come home again. They traveled to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl ’09 to see PSU play (against USC) but alas they didn’t win.

This summer Keith and Robin took a road trip to Sunset Beach, N.C., to visit with Mark “Manny” Rosenberg ’79 and his wife, Carolyn, at their lovely beachside home. Then in the fall they took a long-awaited trip to Italy, which was wonderful — their gift to each other for getting both boys off to college. To end the year they all vacationed in Aruba after Christmas, thankfully missing getting stuck at home in the blizzard of the decade. Robin attended a Phi Alpha reunion, held at the College in the spring, and got to see some old pals, like Barb Forrey Wahlbrink, ’81, Connie Thompson Bowman ’81, Susan “Speed” Tuley Routsouv ’79, Gail Bowman Mathes ’79 and many others (but wish more from my class were there). The Lawson’s also still keep in touch with the usual suspects from WMC, Wayne ’79 and Laura Birely, Ronald ’79 and Leslie McDaniel Bowen, Raymond ’79 and Claudia Via, Michael ’79 and Deborah Modica, John ’78 and Kathleen Cooke and Charles Behle ’78 to name a few. Robin is starting to get involved with some new ventures as well as continuing with her fitness classes and volunteering. Keith is still lawyering with The Investment Company Institute (ICI) in D.C.

Julia Logan Kearney is still running a picture framing business and has been for 15 years. Both of her sons are in college. Michael is a senior at York College and is a sophomore at Lebanon Valley College. Husband Bill stays busy in semi-retirement by refereeing three different women’s sports and as part owner of a wood floor showroom.

Nancy Menefee Jackson simply can’t believe she’s watching the demise of the newspaper industry. She had just returned to her old position as a copy editor at the Sun in 2008, only to be laid off five months later. Since then she’s been working part time as an assistant editor at Media Two, a specialty publications agency. “I know a lot of people use a layoff as a time to figure out what they really want to do,” she says, “but since my days at Scrimshane, that was what I wanted to do!” Her youngest daughter, Maddie, is a freshman lacrosse player, is a freshman lacrosse player at Elizabethtown College. Nancy came back to McDaniel for a fall ball tournament and enjoyed spending a day on campus again.

John Patrick and his family have been living in Bel Air, Md., since 1993. He and Nancy Paullsen ’78 will be celebrating their 25th anniversary this year and are planning on returning to “The Reefs” in Bermuda where they honeymooned. Their son, Nick, graduated from Duke University last year and works for Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. He will be attending Harvard Business School in the fall of 2011. Daughter Taylor is currently a sophomore at New York University. She loves living in New York and is studying abroad at La Pietra in Florence, Italy. John has been in the petroleum risk management and marketing business for the last 15 years. Currently he is the chief operating officer for Liberty Petroleum, which is a national independent retail gasoline brand. He also helps run and maintain a hunting club near Centreville on the Chester River and still loves to hunt and fish whenever he can. Rick Morani ’83, Wade Heck ’81, and George Bolnis ’83 are all members and John hunts with them often. Now that the kids are older John and Nancy are looking to move to the "land of pleasant living" on the Eastern Shore. They often visit Rick ’83 and Ginnie Brown ’83. Morani who just bought a house on the water in Grassville. It’s beautiful and John thinks they could use some new neighbors.

Ginger Wilson Remian writes that she and her husband, Eric, have been employed in commercial real estate for the past 30 years. Their daughter, 20, is a junior at Salisbury University. Ginger went to Punta Cana over spring break and hopes to get to Greece in 2011. They are enjoying their kayaks, but when she wrote in February they were getting more exercise by shoveling snow!

Ellen Sartorio Lawrence continues to work for the Florida Education Association, the school employees’ union in Florida. It’s a challenging, always busy job, especially with all of the problems facing public school educators today. Ellen lives in Pensacola with her two children, son Taylor, 19, and daughter Emily, 16. Taylor is a freshman at the University of West Florida, working part time and enjoying life full time. Emily is a sophomore, doing all the things high-schoolers do and loving it. Ellen makes the trip to Maryland twice a year to see her parents, who are still in Baltimore. This past December while on a visit there, Ellen enjoyed re-connecting with Jane Vickers ’82, her WMC roommate. It was great seeing her!

Robin Seipp Hanna completed her doctorate in ministry and continues to work, work and surf in Florida, traveling to Costa Rica and the Bahamas where she owns a home. She just adopted a one-eyed, Lhasa Apso dog named Rudy.

Jim Slack moved from Potomac to Bethesda this year, continuing to practice ophthalmology with Kaiser-Permanente. He can still take his son, 10, and daughter, 11, in tennis but is starting to get trounced in computer games.

Kevin Smith is still living in Ocean City with his wife, Linda. He and his brother, Regan Smith ’82, are neighbors. The last 30 years have flown by so quickly Kevin has done lots of traveling in the off-season. He has sailed throughout most of the Caribbean for family vacations. Kevin’s oldest son lives in Costa Rica so they visit him often to see their grandson Samuel. Kevin also has two children in college (Washingtong College and Christopher Newport University) and one in high school. They stay very busy traveling to Collegiate lacrosse games and rowing regattas almost every weekend during the spring and fall. Linda teaches at Worcester Prep where his youngest is a freshman who plays varsity soccer, basketball and lacrosse.

Twenty-five years later Kevin still has his water sports company, O.C. Parasail. He says he has been fortunate to be able to make a nice living doing what he loves. He is still surfing as often as possible. Kevin and his son make an annual trip to Fiji to a small island called Namotu which he describes as an amazing place with incredible waves and the nicest people you’ll ever meet.

Fred Smyth continues to love life in Charlestowne. He and his family have been there 13 years and have no plans to leave. His daughter, 14, and son, 11, are both happy and busy with friends, school, sports and music. Fred is still in the psychology department at University of Virginia, primarily studying the effects of unconscious stereotypes about gender and the sciences. Highlights of the
past year for him included realizing a 20-year dream to kayak the Grand Canyon and backpacking with his family and some good friends in the mountains of Washington state.

Lisa Spradie Donohoo is married to Barry, an eighth-grade social studies teacher, working on his masters in counseling at McDaniel. They have a great daughter who is a sophomore at Vassar studying for a future career in international relations. Lisa is working full time for Girl Scouts in Adams County, Pa., and using her masters in social work and community planning as the chair of her township planning commission. She no longer hangs glides, but still sings and plays mandolin in a trio at local festivals and private parties.

Gail Sprunt Garner and husband John St. Jean celebrated their eighteenth anniversary on Valentine’s Day. They live in Greenwood, Del. Gail was on sabbatical to complete an Ed.D. in teacher training by December ’10. She works with recreational and parks programs for the Lifelong Learning Center and summertime camp programming and does private tutoring in all subjects for all age groups as well as private vocal coaching for performance and competition. Gail is also a certified Irlen Syndrome Screener. Gail has performed with the band, Imagine, for the past eight years and is the sole proprietor for ODC Production, a production and service company for performers and small businesses.

Susan Thornton still manages the children’s theatre and directs and performs at Way Off Broadway in Frederick, Md. She also teaches dance at Dance Unlimited and directs the shows for Middletown High School.

Steve Timchula opened a new law office in Westminster in 2008 with another local attorney. He and his wife bought a place in Nags Head, N.C., to escape the stress of life from time to time. Steve’s daughter is still teaching elementary school in South Carolina and her son is now 4 years old. One son got married in 2009 and Steve’s youngest, a tour in the Middle East (returning safely). His other son is working in South Carolina and until recently had been living with his sister. Steve remains a rabid Ravens fan and went to Minnesota and Green Bay for away games. Of course, tailgating is a must every year.

Susie Tucker Taylor writes that her daughter, Emily ’07, graduated from McDaniel and is working as a teacher of 4-year-olds. She began working on her master’s degree in early childhood education at Towson. Her son, Zachary, is a junior at UMBC majoring in information systems. Susie still works at the Maryland State Laboratory, hoping that she will have all her ducks in a row to retire in 2011. She trusts God is preparing an opportunity for her to move into that at time. She still gets together from time to time with WMC friends Peggy Gibson Klein, John Ruffo, Jody Byrd Fox ’78, Robin Oriani Davis ’79, Cynthia Longley Keir ’77 and Kimberly Baughner and says they are certain that none of them look 30 years older. In her non-working hours, Susie enjoys aerobics classes, reading, outdoor activities in all seasons and getting together with extended family.

Jeff Wahlbrink writes that everything in Rockville, Md., is great. After 15 years, he is still selling ham in Gaithersburg as a Honey-Baked ham store owner/franchisee. Despite the recession, Jeff is thankful that business has been pretty steady and at the holidays the whole family gets into the act. During the rest of the year Jeff’s wife, Barbara Forrey Wahlbrink ’82, works part time at their church. Oldest daughter Grace, a junior at the University of Maryland, College Park, is currently traveling and studying in Europe—a good deal if you can get it! Middle daughter, Hope, is a high school senior, a pole and lacrosse player, currently in the decision process about her college destination. Youngest daughter Nora is a seventh-grader and into soccer (wonder why?) with dad as coach. Barb and Jeff recently celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to Guatemala where they volunteered in a school for needy kids—what an experience! They hope to do more “vacations with purpose” in the future.

Jeff enjoys road cycling and makes it a goal to do a number of centuries (100-mile rides) every season. The Wahlbrinks keep in touch with WMC alumni including Ralph and Helen Wroe ’81, Kline, Rob ’85 and Connie Thompson ’81, his partner, Dominic Russoli, and special guests from time to time.

My husband Mike Cantrell and I continue much as usual, still working and living in Baltimore. Our older daughter, Caitlin, is a sophomore dance major at University of the Arts in Philadelphia and our younger daughter, Molly, is a high school sophomore. We vacationed in California last summer and after some Facebook connections met Rolf Preisendorfer ’82, his partner, Dominic Russoli, and their son, Cyrus, at a San Francisco restaurant; they were vacationing on the West Coast too! We will be spending a weekend at Deep Creek Lake with Kathi Hill and her husband, Dave Warner.

I began this letter with a quotation from one of Linda Hart’s weekly messages which she graciously gave me permission to use. Linda and her family are living in England where she is a pastor. Her thoughts on friendship were part of a Valentine’s Day meditation that were posted on Facebook as I was preparing this letter. After 30 years I remain amazed by the depth and quality of the friendships we forged on the Hill. Linda also said this, “We choose our friends. They are or can be mirrors of our own lives back to us, and they possess some small part of our lives. We are only truly ourselves with all those pieces held together in the web of relationships that connect us.”

Take care of yourselves.

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Thank you all for sending me your updates. It was so great to hear from classmates this past winter, especially those who we have not heard from for almost 25 years. And for those members who did not respond this time, you can catch quite a few classmates on Facebook (look for Western Maryland College Class of 1986) or on the College’s online community at www.mcDaniel.edu/alumni.

Laureen Pearl Anagnos returned to work in August ’08 after taking eight years off to raise her kids, currently 10 and 6. Aside from the juggling act two kids can bring, she is teaching at Glenelg Country School in Ellis City and doing lots of traveling to warm, tropical places.

“My new single” is Maureen Kiilroy Bagwell, who is still living in Timonium and still working at her freelance accounting business. She has been self-employed since 2003 and loves the flexibility of being able to work around the schedules of her busy girls, Chloe, 14, and Cammi, 11. Maureen finds it hard to believe that she will have one in high school next year and adds that, “Everyone tells you they grow up too quickly but you don’t believe it until you experience it firsthand.”

Julie Winder Breed, who has gone back to “Julie Breed,” is single again and very happy about it. Her most-marvelous daughter, Madeleine, 14, is going to high school next year. Julie has a 10-pound Newfoundland named Kiko Garcia. She is still working at NASA as she has since graduation but has moved from software to research and now to the business office, formulating and competing for new missions. Very exciting! Julie keeps up with Lynn Welch Hampton and Nancy Sekira.

Susan Scharf Schroll continues to live in Hangrove with husband Larry and two children, Briana, 9, and Rachel, 7. She is in her ninth year working for Baltimore City Public Schools as a school psychologist and continues to do private practice on the side. Her time is spent working, going to the gym and shuttling the kids to soccer, girl scouts, school activities and play dates. Susan adds that the school year is so busy she really enjoys her time off in the summer.

Ken Dennison lives in Fallston, Md., and has been doing design and advertising in a studio over his garage for the past eight years. Ken’s oldest kids are headed to college, LVC and F&M, and he is again doing the youth coaching thing with his youngest, ages 6 and 10. Ken writes that he and Lisa were getting a little bored, since teenagers don’t need par

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Always a teacher first and one who, in 1983, was granted the College's Distinguished Teaching Award, Leroy Panek has taught Shakespeare to virtually every English major who departs the college certified in secondary education.

His colleague and poet-in-resident Kathy Mangan called Panek a “pedagogical innovator” and credits him for offering the first course in African-American literature in 1970, being the first professor to employ computers in writing instruction, co-founding the college Writing Center, creating one of the first collaborative First-Year Seminars — Crime and Detectives, in 1999 — designing a course in business writing, and teaching genre courses on the popular novel and — his specialty — the detective novel. Over the past 30 years he has published nine books in related literary genres.

Biology Professor Michael Brown taught botany for many years and later, microbiology. He is best known for preparing undergraduates to enter medical school and graduate programs and for his strong connections with medical school deans.

He steadily guided the biology department as its chairman from 1979-89. During summers, Brown could be found in the labs organizing NSF-funded workshops for high school teachers, science institutes for high school students or mentoring senior biology majors with their capstone projects.

Both Brown and Panek join Joan Develin Coley with faculty emeritus recognition.

writes, “As I sat home for many days during the winter storms, my mind did wander back to the big storms in college and memories of Barb Colombo-Claude and I pulling a sled of “beerages” up Main Street from Carriage House! I also thought of all of my McDaniell Hall buddies during all the Michael Jackson coverage last summer. Remember renting a VCR to watch the “Thriller” video in McDaniell Lounge? My kids thought that was hysterical!” Thanks for fun memories, Karen.

Andrew and Laura Ahalt ‘87 Heck celebrated their 20th anniversary in June ‘09 and sent their oldest son, Corey, off to Marshall University in August ‘09. In September ‘09, Drew took a new job with New Windsor State Bank. He continues to serve on five non-profit boards. Drew enjoyed being part of the first annual Bachelor vs. Bete Golf Tournament along with fellow Bachelors Scott Bassett, Darrell Guyton ‘87, Dave Llewellyn ‘87, Dave Douglas ‘87, Chris Morris ‘87 and Jeff Rink ‘88. The Bachelors took the first title.

Stewart and Jeanene Owens johnston are still in Hockessin, Del. Stewart is still with Bank of America and Jeanene is consulting. Jeanene writes, “Taylor, 16, is driving, dating, working and just a fabulous young lady! Griffin, 10, only cares about sports! School is not his favorite activity.” Stewart and Jeanene have enjoyed several trips to Jamaica, while the family enjoys summer trips to the Outer Banks. This year has them looking at colleges. They did the tour of McDaniell and had two other schools scheduled for the spring. Jeanene and Stewart were extremely impressed with all the updates to McDaniel College. She adds, “It’s just beautiful!” Thanks to Facebook, Jeanene and Stewart have reconnected with a number of college friends and hope everyone is weathering this economic storm.

Welcome back, Missy! Melissa “Missy” Arhos Katsoulas and her family are settling back into life in the U.S. after living in England for the last 10 years. Although she loved living overseas it was time to move back and be closer to family. Missy’s husband’s job brought them to Denver, Colo., and so far everyone is adapting well. Eli, 14, is a freshman in high school and Sophia, 12, is a sixth-grader. Their little surprise addition to the family, Zoe, was born on July 7, 2008. “She has been a real blessing and a joy to have around,” writes Missy. The Katsoulas miss the opportunities to travel in Europe, but are looking forward to exploring our own country with their children.

Laura King King still lives outside Atlanta with her husband, Mark, and daughter Katie. She continues to freelance as a medical editor and writer. Katie is in the sixth grade and enjoys playing basketball and acting in plays. Laura has started acting again at the local college and loves being back on stage after an absence of many years (more than she cares to admit).

Things are good in New Jersey for Debbie
Not much is new in Reisterstown with Linda Strawberg Morrison. She is still home with her kids Mary, 12, and Ben, 8, but says she is planning on subbing in the elementary school. The Morrisons took a wonderful trip to Disney World earlier this year and spent a brief vacation in the Thousand Islands for a family wedding this summer. Linda keeps in touch with Tim and Linda Bancroft Pyle, Wendy Zerwitz Schenken and Missy Arhos Katsoulas, who Linda says she can’t wait to visit in Colorado.

All is well in the metropolis known as Rustburg, Va., reports Sharon Eimer Nolley. Kids Sydney and Ryan, 9, keep the kids busy. Sharon recently took up as the Girl Scout Brownie leader for Sydney’s troop and Ryan has kept them busy with Cub Scouts and basketball. Son Ryan reached 5 feet tall on his ninth birthday! Jimmy Buffett still reigns supreme in the Nolley house. Their kids even enjoy making the pilgrimage each year to see his show. Sharon is still practicing law as the public defender for the City of Lynchburg, Va. “Some days it’s hard to make it all work with job requirements and family commitments but that’s what we WMC grads do best,” adds Sharon. “Don’t forget that our 25th reunion is coming up in spring 2011. It would be great to see everyone in person again and catch up so please make plans to be there!”

Returning home to Silver Spring after 12 years abroad as a university chaplain is Nairy Ohanian. Nairy is a victim assistance counselor for the Montgomery County Police Department. In 2007 she began a doctoral program in pastoral counseling and is currently in the middle of her dissertation tunnel. Nairy writes that she loves seeing her WMC girlfriends, including Cindy Rasberry Minnick, Gail Sadler Jones ’85 and Andi Saccocci ’87. Nairy adds that she is still single and open to any leads.

Wow! Haven’t seen or heard from George Peck since 1966! It was good to get an update.

In January ’09, George moved to First United Bank and Trust in Frederick as vice president-commercial loan officer, handling business development for the bank in Frederick and the surrounding counties. In December ‘09, he was appointed chair of Interfaith Housing Alliance, where he has been active on the board for the last four-five years. George writes that IHA qualified for a board-matching grant from the Ausher Foundation this year, so if anyone wants to join him in support, the impact of your gift may be magnified if his name is mentioned when they donate. Also like many classmates, he and wife Lee Ann Ware Peck ’85 are preparing for the college years all over again. Daughter Lauren was accepted as a merit scholar to the Elizabethtown College class of 2014 and son Kevin will be starting his rounds of college choices all too soon.

Tim and Linda Bancroft Pyle have had a good two years. Tim is working from home again as the director of education and partnerships for an online training company for childcare staff. Linda started back to work in September ‘08 as the controller for a small securities brokerage firm in Fells Point, Baltimore (yes, on the day the stock market crashed — very memorable, she writes). Will and Jerry will graduate from middle school in May ’10 and are looking forward to the change to high school. Tim and Linda stay in touch with Linda Strawberg Morrison, Wendy Zerwitz Schenken, Lori Schanzel Quinn, Melissa Arhos Katsoulas, Omar and Diane Hauser ’87 Cabrales, Don Gardiner ’87 and Chris Ginther ’87.

What a nice surprise to hear from Steve Reber, who is working as a staff scientist at Genzyme Corp. in Framingham, Mass. Steve still loves to play the sax every day and is doing freelance studio session work and live performances. He is getting adjusted to being single again.

Brett Rock writes that things are going very well for his family. He is still working at Letterkenny Army Depot and has just been promoted to electronics technician, working on missiles. His wife, Tara, is a program coordinator at United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania.

One of Rick and Kathy Boyer Rockerfeller’s “lovelies” is now a Blue Hen at The University of Delaware. The family misses Rachel (studying bio, chem and fun), and is still adjusting to the new dynamic with just two “lovelies” at home. Sadie, a sophomore at Centennial, plays three sports. Gracie, 10, is a refreshingly cheerful non-teenager who loves both stage and field. Kathy continues to love her job at the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center at Howard Community College, and Rick was promoted to executive director of Corporate Stores at Quaker City Motor Parts. The new position means Rick spends lots of hours at their Wilmington, Del., headquarters, but he enjoys the new challenges. Kathy and Rick would love to meet for dinner again soon with Cole and Cathy Horslev ’87 Younger, Andrew and Abbie Hume Stump, Sean and Angela Veutre McNulty ’85 and Peter and Karen Bulting Donegan.

Penny Edwards Rockwood reports that her husband Brad ’85 celebrated their 25th anniversary in October ’09. Their daughter, Laurel, graduated from University of Delaware in May ’09 with a major in English and a minor in history. She is pursuing a master’s degree in teaching from Wilmington University. Son Chet will graduate from Francis Scott Key High School in June ’10. He is attending Carroll Community College and would like to transfer to Towson. The Rockwoods live in Union Bridge, Md.

Wendy Zerwitz Schenken and family are still living in Owings Mills and Wendy continues to practice law with her dad in Dundalk. Her son is a senior in the law and public policy magnet program at Towson High School and is applying to colleges (though she can’t get him to consider McDaniel — too small). “At least reconnecting with college friends makes me feel less old,” Wendy adds.

Nancy Sekira writes that she is enjoying life, living in Ellington and working part-time managing a technical training program for work. She also celebrated her 12-year anniversary as a licensed massage therapist. Unfortunately, the corporate job kept her extremely busy last year, so she had to take a sabbatical from massage but hopes to return to it soon. Nancy spends her time working on her house and enjoying gatherings with friends and family, including a few girls’ night-outs with Lynn Welch Hampton and Julie Winkler Breed.

Joe Thomas is living in Mt. Airy with wife Leslie and is the athletic director at Long Reach High School In Columbia. Joe stays busy with kids Amanda, 9, and Joe, 11. Amanda is involved in cheerleading and Joe is going for the state wrestling championship after finishing second last year.

Marking her 23rd year in state government is Fran Ward, who is still living in the Baltimore area. Fran found a sure way to not have to shovel snow this past winter. She spent the week of the blizzards far away in paradise in Oahu, Hawaii. Over the past few years, Fran has also vacationed in Florida, New York, and North Carolina.

Tod and Joanne “Josie” Colliflower Webster moved to California the summer of 2008. Shortly after arriving, they experienced their first earthquake. Josie writes, “It felt like a series of waves rocking a boat and the boat was our house!” No damage, aside from a few picture frames. Then, a few short months afterward, they were evacuated from their neighborhood for a wild fire — earned a lot of California extreme experience points with that one. Josie! The good part about living there, she adds, is that the weather is amazing and there are so many places to explore that it feels like an extended vacation most of the time. She and Tod caught the Fearless and Bold book tours in both Atlanta (before they left) and in Los Angeles (shortly after they arrived.) Dinner with Robin Adams Brenton and Dr. Jim Lightner ’59 at the Oakay Cafe for fried pickles and cheese grits was a highlight during the Atlanta tour. Just getting into and out of Los Angeles unscathed was the highlight of the California event. Tod still works in operations for UPS Freight, managing the western region. Technology has allowed Josie to continue her work for the Virginia Council for Private Education. Josie saw Amy Farrell Stern while in the D.C. area for a conference last March. Their oldest, Mandi, 18, is heading off to college soon, while their youngest, Sami, 16, is starting to drive and enjoying the “ride” with her last two years of high school ahead of her.

Lisa Abbey Wilking and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their second daughter, Kate, in September 2006 and she has kept them on their toes ever since. Kate, 3, is now in pre-
Joe Thomas ’86 operates a junk chicken stand, “Joe’s Junk Chicken and Pork,” in Langley Park off New Hampshire Avenue. Joe writes, “The chicken is so authentic that when my friends that coach track in Jamaica come to Penn Relays, they ask for it for their teams.”

Stephanie Grau Aranowitz lives in northern New Jersey. She is a sales representative for Covidien in the patient monitoring division. She has two children, Jake, 5, and her daughter, Maxwell-Kate, 3. Stephanie has kept busy over the years with marathons and has just completed her 10th race in New York City in November.

Carrie Arbaugh says that life is great. After working as a financial consultant with First Legg Mason and then Merrill Lynch for several years, she is now really enjoying being a stay-at-home mom to her daughter, Cate (Catherine), 3, who is the love and light of her life. After living for several years in California, she and Cate are now living back in Maryland and are in the process of moving into their new home in Lutherville. She is so happy to be back amongst family and friends and would love to catch up with all of her WMC friends and classmates as well.

Tammy Lee Cadden and husband Robert still reside in Wyndmoor, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia. Tammy has been working for the last 10 years as an executive assistant with a non-profit that treats brain-injured children. Even though most of her responsibilities are in the administrative area and keeping the director’s office in order, it’s very rewarding to see the work that is accomplished with these very hurt children. The summer of 2009 was a rough one as Tammy underwent major reconstructive knee surgery. However, the surgery was a complete success and now she is walking and biking every day. She still keeps in touch with Sierra Hutt Aleselod ’93 and husband Dmitry, though with busy lives they don’t get together as often as they’d like.

Dede Binder reports that she and her husband, Chris Junge (a ’91 Texas A&M graduate), have a girl Saylor, 15 months, who is a joy. She can’t believe they waited so long to start poppin these amazing creatures out. They live in Annapolis where Dede works as a realtor and Chris works for SHT Inc. in Greenbelt. Dede says she is not great at keeping in touch with people but she does love to read up on the latest class of ’92 news when The Hill issue arrives.

Christy Saks Dohnen has been living in Elkridge, Md., for the past 10 years with her husband, Dan, and son, Jake. They will be celebrating their 15th anniversary this year. Jake is in second grade and keeps them busy with all of his extracurricular activities. Christy is working part time for an IT firm in Hanover, Md., as a staffing and training coordinator. She stays in touch with many of her local Phi Mu sisters and had a great time catching up with the rest of the Phi Mu gang at their first annual summer celebration. She attended last year’s Homecoming on the Hill and survived the monsoon rains with her fellow Phi Mu sisters including: Wendy Skidmore Harris ’91, Missy Lachman ’91 and Lisa Cantile Himmel ’90.

Gina Gargeu had a great time catching up with Jessica Barlow Howell, Sarah Biggs Warner, Melyssa Denney Haack and Tina Fleming ’91 at the reunion. She says that it reminded her of that old adage, “the more things change, the more they stay the same!” It’s just a different cast of characters. Gina is still in the real estate business, primarily handling bank-owned properties throughout Maryland. Her new business, the Downtown Dog Resort, is doing well and she has been able to use some of the profits to fund her dog rescue, “Stop Killing Dogs.” They are currently working with Maryland legislators to find an alternative solution for euthanasia as well as adopt-
is at a Montessori preschool and loves to cheer for her brother as well as make up dances. The family went to Disney World for Christmas which was really fun for all of them and a surprise for the kids. They are unable to make it back for football as Mark is always busy that time of year coaching football (his 20th year) and the reunions are difficult because of track.

Andrew Krevolin sends greetings from Mississippi where he has been living and working as a home-health physical therapist in Natchez, Miss., for over 10 years. He and his wife, Sarah, have a beautiful boy Jack, 4, who is the center of their world. Jack will be starting t-ball this year and enjoys school, playing outside with his parents, and racing his hot wheel cars around the house. Andrew just turned 40 and says time just flies by.

Valerie Funk McAuley and husband Paul have three children: Ryan, 7, Kyle, 5, and Catherine, 3. She reports that it is definitely not quiet in their house in Exton, Pa., but they seem to thrive in chaos. Valerie just became partner with her practice and is looking forward to heading up the implementation for the new EMR in late spring.

Tracy Eagan McGill and her family settled into their new house in Duxbury, Mass. Their boys are Peter, 6, and Ben, 4, and she's been volunteering at the new cancer center at South Shore Hospital.

Laura Walker Pak currently resides in Camp Hill, Pa., with her husband and daughter, 4. She is a public health administrator for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, overseeing a portion of the funds used to provide services to those infected with HIV/AIDS. Her husband works crazy hours for an international technology consulting firm which means the family time they do have together is precious. On weekends the three of them tend to be joined at the hip, just spending quality time together. This past summer Laura had the opportunity to meet up with all of her Phi Mu sisters in Baltimore for Summer Mayhem 2009. It was wonderful to see Meg Arnold, Beth Basler Busch, Jeanine Laurence Timmins, Susanne Page Conway ’93 and the rest of the gang. While living in Pennsylvania has been an interesting experience for the past two years, she hopes to get back to Colorado soon so as she misses her get-togethers with Felicity Tucker ’93.

Kelly Schoen has been happily living on Mount Desert Island in Maine (Acadia National Park), keeping up with old friends on Facebook, and absolutely loving her life.

Lots of excitement with the Sussman family! Daniel and his wife, Jori, celebrated their first anniversary in September. In November, they welcomed their son, Levi, to the family. Daniel is completing his third year as an elementary school principal in San Diego. He enjoys keeping in touch with fellow Bachelors Ted Pollard ’94 and Ed Koenig ’95.

Mark Titus enjoyed seeing Mike Kubacki and Mark Mills in Old Town Alexandria, Va., back in August. He also enjoyed seeing Mark Mills on New Year’s Eve. As for other news, as of mid June he will have completed 13 school years working at the Carl Sandburg Learning Center in Rockville, Md. He was looking forward to August and a week-long trip to Ireland with his family, all 11 of them; that includes his brother’s family, his sister’s family and his parents. Mark has never been to Ireland. He looks forward to our 20-year reunion in 2012 when we, the class of 1992, hopefully have a bigger turnout than we did for our 15-year reunion.

Robin Askins Vettorino and husband, August, welcomed their first child in May, August Jaden Vettorino. She is working hard as the senior diabetes specialist for Amylin Pharmaceuticals. While it is very demanding, it is very rewarding. She feels very fortunate to have an awesome husband who does a lot with the baby when she is working nights and weekends.

Steven Zumbrun has been working consistently as an itinerant musician for the past several years. He recently conducted a beautiful production of the musical “Footloose” at the lovely Springer Opera House in Columbus, Ga. He looks forward to working on the musical “Ruthless” (which was also his first job of musical direction at McDaniel’s Theatre on the Hill) at Totem Pole Playhouse this summer.

Sarah Biggs Warner has been thrilled to write this column with Jessica Barlow Howell for the past 18 years. She thinks it is wonderful to hear from all of you and keep everyone informed of the great things for the past 18 years. She really enjoyed seeing her classmates at the reunion in May ’08.

On June 3, 2006, Lisa Kairi!i Rinehart married her husband, Brian, in Little Baker Chapel. In July ’09, they welcomed daughter Audrey Brynn. Lisa earned her MS in professional writing from Towson University in December ’08 and became a board certified editor in the life sciences (ELS) in January ’09. They currently live in Ferndale, Md. Christiana Abildso and Laurie Cicero Abildso continue to enjoy life in Morgantown, WVa. In April ’09, they welcomed their son, Maxwell Porter, to the world. Christiana and Laurie reported that Little Max enjoyed his first Homecoming on the Hill in October ’09, but they are hoping that Homecoming ’10 is a little less soggy. Christiana is working as a program coordinator at West Virginia University’s College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. Laurie is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom and volunteering her time as the director of girls on the run of Monongalia County, a healthy lifestyles program for girls in grades three to five.

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Jen Vick Michael and Eletherios Michael ’99 welcomed Alexandros Agathangelou into their family on Dec. 10, 2006. In addition to staying busy as new parents, Jen is the communications director of a nonprofit organization and Eletherios teaches at American University.

Jessica Watts Vandergrift got married on Aug. 17, 2009 to Kevin Vandergrift.

Chris Kulp is teaching physics at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa. He and his wife, Gail, just purchased a home in Montoursville, Pa. They are enjoying getting to know the area. Last semester Chris gave a presentation about his research to the physics department at McDaniel. He had a great time visiting McDaniel and seeing all of the changes since he was last there.

Laurie Giomo Mace and husband Drew celebrated 10 years of marriage in June ’09. They have two daughters, Adrianna, 7, and Sophia, 4. She is teaching fifth grade in Harford County, Md. She still enjoys spending time with fellow alumni Sarah Sheckells Hendrickson ’97, Cindy Slaughter Neuberger ’96, Michelle Crow Feracci and Jen Doetsch Yeager ’97 at their monthly wine nights and girls night out. She’s also excited to celebrate Jill Johnson’s wedding this coming summer with other WMC grads like Lisa Price Porter and Brian Miller.

Kim McNally Rummel had a baby girl, Sophia, on April 15, 2009. Her other daughter, Samantha, will be 5 in May, and son Sean, will be 7 in June. She and her husband have lived in Pasadena, Md., for the last four years. She is a program manager at the National Security Agency. She really enjoyed seeing her classmates at the reunion in May ’08.

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Courtney Boden Elender is living in Florida with her husband, Kevin, their son Ashton, 4, and daughter Kiley, 7 months. The family has been living in Florida for almost three years, where Courtney has been teaching preschool at a private school in Palm Beach. Michael Cummings lives in Savannah, Ga., with his wife, Julie, their son, Carter, their five dogs and three cats. Mike has been the head coach of the men’s lacrosse team at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in Savannah, Ga., since January ‘05. During his tenure as head coach at SCAD, Mike has seen men’s lacrosse jump from a club program to an intercollegiate varsity program. Mike led SCAD to its fourth consecutive appearance in the South Eastern Lacrosse Conference Tournament in 2009. Prior to becoming the full-time head coach of the men’s lacrosse team, Mike was an adjunct professor at SCAD for four years, teaching both foundation studies and illustration courses.

Julie Dietsch Clair and her husband, Doug, still live in Baltimore, Md., and love city life. Last year they bought a 38-foot Regal boat and they spend as much time as possible on the water. Julie and Doug are hoping to take their boat to Atlantic City, N.J., this year. The trip would be Julie’s first time taking a private boat on the open ocean, so she’s hoping for good weather. Julie is excited to be a member of the 2011 Newbery Committee, which she describes as “the Oscars” of the children’s book world. As a member of the Committee, Julie expects to do a lot of reading and participate in a press conference in San Diego, Calif., in January ‘11.

Rebecca Earley Lee has been busy keeping up with her job, her husband, Christopher Lee ’96, and their children. She is still working in Frederick, Md., as a physician assistant in a primary care office. When she’s not at work, Becky is chasing around their two boys, Cameron, 4, and Brendan, 18 months old. She enjoys catching up with her Phi Sigma Sigma sorority sisters Tracie Browning Toothacker ’99, Amy Drane Neubauer ’99 and Jaime Moyer Jordan ’99 on play dates with their kids. In the past year, Becky has been focused on getting in shape. She has started running and ran in several 5Ks in the Frederick area. Becky is now training to run a half-marathon, which she hopes she will be able to do in 2010 if time permits.


Kevin Gruss is a member of the dean’s faculty at the University of Michigan in the graduate student arena. Kevin is currently serving on the prosecution teams that intend to prosecute persons who are detained by the Department of Defense at the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He is excited to be a part of the prosecution teams that intend to prosecute high value al-Qaeda detainees such as: Abid al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who allegedly planned the October ‘00 attack on the USS Cole; Abu Faraj al-Libi, who allegedly was the third in command of al-Qaeda and was in charge of planning attacks against the U.S. and other Western countries; and Abid al-Hadi al-Iraqi, who allegedly was al-Qaeda’s paramilitary commander in Afghanistan. In the little free time that I have, I enjoy playing soccer and spending time with my family.

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Aila Albrecht is finishing her third year working as a project manager at the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, having joined the agency after spending a few years managing projects in the translation/localization industry. To take a break from the daily grind, Aila and her boyfriend spent some of the winter in Hawaii. She lives in Germantown, Md., with her cat, Ginger.

Laura Boyer Armwine has been working at UMBC for four years in the office of institutional advancement where she coordinates university events like graduation, board meetings and other donor-related initiatives. In December ‘07, she married Shawn Armwine in Annapolis and together they bought a home and are living in Severna Park, Md.

Brian Barnes got out of the U.S. Army in March ‘08, then quickly finished his master’s degree in chemistry at Murray State University in May ‘08. Ever since he has been working on a Ph.D. in chemistry at Seton Hall University and is currently pursuing research in the field of forensic chemistry, specifically trace analysis of drugs. Brian spoke on his research on detecting trace amounts of cocaine in money at the 2009 Eastern Analytical Symposium in November of that year. This is not the only thing Brian has been working on; he also has a side project with a fellow grad student analyzing shark repellent.

Thea Bayly took on a new position as a math resource teacher at William Winchester and Westminster Elementary Schools last fall. She earned her master’s degree in school administration from McDaniel in December ‘09. Thomas Beckheazy is far from home in Okinawa, Japan, and working as a manager for an English school. This adventure has allowed him to take advantage of the excellent scuba diving, sunshine and proximity to the rest of Asia. Tom loves to travel and has visited Thailand, China, Cambodia, Australia and Korea.

Camellia "Carrie" Bollino and her husband, Chris Gonzalez, had their first child, Gabriella Rose, on Aug. 14, 2009.

Stephanie Pisciotta Carrier and her husband, Bruce III, welcomed their first child, William "Will" Bruce Carrier IV, on Dec. 14, 2009. Stephanie is currently a district business manager with Johnson & Johnson/Vistakon.
Dr. Nichole Christman finished her residency in June '09 and moved to Danville, Pa., where she is working as a board-certified family doctor for the Geisinger Health System in Bloomsburg, Pa. She and her boyfriend have had some time to travel around the country living in varied terrains such as the Arizona mountains, the Wyoming high desert and the Pennsylvania hills.

Tonya Condell graduated from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2007 and is now working for the District of Columbia government. She was happy to visit Puerto Rico in May '09 and St. Lucia in November '09, but hopes to travel some more in 2010.

Brandi Shorb Crawford and her husband, Kevin, celebrated their 10th anniversary. They have three boys keeping them busy: Joshua, born June '96, Liam Charles born March '08, and Evan Michael born on December '09. Until Brandi had her third son she was teaching music in Carroll County Public Schools, but she has decided to take a leave of absence to be home with the boys. The Crawford family resides in Littlestown, Pa.

Jessica "Jess" Rouse Custer and her husband, Jeremy, had their first child in May '10. She teaches health and physical education for Frederick County Public Schools and is the head coach of the volleyball program at Governor Thomas Johnson High School, and the assistant athletic director at the same school.

Sean Eldred lives in Annapolis and is an attorney in Washington, D.C., while working at a family wealth management office in Severna Park. He is a certified financial planner and chartered financial analyst.

Derek Favreau and his wife of four years, Amanda Grace, welcomed a son at the end of May. Around the same time, Derek busily finished his MBA and graduated from Loyola Sellinger School of Business.

Rachel Gast is finishing her last year of pediatrics residency at Sinai Hospital, Baltimore.

Jeff Grever married Gail Budke Grever in August '08 in Loudounville, Ohio, at Landoll's Castle in the Mohican State Park. Alumni in the wedding party included Matthew Hurff '03, Todd Peters and Brian Martinzena '04. Jeff and Gail bought a house in Lewis Center, Ohio (a suburb of Columbus), in December '08. Jeff is enjoying attending Ohio State football games and his new job as the web communications specialist for The Ohio State University Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

Amanda Lofroon Groff and Jeffrey '01 relocated to Shepherdstown, WV, in June '09. After Jeff accepted a faculty position at Shepherd University, Amanda is teaching art at Shepherdstown Elementary and enjoying the change of pace after teaching high school art. The Groffs are improving their handyman skills at home and enjoying their new hometown.

Marcus and Mithona Dan Helton are living in Virginia.

Robyn Hoffman purchased a new home in Raleigh, N.C., in 2008. She is a physical therapist, working at Duke University Hospital in the neurosurgery and intensive care units. She was promoted to a senior II therapist late last year.

Brooke Joseph decided that after seven years of being a social worker she wanted to explore a new career. So, she has been pursuing a master's in health science with a concentration in school health education from Towson University. While focusing on her studies, she is also working as a guest assistant director of the director of housing and residence life. She has stepped back in time as she lives on the same street she grew up on with her mini-dachshund, Tiki, and rescue mutt, Carly. Brooke fell in love with the Southwest after visiting Phoenix, Ariz., and exploring the canyons, tours the desert, visiting art museums, taking hot air balloon rides, seeing the zoo and spending some relaxing time at the spa.

Julie Kegough has a contract with American Music Theatre as a lead singer/rhythm guitar player until August. She has been performing in two of their musical revue shows called Nashville City Limits and California Soul. She lives with her brother, Ryan '99, who is also in the theater business. They reside in Lancaster, Pa.

Jill Krebs and Brendan Henderson '00 got married in 2008. Diana Pool was the maid of honor: Blair Heineke '93, Dave Profili '93 and Jeremy Keel were in the wedding party, and Sarah Voskuil '04, Jennifer Pullen '04, Jayne Karolow and Doug Renner '80 attended. About a year ago they came back to live in Westminster with their dog, Bella. Jill spent this past spring as an adjunct teacher at McDaniel where she felt quite at home.

Jeannie Bauder Landgraf just completed her fourth year as a third-grade teacher, but first in Arlington County Public Schools (Va.). She and her husband, Walter "Rick" Landgraf '93, had been back in the area for a few months, but will be leaving in another few months to head to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for Rick's captain's career course through the Army. For now they are enjoying the Arlington area with their dog, Benson, and they are happy to be close to their families and friends.

Amy Davidson Latta and her husband, Dan, welcomed their first child, Noah Klotz, on Aug. 11, 2008. After taking a year off to stay home with her son, Amy returned to work as a ballroom, Latin, and swing dance instructor. Even though she was away from her dancing career for a bit, she didn't skip a beat when she got to perform an exciting tango in a professional show.

After being married almost five years Dawn Harmer Long and her husband, Ronald, welcomed twins on June 26, 2009: Lillian Renee and Ronald Dennis III. Their daughter, Madelyn, 3, is happy to help as the proud big sister. Dawn stays at home with the kids, but is an available PRN nurse when a hospital needs someone to fill in.

Jay Lorenz and his wife, Jacky-Lynn, proudly welcomed their first child, Jay "Tripp" Frederick Lorenz III, on Dec. 15, 2009.

Kara Moran is the public relations and communications coordinator at the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore, her alma mater.

Adam Mussaw and his wife, Mary MS '05, welcomed their first child, Emily Elizabeth, on June 19, 2009. She was 6 pounds, 11 ounces and 19 inches long. They also celebrated their six-year anniversary in Sept. '09. Adam is working at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield as a senior marketing data analyst.

Nicole Novotny earned an MBA from the University of Maryland in May '08. She is a product manager at Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C.

Dr. Todd Peters obtained his medical degree from Penn State College of Medicine and is now living in Rhode Island with his wife, Jessica, while completing a fellowship in child/adolescent psychiatry at Brown University. The happy couple welcomed their first child, Xavier, on Jan. 22, 2010.

Diana Pool married Roland Chataway in Gettysburg, Pa., on Dec. 20, 2008. Jill Krebs served as the matron of honor.

Dana Miller Ricketts and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Brett Ryan on April 28, 2009. He was 8 pounds, 15 ounces and 20 inches long.

Danielle Price Rinker and her husband, Thomas, had a baby, Geoffrey Galen, on July 9, 2009. He was 6 pounds, 11 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Their family business, The Bicycle Escape, celebrated its fourth anniversary in November '09.

Stacy Starleper Scarff and her husband, Jason, moved into their new home in Whitford, Md., in August '09.

Jonathan "Jon" Soucy got married in Thurmont, Md., in August '09, to Kerri Fisher '03. They live in Somerville, Mass., and work in Boston. Jon wishes to say hello to his "old buddies and swimming chums."

Leah Dantine Spencer and her husband, Jed '01, have been married five years and have a 20-month-old son, Riley. Leah teaches art in Carroll County and Jed is a lawyer in Baltimore City.

Christopher Taughler married Jessica Bowman on Nov. 28, 2009, in Reading, Pa. Steve Zamagias, Pat Danaher, Dave Johnson '03 and Scott Mahoney '04 were groomsmen in the wedding. Chris is a senior service associate at T. Rowe Price. The couple resides in Owings Mills, Md.

Meghan Tracey is in her sixth year at Absegami High School in south Jersey, teaching health and physical education and coaching the girls' varsity basketball team.

Sarah Hill Von Bergen and her husband, Rich, have been married seven years and have a son and a daughter. Sarah is a stay-at-home mom but would like to record a few original Christian songs in the near future.

Rachel Ward has her share of cafe au lait
She Thinks You Can Dance

while teaching English in France, but now is reversing her role by teaching French at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.

On March 26, Sue Stawicki married Andrew Slater from Marblehead, Mass. The couple was married in Allentown, Pa., and resides in south Boston. In 2008, Sue was promoted to the executive director role at Jumpstart for Young Children, a national early education organization. Bridesmaids included Kara Moran (maid of honor), Thea Bayly, Robyn Hoffman and Meghan Tracey. Other McDaniel attendees were Laura Boyer Arntwine, Karen Lavecchio Clarke ’02, Sarah James, Scott ’04 and Mindy Bucey Yard. Sue and Andrew were thrilled to share this time with their friends and enjoyed a fantastic honeymoon in Greece and Spain.

Lauren White enjoys making people laugh through her web series, Little Bits, which features episodes of comedic shorts each Tuesday on Youtube. Lauren also volunteers with Friends of Penny dog rescue.

Dana Gardner Wineke and her husband, Chris ’03, had a little boy, Ryder Christopher on Dec. 1, 2009. Dana loves being a mom as she takes a break from teaching. The couple resides in Owings Mills, Md.

Roy Zimmerman got married on Feb. 15, 2009, in St. Pete Beach, Fla., to Melanie Zimmerman. Roy is working for the federal government. They currently reside in Silver Spring, Md.

As for me, Emily Wilson Rollins: My husband, Ellis, and I are enjoying time with our daughter, Sophia, who will be 4 in August. She keeps us entertained at every moment; it is like living with a comedian at times. I still work full time, and then some, at Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore as the director of development. Ellis practices law with his brother, Evan ’04, in Elkton, Md. We built a home two years ago in Havre de Grace, Md., to be close to our families. Time seems to be flying by quicker than ever.

Thank you to all who submitted a note for this round, and I look forward to hearing from you again in the future.

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An 18-month-old son is keeping Kellie Pfeiffer Hicks on her toes. Since graduation, she married Andy Hicks, a 2003 graduate of Towson University, in September ’05. The couple welcomed their son, Owen Hicks, in June ’06. In October ’09, the couple bought a single-family home in Taneytown, Md. Kellie has been working as a corresponding writer for T. Rowe Price for the last five years. She tries to get together for lunch with Melissa Merson Hill ’03, Susan Rohrer Speck ’03 and Sara Thomas Laffey on a somewhat regular basis.

Matt Wolfe and Erin Cullison were married Aug. 7, 2009 and bought a house in Baltimore city soon after. Fellow McDaniel grads included in the wedding party were Todd Utley, Jason Low, John Johnson ’03, Andrea Santoriello Phillips, Kelly Smith Redd, Toby McIntire and Sara Darmofalski Cullison. Alden Rammpeyer and Tom Marshall were readers at the wedding. Matt reports that, “The group is really close and for the most part hang out in the city all the time.”

Matt underwrites loans to large and small companies for PNC Bank. Erin is a first-grade teacher at Parr’s Ridge Elementary School in Mount Airy, Md.

Amanda Bannigan Marshall earned a master’s degree in education from McDaniel in 2005. She married Calvin Marshall in 2008. Fellow McDaniel grads Jess Heckerman ’05 and Katelyn Swift-Walton ’05 served as bridesmaids. She is in her fourth year of teaching 11th-grade history for Montgomery County Public Schools. She and her husband just bought a house in Frederick that they share with their two dogs and two cats.

Michael Bair and wife, Bryana, are thrilled to announce a new addition to their family—twins! Oliver and Lillian were born in June ’09. The family lives in Westminster in a home they built just outside of town.

William “Brad” Distad’s life has been full of big changes. From 2005-2007, he taught upper-level math at Boonsboro High School, while coaching the varsity soccer team, assisting with school plays, and leading Young Life. On Dec. 23, 2005, he married his swing-dancing partner, Jessica Head, an art teacher and fellow Young Life volunteer. In 2007, Brad and Jessica decided to move to Langfang, China, for two years to teach Oral English to Chinese college students. While they were there, Brad honed his guitar and acting skills. They often visited the Philip Hayden Foundation orphanage for children with special needs, and they completed the Great Wall Marathon together. Brad also ran in the Beijing Marathon (twice) and the North Face 50K. During the summers they returned home to teach swimming lessons at Antietam Recreation day camp. On July 7, 2009, Jessica gave birth to their first child, Naomi Faith Distad. Soon after, Brad was hired as the area director for Chicago Lakes Young Life in Lindstrom, Minn. Despite his travels, Brad’s entire family (four generations) was present to see him finish his 11th consecutive JFK 50-mile Ultra-marathon on Nov. 21, 2009.

Stephanie Queen married James Kersheskey on April 4, 2009 in Little Baker Chapel. They reside in Hanover, Pa. In May ’09, Stephanie earned a master’s of science degree in counselor education from McDaniel College.

Kate Hartman married Brian Zedalis on July 12, 2008, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Bridesmaids included Stephanie Hartman ’07 and Christine Bandula Storie. The couple bought a house and currently reside in Denton, Md., with their dog, Lita. Kate is a middle school Spanish teacher on the shore and enjoys her girls’ weekends with Jessica Zimmerman and Krissy Jorda Smith.

Twelve nieces and nephews in three different states have kept Tyler Stewart busy over the past year. He left his job at Ameriprise Financial and took a position at PNC in downtown Baltimore.

Ryan Melhorn and wife Kristen Schmorr Melhorn ’05 live in Odenton, Md., where they purchased their first home. Ryan is in his sixth year of teaching social studies at Century High School in Carroll County. He is working toward a master’s degree in educational administration at McDaniel. He reports that he frequently gets together with and has attended many of his Phi Delta Theta brothers’ weddings and celebrations.

Lauri Gann Greenberg still works in Baltimore and Silver Spring, Md., as a licensed social worker. She works with teen mothers and their babies and says that while the job is quite stressful, it is rewarding. She married Daniel Greenberg on Sept. 6, 2009 and Karen Whelan ’05 and Staci George ’03 surrounded her on the big day. She and her husband own a home in Columbia, Md.

Amanda Gill Nocerino married Michael Nocerino on April 18, 2009. Her sister, Ashley Gill ’06, served as maid of honor and Cara Miller ’05 was a bridesmaid. They reside in their new home in Frederick, Md. Mandy has been working as a social services coordinator at Ashbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, Md., since November ’07 and recently completed her assisted living manager certification.

John Reagan, aka “Jersey Johnny,” reports that he is privately coaching high school runners, tri-athletes and marathon runners on the Jersey Shore. He said he lives by his motto of “running every step of the way with his clients to help them achieve their goals.” As for full-time work, he is growing as the marketing and public relations guru for Crest Physical Therapy by dining and visiting all the doctors he meets on a daily basis.

Faniska Lopez-Gonzalez Brisker is working on completion of a master’s degree in human resources development at McDaniel. She reports that she married the man of her dreams on Aug. 23, 2009. Due to his job, the couple is planning a move to Charlottesville, Va. They are excited to build a home there which is expected to be completed this summer.

Between school and work 2010 is off to a busy start for Kathy Wilson. The couple continues to make improvements to their house in Glen Burnie, Md., which they purchased in the summer of 2009. Kathy continues to work as a senior accountant at Enterprise Community Investment and will mark six years in this summer. She is working toward a master’s degree in management with a focus on accounting at UMUC.

Stephanie Gubbin married Justin Kevan in June ’09. Ashley Szymanski Miles served as a bridesmaid. The couple resides in Centre-
ville, Md., where Stephanie teaches mathematics and coaches field hockey at the local high school. She earned a master's degree in administration and supervision from Salisbury University in 2008.

Angela Seufert is working as a field hockey coach and elementary physical education teacher for Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. She is pursuing a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with a focus in leadership, administration and supervision at McDaniel College.

Christopher "Rusty" LaMotte continues to teach biology at North Carroll High School and coach soccer and baseball. Julie Ogryszko LaMotte is in her fifth year with T. Rowe Price and received an MBA from Loyola College last year.

Jason Heaver will complete his residency in internal medicine at Yale next year. He has been selected as chief resident for the following year which will then be followed by a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine.

In the last year, James and Sarah Vannoy Lipchack have been very busy. They welcomed their son, Simon, in April '09; Sarah defended her doctoral thesis in October '09; and James was scheduled to defend his doctoral thesis in March '10. Both were set to graduate from Yale in May '10 with their Ph.Ds. The family was planning a move to Philadelphia, Pa., this summer where James will begin postdoctoral research at the University of Pennsylvania.

Greg Masimore and Tiffany Ellison Masimore '06 were married at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club in Stevensville, Md., on Sept. 26, 2009. Alumni attendees included in the wedding party were maid of honor Danielle Magid '06; bridesmaid Cristen Calle- gary '07, groomsman and Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers Gary Pritchett and Brendan Smith, and groomsman Joseph Prajzner Jr. '01.

Many other McDaniel alumni attended the celebration. The couple enjoyed a honey- moon in Lahaina, on Maui, Hawaii. Greg currently works as an insurance specialist for a nationally recognized property and casualty risk carrier in Hunt Valley, Md. After obtaining her master's degree at University of Maryland School of Social Work in 2007, Tiffany obtained her certification as a licensed certified social worker — clinical (LCSW-C), and works as a director of a mental health rehabilitation program in Lanham, Md. Additionally, the couple enjoys travel and regular gatherings with McDaniel friends.

Emily Kirchner is still working as a school counselor in Somerset County, Md. During the summer of 2009, she traveled to four Eastern European countries — Slovakia, Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary — to visit friends. She finished her registered yoga teacher certification in March and will be teaching yoga classes in Salisbury, Md. She is about to begin a Ph.D. program in counselor education and supervision.

Chris Drupieski is in his second semester as a postdoctoral research associate in mathematics at the University of Georgia. In January, he reports that his job took him to the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Francisco, Calif., where he serendipitously ran into Harry Rosenzweig from the McDaniel College mathematics department. Also, last October his job took him to a mathematics conference at North Carolina State University where he ran into Rebecca Jane '06, who is currently a graduate student there.

Ina Puleni O’Carroll received her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Virginia Tech in early 2009 and is now working as a postdoctoral fellow for National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Md. Andrew O’Carroll continues to work as a veterinarian in Westminster. In November, the couple purchased their first home located in Mount Airy, Md.

Kristin Lagana reports that she is "still trying for the rock star dream" playing steadily in three bands and touring out-of-state for nationwide festivals. She is in the middle of recording her first full-length album with her rock band, "Victims of Experience," with Mike Bair '03. She also devotes a lot of free time as president of Towson Towne Rotaract. Big projects include activities with Habitat for Humanity, Maryland Food Bank, Invisi Children and Haiti Relief. She works on Capitol Hill "to supplement my ridiculous lifestyle."

Libby Wallace Gorman continues to enjoy her job as the evening reference librarian at North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C., while Mark continues both his job as the music director at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill and his work on the master of divinity degree at Duke University. Their son, Nathaniel, 2, entertains them every day.

Lauren Wilson is living in downtown Washington, D.C., working for an international public relations firm specializing in health care strategy for her clients. This summer she planned travel to various cities across the U.S. representing a pharmaceutical company at the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. In her free time, Lauren enjoys spending time with fellow McDaniel alums and D.C. residents, Liz Bryan Wulderk '09 and Monica Davis '03.

Since graduating, Megan Rhine Winkler has been working as an elementary school teacher in Carroll County, Md. She earned a master's in educational administration from McDaniel in spring '09. In June '09, she married Ed Winkler and the couple now resides in Westminster. She has also had the opportunity to travel to three Caribbean Islands, Costa Rica, Belize and Greece.

In the past five years, Gergely Robert Hamar (a.k.a. H.G. Robert) has published four books in Hungary, Canada and the United States. His spoken word music CD "Taboo" was released last year and is available on iTunes.

He's also co-founded "Dancewords," a theatrical dance company that fuses poetry with ballet. Currently, he is the co-director of "Dancewords" and also the resident writer. "Africa," his fifth theatrical ballet play, premiered in Columbia, S.C., on Feb. 19.

Nicholas Alley and Jessica Karevy '06 were married in May '07 and celebrated the first birthday of their daughter Kelsey Lauren, on Feb. 20. After loyal employment as a counselor/teacher at Bowling Brook Prep, the school closed down. Nick was able to find a job as a manager at the Duron Paint store in Westminster. Even though the two jobs are completely different, Nick enjoys interacting with a wide variety of people and setting goals for his store. He is still involved in wrestling in the surrounding communities: last year he volunteered at Winters Mill High School for a junior recreation league. This year he is teaching maneuvers to high school students at Manchester Valley High School. The couple purchased a home in south Hanover, Pa., and love it there.

Aimie Smith Schneider married Tim Schneider, a 2006 graduate of UMBC, in October '09. The couple recently purchased their first home in Sykesville, Md., and Aimie began a new job as an RN at Howard County General Hospital.

Julia Keene Wilkinson, daughter of Dorothy Hitchcock Keene '74 and granddaughter of professors emeriti Julia and Fern Hitchcock '47, reports that she moved back to the Boston, Mass., area after a short time in Atlanta, Ga., to marry the love of her life, David A. Wilkinson. The couple tied the knot in Sudbury, Mass., on Sept. 6, 2009 and honeymooned at Walt Disney World. In attendance were bridesmaids Allison Smith '06 and Lindsey Lord, Matthew Spratt '07 and Daniel Krieger '07, and professor emeritus and college historian Dr. James Lightner '59. The couple lives in Hudson, Mass., where Julia is working as a licensed certified genetic counselor for the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center and Medical School.

Guy Dubecq got married Memorial Day weekend 2009. He and wife, Kim, recently moved from Savannah, Ga., to the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. area. Guy works for the National Marine Fisheries Service as a fisheries biologist. He works with highly migratory species like sharks, tuna and swordfish. He says that it has been great reconnecting with fraternity brothers and classmates now that he's back in the area.

As for me, Katie Champion Riley, I continue to love my job at The Gazette in Frederick, Md., where I am managing editor of the newspaper's New Market/Urbana and Mount Airy editions. My husband, Rick, and I are anxiously awaiting an addition to our family — a baby boy — due March 17, 2010.

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Nikki Dickerson '05 signals her classmates to gather for their group photo at Reunion Weekend 2010.
May 2010:
Leigh Choi '12
(left), president
of the Asian
Community
Coalition, and
member Tiara
Tirasawasdichai
helped make
1,000 origami
cranes to give
to President
Joan Develin
Coley before her
retirement.

Project Soar. Gift giving and showing appreciation is a huge part of Asian culture.
And there's a story that if you make 1,000 paper cranes you'll be granted a wish. We
wanted to wish President Coley all the best in her future endeavors. So many of us felt
a connection with her. She's so humble and charming and she tells very funny stories.
I grew up on the Osan Air Base in South Korea (my father is American and my mother
is Korean). The first time I came to the U.S. was in August before my freshman year.
My parents stayed here for the orientation to help me settle in and not freak out too
much. Actually, it was the other way around. It was me reassuring them.

Four people from our club made the cranes and we each did about 300 of them.
It took us about a month. For me, it was a stress reliever — something different from
writing essays. Maybe if someone else finds a special place in our hearts like Presi-
dent Coley we will do this again.

— Leigh Choi '12
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Write a caption for this whimsical photo taken by photography student Dana Button ’10.

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Missives to and from The Hill

Doesn't everybody have an opinion?

We know you do. The Mail department is your chance to sound off about the good, the bad and the ugly of what you read in The Hill. Tell us which stories made you feel your time was well spent or wasted. We can take it.

Letters should include your full name, address and phone number or e-mail address so we can contact you for confirmation. Letters may be edited for length or clarity. Send to Kim Asch, managing editor, The Hill magazine, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

Hooray!

The Hill magazine was recognized in two categories of the 2009 CASE District II Accolades Awards program, an international competition. The magazine received a Gold award for Visual Design in Print for its Spring 2009 cover featuring a premature baby in a baseball glove. An honorable mention was awarded the magazine in the Staff Writing category.

The rest of the story...
Updates from recent features in The Hill

Grasping her dreams

Ankhchimeg Byambasuren grew up in a yurt in the steppes of Mongolia. A chance connection with an American family she met while selling trinkets on the side of a dusty road set her on a path to achieving her lifelong dream of coming to America. Caleb Gould and his family offered to sponsor her to attend college in the States and have become her extended family. Now the Business Administration major, who adopted the nickname Chimgay — meaning “Lucky One” — while she was a student, is a citizen of the world. Her English is impeccable and, thanks to her semester at McDaniel-Budapest and travels around Europe, she says she is comfortable talking to anyone and could live anywhere. A 2009 graduate, she rents an apartment in Laurel near her job in the accounting department at Konterra Realty before going to grad school to pursue her M.B.A.

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Who's a Green Terror Fanatic?

Why, none other than our own Steve Peed '01, the only entrant to correctly answer every question. Steve was a standout on the football and wrestling teams while a student on the Hill and served as Director of Sports Information from 2001-06. He is now Director of Athletic Communication at Green Terror rival Franklin & Marshall. Steve will win a McDaniel College sweatshirt. We hope he wears his green and gold next time his alma mater competes against the Diplomats.

1. The Green Terror's all-time leading scorer in men's soccer history played on the 1959 soccer team. Name that player.
A. George Varga
B. Jack Keating
C. George Varga

2. Which Green Terror quarterback held the Centennial Conference career record for rushing yards by a quarterback until it was broken by Dickinson's Ian Mitchell in 2009?
A. Jamie "Boo" Harris
B. Dan Reveles
C. Bob Sauer

3. The women's basketball team recently set a new mark for consecutive victories. How many in a row did the team win and during which year?
A. 20 during the 2006-07 season
B. 19 during the 2007-08 season
C. 18 during the 2007-08 season

4. What is the men's basketball program record for victories in a season?
A. 20
B. 19
C. 18

5. What is the record for most goals scored in a single game by a Green Terror men's lacrosse player?
A. 11 (Bonus detail: accomplished by Bill Hallet in 1989.)
B. 10
C. 9

6. Who is the only known Green Terror athlete to currently hold career records in two different sports?
A. Julie Backof (Steve says: "Soccer, career saves, softball — pretty much every offensive record!")
B. Jack Keating (Steve says: "Basketball, career blocks, softball — pretty much every offensive record!")
C. Bob Sauer (Steve says: "Basketball, career points, softball — pretty much every offensive record!")

— Compiled by Director of Sports Information Luke Stillson with research assistance from Courtney Gogolinski '08 and Brian Garbutt '11.
Coming Up for Air

The walls of Kim Easterday's poolside office are lined with memories collected over 34 years of coaching. Dozens of framed certificates note records in breast-stroke, in butterfly, relay and more. Others are reminders of her 23-year career as lacrosse coach. All testify to her well-earned title as Dean of Green Terror coaches — a title she'll no doubt retain even though she relinquished her stopwatch and clipboard when the swim season ended in February.

Easterday can give you sound reasons for her decision to step down after more than three decades as men's and women's swim coach. And it's hard to argue with any of them.

First of all, Easterday and husband Steve '72 are grandparents now, and they'd like to have more time to spend with 21-month-old Sevanah, daughter of Greg '02 and Mary Easterday '04 Oravets who live in coastal New Jersey. Yes, that Mary: holder of four individual and five relay swimming records at McDaniel.

Son Matt '04 is head swim coach at King's College, four hours away in Wilkes Barre, Pa. They'd like to support and cheer him on — during the swimming season, that is.

But she's definitely not retiring.

Easterday looks forward to having more time to develop her popular fitness classes in water jogging and water aerobics. She will still be aquatics director and continue to teach lifeguarding, water safety and other classes.

"I love to teach, and teaching is like coaching," says Easterday, who holds the college record for longest run as coach. "It is rewarding to watch someone put in the hard work and succeed — when they see that they can do it. We coach because we like coaching — helping kids attain their goals in sport and in life."
Introducing Our New President

It's official: Dr. Roger N. Casey will become the new president, only the ninth to serve at the helm in the College's 142-year history. Casey, 48, the unanimous selection of the Board of Trustees, currently serves as the vice president of academic affairs and provost of Rollins College in Florida.

"During the search interviews and campus visits, Dr. Casey distinguished himself as a visionary leader who understands McDaniel's steadfast commitment to academic excellence through collaborative learning and deliberate faculty mentoring of students," said Martin K.P. Hill, chairman of McDaniel's Board of Trustees.

Casey will join the McDaniel College community in July 2010, having served at Rollins as its chief academic and student-affairs administrator since 2006, and as its dean of the faculty from 2000-06. At Rollins, Casey is responsible for academic and student affairs for three educational schools including the College of Arts and Sciences, the Crummer Graduate School of Business, and the Hamilton Holt School for Evening and Graduate Studies. In 1994, Casey was named a Fellow of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which supported his travel to 16 countries over a four-year period to examine the role of vision in the creation of community, a transformational experience that has instilled a strong sense of global and local responsibility. He has now studied and traveled in more than 60 countries.

Casey teaches media and cultural studies at Rollins and also has served on the faculties of Birmingham-Southern and Florida State, where he taught American literature, writing and drama. He has been a theatrical producer, director and actor, most recently in 2006 as F. Scott Fitzgerald in a Winter Park production of Devotedly, With Deepest Love: The Letters of Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

A native of South Carolina, Casey graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Furman University in 1983 and went on to earn both an M.A. degree and Ph.D. in English from Florida State University. He is married to Robyn Allers, who serves as the interim director of Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins.

The campus and Westminster communities rolled out the proverbial red carpet to welcome Dr. Roger N. Casey and his wife, Robyn Allers, during a January visit to their soon-to-be new home.
Newsmakers

- Assistant Professor of Philosophy Peter Bradley is the administrator and primary author of the Inquiry Project, an open-source, modular, interactive Web-based textbook for critical thinking and basic scientific reasoning courses in use on at least four campuses nationwide. He presented a talk, “Textbooks on Facebook: Social Networking and Information,” at the American Philosophical Association’s Committee on Teaching’s panel discussion in Chicago in February.

- Assistant Professor of Psychology Holly Chalk completed her licensure exam and is now a fully licensed psychologist. This professional milestone will enhance her ability to build connections and find placements for McDaniel students in clinical settings.

- Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages Jacqueline Couti was invited to be editor of Aimé Césaire’s play Une Tempête for a compilation of Césaire’s complete works by Marc Cheymol, who is directing a team of international scholars. The project is sponsored by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie and l’Institut des Textes et Manuscrits Modernes.


- Associate Professor of Art and Art History Steven Pearson was one of 13 artists chosen from 200 applicants for a 2010 solo show at the Arlington Art Center in Virginia, April 16-June 5. He was also invited to place work in a curated exhibition, “SPECTRUM: Contemporary Color Abstraction,” at the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, March 26-Aug. 1.

Ask the Expert

What happened to Maryland’s oyster industry and what is its future?
Christine Keiner ’93, associate professor of science, technology and society at Rochester Institute of Technology, and author of The Oyster Question: Scientists, Watermen, and the Maryland Chesapeake Bay since 1880:

During the heyday of the late 1800s, over 10 million bushels of oysters were harvested each year from the Chesapeake Bay. Oysters were so popular because they were cheap and railroads made it possible to transport them raw all over the country. It was said that the way you could tell the income level of someone back then was what kind of alcohol they had with their oysters: the poor had them with beer and the rich with champagne.

Since the late 19th century, there’s been a steep decline and it’s gotten to the point that Maryland oysters are almost extinct. The question now—as it has been for more than 100 years—is what to do about it. Biologists have long been saying we need to apply principles of rational conservation to the fishery and turn it over to private businesses that could establish oyster farms. But that really would have meant the end of the traditional lifestyle for Maryland’s watermen, a few of whom continue to use the pre-industrial method of tonging oysters by hand from small boats. So Maryland was really unusual in that it didn’t go the privatization route, whereas Virginia, Connecticut, Louisiana and the Pacific Northwest states did.

The main reason Maryland bucked the trend was this weird political situation that allowed the tidewater counties to have more representation in the legislature and thus more power. Scientists and other fishery scholars have usually interpreted this as a bad thing, that the watermen were totally wasteful and shortsighted and if only we had started farming oysters 100 years ago everything would be great today.

After researching the issue for the past 12 years from the perspectives of environmental, agricultural, political and social history,
I have a definite point of view about this. I don't think it's a fair assessment that Maryland was wrong not to privatize earlier. The state natural resource agency did take other steps to combat the problem by using state and industry taxes to create a regulated commons. And that approach sustained tidewater communities for decades and kept up with a consumer demand that had diminished over the years because of higher prices and health concerns. (Though no cases of typhoid were ever traced back to Chesapeake Bay oysters, outbreaks elsewhere did hurt Maryland's industry.) Not until the 1980s did a confluence of natural and unnatural disasters weaken the Bay's resilience enough to endanger the oyster resource altogether.

With the current economic crisis I think there's more pressure than ever to stop the state funding and let private entrepreneurs assume the cost of rebuilding the fishery. There's also been a loud debate over whether to introduce a non-native species from China, but that's pretty much died down. It seems that the movement toward private aquaculture is inevitable. My hope is that the transition will be as equitable as possible for all the Bay's stakeholders, especially the watermen — and that someday the Bay will once again be teeming with delicious oysters.

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**By the Numbers**

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Celebrating the “aha!” in learning

Why are we entertained by violence?
BY PEGGY FOSDICK

Shrill screams seep from 110 Hill Hall, piercing the silence of the stately hallway. None of the building’s regulars — in offices, the writing center and classrooms — even notice the not-quite-muffled shrieks echoing throughout the first floor.

But then, it is the third and final week of Joshua Baron’s Jan Term course, “Philosophy of Violent Media.” The buzz of the chain saw, the smashing and crashing of metal, the squeal of a newborn alien as it explodes from a human chest, the shrieks of Freddie Kruger’s victims — all are by now familiar sounds in this hallowed hall of learning.

“What is it that makes us want to experience, to be entertained by, something that’s unpleasant?” says Baron, an adjunct lecturer who is completing his doctoral dissertation on violent media at Temple University. “Being horrified and disgusted is unpleasant. Therefore we are enjoying what is not enjoyable.

“That is the paradox of horror.”

And the essence of Baron’s class. The students are examining the paradoxical nature of violent media — from paintings to photographs, comics to video games, sports to TV shows, movies to real violence and the Internet. They are exploring a dozen or more theories on why we choose to experience — even enjoy watching — violent media, whether in the popular TV series CSI or video games or even on the evening news.

Baron offers the theories, plays the clips and ignites discussion that can border on debate. He asks his students to consider the “Fascination Theory” as to the popularity of the 1979 sci-fi horror flick Alien and the 1982 cult classic The Thing.

“It’s not about the violence — it’s about the monsters, the supernatural. We are fascinated by the supernatural,” Baron tells the 38 students enrolled in the class that was expanded beyond its 25-student limit in response to student demand. “We wonder, ‘What is that thing? Where did it come from? Can they kill it?’

“Fascination draws us to the film and keeps us watching. Violence, horror and disgust are all secondary to the fun of that fascination.”

Well, at least that’s one theory, Baron says. All are virtually impossible to prove since there are so many variables, he says, before moving on to “The Final Girl” theory. The shrieks — on the screen, not in the class — begin with The Texas Chain Saw Massacre (1974)
through *Nightmare on Elm Street* (1984) and don't subside until the psychopathic security guard in the 2007 *P2* has been immolated on a gasoline-soaked makeshift pyre.

Baron asks his students what differences they notice about the final girl — the survivor — in the three clips. "She gets more courageous." "In early movies she needs to be rescued and later she kills her pursuer."

Baron nods. "That's right — she not only survives, she thrives," he says, adding that one aspect of the "Final Girl" theory speculates that the heroine in classic slashers, modern action movies, such as the 2001 film *Laura Croft: Tomb Raider* starring Angelina Jolie, and other movies with "hot chicks who are tough," allows men, with whom the genre is most popular, to safely entertain their repressed desire to imagine what it would be like to be a woman.

The class, about 60 percent men, erupts in discussion. Baron tosses out a comment or two, but mostly listens as his students consider the theories — disputing or agreeing with various points their professor or classmates have offered. It's exactly what the professor hoped to spark.

Even the students who are decidedly not fans of horror and slasher films are spirited contributors. "I really hate movies like this," says Echo Bein, a sophomore majoring in psychology, who took the course to add to her understanding of the disturbed adolescents she hopes someday to counsel. "I wanted to understand why anyone would watch these movies. And I have been pleasantly surprised at the theories and how they put it in perspective.

"What I've learned in class makes me less angry that violent media is produced because I have a better understanding of why people watch it."

Most of the students in the class added new perspective to their views of violent media. Junior Felipe Fonseca believes the class was a good experience — both entertaining and traumatizing.

Senior Rachel Hansen thinks the course has been very interesting, even though she registered with some reservations. "I've been watching horror films since I was 12," says junior Laura Abbasi. "I see them now from new points of view — and I found my threshold for violence."
In 2000, she became the eighth president and the first woman elected to the post in the College's history, as well as the first to be promoted to the position from the faculty ranks. She led the institution through its name change from WMC to McDaniel. During the past 10 years, she oversaw more than $45 million in campus improvements for academic study, student residential life and recreation. And she just celebrated the successful completion of the most ambitious fund-raising campaign to date, with $77 million raised. Her numerous honors will include an honorary degree from McDaniel at Commencement 2010. In addition to her many duties, the president ceremonially “rings in” the freshman class and “rings out” graduating seniors each year by sounding the Old Main bell. She will retire in June.

Who doesn't like to be first?
I'm proud to have served as this historic institution's first woman president. I haven't thought about it too much during my tenure, although it came up quite often during the name change. A lot of people brought it up to Jim Melhorn, who was Board Chair at the time. Some said, “This is what you get for hiring a woman.” Others said, “It took a woman to have the guts to do this.”

My kind of power
I have never felt that I alone wielded power. But I've been powerfully invested in this College and I think others have been swayed by my commitment. The very first call that I made to a foundation was the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. We had never, ever made any inroads to the Mellon Foundation before. I went in and walked out with a $50,000 grant that day and an invitation to come back to join a very exclusive group of up-and-coming college presidents. The vice president of the program, Mary Patterson McPherson, saw how much I believed in this institution and she knew that I really thought that this insti-
Women probably are as different as men, but I think there is an understanding — even a solidarity — among women CEOs because we’ve all traveled a more difficult path.

I’m not afraid to use the f-word

People run away from the term “feminism” now. In my opinion, the term “feminism” merely means that you believe that women deserve an equal opportunity with men. And so I certainly am a feminist.

My biggest decision as president

We’d been talking about changing the College’s name for the entire 30-some years that I’d been here on the Hill. I knew that soon after I became the president we were going to need to launch a campaign. I went to then-Board Chair Jim Melhorn and I said, “You can’t change the name of the school at the end of a campaign because people will feel like they’ve been had. You can’t change the name of the school in the middle of the campaign because people will stop giving. If we don’t change the name of the school before we start a campaign we can’t do it. So either let’s do it now or stop talking about it for the next 10 years because it’s a distraction.” And so he told me to go ahead and think about a strategy. The rest is history.

Doing the right thing wasn’t easy

Changing the name was absolutely the right decision. It was the best thing for the College and, as the president, it was now my responsibility to do what was right. I realized that not all the alumni would agree, but I never expected that people would say such horrible things to me.

Never hold a grudge

I have so much respect for Leroy Merritt ’52, who set himself up and made such a strong stand against the name change and who then came back — and gave back millions — to his alma mater with his declaration of, “I don’t hold a grudge.” What a lesson for all of us. Was I hurt by some of the nasty letters I received from alumni? Absolutely. Crushed in some cases. But I absolutely don’t hold a grudge.

A new home for my hardbacks

I have hundreds of books that I have to move out of the President’s House. I’m building thousands of dollars’ worth of bookshelves just to accommodate all my books. These are my friends. You don’t think I’m going to abandon my friends?

2 books and 2 films I enjoyed most this year

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer by Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin
The film Departures
The film For My Father

Our alums are easy to love

We have wonderful alumni and it has been fun to get to know them during numerous campus events each year and while traveling around the country for regional gatherings. Of course, I kept the best alum — my husband of three years, Lee Rice ’48.

Count me in

Talk about an honor. It will be very meaningful to receive the honorary degree and become an honorary McDaniel alumna. It’s especially meaningful because the impetus for it came from the faculty and my role as a faculty member is very important to me.

What I won’t miss

I will miss the faculty a lot; I will not miss faculty meetings.

My new BFF

I love my Kindle. I’m irrational about my Kindle. First of all I make the print bigger which is a real plus. I’m convinced that I read faster (and I’m a fast reader) with the Kindle because the print’s bigger. It’s the worst thing for impulse buying. I sit in book club and they’re talking about a book that sounds really good to me and before I know it I’m downloading it for $9.99.
Snowpocalypse Now:
With the campus covered under 54 inches of snow, student photographer Colin Miller and sophomore Joey Steinberg find new angles on the definition of cool.
CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS GOAL

More than 200 faculty and staff, joined by area trustees, gathered on campus to chant “Carpe Diem” and celebrate the most ambitious fund-raising initiative in College history. The announcement of the record-setting final sum had been gaining momentum since September when members of the Founders Society learned that the $65 million goal had passed the $77 million mark at its annual campus recognition dinner.

At its scheduled end date of Dec. 31, the final “asks” were completed, mailed checks and bank transfers calculated and signatures on pledge forms confirmed to arrive at the climactic finish. All was ready for the grand announcement, a guarded secret, during the opening of the spring semester...

Then the February blizzards forced the celebratory announcement to be postponed until Feb. 26.

"It was worth the wait," said President Joan Develin Coley, who beamed as faculty and staff chanted each figure as it was revealed, beginning with the last dollar raised. The grand total was $77,050,101. Clouds of con-
fetti were launched amidst congratulatory applause for the most successful comprehensive fund-raising accomplishment, one in which faculty and staff had led the way in 2007 during the campaign’s public phase when 68 percent made gifts and pledges totaling nearly $830,000.

“This demonstration of generosity was exceptional,” said Lee Rice ’48, trustee emeritus and chair of the Carpe Diem Campaign. “These dedicated members of the campus community certainly set the pace for trustees, alumni and friends to follow.”

Two academic years have passed since Campaign Chair Rice accurately predicted a meteoric success when he formally announced the $65 million Carpe Diem goal at the Founders Society Dinner. “I used a phrase, ‘Join the Campaign as we rocket past our $65 million goal,’ and we did. It’s been an incredible ride and one I was able to enjoy from the front seat with my arms held high,” said Rice.

“Serving as chair of the Campaign has been a great privilege and the highlight of my last 29 years of working association with and for the College,” added Rice, who with his wife, President Joan Develin Coley, have proven to be champion advocates in stating the case for support of the College’s greatest needs.

“This has been an extraordinary year, one filled with challenge, yet on our most difficult days I never doubted for a moment that this community would rise to the occasion and do what we do best: make a difference in the lives of our students,” said Coley.

“Our campus, our curriculum — our college — have
Top 10 Numbers from the Carpe Diem Campaign

- $12 million over the stated goal of $65 million for a total of $77 million, with 50 percent earmarked for endowment.
- 20 gifts of $1 million or more, including $3 million from the State of Maryland.
- $38.4 million in commitments to the endowment, as compared to $13 million to the Defining Moment campaign.

been renewed through this campaign. With the possible exception of the name change, nothing in my decade as president has been more transformative and more collaborative. For me, it was a capstone experience, and, oh my, the lessons I learned.

Coley admits that early in her presidency she lacked confidence in the expected role as fundraiser, but quickly found that this was one of the easiest of her responsibilities as president and one of the most enjoyable.

"It was easy because I believe we deserve it and I believe we are worthy of support," she adds. "Listening — really listening — to people and identifying what is meaningful to them helped me. I also learned to see fund-raising as quite noble. At the end of the day, the Carpe Diem Campaign had but one goal, one focus: our students. The campaign enables us to deliver our promise to them to provide an education that will change their lives."

And records of support were broken beyond what a 2003 feasibility study had predicted, including the setting of a dollar target for trustee gifts at $10 million.

"This major gift goal made sense to me," stated Coley, noting that trustees during the last campaign, the Defining Moment, completed in 1999, had pledged $8.4 million.

But trustees truly seized the day and tripled the earlier benchmark for a total of nearly $26 million in gifts and pledges. Moreover, they hosted and sponsored campaign events around the country where alumni and friends met to receive updates on funded initiatives and opportunities for further support.

While the number of major gifts of $25,000 or more increased 40 percent as compared to the last campaign, more than 10,000 donors made gifts of less than $25,000 — all of which demonstrates that every dollar counts.

"This campaign success reaffirms the people, place and promise that are McDaniel. Our history and traditions, some ever evolving, have been recognized and valued," said Coley.

"We made countless connections, strengthened relationships and exceeded our goal by more than $12 million during an historic downturn of our nation's economy. But let's not lose sight of what remains," said Rice. "We have unmet challenges — the $500,000 France-Merrick challenge for scholarships for Baltimore City students and the $5 million Merritt challenge for the new stadium and for renovations to residence halls."

While we have reached the proverbial moon, we're still headed for the stars.
228 donors gave $25,000 or more to the Cerpe Ijiem campaign, compared to 187 to the Defmmg Moment campaign.

Alumni accounted for nearly $49 million of the Carpe Diem campaign, up from $16.8 to Defining Moment campaign.

Carpe Diem received $2 million less in government funding than the funding than the Defining Moment campaign ($3 million vs. $5.4 million).

Trustee commitments increased three-fold to $25,710,900 from $8,338,906 to the Defining Moment campaign.

During the public phase of the Carpe Diem campaign, Sept. 30, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2009, there were 8 months in which new commitments raised totaled $1 million or more.

78 new named endowed scholarships created in the Carpe Diem campaign and 23 existing endowed scholarships received enhanced funding.

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Over 10,000 donors* below $25,000 reflect many first-time gifts and largest-ever gifts and include all Annual Fund giving since July 1, 2003.

*For a listing of all donors to the Carpe Diem Campaign, go online to www.mcdaniel.edu/carpediemreportofgifts
Campaign Leadership Gifts $25,000 and above

$5,000,000 +
Anonymous
Jerome Fader '66 & Rheda Fader
Leroy Merritt '52

$4,000,000 - $4,999,999
Alfonso Decker Trust
Martin K.P. & Kelly Hill
State of Maryland
Estate of Katherine Leidy Unger '32

$3,000,000 - $3,499,999
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Sidney Albrittain '51 & Gloria Albrittain
Joan Dewein Coley
Dittmar Company
Kenneth Gill '61 & Joanne Moffatt Gill '62
William Hancock '54 & Doris Joiner Hancock '51
JoAnn Harris-Bowshier
Edwin Herrmann '70 & Susan Burgard Herrmann '77
Richard Kittsberg '63 & Judith Callanan Kittsberg '63
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R. Christine Rober '48
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Estate of Louise Orem Hart '35
William & Lois Herr
Independent College Fund of Maryland
Peter Johnson '71
Richard Kline '57
Estate of Elizabeth J. Marshall
Charles Moore '71 & Carol Hoeircher Moore '70
Donald Rembert '61 & Judith Ellis Rembert '60

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Robert Warrenfield '62 & Margaret Hoey Warrenfield '63

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J. Elizabeth Garraway
Kevin Hanley '72 & Alice Boyer Hanley '72
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Henry Hormung
Catherine Schumm Kiddoo '46
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James Lightner '59
C. Ray Mowbray '58
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Jean Andrews Richards '45 & Donald Richards
Eleanor Richwien
Dennis Sisco '68 & Alexine Lesko
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Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program
David Wahab '55 & Suzanne Wahab
William Westervelt '71 & Laura Westervelt
Louise Scott Widdup '48

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BB&T
D. Robert Beglin '43 & Edna Haller Beglin '46
William & Margaret Blanchet
Board of Beneficence of St. John's I.M.P. Church
Jennifer Hill Bubczyn '93 & Jeffrey Bubczyn
Dale Family Charitable Lead Unitrust
John & Irene Dale
Dolly Dalgleish Darigo '51 & Carl Darigo
Arthur Vining Davis Foundations
FRED Dilks '61
William Dolany '50 & Winifred Spencer Dolany '53, MLA '78

Marjorie Roy Espenshade '76 & Park Espenschade
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
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Carol Fritz '69
Nancy Gardner Gaston '62
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Clayton Leister '67 & Jeanette Leister
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C. Victor McTeer '69
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Middendorf Foundation, Inc.
Michael Mock '73 & Catherine Mock
Chitradevu & Vimala Naganna
Charlotte Newcombe Foundation
Estate of Emeline Newman '39
William Ogden
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Sustainability is a concept that has long interested Tom Kehoe, stretching all the way back to his senior year on campus in 1988. At that time, he and his fraternity brother Jon Bovit were mostly interested in finding a way to sustain their regular consumption of high-quality beers without draining their modest savings at the local liquor store.

What started as a penny pincher’s experiment brewing British-style ales in Kehoe’s dorm has evolved to become one of Philadelphia’s first, most popular — and environmentally responsible — microbreweries. Yards Brewing Company, founded in 1994, has gained a reputation as the City of Brotherly Love’s “lean, green, brewing machine.”

Recognized with the 2010 Green Business of the Year Award by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Yards is 100 percent wind-powered, recycles all of its glass and cardboard, donates spent grains and dregs to farms for use as feed, and collects and re-uses hot water whenever possible. The floors of the brewery’s new tasting room are made from recycled concrete and coated in a sustainable compound made from soy. The warm smooth wood of the bar came from an old bowling alley, the coasters are recycled car tires, the booths and lights are secondhand and the pool table is a century old.

Of course, as commendable as these practices are, it’s the unique variety of authentic ales, stouts and porters that accounts for the growing number of thirsty devotees who have sustained Yards Brewing Company for 16 years. Yards produces 10,000 barrels per year and delivers kegs to 200 of the city’s restaurants, taverns and those hip watering holes for foodies known as “gastro-pubs.” The company distributes to the Lehigh Valley north of the city, New Jersey and Pittsburgh and this year will begin a push into Maryland and Virginia. Two years ago, the brewery relocated to a 26,000-square-foot building in Philly’s Center City, where it’s a prominent fixture along North Delaware Avenue just a few blocks away from Penn’s Landing.

“Tom’s done a great job,” says Bovit ’89, a Yards co-founder and Kehoe’s business partner for the first five years. He left the fledgling business in 1999 to pursue work that was more conducive to life with a wife and three children. “I think it’s really neat how far Yards has come.”

Indeed, Yards is a long way from its furtive beginnings on the Hill, where Bovit
It was Ben Franklin who is widely reported to have declared, "Beer is living proof that God loves us and we love beer." Ben Franklin's statement about beer being a proof of God's love has not been substantiated by historical records. It is a common myth that Franklin made such a declaration. Franklin was a significant figure in American history, known for his contributions to science, politics, and philosophy, but there is no evidence to support the claim that he made this specific statement about beer.

Beer and Ben Franklin: The Myth and the Reality

The story of Ben Franklin and beer is often told as a tale of his love for the beverage. However, the origins of this myth are unclear. Some sources attribute the quote to Franklin, while others attribute it to a later compiler. It is important to note that while Franklin was known for his wit and wisdom, there is no concrete evidence to support the claim that he made this specific statement about beer.

The Influence of Beer on Society

Beer has played a significant role in the history of society, dating back to ancient civilizations. It has been used as a medicine, a social lubricant, and a symbol of status. Beer has also been a source of revenue for many countries, with tax on beer being a significant source of income.

Beer and Science: A Historically Proven Connection

Beer has also been a source of scientific discoveries. For example, brewers have been experimenting with different malt and hops since the beginning of the craft beer movement. These experiments have led to the development of new styles of beer and the discovery of new ingredients that can be used in brewing.

Beer and Culture: A Global Phenomenon

Beer is a global phenomenon, with different cultures having their own unique styles and traditions. Beer has been an integral part of many cultures' social rituals, and it has been a source of unity and camaraderie.

In summary, while Ben Franklin's alleged statement about beer being a proof of God's love is a myth, beer has had a significant impact on society, both historically and culturally.Beer is a complex beverage that has been enjoyed for thousands of years, and it continues to evolve and change as new styles and ingredients are discovered and developed.
The guys started out in a small, garage-sized building in the newly gentrified Manayunk section of northwest Philadelphia. They crafted cask-conditioned ales on a tiny, homemade, three-barrel brewing system and did everything themselves, from production to sales to marketing. They delivered their casks by hand to a dozen bars around the city and made sure to be there whenever a new customer tapped their first one. At the time, they were the only brewery in the city to use whenever a new customer tapped their first one. At the time, they were the only brewery in the city to use.

By 1996, demand had grown sufficiently to support a move to the Roxborough section of Philadelphia, where they built a new production facility. The new brewery allowed Yards to bottle its beer for the first time and to introduce new beers, including Philadelphia Pale Ale, which the New York Times rated among the nation’s best pale ales. Brawler, a low-hops, malt-forward, mild ruby-colored brew, appealed to the mainstream. “It’s been described as a rich man’s Yuengling,” Kehoe says. With an alcohol content of a mere 4.2% (compared to India Pale Ale’s 7% and Old Bart’s 10%), the Brawler is “great for when you want to go a few rounds,” according to the advertising. The logo features a man engaged in fisticuffs with the Devil.

In 2001, Yards grew yet again. Kehoe took on new business partners and moved to the old Weisbrod & Hess Brewery in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. In 2003, Yards partnered with City Tavern, a reconstruction of the historic tavern that was a favorite of the nation’s founding fathers, to develop a new line called Ales of the Revolution. That collection of beers was derived from the historic recipes of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin and incorporates unusual ingredients like spruce essence and molasses since barley and hops were not available.

Of course, it was Ben Franklin who is widely reported to have declared, “Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.” That sentiment goes double for Kehoe, whose job it is to spread the joy. He’s still up to his old antics, too, and can often be seen creatively marketing his product in taverns around Philadelphia and beyond. His slow dance with an empty firkin (a cask ale container) at the Hulmville Inn and his turn as a sumo wrestler in the “Throwdown in Franklintown” during last year’s Philadelphia Beer Week can both be viewed on YouTube.

“T’ll definitely ham it up for beer,” Kehoe says.

And why not? Beer has certainly been good to him. Kehoe even met his wife, Common Pleas Judge Linda Carpenter, at a pub during a Yards promotional event.

This is not to suggest that the business is all fun and games. In 2007, disagreements over the brewery’s future prompted a split between Kehoe and his latest partners. Kehoe kept the business name and the recipes but had to find a new location. The mammoth Delaware Avenue building, once home to a foundry, is ideal. But it took over a year — until Labor Day 2008 — to get it up and running as a brewery and the tasting room only just opened in January.

On a recent February morning, the vibe in the new place is upbeat, despite a wicked windstorm the previous day that knocked out several gigantic windows in the brewery. Kehoe employs a team of 16, including an electrical engineer who runs the plant, and they both seem to take the setback in stride. In fact, Kehoe is wondering whether this might be an opportunity to try an energy-efficient acrylic block in place of the glass in the windows.

The aroma of bread, baked fresh from spent grains used first to make beer, hangs alluringly in the air by the bar. The bottling operation sprawls out of sight in another area of the building. Through the two-story glass walls, it is possible to view the brewery, with its array of gleaming vats that reach almost to the ceiling. The high-tech equipment offers Yards beers something new — “consistency,” Kehoe says. “When it’s out there in the trade it’s more stable.”

As far as he’s concerned, the sky’s the limit for Yards Brewing Company. LaGrua, a shareholder in the business who gets several cases of his favorite Love Stout and Brawler every time he visits, says Yards is definitely growing in the right direction. “The beer he’s brewing now is the better than anything he’s made in his entire career,” he says. “I wish I had one right now.”

### Words You Can Drink

#### Ale

Beers distinguished by use of top-fermenting yeast strains, which perform at warmer temperatures than do yeasts used to brew lager beer, and their by-products are more evident in taste and aroma. Ales have higher alcohol contents, more robust flavor and deeper hues than lagers.

#### Hops

Hops, from the Humulus lupulus plant or vine, are what make beer bitter.

#### Lager

Beers produced with bottom-fermenting yeast strains at colder fermentation temperatures than ales. This cooler environment creates a crisp flavor.

#### Porter

A really dark sweet ale brewed from roasted unmalted barley.

#### Stout

A type of beer that utilizes top-fermenting yeasts and is characterized by its dark color and roasted flavor. Stout beer achieves its taste and color by being brewed with a heavily kilned malt.
for Love and Honor
Pam Regis Teaches Respect for the Romance Novel
By Peggy Fosdick and Kim Asch
"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife."

The imitable opening sentence of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, first published to wide acclaim in 1813 and now a bona fide classic, fairly dances off the tongue of Professor of English Pam Regis. It is the second class of the spring semester and she stands happily before her students to recite the delicious line, a brilliant combination of playful and shrewd.

This is going to be a good day and a very good few months for the self-confessed "Janeite," as Rudyard Kipling dubbed Austen fans. Regis says she relishes the opportunity to share one of her favorite authors with a new generation. She also looks forward to systematically debunking, as she has done steadfastly over decades of rigorous academic research and writing, the myth that romance novels are not worthy of serious study. Anybody would agree that the 19th-century British author's six novels, including *Emma* and *Sense and Sensibility*, rise to the standard of quality literature, Regis explains. But describe Austen as the quintessential romance writer and there's an outcry.

In fact, Regis says, Austen is a "genius" of the genre. "Austen is the best — she deploys the structure better than anyone has," she continues. "When I teach Austen, I teach, among other theories, my view of her work through my work on romance."

What's more, Regis argues, quality romances didn't begin or end with Austen. And it's high time romance fiction got a little respect. Thanks in large part to her groundbreaking book, *A Natural History of the Romance Novel*, that time is near.

Romance fiction is the best-selling genre of popular literature, accounting for more than $1 billion in annual sales and outselling both mysteries and science fiction fantasies. Although its 8,000 new titles each year are read by 51 million people, the romance novel has traditionally been dismissed
LISA DALE, who graduated in 2002 as Lisa VanAuken, tells stories from her heart. But that doesn’t mean they are sappy or suffer from poor prose and near-pornographic sensibilities.

Her first two romance novels, *Simple Wishes* and *It Happened One Night*, were both published in 2009 by Forever, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing. Each features strong, complex heroines who must overcome emotional obstacles in order to achieve a happy union with their life partners. The writing is interesting and insightful, the characters memorable and the dialogue believable.

Despite her credentials: an MFA in Fiction from Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she was the 2007-2008 assistant editor of The Literary Review, and nominations for the Pushcart Prize and Best New American Voices, she still runs smack into some disturbing misconceptions about what she does. She recounts a recent experience at an academic function when she told a scholar of some renown that she wrote romance novels. “You mean rape books,” the woman said.

“I nearly fell off my chair; I was horrified. It turned out that she hadn’t read a romance since the 1980s, but she was sure that they were all about men raping (or quasi-raping) women,” Dale recalls. “Obviously I’m not writing 'rape books.' And I doubt any romance writer today would say she was. The days of grossly unbalanced power dynamics in sex scenes are long gone — modern women simply wouldn’t stand for it.”

Dale is clearly giving modern women what they want. She just signed a two-book deal that may shift her positioning within the romance genre. Berkley (a division of Penguin) will publish the new titles as trade paperbacks, as opposed to her current mass-market category.

by literary critics and academics as silly, crass, formulaic, and worse.

In the early years of Regis' scholarly attention to romance fiction, she stood essentially alone and was criticized and all but ostracized from the academic community when she presented a paper describing Jane Austen as a romance writer.

Although nearly 20 years have passed, Regis will always remember it as her Davy Crockett moment since the paper was delivered in San Antonio, home of the Alamo, where the famed frontiersman and statesman took a stand — and perished.

“Oh, it was ugly. I was under siege,” Regis recalls. “They attacked. They handed me my head.”

The harsh criticism rattled the young professor, but she was steadfast.

ARMED WITH A JOHNS HOPKINS PH.D. and "an old-fashioned" literary education that covered all the great works in English from medieval to 17th century to the Romantics to the entire span of American lit., Regis became interested in applying her classically trained intellect to the serious study of romance for two reasons.

First, a friend from graduate school, Dr. Kathleen Gilles Seidel, chose to pursue a career as a romance novelist instead of as a college professor and Regis became a fan of Seidel's work. (Regis cites *Again*, whose heroine is the creator and writer of a soap opera set in the period of the English Regency, as an example of a modern romance "so masterful that it leaves no doubt as to the vitality of the form in contemporary hands.")

Second, all of the romance criticism in circulation when she began thinking about the form in the early '80s was condemnatory of popular romance fiction and condescending about its fans. “Only a small number of other scholars were studying those texts, and virtually all of them came to the works either with a political bias or with an interest that was more sociological than literary. Pam was one of the first to approach the books with the classical tools of literary criticism,” says Seidel.

Feminist Germaine Greer blamed women romance writers — and they were mostly all women — for “cherishing the chains of their bondage” and subsequent critics fretted that the genre celebrated patriarchy and instilled a complacency among women with their lesser lot in life.

“I simply refused to believe that women were as de-luded and as duped as the earlier critics implied,” Regis says. “My answer to these critics was A Natural History of the Romance Novel.”

Published by University of Pennsylvania Press in 2003, Regis' treatise counters the conventional wisdom that romances started with the popular Harlequins of the 1950s. Instead, it places the genre within a rich and respectable literary history, tracing it all the way back to Samuel Richardson's 1740 blockbuster hit, *Pamela*, and on through Austen, Forster's *A Room With a View* and E.M. Hull's *The Sheik* in 1919.

She defines the romance novel as “the story of the courtship and betrothal of one or more heroines,” and notes eight essential elements of the story.
No matter what obstacles the heroes and heroines encounter along the way, a romance novel must have a happy ending, Regis says. Critics have claimed that this mandate means the storyline is limiting or “formulaic.” Regis counters that the people who fixate on the ending “miss the point.” Romance novels explore universally important questions about the nature of love, the nature of happiness and broader social ideas. These stories, Regis insists, are all about the journey, about how the protagonists overcome obstacles — both external and internal — so that they can become free to choose.

Only two references to sex scenes show up in Regis’ book because, she explains, “for most of the history of romance there aren’t any sex scenes.” The Sheik included references to physical passion and those, “happened ‘off stage.’ She doesn’t dramatize them but we certainly know it has happened.” Not until the 1970s were sex scenes common, and in some romances there still are no sex scenes.

Lusty passages are not necessarily what attracts Regis to romances — she says she is most interested in getting to know strong female heroines and enjoys the community of women depicted in the novels. Still, she says, hot sex scenes have their rightful place in quality romances, such as Seidel’s Again, Jennifer Crusie’s Bet Me and Nora Roberts’ Loving Jack.

“The study of these books is bringing women’s sexual fantasies, their sexual life, their representation of themselves in sexual circumstances, out of the dark corner and I think that has value,” she says.

Over the past decade, other literature professors have begun to take a serious view of romance novels — many inspired by Regis’ book. Eric Selinger, a literature professor at DePaul University who has published a book about love in American poetry and received several National Endowment of the Humanities grants for teaching poetry, is among them. He says his eyes were opened after his wife passed along her copy of the chick-lit classic Bridget Jones’s Diary.

“She was having such a good time with it I figured I could use a laugh, I’ll try it,” he recalls. He was hooked. Together, he and his wife began working their way through a list of books their local library created, “If you liked Bridget Jones’s Diary, you’ll also like…” He began to wonder, “Why was it that there was this vast swath of literature of love I’d never paid attention to?”

Around the same time, he discovered Regis’ A Natural History of the Romance Novel. “It was a career-changing experience for me,” he says. “The biggest crucial difference Pam’s scholarship has made is that you can approach these novels as works of art.”

At the same time serious scholarship of romance has grown, so has its number of readers. And they aren’t afraid to admit it. Women — intellectuals — from Wall Street to Main Street read Harlequin imprints in plain view. On the subway and in the neighborhood park they openly consume such titles as Sizzle and Burn by Jayne Ann Krentz and The Edge of Desire by Stephanie Laurens. And they unabashedly clamor for more.

“It’s nothing I’m ashamed of,” says Beth White Werrll ’83, an English major who makes her living as a marketing copywriter. She prefers stories with “a little more grit” by authors like Christina Dodd, who writes in the romantic suspense and paranormal subgenres. She’s also an active member of the Maryland Romance Writers Association and is working on her first novel. “I’m tired of hearing about the economy and bombings. There’s something rich and satisfying about stories about relationships and overcoming the obstacles to true love and intimacy.”

Today, Regis is widely regarded as a leading scholar of the romance genre. She has been quoted in newspaper and magazine articles and invited to speak at conferences, including the July 2009 national convention of the 10,000-member-strong Romance Writers of America and a scholarly conference last April called “Love as the Practice of Freedom? Romance Fiction and American Culture,” hosted by that bastion of academic respectability, Princeton University.

Recently, she was named vice president of the newly formed International Association for the Study of Popular Romance, an organization founded by Selinger and Sarah Frantz to further scholarship in the academic field and to publish the Journal of Popular Romance Studies, which debuted this spring.

Regis points to a 10-page profile of wildly popular romance writer Nora Roberts in the June 22, 2009 New Yorker as evidence of the genre’s upgrade in status. Despite Roberts grossing $60 million a year in sales and her perpetual place on The New York Times Bestseller List, her books had been largely ignored by the literary press. The profile is respectful, even admiring, and Regis is quoted in it “because of my having made the point that the romance is not just trash,” she says.

Regis says she hopes that serious attention by the academy will lead to serious attention by reviewers, which will culminate in the happy result that more readers discover the best the genre has to offer. After all, she says, with thousands of new titles published every year, “somebody has to do the sorting.”

In the meantime, she and her students will savor the rest of their semester in the fine company of Fitzwilliam Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet, Elinor Dashwood and Edward Ferrars, Emma Woodhouse and George Knightley, and all the other heroes and heroines in Austen’s Regency England. Perhaps Austen herself said it best: “Let other pens dwell on guilt and misery.”

**Ten Novels on the Pam Regis “Keepers” Shelf**

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Again by Kathleen Gilles Seidel

Bet Me by Jennifer Crusie

Loving Jack by Nora Roberts

A Room with a View by E.M. Forster

Indigo by Beverly Jenkins

Vivia; or The Secret of Power by E.D.E.N. Southworth

Pamela; or, Virtue Rewarded by Samuel Richardson

A Civil Contract by Georgette Heyer

Phyllida and the Brotherhood of Philander by Ann Herendeen

Spring 2010
class notes

News and views about life since college
Toivo E. Puro still resides in Richmond, Ky. He credits Dr. Spicer and WMC for giving him that boost in the right direction. Without his education and training from the Hill, he would not have begun training in the engineering department, which led him to nearly 40 years as an ordnance weapons engineer.

Your replies were very encouraging. It is amazing that so many are able to be so active.

Dot Hull Brown says at 94 her activities are limited but she is still playing bridge once a week. She goes on short trips with one of her daughters. She enjoys reading, crosswords and Jeopardy. She visited Sue Hance Clabaugh and keeps in touch with Caroline Smith Dudley '38. Dot misses Margaret Hoshall Burch who died January 28, 2009. Dot has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Dot was one of the three of us at the last reunion in 2007.

Margaret “Margie” Hoshall Burch died on January 28 after a full life in education, church and community activities. Margie and I were roommates our sophomore year.

Peggy Young Bailey says life goes on, and on, and on. She has 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grands and one great-great-grand.

Sue Hance Clabaugh is doing very well. At 94 she drives herself to church and the beauty shop. She also plays lots of bridge and enjoys going to the library.

Ralph Luman and his wife live in a five-room apartment in a retirement community in southeast Virginia Beach. They enjoy visiting musical groups.

Fred Tyrrell is living in a senior retirement community. He is still involved in Kiwanis and church. He remembers his years at Western Maryland with deep appreciation as his springboard into a life of service.

I have no idea how long I have been the class news reporter but the time has come for me to give up my position. Sometimes it has been difficult to find the time to do the reporting but I enjoyed very much writing about your activities, achievements, travels, and accomplishments over problems and ailments.

Becky Groves Smith, William Hill Manor Room 87 501 Dutchman’s Lane, Easton, MD 21601
**1939**

**E. Allison Ford** moved to a retirement home after the death of his wife. He's lived in Salt Lake City since 1983. In June '09, he flew up to Anchorage, Alaska and visited his youngest daughter in Seward. While there, he took a cruise on Cruise West to the glaciers. His daughter has since moved to Onalaska, Wis. In July, he visited his granddaughter and her husband in California. Last November they had a baby girl. Now he's a great-grandpa. Last October he visited his oldest daughter in Ohio where they retired after living in Germany for more than 30 years. While there, they flew up to Appleton, Wis., for a grandson's wedding.

**Louise Leister Hairley** flew up to Maryland for her 70th college reunion. She thought it was nice to be up north for a while. Louise is so proud of her twin granddaughters, Helen and Katherine. Katherine, the youngest by 13 minutes, is a veterinarian. The graduation ceremony was held at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Katherine spent three years on the Island of Grenada and one year at the University of Tennessee where she is now employed. Her grandfather taught there briefly and her great-great grandfather was once president. He has a building named in his honor.

Helen, the older twin, is employed at a Bethesda Veterinarian Hospital and lives in Washington, D.C., with her Great Dane. She volunteers at the zoo every Monday. Louise enjoys life at Freedom Village in Bradenton, Fla., where she plays cards, takes exercise classes and participates in various activities. The food is especially good. Her son, John, planned a birthday luncheon for 40 guests on March 28. She sends greetings to her relatives and friends up north.

**1940** **Reunion April 30 – May 2, 2010**

**Ethel Barnes Berry** and husband are quite happy in Salisbury, Md. Their family remains heavily involved in sports. Their great-granddaughter makes their day. Ethel knits caps for little ones in the hospital. They spend a good time watching the Ravens. Her husband is a bird carver and carved a raven with his black coat and fully formed wings. It will be placed in the Wildlife Museum in Salisbury.

**Grace Smith Dougherty** says hello again to classmates who are still reading these greetings. She recently read passages from *Fearless and Bold* and felt thankful that WMC brought us all together. Grace has had a good year. She attended her grandson’s wedding in Maine in June. She and **Kay Fertig Higgins** enjoy being connected by phone now and then. Grace sends many good wishes to all.

**Blanche Scott Jourdan** sends greetings to fellow classmates of ’40! She is counting her blessings, is in reasonably good health and maintains her own home in Darlington, Md. Her activities include playing bridge, luncheons with friends and various church activities. She is fortunate to have her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren close by to help with her needs.

**1942**

**Gladys Crowson Crabb** is still swimming and driving. She hopes the Lord will let her know when to stop driving. Gladys’s son and daughter-in-law moved from Tennessee to a few miles from her in order to “take care of his aging mother” according to her son. She still enjoys judging essay contests and editing former student’s writings. Several students have published books.

Sadly, Gladys can no longer keep pets so she feeds all of the neighborhood cats and dogs that she can entice to visit. Gladys walks with a cane to help keep her “upright.” She sends greetings to fellow classmates from Georgia.

**Janus Yentsch Ellenburg** lives in a lovely retirement home in Farragut, Tenn. She loves the gourmet menus and delicious desserts and the flowers in the courtyard with fish! She enjoys visits from her relatives, trips, playing bridge and other games.

**Elmer Evans** lost his wife, Elizabeth, in December ’08 after 60 years of marriage. He’s still trying to adjust to single life. If the weather permits, he fishes near his home in Cinnaminson, N.J. He occasionally visits his daughter and son-in-law in Florida. His son lives in New Hope, Pa., where he runs a business. Elmer sends his regards to fellow classmates. He says it was an experience never to be forgotten.

Things have been relatively quiet for **Don E. Griffin** and wife who plan one trip out of the state a year. Two granddaughters and a nephew married last summer. His grandson, wife and three great-grandchildren came back home after five years in Taiwan. His daughter who has been home for a while went back to West Africa where she lived and worked for the past 25 years. Don took up a new career in acting with the local drama club. He played a senile old man. Don said he could play the part without much acting. Don lives in Lake City, Iowa.

**Jane Mellor Riehl** sends greetings from a new independent facility at The Villages in Florida after living in New Hampshire for the last 11 years.

**Florence Barker Yarrison** is alive and well living in Solomon’s Nursing Center Room #58, 13325 Dowell Road Solomons, MD 20688; Phone number 410/394-1254. She is happy to receive phone calls, cards or letters and will respond.
Francis “Bud” Blair and Gerry, his wife of 62 years, are enjoying each other and all Hernando, Fla., has to offer. Bud wasn’t able to make it to the Homecoming weekend ’09 but Benjamin “Bud” Smith ’43 promised to extend best wishes to the Preachers and other classmates. Bud would love to golf but hasn’t swung a club in almost four years. He and Gerry play bridge, Mahjong and work out. They have two children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren who are wonderful. They love spending time with the family during the holidays.

Winifred Wareheim Conner is enjoying life and three great grandchildren. Last summer she and daughter Amy went on a 14-day trip to Europe. They flew to Budapest, boarded a river cruiser and sailed up the Danube and Rhine Rivers to Amsterdam. Each day they disembarked to visit a city and enjoyed seeing all the castles on the Rhine.

Last fall Margaret Louise Fox Dubin spent 10 days in the hospital and lost 10 pounds. She would like to hear from her fellow classmates. Her son, Tom, helps her a lot at her home in Baltimore, Md.

Josh and Pat Patterson ’48 Ensor are blessed and grateful for fine health and lead busy lives in Carroll Lutheran Village with a host of alumni in Westminster, Md. For the 24th year they’ll leave for their condo in Melbourne, Fla., on the Atlantic shore and return to Maryland in the spring for planting his garden. They were able to attend the first football game with their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson and granddaughter-in-law (all WMC grads). Josh and Pat saw C. Frasier and Lee Beglin ’47 Scott. They say they feel lucky to live at Maplewood Retirement Center in Bethesda, Md. It’s a lovely, well operated place. Their daughter, Martha, is the head mistress of St. Paul School in Alexandria, Va. Their daughter, Sue, works at Mellon Art at the Smithsonian. They visit each week with their husbands and grandchildren. They enjoy knowing about class members and receiving 50 Christmas greetings from the classes of ’43 to ’47. Their visits to the Hill are heartwarming and encourage them to send applicants. It’s one great college with wonderful alums.

Eleanor Healy Taylor is well and stays busy with many things including her grandchildren who range from the first grade through college. She has many sporting and social events to attend. She continues to write a weekly newspaper column, sing in the church choir, teach Sunday school and worries about the political trends in D.C. She is grateful every day for good health and calls Glyndon, Md., home. Sara Belle Veale Walker (now deceased) was her travel companion. She was in Durham County, England and London this past August.

Eleanor Healy Taylor continues to write a weekly newspaper column, sing in the church choir, teach Sunday school and worries about the political trends in D.C.
from Naples, Fla., where she is about to begin another season at the Naples Philharmonic. It is such a joy to her. She was able to entertain about 35 alumni for a luncheon. The affair made her feel much closer to the College.

Dick and Jean Lamoreau ’42 Baker also reside at Glenview Place proving that it is a small world.

Jean Anderson Markowitz writes that she is still alive and kicking in Ohio. After retiring 24 years ago, she got into quilt making and is still there though not as prolific as she once was. She has four wonderful grandchildren who are now morphing into rotten teenagers and reminding her of their parents when they did the same. Since the parents eventually emerged as functioning adults she assumes that they will too and hopes to live long enough to see it. Jean would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

Marjorie Little Zerkel and husband Bernie continue to live near the college and participate in college activities. Their major interests are church and their eight great-grandchildren, four in Texas and four are in Westminster. They truly enjoy staying in touch with family and friends across the country.

1947

Emajane Hahn Baker and husband Holmes reported that retirement living in Frederick, Md., is keeping them well and happy. After a long wait they were blessed with three great-grandchildren in 14 months.

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Miller Lechliter is so proud of her granddaughter, Lydia, who graduated from Shenandoah University this past June. Lydia’s father, Richard Lechliter, is the mayor of Ridgely, WVa., and a veterinarian who is the clinic inspector for the state of West Virginia. Betty’s other two granddaughters, Elisa and Monica Grieco, are in California. One is married and going to school and her sister is a sophomore at Westmont College in Santa Barbara. Last Thanksgiving, both families met in Zion National Park in Utah for a long weekend together. Betty makes her home in Beaver Falls, Pa.

When Helen Franz Loper graduated in 1947, she was armed with a great education and the fondest of memories. She was an only child and was labeled as an individual. She still is. The best of all lessons was the one from Dr. Earp's class on choosing a soul mate. She and husband Keye have been together for 61 years and make their home in Hagerstown, Md.

Alleck Resnick works as a real estate attorney in Baltimore, Md. He and his wife are thrilled to have a beautiful and healthy great-grandchild. He rarely misses a home football game and continues to serve as an emeritus trustee.

Ken Volk stays busy by playing tennis, cricket and bridge several times a week. He and his wife, Nancy, reside at Blakehurst Retirement Home in Baltimore, Md.

Carl Webb started out as a class member of 1944, but along with a number of others was welcomed back from World War II by the class of ’47. Thank you ’47. Everything seems to be going well there in the northwest. Carl still enjoys woodworking in his spare time but as time wears on he seems to get less done in more time. He says that’s OK as there are no deadlines. His eight grandchildren range in age from 5 to 24. His only granddaughter, Tobie, decided to forgo a career as a concert guitarist and is now in her third year of dental school in Oregon. Grandson Jake will graduate from the Naval Academy in May and they will be back in Annapolis to celebrate. The other six grandchildren are progressing nicely. He sends best wishes to his former classmates.

It’s an honor and pleasure to report the news from the members of the Honor Class. Thank you for sharing your lives with me year after year.

Rhonda J. Myers ’88
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1949

Jim Formwalt had a wonderful time at the 60th reunion in May and says many of the girls still look great. He is still living in his home in Catonsville, Md. After his wife died almost three years ago his youngest son moved in with him, which is a big help. He is on his way to his 85th birthday, but still feeling great.

Sam Keiffer retired from his position as director of transportation at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. Since then he was a consultant with the International Airlines Travel Agent Network and the Airlines Reporting Corporation. Both organizations are owned by various airlines. He also received many awards this past year including being honored by the Office of the Maryland Governor as Volunteer of the Year this past May, being recognized as a VIPS (Volunteer in Police Service) by the Calvert County (Md.) Board of Commissioners, the Calvert County Office of the Sheriff and the Maryland State Police, and he received a 60-year award as a member of the Masonic Order in the State of Maryland in July.

Howard Hall still lives in Heritage Harbor, a retirement community in Annapolis, Md. He stays involved in many volunteering opportunities — including volunteering at the 1724 Anne Arundel Free School, a living-history museum; editor of the Baldwin Memorial Methodist Church newsletter; member of the Scholarships for Scholars Board of Directors; a tour guide at Government House; a church historian; and he does a wide variety of activities with the Anne Arundel Retired Educators Association. He and his wife, Janelle, also enjoy traveling to places such as sites in the U.S., Europe, the Orient, and other interesting spots while on cruises. They occasionally take trips with his college roommate, Luther Shepherd, and his wife, Howard’s one grandchild is a freshman at the University of Maryland, which is convenient for them when they need some chores done.

Helen Miles Dubel and Bob ’48 are enjoying life at the Glen Meadows Retirement Community in Baltimore County. Helen is rejoicing that Bob has completed his term as president of the Residents’ Association. Helen and Bob remain addicted to travel. They have visited 71 countries and all seven continents. Last March they visited Peru and Ecuador, including the Galapagos. In January they will travel to Egypt and Jordan.

Claude and Anne Libis recently moved to the Glen Meadows Retirement Community. They have joined fellow classmates Fletcher and Maradell Clayton Ward and Bob ’48 and Helen Miles Dubel. Western Maryland classes of ’48 and ’49 are well represented in the community. Fletcher is completing a term as at-large member of the resident council. Helen has completed outstanding water colors and oil paintings, some of which have been on display at the resident gallery. Claude and Anne just returned from South Carolina where they participated in the annual gathering of the McCaskill Clan (Anne’s heritage). They also spent a long weekend camping in the Poconos. Their children, Claudia and Kenneth, believe camping to be the wrong word when their time was spent in a rather luxurious motor home.

George A. Coulter writes that he can not believe that more than 60 years have gone by since graduating. He has seen some rough times in the past few years battling gout, old-aged chicken pox, an aortic valve that is closing, and a retina disease in his left eye that left him with a nearly blind eye as a result.
But none of this can stop him from playing a round of golf each week — from the white tees, walking and all 18 holes — with his brother. He also enjoys the special times he gets to spend with his little great-great-niece who comes to visit and play blocks on the floor. His wife, Helen, is in good health. He keeps in good spirits by remembering a quote an old golfer told him one day, "It's a good day. I am here (on the golf course)."

Frank Stephenson writes that he had a very enjoyable time at the 60th class reunion at McDaniel in May. In August, his son, David, and daughter-in-law, Linda, visited from Fairbanks, Alaska. Fortunately the economic downturn has not negatively impacted his accounting business. Also in September his daughter, Tracey, and son-in-law, Eric, moved from Accident, Md., to Ocean City. They are now working for a builder on Sunset Island and are in charge of property sales and rentals. Their children, Nicole and Eric Jr., are both attending the University of Maryland. His other daughter, Judy, was recently named Small Business Leader of the Year by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. She is the president of a small company that specializes in computer software use training for Washington area government organizations and businesses.

Jim Leonard writes the last spring he spent a weekend at "Hamden," near Trappe, a home for four generations of his family. His dad traveled from there by buggy, steamboat, and train to Western Maryland College, graduating in 1906. His visit was a time of rediscovery for him. All is well for him and his family in Albany, NY.

Jane Conaway Wagner writes about all the highlights of her 2009 year. She and her husband visited Smith Mountain Lake with family, her three sons, four grandchildren, and one granddaughter and a few friends in August. They also toured New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, the Grand Canyon, and Indian villages. The Wagners also visited Howard ’50 and Jean Daughtrey Myers at Lorian Rehab in Taneytown, Md. They went to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pa., and planned to go to the Meyerhoff for the B.S.O. Christmas show in December. Jane has retired as an organizer at Calvary Methodist Church after 24 years.

Peter Callas enjoyed the class of ’49 reunion in May. He found it nice to see his classmates. For the past two years he has visited friends in Sweden and relatives in Greece. He spoke with Chris Nikolakopoulos ’50, but didn’t meet him. Chris seems to be doing well and enjoying retirement. At home Pete has been keeping up with a daily routine of housekeeping, gardening and attending board meetings of non-profit groups that assist veterans, the disabled, seniors, and our state’s retired teachers. He serves on the State Legislature Committee representing retired educators. For many years he has worked to raise money for the Glenn Miller

family

Over the Rainbow

Stacey Roach ’03 proposed to the love of her life at the top of a roller coaster at Hershey Park. "Quick, put on the ring," she said. "We’re going down!"

The setting of her proposal was no implied metaphor, Stacey says, but merely a characteristically zany way to pop the question to her girlfriend, Megan Hykes. Despite the fact that same-sex marriage is still not legal in Maryland, she describes her journey to wedded bliss as pretty much all ups with very few if any downs.

"We debated whether to go somewhere just the two of us to get married in a state where it would be legal, but we wanted everyone there," she says, explaining their decision to have a commitment ceremony on Dec. 6 at an event hall near where Stacey grew up in Sparrows Point, Md. "The wedding was perfect. All of our friends and family were with us. We danced. It was really a lot of fun."

A reverend from a gay-lesbian church performed the service. Both brides had a wedding party of guys and girls. Megan, who had her last name legally changed to Roach, wore a traditional white dress while Stacey opted for a formal white suit. The couple marched one another down the aisle to a Hawaiian version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Tim Saul ’03 was Stacey’s "man of honor."

"Tim and I have been best friends since our freshman year. We met our very first day on campus," Stacey says. Sometime during that first semester, when she started to "figure things out" about her sexual orientation, she decided she needed to come out to Saul. "We were sitting at Pizza Hut and I’m freaking out, getting ready to tell him," Stacey recalls. Saul was unfazed. "He said, ‘Oh yeah, I knew that. So what are you gonna’ have to eat?’"

That easygoing acceptance was, for the most part, "the norm for me on campus," Stacey says. And becoming active as president of Allies, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at McDaniel, "really helped me come into my own and be comfortable with who I am," she adds. Now a program manager for new hires at the Department of Defense, the communication major also is active in the gay-lesbian employee resource group at work.

Much has changed in the recent past regarding rights for same-sex couples, Stacey says, "but we’re still not as 100 percent covered as opposite-

sex couples." For example, Stacey and Megan had to jump through hoops to become each other’s power of attorney. And changing Megan’s last name wasn’t a piece of cake, either. "That’s where there’s a twinge of frustration."

For their honeymoon, the Roaches, who are "huge hockey fans," traveled north to Boston, where they watched the Winter Classic at Fenway Park. Stacey’s dad and stepmom presented them with matching jerseys with their last name emblazoned with the number 31 — the day they were legally married in a Massachusetts civil ceremony.
Campaign Cheering Section

Having served on the Board of Trustees since 1976, Bill Dulany ’50 (left) wouldn’t miss the opportunity to celebrate the success of the most comprehensive campaign in the College’s history. Jim Lightner ’59, college historian and professor emeritus of mathematics, confirms the numbers exceeded all expectations. Read more about the Carpe Diem campaign on page 14.

Birthplace Society, in Clarinda, Iowa, to build a G. M. Museum, which will be opening in the spring of 2010. Locally they have had the Miller Orchestra to raise money for local veterans’ medical needs.

Doris Ritter Ensminger and husband Bill attended the 60th reunion and found it to be an unbelievable experience. They found it to be a real joy to see classmates who are still actively enjoying life. They would like to thank all the people who made this year’s rainy event fun even though Doris had to stand barefoot in the wet grass for the class photo. They hope to see everyone in 2014.

Jim Ogden stays busy by teaching an adult Sunday school class at Trinity UMC, helping with other church activities, gardening and tending to his hybrid tea rose bushes. In his leisure time he reads mostly histories and biographies. His travel is pretty much limited to trips to Georgia to visit his son and his family.

William Seibert is celebrating 63 years of marriage, a wonderful marriage to his high school girlfriend. His daughter, Melissa, is enjoying much success as a software engineer for Blue Cross. His son, Dave ’76, is starting his 30th year as head baseball coach of McDaniel College. His son, Dan, has been serving as a physician in Littlestown for 29 years. His grandson, John, son of his daughter, Sue Seibert Bentham ’70, and her husband, Jack ’69, gave them two great-grandchildren.

Robert Gemmill is still living in the same place in Towson, Md. He has retired and he lost his wife, Anna, in March ’08. He visits Dunkin Donuts three times a week and has met some retired engineers. Due to all the good times he had at Western Maryland College, he signed his insurance to Western Maryland College.

Lloyd and Charlotte Goodrich Hoover have been living happily at Homewood Retirement Center in Frederick, Md., for four years. Lloyd “Bob” is still active and serves as a member of Frederick County’s Commission on Aging. Charlotte still paints and has developed a gallery for resident’s art work in their community. They often see other McDaniel College alumni in their retirement center including Emajane Hahn Baker ’47 and Holmes, and Carroll ’45 and Nan Austin ’47 Doggett. They also play bridge with Gay Smith Mullican, who lives in nearby Frederick. They recently celebrated their 60th anniversary this year with a cruise accompanied by five of their family members and later a dinner with all of their extended family members. They have three children, two grandchildren, and two in-laws. They feel blessed to be still alive at this time of life and send their love to all of their fellow WMC acquaintances.

Anna Englar Martin is enjoying living back in Westminster at Carroll Lutheran Village. There are many activities locally she enjoys participating in, but she also enjoys theater trips to Baltimore, traveling to Russia and Greece, and volunteering at the aquarium in Baltimore once a week.

George Walters enjoyed the recent ’49 class reunion. He is trying to recover from gall bladder surgery and Bells Palsy on the right side of his face. He is pleased to learn that he is included in all five Who’s Who directories: Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in the World, Who’s Who in Finance and Business, Who’s Who in American Education, and Who’s Who in the 21st Century. He is also included in the American Biographical Institute Dictionary — 500 Greatest Geniuses of the 21st Century in 2009. During his two years at McDaniel College, he “became aware that a purpose in life is to produce outstanding results, which benefit mankind, and to do so concurrently while implementing a second principle: brightness and smartness are not enough. However, brightness and smartness together with integrity will always carry the day.”

Duane Boyer stays busy in Australia spending several days a week volunteering. On Tuesdays he works at Outpost, which serves lunch to people who are unemployed. On Wednesdays he does counseling and interviewing at Uniting Care and issues food and clothing vouchers to people who are “down and out.” This is very rewarding for him, but very unsettling when he hears some of their stories. Earlier this year his brother, Roger Saltzgaver ’42, passed away.

Gay Smith Mullican writes that Betty Lou Glostefly Hummel and Jean Knox Jackson visited her in Frederick last June. The three of them had missed the 60th reunion on the Hill, so they had a wonderful time catching up on all the happenings of the past 60 years. She also spent five delightful days in Olympia, Wash., with Betty Lou. Her days are full with strength training at the senior center and swimming at the Hood College pool. She has cut back on her volunteer time with the Literacy Council and no longer gives her math skills at the workshops. Life for Gay is full but slower.

Helen Lavin Bell writes with good news that the Riverside Art Museum has selected a “quick draw” plein air oil painting “Julia’s Door,” for poster and Giclee reproductions to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Julia Morgan designed building. Helen Bell was present to sign posters at the celebratory event on November 12, 2009 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Riverside Art Museum.

Gladyss Johnson Poland writes that this year finds her still active at the Old Bethesda Restoration Village. She portrays the teacher in their 1865 school for visiting children. In doing so she feels a link to history. Her four children and three grandchildren are all doing well.

Betty Becker Wentz writes that she has been in contact with Bob Kimble who has been bedridden for many years and was on hospice care for one-and-a-half years. He is now off Hospice care and seems to be doing well. Her ex-wife, Patricia Dumire Kimble, died in July ’08. He lives in Leesburg, Fla.

Bonnie Gubbel Finck has moved to northern California because she is now closer to her family that had been scattered. She is living in Eskaton Village, a continuing care facility. She is enjoying the Kingsley Art group which offers many delightful programs and trips. She enjoys going to the theater; she has season tickets to the opera, three local theater groups, and the traveling Broadway series. She recently spent a week in Chicago on an architectural tour, and she enjoyed a trip to Uzal emphasizing the wonderful national parks. She also spent a week traveling from Mt. Rushmore to Yellowstone National Park. It has been a busy year for her and she looks back fondly on her memories of Western Maryland College.

Anne Shuppert Schwarzkopf writes about enjoying living the good life with her husband in a world-class resort area where they are involved in her usual activities. Her high light for the year was the graduation of her second son from college. She and her husband, Jerry, spent three weeks in October touring Turkey. They found it amazing to encounter so much evidence of ancient civilizations and great powers as well as seeing the modern and rapidly developing aspects of the country. They also took a balloon ride in Cappadocia.

Jack and Doris Vansant Blades write that they are still in pretty good health and are still “truckin’,” but not as much as they used to. They spent a week over this past summer looking for covered bridges in Vermont where they successfully found 44 out of 50 bridges. They have also seen 66 out of the 67 covered bridges in New Hampshire. Last summer they enjoyed a wonderful cruise from Rotterdam to Boston. On this cruise they visited Greenland and Iceland as well as other remote islands along the way. This winter they are set to cruise around South America where they will be able to go through the Straits of Magellan.

Jack Spicknall writes in that he is doing okay. A few health issues have found him in his old age, but overall he had no complaints. He still plays golf four days a week. He traveled to New Hampshire last summer, but otherwise he stays pretty close to home. Savannah has been good to him and his wife for the past 18 years and he is looking forward to a few more.

Don and Joanne Dillion Lichly finally have a great-granddaughter to enjoy after five boys. They moved to Florida in the fall. They are going to try to live there for a year at least. They will be heading north in late winter/early spring because their daughter, Jean, will be in Bus Stop, Olney, Md., theater’s first play of the 2010 season.

Donald Egner writes in that his wife, Lena, retired as an organist and choir director of their church after 25 years of service. She is still singing. Their granddaughter, Sara, a Hartford County music teacher recently
played with an orchestra at Carnegie Hall. Grandson Alex is a freshman at UMBC. Grandson Zachary is a soccer player at Eastern Technical High School. Grandson Aaron is a quarterback for a Recreational Council football team. Their granddaughter, Stephanie, was expecting a child in November ’09. Last spring Don ran in the Bel Air Tour, a 5K run, and successfully finished.

Mary Anne Thomas Stazesky writes that she and Dick have been at Cokesbury Village for six years. Her volunteer work continues to center on books and music. She works in the AAUW book room twice a week for a 10 months every year and participates in their annual four-day book sale that is held in a local mall. She is also a librarian at their CV library. She sings in the Aldergate UMC choir. They have four young grandchildren—two girls and two boys. She and Dick are doing well with the usual aches and pains which accompany old age.

Betty Dixon Moreland writes that she has been blessed with a new granddaughter, a boy, Darren. Since her retirement she has volunteered at the school where she was formerly principal and then substituted in the special education department in another elementary school. One of her grandchildren, Meredith, just graduated from Villanova Law and passed the bar. Michael has completed the training and will graduate this month as a county policeman. Robert, a Tulane graduate, works for Under Armor in Baltimore. Carly graduated from Salisbury and is a middle school math teacher. Most of her family lives close by so they get to see each other almost daily.

Phyllis Alexander Ganyu writes in that her son, Brian, has been employed by UOP in Des Plaines, Ill., since he graduated from Virginia Tech in 1974. Corinn is vice president of finance for Duferco-Farrell, Inc. Her grandchildren are very successful adults. She and Al are thank you to remain mobile. They travel mostly by air now and usually within our country. She says time may fly, but her four years on the Hill will remain unforgettable. Phyllis reports that Ruby Williams Browning recently lost her husband, Marvin.

Jack Ammon writes that his three sons have done quite well in the world. Gary is a lawyer in Philadelphia. Jay is an architect, and Ken is an engineer who works for the South Florida Water Management District and is second in command for cleaning up the Everglades in Florida. Jack retired in 1985 after 36 years as a United Methodist minister. He says if anyone is ever anywhere near Deland, Fla., to remember his front door will always be open to you. He has a lot of fond memories of Western Maryland College: Yet Valley where he and Betty lived for a few years, soccer games, picnics on the campus with dear friends, the Buckinghams, the Martins, the Pfefferdiets and the Malones. Jack also attended the Wesley Theological Seminary which was located on the Hill. He ends his note by saying, “It is a little difficult for me to get used to calling my college McDaniel College after using the name Western Maryland College for so many years, but we also realize it’s not the name that counts but what takes place on the campus of the college that counts, and McDaniel College is still number one in our view.”

We send condolences to the families of Joseph Andrew Maciejczyks who died on October 18, 2009; Joan Baker Hildebrand on June 5, 2009; Robert Abramson on July 22, 2008; and Louise Sapp Hawkins on November 21, 2009.

The alumni office would like to thank Marandel Clayton Ward for her 32 years of service as class news reporter. She has decided it is time to retire and would like to thank all of you for your responses over the years.

Family

1955 REUNION APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2010

I was glad to get so many notes and phone calls. There would not be a column without them.

Paul Galvin continues his volunteer work as his community board of directors and as treasurer for his Unitarian Universalist congregation. He and Doris Burks Galvin ’57 are enjoying their family as it grows. All four of their children are healthy and employed. One granddaughter graduated from James Madison University. The other grandchildren are attending universities in Virginia and North Carolina. They attended the wedding of their son, Kent’s ’83 daughter in Savannah, Ga., on July 4, 2009. The bride and groom had three months together before he was sent to Iraq. They look forward to his return in 2010. The Galvin family gathered to celebrate Christmas in Cary, N.C. Paul and Doris plan to see everyone at our 55th reunion.

Charley and Barbara Harding White probably will not be able to attend the reunion. Although Barbara is doing fine, Charley’s Parkinsons leads to good days and bad ones. They want to be remembered by everyone.

Harold “Pete” Posey is living in a mountain log home on four acres of mountain in Mount Holly Springs, Pa. He and Joan celebrated their 53rd anniversary on Oct. 19. He is preaching at three services one Sunday a month at the church they attend and working part time as a marriage and family therapist at a local counseling service. He visited Richard “Dick” Brennan in Elizabethtown, Pa., in October. They had a great visit sharing memories of their growing time at WMC. Dick teaches a Bible study class at the Hershey United Methodist Church. He says his wife, Lynne, is a “Godsend.” Pete will be at the reunion.

Joan Walter Winkelman volunteers at her local library and at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. She bows in a league and has been taking water aerobics twice a week for almost 20 years. She’s taken a lot of trips with the Loudoun County senior program. Most recently she went to New Orleans and plans to go to Niagara Falls in the spring and to Toronto next fall. Her sons, Don and Bill, and their families are fairly close so she sees them periodically. Joan is looking forward to attending our reunion.

June Parker Miles continues to teach 40 piano students. She enters students in the National Guild auditions at Salisbury State University. She had a total hip replacement in June ’08 and is in reasonably good health. She is going on her 10th cruise with her daughter in January ’10. She wishes she could attend the reunion but it doesn’t look possible. She sends her best wishes.

Frank and Antonia “Toni” Baxter Davis are happily retired and enjoying life on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Their grandchildren, Anne, 21, a senior at Washington College, Alex, 18, Natalie, 14, Kendall, 10, and Claire, 8, are the light of their lives. Toni had a visit from Shelley Myers Willen in August and sees Gretchen Pierson Brockman when they head to Florida. They have fun reminiscing about their years at WMC.

Ernest and Martha Nicholson Borton love living in Satellite Beach, Fla. When she wrote she was packing to take 16 people on a cruise to the Bahamas. In February they planned a cruise through the Panama Canal. They were expecting their second great-grandchild in March. They still have a summer home on the Magnolia River in Pasadena, Md. They would enjoy visits from classmates traveling to Florida.

Several classmates called me, among them Jean Nicodemus Huss, who keeps moving in spite of aches and pains. She has a granddaughter in college in Tennessee, one in cosmetology school and one who is a freshman in high school. Her grandson is an eighth-grader. She plans to come to the reunion.

Janet Boller Heins called as she and Jim were on their way to the C&O Canal where they volunteer as part of the hike patrol. They are still volunteering and traveling. Their grandson, Kevin McNealy ’13, is a freshman at McDaniel. He is playing sports so they expect to be back on campus more often including being here for reunion weekend.

Mary Lee Younger Schmall is enjoying retirement after teaching the biology lab for 43 years. She loves being at home and spending time with her dog and her computer.

Debra Bauer Kennedy can’t believe anyone from WMC would remember or care about her since she was only there from the fall of 1951 until January ’53. She says she did nothing special but she does remember making the “daisy chain.” She dropped out to go to work at AT&T where she remained until 1968. She married in September ’54 and moved from Washington D.C., to Terra Haute, then San Francisco and finally to Watsonville, Calif. (90 miles south of San Francisco) where she has been for 42 years. Her big claim to fame is that her third son...
Dick ’54 and Doris Tuckwood Linton live in Sarasota, Fla., where they play lots of duplicate bridge, exercise, and keep busy with her jewelry business. They plan to attend our reunion.

Our condolences go out to Mary Warner Swadell. She lost her husband of 52 years on March 15, 2009. During her grieving process she had a stroke. Her niece took her to California in the fall where she planned to participate in physical therapy until after Christmas. She still has her memory and joy at being alive but will not be coming to the reunion.

We also send condolences to Nancy Sadofsky Stange whose husband Gilbert ’53 died on May 22, 2008 and to Bessie "Betsy" Byers Bryant who lost her husband March 11, 2007. Berlin "Bert" and Leni Springstead have retired from the framing business. They are now living in Green Ridge Village, a continuing care retirement community, where they have their own home and Bert can enjoy gardening. The lawn care and snow removal is done for them. They love the outside doors and spend a lot of time walking several miles a day and sitting on the patio enjoying the flowers. Their son, Gary ’79, lives in the area. Another son lives just north of them. They spent Thanksgiving with their daughter in Bradenton, Fl. They have six grandchildren, one step-grandchild and one great-grandson. They will not be able to come to the reunion but wish everyone who does a good time.

James "Jimmy" Tonsor and Masae celebrated their 50th anniversary in January ’09 with two of their daughters, their spouses and children. Their second daughter, Emiko, who has been living in Charlotte, N.C., for three years was unable to attend but they got back to Japan for a summer vacation. He and Masae were excited to have their grandchildren all together. Jim has some physical problems, but still walks and swims.

Charlie and Virginia "Ginny" Pull ’57 Fitzpatt have spent their summer vacation with their daughter in Texas. They were joined by their Montana daughter and her family. A great time was had by all. Charlie and Ginny plan to come to the reunion and he is encouraging other classmates to join us.

Anne Gould called to say that Arthur "Art" Gould would not be able to come to our 55th. He had quintuple bypass surgery while in Florida three years ago. After returning to New Jersey he had a massive stroke and for the past two years has been in long-term care in Runnels Rehab Hospital in Berkeley Heights, N.J. Although he is not able to do much he enjoys having Anne read to him from The Hill.

Charles Clarke works out of his home real estate office trying to help those in his church who are in danger of losing their homes. He tried to visit the senior citizens in his church of 2,000 when he hears of someone sick or having problems. He sings in their choirs in the church and community.

He and Sandra are sponsoring a child in the Republic of Georgia who will come to live with them on his education visa.

Walt and Marilyn Goldring Rigerink hope to attend our reunion. They expect to be joined by her brother, James "Jim" Goldring ’60, and his wife, Peg Herring ’60, as he celebrates his 50th.

Judy Johnson Zerbe Kampmann is hoping one of her sons will accompany her to reunion. Her husband turned 80 in October and doesn’t care to fly. Judy and her son, Craig, spent two weeks in June in the Heartland of Switzerland hiking in the Swiss Alps. She made a Mother Goose quilt from an original pattern designed by well-known artist, Ruby Short Kim. The pattern was printed in the 1992 Portland Telegraph and had been saved all these years. The quilt now resides in the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Neb. Judy works one day a week as a greeter at a free clinic, volunteers in medicine and serves on the board of First Book, an organization that gives books to economically disadvantaged children.

Doreen McNeil Naish called from England to say that she and David continued to sing with their singing group in 2006. They sang in Paris and toured the city before going on to tour Switzerland. They had a great holiday on a Greek Island. David retired from singing in 2007 and Doreen in 2008. They were part of the group for 16 years and miss singing and being with the group but the traveling was becoming difficult. They have two English grandchildren starting university. Doreen gets back to visit her children as often as possible. They are spread across the states. She plans to visit them in February so will not be back for reunion. She sends good wishes to all our classmates.

Since I last wrote I have learned of the deaths of four of our classmates. Ltc. Roy Elzner died on May 18, 2008. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Dr. Larry Crist, of Nashville, Tenn., died of June 6, 2008. He had taught for many years at Vanderbilt University. Charlotte Thompson Hatcher, of Timonium, Md., died on March 5, 2009. She was a retired church organist and choir director. Walter Melvin Preston Jr. died on May 10, 2009. He had been living at Fair Haven in Sykesville, Md. Memorial donations may be sent to Alzheimer’s Association 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093.

As for me I keep busy with church activities, community organizations, doctor’s appointments, and bridge. I have had a traumatic year as my grandson, then 14, was diagnosed with cancer in January. They were told it was treatable and curable. We prayed as did many others that it would be true. After weeks of hospitalization for chemo and radiation he turned 15 and started his sophomore year three days after his last chemo treatment. He goes back in December for more tests but for now things look good. I’m
looking forward to seeing a lot more classmates on the Hill at WMC/McDaniel April 30-May 2, 2010 for our 50th reunion.

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Greetings! During 2009, most of us turned 70 and celebrated accordingly. In addition, some who married into the Class of 1960 are looking forward to a reunion in 2010. Most of us are looking forward to and planning on our big reunion in 2011. Hope it is on your calendar.

As this information was being put to bed, I was advised of the death of Judy "Jean" Akers Morgan on Nov. 9, 2009 in Marietta, Ga. Unfortunately, I need to report other classmates and spouses. Attendees: Albert "Bert" Ward and Donna, Kel and Ann Morley Willard, Bill Moore and Mary, Jay and Ingrid "Inky" Ewertz Whaley, Geraldine "Jerry" DeFlora, Bob Hyde, Peggy Staken Lowry, Bob '62 and Peggy Hoey '63 Warfield, Fred '62 and Jo Ann Carson '64 Nicoll all had a great weekend in the Ocean City area.

Tony and Rhea Ireland Wiles have been retired for almost 15 years and stay busy with friends, children and grandchildren. Tony retired after 35 years from his planning, engineering, and landscape architecture company with offices in Reston, Va., and several locations in Florida. He master planned numerous large-scale golf communities throughout the United States and worked on numerous planning projects for cities, counties and regions. Rhea was a real estate agent in Reston, Va., and two of their children entered that profession.

Two of their children, Kelly Wiles Loiaccono '90, a business manager with EDS, and Jamie Wiles '92, a real estate agent with PenFed Realty, graduated from Western Maryland. Old-est son Kevin graduated from George Mason University and is the president of PenFed Realty, a subsidiary of Pentagons Federal Credit Union. All of them are in the Washington, D.C., area and Tony and Rhea are fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time with them and nine grandchildren, the oldest being 8. Rhea and Tony split their time between their waterfront farm on the Eastern Shore near Ocean City and next to Assateague Island National Park and their condo on Siesta Key, Fla. They see a lot of people from college days including: Clark Kirkman '60, Hunter '62 and Fran Burnett '63 Kirkman, Dave Markay '63, Dave '62 and Diane Briggs '65 Martin, Bill Deaner '62, Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert, Ken and Joanne Moffatt '62 Gill, Chuck and Mernetta Houk LeFev, Jack Brunk '60, Bob '62 and Peggy Hoey '63 Warfield, Fred '62 and Jo Ann Carson '64 Nicoll, Jim Lewis '59, Dave '59 and Joyce Lee Edington and many others. It is as if they never left Western Maryland. Anyone in the Ocean City area or Sarasota, Fla., area has an open invitation to visit with them.

Another large gathering was the annual football reunion party hosted by Ken and Joanne Moffatt '62 Gill at their home in Severna Park, Md., on Oct. 30. The crowd included: Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert, Fred Dilkess and Sharon, Walter Mahan and Reba, Tony and Rhea Ireland Wiles, David Markay '63 and Patricia, Don Lenski, Barbara Hefflin Rinehart, Bob '62 and Peggy Hoey '63 Warfield, Don '62 and Janice Mooney '63 Hobart, Alex '63 and Jan Engle Meddy Ober, Harry Bacas '62 and Donna, Richard Yost '53, John McKenna '62, etc. Ken spends a great deal of time on the Hill as a trustee and chair of the new football stadium committee, which is completing plans to build a state of the art Division I stadium to be fully paid by contributions from alumni and friends. Don Rembert is also a trustee and working hard on the stadium committee as well as chair of the WMCC Heritage Society. In late summer '09, the Remberts and Gillis took a two-week trip to Athens and Istanbul. The Gillis are blessed as their children (all well over 40) and grandchildren all are doing well and prospering.

Joyce Lee Edington referred to the above mentioned "70 party" (which they also did at 60). "Doesn't 60 seem so young now?" Joyce adds, "Dave '59 and I live in Baltimore most of the year, spend the summers at Fenwick Island, Del., and go somewhere warm for two months in the winter. Last year we celebrated our 50th anniversary by taking our family of 14 to a Dude Ranch in Wyoming. It was a wonderful experience. Three of our six grandchildren are in college now at UNC, North Carolina State and Dickinson. Haven't gotten any to McDaniel yet but we have three more chances. Went to Dave's 50th reunion at the College and was so pleased at the beauty of the campus. Looking forward to our 50th."

When Walt Mahan wrote in September, he was finishing up duties as nurse and homemaker while wife Reba recovered from a July knee replacement. Walt had his left knee replaced three years ago, is doing well and is playing doubles in a tennis league in Reston, Va. The Mahans have not found the golden years particularly golden. Their two sons live nearby with Mark in Richmond and Jay in Baltimore. They have four grandchildren (two boys and two girls) and enjoy visiting them and vacationing in Virginia Beach and Marco Island, Fla. Walt and Reba are avid readers of thrillers and mysteries. They have mentored four couples in pre-marital counseling in conjunction with their church, Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn (next to Redskins Park). Walt has retired from teaching adult Sunday school after more than 20 years. He still works for CACI, which is a major contractor specializing in IT with DoD. He may cut back to three days a week sometime in the future. Family football loyalties are split with Walt being a Redskins fan because he grew up in D.C. Jay is also a Redskins fan while oldest son Mark is an Eagles fan, the team of his youth.

As of November, Bob Rippleon was caregiver 24/7 because wife Mae Reba had a stroke July 29 and had returned home after hospitalization and nursing home rehabilitation. She has lost some strength and dexterity in her left hand and left foot, but her recovery is complicated by the fact that she has Parkinson's disease.

Al and Nancy Smith Stewart are still enjoying their house on Lake James in North Carolina. Their location is handy for swimming, kayaking, boating and all sorts of water sports. Their eight grandkids love to visit from England; Leesburg, Va.; and Denver, Colo. — sometimes all at once and sometimes whenever they can. When not entertaining at home, Al and Nancy have traveled to Colorado; Florida where they visited John and Diane Kanak '62 Holter; the Outer Banks and Bald Head Island, N.C.; Vermont; an Alaskan cruise; and overseas travel in England, Germany, Barbados, St. Croix, and St. Martin. Nancy volunteers at the local visitor center and Hospice. She is also active in a literary society, bridge club, choir and the YMCA. Al tries to stay out of trouble.

Fred Dilkess was in Phoenix, Ariz., when I caught up with him. He states, "My news is that I have never been happier in my entire life! I am blessed with an incredible life partner and friend in Sharon. Totally enjoyed visiting with Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert and Ken and Joanne Moffatt '63 Gill — my truly best friends for over 50 years and seeing some of the "old" teammates from the '59, '60, '61 and '62 football seasons. We had a great time at Ken's gathering.Over the past several years, Fred has become a devoted bridge player and went to San Diego to play in the North American Bridge Championship Tournament on Thanksgiving Day. Fred's home is in Vancouver and he said he would definitely be gone during the Winter Olympics. "It will be a mad zoo and I will be in the sunshine in Arizona hopefully."

In the past few years, Irwin "Ozzie" Stewart and Aimee have traveled to Australia, New Zealand, China, and Italy (cooking school in Sicily) and will be going to India in February and Spain in June. They visited Arches and Canyonlands National Parks in Utah with Jon and Bev Schott '60 Myers. Ozzie makes time to watch his grandson Jeremy, 11, play soccer, basketball, lacrosse, baseball and flag football. He was very sorry that he was not able to attend the 70th birthday celebration in Ocean City, Md., but he hopes to visit this spring.

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Jennifer Jones '04 to Kevin Bell on October 3, 2009. They reside in Sykesville, Md.

Julia Keene '04 to David Wilkinson on September 15, 2009. They reside in Hudson, Mass.

Catherine Lespion '04 to Coal Infantino on September 5, 2009. They reside in York, Pa.

Gregory Masimode '04 to Tiffany Ellison '06 on September 26, 2009. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Carey Pritchett '04 to Edward Payne on June 20, 2009. They reside in Forest, Va.

Kimberly Ratliff '04 to Scott Scholz on July 25, 2009. They reside in Eldersburg, Md.

Ashley Szymbanksi '04 to Daniel Miles on June 6, 2009. They reside in Frederick, Md.

Matthew Wolfe '04 to Erin Callison '04 on August 7, 2009. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Christopher Hines '05 to Allison Ryan on September 25, 2009. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Nicholas Percentt '05 to Allison Burns '02 on August 2, 2009. They reside in Bethesda, Md.

Johnathan Misamore '06 to Jennifer Kohlway on June 20, 2009. They reside in Halethorpe, Md.


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"Although I am now the older generation and approaching 70, it still seems to me that my days at WMC were just yesterday. My work years are mostly a blur, but I look back at college years as a time of excitement."
— Al Katz ’61

Jon Myers also remarked about our 70th birthdays and that we shared the most important years of our lives 1957-1961 and now are a step away from our 50th reunion. He is enjoying watching Bev Schott ’60 getting ready and making contacts for her 50th reunion. She is on the phone with sorority sisters with whom she plays bridge once a month. Jon sometimes gets dragged in as a fill-in. Jon says, “A new experience for us was celebrating our first grandchild’s departure for college at M.I.T. The five grandkids now range in age from 15 to 19 and don’t quite have as much time for us as they used to, but that is normal. We celebrated our 50th anniversary on Dec. 31, 2009, out in Vail with the entire family. Getting everyone together in one place is a rarity, and we are looking forward to it.”

Their trip through western Colorado and Utah last summer with Ozzie Stewart and Alme was a barrel of laughs for nine days. Jon and Bev continue to live out West winter and summer and enjoy the sports and other activities associated with those seasons. “Other than the normal aches and pains of getting older, we are fine and we continue to work out every day in hopes it will help keep us going. We take it one day at a time and try to enjoy every minute of every day. Hello to everyone and we hope to see you at our reunion next year.”

Beth Butler Sansbury wrote, “Oh my golly, 50th class reunion and I’m still working. What am I thinking? Well, more or less working as an independent contractor for the Agency. My most interesting contract takes me to many unusual countries. I went to the Maldives in February and in September just came back from Cambodia. Angkor Wat is as beautiful as you’ve heard. My husband works the same contract so we’re always either coming or going. Our children and grandchild are doing well and are all in the area. We’re very lucky. We enjoy our leisure time playing tennis in the summer and skiing in the winter, and I’m still a docent at the Freer/Sackler Museum of Asian Art. Not ready for the retirement home yet.”

From Bowie, Md., Bobbi Hastings Jung still works part time at a CPA office. She also works on her family genealogy and takes art classes. Paul is completely retired and enjoying it. He is addicted to genealogy and in 2008 was working on his fourth family to which he is not related. The bad economy caught up with their family when their daughter lost her job at the bank after acquisition by Capital One, with not much luck finding a new one. Son Scott and his family are doing fine. The boys are in high school and middle school and Mia has started kindergarten. Each year the Jungs take a vacation with Bobbi’s sister Carole. In 2008 they went to Yosemite National Park in California. They saw the sequoia trees in the Mariposa Grove in the southern end of the park and crossed the Sierra Nevadas via the Tioga Pass. Their 2009 trip was to South Dakota to see Mount Rushmore and other spectacular sites.

Bea Ackerman Sherrill in Forest Hill, Md., reports that life is quite busy. She still works three days a week at a local Lutheran church. "Richard and I babysit the other two weekdays with our grandson Charlie, 2. He became big brother to Katelyn on Oct. 20. What a joy to be part of their lives! God is good!"

Sarah Kajdi Jenkins and her husband, Bud, still are living in the 1950’s waterfront home between Annapolis and Baltimore where they have lived for the past 30 years. They feel blessed to be able to walk out their door to do the things they each enjoy the most — boating and fishing for him and working in flower gardens for her (their own and community gardens as well as one at their church). She fondly remembers our 45th reunion and looks forward to seeing more friends at our 50th.

From Frisco, Texas, just north of Dallas, Audrey Arent Lambert reports that her daughter and her two boys, 5 and 7, live with them. It gives them opportunities to help raise children, second time around, doing things most seniors probably don’t get to do: attending “Spooky Symphony,” playing in a “parent/child’s soccer game; helping them to earn Cub Scout badges, etc. “It’s all just too much fun. (Well, most of it.)” Audrey and Tim’s legitimate activities include hiking and hiking trips and last year a trip to Israel for Audrey. She was thrilled to learn from the alumni magazine that her senior year roommate Helen Ruehm Crumpacker ’62 lives about 20 minutes from them. They visit regularly. What fun. “After eight years in the Dallas area, we’re totally assimilated (Dr. Earp would love that term) and so enjoy the area.”

Joyce Turner Kerns recently retired and is enjoying it very much. From Bob Schroder: “My wife Pattye and I live in Towson, Md. I retired from the USDA at Beltsville, where I was a research entomologist for 38 years. I conducted explorations all over the world searching for biocultural pest agents to import and release in the U.S. to help control major pests. Also have two patents using watermelon juice and red dye found in Pepto-Bismol as a bait to control major corn pests. After retirement I worked for private industry three years to help commercially develop the bait. During the past three years, I have been teaching entomology at Loyola College/University in Baltimore. From a historical perspective, would like to mention that I was the first graduate from Western Maryland College, as well as being the first Marylander, to join the Peace Corps. We are enjoying retirement, especially the joy of babysitting our grandson, Luke Speicher, 2.”

From George and Judy Varga: “We are settled down in Boston and enjoy being close to our granddaughters. We still do three winter months in Florida to escape the Boston winter. After 20 years of service, I retired from the College Board of Trustees, and the Board generously gave me trustee emeritus status, which is a very exclusive club — there are only eight of us. I still attend Board meetings once a year. I was on campus late October for the 50th anniversary of our soccer team beating the national champion Drexel University. Sixteen of our squad showed up, most with wives. We had a fabulous two days reminiscing, although not all of us remembered the same things. Amazingly we have not lost a single member of our squad. Want to live long? Play soccer!”

From Owings Mills, Md., Al Katz reports the birth of another wonderful grandchild. Hiram Ertonh Pierce was born Sept. 2, 2008 to his daughter, Lisa Katz, and her husband, Craig Pierce, in Covina, Calif. Al and wife Helen spent 10 days doting on him. While this birth marked the arrival of the new generation, the older generation is now gone with the death of Al’s mother, 97, on Oct. 23, 2009. “Although I am now the older generation and approaching 70, it still seems to me that my days at WMC were just yesterday. My work years are mostly a blur, but I look back at college years as a time of excitement. That is probably the gloss of time, but still nice to have.”

David S. Schwartz, M.D., and his wife, Judy, live in Blacklick, Ohio. Where in the world is that? Well, I just had to ask. Blacklick is a village just east of and adjacent to Columbus, Ohio.

Ron and Jackie Cook Sanders have been married for 46 years and have two wonderful children and four equally wonderful grandchildren, with a fifth on the way. They are both fully retired now, having retired from education and selling their restaurant business almost two years ago. They travel, babysit, do some volunteer work and try to stay healthy, active, energetic and engaged in the world around them. Living in Tionimon, Md., they see WMC friends in the Baltimore area and would love to hear from those friends with whom they are no longer in touch. They are hoping to see more friends at our 50th reunion.

Max Beyer and Penny live in Roanoke, Va., where Max has finally retired after a 22-year Army career and rewarding financial management experiences in state and local government, private industry and the Head Start project. Penny continues extending her career, as her senior citizens will not allow her to leave her senior programs manager’s position. Max continues to be active with the Virginia Republicans and enjoyed helping to begin returning Virginia into the “red-state” column.

“Penny and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2008 by taking our children and their families on a Caribbean cruise which was an even happier occasion by being joined by..."
other family members. This fall we had the
pleasure to enroll our eldest grandson at
Radford University as the next generation
launched to be followed by five grandchild-
dren in the next six years. We continue to
concentrate on our time and resources in keep-
ing up with our children and grandchildren
who reside in California, Texas and Connect-
icut."

From Joanne Lamb Hayes in New York City,
"I still work full time as a free-lance food
writer and stylist and am hoping to continue
for another five years. I spent the last year
working on a cookbook with a chef who has
a PBS show and do the content for her web
site. My two daughters each have a little girl
and we are hoping for a little guy in Novem-
ber for them to play with." That little guy,
Miles Tyron Lewis, was born Oct. 29, a little
early at 7 pounds, 3 ounces, but by December
was already three pounds bigger.

Ann Weller Norvell is enjoying retirement
in Westminster and volunteering at her
grandson’s school once a week. She became
a great-grandmom when son Bill became a
dadfather with the birth of Seth Weller on
Dec. 21, 2008. She is anticipating another
great-grandson in January, since Bill’s
other son and his wife are expecting. Daugh-
ter Sue’s daughter, Sara, graduated from Ste-
venson University and is working as a full-
time sub at Manchester Valley High School.
Sue’s youngest, Joseph, is in second grade
and doing very well. Son Jim’s twins, Jamie
and Julianna, 10, are active in all kinds of
sports. Ann tries to get in a 4-mile walk/run
almost every day. She survived a bout of col-
oc cancer several years ago and is thankful
for being able to enjoy her family and friends.

From Miriam Oakey Will, "I live in An-
napolis, Md. Still keep busy in real estate,
church work (still sing in the choir) and try-
ing to keep up with my six grandchildren
(oldest one is a senior in college majoring in
music education). Rhea Ireland Wiles called
me a few weeks ago. She was babysitting
her grandchildren who live in Annapolis and
we went out to lunch. She is still a beautiful
person, inside and out."

Jim Brown and Linda live in Mooreland,
Ind. "All is going very well as we continue to
enjoy wonderful health and retired life.
Linda and I remain physically active bicy-
cling, running, and working out three times
a week and most importantly, we’re both
blessed with good genes. I recently celeb-
rated my 76th by treating our entire step
aerobics class (all females) to a brunch and
love the attention received from all these
young gals. We just (in November) returned
from a very relaxing Maui vacation and now
find ourselves preparing for another Indiana
winter. Must admit we do miss those south-
west Florida winters. Linda takes great pride
in her gardens while my contribution is the
designated "clean-up" guy. We are getting in-
volved in a new church and although I am no
longer singing barbershop harmony, I have
joined the choir to keep the voice active. Our
four grandkids live in Ohio with busy sched-
ules and although not seen as often as we
would like, we do attempt to attend their
soccer events. And like most seniors, we
wonder where those years have gone, but our
goal is to enjoy each and every day."

Charles "Chuck" and Merrette Houk LeFew
report not much happening in Davenport,
Fla., where they are happily retired playing a
lot of golf and enjoying life and planning to
try out the new cruise ship, "Oasis of the
Sea." in April.

Brenda Stevens Cornwell reports, "Happy,
healthy, and 70 on Dec. 25, 2009. Celebrated
by taking all three sons and their families on
a Disney Cruise in November. Disney seems
so appropriate for 70, don’t you think. I still
enjoy getting together with the many preci-
sious lifelong friends I made at Western
Maryland; some from class of ’62 and others
from class of ’63, and class of ’58. My four
years at WMC will always be very, very spe-
tial to me."

One classmate not looking forward to his
70th birthday is Charles "Chuck" Bernstein
who is facing mandatory retirement under
Maryland’s 1932 law requiring judges to re-
tire at 70. Chuck turned 70 on December 29.
He loves being a circuit court judge and
wants to serve out the remainder of the 15-
year term granted by Baltimore City voters.
He has filed a lawsuit in Federal Court chal-
 lenging that Maryland’s compulsory retire-
ment laws violate the Federal Constitution’s
14th amendment regarding age discrimina-
tion. As of this writing, there is not a deci-
sion in this case.

In Herkimer, N.Y., Jim Matousek and Lou
report nothing much new, just day-to-day
enjoying grandchildren, especially the two
girls as college freshmen. They travel to Ten-
nessee, work on their farm and their church
and do a lot of hunting and fishing, staying
in good health and worrying about the kind
of USA we’re leaving to our children and
theirs to come.

Grandchildren were the first topic for
Mike Bird as he announced the birth of twins
last year to their daughter in San Francisco, a
mini-mixed doubles team (Vanessa and Grant)
which brings the total to six (three boys to
their son and his wife in Louisville and
another daughter, to their daughter). Mike
and Ursula continue to enjoy life in
Sun Lakes (Phoenix) and try to travel in the
summer when the heat is a bit too much at
times. Mike is still playing competitive ten-
nis and this year they traveled so he could
play in senior tournaments in Philadelphia
(grass), Pinehurst (clay) and Palm Springs
(hard courts). He did not win any of them
but had a good time. Results were better in
the tournaments in the southwest.

In 2010, they are planning an Aegean
cruise visiting many Greek isles (but no ten-
nis unfortunately). "I’m no longer teaching
economics but still follow the economy
closely. It’s sad that economists didn’t do a
better job analyzing the weaknesses that the
economy had developed prior to the onset of
the ‘Great Depression.’ I was dismayed to see
lessons that I thought we’d learned from the
1930’s (and about which I and many other
économists of our generation had been
 taught for a long time) had to be learned
all over again by a new generation of econ-
omists who lacked the historical perspective
that we had — Ben Bernanke is a conspicu-
ous exception but even he was late to realize
what was happening."

In Bethany Beach, Del., Lorena Stone is
now fully retired for the second time. Her
friends wonder if there will be a third. She
still tutors several students and edits papers
for ministerial candidates, but the rest of
the time is hers. Both John and Lore and their
families came to the beach in the summer,
and her sister came twice, once for two
months. They took a week and enjoyed a re-
laxing visit to Williamsburg. In between the
fun times she fought two bouts of poison ivy
and had successful foot and eye surgery. In
the future she hopes to build a home that she
will share with her sister near Gettysburg, Pa.
She is also looking forward to spending
more time with her grandchildren who are
growing up much too fast.

From Sue Wheeler Goldsborough, "Not
much news here except to say that my kid
sister, Liz Wheeler Leinweber ’73, was a link
with our family past when she began to take
sign language as an undergrad and then took
a master’s in deaf education just after WMC
offered it. Coincidentally or miraculously,
another sister of ours had just found out that
she has a deaf son and those courses started
some of us on the way to beginning classes
in ASL. Even later we learned that our Mary-
land Baker ancestors had been instrumental
in founding the Maryland School for the
Deaf in Frederick. Our grandkids 3, 5, 8 and
9, and their parents are all within an hour’s
drive from us in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., so we see
them frequently, sometimes as baby sitters
and always at family gatherings."

Last year Eldridge ’60 and Jane Williams
Ward moved with their daughter’s family to a
30-acre farm in Delta, Pa., in southern York
County. They bought a large Amish house
and put an apartment for Eldridge and Jane
in the basement, like a garden apartment
with windows all around and beautiful views
of the sheep and horses out in the pasture.
They love it there. They are about 20 min-
utes from their son who lives in Red Lion.
It is so nice to be close to family. Their farm
business can be found at www.cedarland-
farm.com. Daughter Amanda is the main
farmer while her husband, Alan, flies for
Southwest Airlines. Lillie Rose Ward was
born in September to their son and his wife.
That makes four grandchildren and two
grandsons. Shawn is assistant manager of
the historic Greenmount Cemetery in Balti-
more. Eldridge helps out around the farm,

family

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Ashley Baker ’07
to Peter Lancaster
on October 25, 2009.
They reside in Jefferson, Md.

Nicole Cahill ’07
to James Polly on November 14,
2009. They reside in Owings
Mills, Md.

Emilie Johnson M.S.’07
to Steven Frederick on
August 1, 2009. They reside in
Sykesville, Md.

Michelle Mullen ’07
to Chad Keller ’05
on September 6, 2009. They
reside in Towson, Md.

Meredith Carr M.S.’08
to Patrick Bagnell on
August 15, 2009. They reside
in Baltimore, Md.

Lauren Ford M.S.’08
to Matthew McDermott ’06
on December 5, 2009. They
reside in Hagerstown, Md.

Michelle Garman ’08
to Sean Fraser ’09 on
August 22, 2009. They reside
in Crownsville, Md.

Kathryn Lawson M.S.’08
to Andrew Dudderar on
September 19, 2009. They
reside in Littlestown, Pa.

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Mary Stein still enjoys living in Rehoboth, Del. Living near the beach is worth all the tourist traffic.

Don Linzey writes, "I continue to teach at Wytheville Community College in Wytheville, Va. This is my 21st year as a professor of biology. I also continue to conduct research on mammals in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. My concentration for the last several years has been on establishing and verifying the presence of the mountain lion and the least weasel as members of the fauna of the park. My wife, Nita, retired from full-time teaching at New River Community College in Dublin, Va., in May '08, but continues to teach human anatomy and physiology on an adjunct basis.

During July '09, Nita and I took a two-week trip to Alaska. Alaska is a beautiful state, but in two weeks you can only skim the surface. My newest book entitled, A Natural History Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, was published in July '08, by The University of Tennessee Press. It contains over 150 color and black-and-white photographs as well as numerous maps and tables. Don Shure wrote the foreword for the book. Anyone visiting the Gatlinburg area please give us a call. We spend considerable time at our home here."

Gary and Marcia Wilson Tyeryar have put off travel for awhile because of happenings on the home front. Marcia was busy in September with her mother, 105, who was hospitalized and then transferred to the nursing home part of her Annapolis retirement community. Daughter Karen was diagnosed with breast cancer before Thanksgiving '08. The Tyeryars are fortunate to be living near her and her family to be able to provide support as she gracefully endured chemotherapy, surgery, radiation and then reconstruction. Throughout all of the treatments, she continued as a reading specialist and even taught summer school. Her sister, Kristin Tyeryer Rienfeld, in Arizona walked in a Susan Komen three-day 60-mile walk in November to support Karen. Gary and Marcia both volunteer with the local hospice. Gary tutors a Russian truck driver who is doing his best to learn English. Marcia submitted some quilted items to the annual fall festival of their retirement community in Bridgewater, Va.

From Joan Davis Sorenson in Greenville, S.C., "We are busy enjoying retirement. Of course, this means that we are as busy as ever. My husband was called back to Furman University to be one of three professors to teach an interdisciplinary course in fall '09 on art, music and drama. This is a course that Dick started 35 years ago and has been offered every year since then. He had another knee replacement last spring and is feeling great. I am still active with the Greenville Woman's Club and am reading, gardening, and working on de-cluttering our house with the ultimate goal of downsizing. We have been doing a lot of renovating and upgrading on our house which is about 40 years old. Our grandchildren are growing up fast, and we try to see them as much as possible. Our son, Trig, and daughter-in-law Janet are active in the Methodist church in Washall, N.C. Trig is still with Kraft/ Nabisco out of Charlotte. Janet is a school volunteer, team mom and chief chauffeur. Living in such a beautiful part of the country, we all take day trips whenever we can. Dick and I will be spending a week in the North Carolina mountains in early November."

Sheila Bixler Markley comments that a 50th reunion just doesn't seem possible. She and Bill continue to enjoy retirement at their home in Westminster and condo in Sun City Center, Fla. They try to spend quality time with their grandchildren and share in their activities and interests. Bill will graduate this year from USNA with a degree in electrical engineering. Michael is in his third year at West Point. Allison is in 10th grade and has some college courses completed.

Mary Stein still enjoys living at the beach in Rehoboth even though it gets a little crazy during the summer months. Living near the beach is worth all the tourist traffic. January to March '10 find her wintering in Key West, Fla. She looks forward to the 50th! "Can it really be that long ago?"

From Wyoming, Pa., Pat Piro Long reports that there is always lots going on, since they are not yet retired. Nelson was re-elected Berks County treasurer in November. Although he enjoys his position, he does not plan to run again. It is time for them to spend more time with their children and dear grandchildren, 7, 3 and 2, and do more traveling. Their mothers are 97 and 94 and after illnesses are in skilled-nursing care. Pat and Nelson spend as much time with them as they are able and continue to feel blessed. Turning 70 was not as bad as they had anticipated, since they celebrated with their high school classmates at Cape Cod last spring. It was great sharing such a milestone.

Jim '60 and Peg Herring Goldberg now live in North Bonneville, Wash. They will be going back for Jim's 50th in 2010 and are looking forward to our 50th. They are well and enjoying beautiful Washington. In 2009 they traveled through much of the state and also to Oregon and Idaho. What beautiful country! In September, Peg was going out to pick wild blackberries and get some lettuce, tomatoes and peppers from their garden. It's great to be retired."

Doug and Carolyn Powell Walking split their time between Walnut Creek, Calif., and Rockville, Md., and international travel. While in California, Wayne and Sue Conrad joined them for a couple of weeks of fun. Travel in 2008 for Doug and Carolyn was to India and Sicily. A highlight of that year was the marriage of daughter, Sarah, to Phillip Alan Walter on October 25, 2009 started with a January trip of a 21-day cruise to Antarctica and South America, according to Doug "the greatest 21 days of my life." In September they were in Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal and Morocco. California offers wonderful hiking days with reading and naps in the afternoon and enjoying friends a lot.

An article about Susan Garreneton Daniel appeared in The Daily News Journal of Rutherford County, Tenn., on Nov. 1, 2009 to promote the new book, Pictures and the Stories They Tell, edited by Sue and a colleague in the Rutherford County Historical Society. Sue has been involved in the genealogy of the area for a number of years and has edited and authored a number of books about the area and the people who lived and/or died there. The list of publications in which she was involved is mind-boggling. She is currently the Historical Society publications editor, author, and county genealogist. Her husband D.C. "Jim" Daniel is a member of the Rutherford County Commission. Their children are Doug, who is professor of math at Presbyterian College in South Carolina; Jenny, a fire fighter/EMT with Nashville Metro, Tenn., and Tom an English teacher in Japan. They got a lot of calls after the Good Friday tornado in Murfreesboro which destroyed 30 homes and cost two lives, a mother and her 9-week-old baby. It is a wonderfully friendly town and everyone pulled together to help the homeless and help rebuild. The church common rooms housed the effects of two families. The Daniels live on the opposite end of the city from where the tornado struck and were unscathed.

Martha Woodward Davis is still teaching at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Fla. It looks like this will be her last year there.

From Geraldine "Jerry" Deflora in Phoenix, Md., "I am not retired yet. I do keep in contact with some of our classmates. The ones I see look younger. Also keep up correspondence with Jean Kerschner. It has been interesting and fun over the years! I hope it continues for more years."

Lloyd "Jerry" Brown reports from Leonardtown, Md., that he is still retired, still in good health and still making things in his woodworking shop. He is enjoying watching his grandsons grow.

Marvin Bomer sent a reply card back with "no news."

As is his custom, Jim Bryan attended the fall Founders' Dinner and he remarked about not seeing other '61 classmates there. Jim was reappointed as a corporator at his parish church. That and some other duties keep him busy.

Malinda Burgess Fossett lives in Ashburn, Va., and in the fall had a visit from Rhea Ireland and Tony Wiles. At the end of August Clarence Leger and Malinda left for a month's western road trip through Tennessee, Texas (Big Bend National Park); visited Dick 59 and Natalie Warfield 58 Palmer; LBJ Ranch; Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico; Sedona and Lake Powell and Petrified Forest in Arizona; North Rim of the Grand Canyon and
frequently from working on election law in the Maryland AG's office.

Life in Raleigh is fine for Lee Asaadarian, his wife, Jane, and Annie (their four-legged "doggie"). Daughter Carol is a major in Iraq working on plans for improving medical facilities for both the U.S. and Iraqi forces and son Lee is still in San Diego enjoying life. He and Jane are involved in the Broadway South Series of shows. His is still doing part-time IT work and taking IT classes at North Carolina State University. He enjoys watching the Carolina Mudcats baseball team, has taken up the guitar, and is looking forward to fall orienteering meets.

Living in McLean, Va., Colleen Boskin is retired from the Department of Justice, where she was a human resource director, mediator (which she still does occasionally on contract), and working with Native Americans to improve their lives. Also, she was a CASA (court-appointed special advocate for neglected and abused children). She would love to reconnect with WMC friends near the D.C.-metro area. Being divorced, she is especially interested in travel partners to exotic places. She loves being retired but the death of her son, Patrick, in a New York subway accident in March '05 has changed her life. He had established an internationally distributed magazine, Mass Appeal, and Colossal Media, a hand-painted large-scale outdoor advertising business. Her daughter just graduated from Vanderbilt, after completing her last semester in Spain and traveling through Europe.

After grad school in Pittsburgh, Barbara Byers stayed there to work, retired after 35 years, and has been married for 36 years to a Ph.D. metallurgist. They worked together at U.S. Steel for many years where she was director of patents and licensing. The oldest of their three children lives in northern Italy with their oldest grandson. The other two children live in the Pittsburgh area with their four other grandchildren. Sedona, Ariz., has been their vacation spot for over 20 years, but they still love Pittsburgh and just moved in to a new home. "Go Steelers!"

Since retiring from the federal prison system, Darlene Justice Claypole has been visiting places and people. She also has traveled around the world — living in Paris and Rome. She mostly visits with her grandkids as she has two daughters, one in Maryland and the other one on the West Coast. Maryland daughter Terri is a single mom and has a son, 16. She spends lots of time with him; he has two bands. Both bands are busy traveling all over the mid-Atlantic. Terri does eldercare. Archaeologist daughter Cheryle lives in California with her archaeologist husband and two children, a son, Darby, and a daughter, Gabrielle.

Living in Rhode Island since 1976, Lynn Cone has a good life with her 5-year-old beagle, her parents moved to Rhode Island in 1989 and her now widowed WWII vet father is active and still drives. She does volunteer work with the state and is hoping to do so with the organization that takes care of servicemen's and women's pets while they are serving overseas. She retired early due to scoliosis after working as a medical technologist and federal Medicare supervisor. While working in pediatric research in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rhode Island, she was the co-author of several published papers. She is sorry that they changed the name of the College and it will always be Western Maryland for her.

At last Gordon Diggory is officially a grandfather. His oldest daughter, Kate, and papa John, brought forth Benjamin about 2 years ago. He always thought that he and his wife, Susie, were "grandparents" since they raised two fine chickadees, but grand parenthood is indeed another dimension. He also is near completion of a marrying off deal for his youngest, but with the ladies of the new millennium you never know. "It's like rooting for the Orioles." He and Susie just continue down the Frost's "road less traveled," since it's been a fun 'venture' so far.

Tucson, Ariz., has been the home of Dave Doss and wife Gail since 2006. They live in a very active and friendly retirement community located in the foothills north of town; and they truly love the low humidity, cloudless days and mild winters. Son Brian and his wife both have their Ph.D.'s in psychology and are teaching and doing clinical work at the University of Miami, Fla.; they have a daughter, 2, (who should soon be bilingual). Son Glen and his wife are living in Baltimore; he has his masters in information management and is doing web design and government consulting work for a D.C.-based company. Glen's wife has been working for the Public Land Trust. They have a daughter, 1, (and Dave won't be surprised to see a lacrosse stick in her hands soon).

Robert "Bobbie" Vanderheide Eierman reports that both she and husband Fred are retired from teaching. Their free time is spent visiting daughters and in traveling in general and pursuing their hobby of photography. In the summer of 2008 they took three months and pulled their trailer from Maryland to Alaska and back, a trip of over 14,000 miles. In March '09 they returned to photograph the eagles in Homer and to watch the start of the 2009 Iditarod Dog Sledded Race. Daughter Elaine Eierman Jahn '97 and her husband, Drew '97, have two children, Molly, 6, and Brody, 2. Younger daughter Laura is at Cornell University working on a Ph.D. in natural resources.

Cruising in warm climes has become Dave Fisher's addiction and he tries to take at least one a year to some place warm. Second grandchild Abigail Grace Szafra arrived in August and grandson Nicholas, 4, is a bit disappointed that he can't play football with his sister yet! Dave is still working two days a week at McDonough School. It keeps him off...
Being far from retired, Barbara Hetrick is now senior vice president of the Council of Independent Colleges. She has bought a little apartment on Dupont Circle to stay during the week.

In Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Donna Henn Fogle is a media specialist with the Duval County Public Schools working with special-needs students ages 11 to 22. After following a career Navy man around the world, their last tour was at nearby Mayport, NS, and she and her late husband settled in Florida. Her oldest daughter is also 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.F.A. in art). She has three grandchildren who all live nearby. She has fond memories of the Hill. After leaving McDaniel, she received a B.S. from Jones Business College and a master's in library information from Florida State University.

Retired from 40 years in teaching, Kathy Powers Freeman is substituting when she can, when she wants, and on her terms to maintain cash flow. The rest of her time is spent helping with two granddaughters who live nearby, traveling to Florida often to see her two grandsons in Tampa, and visiting and overseeing the care of her mother, 103, who is at Pickersgill Retirement Community. She also volunteers at Oregon Ridge Nature Center as a trail guide for elementary kids. She speaks often to Susan Felbert Fagan and to Betsy Murphy Schuele who has moved back to her neck of the woods from Florida.

Jack Gage sold his print shop in early 2007 and retired. He is doing two part-time jobs just to keep busy, and playing golf every chance he gets. One of his three daughters is getting married in 2010, so plans are being finalized for this great event.

Keeping very busy, Jim Gibson is doing volunteer work for the Humane Society, the Conservancy's Wildlife Rehab Center and as the Collier County Supervisor of Elections. He was named Volunteer of the Year by the elections office for his work during the 2008 election cycle. It was totally unexpected and it really meant a lot considering they employed approximately 1,200 volunteers for the elections. He and his wife have recently visited British Columbia and Argentina visiting Iguazu Falls and Buenos Aires. Next year is a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Since retiring from the Farm Credit System in April, John Greenleaf has been extremely busy with volunteer work. His church is building a Habitat for Humanity house in Harrisburg, Pa., so he's relearning long-forgotten construction skills. Both of his kids got married in the past 12 months, both are moving to new homes this month, and his first grandchild is due in December.

Enjoying the retirement lifestyle, Ron Gunderson sends greetings from the foothills of West Virginia. He is very involved in community volunteer service and trying to understand the applied physics of golf. Six kids in their blended family, eight perfect grandchildren, and an enjoyment of traveling have kept them busy too.

Being far from retired, Barbara Hetrick is now senior vice president of the Council of Independent Colleges, which is the association for the 600 McDaniel Colleges in the country. One of her tasks is to raise funds to offer programs and services for the colleges; and in a recent month she raised $5.5 million from three different foundations. If only she got a percentage. Unable to afford D.C. housing prices she has bought a home in Westminster, of all places, and keeps a little apartment on Dupont Circle to stay during the week. The biggest problem is that being close to work she works longer hours. She welcomes classmates coming through D.C. to stop by — 202/466-7230 or bhetrick@cis.ne.edu.

After moving to Atlanta for the sixth time four years ago, Bert Horton and wife Mieko are finally settled down in Atlanta. Their jobs had them living in: Atlanta (six different times), Australia twice (total four years), Toronto twice (total eight years), Japan (seven years), Chicago (three years), Arlington, Va., (two years) and Miami Beach (two years).

Bert retired from MeadWestvaco with his last position being president Asia Pacific for the packaging division. He now has a "semi-retired" job as an administrator for a national real estate company in Atlanta (50-60 hrs. per week). Mieko is an accomplished artist and has had showings in Toronto, Australia, Tokyo, Spain, New York and Atlanta.

Both Jim Hvidding and wife Jeanne France '59 have retired this past January and are thoroughly enjoying it. They have moved into an "active adult" (i.e. 55+) community and are enjoying all the standard old-people activities (cruises, etc.). Jim plays a lot of tennis and is an active participant in the "Harmony Brigade" movement (a subsidiary of the Barbershop Harmony Society). Their daughter is happily married and living in Pittsburgh.

Danny Jett asks rhetorically, who could have imagined back in the day that he would have had a 40-year-plus, and counting, career in public education in Maryland and Minnesota? He earned a master's degree from Morgan State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland College Park. He also has taught in the graduate schools of the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Minnesota. Currently he is superintendent of the West Metro Education Program, Eden, Minn. First family included three sons with Joyce Jett '67 all of whom are on the East Coast; and second family includes a son and a daughter with Diane Pulling, who is a fabulous educator in her own right. Retirement? Not for a while yet, he's still paying college tuition and the market's recent woes did not spare him either. For leisure time, boating on any one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes is awesome.

Managing a couple of rental properties, doing volunteer work, and dancing ballroom and Argentine tango keeps Melady Kehn busy. Her husband died six years ago, and now she spends summers in an 1850's Gothic Revival gatehouse to the town cemetery in Bellefonte, Pa., about 10 miles from Penn State. She gets to Baltimore occasionally to visit family and friends, and recently had dinner with Judy Arnold. She spends winters in the village of Matlacha on Pine Island near Fort Myers, Fla. She'd like to hear from anyone near any of these locations. Email at miladytango@yahoo.com.

Kris Michelsen Lakenan and husband are still working for the next few years. Bob is selling area rugs and Kris is working as a CPA, mostly doing tax returns. Their three sons are grown now and their oldest is married and has two sons. They are both enjoying being the grandparents. They have a house in the Outer Banks so they are able to spend vacation time with everyone this past summer. All of the kids live in the area but their middle son is moving to Los Angeles to promote his movie screenwriting career. Kris is looking forward to the next reunion.

Charlie and Pat Foltz Moler report that they just returned from a wonderful vacation starting in Berlin, ending in Prague and including a seven-day riverboat cruise in between. They felt that it was about time they saw what was behind the wall 20 years after it came down, especially after living so close to it for seven years. An amazing recovery has occurred. Their grandchild count is now up to four, two boys and two girls. Charlie is still working long hours with much business travel. He is looking forward to retiring about one-and-one-half years from now. Pat still has her piano students and plans to continue with them for awhile.

Approaching 40 years with the Bechtel Corporation as a procurement/contracts manager for the construction of major solar electric projects, Tom Parks is looking forward to moving back to Annapolis in a few years. His wife, Judy Ebersold '69, is teaching music education, world music, class piano, etc., at Gettysburg College this year. They have four grandchildren, one girl and three boys, ranging from four months through six years, who add a lot of life to the house when they are at Tom's home near Westminster for visits and sleepovers.

Enjoying the good life, Bill Rees is involved with charter boat service and grandchildren. He notes that his grandchildren 3, 4, and 6, are much better than their parents were. He has a 46-foot Beneteau sailboat and spends the summers in Ft. Lauderdale taking Scouts and youth groups on one-week sailing adventures. He has a terrific time showing them the ropes and how to cook afloat while sailing between there and Bimini and Key West from late-May to early-August each year. These adventures pay for the boat and he has fun too. He and wife Cathy have fun...
in the off-season too and invite anyone interested in sailing off-shore from central Florida to contact him and set something up—407/808-8859.

Celebrating his 41st anniversary in August with his wife, Irene, Pete Riker is doing well in Marietta, Ga. He works at the Georgia Department of Insurance and his wife teaches adult education. His youngest daughter works for Coca Cola in Atlanta and her elder sister lives near Raleigh with her daughter.

Retiring this year after 35 years as a pastor in the United Church of Christ and celebrating 40 years of marriage, Wayne Sautter and his wife, Ellen, (an eighth-grade English teacher) will be taking their first cruise in June. Their three children are grown, with Wayne and Ellen with three grandchildren spent two months in Maine and Nova Scotia. They also had lunch at Eleanor Snodgrass VanDyke's in Cambridge, Md., and stopped by to see Debbie Snodgrass VanDyke's in Cambridge, Md., along with Nancy Brown Uram, Jacque Rayner Leedom, (all husbands of course), and Peggy Howe. They do a month in Tucson in the outdoors and the new Southwest culture.

In January '07, Lynn Browning Strandquist and husband Jim moved from Maryland to Sunset Beach, N.C., to retire. Lynn retired after 25 years of teaching science, ending her career as instructional team leader of the science department in Howard County, Md., and Jim worked for NASA-SHARP for his last five years, following 32 years as a science supervisor in secondary education. They live on a small barrier island that is the only one on the East Coast accreting sand. They have continued with golf, art, bridge, biking, hiking, and sprint triathlons (husband), and travel whenever possible. Last summer they spent two months in Maine and Nova Scotia in "camps," and stopped by to see Debbie Sturdevant-Johnston on Grande Isle in Lake Champlain. They also had lunch at Eleanor Snodgrass VanDyke's in Cambridge, Md., along with Nancy Brown Uram, Jacque Rayner Leedom, (all husbands of course), and Peggy Howe. They do a month in Tucson in the winter. Their daughter, Amanda, who is married living in Raleigh, has no children but a delightful boxer, and son Paul, unmarried and living in Clemson, is looking for a job in computer engineering.

A torn rotator cuff injured while weight lifting has made 2009 a difficult year medically for Bert Shore. The injury has caused him to give up ice hockey coaching after 20 years and playing for 22 years. He writes that he still enjoys church and especially likes teaching middle school Sunday school on and off for 21 years. He says he never saw a doctor from age 40 to age 60. He enjoys working too hard and is getting a lot of satisfaction re-distributing the wealth to the poor from our wealthy insurance companies as a personal injury lawyer. He refers all who don't like that re-direction of money to the Gospel. He enjoyed living a little in the past and attending the 1968 reunion. Bert says that he is very blessed with a wonderful 32 years of marriage and that being a dad is a life-changing experience. He enjoys having a son and daughter-in-law nearby. He went to New Mexico for his first trip out West with wife Dale and her art group.

As a faculty member in the biology department at Temple University, Jackie Creeks Tanaka keeps very busy wearing a lot of different hats. She developed a class, Biological Impacts of Global Climate Change, to enable biology students to examine the human footprint on global ecosystems. In the spring with a co-instructor, she teaches introduction biology with an enrollment of more than 500 students. The course was named in the top-20 in the United States by the Advanced Placement Service. She also directs an NIH-funded honors program for minority undergraduates interested in graduate school in biomedical sciences. Husband Larry Gladney is chair of the physics department at Penn and her daughter is an attorney in Chicago along with her husband and son, Elliot and Avery. "Retirement? Well, I haven't achieved many of my goals so no, not yet! Best to all."

Dennis Wood sends greetings from just outside Williamsburg, Va., where he and wife Mary moved after retiring from a community mental health assignment in Waycross, Ga. Dennis now spends his time working with the area master gardener program and catching up on all the books he didn't read while working in the bureaucracy! Mary continues to teach gifted elementary classes in Newport News. He states that they have been too attached to the College since they changed the name; his diploma thankfully still says WMC.

Since retiring in January '09, Priscilla Harris Yagel is finding that it's nice to have more time to travel and to go to lunch with friends. Her son and daughter live near Harrisburg. She, like many, is finding that Medicare and its many supplemental plans are challenging. Her husband died in 2001. For the six years prior to retirement from public education she worked with a boy with Down syndrome and diabetes. Her nursing background was not required but was a plus. She started with in kindergarten and went with him to fourth grade. She found it exciting to see him learn and mature and she has so much respect for teachers. She enjoyed a concert by Walt Michael '68 at her school and it was amazing to her to be able to connect with someone that she went to school with in an unexpected time and place. Since retiring in 2007, I have enjoyed doing the things that I always wanted to do — cooking, genealogical research, gardening, and reading military history. I am also the chair of my condo's landscape committee and do volunteer work at the Masonic Grand Lodge Library. I was kept busy in October nursing my wife, Anna, who just had her right knee successfully replaced and who is looking to retire next summer. We had a great time in China for 17 days in May and look forward to going to Russia next year. Both daughters are now librarians.

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Janie Watts Neuberger retired after teaching special needs students for 35 years. She and husband Hal have moved to the Tucson, Arizona area. They are looking forward to enjoying the outdoors and the new Southwestern culture.

Also from the Southwest, Joan Rudrow Kaplan writes from Oklahoma that she and her husband, Steve '71, have sold their nine Subway stores and are now in partnership with their daughter, Sara, and son-in-law, Matt, in Native Roots Market specializing in organic, fair trade and local food. Sara and Matt are new parents as of this October. In attendance at the wedding were Joan’s sisters: Susan Rudrow Carlson '76 and Elizabeth Rudrow Peed '87. The reception was unusual in that it was a Madhatter’s Tea Party. Costumes required. Barbara Kristiansen Capalbo says life continues uneventful as only life can with five grandchildren in their 20s. Her three sons and two step-daughters keep the years volatile and pleasurable. Three married with four grandchildren and two to go. Her business is still thriving and she enjoys the challenges of full-time work as an architectural lighting designer and an instructor at RISD. She has been a town councilor for Hopkinton, R.I., a town of 8,000. She loves politics and is considering a run for the presidency. Challenge and risk is still good for the soul and Bill, her husband, and Charlie, their basset hound, love her anyway.

Dinah Sunday writes, “Who says you can’t go home again? I’m back on the street where I grew up, and loving it. Lancaster County provided a much-needed break from the D.C. area, but husband Ed and I are back in Bethesda, just four blocks from where we met in ’73. We can walk to the Metro, movies, shopping, restaurants, health clubs, hospital

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Skylar Pearse and Riley Pearse Yeager, on December 11, 2009, to Dan and Jennifer Doetsch ‘97 Yeager.


Chloe Marie Huxford, on July 20, 2009, to Dane and Krysta Stacy’00 Huxford.

Aryeh Shalom Meckley, on May 5, 2009, to David’00 and Ilanit Meckley.

Stella Alice Olear, on January 21, 2009, to Matthew’00 and Amanda Lesher’01 Olear.

Audrey Elizabeth McKay, in September 2009, to Clint’01 and Jessica Fitzgerald’03 McKay.

Gideon Wielechowski, on October 28, 2009, to George and Alison Kleiner’02 Wielechowski.

Jackson Williams, on November 6, 2009, to Scott’01 and Lisa Borman Williams.

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Christine Miller Andrus ’73 and her husband moved back to Hawaii in 2007. Christine has a new career as a dream worker and is pursuing a DM in archetypal studies and projective dream work.

Bill Gossard is in the twilight years of his federal government career which should end in June ‘11. He is currently the chief counsel for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Miami, Fla. In 2007, he and Linda purchased six acres in Costa Rica where they plan to spend much of their retirement. They plan on spending their days with the monkeys and toucans watching their coffee grow. The guesthouse on their CR property is under construction. He recently saw a number of WMC grads at the J.M. Bennett High School/Wicomico High School joint 40th class reunion. In attendance were Brenda Weitzel, Jo Ann Chatham Lindsey, Robbie Parsons Respess and Nancy Silvia Hearne.

Life is good for Fred Rudman and his wife, Wanda. He continues to practice dentistry in Middletown, Md., and loves his work. Great patients and a great staff make the days fly. When they are not at work, they can be found at their home in Wolvsville, where deer, turkey and squirrels abound, not to mention the occasional black bear. They have five kids and six grandkids (all of whom live within two minutes of their home). He recently spent some time fly fishing for steelhead trout on the Salmon River in New York. They just traveled to the wine country of California. He has maintained friendships with Bruce and Martha Hardisky ’72, Lippy, Milford Sprecher, John Landon, Bill and Monica van der Berg McCormick and Sherman “Bucky” Papp ’72. They have also enjoyed getting together with Ethan and Debbie Dale Seidel ’84, and LeRoy and Chris Panek.

Kathy West Shunk has been a school social worker in Manassas, Va., for almost 10 years. Prior to that, she was busy raising three children, who are now 30, 27 and 19. The oldest two live in Nashville and the youngest is heading to Texas in January to continue his college studies. She recently remarried and is busy combining two households into one. No easy feat, especially when you have saved your children’s pre-school drawings and birthday cards from the ’60s!

Bill and Monika van der Berg McCormick still live in Middletown, Md. All of their children have moved away and found wonderful wives. They have three grandchildren; one close and two far away in Anchorage. Their plan is to retire in 7-10 years and hope that things will wind down smoothly to retirement. Monika is one of the very best choral and piano teachers in Frederick County, Md., and Bill appreciates seeing and hearing the product of her work. She enjoys a niche in the International Baccalaureate Program at Urbana High School and often feels like she is teaching college-level material to really talented and highly motivated students. Bill is now in his second career with the USFDA and has been a part of the licensing and testing of H1N1 swine flu vaccine. He and Gil Conley ’71 occasionally cross paths in their work.

Margaret “Midge” Wright Ingersoll wrote that she and her husband, Jon Ingersoll, purchased a 1750’s farm house in Dorchester, Colo., about 20 years ago. Jon retired in February ’09. They sold their New Jersey house and are finally living on the Eastern Shore full time now. The house has undergone a 20-year renovation, with the last addition being completed. They are both involved in non-profit boards — art and historical preservation — and she is still painting, doing fine art and architectural renderings. Jon is enjoying the gardening, hunting and fishing on the Shore. Their boys, Dan, 30, and Doug, 27, are still living and working in the Philadelphia area, so they go up often to visit. They welcomed their first grandchild, Henry Wright Ingersoll, in September ’09. They live 12 miles off of Route 50 and are looking for visitors on their way to the beach.

Melinda Rigney retired after 35 years as a school psychologist. She misses her job, colleagues and students but she is having a great time growing grapes, making wine, and maple syrup. She golfs, rides her two horses, tends her 35-acre farm, plays lots of tennis and takes art classes and ski. She says, “I do not know how I ever had time to work.” Hubbie is still working.

In July ’07, Bob Jacobs joined an intentional community called L’Arche-Greater Washington D.C. They are one of 133 faith-based, international communities providing loving and caring homes for life to adults with intellectual disabilities. As an assistant, he shares his life with nine adults with disabilities and 15 other assistants. The spirituality of L’Arche is one of mutual relationships, where each one is called to discover and reveal the giftedness of the other, to discover whom they are meant to be and to commit to growth within the community. Living together, they build unity between the so-called capable and powerful and the so-called incapable, powerless. “It is the people with disabilities in the community who show the way, call us to open our hearts and to grow in compassion, wisdom and trust in God.”

In December 08, he married Barbara Ryan, who is the program director for their community. They live in Silver Spring, and spend their days at L’Arche located in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of D.C. Bob writes that life is very rich in so many ways, and that he has been given so much that he could never have imagined or caused by his own energies. The doors of our L’Arche houses are always open to visitors.

Art Robitaille is semi-retired living in St. Cloud, Fla., and is his father’s caregiver. He said life is slow with an occasional uptick when playing golf. He had a wonderful career in the international world of the aluminum industry.

Christine Miller Andrus and her husband, Ken, moved back to Hawaii in 2007. Both retired from the Navy in 1998, and then worked as civilian physicians for a few years. Ken is an associate chief of staff with the VA in Honolulu. Christine has a new career as a dream worker. She is working towards a DM in archetypal studies and projective dream work. Their daughter, Jennifer, 27, married Mike Lane in August ’08. She just returned from a 10-day pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland — another beautiful island.

Barbara Stephens-Rich is now in her 35th year of ordained ministry, serving a United Methodist church in Sandusky, Ohio. She launched her youngest child, Kater, off to Ohio State. Her son is a junior at the University of Cincinnati. She now has an empty nest and must now reinvent her life. They had a wonderful 12-day trip to California in August, including some days at Yosemite National Park, their 12th visit to a western National Park.

Sharon Hughes Eastlick worked in banking and wealth management for various banks until November ’07, at which time she left and took a position as financial aid director at a local community college. She is now retired and is pursuing neglected interests.

Joy Ostowitz Minns lives in Vermont and retired from teaching in 2007, but then got two part-time teaching jobs. One is at a small private school and the other is teaching adult continuing education. She is enjoying both jobs. Her husband, Jeff, is also a retired teacher and is driving a school bus part time. They visited Hawaii in 2007 and are planning their third trip there. Joy took her annual trip to Maryland and visited Patty Swindell Kuzmak (now deceased), Jackie Denkey Cowan and Carol Whitmer Emple. She also drove down to Rhode Island and spent a weekend with Leslie Hohn Adams.

Jerri Anne Hopkins was an editor and graphic designer for a magazine and several graphic design firms before she finally decided to stop working for other people and start working for herself. Since 1994 she has her own one-woman company, Words & Pictures, Inc., and does graphic and web design, editing and writing. She states that the last five years have been rough. She was the primary caregiver for her parents. Both are now deceased and she is rebuilding her business and jump-starting two niche magazines that she dearly loves, Chesapeake Unleashed and Havenn Magazine. She keeps in touch with Carolyn Bates Bonner ’72, who’s been a great and wonderful friend.

Glenn Scheib is in the Army and serving as a chaplain. He finished 19 years and hopes to serve three more. He is stationed at Fort Sill with the Air Defense Artillery Brigade. His
previous assignment was in Baumholder, Germany. He notes that physical training at 6 a.m. with a bunch of 19- and 20-year-olds is a challenge and it brings back memories of the three years he spent running cross country and track at WMC. His family is quite spread out. His wife, Cindy, is in Heidelberg, Germany, on the staff of the commanding general of the Army’s European Medical Command. The kids are in Hawaii, Alabama and Germany. Cindy and he plan to become licensed marriage and family counselors and continue serving in Europe after his retirement from the Army.

Dave Romer retired in 2007 from Arlington County DIS after working in child protective services for 30 years. Most of that time was spent as a caseworker, with the last seven years employed as coordinator of the county hotline. He and his wife, Carol, moved to Gaithersburg in 2006 to be within commuting distance of her lab, and will be moving to a new home in Frederick next year. His youngest son, Chris, is at home while completing his master’s in school counseling at Hopkins. His stepdaughter, Michelle, is teaching English at Clarksville High and running the drama program. His oldest son, Richard, is a Montgomery County council member. Dave keeps busy with volunteer work through Gaithersburg HELP, tutoring with the literacy council and doing some part-time work as a case aide at a family shelter. He has kept in contact with WMC graduates Bill Dewitt ’74, Al Shafer ’72 and Frank Phelps ’75.

Bob and Donna Herbst ’74 Watson have moved again. This time to Danville, Pa. He took a job as the vice president, controller for the Geisinger Health Plan. Their daughters, Hana, and Chloe, are finishing up their respective degrees this spring — Hana a bachelor’s at VCU and Chloe ‘07 an MPA at MICA. Donna is in transition, but hopes to find another librarian.

Jim Orell reports that he does not see retirement any time soon. He has two sons, Hunter, 15, and Dylan, 12, who are attending McDonough. He is a vet and is the owner of Abbey Animal Hospital in Perry Hall. He and his wife, Jane, enjoy their summer home in Ocean City watching the boys race on their jet skis. Jim spends his spare time restoring a 53 MGTD and a ’72 MGB to which his sons have laid claim. He sees Glenn Miller at the Carey Rod and Gun Club and when he needs a bad tooth taken care of.

Doug Yust wears many hats. He prepares and teaches biology labs and is the chemical hygiene officer. Doug retired after 30 years of teaching biology and chemistry for the Carroll County Public Schools.

Joe Carter is a senior lecturer in the economics department. He retired from AT&T and his own communications consulting business.

John “Slug” Armstrong reports that he is in his third year of retirement after working 31 years for Alleghany School System. He then landed his dream retirement job in the pro shop at Rockey Gap Resort. He was working 40 to 50 hours a week in his part-time job and this significantly cut into his golfing time, so he gave it up and is now working for his wife, Barbara Vose ’76, and his cousin, Dave Llewellyn ’87, who bought his father’s insurance business several years ago. His children, J.C. and Rachel, are 27 and 23, respectively. Both graduated from Randolph-Macon. Currently, J.C. is attorney for McGuire-Woods in Baltimore. He served a year as a law clerk to the Honorable Glenn Harrell of the Maryland Court of Appeals. At the ceremony where J.C. was being sworn into the Maryland Bar some guy behind him kept repeating, “I would love to be playing golf right now.” It was Ron Athey ’72, whose son, Charlie, was being sworn in at the same time. Slug’s daughter, Rachel, is now working on her Ph.D. in chemistry at Florida State University. Slug has been playing in a number of senior golf tournaments trying to qualify for the USGA events.

As for me, I am very happy working as a full-time biology lab coordinator here on the Hill. My wife, Jean, teaches second grade at Cranberry Station Elementary School. We have two daughters, both of whom are in college. Trisha ‘11 is a junior at McDaniels majoring in biology and Sarah is a junior at Delaware Valley College majoring in small animal care and pre-vet. Two other retired classmates are also working up here.

It was good to hear from all of you.

Thanks.

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Michele Swain Corley lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and is fortunate to still teach elementary school art. Life at 50-plus is good with many blessings. Her empty nest has a revolving door as all three daughters come and go. Oldest daughter, Lauren, lives in Jacksonville and does public relations for a Christian advertising firm. Lindsay lives in Atlanta and is a producer for CNN. Youngest daughter, Kristin, is a junior at University of North Florida, majoring in photography and art. She is even more talented than her Mom. Michele’s free time is dedicated to volunteering for the Humane Society, the gym, hitting the beach, happy hours and attending Florida Gator football games.

E. Susan VanLaningham-Miller is principal with the law firm of Miller & Hecker, L.L.C., in Westminster. In 2007, she relocated its offices from a historic brick townhouse to the former executive offices of Westminster Bank. Susan has been practicing law for 23 years, concentrating on corporate and estate matters. In perhaps the most memorable event of her professional career, Susan and her law partner, Fred Hecker, were admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in December ’08 in a formal ceremony before all nine Supreme Court Justices. She serves on the boards of numerous charitable entities and was named by The Daily Record as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women in 1997, 1999 and 2007. Susan lives in Westminster with her husband, Bill, who retired as professor of psychology at McDaniel after 45 years of teaching. He holds the dubious honor — his words — of being the longest tenured professor in the history of the College! They enjoy travel and have visited China, Italy, France, England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, various places in the US and several Caribbean islands.

Those of you who remember what a chatterbox Bruce Mol er was will appreciate the amount of editing that I had to perform on his lengthy missive of happenings surrounding the Virginia homeosted of the Moler clan. They recently gained a basement while marrying off their son, Chris, at a big do-to at Langley Air Force base. Daughter Emily is a senior trauma nurse in a metro emergency room. Bruce’s wife, Donna Jean, has to find some new hobbies and household remodeling projects now that all the wedding hubbub has subsided, while the old Lt. Colonel has a new job that I actually can’t tell you about because it is a Homeland Security issue. But let it be known that we are all a bit safer now that he is where he is, instead of being back where he was.

Fred Diblasio sent a short note to say that he is doing well.

Karin Beam has long been a legal eagle out on the left coast. She writes in to encourage one and all to attend the Reunion in May on the Hill — 35 years! Wow! She daydreams how Hill life would now be if the Pit was still hopping and boppin’. Karin is hoping to hear from the Brockmeyers.

In another brief note, we learned that Joseph E. Carrico is a CPA and working with firms in Easton, Md. From all reports Becky Hussery Carrico is still patiently putting up with Cap’n Craze and his frequent antics with old bros and wacky situations.

Another brief bulletin arrived from Bruce J. Walz, who resides in Mount Airy, Md., and encourages classmates to look him up on Facebook.

Jim Day also sent a short note that his big nest is now empty with kids at college and beyond. He is living the life up in Maryland, keeping in touch with Larry Matthus and many other brothers from school days.

Joseph Rinker, on July 9, 2009, to Thomas and Danielle Price ’02 Rinker.

Dave L. Kornegay, on October 1, 2009, to Ray and Brandi Livesay ’03 Tignall.

Aubrey Zepp, on March 17, 2009, to Adam and Amy Garber ’03 Zepp.

Naomi Faith Distad, on July 7, 2009, to William ’04 and Jessica Distad.

(AContinued)
Mark "Pearl" Metzger '75 reports life after selling his restaurant is near bliss. He also manages a wine importer and distributor, which requires painstaking trips to wine regions in Australia, Italy, Spain, Argentina and the West Coast.

center operations. Last year they bought a beach house on Fenwick Island. They rent it out most of the summer season, but got a chance to spend a couple weeks there this past year.

Their oldest, Nick, is teaching high school algebra and coaching girls' soccer. He pulled a "Gabe Kotter" transferring to his old high school this past year. The youngest, Matt, is living in Delaware, going to school, and working on his BA degree. Of course, there's not a day that goes by that Felix doesn't think of our dear departed Henry "Hank" Mills and thank goodness for the bros who helped him through that tragedy. Hank's wife, Donna, seems to be back on her feet and doing well.

Linda Spence Guess resides in Summerville, S.C., where things are quiet. She continues to teach kindergarten at their church school, "Gotta love those little kids. They are originals!" Their five-year-long home renovation project is winding down. They hit a bump in the road when Linda's husband, Jerie, came down with lymphoma. He's had lots of various treatments, culminating in a self-donor bone marrow transplant this June. He's improving nicely now, so they feel blessed. Son James, 25, is working for Uncle Sam at the edge of Death Valley, Calif. He married in June '08 — it must be love if Sarah agreed to follow him into the desert! And daughter Katherine is a social worker in Maryville, Tenn. She has her own extensive home renovation project going on, which they try to help her with whenever they can make it over the Smokies.

After skeedaddling from WMC, Robert S. MacWright, Ph.D., Esq., graduated from Rider in 1975 with a BS in biology. Bob then received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Rutgers in 1982 and a J.D. from Rutgers Law-Newark in 1993. In February '09, he became a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of the New York intellectual property law firm Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP.

Holly C. Purpura checks in from Seafood, Del., to let us know that some ongoing health issues have brought about a current retirement from her career as an English teacher and as a consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics. She is busy these days looking after her parents, reading a great deal, and keeping up with a foursome of nearby nieces — one in college and a set of triplets high school seniors who are gifted academically and also on the athletic fields. Her adorable dog, Louie, a Pekachon, is now 12 years old and a beloved companion. Holly has great memories of our college years and sends special shout outs to Paula Kinney, Karen Farina Kehm and Steve Browneley. Hopefully she will be able to attend the festivities surrounding our 35th reunion this spring.

Speaking of Steve Browneley, he and his charming wife, Gretchen Godsey '77, are both still teaching in the Carroll County Public School System and are treasured faculty at their respective middle schools. Three fabulous children and a precious granddaughter later, they have a couple of kids nearby and one on the West Coast. That handsome lad has kept fit, often going on hiking and biking excursions along the C&O canal and elsewhere. He attends jazz concerts regularly and has developed the habit of simply saying "Yes Dear" to Gretchen's frequent home decorating plans. When not splattered with paint or varnish, Steve has found time to once again referee scholastic basketball games in and around Westminster. This summer, he and his bride of 30 years made it down to Isle of Palms for three days of body boarding, fine dining and reminiscence with the Traceys.

Larry Matthews, his beloved AGT brother, reports that he went to Paris and had his wallet pick-pocketed, bought an over the river vacation house — the only one in Maryland — recently purchased a new car, the 2010 Dodge Challenger, and the kids are great. Travis is in Daytona Beach, flying while at college and now has his pilot's license. Britanny is in Albuquerque in a graduate-level dental hygiene program. Larry is often the host for gatherings of aging Bachelor brothers at his various abodes. When not dabbling with his Jiffy Lube empire, he doodles plans for the opening of a retirement community for elderly members of Alpha Gamma Tau, complete with own Tahitian massage therapists and a cafeteria specializing in southern down-home cooking.

Mark "Pearl" Metzger reports life after selling his restaurant in 2004, The Tabernacle Inn, is near bliss. Now operating a consulting firm, he also manages a wine importer and distributor, which requires painstaking trips to wine regions in Australia, Italy, Spain, Argentina and the West Coast. He even has time to coach some girls' basketball, as well as write for several publications and lobby on behalf of the New Jersey Restaurant Association against the Evil Empire in Trenton and also in our nation's capital. Daughters Joanna and Emily are life's focus, as they star for their respective school's basketball teams — while not texting or Facebooking. Mark's wife, Janine, has transitioned from professional singer to special education teacher, in another push loward family normalcy, as creating a concept that might be. They collaborate with John Tutbill and his family as a matter of course, as John has mastered mainstream life with an almost Zen-like proficiency. The Pearl hopes the daughters' activity schedules Will allow him the opportunity to make it to reunion weekend this spring. (Editor's Note: Pearl has a daughter in sixth grade and this column's Youngest Offspring Award nominee.)

Everybody's favorite majorette, Donna "Susi" Windemuth, writes: "I am moving into a new career zone." Last May '08, she graduated from Fordham University's Grad School of Business with an MBA in professional accounting. Then, in June '08, she retired from her post as executive director, Neurological Institute at Columbia University, after 10 wonderful years of service. She really wanted to move into a career direction away from healthcare administration (where she has spent the last 25-plus years) and into more financial planning and taxes. This idea grew over years as she worked with many physicians and saw a real market niche to blend her experience with a new degree. So, she took last year off to accomplish two things — take the four parts of the CPA exam and manage the renovations on their condo in NYC. She's proud to report that she accomplished both. She just got the good news about Part 4 of the exam last month, so she's really feeling good! She planned to hit the job-hunting scene after Christmas.

Ray Sweetman is working in the IT department as a database administrator for a large insurance agency. He has been there 15 years and is the director of agency management systems with The NIA Group. His daughter, Heather, a sophomore at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., studying anthropology. He and Colleen, works for a non-profit spa and neuter clinic for cats. They recently met with Gary Hammer '74 for a day in New York City. Life is good in Montgomery, N.Y.

Stuart and Martha Shuart '77 Lehman have been very thankful for all the well wishes and support from friends and family as Sue has been battling health issues in '09. When we last heard from the Lehmans they were chilling on the Chesapeake near Thanksgiving with the girls.

Jeff Lands retired from the Federal Government after 34 years. He worked at the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and is now working part time as a consultant for them. He is enjoying retired life with wife Daphne as she has retired from her job as an office manager for an OB/GYN doctor after 15 years. They spend time spoiling their grandchild from their older daughter Amy and were waiting on the next grandchild from their other daughter, Bridget, who was due the first week of March.

Sharon Crane Siegel, DDS, MS, serves as the chair and is the professor of prosthodontics at Nova Southeastern University in the College of Dental Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale for the past seven years. Prior to that, she was an associate professor at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. We all knew her as Sharon Crane, who writes to say: "Interesting things have been happening in my life. I don't know where to begin, but the most honorable thing was receiving the 2005 Professional Achievement award from McDaniel College. I am not sure who nominated me, but I am grateful for the nomination and even more so for the award. The ceremony in October at Homecoming was wonderful." A few life highlights: Sharon was recently awarded the Canadian patent
for a dental device, Castix, that secures dental casts together. Her collaborator and co-inventor Dr. Ronald B. Gunderson and Sharon also have the American patent. They have a small business called, Articulation Innovations, that sells the device to dentists and dental laboratories. Sharon lectures on "Osteoporosis" and Women's Health Issues across the country and internationally.

In October '09, she was in Hawaii lecturing at the American Dental Association meeting and will be in Dallas in January at the Southwest Dental Conference. She is the clinical reports section editor of the Journal of Prosthodontics and the member-at-large of the Council of Sections for the American Dental Education Association. Her joys in life are her husband of 30 years (who is also a professor at NSU-CDM) and their daughter, Sarah, 26, who graduated from The School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University with a bachelor's and master's in International politics and central European and Asian studies. Fluent in Russian and Spanish, she will return from her job with a development contractor in Afghanistan at the end of December. Sharon loves reading about everyone in The Hill.

Debbie Tull '78 Paulsgrove writes in to tell us that Gary is now in his 35th year at the Social Security Administration and planning to retire some time in 2010. He's looking forward to it, but the prospect of such a big change is also scary. They celebrated 31 years of marriage in June. Debbie and Gary met at WMC in band. Their daughter, Valerie, 23, graduated in May '09 from UMBC with a degree in photography. She would like to start her own business, but for now is working in a portrait studio and doing some freelance work. Of course, they'd like to pay off some of those college bills before Gary retires.

Susan Domeier Meredith says the Meredith family is doing well (although maybe a little nervous about the economy). Sadly, she lost her mother in July. Their daughters are great. Heidi is working for the government and living in Arlington. Molly, after spending two-and-a-half years as a wilderness adventure instructor is now teaching in Carroll County as a permanent sub, trying to land a teaching role. She now teaches math at Westminster High School and has been there for five years and is enjoying the students. Janet is teaching physical education and Spanish at Mt. Airy Elementary School. She has spent two weeks on the Hill for the past two summers taking classes during "Common Ground on the Hill." It has been a great experience and she has even reacquainted with Dr. Rick Smith from the chemistry department. Their youngest daughter, Emily, was married in D.C. this summer. Naturally they have been planning for it and gearing up for the festivities all year. Their oldest daughter, Jessica, was the matron of honor. They had a great time and are very happy for both girls. The family celebrated Thanksgiving at Jessie's in southern New Jersey.

Thomas M. Trezise says his family is more interesting than him. He is just trying to keep his head above water in this economy, while singing and serving as a lay speaker and leader in Stephen Ministry at his church in Timonium, Md. Kathy's business, "Absolutely Organized," is doing well. She is the president-elect of a national group of professional organizers, NSGCD (National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization). Their son, Greg, is in his first year at Notre Dame's Mendoza School of Business pursuing an MBA. Their daughter, Meredith, is a Navy Ensign in Jacksonville as a naval flight officer training on P-3 Orions. She should have her wings by April. Tom invites us to check out his blogs at Freedom Correspondent, and The Sermon Closet, http://thesermoncloset.wordpress.com.

Tara Aust Baugher always enjoys reading this column to find out what classmates are up to. She continues to work with Penn State Extension, conducting research and outreach activities to increase economic, environmental and social sustainability in orchard systems. Her husband, Phil, and his siblings have a nursery operation and are now welcoming a new generation of family members back to the farm. Daughter Alli is pursuing a master's degree at American University while working in the "Teach for America" program. She teaches high school Spanish in an under-served Washington D.C. school and says she has never worked harder, but never felt better about what she is able to do with her life.

Jack Mansberger is still happily married to Shelley and lives in south Georgia. He was a general and vascular surgeon for 20 years, and around 10 years ago became medical director of a hospital-based Integrative Medicine Center, doing mostly nutrition and acupuncture. Early in his career, he was on the faculty at Georgia and for a while at the University of Maryland. He is now on the clinical faculty at Florida State University. He owned a paintball store and field for six years, traveled the country sponsoring, coaching or playing for paintball teams. His sons were into it and ran the store and the playing field. They played for a couple of nationally ranked amateur teams, at one point played for a team that was ranked number one in the nation. One of his sons played professional for awhile. A couple of years ago they realized they couldn't make a good living doing that, so they took opportunities in the computer and Internet fields and are now doing well there. All in all, they had fun in the paintball world, traveling the country and meeting folks from around the world. Jack has not seen anyone from WMC for a while, but he did run across Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg '77 on the Internet.

Bob Cullison is still living near Lineboro, Md., with his wife, Susan, a house full of dogs, a couple of feral cats and some horses. He works for Carroll County Public Schools and is the principal of the county's alternative school. Both kids, Christian '03 and Erin '04, are married, and both graduated from the College. They're expecting their first grandchild in a couple of weeks. Bob is winding down his term as president of the Saint Andrew's Society of Baltimore, a Scottish heritage and benevolence society. He is looking forward to hearing about our classmates, especially our brother Betes. Well, speaking of your brother Betes...

Jay Markanich writes that he and his clan are still in Bristow, Va., that all is well and he is very busy with family, church, work and four blogs. He laments, "There is never enough time to do all you want to do!" He's president of Jay Markanich Real Estate Inspections, LLC. You can catch up on the web at www.jaymarinspect.com. He advises us: Festina Lente, or Make Haste Slowly.

Editors Note: It was great to hear from Jack, Bob and Jay. It is a shame that so few other brothers of the fraternity once known as Gamma Beta Chi were able to write in to tell us of their peculiar adventures and misfortunes in life. While we may speculate that many of them, not now in rehab or living on communes, are doing well in middle management in their parents' businesses, perhaps the others busy themselves attending cat fancier shows and floral conventions in nearby Taneytown.

Beth McWilliams Tressler sends shout-outs to all her former sister purple cows and says: "Speaking of cows, Sam is still pulling teats on our dairy farm." Beth retired from the school system, but has fun working odd jobs. Their oldest, Leah, is a lawyer/cosmetologist in Dallas (yeah, sounds strange, but wiz for her). Son Sam graduated with film producing expertise, has had some exposure at film festivals, but right now making ends meet at Staples. Laura is a senior at Towson University, a psych major (what can you do with that nowadays?). Anna is at Barton Uni-
Lillian Moore Bradshaw '37, the first woman to lead a major U.S. library, former president of the American Library Association and a 1987 recipient of the Doctor of Literature degree from her alma mater, died Feb. 9. She was 95.

An outspoken champion of intellectual freedom, with a booming voice and steely resolve, Bradshaw once declared during an interview with The Hill: "A book censor isn't interested in censoring a book; he's interested in censoring the individual who wants to read the book. I won't stand for that!"

She capped off her decades of public service as an assistant city manager/liaison when Dallas played host to the 1984 Republican National Convention. Her civic work included helping raise money for the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza.
laxrosse goalie Charles "Chuck" Nolan '83. Bruce played at Loyola College against WMC and so he and Wayne reminisce about some of their battles. Wayne is still looking for a poster that was "borrowed" from his dorm 32 years ago when he and Keith Lawson were absent. A reward is still offered for that poster. In case you're wondering, it's not a Fareh Faxen poster. Any old WMC lax players that want to keep in touch can contact Wayne by email — relaytonax@aol.com. Maybe the "Wang Gang" can get back together!

Pat Blades Chapman went to the 30th reunion and saw many people. Andrea Jones Hall and Sue Fairchild Sager were most gracious to open their homes for visitors. Thanks to Sally McClellan Moore for the great T-shirts. Pat agrees that it was hardly possible that 30 years had really passed by. Pat reports that life on the Eastern Shore is good. She and Carl are both still teaching school. Pat in Easton and Carl in Middletown, Del. Their daughter, Sarah, is a sophomore at Salisbury University and their son, Matthew, is a high school senior. Pat and Carl celebrated 21 years of marriage with a trip to New York City this fall.

Greg Bowen and his wife, Cheryl, live in Williamsport, Md. Their oldest daughter, Andrea, completed her B.S. in elementary and middle education in 2008, then completed a master's in reading, got engaged, and started her first full-time teaching job (all in 2009). Becky is finishing up her B.S. in history at the new University System of Maryland Hagerstown (USMH). Their son, Will, is a junior in high school, active in baseball, and this will be his fourth winter as a snowboard instructor at Whistle Ski Resort. He has taken up a different "white tat interest" this fall and successfully harvested his first deer with a bow. For a little over two years, Greg has been at Catapult Technology providing consulting and quality assurance support to software and service projects for FAA and other government agencies. Greg is an IEEE senior member, a Certified Software Development Professional (CSDP), and was recently certified in ITIL v3 Foundations. Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen attended Mike Modica's wedding in September '08. More reports on that later from others who attended the wedding. Ron attended several Gamma Beta Chi alumni get-togethers during the late summer and early fall '09. Most involved boats and crabs and all involved beer, rehashed stories, and lots of laughs. Some of those in attendance and/or hosting the events included Terry Koening '78, Tom Widerseim, Chris Parr, Gary Walters '77, Scott Schneider '78, Anthony Tangires '80, Denny Powell, Jere Lynch '78, and Randy "Turtle" Cole. A special appearance was made by Dale Sillyman '80, a Gamma Beta Chi brother who attended WMC for two years from 1975 to 1977.

Doug Bowman is living in Bel Air, Md., with his wife, Suzanne, and their sons, Bryan and David, 20 and 17. Doug teaches high school English and strategic reading at Joppertown High School and recently attained his master's equivalency. He also coaches boys' soccer and sponsors the school's speech and debate team. Last summer, Doug and his son spent a week canoeing the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. Last winter and spring provided lots of fun and excitement for Doug. He's an avid fan of the Washington Capitals and he enjoyed their run to the playoffs.

Gail Bowman Mathes and her husband, Tom, are still living in Feeding Hills, Mass., with both boys, 16 and 18, in high school. This requires a lot of running around, but they try (albeit with difficulty) to savor the times. Gail and Tom are still washing cars and have broken into the real estate business. In her spare time, Gail is working on her tennis game and is enjoying life in her 50's. Gail has been in touch with Debbie Baker '83 and the two of them enjoy some getaways a few times a year. Gail and Tom have a condo in Florida, which is their primary destination for getaways, although they do go to Boston. Gail - Clark's '78 place in Puerto Rico once a year. If there is anybody else in the Pt. St. Lucie area, Gail would love to see you.

Henry "Hank" Cape and his wife, Katy, have lived in Annapolis for 17 years and they love it there. Their son, Greg, is a junior, and our twin sons, Andrew and Matt, are freshmen at Severn School in Severna Park. They stay very busy trying to keep up with the boys' school and sports activities. Katy is a middle school art teacher in Annapolis.

Hank is the CFO of three companies that distribute truck parts, rebuild truck transmissions, and repair trucks at 13 locations in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. In late 2008, they were bought by a very large public company, Illinois Tool Works. Now absolutely everything they do is more complicated and more time consuming. For fun, they like to travel. The last three summers, they have taken two-week road trips, first down the East Coast to Florida, then up through New England to Nova Scotia, and this past summer to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec City. Hank tries to expose the boys to as much "good" old music as possible. Recent live shows have included Sting (in Quebec), Paul McCartney, and Steely Dan. They like to go to Navy football games, and an occasional Orioles or Ravens game. Hank tells us Jack and Sue Hinton Kendall once in a while, but they are all so busy that he thinks they saw each other more often when the Kennedys were stationed in Panama.

Pat Clarke, a self-proclaimed "History Major Gone Bait" wrote for the first time in a long time. After 30 years, he has given up the Alum's Bond of IT consulting — no more airports on Sunday night, no more conference meetings. Instead, he is now dedicated to raising horses (German Warmbloods, Thoroughbreds and the occasional Welsh pony). Pat bought a little land in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains just south of Chattanooga, and is loving it. He travels a bit to horse shows throughout the Southeast and is proud to say that one of his star ponies won the flat course at National Pony Finals in Lexington, Ky., last year (that's BIG)!

Pat planned a rare visit north to Maryland last October, and attended Homecoming, where he hoped to run into Chip, Debbie, Wenny, Cosmo, Mr. Bill and some other old amigos there. He had no other news and says, "That's good!"

Dave '77 and Cheryl Collins Reinecker continue to work on expanding their options within agriculture: building both their livestock and equipment businesses to accommodate their son's entry into the family business and to diversify for protection against the fluctuating markets. So far, so good! David supplied Phil Delt brother Joe Phillips '78 with a roaster for his annual neighborhood picnic, so it was good to hear from Joe, who is still enjoying his time on the water with his boat. Cheryl also gets to occasionally join her old roommate, Nancy Swisher Reuter, who is transitioning well as her sons graduate from college and are out on their own. Cheryl continues to teach, with her doctor's permission. She hopes she can continue to do so for a while, as she both enjoys it and it supports their annual mid-winter trip to St. Kitts! Both their sons are married. The most recent was Andrew's '05 wedding in December '09. Cheryl says it's wonderful to finally have daughters, even if just by marriage!

Alison Crispell reports that things have been pretty busy as she transitioned over from Provident Bank to M&T Bank with the merger in May. She now works in Towson and walks to work most days. In the fall she spent a couple of weeks in Europe. She went on a cruise of the western Mediterranean then spent a couple of extra days in Barcelona, one of her favorite cities. When she's not working or traveling, she likes to spend her spare time either riding her horse or attending Washington Cup games.

Jim and Tracey Douglas are living in Olney, Md., where JD continues to teach advanced placement biology and chair the science department at Sherwood High School, although JD hopes to be retired from MCPS by the time you read this. Daughter Stephanie is a sophomore astrophysics major at Franklin and Marshall College where she is a Marshall scholar. Daughter Taylor Marie is a freshman presidential scholar in the honors program at the University of Maryland at College Park. (The girls have smart grandparents.) Taylor is a Spanish/biochemistry double major and hopes to live out dad's unfulfilled dream of going to medical school. In October, JD was inducted as a charter member in the Walt Whitman High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was honored for his years of hard work and dedication to Whitman's athletic program, for his service to the
Leroy M. Merritt ’52, a good-humored, generous man whose philanthropy supported his alma mater and numerous nonprofit organizations in the Greater Baltimore region, died Jan. 25 at the age of 79.

Enhancing student life at McDaniel inspired him to help fund the construction of the Merritt Fitness Center, dedicated in 2007, and later to pledge $5 million, intended to motivate alumni and friends to fund renovations to student residence halls and additional athletic facilities as part of the Carpe Diem Campaign for McDaniel.

Leroy is survived by his wife Gail Fitzpatrick Merritt, a son, Robb Merritt, a daughter, Nancy Merritt Haigley, and five grandchildren, all of Baltimore. His first wife, alumna Jean Curl Merritt, died in 1996.

Merritt was featured in the Spring 2008 issue of The Hill. Read the story online at ilovetheshill.com.
is still practicing law in Columbia, Md. (26 years now) and was recently surprised when a new tenant entered the business suite where her business is located. The new suite-mate turned out to be Chris Parr. Small world! Carole's daughter is a senior at Severna Park High School, so they are deeply involved in the college search routine. Carol is pulling for McDaniel, which they visited last fall. Carol saw lots of changes since we were students there, but she reports that it still "feels" the same. Carole's daughter's part-time job found her with a new co-worker, Wayne Pierce's son, Brian. Small world, again. Carol's son is in middle school and they spend most of their time with travel baseball, it seems. Her son loves the game and her husband "loves" how expensive it is. Carol has been the team manager for three years.

Patrice John Baughger pondered what to say. She decided that, now that we have all hit the big 50, which is now being considered middle age, there are lots of experience behind us and lots of new adventures before us, too. Tom '80 and Patrice added two new Baughers to the family, yet their current family is small. Australia is now an empty nest. Their middle son, Bryan, married Brittany in 2008 and Patrice is thrilled to finally have a daughter! They were happy that Bruce '81 and Barbara Engled made the trip out from Maryland to celebrate their son's marriage with them. A year later they are grandparents. Another Baugher boy, Zachary, has joined their brood.

Their youngest son, Andy, graduated from high school where he was a member of the National Honor Society and a captain of the football team. He is now at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he was a direct admit to Kelley School of Business and got a full scholarship. Their oldest, Chris, returned to his accounting job in Indianapolis after a year at Ft. Benning, Ga., when his Army Reserve unit was activated. He is now a company commander and getting ready to take the CPA exam. Tom still works at Raytheon and keeps busy refereeing high school soccer games. Patrice teaches pre-kindergarten and volunteers as treasurer of their neighborhood and for the high school athletic board. Last spring they vacationed in Cancun and enjoyed it so much that they are going back to Mexico to celebrate their upcoming 50th anniversary.

Mary Louise Jones York and her husband, Tom, are living in Lake Wisconsin, S.C., and they escape to their condo on Oak Island (just south of Wilmington, N.C.) as much as possible. They attended the Class of '79's 30th reunion and had a blast catching up with Ken and Julie Vaughan Donovan, Tony '77 and "Little Sue" Fairchild Sager, and the rest of their pals from Whiteford, Blanche, and the Hill. They had so much fun that they planned on attending Homecoming '09.

Their four kids are scattered throughout the country and overseas — Afghanistan (hopefully for not much longer), New York, California, and Virginia — all doing well. Their son, Chris, and his wife, Amber, are both captains in the Army, serving a second tour in Afghanistan. Tom is a retired Army LTC, now the director of internal audit at University of North Carolina—Charlotte, and Mary Louise is the accounting manager for JELD-WEN Windows and Doors — Home Depot account. Now that they're (barely) old enough to go on Elderhostel trips, they ski every January with her mom and dad at Mt. Snow, Vt. That's about all the news from Lake Wylie.

Mark '77 and Jan King Vernon also have marriage news in the family. On Oct. 10, their daughter, Laura, married Dr. Travis Smith. Jan sent me a picture to prove it. I had to ask Jan who the 30-something couple was in the picture with the bride and groom. It turns out the 30-something couple was the mother and father of the bride! Mark and Jan both look terrific and far younger than their 50-plus years. The years have been very kind to both of them.

Pat Koval Whittle and her husband, Mark, continue to home-school their two boys, 16 and 13. Their hopes of producing biology-loving future scientists seems to be failing as one of their sons seems intent on a career in music or film and the other keeps saying he wants to be an actor. Mark's company continues its successful growth and when not busy with home-schooling, Pat enjoys a game of racquetball and continues to play softball with a local senior softball group. Pat would enjoy hearing from anyone who expects to be deployed in October. Sally sent me a picture that read, "WMC Class 1969, 30 Years and Still HOTI. The class was well-represented at the reunion and many of the class members went back to 'Little Sue's' (Tony and Susan Fairchild Sager) house afterwards to continue the party. "The girls" ended up having an old-fashioned slumber party in two different houses with a big breakfast the next day before departing. There were too many names for Sally to list, but the highlight for her was seeing her freshman roommate, Nancy Goehner Houston, who flew in from Scottsdale, Ariz. The family is still looking for their tickets to the Redskins and Nationals fans and wishes they could say the same for Robin and Keith. After 20 years of living in Arizona, Brent "Bo" McWilliams' company was sold to a competitor in central Missouri.Bo was asked to move to a small town called Sedalia and, with blessings from Carol, that is what they did. Instead of seeing cacti, sunshine and fruit trees, they now see cows, corn and lots of weather! Brandon, their oldest, moved to McWilliams, Mo. Their three kids have all finished college and graduated. Everyone is employed — yay! Their oldest daughter will be married in April '10.

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Mike Modica was married to Deborah Wilson in September '08. A number of his Beta brothers attended. Sharing the happy day with Mike and Debbie were Keith and Robin Lee 'Bo Lawson, Ron and Leslie McDade 'Bo Bowen, Chris and Diana Parr, Ray and Claudia Viva, Steve '77 and Carol Fulton '77 Spinnelli, Mike '78 and Donna Spath, Mike '78 and Mary Pat Cottingham, Mark "Manny" and Carolyn Rosenberg, Jay '78 and Kathleen Cooke, Gary '77 and Joann Walters, Ed '77 and Sue Windsor '78 Bercraft, and Chuck Boelhke '78. Mike said that all they needed were a few more Phi Alphs and a half-dozen more Dels and it would have been like the old days. Mike and Debbie went to Italy for their honeymoon.
Kim Smith Charette left her position as the CEO of Jewish Memorial Hospital in Boston to join Witt/Kieffer, a national executive search firm focused on healthcare and higher education searches.

and had a great time.

Mike attended the annual Minotaur Open golf tournament in Myrtle Beach the last few years. Also participating were Betes from the Classes of '77, '78, '79, and '80 and hosted by Manny and Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg. The Rosenbergs were gracious hosts, although Manny was irritable when asked to provide directions for his guests. The tournament was capped off by a delicious crab feast at Manny's house. In the fall the Modicas attended another wonderful crab feast at the home of Gary and Joann Walters attended by the Cottingshams, the Spaths, Jay Cooke and his kids, Frank '78 and Christine Dooley and Kevin Carpenter '78. Everyone was amazed that Frank traveled outside the boundaries of Towson to attend the affair. Mike's older son, John Modica '10, is a senior at McDaniel; his daughter, Lauren, is a sophomore at Towson; and his younger son, Matt, is a junior in high school.

Terry Mott Potterton found it hard to believe that two years had gone by since the last report from the Class of 1979, let alone 30-plus since we graduated. She is still commuting to Montgomery County to teach music at Matsunaga Elementary School. She is quickly becoming an empty-nester as her oldest two sons (twins) graduated from college last May and got jobs in areas that required them to move. She was glad that they got jobs in this job market, but was not quite ready for them to move out completely!

Her youngest son is in his junior year at Bucknell University and is busy in their management program and playing running back on their football team. Going to his games really makes her miss those college years. Now that she has a little bit of free time on her hands, she's trying to remember what she used to like to do before she was consumed with being a mom to three boys. Terry does manage to get together with Betsy Fogle Morrow and Susan "Speed" Tuley Routsom several times a year, as well as Melanie Keates Lower '80. She treasures her "old" friends from WMC days.

Barbara Parsons Davis works as a speech therapist with preschool kids. Working part time allows her to continue working and still be pretty involved at school with daughter Erica, who is 11 and in fifth grade. Barbara and her husband, Bill, and Erica spent a beautiful week at the Jersey shore last summer followed by 10 days in New England (Connecticut and Boston). She highly recommends Boston as a great place to visit. Other than that, her days are a combination of work and driving mom's taxi from place to place.

Rick Powell continues as the minister for Christian Temple in Catonsville (14 years now) and his wife, Jayna, works on staff for Habitat for Humanity. Their middle son, Michael Powell '12, is playing soccer and lacrosse at McDaniel so they enjoy getting onto campus for his games. Rick enjoyed seeing lots of fellow classmates at Ira Zepp's '52 memorial service including his old roommate, Alan Zepp '54. It was a bittersweet day, but an inspiring one. On a more lighter note, Rick returned to the Hill for the 30th reunion, but thought we had a pretty small crowd. He was happy to get the T-shirt, too!

Bill and Margray Quinn Poulin live in Mid- dletown, Md., which is about 10 minutes from Frederic. Margray has been happily married for 27 years and has three great kids. Her oldest son graduated from Virginia Tech, is a civil engineer and is getting married in July. Her other son is majoring in marine biology and chemistry at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu — and yes they do get to visit him occasionally. Fortunately, her son and husband both have birthdays at the same time as the Pro Bowl so that's extra encouragement to visit. Her daughter is a freshman at North Carolina State in Raleigh, majoring in international studies and has been instructed that she can only study abroad in places they want to visit. Margray, Bill, and the kids have traveled to Mexico, Canada, England, Italy, Greece, Turkey, taken a few cruises, and traveled to destinations within the U.S. Their favorite place is Italy, and Margray and Bill took a couple of their daughter's friends to Italy for graduation from high school.

David Range and Cheryl "CJ" Walter are still serving at their churches in Miramar and Margate, in southeast Florida. Their son Ben '10 is due to graduate from McDaniel in the spring and they will be excited to see where he will be led to next. Their other son, Michael, is working for the Space Foundation from his home in Ithaca, N.Y.

Leslie Renshaw Kemp reports that there is not much new in Chester, Md. She's still working at Kingstown Farm, Home and Garden, running the pet department. They are feeling the economic decline, but are thankful that dog and cat food sales have remained up. Her store sponsors the local Humane Society, who sadly, is over capacity and is adopting animals out for no fee to try and ease the situation. Vern and Leslie have their own "soc." Leslie would take all the homeless animals if she could, but it sure makes leaving home for vacations interesting! Leslie wondered if anyone heard from Myra Tyrell Zarev? Leslie would love to get back in touch with her. Leslie spent most of last summer recovering from cancer surgery, but she is cancer free now. She reminds us that we should never get too busy to take care of our health and warns us that life is way too short as it is!

Bill Roelke lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with his wife, Nanci, son, Tao, 5, and daughter, Moli, 3, where he practices law with a business litigation boutique. In his spare time, he enjoys building Lego towers and playing with dolls. It's nice to see that fatherhood at a later stage in life doesn't affect one's sense of humor!

Esther Siegel Jacobson is still living in Owings Mills where she works as a settlement officer for Supreme Title Company. Esther and her husband, Ed, are empty-nesters (another familiar theme), so they now have more time to date on their two cats and their Samoyeds, Chessie. Daughter Holly is married and living on a Coast Guard base in Sandy Hook, N.J. She teaches preschool while Esther's son-in-law proudly serves in the Coast Guard. Son Andrew is in his fourth year at University of Maryland, where he's in a five-year program to make it down to their vacation home outside of Rehoboth Beach, Del., as often as they can.

In March, Esther had a mini-WMC reunion there, when Helen "Troy" Kiefert, Laura "Lolly" Lloyd Bennet '78, Alison Nicol Martin '78, Peggy Vaughan '78 and Robin Max Towsend '78 came for a weekend. Last year Esther had the time of her life when she went to a cooking school in Tuscany, Italy. She continued to express her passion for food by cooking (and eating!) She finally caught up with Dori Babyak Chappell by email and would love to see her in person! She also would like to hear from Janice McDonald.

Kim Smith Charette didn't get to the reunion, but is anxious to hear how everyone is. Kim left her position as the CEO of Jewish Memorial Hospital in Boston three and-a-half years ago to join Witt/Kieffer, a national executive search firm focused on healthcare and higher education searches. Kim is based in Boston and is the regional director for the eastern region. Her practice is in academic medicine and C-suite execs in hospitals.

Kim and her husband, Bill, have two kids: a son, 16, who is on the high school golf and baseball team (and yes, they are also looking at colleges this year!) and a daughter, Samantha, 13, who is a soccer and AAU basketball player. That pretty much sums up how they spend their weekends — at some tournament or another. When they're not doing that, the four of them are golfers, so they try to spend vacations in places like Scuttle Hole, Myrtle Beach, or Florida. The frequent flyer miles from all Kim's travels help out.

Cindy Sprinkle Everly's life is crazy. She is truly a member of the sandwich generation. She still has a 14-year-old at home and she's caring for her mother and her former mother-in-law. Cindy's mother has stage-4 cancer and her mother-in-law is 80, so she goes with both of them to lots of medical appointments. Of course, she also needs to work. Sometimes she wonders if she is ever again going to have "me" time. But she admits that she gets what she deserves for having a baby at age 39.

Cindy occasionally grabs dinner with a girlfriend, but she'd love to get back into yoga and a better social life, but she understands that all that will wait. Cindy's daughter, Ali, is a junior at James Madison University. She recently decided to get a master's degree so that she can sit for the CPA exam.
Cindy never thought Ali would want to follow in Cindy's footsteps and be an accountant. Cindy's son, John, 14, is in the ninth grade and still finding himself. Cindy hopes he locates himself soon. This past fall, Cindy was invited to a Halloween costume party for the first time in years. She found it disconcerting to see '80s costumes in the store when she's sure the '80s were just yesterday. Weren't they? Cindy and her family still find time to visit Myrtle Beach for a vacation every summer and she and Mark "Manny" Rosenberg look forward to getting together for a cocktail while the kids entertain themselves for an hour or two.

Mary Ellen Delrick is teaching fourth grade in Mt. Lakes, N.J. Her youngest daughter, Michelle '12, is a sophomore at McDaniel. Michelle is on the field hockey team and is having a great time at the College. Mary Ellen says it's been nice to get back to the school and see all the changes. She says that Blanche Ward is looking much better. Mary Ellen saw Dave Delrick '78 and his son, Tyler, at a football and field hockey game last September.

Scott and Robin Selland Trenner attended the 50th reunion last May. Robin was pleased with the turnout as the attendance was better than the Classes of 1974 and 1984. Robin sincerely wishes that her memory still worked which would have made it much easier to recall all that went on. Many of those in attendance adjourned to Sue Fairchild Saget's house afterwards and did the yearbook, photo album thing. It was neat.

Scott and Robin's oldest son, Christopher, graduated from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia last May. After a family vacation in Cabo San Lucas, he moved into a house with four buddies and got a job (yeah!) as a health benefits analyst with a company. Their other son, David, just started his second year at High Point University in N.C.

Scott continues in Jiffy Lube and as president of the Marketing Coop. He loves what he is doing and enjoys the traveling he gets to do, especially when it involves Las Vegas or a sporting event. He is an avid Ravens fan, tailgating each home game with Jim Selfridge '81, Rob Bowman '81, Larry Matthews '75, Joe Menendez '81, Mike Barry, and a host of other friends in their 1974 Mini Winniebago painted purple and adorned with hand painted logos. Robin is still active in the music programs at church. She's been hosting for her theater group, Heritage Players, Inc., for many years and took on the Reservoir High School drama department last year. The Trenners were able to spend some time with Rick and Janaya Powell last summer. They sat together at Ira Zep's '52 memorial service. Robin says it was "a tremendous tribute to that wonderful man. Such love and such fun stories were told by so many. I suspect generations of lives with his love."

They saw Gayle Annis-Forder '80 at the service. Gayle is a pastor in the Loch Raven area of Baltimore and seems to be enjoying it. Additionally, Scott and Robin spent a quick weekend with Mike Barry and his wife, Dana, in New York last summer.

During the last 12 months, Ray Via changed law firms and is now practicing real estate law for Whiteford, Taylor & Preston in their Washington, D.C., office. In September '08, Ray and his wife, Claudia, had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Mike Modica and Debbie Wilson in West Chester, Pa. It was a beautiful ceremony and an outstanding reception. The Gamma Beta Chi Fraternity was well represented with members of the Classes of 1977, 1978, and 1979 in attendance with their wives. A couple of Phi Alphas and a Delta were also in attendance.

With the turn-out of the Green Terror alumni, the reception resembled a very high-class "Hungry Mother" party, circa 1977. Instead of counter beers and Rio punch, there was fine wine and top-shelf liquor, instead of black-light posters, there were tapestries on the walls, and instead of a roast chicken thrown to the crowd by the band, there were oysters on the half-shell and lamb chops. But the party was just as much fun. The best part was that the guests, for the most part, remembered where they parked their cars! The only thing missing was the obligatory... at this point, I could no longer decipher Ray's handwriting, but I think he wrote that he was also shopping for a new SUV. Sorry, Ray.

Amanda Walker-Waitt waited to tell me that she is still enjoying being a Texan, and also enjoys being the mom of two teens and a "tweet"! She says there is never a dull moment and lots of time for mid-life meditation chauffeuring them everywhere. Life is rounded out by her psychology private practice, a novel that is slowly unfolding, mission trips with Campus Crusade (London in summer '09, hopefully Japan winter '10), and her yoga addiction. Amanda enjoyed revisiting McDaniel (always WMC to her!) for the 50th reunion in May '09 and loves keeping connected with alumni via Facebook. She says it would be great to see more '79ers on Facebook.

Andy and Mary Lee Fones '81 Weber are still in Connecticut, spending as much time as they can on Nantucket. Their daughter, Leah, is now a producer at One Life to Live (ABC soap), son John is junior at College of Holy Cross and on the golf team, and their other son, Scotty, is doing all things 11. Andy sees Rich Heritage '76 at lacrosse games, and plays golf with Randy Heck '82 on occasion.

Kathy Zep-Imhoff is still teaching in Fredrick County. The past two years it has been in computer science and technology education. Her older daughter, Kristin, graduated last May from Drexel with a degree in engineering, and her younger daughter, Ali, is expected to finish up this year at Dickinson with a degree in sociology. Ali is on the Dickinson swim team, so making trips back to Harlow Pool for McDaniel/Dickinson meets has been nostalgic for Kathy. Kathy still remembers Kim's first year as coach.

Jeff and Bev Gates were planning on attending the class reunion, however, Jeff developed a case of Deep Vein Thrombosis (and they also found Bilateral Pulmonary Emboli), and so he was in the hospital instead of on the Hill. Apparently it was pretty serious, though he felt great the entire time. Recovery seems to be complete. Bev took a new job at the West Chester Hospital. She is working in the lab on second shift (her favorite). This job is much slower paced than her previous job. Working evenings gives Bev the opportunity to pursue her passion for sports during the day (tennis, paddle tennis and golf are the main activities).

Jeff is still the director of marketing for Syrgis (since February '09). Syrgis is a small suite of chemical companies. Jeff's company relocated their corporate offices last summer, which cut his commute from 35 miles to 10 miles. Their other plants are in Arkansas, Texas and Sweden. In 2009, Jeff spent five weeks in China and a week in Barcelona Spain for business. Jeff and Bev spent a week in Mexico (just north of Playa del Carmen) in September and a week in Florida in December. Bev also had the opportunity to go to Hilton Head and to Colorado during the summer with tennis friends.

As for me, Carolyn and I continue to live in Sunset Beach, N.C. The golf package business we own and operate with my brother, Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg '77 and his wife, Anita, has been impacted by the economy, but we still have the opportunity to pursue our hobbies of playing golf and crushing our workers under the boot-heel of capitalism. Dr. Price would be proud! During the couple of years we have traveled to Cabo San Lucas, St. Thomas and St. John, Chicago, Charleston, S.C., and West Chester, Pa., to attend Mike and Debbie Modica's wedding. A couple of years ago [made it back up to Maryland and had the great pleasure of meeting my old roommate, Mike Lewis, for lunch. We've had lots of alumni visit us in the Myrtle Beach area including Cindy Sprinkle Everly, Wayne Birely, Scott Nichols '81, Keith and Robin Lee '80 Lawson, Jim '80 and Karen Bellamy '81 Lamont, who own a home in Pawley's Island, S.C., and, of course, the annual Minotaur Open gang, of Gary Walters '77, Bob Irvin '77, Mike Cottingham '78, Mike Spath '78, Jay Cooke '78, Judd Miller '78, Chuck Boelke '78, Ray Via and Mike Modica. Unfortunately, Chris Parr could not join the group the last few years, but we're hoping he's able to make it in May. Thanks again to everyone who took the time to write.

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DEPARTED

Mrs. Carolyn Zimmerman Charpentier '49, of Jacksonville, Fla., on March 1, 2009.

Mrs. Louise Sapp Hawkins '49, of Baltimore, Md., on November 21, 2009.


Mr. Joseph A. Maciejczyk '49, of Sparta, N.J., on October 18, 2009.

Mrs. Betty Saylor Gillotti '50, of Daytona Beach, Fla., on July 12, 2009.

Mr. Vincent R. Landau '51, of Mt. Airy, Md., on September 1, 2009.

Dr. Roland V. Layton Jr. '51, of Lewisburg, W.Va., on June 21, 2009.

Mr. Samuel Winston '51, of Port Chester, N.Y., on May 17, 2009.

Mr. Leroy M. Merritt Jr. '52, of Baltimore, Md., on January 25, 2010.

Mr. Elmer Richards '53, of Havertown, Pa., on June 11, 2009.

Mr. William J. Underwood MEd '54, of Timonium, Md., on March 28, 2009.


Mrs. Betty Culpepper Hall '57, of Crofton, Md., on January 6, 2010.

Mr. Walter J. Kirsch MEd '59, of Gulfport, Fla.,...
Big Fish, Bigger Pond

Eric Schwaab '82 recently took the helm of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Schwaab is assistant administrator for fisheries at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and will lead NOAA's efforts to rebuild America's fisheries and the jobs and livelihoods that depend on them.

His immediate priorities include improving outreach and relationships with recreational and commercial fishermen, better aligning federal and regional fisheries' priorities, restoring confidence in fisheries law enforcement, and promoting management approaches that will achieve both sustainable fisheries and vibrant communities.

Eric brings more than 25 years of experience in local, state and federal natural resource management. He has spent the majority of his career at the Md. Dept. of Natural Resources.

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I was thrilled to hear from so many '85ers, and like me, quite a few of you are finding it hard to believe we'll be celebrating our 25th reunion this year. I've been trying to figure out where those 25 years went since I'm still hanging out with the same group of friends, I still have a fondness for purple cows and if you look in my closet you'll still find a WMC sweatshirt. So, by my calculations, we're still 21 or 22 years old (OK, now you know why I wasn't a math major). How could 25 years have flown by so fast? After reading your newlyworth e-mails, I'm finding out that our class has packed a ton into those 25 years. We've been unbelievably busy raising families, climbing the corporate ladder, volunteering, nurturing friendships, staying active and enjoying life.

Lori Shamer Douglas writes that she has been teaching music for 23 years in the Carroll County Public School system. She teaches fourth and fifth grade instrumental music and has also been teaching kindergarten general music for the last two years. She loves working with the kindergarten age group and is wondering if it's because she's finding her "inner child." Lori has two daughters, Bonnie, 15, and Annie, 12, who keep her on the go. She and husband Les are still rehabbing a home in New Windsor, Md., and they just recently celebrated 18 years of marriage.

Tom Quirk and wife Kathyrn recently became parents for the third time. They now have three sons, Ryan, 5, Charlie, 3, and Tegan (which is Gaellic for Little Poet) who was born on Oct. 14, 2009. Tom is still teaching at Lexington High School and hopes to continue to do so for many more years. He and Kathryn have purchased a new home in Newton, Mass., and Tom has published two short stories in Elsian Fields Quarterly. All is well with Diane Culver Borucki. She's back working in customer service and is now at AscendOne and loving it. She and husband Dave celebrated their 20th anniversary with a trip back to Bermuda where they had originally honeymooned. She can't believe her oldest son, Bryan, is learning to drive and commerdal fishing, and they just recently celebrated his 20th birthday. Ryan is in seventh grade at Aquarh Middle School and enjoys playing both soccer and the piano and is involved with the church and her children's schools. She just finished her latest accomplishment was training for a triathlon with her husband and daughter, Kelly. An ordinary life, Daisy? I think not.

Someone who isn't admitting to 25 years passing by is Gretchen Omen Milchling. She said she feels like she was just in college, so how could so much time have gone by? I know she's not the only one feeling that way. She and husband David '92 are going on 24 years of marriage and they have five children whose ages range from a sophomore at UConn in South Carolina to a first grader at St. Joe's in Cockeysville, Md. She's still working part time for the Carroll County Board of Education as a mentor teacher when she's not busy running from fields, to courts, to school. She actually has run into Sue Cooke Meurer on the lacrosse fields. Gretchen can't wait to read all the news about our classmates and she would love to see everyone, especially Jackie Ford Frost Kirwin.

Another classmate who'll be celebrating a marriage milestone is Brad Rockwood. Brad and wife Penny Edwards Rockwood '86 will be celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. Their daughter, Laurel, graduated from the University of Delaware in May '09 and is pursuing her master's degree in teaching from Wilmington University. Their son, Chet, is a senior in high school. Both Laurel and Chet have played rugby since age seven. Brad is self-employed with D.B. Rockwood Plumbing, Inc., president of West Carroll Recreation Council and also coach of West Carroll Marauders Rugby (high school age boys and girls teams) in New Windsor, Md.

For the past 10 years, Tom Heil has worked for a manufacturing and distribution company as a district manager. His job requires much travel, but he has the freedom to make his own schedule. When not traveling, he enjoys time with his wife, Jessica, and their two children, Xander, 8, and Olivia, 4. The children are smart, full of curiosity and have everlasting energy, so they keep their parents on their toes. They are busy with dance class, Cub Scouts, music lessons and now, thanks to his son, Tom knows more about Star Wars than he ever thought possible. The family takes many trips together in order to experience life at its fullest. Sadly, Tom lost his father this past year to a debilitating illness. Though he is greatly missed, Tom knows he is finally at peace.

In his spare time, you'll find Tom riding one of his two motorcycles since riding has become his personal therapy and keeps him balanced. He and a close group of friends often take long trips and participate in charity rides. They are hoping to take a cross-country trip in the near future. In his email to me, Tom said, "I don't get to see or hear from anyone from McDaniel but I find as I age, I think more and more about the times we had with fond memories. I wonder about certain individuals and I think about the relationships we had, and as the thoughts bring a smile upon my face, I just hope all have found happiness in this journey we call life."

Jeff Hayman and his wife, Jeanie, are still enjoying semi-retirement in Reedsdale, Va. Jeff works part time as an IT security consultant at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, and Jeanie continues her part-time work as an oncology RN at Tappahannock River Side Hospital. They enjoy their boat, their new puppy, and the quiet lifestyle of Virginia's Northern Neck. They frequently see Carol and Chris Gitcher '87 and get together each year with Dave and Missy Ridgely Colesley '89 at the annual Jimmy Buffett concert in Manassas. The Haymans welcome any of their "friends from Westminster" who happen to find themselves in the Reedsdale area.

Sending in news from Loganville, Pa., is Lynda Rennie-Tankersley. Lynda is busy with two careers these days. She's selling health insurance and is also selling holistic health-care alternatives to pharmaceuticals online through Market America. As the proud mother of three daughters, she said her eldest daughter, Rennie, is a sophomore at Herford High School where she plays field hockey and takes many honors courses. She also plays lacrosse for The Ravens Club team. Her younger daughters, eighth-grader Hanna and fifth-grader Ella, attend Our Lady of Grace School in Parkton, Md. Hanna plays field hockey and lacrosse. Ella plays soccer and field hockey. Lynda continues to try to beat Mother Nature by running almost every
day and taking “Isotonics” from Market America.

Kirsten “Kris” Nyström Snyder writes that she and husband Brandt have been married for 18 years and after 15 years they are still working on renovations to their home that was built in 1884. She said they are beginning to realize that they will never be finished! Kris is a lever harp teacher and has 22 students. Her business, The Elegant Touch (harp music for life events) is “limping along” in the present economy, but she’s still getting bookings so that’s a good sign. She has a gig every Thursday night at the Glen Rock Mill Inn (Glen Rock, Pa.) and her two CDs continue to sell at Amazon.com and CDbaby.com. She’s also the director to The Muses (York County’s Premier Harp Ensemble) and for the third year in a row, they performed on New Year’s Eve at First Night York.

Kris is a certified music practitioner which is prescriptive music at the bedside of the ill and dying. As a CMP, she works at two area dementia units (Westminster and Columbia). In addition, she’s the vice president on the board for The Music for Healing and Transition Program and is a certified instructor for the same program. She said she’s happiest in her harp studio with her three cats and husband sitting on the couch.

A short note from Carrie Miller Parker reported she and husband Al were still living in Westminster and keeping busy with the year-round sport schedules of their children. She now has a high-schooler and a middle-schooler. Carrie also wrote that she’s hoping to see everyone at our reunion.

Life is great on their 46-acre estate in Forest Hill, Md., writes Alan Alvey. He continues to commute to Herndon, Va., every day for his DoD job, but it’s much easier now that his wife, Sandy Brant Alvey ’87, has returned from her 13-month active duty assignment in Japan. Alan and their children Doug, 19, Greg, 16, and Sami, 13, all travelled to Japan last summer to see Sandy and had a great time touring Tokyo, Kyoto, Hakone, Kamakura and Hiroshima. They also took a cruise to Alaska this past summer to celebrate the family being back together once again. Doug is in his second year at VMI on a four-year Marine scholarship, Greg is driving and is a junior at Fallston High school, and Sami is swimming and in eighth grade at Fallston Middle. Alan was happy to report everyone is doing well.

Central Pennsylvania (home of Penn State and JoeFa football) is where we find Deborah Ratzberg Hopkins. She’s an emergency medicine physician at Lewistown Hospital and has been there for eight years thus far which is the longest she’s ever worked at any one place, besides being in school. However, now she doesn’t have school loans! Debbie is also getting into the EMS—hospital activities which has lots of meetings and is more closely related to her WMC political science major. Daughter Sarah is a junior at Penn State and son Stephen is a sophomore at a Mississippi University. Debbie occasionally hears from Denise Humphrey ’84 and Melanie Clipping ’83.

Twenty-five years is all too real when Joe and Ronna Loli Cobuzio visit daughter Alyssa ’12 at McDaniel. Alyssa is in her sophomore year, is living in the newly renovated Blanche Ward Hall and rushed a sorority last fall. Their son, Joe, is a sophomore at DuPaul Catholic taking honors courses and playing football and lacrosse. Ronna said she is always driving him somewhere. Joe is partner at his law firm and is busy in and out of court. He keeps in touch with Glen “Sweeney” Yurcisin ’84 and Rick “Gimp” Donley ’84. Ronna said she always enjoys reading The Hill news on everyone since life is so busy and they are often unable to keep in touch as much as they would like.

Jeff Rickett is co-pastoring a multi-ethnic (city of Hope Church in Columbia, Md.), which was organized in February ’08. In addition, he serves on the Board of the Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, is on a committee to end homelessness in Howard County and is also on the advisory board for the Volunteer Center of Howard County. He and wife Val Wieder Rickett are staying busy with their two children, Samuel and Amanda. Val enjoys home schooling Samuel who is in the sixth grade and Amanda is a fifth-grader at Calvert Christian Academy. Both play basketball and soccer and Amanda also rides horses. Jeff and Val are licensed foster care parents in Howard County and plan to adopt more children. Val is also active in the life of the church, singing on the music teams and making meals for a homeless shelter. The family took a vacation to Disney World last summer and had a blast. Last October, Jeff ran his first half-marathon at the Baltimore Running Festival where he saw Sue Cooke Meurer cheering on other runners. As far as other fellow Green Terrors, Jeff and Val see Barbara Bailey Collins ’81, and Carol Francies’ S3, as they are also members of City of Hope Church, as well as Martin Camper ‘07. They also keep in touch with Ronnie Gavin ’87.

Jon Ferber writes from Pikesville, Md., and says the family is doing great. His wife, Stephanie, is working at T. Rowe Price and their son, Daniel, is in the seventh grade and doing very well at Pikesville Middle School. Jon and Stephanie travel all over to watch Daniel compete in travel soccer and lacrosse.

Michele Everett Seibel has entered her 25th year in the English department at North Carroll High School. In fact, she has Kristin Lathrumin Listers’ daughter, Melissa, in her AP literature and composition class. Michele said Melissa tells stories she’s heard from her mom to the other students! When not teaching, Michele is constantly on the run to ballet, SGA, school play rehearsal, band/orchestra, concerts, karate, soccer, and basketball for her children. Her daughter is 12 and her son is 8. They all enjoy spending time with George ’86 and Lee Anne Ware Peck’s family. Michele gets together with Lee Ann and Mary Alice Eckenrod Hallman to celebrate their birthdays, though sometimes it can be difficult to find a time that works for all three of them. They miss seeing Caroline Benson Tringali at those all-too-short happy hours. Michele’s been happy in a relationship with a wonderful man for more than three years and has been having fun catching up with people on Facebook. Look her up, but make sure you use her full name.

Bio major Vicky Elad’s has been working at Quest Diagnostics for 18 years and is presently a client service representative II. Quest has allowed her to take advantage of continuing education, which she has done throughout her time with them. Vicky is single and dedicated to her family and job at this time.

Caroline Benson Tringali and her family continue to enjoy life in Alexandria, Va. She started painfully with the sudden death of Caroline’s mother, but later that year the family celebrated the high school graduation of son Scott who is now a freshman at Rowan College. Daughter Grace is blossoming as a third-grader. She loves walking to elementary school, playing piano, ice skating, reading, and art. Husband Brian’s work as a political consultant keeps him busy. This fall, one of Grace’s friends asked, “What is your job?” to which Caroline replied “Taking care of my family.” The little girl said “That’s my mom’s job too!” The entire family, including Grandma Tringali and Grandy Benson went to Ireland this past summer to celebrate Scott’s graduation. They also enjoyed their annual July week in Bethany Beach with Caroline’s aunt, Caroline Benson Schaeffer ’49, and her family. Caroline looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. It’s been a marker year for Clif Martin. He was offered the position of CEO at the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County commencing in January ’09 and was also elected vice president of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials for a two-year term. These two career changes will keep him extremely busy during the next few years. Clif recently sent his nephew off to college at Stevenson University. His nephew had been living with him and now Clif is raising his niece, 16. He’s looking forward to a two-week jaunt to South and Central America in early 2010 and hopes to travel a great deal throughout the country representing NAHRO.

Jay Updike and wife Michelle live in Kingsville, Md., and have three daughters, Mackenzie, 7, Blair, 6, and Reese, 2. Jay is still running his marketing company, Mid Atlantic Networking, and gets together with the Bedes whenever possible. They have an annual golf trip in Ocean City, Md., and according to Jay everyone is doing well.

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Hitting All the Right Notes

If you attended the College's historic name-change ceremony, you may remember Kristin Lanag '04 (in black on Bush's right). She was the vivacious vocalist running through the crowd belting out, "I Love Rock 'n Roll," and she may have inspired you to join in. What you may not recall is that she started out the first verse standing center stage and didn't leap into the crowd until Bo Eckard, director of jazz studies, shot her a funny look and said, "Lagana, the mic's wireless. Go!"

It's just that kind of spirited encouragement from McDaniel's music faculty that got Lagana to where she is today, performing at venues all over the Baltimore and D.C. areas, including at the nation's most prestigious address: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

After graduation, Lagana landed a gig singing for Baltimore's premier Big Band, Mood Swings, performing alongside McDaniel alumna Jenna Layman '06. The prestigious group receives over 50 vocalist applications every month but welcomed Lagana as soon as they heard her sing. She has performed with Mood Swings at high-profile events including one of the 2005 inaugural balls.

However, the highlight was performing in the East Wing of the White House in 2008 at the annual Christmas party for members of Congress. Lagana says the surreal evening spent entertaining for the President among the lavish holiday décor was "the ultimate sensory experience."

Even though her performance wardrobe is now dominated by over 30 ball gowns, her favorite jeans are still put to good use when she steps into the role of fearless front woman for the alternative rock band Victims of Experience (VOE), which also features Michael Bair '04. The group performs at popular venues all over Baltimore for a faithful following. Lagana has also performed solo with major recording artists such as Eric Hutchinson.

Lagana hopes that one day singing will be her "day job," but for now she says her work at a lobbyist firm in D.C. actually gives her a vacation from her rock-star alter ego.

-Kate Maloney '09

Elizabeth "Liz" Gates Haslbeck's life for the past two years has been full of college applications. Daughter Carrie '13, 18, is at McDaniel and wants to teach English at the middle school or high school level. Daughter Stephanie, 17, is currently sending out her college applications and hopes to major in business during her many visits to McDaniel, Liz has run into classmate Kristin "Lolly" Latham Lister and Robin Adams Brenton '86 in the alumni office. She's also caught up with some of her former professors, Dr. Panek, Dr. Iglič, Dr. Brown and Dr. Paquin, while on campus. Liz's husband, Leo, continues to excel in his sales job with Curaflo Mid-Atlantic. Having 22 years in the federal government, Liz has been working with ship and hull coatings (paint) research and she loves the job which offers her fantastic travel opportunities. Her most recent destinations were Spain and Scotland.

Warren Porter and his wife, Alma Mickey '98, are living in Indianapolis, Ind. Warren has worked for Eli Lilly and Company for 16 years and enjoys his research in medicinal chemistry. Warren enjoys fishing, staying healthy, old movies, and motorcycle riding. Both their sons, Adam and Andrew, are in college. Except for the two dogs and one cat left at home, Alma and Warren are adjusting quite nicely to their empty nest.

"Can't believe it has been 25 years!" writes Beth Chapman Zimmer. She recently changed jobs and is now working as the accounting manager for several hotels in Ocean City, Md. Husband Tom '84 is an assistant principal at Stephen Decatur High School where their son, Corey, 17, is a junior and their oldest daughter, Sarah, 23, is teaching 10th-grade English. Daughter Kate '11, 21, is a junior at McDaniel College, which Beth says is still a great place. She can't wait to read about what's going on in everyone's lives and she wishes health and happiness to all of our classmates.

Louise Nemshick Montoya and family are doing well. She continues to work as a mental health counselor for families with deaf or hard of hearing members at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Not too long ago, her oldest daughter (step-daughter) and her family moved from New Mexico to only one block away from Louise and her husband in Philadelphia. They have enjoyed being full-time grandparents to their four boys and now have a total of 11 grandkids, whom they love spending time with. Their second oldest daughter and her family live in New Mexico. Louise's two youngest children are currently in high school and her son is a senior in the midst of his college search. Louise and her husband have also become full-time caretakers for in-laws who are both living with Alzheimer's. She said they remain grateful for life's blessings and are trying their best to enjoy life as they live it.

It was great to hear from Lou Anne Banks who has been living in California for the past few years. She's working as the vice president of marketing for Johnny Rockets, but is looking forward to moving back to the East Coast this year.

Sandra Michener Lazar wrote saying she lost her husband in January '09, which I was very sad to hear. She's been at Charles Schwab for seven years and says work keeps her busy, as does the time she spends crazily running around for her daughter's school activities. Her daughter is 12 and in the seventh grade. Sandra still enjoys the annual "Chicks Weekend" with Helen Potter Curry, Dee Kennedy, Carrie Miller Parker, Fran Ward '86, Susan Wallace '86, Mary Ellen Misselw preliminary Kelley and Amy Barnes Elliott '84. In fact, when she emailed me, she had just gotten back from having a great time in Hagerstown with everyone.

"I can't believe it will be 25 years...we aren't that old!" writes Terri Taheri Tuckey. Terri is living a busy life in Middletown, Md., with her husband, Brian, and their two sons, Ryan, 12, and Evan, 10. Brian owns his own physical therapy practice in Frederick and Terri is a school counselor in Frederick County. Her boys attend Middletown Middle School and Middletown Elementary School and they each play on two soccer teams year round. Two years ago, Terri was diagnosed with breast cancer but is doing great. This past summer was a rough one for her since she lost her father in July. She's been able to get together and enjoy the company of some of her sorority sisters, Barbara Lawson Foreman, Jeannie White Kane, Polly Goethe Shoemaker, and Joanna Hogan Bonnell, for a girl's weekend in Cape May. She said, "The bonds we made in college were lifelong and that's awesome!"

Karen Gallagher Ames and husband Al have been busy getting sons Nick and Evan, both high school seniors, through the college admissions process. "How times have changed from our WMC days!" she commented. Daughters Olivia and Riley are a college sophomore and first-grader, respectively, and Riley enjoys ballet and gymnastics. Both boys are active in wrestling for their high school team and stay busy most of the year with club wrestling and camps. Karen regularly has "girls night out" with Laurie Chance, Kristin "Lolly" Latham Lister, Diane Culver Borucki, Lisa Wylde Ares, Debbie Reis Brown, Sue Cooke Meurer and Lisa Turner Horn.

Celebrating 22 years of marriage is Germaine Troxell Crocker and her husband Stuart. Their daughter, Katherine, is in high school and plays soccer. Though she spent much of last year injured, they are hoping to make it through this year with only one injury if that. Son Andrew just started kindergarten so they don't have to worry about an empty nest for quite some time. Germaine said Andrew also plays soccer and is a joy and a handful! Three years ago, they built a new house away from the city, which they love. Germaine
Deirdre O’Neill says it’s great to be back in
WMC with Ola M. (Slaytor-Colon and her husband,
they were “Grounders.”
Though they were a bit disappointed their
daughter didn’t select McDaniel, Lu said it
was so nice to have had the opportunity to
stroll down memory lane. She said WMC
was the best four-year college experience for
her and Dan. Well, moving forward from
those WMC days, Dan and Lu are now offi-
cially empty-nesters. She said it’s very nice,
but an adjustment since it’s just the two of
them and the dog. Their son, Danny, is a ju-
nior at Rowan University and daughter Ma-
ria is a freshman at Christmas College. Last July,
Dan and Lucretzia got together for dinner with
Ola Monastisky-Colon and her husband,
Francisco. They enjoyed catching up and
talking about the old times.
Debbie Reda Brown sends her news from
Bel Air, Md. Her son, Drew, is a sophomore
at the University of Delaware and is major-
ing in computer engineering. Daughter Fal-
on is a senior in high school and busy with
the college search process.
Kacy Cryer Goldsby works for the National
Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in St.
Louis. She and her husband, Dave, have four
daughters, 14, 10, 9, and 7. Since gradu-
ation, Kacy has either been a stay-at-home
mom or a federal government employee.
She says she hasn’t directly used her eco-
nomics degree, but would like to think she’s
brought some sanity to government service
using the analytical thinking learned at
WMC.
We can find Lee Ann Ware Peck teaching
English at Winters Mill High School in West-
minster—this is year 15 for Lee Ann! Her
husband, George ’86, is a commercial lender
with First United Bank in Frederick. Their
daughter, Lauren, is a high school senior and
planning to go to Elizabethtown College to
major in communications. Son Kevin is a high
school freshman. Lee Ann said the kids keep
them busy with lots of sports and other
activities, but they love it. Lee Ann and
George both remain active in their church.
She teaches Sunday school and sings in the
choir and George serves on various commit-
tees. They both work with other WMC al-
ums and they socialize with fellow classmate
Michele Everett Seibel and her family on a
regular basis. Lee Ann mentioned she saw a
number of fellow alums and faculty at the
beautiful memorial service for Ira Zepf ’52. If
you knew Ira and haven’t seen the incredible
mural and tribute to his life in the library,
Lee Ann highly recommends you make the
trip to do so.
Deirdre O’Neill says it’s great to be back in
Charlottesville after living in LA for 14 years.
She recently purchased a home in Wyman
Park and is working in pharmaceutical sales.
She has been busy with family and travel.
Her latest trip was to Stockholm, Sweden
and Oslo, Norway. Now that she’s back in
town, she hopes to see more of her WMC
family.
Sam and Tracy McHale Kerns are very busy
with life in general. Sam is the CFO for
the American Public Transportation Adminis-
tration and Tracy is the director of human re-
sources for B3 Solutions. They are also busy
keeping up with their kids’ active social and
sporting events calendar. Their son, Brett, is
a high school junior and their daughter, Ca-
maryn, is an eighth-grader. Tracy says they
haven’t seen any WMC (McDaniel) alumni
in awhile, but would love to see everyone at
the 25th-year reunion.
Some of us just don’t get back to the Col-
lege as much as we’d like to and then others
decide to take it one step further and work
there. George Brenton is “keeping up the Hill”
in his position as director of physical plant.
He and wife Robin Adams Brenton ’86, associ-
ate vice president of alumni relations and
annual giving, must bleed green and gold.
George is looking forward to our 25th re-
union and catching up with friends and
classmates.
Pam Yucisin is an RN and has been work-
ing for a biotech/pharmaceutical company
for the last 10 years. She told me it’s a great
job where she is able to use her nursing skills
to interact with oncologists, their nurses and
their patients. She absolutely loves it! Life
with her husband, Kevin, and their three chil-
dren is busier than ever, but very good. Her
son, Scott, 17, is waiting eagerly by the mail-
box for college acceptance letters and the
twins, Luke and Joely, just turned 5. Pam just
completed her first marathon (the Marine
Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.) and is
glad to have finished and eager to do another
one next year. Next time, she’s recruiting her
sister-in-law, Susan Richardson Yucisin ’86,
to run with her. Unfortunately, Pam won’t be
able to attend our 25th because she won a
trip to Paris and leaves the weekend of our
reunion. She’ll miss seeing everyone, but
wanted to send a big hello to the Class of ’85,
especially her old roomies, Chris Gray Aiello,
Susan McGilvrey-Ewing and Wendy Lucas But-
zer.
Mary Theresa Luz Petrides and husband
George recently celebrated their 26th anni-
versary. Their oldest daughter, Christina, 24
is a 2008 graduate of University of Maryland.
Her degree was in elementary education and
she is working at St. Elizabeth’s School for
Special Education in Baltimore. Their sec-
ond oldest, Stephanie, 22, graduated cum laude from American University in May ’09
with degrees in criminal justice and psychol-
y. Their son, Joseph, 19, is attending Uni-
versity of Akron on a football scholarship.
He has been red-shirted for this season, but
they are looking forward to attending his
games next fall. Their youngest, Aimee, 15,
is a sophomore at the Institute of Notre
Dame, which is her grandmother’s, mother’s,
sister’s, aunt’s, and cousin’s alma mater. She
plays varsity volleyball, basketball and lac-
crosse and will be the 15th family member
to graduate from the school. Mary Theresa says
they have been very busy for the past 26
years, but they are beginning to see the light

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Ms. Rebecca A. Stallings MEd’86,
of Waynesville, N.C.,

Mrs. Clarisse Barron Mechanic,
honorary doctor of public service
1993, of Baltimore, Md.,
on October 17, 2009.

Ms. Anne F. Sammis MS’98,
of Elkridge, Md.,
on April 11, 2009.

Mrs. Michele Clofety Eggleston
MS’99, of McHenry, Md.,
on December 12, 2009.

Ms. Pamela M. Peck MS’03,
of Hanover, Pa.,
on September 30, 2009.
Speaking Up for Fellow Azerbaijanis

Of all the numerous social justice issues taken up by the 42 Advocacy Project peace fellows in 2009, Farzad Farzad’s cause was perhaps most personal.

Farzad ‘05 spent the summer in Vancouver, British Columbia, partnering with the Association for the Defense of Azerbaijani Political Prisoners in Iran (ADAPP). The Azerbaijani people are an ethnic minority of Iran, a minority of which Farzad himself is a member. The Advocacy Project partners with groups campaigning to give a “voice for the voiceless” across the globe.

Farzad explains the human rights issue: “This is a minority who continues to have their culture and language brutally stifled under the Iranian regime’s ‘one nation, one identity’ paradigm. They have been arrested, tortured, killed, blinded and imprisoned in the process.” As an Advocacy Project fellow, Farzad wrote for a blog and used social-media tools like Twitter to raise awareness about the cause of the Azerbaijani prisoners. Even though ethnic minorities account for about 50 percent of the Iranian population, the Persian identity is forcibly imposed on all Azerbaijanis regardless of minority membership. Farzad wasn’t able to work directly out of Iran, as he would have certainly been jailed for speaking out.

Farzad came to the U.S. from Iran when he was 5 years old and has since lived in the Washington, D.C., area. He describes the personal impact of the experience: “I grew up attending Persian-based cultural events and it never felt quite right. It wasn’t until I learned more about the plight of the Azerbaijani people and began to speak my mother tongue again that I came to know myself and embrace my true cultural background. Advocating for peace has ironically toughened me up and made me more assertive. I refuse to say I am Persian now. I am a proud Azerbaijani.”

After receiving his degree in political science with a concentration in international studies from McDaniel, Farzad went on to earn his master’s degree in comparative regional studies focusing on Middle Eastern affairs with a minor in international economics from American University. Even though the Advocacy Project fellowship ended in August 2009, Farzad is now director of U.S. operations of the ADAPP and continues to give a voice to the Azerbaijani people.

— Kate Maloney ‘09

at the end of the tunnel.

Tracey Serratelli Swenson and husband Kurt are having the time of their lives with their twin girls. They were fortunate enough to spend the entire month of November traveling in their RV since Kurt had business trips to Tennessee and Florida. They went to the Shenandoah Mountains, Smokey Mountains and visited with family in Georgia. Then they ended their trek in Disney World! Tracey said she wouldn’t have believed it if it hadn’t happened to her, but while staying on the campground at Ft. Wilderness in Disney World, her bike and her sister-in-law’s bicycle were stolen. People stealing in Disney World? What has the world come to? Despite the stolen bikes, Tracey said they all still had a great time. She keeps in touch with and pretty regularly. In fact, Sue, her husband, Bunky, and their twins, 2, recently stayed with Tracey and her family. Even though the two sets of twins are only one year apart, Tracey’s girls said they liked playing with “the babies” and Sue’s twins liked playing with “the big kids.”

As for me, I’m still living in Anne Arundel County and enjoying my monthly get-togethers with my group of WMC girlfriends. Every time we get together it’s inevitable someone will bring up a college memory and we’ll start laughing. Some of our antics and memories seem like they just happened yesterday while others we have to dig a little deeper for in the old memory bank. Luckily, we all still have a good sense of humor after 25 years. I hope you all will put May 1, 2010 on your calendar so we can celebrate 25 years together. The College has planned a weekend full of events, but the evening of May 1 will be our individual class dinner event. Please come back to the Hill to see all the new renovations and changes while at the same time reliving all the old memories. If you can’t attend the reunion, please remember to keep the College updated on any changes to your address, email, or phone number so you’ll be informed of future class events. You can also go to the on-line alumni directory at www.mcdaniel.edu and click on “alumni” to update your information. While you’re there, why not take time to look up some old friends and reconnect?

Happy 25th and I’ll see you in May!

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John ‘90 and Kristine Loveland Hartlaub celebrated 20 years of marriage last spring. They live north of Syracuse, N.Y., and have four children. Alicia is a junior in college, Heather is a freshman in college, and Brandon is a freshman in high school. They had a baby, Noah, when Alicia was a freshman in college. He’s an active toddler now. John is now CO of a company in the Warrior Transition Unit at Ft. Drum. Kristine works for the local Girl Scouts council as membership manager. She enjoys supporting volunteers and traveling all over the north country building connections for Girl Scouts. A few years ago, they made it back to the Hill for Homecoming weekend and caught up with several ROTC friends. She also keeps up with several friends via Facebook and says anyone is welcome look her up there.

Beth Clark Roe is still down in Southern Maryland enjoying a piece of the world on Hunting Creek with Jeff and two boys, 9 and 11. Besides baseball, they stay busy with all of their dogs, cats, and chickens as well as weekends at the beach house in Chincoteague every now and then. Beth is now in her 18th year of teaching elementary school. They had a great time vacationing in Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula and swimming with the stingrays in Grand Cayman, but spend most of their time like most others in the daily grind. An annual favorite away from it all is skiing at Wisp in Deep Creek, especially last February when they spent Beth’s 40th there with a group of friends. She sends the Omegas a hello as well as Ines, Joyce, Kelly, and Lisa.

Matt Levy went back to school for the first time since graduation and earned a master’s degree at Delaware Valley College, where he has worked since 1992. He received a promotion and is now the associate athletic director while also continuing his duties as the sports information director. This Christmas Eve, he planned to celebrate his 10th wedding anniversary with his wife, Becky. His stepdaughter, Molly, graduated from high school and is now a freshman at Kutztown University. His daughter, Carly, is now in first grade. They still live in Perkasie, Pa.

Dave and Jennifer Sheeder ‘92 Hurley are living in Ellicott City, Md., with daughters Brooke, 4, and Morgan, 2.

Wendy Ruderman Moser loves her job as a staff writer for the Philadelphia Daily News, where she gets to do investigative reporting. She recently uncovered allegations that a group of Philly narcotics cops systematically stole money and merchandise from Bodega owners who spoke little to no English. When not trolling for stories on Philly streets, Wendy enjoys spending time with her two boys. She gets a huge kick out of Brody, 6, and Sawyer, 4. She just celebrated her 10-year anniversary with husband Carl. She remains close with Deb Thigpen Bailey and would love to hear from classmates she’s lost touch with, including Deb Redmond, Chris Covell, Andy Wood ‘90 and Connie Geerhart.

Also in the Philadelphia area is John “Poncho” Pasquarrello. He lives in northeast Philadelphia with his wife and two sons, who are actively into sports. His mom passed away from cancer in August ’09. He is trying to cope and keep his dad’s spirits up as well. He is in his 15th year as a police officer. He
writes that an inspiration from his mom led him to take a promotion exam for sergeant. He has caught up with some of his Bachelor buddies including Dean Scannell '92, Mike Devlin '92, Steve Vozella, Chris Campbell, Paul Gaccione and Ted Pollard '94 on Facebook. He has enjoyed reconnecting and sharing old crazy stories from back in the day.

Kate Covell Flaherty writes from Rockville, Md., that she misses all of her friends at WMC and wishes everyone well. She and husband Geoff have two children: Tommy, 4, and Kiley, 2.

Greg Street traded the extreme weather of Dallas for the eternal sunshine of Southern California. Two years ago, Greg got a job with Blizzard Entertainment as a lead designer on World of Warcraft. Those days on the Hill playing games instead of studying paid off. Wife Jennifer and daughter Zoe, 8, busy themselves adding to the family’s collection of golden retrievers.

Carolyn Moller and her husband, David Smith, celebrated their 15th anniversary in their new town of Durango, Colo., last May. They love the Southwest climate and rich culture of the area. She works for an accounting firm, her first job outside the nonprofit sector, and especially enjoys her work for a local foundation assisting villages in Myanmar called the Shanta Foundation. Carolyn loves keeping in touch with Michelle Kloss '92, Nona Green Bowers, Melanie D’Amore Phillips, Melanie Tull Conley, Norris Garrison '92, Julie Byrd Dixon '92 and Janet Alcorn Tankyowky '92.

After graduation, Jim "Jake" Jakub went directly to Philadelphia where he earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1992. During his second year of medical school (1993) he married his high school sweetheart, Trish. (She went to Mount Saint Mary’s, but was always at WMC at the wrestling matches, hanging out on the Phi Delta floor or at the chairub parties.) Pete Eulner '92 was the best man. Matt Cancelmo. Scott Timney, Frank Pommert and Todd Walter also attended.

Following five years of surgical training at the University of South Carolina, he entered private practice. He enjoyed a diverse general surgery practice but chose to return to academics and began a fellowship in breast surgical oncology at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. Upon completion of fellowship training in 2002, he relocated to Lakeland, Fla., and has a very rewarding surgical oncology practice at a multidisciplinary cancer center. There he served as the director of clinical trials and the director of the gastrointestinal oncology program. After 13 years south of the Mason-Dixon Line, the family relocated to Rochester, Minn., where Jim joined the staff of the Mayo Clinic in June '08. There he focuses on his primary fields of interest, specifically breast cancer and melanoma. He is currently senior associate consultant in the department of surgery at the Mayo Clinic and holds the academic rank of assistant professor of surgery at the Mayo College of Medicine. The move from Florida to Minnesota has been an adjustment for Jim and Trish's three sons: Jimmy, 13, Kyle, 11, and Jack, 7. The boys have hung up their crocs, boogie boards and bathing suits. Disney is no longer 45 minutes away. The kids have fortunately embraced snowballs fights, skiing and hockey and are doing great. They wish they could get back to Westminster more often and stay in touch with some great friends that they haven't seen in years.

Kim Hildebrand Cardoso is in California. Their daughter started kindergarten and their son is in preschool, so she's increased her work hours. She's delivering babies again, this time in a local hospital. She writes that it's so nice to feel "whole" as a mom and a midwife when welcoming the big 4-0. They're remodeling their new home in the Oakland Hills. The 1951 house was a dump when they bought it, but they got a strange bonus: 20 years ago the driveway bridge fell down and they're getting the 1966 dump when they bought it, but they got a strange bonus: 20 years ago the driveway bridge fell down and they're getting the 1966 bridge back at home. Kim was sad to hear about the death of Ira Zepf '52. His loss makes '91 seem much farther away.

After 12 years, Jim Kaufman left Johns Hopkins to take a new job as vice president for public policy with the National Association of Children's Hospitals that has more than 140 children's hospitals nationwide. With health care reform, it has been a wild year! While he is based in Alexandria, Va., he gets up to campus on a regular basis. He is on the Alumni Council nominations and governance committee and continues to work with Herb Smith on several projects.

Tim Ruggles had a second child, Alyssa, in March '08. She joins her big sister, Samantha, 3. Tim moved to Hopkins, Mass. He is still working at Fidelity as a vice president managing director. He attended Brian Hughes' wedding in the summer of 2008. He still sees Brian and Mike Powell and keeps up with many Phi Delt friends via Facebook.

Adam Fogle MS'08 received his master's in school guidance counseling. He married Meagan Morris '05 on July 22, 2006. Meagan is teaching second grade in Frederick so they are looking for a house hopefully in the Frederick area.

Angela Funya MS'09 was appointed to the position of educational director at the Chesapeake Public Charter School where she has served as the acting educational director for the past year. Prior to this appointment she served as a program director with the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab, exposing students to life on the bay.

Michelle Meredith Shearer MS'96, a teacher at Urbana High School, is the recipient of the 2009 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement for teachers. Michelle is the one teacher from Maryland and one of only 50 teachers selected nationally to receive this award.

News from our Master's Alumni

They have a 17-acre farm in Littlestown, Pa., with several horses, dogs, chickens. She looks back at her years at Western Maryland with many great memories and hope everyone is doing well.

Elise Rosen Woods, husband Michael, and their two sons, Andrew, 11, and Austin, 7, still reside in Bel Air, Md. Elise works in Washington, D.C., three days a week and in Baltimore twice a week as a supervisor with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, and Michael continues his work as the athletic director and varsity football coach at Harford Technical High School in Bel Air. Andrew started middle school this year and Austin started first grade. They are busy like everyone else with homework, sports, Boy Scouts, religious school, etc. The family had a wonderful vacation in Disney World last winter and in the Outer Banks over the summer with Tracie Myers Blaketen and family, and family and family.

Rodney Williams Jr. has been working at Glenelg High School (Md.) since 1996 as a school counselor. He has been married to Lyn Klingensmith '90 since 1996. They have two daughters, Sydney, 8, and Allie, 6. They are happy to have settled down in Westminster and are enjoying raising their girls. They are honored that Lynn is a member-at-large on the Alumni Council serving until 2011.

Jen Hannah Richardson lives in Morrisville, Pa., with her husband, Dave, and daughter Ella, 3, the love of their lives. Jen is the vice president of human resources for a children's clothing company based in Manhattan. She goes to NYC twice a week and on the other days, either works from home or goes to the office in Lancaster, Pa. She also is enjoying keeping in touch with WMC friends through Facebook.

Stacy Hermann Austensen is still being a mom to twin boys, 11. She and husband Blake '88 took the boys to Sanibel Island in Florida last spring. She is still working part time at the FMH Wellness Center as an exercise physiologist and subbing just about every other day at the boys' school. It has been great getting in touch with a bunch of WMC friends on Facebook and writes that it feels like yesterday she was on third floor Blanche.

David Ortmann is a psychotherapist, sex therapist, and author living in San Francisco, Calif. He co-founded CARAS (The Community Academic Consortium for Research on Alternative Sexualities) in 2004 and is working on a book in collaboration with Dr. Richard Sprott entitled "Sexual Outsiders: Working with BDSM Communities." He is always up for hearing from people from the Hill. Website (www.dopyscyotherapy.com)
John Cionfolo is currently living in Greenacres, Fla., with his wife, Julie, and two daughters, Haley, 8, and Melanie, 7. He teaches 10th-grade English at Spanish River High School, where he is also an assistant football coach and assistant girls’ lacrosse coach. He still keeps in close contact with Brian Hughes.

Alexandria, Va., is still home to Nona Green Bowers, her husband, Ray, and son Jayden, 2. She is working part time for Fairfax County Public Schools as a social school worker. Jayden is great fun and the light of her life. Nona and Ray are still swing dancing with Capital Swing, a local competitive West Coast Swing Team. Ray has taken up woodworking as a hobby. She is enjoying being a wife and mother.

Andrea Pinkham Martz and her husband, Erik, are still living outside the Twin Cities, raising two incredible boys, RJ and Ryan. Andrea has her own business, Martz Consulting Services, LLC; she does statistical and psychometric consulting work. She’s on the PTA, and is the vice president of membership for a local group supporting parents of gifted children. Between the kids’ schedules and being homeowners there’s not a lot of time left over. But they did manage to arrange a short vacation to Indiana this year to catch both a family reunion and their first-ever NASCAR race. She sends a “Hello” to all who were in the honors program at WMC.

Alisa Rock and her husband, Jim Wade, are enjoying their two boys, Connor, 10, and Aidan, 7, and their new puppy, Linus (a standard poodle). They still live in the Roland Park neighborhood in Baltimore City. Alisa keeps in touch with Joslyn Martin Stewart, Kristen Welsh Colyer, Sharon Landis Saks, Mary Baschoff McCarthy, and Mary O’Connor Bruns. (Unfortunately, this is mainly through Facebook since everyone’s so busy!). Recently, she stopped working at the CollegeBound Foundation, but continues to volunteer for this nonprofit to help get Baltimore City public school students into-and through-college. (CollegeBound often sends a scholar or two to McDaniel each year.) For the past two years, Alisa has served as the president of Pathfinders for Autism, a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. She has also been involved with the effort by Autism Speaks to pass an insurance mandate to require the coverage of autism therapies by private insurers in the state of Maryland.

Sharon Landis Saks is attending Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa., pursuing a nursing degree. Ever since 9/11, she wanted to do something that would benefit other people. Marriage and kids came along and that went on the “back burner” for a bit, so she could be a stay-at-home mom. Besides school, she is enjoying staying up-to-date with her college buds through Facebook—especially Kristen Welsh Colyer, Joslyn Martin Stewart, Alisa Rock (still waiting for Mary O’Connor Bruns to jump on the bandwagon with FB too). She is really looking forward to the 20-year reunion on the Hill and is already planning to attend.

Things are “all good” for Paul “Gooch” Gacicone and his wife, Julie. They are busy with daughters, Alexandra “Lexzi,” 5 and Sophia “Claire,” 3. Gooch is still working at EMC2 in Tampa, Fla., and gives a shout out to all Alphas Gamma Tau fraternity brothers especially Mike Saba, Rob Welsh, and Chris Campbell and their families. “If your travels take you through sunny Florida,” he says, “hit the Goocher up with a shout out.”

Joslyn Martin Stewart is loving her 16th year teaching deaf/hard of hearing students in Montgomery County, Md. This year she is teaching fourth-grade deaf and hearing students and mentoring a new teacher. She loves using all kinds of instructional technology and is almost finished writing her first book; a reading/writing resource book for struggling students. She has enjoyed reconnecting with friends on Facebook and sends special love to classmates Rock, Sharo, Mary O, Jules, Mel and Mel.

Kevin Wright is living the dream outside Raleigh, N.C. He is a senior special agent with the USDA’s Office of Inspector General. He spends his time taking his son Connor, 7, to his various sporting events. Connor just finished his first year of Pop Warner tackle football and he loved it. Kevin is married to his beautiful wife of 13 years, Kris, who works for the PGA at their TPC course here in Raleigh. The fringe benefit is that he gets to play the TPC course whenever he wants. He sends a shout out to his fellow Sig Eps and ball players and says that maybe someday he will get to another Homecoming.

Melanie D’Amore Phillips has gone from full-time stay-at-home mom to trying out a few part-time positions now that the kids, Cameron, 7, and Amelia, 5, are in school full time. The highlight of the year was not necessarily turning 40, but turning 40 did mean a fun-filled weekend with WMC pals Nona Green Bowers, Carolyn Moller, Melanie Tull Conley, Norris Garrison ’92, Julie Byrd Dixon ’92 and Janet Alcorn Yankovsky ’92.

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1997

Hello fellow classmates! Our friends from the class of 1997 have been very busy with their growing families, visiting friends, fun travels, and their careers. The Druzgal family is doing well. Byron and his wife are currently living in western Michigan just off of Lake Michigan. He is working as an emergency room doctor in Grand Rapids, Mich., doing contract work. They have been taking a summer break from Michigan to do work in Hawaii for the last few years. It has been great fun for him and his family to travel around doing work. Byron has three boys, August, Cooper, and Owen. The twins are 6 and in first grade, and Owen just turned 4, putting him in preschool. Byron still makes many trips back East to see friends and family. Aside from work, Byron’s family loves to travel with trips to Florida being one of their favorite destinations!

Bobbi Leister Silver lives in Lexington, Ky., with her husband and two children. She is the director of major gifts for Transylvania University and frequently travels across the country. She doesn’t get to back to Maryland very often and enjoys catching up with her classmates via social networking sites. Bobbi says, “It’s so nice to see how everyone is doing!”

Moving to southwest Texas in January ’09, Toni Randle bought a second house and currently lives in Dallas-Fort Worth. She’s thoroughly enjoying her adventures in a different region of the country and looks forward to experiencing and checking out all it has to offer. Toni has continued her career in broadcast journalism and is working at WPAA-TV. She recently spent a long weekend at Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland with Sarah Beckells Hendrickson, Kim Haker ’96, Jen Doetsch Yeager and Leslie Kirkwood Ols. She is anxiously awaiting plans for a spring trip to visit with long-time Baltimores and McDaniel College friends.

Ryan John and his wife, Shelby, are enjoying every minute of their kids and watching them grow up—Grace, 6, Nora, 5, and Derek, 2. Grace started kindergarten this year. Ryan reports, “It was strange to see her get on the bus and go to the same elementary school I went to!” Shelby is now a full-time stay-at-home mom who does a great job as the CEO of their family, and Ryan has been at Alcan Tractor for nine years and was recently promoted to vice president of accounting, credit and IT. They spent two weeks at Deep Creek Lake this summer enjoying the water and beautiful weather and also traveled to Blacksburg, Va., in July for Shelby’s brother’s wedding.

Heather McKenzie is teaching fourth grade in Westminster at Cranberry Station Elementary School. She spent this summer traveling, visiting friends, and connecting with family. Recently purchasing her first house, Heather is looking forward to painting, remodeling, and creating a cozy little home for herself.

Melissa Summers Mackie checks in with us from Bucharest, Romania, where she teaches at the American International School. She was stateside in December and caught up with Leslie Kirkwood Ols, Laurie

Women Composers sponsored by the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Department of Music.

Then she found out that the original composition, “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” was chosen to be one of the pieces performed at the festival’s opening-night concert March 17.

“It’s validation,” Koontz says. “Getting accepted tells me the work I’ve been doing is good and that someone wants to use it.”

Koontz arranged the piece in an independent study with Music Professor Margaret Boudreaux in fall 2008.
Giorno Mace '98, Sarah Sheckells Hendrickson and Cindy Slaughter Neuberger '96.

Steve Hallowell and his wife, Stephanie, are currently living in Thornsdale, Pa., with their daughter Courtney. 2. Steve was recently inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame and had several classmates attend the ceremony including John Torpy, Kevin Bernhardt, Eric Laurence, Brett Edwards, Scott Schenzer, Harry "Bo" Schott '98, Dean Coccia '96, Jeremy Kober '99 and Charlie Heinzler '10. Eric and Steve also recently defeated Kevin and Brett in the Mid-Atlantic disc-throwing championships.

Working as a print producer at an advertising firm in downtown Boston, Kerri Reyelt checks in with us from Beantown where she purchased a home. Becoming home improvement experts, she and her fiancé are building a bathroom on the third floor and are focused on other remodeling projects throughout the house. Kerri enjoys being in the Boston area as she is close to family but misses her college friends in Maryland.

Amy Rice Mirra and Dave '96 welcomed their second child, Abby Marie Mirra, on June 21, 2008. Amy also recently visited fellow classmate Ingrid Carlson in Toronto for a girls' weekend for what has become an annual tradition. In addition to being a full-time mom, Amy continues to do contract work with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). This work has included authoring publications and presenting online workshops for mathematics teachers.

Randy and Kim Zehner Ryttler are still living in Frederick with their son, Reagan, and daughter, Kaitlyn. 3. Randy is working at Booz Allen Hamilton in northern Virginia and Kim is working part time from home in between chauffeuring the kids around. She sees Samantha Dwoskin Lieberman weekly at their daughter's dance class, and they also get together regularly with Ryan and Shelby John, Meredith Wissel Veileux and Brandy Mulem Putnam. This summer they spent a weekend in New Jersey at Heather O'Brien's and also visited Mike Welter.

After moving from Maryland to Texas for a year, Cathy Pech Kipler has finally settled down in Buffalo, NY, where she and her husband enjoy the perks of living very close to family. They are busy chasing after their two boys, Robbie, 4, and Cody, 2. Cathy continues to enjoy the balance of working part time as a critical care nurse and being a full-time mom. Camping has been their most recent family activity, as they enjoyed taking their trailer into Pennsylvania and the Adirondacks for several trips this past summer. Although she doesn't get to see them frequently, Cathy still keeps up with her college friends, including: Susanna Kuespert Aldridge, Keith and Julie Kissel '96 Remo, Elena Tilli Shiffert '98, and Kendra Jones Merino '98. Maybe they will catch each other this winter during their annual visit back to Maryland.

Cathy hopes this update finds everyone in the class of '97 doing well.

Cindy Van Der Nat Criscuolo is living in northern Virginia with her husband, Mark, and their five children: his, mine and theirs! Cindy's son, Chip, 5, welcomed his baby brother, Jack Reinier, into the world on Sept. 1. Cindy says that she is loving motherhood even more now that she's staying home with both precious boys. She is still involved with horses: polo, horse racing and steeplechasing, but not as much, now that the little one has arrived. Cindy is looking forward to visiting Shea Henyon Chambers this spring at her new home in Charleston, S.C.

Ingrid Carlson still lives in Toronto and recently started a new job as a researcher for the government of Ontario. She's happy to report that since moving to Canada in '04, Amy Rice Mirra and Stacy Glacken Czech still plan their yearly trip to Toronto. Ingrid also hopes to see old friends like Chester Stacy and Alison Winters Welch when she goes home (to Western Maryland) for the holidays. She also keeps in close contact with another old friend, Dave Ryker.

Living in Glen Burnie, Md., Jennifer Doetsch Yeager and husband Daniel are proud to announce two new additions to their family on Dec. 11—twin girls, Skylar Pearre and Riley Pearre. Jennifer and Daniel keep in touch with many McDaniel alumni and Omega sisters across the nation and world, such as Kerri Reyelt, Toni Randle, Missy Baldwin, Rebecca Friedman, Melissa Summers Mackie, Sarah Sheckells Hendrickson, Cindy Slaughter Neuberger, Laurie Giorno Mace, Michelle Crow Feracci '98, Jennifer Jensen Nutley '95, and Laura Watson Grabowski '99. They also have a small school with the same district and she can hardly believe she has been working there that long.

Jennifer hopes this update finds everyone from the class of '97 doing well.

A big milestone—five years of marriage. Cindy Van Der Nat Criscuolo are still her best friends and she misses them.

Tiffany Urbanksy-Malone and her husband, Bill, happily expanded their family in September '08 with the birth of their second daughter, Laurel Elisabeth. "She is a sweetheart and so very different from her big sister, Meredith." Meredith loves being a big sister and driving her mom crazy. This past August she and her husband celebrated another big milestone—five years of marriage. Tiffany is still working as a school psychologist for a small school district in central Massachusetts. She is coming up on 10 years with the same district and she can hardly believe she has been working there that long. She hopes everyone from the class of '97 is doing well.

Susan Hottel recently married Chance Dunbar on May 23, 2009, at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore. Many McDaniel alumni were in attendance, and it was a wonderful celebration. They went to Mexico in June outside of Playa Del Carmen for their honeymoon and enjoyed going on excursions around the area and relaxing at the pool bar. Chance and Susan live in Fells Point in Baltimore and love city life, except for the lack of parking at times. Susan teaches at Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School and is director of a Montes-
A First Step into Politics

After graduation, Michael Thomas '09 knew he wanted to put his political science degree into action working for the federal government. In the midst of a brutal job market, Thomas relentlessly networked with professional contacts until, finally, a serendipitous meeting with former Maryland Governor Harry Hughes got things rolling. Hughes encouraged Thomas to apply for an internship with McDaniel's own Congressman Frank Kratovil '90. As political science students, Thomas and Kratovil both had classes with Professors Neal, Smith and Leahy and, therefore, had an immediate bond.

At first, Thomas interned without pay. His work ethic and dedication (continues on next page)
Matt is hoping to mold his son into an avid football fan. While enjoying life as a father and husband, Matt is also an assistant principal at a middle school in the Washington County Public School System as well as the varsity pitching coach at The Mercersburg Academy. Matt also plays in a local band called Staff Infection, where he toots his trumpet and from time-to-time has been known to sing some occasional vocals. Matt and family currently reside in Chambersburg, Pa., and he regularly keeps in contact with his former roommate, Danny Renn as they are both in a few Yahoo! fantasy football leagues together.

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Chris Winkel recently graduated from Loyola College in January ’08, earning a master’s degree in business administration with a concentration in international business. In December, Dana Gardner Winkel ’02 had their first child, a healthy baby boy. Chris and Dana still live in Owings Mills, Md., and enjoy getting together with many of their college friends on a regular basis.

Christina Walter Wingert and husband Brian Wingert ’04 have been married for three years. Christina still works as a therapist for children with social and emotional challenges. Husband Brian, who recently obtained his master’s degree in physics at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, recently became a high school teacher at Susquehannock High School teaching physics to ninth-grade students. Christina and Brian still live in Hanover, Pa., in the house they bought in 2006 with their two dogs, Kasey and Sara.

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Thanks to everyone who was able to report in. For those of you who were not in this time or those who have a new update, please feel free to send me your stories anytime. I can be reached via email at jkbarto@gmail.com or at:

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Spring 2010
Finding harmony. One night in Beijing, we went out to a local karaoke bar. The bars are typically for tourists because the Chinese only drink with their meals. So when we first got to the bar it was just us. But within an hour of singing karaoke, a group of three Japanese tourists came in and sang Japanese karaoke. At the end of the night, “Let It Be” by the Beatles came on and all eight of us got on the stage to sing it. The Chinese bartender and the three Japanese tourists joined us on stage, as well, and everyone was singing the song together. It was such an amazing moment.

Each city had its own flavor and history. We saw a Peking opera and even got to watch the actors and actresses prepare for the show. We saw a Chinese Shadow Puppet show, a Tang Dynasty show and a Kung Fu show put on by active monks.

At the Xi’an Conservatory, we also had the opportunity to sing for a composer named Dr. Chen (a colleague of Music Professor Margie Boudreaux, who was also on the trip). They welcomed us with a huge banner. We sang in English and the two choirs there sang in Chinese. But we were able to understand one another, which truly proved the power of music as a universal language.
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