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class notes

1950

Jerry Rickert VanSice revisited her hometown of Ferndale, Maryland while back East from Michigan in June '03. Having first stayed with classmate **Robbie** and **Frank Kauffman '51** in Glen Burnie, she then went on to classmate **Dee Lewis** in Lexington Park-where she had a chance to "visit the ol' campus" at St. Mary's.

1963

Lorna MacDonald Seidler missed Reunion Weekend 2003 but is having a ball being grandmother to Nicholas Cole Castalano.



1971

Dale M. Rausch has been promoted by the Coast Guard to commander of the Marianas Section, a 2.2 million square mile section of the Western Pacific where he will oversee all search and rescue operations. He will also serve as

commanding officer of Marine Safety Office Guam, responsible for enforcing all U.S. Marine Safety and pollution laws. He points out that he and Massey are trading in their view of Back Creek from their Solomons Island condo for an unobstructed view of the Philippine Sea...temporarily, that is!

1974

Ruth "Robin" Rich was appointed last July to the Harford County Board of Education for a term of five years by then-Governor Parris Glendening. Robin has previously served on the Harford County School Studies Advisory Committee and has been an active member in the Norrisville Elementary School PTA, serving as president, vice-president, and secretary.

1976

Dennis Gilligan and his brother Kevin, owners of Gilligan Development Co., were recently recognized in the Annapolis Capital newspaper for their company's generous contribution to the Joslin Diabetes Center of North Arundel Hospital.

Donnee Gray continues to make the news during the NCAA basketball season. You're likely to find him on the court refereeing if you tune in to watch Division I ball for any of the games in the Big East, Big Ten, Big Twelve, Conference USA, and Atlantic 10 conferences.

1977

Leslie Clapsaddle Taylor's business, Mountain Colors, keeps growing after 11 years. She and her business partner sell their multicolored hand-painted natural fiber yarns to over 800 retail shops countrywide. If you're looking to knit that perfect sweater, check out Leslie's Website at www.mountaincolors.com.

Norine Death Rowe won the silver prize for a photograph she took of the Navy Patuxent Sailing Club crew at the 29th Annual Governor's Cup Yacht Race held last summer. Additionally Norine is a member of the St. Mary's County Camera Club and has won several other awards, including grand prize in the Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary photo competition, grand prize in Calvert County Office of Tourism photo competitions, and grand prize in the Charles County Office of Tourism photo competitions. Fellow photographer Paul Matthia '74 took the bronze.

1985

Daryl W. Calvano was recently named as the environmental health director for the St. Mary's County Health Department.



St. Mary's in a Box

Cathy Hernandez Ray '77 and Mary Wheatman Body '79 were the first two alumni recruited by the St. Mary's College office of admissions to serve as volunteer representatives at out-of-state college fairs. Cathy (shown left) had a great response and an assist from Richard Zachary '93 (not shown) at a fair near Boston. Mary was equally enthusiastic at two fairs she worked in Delaware and New Jersey. Dave Sushinsky '02, the admissions staffer heading up the effort, had high praise for his volunteers. He has dubbed the program "St. Mary's in a Box" since everything a volunteer needs to work a college fair — a logo shirt, hand-outs, fact book, and so on, is in one box.

births

'86 To **Todd M. Purring** and Kim Passero Purring, a son, Andrew James, born on September 25, 2002.

'87 To **Kimberly Moore Clements** and Stephen Clements, a son, Cole Alan, born on July 3, 2002.

'88 To **Jennifer Wursbacher Wazenski** and Michael Wazenski, a son, Ryan Max, born December 6, 2002.

'89 To **Tricia Hergan Matthews** and **Bill Matthews '90**, a daughter, Claudia Rose, born on August 12, 2001.

'89 To **Gillian Faulkner-Waugh** and Alex Waugh, a son, Alexander Faulkner, born on August 19, 2002.

'89 To **Ilse Moscoso Hays** and Andrew Hays, a daughter, Kathleen Emma, born August 23, 2002.

'90 To **Fernando Galindo** and Nicole Galindo, a daughter, Grace Caroline, born on March 10, 2003.

'92 To **Jamie Werner Walter** and Mark Walter, a daughter, Eleanor Mae, born on June 12, 2002.

'92 To **Jennifer Pulos Collis** and **Daniel Collis '92**, a son, Ethan Alexander, born on October 23, 2002.

'92 To **Janice Cantor Coleman** and Michael Coleman, a daughter, Sofia Pearl, born on November 30, 2000.

'92 To **Suzanne Ottone Gagnon** and Steve Gagnon, a son, Luc Michael, born on March 10, 2003.

'94 To **Laura McClellan Healy** and **William Joseph Healy '95**, a daughter, Kristen Virginia, born July 2002.

'94 To **Cara Peacock** and **Chris Hendrick '94**, a son, Jonah Romauld Peacock, on April 1, 2002.

'95 To **Kristin Chichester** and **Andrew Donovan '94**, a daughter, Quinn Morgan, born on October 20, 2002.

'97 To **Elaine Orozco Hammond** and **Christopher Neal Hammond '96**, a son, Colby Orozco, born January 9, 2003.

'99 To **Angela Pugh** and Max Pugh, Jr., a son, Hunter Zane, born on March 2, 2002.

When you notify the Alumni Office of your new baby's birth, we'll list your recent addition in the Births section and send you an SMCM alumni baby magnetic photo frame!

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1986

Todd Purring and wife, Kim Passero, are staying very busy with their first-born, Andrew James Purring. When time allows, they still get together with Todd's SMCM buddies, **Rick Geritz '86**, **Pat Jameson '86**, and **Nick Krawczyk '85**, all of whom joined them to celebrate their 1999 wedding in the Virgin Islands.

1987

Faith Love, fresh from a June 2002 wedding, flew to California to appear on "Jeopardy"! Her four-day champion status won her an invitation to the Tournament of Champions-albeit as an alternate. She released her CD, "Foolish Pleasures," with her bawdy renaissance trio, In Our Cups, (www.inourcups.com) in September. By day she is a systems analyst for an aviation weather firm consulting the FAA.

1990

Fernando Galindo was promoted to the position of chief deputy clerk for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, New York City. This circuit court handles appeals from all of the federal courts in New York, Connecticut, and Vermont. Fernando is the youngest chief deputy out of all 11 circuit courts nationwide.

1991

James Vermilye is a partner in the new office of Wye Financial Services, LLC, in Easton, Maryland. His specialty is helping individual clients and families, but he also offers his services to businesses.

1992

Suzy Ottone Gagnon recently learned that she was chosen to receive the 2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, an honor granted annually to one winner per state in each discipline. Her only regret (and she uses this term lightly) was that her baby Luc's birth prevented her from attending the recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Elizabeth VanDersarl joined the American Forest & Paper Association to head up its Congressional Affairs Office. Prior to that, she served as legal counsel for the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and had done a stint at the Republican National Committee.

Stacy Palmer-Barton takes over as chief of staff for freshman Congressman Michael Truner (R-Ohio). Prior to this Stacy ran her own government relations firm, Baton Co., specializing in representing urban cities. She fine-tuned her skills, earlier, as a lobbyist and fellow at the Congressional Black Caucus.

David Feeney has been named general manager of the Just4Kids Sports Complex in Forest Hill, Maryland. Just4Kids provides organized sports clinics and camps year-round in a climate-controlled environment. David is also a United States Soccer Federation referee and a member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

1993

Tyler Young is keeping Northern Virginia's youth fit as a physical education teacher for the Alexandria City public schools and a lacrosse coach for Fairfax County.

1996

Lisa Romano is working on her master's degree in marketing while employed as the admissions coordinator at the College of Southern Maryland. She is active in her Southern Maryland community and holds the distinction as the youngest president of her Charles County Kiwanis.

1997

Paul Flynn turned a passion for oysters and an SMCM internship into a full-time job in aquaculture as a "rancher" for Circle C Oyster Ranch in Ridge, Maryland. His remarks promoting raising oysters in floats, as a healthy and commercially viable alternative to nature's way, were picked up by the Associated Press and quoted in several newspapers.

Chris Harney had a winning season as the second-year coach of the Bel Air High School Bobcats men's basketball team.

1998

Sara Gray is putting her life-long love of marine biology to work as the new assistant director for the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Bethany M. Leddy writes to tell us that she earned her M.S. in Oriental Medicine last year and opened her own acupuncture office in New York City on W. 26th Street.

marriages

'90 **Faith Moser** to Dana Love on June 1, 2002.

'94 **June Sullivan** to Robin Shaffer on June 3, 2000.

'96 **Todd M. Purring** to Kim Passero on June 4, 1999.

'00 **Aileen Cutrell** to Brian Grabill on October 19, 2002.

2000

Jeremy S. Will was recently commissioned as an Air National Guard Airman after graduating from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

2001

Jean “Jennie” Milstein is studying neurosciences and experimental psychology at the University of Cambridge in England, under the University of Cambridge-National Institutes of Health (NIH) Health Sciences Scholars Program. The program pays all fees plus a stipend for three years’ study leading to a Ph.D. She will split her graduate studies between Cambridge and NIH. Milstein was one of ten young scientists nationwide to be awarded an NIH fellowship.



Photo: Neoto Yagi

The Ahn Trio opened up the 5th season of the summer River Concert Series. Their rendition of “Riders on the Storm” brought the house to its feet — then everyone had to run for cover because a lightning storm erupted.



Past presidents share leadership wisdom: Seven former Student Government Association presidents returned for the first SGA president’s reunion on March 29. Shown at left (L-R) are Rachel Libonati ’95, Cecelia M. Stephens ’87, Constantin Kostenko ’01, Rod Coffield ’03, Jayson Williams ’03, Bob Malloy ’79, Margaret Slingluff ’55 and Rich Wolford ’71. The event, held in the Cole Cinema, was co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Student Government Association for the benefit of St. Mary’s College student government and club leaders.

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Gordon Kester, former director of alumni and college relations, died May 24, 2003, in Newark, Delaware. He was educated at University of Rochester and had earned a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. He came to St. Mary's from University of Rochester, where he served as alumni director. Before that, Gordon had worked for 18 years for the DuPont Company in advertising and as editor of the DuPont Magazine.

He worked at St. Mary's College from 1976-1986 and, as part of his job, served as editor of *The Mulberry Tree Papers*. Under his care, the magazine earned several national publication awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), including, in 1981, a citation award as one of the leading college magazines in the country. Former College president Renwick Jackson credits Gordon with creating a "concrete and imaginative record of the College's development toward excellence." Others who worked with him at St. Mary's remember him as "a wonderful gentleman" and a "talented, gentle man." When he retired in 1986, he was made an honorary member of the St. Mary's Alumni Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Marian Combs and Janet Kester; a son, Jim Kester; and four grandchildren.



The Fall 1981 issue shows the archangel Israfil, Lord of the Horn, from a 14th-century Arabic manuscript. In November of that year the College hosted a symposium on the world of Islam. It was directed by Professors Norton Dodge (economics), James Kenney (history), and Henry Rosemont (philosophy). Scholars came from Paris, the U.N., the Universities of Chicago, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and from Columbia and Yale.

in memoriam

'28HS Christine Combs Echols died on January 19, 2003 in Waldorf, Maryland. She is survived by a son, Garyton C. Echols, Jr.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

'34JC Maudie Hall Patterson died on March 18, 2003 in Glen Arm, Maryland. She is survived by two sons, Miles Ross Patterson, Jr., and Michael Hall Patterson; two daughters, Nancy Patterson Young, and Mary Margaret Hendrix; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

'40JC Susan Abell Kaler died on January 24, 2003 in Silver Spring, Maryland. She is survived by a son, Price W. Kaler, Jr.; a daughter, Ann Hynes, and son-in-law, John Hynes; two sisters, Lydia Welford Unkle, and Frances Abell Mayor Emerson; a brother, Richard "Bud" Abell; and eight grandchildren.

'40JC Nancy Newton Gude died on February 20, 2003 in Rockville, Maryland. She is survived by two daughters, Lacey Ann Gude and Elizabeth Gude Monroe; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

'43HS Patricia Lee King died on December 12, 2002 in Laurel, Maryland. She is survived by her husband, Reese King; two daughters, Tara Hamilton and Kimberly King; two sons, Sean King and Christopher King; and six grandchildren.

'60JC John G. Thompson died on December 2002 in Kingsport, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Thompson.

'72 Jean Hall Gramento died on February 14, 2003 in Tombstone, Arizona. She is survived by her husband, Frank Gramento.

'88 Douglas C. Lewis died on March 13, 2003 in Baltimore, Maryland. He is survived by his wife, Kristine; mother, Stephanie Lewis; father, Orville Lewis; one sister, Debbie Talbert '90; and two grandmothers, Marion Reed and Amy Lewis.

'01 Michael F. Smith died on January 22, 2003 in Waldorf, Maryland. He is survived by his wife, Frances Smith.

Family Weekend & Homecoming 2003

September 19, 20, 21
Music, Boat Cruises, Sports, Fun



At top: Michelle Hessey '05 and her "Calvert Family" teammates head for the river to race their homemade cardboard boat. Above: And they're off! A few boats sank, a few stalled, but most managed to get across the finish line. A \$500 cash prize went to team "ISOIA," whose boat was paddled by Doria MacKenzie '05 (left-most, with oar in air).

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Do you enjoy the theatre and seeing the sites of **London**? Join us for a week of theatre in **January 2004.** We'll also visit London's major museums, the West End, and make shopping trips to Harrod's and Portabello Road. A side trip to Oxford and the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies is included. Dates and prices to be confirmed.

"Waterways of the Czars." Cruise the waterways of Russia, starting in St. Petersburg and ending in Moscow. Visit towns along the route. **Dates: June 22-July 3, 2004.** Cost \$3,400 per person, double accommodations. Deposit of \$400 per person due August 28, 2003.

For more information on these trips, please call the Alumni Office at 800-458-8341.

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Reunion Weekend 2003



Reunion Weekend 2003 photos, clockwise:

Members of the class of 1963 enjoyed their 40th anniversary. Row 1: **Ida Durivage Jeffries**; **Barbara Kimmelshue Kearns**; Peter Aimes; **Betsy Ruth Kelly Tweedy**; **Valerie Vignola Campbell**. Row 2: **Vernon Kearns**; **Dirk Griffith '79** (director of alumni relations); **Jeff Jeffries**; **Gerry Campbell**.

Herb Mahone '79 came all the way from Miami to attend his first-ever Reunion Weekend. He and friends **Kevin Brightful '80** and **Brian Law '79** shared a lot of laughs remembering their wild days at St. Mary's.

It didn't matter that it was 90° in the shade: **Mike from Crabknockers** in Leonardtown, Md. steamed bushels and bushels of crabs with a smile.

It's been a decade already! Girlfriends from the class of 1993: **Lisa Gillin Higdon**, **Mia Riser**, **Lara Doyle**, and **Debbie Dixon**.

Jack Doherty '71 and **Weems "Tom" Duvall '73** were among the hundreds of alumni elbow-deep in crabs.



Commencement



Commencement photos, clockwise:

A proud family surrounds **Kathy Haejoo Ahn** (English) of Gaithersburg, Md.

His sisters think he's the best! **Adam Jonathan Weaver** (philosophy) and family from Bethesda, Md.

Patria Ann Kimler (human studies, with teacher certification) of Lusby, Md. graduated with her own cheering squad. Family poured in from Florida, Maine, New York, and Virginia to witness the realization of a college education dream that began 10 years ago for Patria. She took a 3-year leave of absence from her job as a teacher's aide to finish her education at St. Mary's. She plans to be an elementary school teacher.

