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EXPERIENCING LIBERAL ARTS IN THE WORLD

THIS PAST OCTOBER, I VISITED our program in The Gambia and had an enlightening conversation with Vice Chancellor Kah of the University of The Gambia. The expressed mission of the university is the betterment of The Gambia – it is a national university with national development as its unequivocal reason for being. National health, quality of life, infrastructure, human rights: Gambia is a *developing* country, and at the heart of development, the nation understands, is education.

I realize that the term “developing nation” has specific international and economic significance. Nonetheless, the humanist in me cannot help but ask, Are we sure we are no longer *developing*? We cannot provide universal health care to our citizens; our leaders from different electoral bases seem unable to cooperate to solve national problems; we appear satisfied to leave higher education out of financial reach for large segments of society – what can we learn from The Gambia and its new university? Might we consider that higher education is necessary to address pressing national issues – issues that suggest the United States is yet developing?

The theme of this (revised and refashioned) issue of *The Mulberry Tree* is *renewal*. I’ve offered the same emphasis as the cornerstone of my presidency: a return to the charge from the State of Maryland in our 1992 founding legislation, to establish an honors level curriculum in a residential liberal arts college accessible to all segments of society and thriving on diversity. On this charge we are indeed yet developing, and we continue to need assistance from both the public and private sectors – from the State of Maryland, from our alumni, and from friends of the College nationwide.

You may have read or seen news reports about mold on campus this fall, leading us to evacuate two unhealthy residence halls. When we moved some 250 students to distant hotel rooms our very mission as a residential liberal arts college was compromised. Chip Jackson, associate vice president for facilities and planning, asked Adam Werblow, our director of the waterfront and head varsity sailing coach, whether



PHOTO: BILL WOOD

the waterfront might assist us. It wouldn’t be the first time the St. Mary’s River spoke directly to our purpose. Adam heard from an alumnus of the College, Danny Pletsch ’04, who knew of a cruise ship making its way from Newfoundland south, passing by the Chesapeake, empty, for sale, and perhaps available for rent. The rest is pure St. Mary’s ingenuity and teamwork.

The Sea Voyager returned students to campus and renewed our sense of the river’s centrality. In 1634, the river offered refuge and delivered colonial founders to America. Juxtaposed to the Sea Voyager on the museum’s dock is the Maryland Dove – the historical continuity is unmistakable. For decades the river provided transport – at one time the river was how students got to St. Mary’s. We arrive by other means now, but we are no less indebted to the river for deliverance.

The cruise ship episode resonated in the national press, I think, because it is so organic to who we are – a waterfront campus looks to the river in times of crisis. We have underway a public awareness effort that is evaluating our College’s external identity. We are a public liberal arts college with a specific charge from the people of Maryland – the liberal arts in the public trust. It’s a heady mission, and a challenging charge – and like most things of social value, it requires a strong partnership between the public and private sector. Alongside our public awareness effort is our comprehensive

campaign, now in the planning phase, a coordinated solicitation for financial support from individuals like you, who care about the success of St. Mary’s College of Maryland. While we will have a targeted focus, we have and will continue to pursue financial support of ongoing initiatives, such as the St. Mary’s Fund and the Emergency Assistance Fund. I am unabashed in my request that you be responsive when you hear from students by phone or from the College by mail and email.

I doubt that all future talent in the United States will come from the wealthiest American families. As a nation, we must seek out creative, capable, intellectually curious young minds wherever they are placed socioeconomically. When it comes to the future development of Maryland and America, what mom or dad does for a living is of little concern – what we need, as we develop, is creativity, intellect, and vision. I see it in the eyes of our students every day, students from affluence and poverty, from middle class families, sons and daughters of doctors, lawyers, store clerks, bankers and bus drivers.

I have come to love this College and the human spirit it embodies – from the vision of state leaders who established this honors college on the banks of a breathtaking river to the young minds nourished by beauty and challenged by a rigorous academic program. When I interact with students I find myself out of step with dominant mass media messages about what this country can’t do. In the spirit of St. Mary’s students lies our future *development* – and that future looks, in this president’s eyes, as promising as the light of dawn on the St. Mary’s River.

Joseph Urgo

JOSEPH URGO
President, St. Mary’s College of Maryland

COLLEGE NEWS

ST. MARY’S RANKS HIGH

St. Mary’s College ranked 42 on the list of the top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges according to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance for 2012. St. Mary’s also earned a spot in The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges for the third year running.

Leon Wiebers, assistant professor of scenography, is headed to South Korea on a Fulbright research grant for the 2012-13 academic year. Katy Arnett, associate professor of educational studies, will be in Canada for the fall semester, also on a Fulbright grant.

Joe Urgo, president and professor of English, and Michael S. Glaser, professor emeritus and former Poet Laureate of Maryland, were elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Maryland Humanities Council, which promotes civic engagement on issues critical to Marylanders.

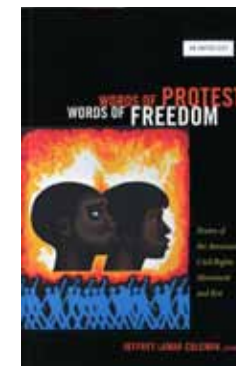
Thomas J. Botzman, vice president for business and finance, was selected as a member of Leadership Maryland Class of 2012. Leadership Maryland aims to inform top-level executives about significant issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the state of Maryland.

Read All About It

Charles Holden, professor of history, wrote a book, *New Southern University: Academic Freedom and Liberalism at UNC* (University Press of Kentucky), then co-wrote an article, “When Well Educated Politicians Cry ‘Snob,’” for the Baltimore Sun with **Zach Messitte**, formerly of St. Mary’s and currently dean of the College of International Studies and William J. Crowe Chair in Geopolitics (Univ. of Oklahoma). In March, Messitte was named the 13th president of Ripon College in Wisconsin. He begins his new job on July 1.

Karen Anderson’s poem, “Receipt: Midway Entertainment Presents” is one of the year’s 75 best, to be included in *The Best American Poetry 2012*. Anderson is assistant professor of English.

Associate Professor of English **Jeffrey Coleman’s** anthology of poetry of the civil rights movement, *Words of Protest, Words of Freedom* (Duke Univ. Press), received attention on WYPR’s “Maryland Morning” and “The Tavis Smiley Show.”



Todd Eberly, assistant professor of political science, is a sought-after voice in the Maryland news as an expert on the state’s redistricting woes. His paper, “Family Feud: Democratic Activ-



“Uncontained,” watercolor by Sue Johnson

On the Walls

Sue Johnson, professor of art, had a solo show of her paintings at the Pitt Rivers Museum at the University of Oxford.

Björn Krondorfer, professor of religious studies, partnered with Karen Baldner on an art show at the Julio Fine Arts Gallery of Loyola University in Baltimore. He also gave a related lecture at Loyola on March 25.



Carrie Patterson, associate professor of art, had a solo show of her paintings at the Southwest Minnesota State University Art Museum.

Colby Caldwell, associate professor of art, had two solo photography shows in Washington, D.C., one at the Civilian Art Project, the other at Hemphill.

below: Carrie Patterson, “Sign Series 2 number 1,” 14 x 32 inches, oil, acrylic, enamel, and colored pencil on wood and canvas, 2011.

ists v. Democratic Voters– the Ideological Gulf that Thwarts a Sustained Majority,” was published by Third Way, a Washington, D.C. think tank representing the political center. Eberly has co-authored a book with Steven Schier (Carleton College), *America’s Dysfunctional Political System: Professional Government and*

Popular Distrust, to be published in 2013 by Routledge Press.

A Kluge Fellow for the 2011-12 academic year researching Jewish Argentine Sephardim, **Adriana Brodsky**, associate professor of history, gave a related lecture at the Library of Congress on March 1.

WHERE IN THE WORLD



DO YOU FIND ST. MARY'S ALUMS?

EXPERIENCING *LIBERAL ARTS* IN THE WORLD

St. Mary's College of Maryland alumni can be found visiting, studying, working, and living all over the world. For many, the urge to travel awakened during their four years at St. Mary's.

Ashleigh Dueker '10 realized her affinity for travel after attending a St. Mary's-sponsored summer program in the Gambia. She had never been outside the United States and joined the trip on a whim, but her Gambian experience changed her life. "Travel allows one to fully understand the spectrum of the good and bad in the world," says Ashleigh. Soon after graduation, Ashleigh traveled again, this time to a remote village in West Africa, serving in the Peace Corps. She hopes this adventure temporarily sates her thirst for travel, as she plans to attend graduate school for a master's degree in public policy before setting out to improve human rights domestically and abroad. "I always believe that I'm getting back so much more than I've given up," she says.

LEFT: Ashleigh Dueker surrounded by students in a classroom in Debo-Massassi, Mali

AFRICA



Africa is a popular destination for St. Mary's alums, particularly with the Peace Corps. **Renee Angelo '09** was placed in Malawi for her Peace Corps assignment, where she works as a community health adviser with the Community Health and HIV/AIDS program and serves as the president of Northern Malawi's Gender and Development Committee.

Emma Prasher '09 is in her third year as a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso where she has taught high school, started a girls' soccer team, held a youth leadership conference,



Renee Angelo '09

planned a thirty-village bike tour to raise awareness of the Peace Corps, aided malnourished children at health clinics, and worked at a boys' and girls' camp aimed to develop higher societal esteem for women and girls.

Justin Dohn '09 recently obtained a National Science Foundation Grant

to continue doctoral work on the Sahelian Savannah Disturbance Experiment. He is studying the interaction between trees and grasses at different rainfall levels and evaluating how living and non-living factors influence their success.

Sarah Raley-Dale '04 and husband Mark Dale took a unique volunteer trip to Rwanda and Zimbabwe where they went gorilla trekking and worked with lion cubs at an animal sanctuary.



Sarah Raley-Dale '04 and husband Mark Dale at an animal sanctuary in Zimbabwe.

“Sometimes a little whim that you follow when you're 20 ends up changing the entire course of your life... that little whim and the unending support from St. Mary's has helped me follow my dreams and my heart.”

—Ashleigh Dueker '10



Justin Dohn '09 in Mali taking measurements for his research.

ASIA & MIDDLE EAST



St. Mary's alumni have spread across Asia and the Middle East as well. **John Boddie '97** conducts field interviews along the Afghan-Pakistan border with officials involved in irrigation projects. **Allan Wagaman '06** completed a 400-day assignment to Afghanistan as a program/financial manager in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. **Michael Snyder '05** deployed to Iraq in 2009 with his Army Reserve Unit, the 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion, where he supported combat operations and assisted with Iraqi reconstruction efforts. **Dawn Demko '99** spent over two years in Kuwait working at Camp Arifjan as a General Dynamics International Technology civilian contractor. She now works in Anchorage, Alaska as a management analyst for General Dynamics. **Sharon Strickland '05** served nineteen months as a civilian budget analyst and public affairs representative with the U.S. Army at Bagram Air Field

BELOW: Sharon Strickland '05 in Afghanistan.



Monica Kim '09 (in striped sweater) with her class in southwest China. Her students love learning about American customs.



in Afghanistan. One of her favorite memories is of helping to distribute toys and clothes to local children.

Alumni flocked to Hunan University in China last summer, where **Trey Cole '10** teaches English. In August 2011, **Daniel Green '11** joined him and taught for a semester. Trey's brother, **Alex Cole '13**, visited during

June 2011 while traveling to China with the Seahawk women's basketball team. The men enjoyed sampling the exquisite hot pepper-laden cuisine of Hunan Province and coordinating a variety of student activities.

In other regions of China, **Rachel Avrck '08** works at a Hong Kong private equity firm. She enjoys learning business Mandarin, attending social events, and meeting with St. Mary's study-abroad students and alumni. **Monica Kim '09** is currently teaching English in a southwest province of China as a part of Teach for China, a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating education inequity in China's understaffed, low-income rural schools. **Juline Kaleyias '10** improved her Mandarin as she taught 200 students conversational English and film studies at Zhejiang University of Technology. She fondly remembers climbing the eastern part of the Great Wall, where she paid a villager to use his telescope to look into North Korea.



LEFT: Professor Frank van Aalst, an Indian scholar who taught at St. Mary's in the 1970s, now lives in India and periodically takes groups on guided tours of Asia. Shown here at the Taj Mahal last fall are (standing, left to right): St. Mary's College Trustees Donny Bryan '74 and Larry Leak '76; Leslie Friel Herbert '76, Brian Russell '08, and Elizabeth Hargraves '08. Sitting (left to right): Susan Kary Ford '74, Karine Ingersoll '72, Professor van Aalst, and Carol "Puff" Linton Adams '74.

“It was a rare opportunity to be able to participate in the reconstruction and improvement of a country, and I was fortunate to be in a position to make a difference.” —Allan Wagaman '06



TOP: Allan Wagaman '06 in Afghanistan.
ABOVE: Juline Kaleyias '10 with children in China.

In Indonesia, **Kalada Nemieboka '09** taught English to 300 freshmen, traveled the countryside and learned about Islam from his students and fellow professors. In Japan, **Jaime Marti '05** is part of the International Management Program of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, which develops future business managers by rotating

them through a series of different jobs. During his tenure in the program, Jaime has lived and worked in Mexico City, New York City, the United Arab Emirates, and Tokyo. After finishing a Fulbright scholarship in Tajikistan, **Mikey Church '04** and his wife **Ali Sharp '03** traveled to Nepal where they visited the Mikey Medium English School, built in 2008 with wedding gifts Mikey and Ali received. The school is now supported by his non-profit organization Grass Roots Education Nepal. **Ed-die Bartlett '05** is working in Thailand on a documentary film about the evolution of cross-cultural social dynamics. He began his pursuit of international travel in 2010 when he took a six-month trip to study the language and culture of Brazil and Argentina.

EUROPE



Clare Zuraw '05, now an adjunct faculty member at Baltimore City Community College, spent the 2009-2010 academic year as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Sarajevo. Her students included judges of the state court of Bosnia-Herzegovina. **Adam Pollock '08** served in the Peace Corps in Macedonia, where he worked with AIESEC to develop leadership skills in college-aged students. He also worked with students on sustainability and environmental projects. **Bo Knutson '01** lives in Moscow and is the Siberia program director for the Future Leaders Exchange Program, which gives teenagers the opportunity to live with a U.S. host family and attend high school for a year.



Adam Pollock '08 (in orange shirt) with students in Macedonia.

LATIN AMERICA & SOUTH AMERICA



Hannah Kelley-Bell '09 is serving in Costa Rica with the Peace Corps, where she assists the local micro-lending community and collaborates with a local women's group focused on environmental conservation. She also spent six weeks in the Galapagos Islands working on an environmental conservation project to remove invasive species. **Sarah Stevens '09** has been in Guyana since August 2011 as a World Teach mathematics and science teacher. **Samar Doany Caverly '80** and her teenage son, Robert, spent the 2011 spring break vacation volunteering at a school in Fon des Blanc, Haiti, as members of The Victims' Rights Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Montgomery County, Md.

Brad Newkirk '04 and **Katie Lange '06** went to Peru in July 2010 to attend Katie's brother's wedding. Their friends, **Mitch Stanton '05**, **Josh Hunter '02**, **Alun Oliver '04** and **Amy Stancavitch '05** decided to go with them and



Hiking the Inca Trail: Katie Lange '06, Josh Hunter '02, Alun Oliver '04, Mitch Stanton '05, Brad Newkirk '04, and Amy Stancavitch '05 at Dead Woman's Pass, elevation 14,000 feet.

“Young children everywhere are the same. They just want to be loved, nurtured, and encouraged with the opportunity to be educated.” —Jackie Knipp '75



Megan '11 (left) and Jackie Knipp '75 with students in Peru

hike the Inca Trail. After four days of hiking, they reached Machu Picchu. The group plans to travel together again, this time to the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil. **Jackie Knipp '75** and her daughter **Megan Knipp '11** shared a two-continent travel and teaching adventure that began in Peru in summer 2009 and culminated in the Gambia in spring 2010. Traveling with a descendant of the ancient Incan people they explored Peru, where they were able to visit schools and work with children. Megan participated in the St. Mary's semester-abroad program in the Gambia, where she helped develop sustainable environmental projects and supported women's groups. ❖



Hannah Kelley-Bell '09 in Costa Rica

WATER WATER EVERY- WHERE



BY JEFFREY HAMMOND,
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH
AND THE GEORGE B.
AND WILLMA REEVES
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

The St. Mary's River inspires us. The view, opening to a greater expanse downriver, beckons us to unknown but certain adventure. The lure of water has been documented for millennia – our six-week adventure during the fall semester enters history in the pages that follow.

AN ODE TO NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF OUR BRAINS

When English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge's ancient mariner said that there was "water, water, every where," he wasn't kidding: water covers about 70 percent of the earth's surface. The ocean, which functions as a vast water purification system, sustains us. Indeed, the ocean is us: our bodies consist of 60 percent water. Our brains are even more water-logged, at 70 percent. How could this substance not flood the human imagination?

Western literature began with Greek poet Homer singing about a thousand ships bound for Troy to retrieve Helen. Or was this just an excuse for escaping the land-locked routines of everyday life? Bored with tending sheep and pressing olives, those Greeks were itching to set sail and fight somebody. Imagine the impact that this had on the late Bronze Age economy.

For good or ill, the ocean has always inspired escapes from the mundane. Decades after Odysseus returned from the Trojan War, he allegedly got bored, sailed into the Western Unknown, and disappeared. Christian legend says that St. Paul intended to sail west to preach in Spain and Gibraltar, despite having already survived a shipwreck on his way to Rome.

Some people never learn. But how can they, when the sea keeps extending its irresistible promise of adventure? The Anglo-Saxons called the ocean the *hwælcweg*, the "Whale-Path," and it was tailor-made for road trips. We even talk about space travel in nautical terms: don't we go there in "spaceships"? And doesn't "astronaut" mean "star-sailor"? The Russians are even more ambitious: "cosmonaut" means "universe sailor."

Water has always possessed a paradoxical duality: when fresh and taken in moderate doses, it is life itself. But when salted and gathered into immense masses, it becomes the ultimate topographic Other. We've always known that water giveth and

taketh away. The legends of Atlantis and Noah's Flood give narrative form to countless watery disasters, from long before the volcanic eruption at Thera, in the ancient Mediterranean, to the recent tsunami in Japan. Medieval mapmakers routinely labeled uncharted waters with the warning "Here be monsters." And there *were*: maybe not Leviathans and Krakens, but pirates, rocks, reefs, and currents powerful enough to sweep away Egyptian barges carrying grain to Rome. There's little wonder that ancient sailors hugged the shore whenever possible. Life at sea is far safer now, but hardly risk-free. Commercial fishing remains the single most hazardous profession in the world.

Photo by Susan Wilkinson '76

Still, for centuries sea travel remained the fastest and safest way to go. That's why the history of cultural exchange and exploration is a story about following the water. Our forebears tried to find sea routes everywhere. The quest for a sea passage to the East Indies had European sailors bumping into a landmass new to them: this one.

So, to the boat people of St. Mary's: your cabins may have felt a tad small, but make no mistake: you were dwelling, for a while, in mythic territory – humanity's first dream-cape. The biblical Eden lay at the convergence of four rivers; the classical Underworld lay beyond the River Styx. Dreams, of course, can always turn into nightmares: the dark center of Dante's hell consisted of frozen water: an ice-lake that trapped Satan hip-deep, like a ship run aground.

Navigating water demands a delicate mix of stubbornness and flexibility: we need to know when to fight the winds and currents, and when to submit to them. Water has a way of humbling us. When Huck Finn listened to the river, he learned that a slave was a human being. When Captain Ahab defied the ocean, he took a whole boatload of characters down with him.

Ahab needed that bath, because water cleanses. From earliest times, people have performed purification rituals involving water. Such rituals create a new self – and a terrestrial perspective, on its own, won't do the trick. When babies get baptized, nobody sprinkles sand on their heads: instead, they receive water as a symbol of renewal, belonging, and stability. Maybe there's an analogy here, however strained, to that fitful voyage from dormitory to motel to docked ship. For all the hassles, I'd say that the residents of the Sea Voyager were lucky ducks. After all, they've now got their own Odyssey to sing.



PHOTO: SUSAN WILKINSON '76



SEABEE OR LANDLUBBER?

We asked some students for their favorite ship-dwelling moments and the best things about being back in their residence halls. Here's what they said:

Ship Favorites

- Sunsets on the river and the sound of the water
- The view of the river from the upper deck
- Hearing the stories of the crew members
- Getting clean linens during the week
- Coming back, after a long day of classes, to a neatly made bed
- The community that formed on the ship

Residence Hall Favorites

- Being close to food and friends
- Having a kitchen nearby
- Comfortable and cozy
- Short walk to classes

Compiled by Emily Burdeshaw '13, Ashok Chandwaney '14, Amy Redman '15, Theresa Nakamura '15

THE HOUR WHEN THE SHIP COMES IN

BY PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. URGO

I've had a soundtrack to the events recounted here running through my mind: *"Oh the time will come up / When the winds will stop / And the breeze will cease to be breathin' / Like the stillness in the wind / 'Fore the hurricane begins / The hour when the ship comes in..."*

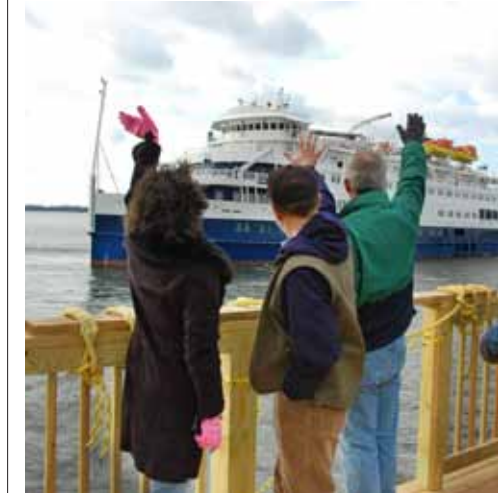
That's the opening stanza to Bob Dylan's "When the Ship Comes In," from the album, *The Times They Are A-Changin'*. We opened the fall semester, the weekend of first-year orientation, with the arrival of Hurricane Irene. In the weeks following, we had a string of high temperatures and humidity. In two residence halls, room inspections revealed mold—one of these halls had flooded during the hurricane—severe enough to warrant immediate action.

St. Mary's College of Maryland is a public, residential liberal arts college, designated as the state's honors college, with a twin mission to maintain high academic standards and to make that education, in the language of our legislation, "affordable to all and thriving on diversity." The state helps us keep our tuition at about half that of our private peers. Some 90 percent of our students live on campus, and we're at residence hall capacity.

We found rooms for 100 students on campus—turning doubles into triples, reassigning common rooms, and finding other means of creative, livable crowding. For the remaining 240, we rented hotel rooms. No hotel had the capacity to house all 240 students. We rented

rooms at three hotels, one nearly 20 miles away. The situation was untenable. With 1,800 students on our campus, the displacement of 240 to off-campus housing struck our very core—it violated our mission.

On December 18, 2011, we waved goodbye to the Sea Voyager. From left to right: Joanne Goldwater (associate dean of students and director of residence life), Joe Urgo (president), and Chip Jackson (associate vice president for planning and facilities).



Making Use of the Shoreline

No one had to say anything to anybody, but everyone was thinking about alternatives. Lists of faculty and neighbors willing to take in students began to circulate. We looked into trailers and other temporary units. We considered turning the gymnasium into a shelter. The folks who oversee the waterfront started talking about houseboats and ocean liners.

Located on the shoreline of the St. Mary's River, we have extensive waterfront activity, including a nationally ranked sailing program. Students may check out sailboats, kayaks, and even larger vessels, if they have the expertise, from our inventory.

Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, the most efficient way to get to St. Mary's was by boat. In 1634, the colony's first European settlers came ashore and established St. Mary's City, now a museum adjacent to campus that marks Maryland's origins.

So, when our waterfront director called to say Danny Pletsch '04 had identified a cruise ship en route from Newfoundland, about to pass the mouth of the Chesapeake, and that it was empty, for sale, and perhaps open to rental, it seemed like a perfectly 'St. Mary's' solution. We learned the price would be equivalent, if not less than the hotel (and attendant transportation) costs, and the deal was clinched.

We moved 240 students into a variety of cabins aboard the Sea Voyager, restoring our residential campus community, and reminding us of our debt to the St. Mary's River as a source of campus vitality and the historical origin of the state and College. The operation hit our reserves hard, both for the mold remediation and the ship rental. But we have seen through a crisis with our core mission not only preserved, but also deepened through a return to the inspiration provided by the river whose name we share. *"Like the stillness in the wind / 'Fore the hurricane begins / The hour when the ship comes in."* ♦

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DAY BY DAY

RESEARCHING SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS

BY ANNALISE KENNEY '15

Freezing temperatures in February 2011 kept most St. Mary's students indoors, but David "Davey" Clough '11, Jamie Phillips '11, and William "Andrew" Gainey '12, spent the month covering the overnight shift at a local homeless shelter. The students volunteered with Wrapping Arms 'Round Many (W.A.R.M.), a sheltering program that coordinates the efforts of St. Mary's County churches to provide safety, comfort, and hot meals to the homeless during chilly winter nights.

Although this volunteering was part of an independent study conducted by Helen Daugherty, professor of sociology and the G. Thomas and Martha Myers Yeager Endowed Chair in the Liberal Arts, its impact extended beyond their final papers. "I can remember as a young teen thinking very negatively about homeless people," Andrew writes in his paper. "Now after I spent over sixty hours volunteering and being around the homeless, it is clear that sympathy is the key to understanding and helping [them]."

Left: Andrew Gainey '12
photo by Bill Wood

ALUMNI CONNECTION

CLASS NOTES

1962

Virginia Tibbs Garner and husband, Dick, are celebrating two milestone events at this year's Alumni Weekend; Virginia's 50th reunion as a member of St. Mary's Seminary Junior College's Class of 1962 and the couple's 50th wedding anniversary [1]. Virginia and Dick met in Sunday school a few weeks after she started college. Dick retired from the U.S. Navy after serving over 23 years; he retired from the YMCA after 15 years, and retired from Target in Oct. 2011 after 10 years. Virginia and Dick have 3 children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. The couple lives in Houston, Tex.

1967

Patricia Noell McMican writes that she finally received her bachelor's degree in June 2011 from Cambridge College after accumulating 170 college credits during her lifetime. A music/fine arts major, she worked for 40 years as a vocal soloist in bands and for her church. Patricia and husband William will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary this year and live in Virginia Beach, Va.

1974

Linda Gatton Scholfield and husband, **Dan Scholfield '75**, welcomed their first two grandchildren in 2011: Lilly, born in Sept., to son Tom and wife Michelle; and Miles, born in Nov., to daughter Wendy and husband Mike. Linda and Dan live in Crofton, Md.

1975

Christopher Paris and wife Margie celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Jan. 29, 2012. They are grandparents to Ethan and Eliana, twins born Aug. 8, 2010, to daughter Michelle Paris Mount and husband Jeff; and Siena, born Aug. 31, 2011, to daughter Laura Paris McClellan and husband Andrew. Chris and Margie live in Frederick, Md.

1977

Richard Piel, a police lieutenant with the Baltimore Police Department for over 27 years, still loves his job. He lives in Baltimore, Md. and stays in contact with Ted Wagner '77 who Richard says is doing quite well.

Paul Wortman [2] retired in Aug. 2011 from the New York City public schools after 25 years of teaching art. Paul now works full-time drawing and painting in his studio. Shown here is his self-portrait. To view other examples of his artwork go to www.paulwortman.com.

1980

Corey Roberts hosted the inaugural Maryland lacrosse alumni road trip to Cleveland, Ohio to see the Baltimore Ravens play the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 4, 2011. The alums and two friends who participated are: **Mark Cheyne '81**, **Petey Collins '79**, **Scott Quinn '82**, **Sam Bland '78**, Hap Carrington, Jerry Lopez, **Corey Roberts '80**, **Rich Magness '80**, **Mike Lord '80**, **Bruce Chesser '81**, and **Rick Roberts '78**.

1982

Jeannie Howe [3] is executive director of the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance. Previously,

as president of the consulting group BayCliff Associates, she served as the capital campaign director for Baltimore's Everyman Theatre. Jeannie and husband, Alan Kreizenbeck, live in Baltimore, Md. Their daughter, **Rosalind Kreizenbeck '11** is a recent St. Mary's graduate.

1983

Joanie Biro Rosati is director of sales for Hilton's new Home2 Suites in Lexington Park, Md., the chain's first leadership in environmental and energy design (LEED) certified hotel. Previously, she was sales coordinator for the Hilton Garden Inn in Solomons, Md. She also spent 14 years managing the Tiki Bar in Solomons, Md. She and husband, Joe, live in Lusby, Md.

1985

Richard C. Trippe, Jr. is president and CEO of the Avon-Dixon Agency, an independent insurance agency headquartered in Easton, Md. where he was born and raised. He and wife, **Beth Paxson Trippe '85**, now live in Easton and look forward to being part of the greater Eastern Shore community. Daughter, Abbie, is a plebe at the U.S. Naval Academy while son, Rick, is a senior at the University of Maryland.

1986

Sue-Ellen "Niki" Nickerson Byram and husband, Harvey "Buck" Byram, [4] celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 28, 2010 by cruising to the Bahamas where they renewed their wedding vows at Christ Church Cathedral in Nassau. Niki works full-time as a histotechnologist at the Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

From left to right: W.A.R.M. volunteer Davey Clough '11, Professor Helen Daugherty, W.A.R.M. volunteer Jamie Phillips '11, and Polly Miller, who coordinated the W.A.R.M. efforts of her church, Oasis of Victory Christian Church International of Lexington Park, Maryland.

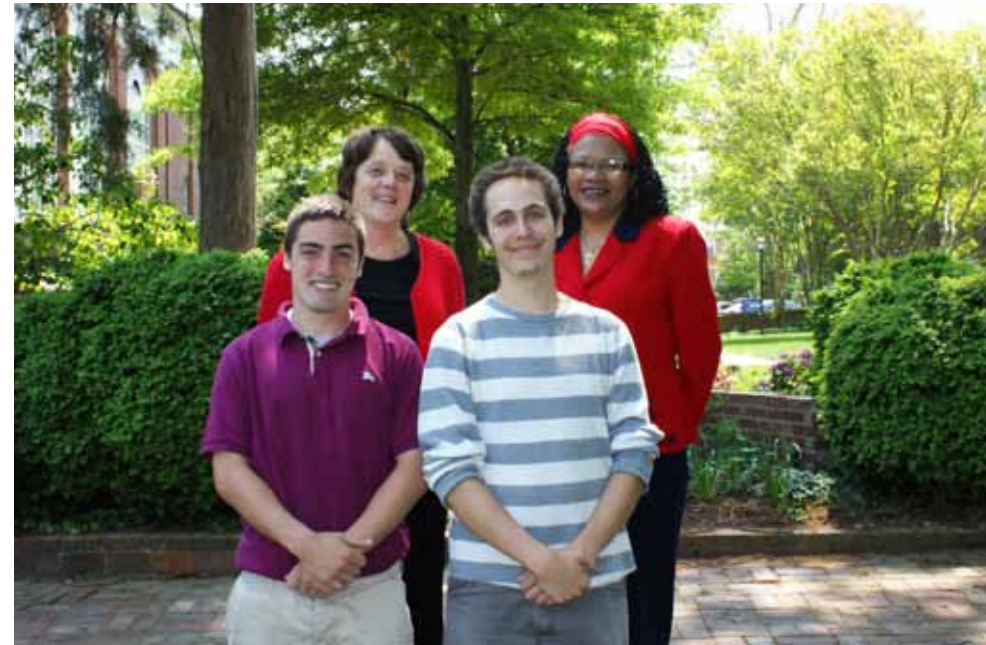


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Andrew, who is majoring in sociology, seized the opportunity to work the midnight shift of the W.A.R.M. program "just to try something new," but his very first shift at Hollywood Methodist Church in St. Mary's County changed his life when a boy who attended his high school arrived to stay the night. As he uncomfortably avoided discussing the boy's situation, Andrew realized that the boy was smiling, relieved to find a friend in an unhappy place. This "eye-opening" encounter altered Andrew's earlier ideas about homeless people and inspired Andrew to further research the local options for the homeless.

After fulfilling his ELAW (Experiencing Liberal Arts in the World) credit by volunteering nearly a hundred hours with W.A.R.M. in his junior year, Andrew was hooked. "I wanted to research, to figure out other options for the homeless," he says. Andrew's academic adviser, Professor Elizabeth Osborn, convinced Andrew to pursue his newfound passion through a St. Mary's Project. Because of his familial ties to England, Andrew decided to compare the social support systems of England and the United States, in order to better understand the universal themes of homelessness. Andrew spent December 2011 in Manchester, England, where he lived with family while volunteering and researching at the local homeless shelter.

Andrew was thoroughly impressed with the English social support systems. In contrast to American homeless shelters, English shelters offer amenities like washers, dryers, and showers and generally follow daytime hours in order to minimize disturbances caused by late-night drinking and drug use. Andrew was also surprised by the wide variety of additional services offered to the homeless, such as radio programs advertising locations where homeless people can pick up a meal or free clothing.

To Andrew, the most fascinating aspect and the driving force behind English social support systems is England's "big society" social theory, which aims to bring municipalities together to design and implement new programs. Andrew explains the system as a sort of rewards program: after volunteering enough hours in the community, volunteers

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are designated community champions and are given the responsibility of meeting with champions of other towns to discuss solutions for various social problems.

Andrew contributes the success of England's social support systems to the mindset of the English, who Andrew describes as being "in tune" with the needs of their community. Emphasis is on volunteer efforts to improve the lives of the homeless as opposed to any number of quick-fix bills or programs. To Andrew, the results of his study indicate the most important factor to improve social support systems in the United States is a change in attitude. "We don't need to find a solution or

solve the problem [of homelessness] outright to make a difference," says Andrew. "We just need to make lives better, day by day."

The generally positive English mentality toward helping the homeless seems to be driven by the English government, which offers a variety of public spaces for use as shelters in winter months and pays for community champions to take courses in a variety of subjects meant to improve the community. The differences between the English and American systems, says Andrew, merit further study. He also believes that more cooperation between social support system advocates on both sides of the Atlantic will result in system improvements for both nations.

Andrew is trying to jumpstart this cooperation. Along with a completed St. Mary's Project, he brought back ideas for new social programs and is hoping to incorporate some of these programs locally. One such program he calls the social lounge: a place where people can go to buy inexpensive meals and get help with a variety of problems, from tricky paperwork to finding jobs. Upon returning to the U.S. in February, Andrew promptly worked a few W.A.R.M. program shifts. He intends to continue volunteering in the community, "no matter where I end up." ❖



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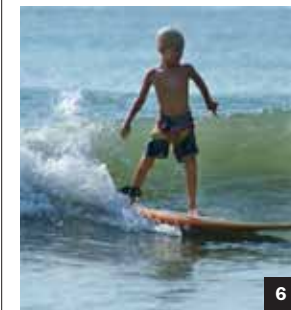
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and has had two poems selected for inclusion in *Poets of Central Florida, A Contemporary Anthology, Vol. Two; Love and Other Passions*. Buck works part-time for Florida Healthcare Plans. The couple lives in Daytona Beach.

Patrick Reid O'Brien's art was featured in the Chesapeake Arts Center's solo exhibition entitled "Celebrate the Story of Your Life." Patrick, who spent 15 years in corporate advertising, has been a full-time artist since 2005 (www.patrickfineart.com). In 1995 and 2003, he designed posters for the Governor's Cup yacht races. In 2009, Jimmy Buffet's marketing director commissioned him to create original art using Jimmy's lyrics. In 2011, he won the Hampton Classic Horse Show poster competition in Bridgehampton, N.Y. and received commissions for his original designs to be sold in the White House gift shop. Patrick lives with his family in Lutherville-Timonium, Md.

1987

Pamela Dement-Carpenter [5], after practicing law in Maryland and California for almost 20 years, has opened her own practice, PDC Law and Mediation, LLC (www.pdclawoffice.com) in Severna Park, Md. She focuses on family law litigation and mediation, general mediation, and criminal defense and appeals. Pamela and her son, Christian, who plays soccer and basketball, live in Severna Park.

1993

Brian Kopec owns Kopec Insurance and lives in Palm Coast, Fla. with his wife, Rachael and son, Braeden [6], who has inherited Brian's love of the ocean. Braeden rode his first

wave before he was 3; today, at age 5, is a competitive surfer with corporate sponsors. Brian has crossed paths with a few alums living in Florida but still misses St. Mary's College and, of course, the Green Door.

1995

Lauren Matukaitis Broyles has received the 2011 International Nurses Society on Addictions Annual Research Award for her work as a research health scientist at the Department of Veterans Affairs' Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion. She is evaluating the impact of nurse-delivered counseling intervention on hospitalized veterans classified as "hazardous drinkers." Lauren, who also is an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, lives with her family in Pittsburgh, PA.

Lindsey Plaut Cosimano writes fiction for young adults under the pen name Elle Cosimano. Her debut novel, *Dead Blue*, and a sequel were recently acquired by Dial/Penguin Books for Young Readers for publication in 2013. She lives with husband, **Tony Cosimano '94**, and their two children in northern Virginia.

Kristen Jones Mangus was one of five nominated for 2011 Teacher of the Year for Howard County, Md. She's the second grade instructional team leader for Veterans Elementary School in Ellicott City, Md. Kristen and husband, **Timothy Mangus '90**, live in Crownsville, Md.

1996

Patrick McNabb is working on a Ph.D. in media psychology online through Fielding Graduate University. His wife, Amy, is a professional musician and also

an online college student with plans to study for the Unitarian ministry. They live just outside of Chestertown, Md.

1997

Deanne Elizabeth Grayson graduated in May 2011 from Lincoln Memorial University's DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine as a doctor of osteopathic medicine. A U.S. Army captain, she is doing her psychiatry residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. Her daughter, Kammi, who tagged along to class with Deanne at St. Mary's, is in her first year of medical school.

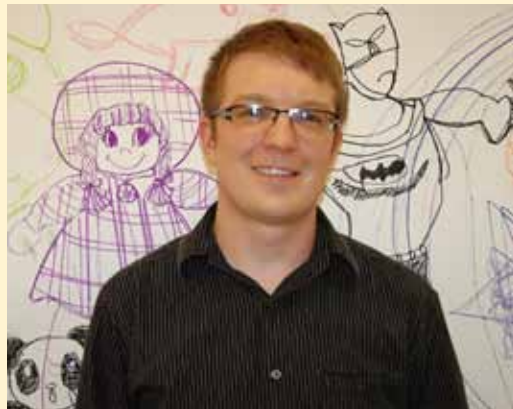
1999

Robert Erlewine has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor in the Religion Department at Illinois Wesleyan University where he has taught since 2006. Robert authored a book, *Monotheism and Tolerance: Recovering a Religion of Reason* (Indiana University Press) in 2010, and is currently managing editor of the *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*. Robert and wife, Molly Robey '01 who is an assistant professor of English at Bridgewater State University, live in Bloomington, IL.

Chris Lehmann runs his own acupuncture and Oriental medicine practice, Eastern Sun Acupuncture, in West Roxbury, Mass. Chris also works as a teaching assistant at the New England School of Acupuncture and has started an acupuncture residency program in the Boston Medical Center's Family Medicine Department. Chris and Julia live in Newton, Mass.

Ben Wyskida has been named senior vice president of national advocacy at BerlinRosen

MAPPING TARGET



Ever wonder what your meanderings through a small city, or even through a Target store, would look like if mapped and put in neon colors? **Billy Friebele '00**, assistant professor of art, has done just that and the results are award winning.

Friebele's Target piece, "Traversing/Suburban," won best in show at Long Beach Island Foundation's national juried competition in digital works in June 2011. It is now on display at the Orlando Museum of Art in Florida. He and Nick Hughes '12 recently showed projects in a professor/student exhibition in Baltimore, and in May, Friebele's Target piece is featured at the Art Currents Institute in Manhattan.

"People respond to that Target piece for some reason," says Friebele, "maybe because everyone goes to Target. There's a lot of interest in drawing right now. This is a video, but it's also sort of a drawing. It traverses two different territories. My follow-on pieces to the Target piece are collaborative, where instead of just me pushing a cart around, it's many people at the same time."

Friebele, a Class of 2000 philosophy major from St. Mary's, took his own meandering path before he found himself back here.

He was drawn to the philosophy department, and names Henry Rosemont, John Schroeder, Alan Paskow and Michael Taber as mentors. "I learned so much from them. They really gave me a solid foundation of just thinking, you know, and in a way that I had never done

before. Sometimes it hurt to write those papers and to have those discussions. It hurt my brain, but I felt it was growing."

And the direction he grew was towards art. "I wanted to see if I could take some of the ideas from philosophy and come up with physical manifestations," he explains, "and vice versa." He once drew a Buddhist wheel of life on a pane of glass as part of a class presentation, then sprayed it with glass cleaner and wiped it off.

His favorite St. Mary's memory is his St. Mary's Project: an outdoor installation, a 30' by 30' bamboo labyrinth in the shape of a spiral that was where the baseball diamond is today. In the center of the labyrinth were benches. "In my SMP, I finally saw something that I loved and I realized that this hybrid combination of art and philosophy could work, that they could support each other."

After graduation, Friebele taught art in grades K through 12 and completed a residency program at Maryland Institute College of Art. "I moved around a lot, trying different scenarios like affluent private schools at Potomac to inner city charter schools, never finding the right match. Partly I think I was really interested in teaching higher level concepts. I kept looking for that. But along the way I really had some great experiences."

In 2008, Friebele returned to St. Mary's to fill in for a professor on sabbatical. The next year, he stayed on as a visiting professor when the digital media faculty position was vacated. He applied for the tenure-track position that year and got it. "I'm happy. This is a great match for me." ♦

Last summer, Friebele joined Adrianna Brodsky (associate professor of history) and Cristin Cash (associate professor of art) for a study tour in Peru with St. Mary's students interested in studying South American art and history. The students did their own mapping project as part of their study.

Public Affairs in New York City. Previously, Ben was a communications executive for The Atlantic Philanthropies, director of publicity for The Nation Magazine, and communications director at the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights.

2001

Luke Cole has earned his Ph.D. in environmental sciences from the University of Virginia and landed a fellowship with the Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Water's Regional, State, & Tribal Standards Support Branch. He is writing and orchestrating the implementation of the Clean Water Act as it pertains to nutrient pollution in both freshwater and marine systems. Luke lives in Washington, D.C.

2003

Todd Brooks has been selected as a 2012 "rising star" among Maryland attorneys who have been practicing for 10 years or less. An associate attorney with the firm of Whiteford, Taylor and Preston, Todd specializes in bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights. He and wife, Jocelyn, live in Baltimore, Md.

Nathan Crowe received his doctorate in the history of science, technology, and medicine from the University of Minnesota in 2011 and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Arizona State University's Center for Biology and Society. He and wife, Stephanie, live in Tempe, Az.

Amanda Gearey is a design engineer with the Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild in Naples, Fla. She received a master's degree in architecture from Rhode Island School of Design and is

a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP). She lives in Naples.

Kristin Padukiewicz has earned her Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience from George Washington University. She is an account manager for Noldus Information Technology, a behavioral research solutions provider. Kristin lives in Washington, D.C.

2004

Katie Daly '04 is a psychologist with Cherokee Health Systems in Knoxville, Tenn. She received her master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia and her Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

2006

Caitrin McCarron graduated with distinction in Dec. 2011 from the London School of Economics and Political Science, receiving a master's degree in comparative politics. She works for the National Community Action Foundation in Washington, D.C., as a legislative analyst. From 2007-2010, she was a legislative assistant in the office of Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK). Caitrin lives in Alexandria, Va.

Jim Mitchell is the assistant men's lacrosse coach and recruiting coordinator at Belarmine University in Louisville, Ky. His previous men's lacrosse coaching jobs were at Goucher College (2006-2008); Roanoke College (2008-2010); and Duke University (2010-2011). Jim was a midfielder at St. Mary's College and, as captain of the 2006 men's lacrosse team, helped lead the team to the program's highest national ranking in school

history. He lives in Louisville.

Shermaine Mitchell-Ryan has received the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health. A third-year doctoral student in the cancer biology graduate program at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Mich., her research is focused on therapies that may aid in reducing the disproportional rates of cancer incidence, morbidity and mortality in the African-American community. Shermaine and husband, Paul Ryan, live in Detroit and Washington, D.C.

2007

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Crockett recently graduated from Shenandoah University with a master's degree in physician assistant studies. While a student, she went on two medical mission trips to Nicaragua. She also helped coach Shenandoah's women's lacrosse team with fellow alum, **Allyson Sarigianis '06**, who is pursuing her doctorate in pharmacy. After graduation, Lizzie took her board exam and was one of three physician assistants accepted into Eastern Virginia Medical School's Emergency Medicine Fellowship in Norfolk, Va.

Elizabeth Lewis graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science, in Dec. 2011, with a master's degree in political economy of late development. She manages sub-Saharan Africa programs for the International Republican Institute. Her interest in Africa began when she took a course taught by St. Mary's College professor, Asif Dowla, on the economics of developing countries. Elizabeth lives in Washington, D.C.



2008

Jamie Morganstern [7] is co-founder and director of operations at BAMM.tv, a content distribution network for emerging musicians. He lives in San Francisco, Ca.

Mike Smelkinson is the head men's basketball coach for Howard Community College. Before that, he was an assistant men's basketball coach at St. Mary's College under coach **Chris Harney '97**. In 2008, as team captain, Mike led the Seahawks to the school's first national NCAA ranking and the Division III "Sweet 16" round. He teaches special education at Marriotts Ridge High School in Marriottsville, Md. and lives in Elkridge, Md.

Kafuti Talahumbu is president of the Africa Business Association of the George Washington University School of Business. Kafuti is pursuing a joint master's degree in business administration and finance and international affairs and expects to graduate in 2014. He and wife, Mignonne, live in Burtonsville, Md.

2009

Calvin Wise is an assistant director of undergraduate admissions at Johns Hopkins University. He's responsible for recruiting, counseling, and

evaluating students from most of Maryland, Oregon, and Washington state.

2010

Cheryl Corwin [8], shown with Mayor Bloomberg, works at the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City as a fundraiser for public programs in areas including the environment, youth development, financial empowerment, health, volunteerism, and the arts. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

2011

Laura Brandon is an honors paralegal with the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. She plans on starting law school in the fall of 2013. Laura enjoys competitive sailing and living in the Federal Hill section of Baltimore with fellow alumna, **Rosalind Kreizenbeck '11**. Rosalind is a senior associate at The Mellinger Group LLC, a Baltimore consulting firm specializing in campaign finance for Democratic party candidates, with a focus on fundraising and event planning. She also works as a teaching assistant at Art with a Heart.

John Windsor and two friends spent the summer of 2011 bicycling across the U.S. to raise awareness about eating disorders and to raise money for the Johns Hopkins Hospital's Eating Disorders Program. They left July 28 from Astoria, Ore., and arrived in Virginia Beach, Va. on Oct. 8, 2011. Their efforts raised over \$10,000 for the Johns Hopkins program. For more information, visit John's website, www.johnwindsor3.webs.com.

MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Allison Glass '97 and Shawn Henry **[1]** were married Aug. 21, 2010, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. and enjoyed scuba diving on their honeymoon in Bonaire. Allison studies whales for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service; Shawn works as a carpenter. The couple lives in Sandwich, Mass.

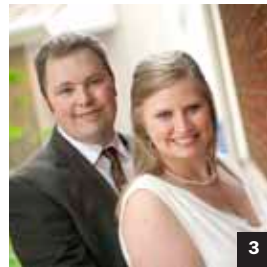


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Lesley Kline '98 and Peter Eschinger **[2]** were married June 18, 2011, in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Mary's College. **Kathryn Ingraham Applewhaite '98** and **Angie Mogensen '98** were bridesmaids. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Lesley, a forensic scientist, and Peter, a police officer, work for the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. They live in Alexandria, Va.



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Brooks Liswell '98 and **Mary Herberger '03 [3]** were married Aug. 9, 2011, in a small family ceremony in Annapolis, Md., and honeymooned in Boston, Mass. Brooks is an attorney for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mary teaches second grade in Anne Arundel County, Md. The couple lives in Baltimore, Md.



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Eleanor "Ellie" Hope '00 and **Oscar W. Lease, III [4]** were married Feb. 25, 2011, in Colesville, Md. The couple honeymooned at the Wintergreen Resort in Virginia. Ellie is a children's services associate at Havre de Grace Library. Oscar is a tractor trailer driver for John W. Ritter and Semi Express. The couple lives in Havre de Grace, Md.



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ALLISON GLASS AND SHAWN HENRY ENJOYED SCUBA DIVING ON THEIR HONEYMOON IN BONAIRE. ALLISON STUDIES WHALES FOR THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE.

Erin Carmany '01 and Jack Chu **[5]** were married May 14, 2011, in a ceremony officiated by **Hilary Woodward '00**. The couple honeymooned in the Maldives, Spain and Greece. Erin is a fundraiser for a non-profit conservation organization in Arlington, Va.; Jack is a lawyer. They live in Rockville, Md.

Susannah Storch '01 and Robert Milton Allen III **[6]** were married Aug. 6, 2011 in Boulder, Colo. and honeymooned in Beaver Creek, Colo. Susannah runs her own business, Susannah Storch Photography; Rob works as a computer programmer for Vail Resorts. The couple lives in Longmont, Colo.

Katie Mussenden '02 and Doyle Holquist **[7]** were married Mar. 17, 2010, in Key West, Fla. Katie's brother, **Sean Mussenden '99** and his wife, **Michelle Lohmeyer '99**, were in the wedding party. Katie and Doyle started the honeymoon in Key West then traveled to Disney World and finished celebrating with family and friends at home in Pasadena, Md.

Alice Louise Arcieri '03 and Shawn Keith Bonner **[8]** were married Oct. 22, 2011, in Baltimore, Md. **Tava Cleghon '03**, **Judy Gallagher '04**, and **Susannah Hoffman '03** were in the wedding party. **Audrey Hamilton '08** and **Colin Woods**

'05 provided music. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. Alice is an estates and trusts attorney; Shawn is a financial analyst. They live in Baltimore, Md.

Leslie Cook '03 and Thomas Day **[9]** were married July 22, 2011, in Clarksville, Md. The couple honeymooned in Venice, Croatia, Greece, and Turkey. Leslie is the costume assistant at Signature Theatre in Arlington, Va. In April, she worked at the Boston Lyric Opera and will be back at Wolf Trap in May for her fourth summer with the Opera. Thomas works for a non-profit in Arlington. The couple lives in Alexandria, Va.

Sarah Cullison '04 and **R. Scott Gray '05 [10]** were married Nov. 6, 2010, in Danvers, Mass. Sarah is a postdoctoral fellow at Trinity College in Hartford, Ct. where she teaches chemistry and environmental science. Scott has an MBA and is a project manager and business analyst in the Boston, Mass. area for Education First. The couple lives in Westborough, Mass.

Lindsay Becker '05 and Caleb Michaud **[11]** were married Sept. 11, 2010 in Trappe, Md. Members of the wedding party included **Julie Hocker '05** and **Carolyn Barndt McDowell '05**. The couple honeymooned on the Yucatan Peninsula. Lindsay is a branch manager for Capital One Bank; Caleb is a contract project specialist for the Food and Drug Administration. The couple lives in Rockville, Md.

Nicole Deegan '05 and Ryan Donahue **[12]** were married Oct. 22, 2011, in Providence, R.I. Members of the wedding party included **Erinn Maguire**



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'05, Elizabeth Friedel '05, and **Abigail Shearin '05.** The couple honeymooned in Ireland. Nicole and Ryan are both small animal veterinarians and live in Annapolis, Md.

Stacey Hamlet '05 and **Dawn Klein '05 [13]** were married Sept. 22, 2011, in Havre de Grace, Md. Ruth Feingold, associate professor of English at St. Mary's College, officiated and **Laura Wilson Finch '05** was a bridesmaid. The couple honeymooned in Hershey, Penn. Stacey is a senior editor for ProQuest in Bethesda, Md.; Dawn teaches eighth-grade mathematics at Bel Air Middle School and is an adjunct professor at Baltimore Community College. They live in Parkville, Md.

David William Marsich '05 and **Stephanie Lynn Reiner '07 [14]** were married on Oct. 8, 2011, in Severn, Md. The wedding party included **Carolyn Reiner '12**, **Brenna Higgins '07**, **Michelle Marsich '08**, **Clare McLean '07**, **Emily Nelson '07**, **Laura Wallace '07**, **John Adams '07**, **Jeremy Kempner '05**, **Allan Rathbone '04**, and **Bill Wadsworth '05**. The couple honeymooned in Maine. Stephanie received her master's degree in April from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. David does research work for Inspyris, a patent research company and works part-time as a historical interpreter at the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. The couple lives in Gloucester Point, Va.

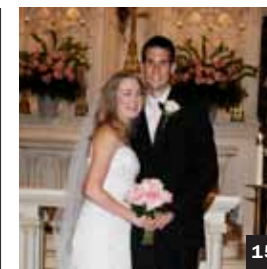
Lindsay Peters '05 and Jesse Dawson **[15]** were married Aug. 14, 2010, in Baltimore, Md. Members of the wedding party included **Christina Rowe Schultheis '05** and **Jill Babson Grundy '05.**

The couple honeymooned in Denmark and the Netherlands. Lindsay and Jesse are both survey statisticians for the U.S. Census Bureau. The couple resides in Washington, D.C.

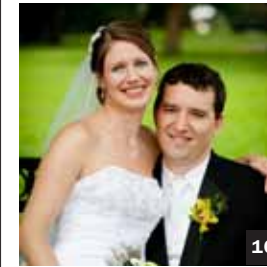
Sally Bradley '06 and Michael Szydlowski **[16]** were married Sept. 10, 2011, in Baltimore, Md. **Jill Bradley '09**, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. **Melissa Sloboda '06** and **Caroline Edwards '06** were bridesmaids. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Sally is a technical analyst for Water Stewardship Inc.; and Michael is an accountant for Transamerica. They live in Dundalk, Md.

Laura Divens '06 and Daniel Zambrano **[17]** were married Nov. 11, 2011, in Stevensville, Md. Members of the wedding party included **Amber Lynn Dixon '06**, **Kathrin Lane Gunther '06**, and **George S. Everly '06**. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica. Laura is an international health analyst at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Daniel is a business law attorney with Council, Baradel, Kosmerl & Nolan, P.A. They live in Upper Marlboro, Md.

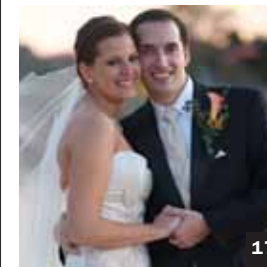
Laurie Kloster '06 and Kevin Filer **[18]** were married Oct. 8, 2011, in Myersville, Md. The wedding party included **Julia Sterne Miller '06**. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Laurie and Kevin work in Washington, D.C.; Laurie as a human resources specialist with the Office of Personnel Management and Kevin as a federal police officer for the Department of Homeland Security. They live in Glen Burnie, Md.



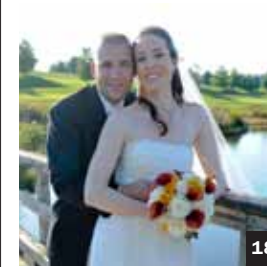
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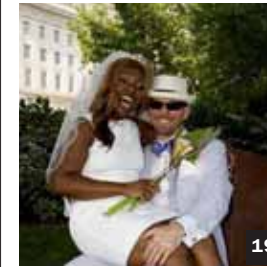
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Shermaine Mitchell '06 and Paul Ryan **[19]** were married June 21, 2011, in Washington, D.C. and honeymooned in Puerto Rico. Shermaine is a doctoral student in the cancer biology graduate program at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Mich.; Paul is the Federal Election Commission program director and associate legal counsel at the Campaign Legal Center in Washington, D.C. The couple lives in Detroit and Washington, D.C.

'Annie' Thao Phung '06 and **Charles Soper '06 [20]** were married May 28, 2011, in Mitchellville, Md. **Karen Reidy '06** was maid of honor; **Seth Matheson '06** was a bridesman; and **Tristan Horrom '06** was a groomsman. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Annie is a certified physician assistant and works in the emergency department at Franklin Square Hospital Center in Baltimore. Charlie graduates in May 2012 from Towson University with a master's of arts in teaching (secondary education). They live in Parkville, Md.

Corey Ahearn '07 and **Justine Hoewing '08 [21]** were married July 2, 2011, in Thurmont, Md. Members of the wedding party included **Megan Turner Malik '08**, **Sara Rubinstein '08**, **Emily Bzdyk '08**, **Amelia Hinnebusch Smith '08**, **Ashlee Anderson '08**, **Troy Townsend '07**, and **Elina Snyder '07**. The couple honeymooned in Croatia. Corey and Justine both work for the Montgomery County, Md. public school system; Corey as a special education/English teacher and Justine as a pre-kindergarten teacher. They live in Poolesville, Md.

LAURA DIVENS '06 AND DANIEL ZAMBRANO WERE MARRIED IN STEVENSVILLE, MD. AND HONEYMOONED IN COSTA RICA.





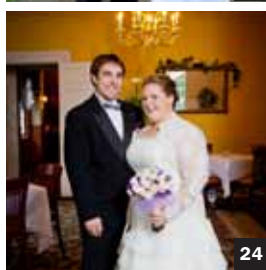
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Devin Carlson '07 and **Chrissy Holt '08** [22] were married Apr. 18, 2010, in St. Mary's City, Md. **Nora Lasley '08** and **Rich Barr '07** were in the wedding party. **Josh Barnett '08** played music and sang. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica. Devin, a former U.S. Marine, works at the U.S. State Department; Chrissy is a high school social studies teacher for the Montgomery County, Md. public school system. They live in Silver Spring, Md.



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Kerry Frances Crawford '07 and **Tyler Belling [23]** were married May 20, 2011 in Timonium, Md. Kerry is a doctoral candidate and adjunct professor in political science at The George Washington University. Tyler works for the Fairfax County government. The couple lives in Fairfax, Va.



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Victoria Marshall '08 and **Travis Horrom '08** [24] were married Oct. 29, 2011, in Elkridge, Md. Members of the wedding party included the groom's brothers, **Alex Horrom '03** and **Tristan Horrom '06**; and **Monica Milstead '08**. Tori and Travis are graduate students and research assistants at The College of William and Mary. They live in Williamsburg, Va.



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Kimbrey Pierce '08 and **Brooks Whiteford '08** [25] were married Sept. 10, 2011, in Historic St. Mary's City, Md. Members of the wedding party included **Christian Schneider '09**, **David Yost '09**, **Keith Buzby '08**, and **Amelia Hinnebusch Smith '08**. The couple honeymooned in the Galapagos Islands. Kimbrey is a compliance specialist at Maxim Healthcare Services; Brooks is a sales engineer for AMX Corporation. The couple lives in Elkridge, Md.



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Kafuti Talahumbu '08 and **Mignonne Kazadi [26]** were married July 24, 2010, in Washington, D.C. Members of the wedding party included: **Lansana Kallon '07**, **Yared Girmai '07**, **Taiwo Salau '07**, **Luke Henninger '08**, **Keenan Nietmann '06**, **Elaine Amankwah '07**, **Kaveiririrma Murangi '09**, **Mary Ella Pruitt '08**, **Nitin Udapi '07** and **Sheku Caulker ('03-'05)**. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nev. Kafuti is a senior statistical researcher for the Investment Company Institute; Mignonne is a medical assistant at Kaiser Permanente. They live in Burtonsville, Md.

April Morgan '09, **MAT '10** and **Jeffrey Ryan [27]** were married July 29, 2011, in St. Lucia and honeymooned there. April is an art teacher for the St. Mary's County, Md. public school system; Jeffrey is an engineering technician for CSC. The couple lives in California, Md.

Juel Offer '11 and **Justo Ramirez [28]** were married Oct. 1, 2011, in Warrenton, Va. Juel works for The Arc Montgomery County in communications and outreach. Justo is a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. The couple lives in Germantown, Md.



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BIRTHS

To **Scott Anderson '92** and **Anne Anderson**, a son, **Sebastian [1]**, born Oct. 4, 2010. Scott is a strategy consultant for the federal government; Anne's a general manager with Shell Oil. The family lives in Houston, Tx.

To **Don Tremper '92** and **Analyn Damaso Tremper**, a daughter, **Ava Sophia [2]**, born July 27, 2011. She joins sister, **Isabelle**, age 4. Don is an economist for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Analyn's a full-time mom. The family lives in White Marsh, Md.

To **Anne Marie Himmelheber Brady '93** and **Les Brady**, a daughter, **Rosalie Claire [3]**, born Oct. 31, 2011. She joins sister, **Gretchen**, age 5. Anne Marie is an associate professor of psychology at St. Mary's; Les owns a lawn care and snow removal company. The family lives in California, Md.

To **Joelle Griffin Russell '93** and **William Penn Russell**, a daughter, **Amelia Rose [4]**, born Sept. 3, 2011. Amelia joins sister, **Dulcinea**, 9. Joelle is a crisis counselor for a public mental health agency and a piano teacher. Penn is a professional magician. The family lives in Williamsburg, Va.

To **Kelsey Bush '94** and **Cathey Moffatt-Bush '02**, a son, **Curtis Monroe Moffatt [5]**, born Aug. 8, 2011. Kelsey is a youth coordinator for St. Mary's County; Cathey is a librarian for Calvert County. The family lives in California, Md.

To **Robin Veidt Manson '95** and **Ted Manson**, a son, **John Thomas [6]**, born Jan. 24, 2012. He joins sister, **Audrey**, age 2. Robin does hospice work for Gilchrist Hospice; Ted is an orthopaedic surgeon at Baltimore's Shock Trauma. The family lives in Bel Air, Md.

To **Alicia Davis Mendicino '95** and **Dan Mendicino**, a daughter, **Elle Rose [7]**, born Aug. 30, 2011. She joins sister, **Mollie**, age 3. Dan is a financial manager for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Alicia left her position at the Academy of Notre Dame to raise her girls and expand her online baby product business, **The Bink Cat** (www.binkcat.com). The family lives in Berwyn, Pa.

To **Tina Wasowicz McGinn '97** and **Ryan McGinn**, a daughter, **Alaina Elizabeth** and a son, **Casey Ryan [8]**, born Sept. 27, 2011. They join brothers, **Brooksen**, age 5 and **Grady**, age 3. Tina is a stay-at-home mom and the girls' lacrosse coach at Gerstell Academy; Ryan is vice-president of Saratoga Insurance Brokers. The family lives in Hanover, Pa.

To **Jennifer Aschbrenner Schultheis '98** and **Paul R. Schultheis '98**, a daughter, **Taylor Madison [9]**, born Nov. 19, 2011. Paul is the corporate sales manager for Finch Services, Inc./John Deere Golf and president of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Alumni Council. Jenni is a Customer Service Manager for Unum Insurance. The family lives in Westminster, Md.

To **Elena Varipatis Baker '99** and **Steve Baker**, a daughter, **Summer Jane [10]**, born Jan. 22, 2011. Summer and sister **Stella**, who turns 5 in May, are proud Ravens supporters. Elena is a

certified doula and owns evb doula services. Steve is the director of business development for American Tower Corporation. The family lives in Baltimore, Md.

To **Brennan Fama '99** and **Cara Roviello Fama '01**, a son, **Francis "Frank" Brennan [11]**, born Jan. 27, 2012. He joins brother, **William Joseph**, age 2. Brennan is a project executive with Clark Builders Group; Cara is the executive assistant to the director of the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. The family lives in Bethesda, Md.

To **Daniel Orzechowski '00** and **Lauren Darnell Orzechowski '03**, a son, **Thomas Quinn [12]**, born Dec. 7, 2011. He joins brother, **Stephen**, age 2. Dan works as an associate director for the U.S. Coalition Network at Safekids USA; Lauren is an eighth grade English teacher at D.C. Prep Public Charter School. The family lives in Washington, D.C.

To **Carl Ziegler '00** and **Katarina Ziegler**, a son, **Miro Valentine [13]**, born Oct. 28, 2011. Carl is an attorney; Katarina works in fundraising. The family lives in Baltimore, Md.

To **Katie Mussenden Holquist '02** and **Doyle Holquist**, a daughter, **Madeline Eloise [14]**, born June 3, 2011. Katie and Doyle are Anne Arundel County, Md. police officers. The family lives in Pasadena, Md.

To **Jane Romano Deforge Petres '02** and **Lieutenant Stephen Petres**, U. S. Navy, a daughter, **Maria Angelina Ryan [15]**, born Oct. 16, 2011. She joins siblings **Brian**, age 8, **Alison**, age 6, and **Rita**, age 3. Jane is a homemaker. Stephen is a C-2 pilot and flight instructor for

THE TRINIDAD SISTERS KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE HOLIDAYS EXTRA SPECIAL! FIRST, TO ANGELA TRINIDAD DRAHEIM AND PAUL DRAHEIM, A DAUGHTER, LORELEI ELISE, BORN DEC. 25, 2011. NEXT, TO CARA TRINIDAD MISKOLCZI AND BRIAN MISKOLCZI, A SON, LAYTON ANTHONY, BORN DEC. 31, 2011.

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 120. The family lives in Norfolk, Va.

To **Jennifer Norris Cocagne '03** and **Tom Cocagne**, a son, **Luke Asa [16]**, born Dec. 9, 2010. Jen is a stay-at-home mom; Tom is a software developer at Cleversafe. The family lives in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

The Trinidad sisters know how to make the holidays extra special! First, to **Angela Trinidad Draheim '03** and **Paul Draheim**, a daughter, **Lorelei Elise [17]**, born Dec. 25, 2011. Next, to **Cara Trinidad Miskolczi '07** and **Brian Miskolczi**, a son, **Layton Anthony [18]**, born Dec. 31, 2011. Angie is the psychology department assistant at St. Mary's College; Paul is a member of the IT/IM server team at Sabre Systems, Inc. Cara is a billing analyst for Smartronix, Inc., and Brian is a quality assurance inspector for Triton Metals, Inc. The Draheims live in Saint Inigoes, Md; the Miskolczis live in California, Md.



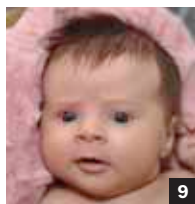
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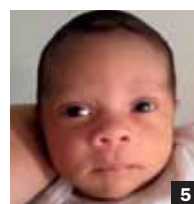
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To **Brandon Hance '03** and **Meghan Faul Hance '05**, a son, **Connor Jeffrey [19]**, born Mar. 26, 2011. Brandon works for the federal government; Meghan is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Annapolis, Md.

To **Ashley Walker Garrison '04** and **Joseph Garrison**, a daughter, **Elsie Rose [20]**, born Oct. 19, 2011. Ashley is an attorney with Samaha and Russell PA; Joseph is an attorney with the New Hampshire Public Defender. The family lives in Easton, N.H.

To **Alison Burke Roth '04** and **Mike Roth**, a daughter, **Morgan Emilia [21]**, born Jan. 10, 2012. The couple works for Wells Fargo; Alison as an assistant vice-president, Mike as a vice-president. The family lives in Laytonsville, Md.

To **Ian Hartman '05** and **Methinee "May" Chaiworasin Hartman**, a daughter, **Aniamanie [22]**, born Feb. 22, 2011. Ian and May met when she was an exchange student at St. Mary's College for the 2004-2005 school year, and were married in Thailand on Jan. 17, 2009. Ian works in project management for Raytheon. The family lives in Silver Spring, Md.

To **Laurie Pisel Spencer '07** and **Captain Todd Spencer**, U.S. Marine Corps, a daughter, **Taylor Mackenzie [23]**, born June 27, 2011. Laurie worked at Onslow Carteret Behavioral Healthcare Services but now is at home with Taylor. Todd, an active duty Marine Corps officer, works for the Marine Special Operations Command at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The family lives in Sneads Ferry, N.C.

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Orangers Seton '32, of Fayetteville, N.Y., died Feb. 19, 2011, at age 98.

Shada Kathryn VonHein '32, of Peoria, Az., died July 6, 2010, at age 96.

Mary Fraser Koesterer '37 of Elkridge, Md., died June 7, 2011, at age 93.

Betty Jane Hornaday Kracsko '37, of Seattle, Wash., died Nov. 28, 2010, at age 92.

Betty Jane Dollinger Franz '42, of Virginia Beach, Va., died April 10, 2010, at age 86.

T. Arthur Smith '43, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., died Apr. 27, 2011, at age 88.



Rachel Early Green '49, of Annapolis, Md., died Oct. 20, 2011, at age 82. A native of

Baltimore, she earned a bachelor's degree in education from Western Maryland College and taught science and chemistry. A 40-year resident of Cleveland, Ohio, she ran an outdoor education program there for 25 years and was active in children's theater and the local park system. As an Annapolis resident, she and husband, Ernest, were active in a variety of choral activities including the Annapolis Chorale and St. Anne's Episcopal Church choir, both led by their son, J. Ernest. In addition to her husband and son, Rachel is survived by daughter, Rachel Green Cormack; five grandchildren, and her twin sister, **Mary Early Robey '49**.

Elizabeth Briscoe Bacot '51, of Severna Park, Md., died Oct. 19, 2011, at age 79.

Mary Jane Hartman Brown '57, of Havre de Grace, Md., died November 5, 2010, at age 74.

Patricia Russell Morgan '57, of Bethesda, Md., died Nov. 26, 2011, at age 73.

Voula Ann Sliger '57, of Arvada, Colo., died May 7, 2010, at age 71.

Donna Black Fleck '62, died June 6, 2011, in Hunt Valley, Md., at age 69. She is survived by sons, Brian and Aaron Whitt, and three grandchildren.

James F. Garner, Jr. '62, died July 27, 2011, in San Diego, Calif., at age 70. He is survived by sister, **Judith Garner Garren '66**, brother, **Joseph E. Garner '74**, and cousin, **Donald E. Garner '74**.

Carolyn Addington Brown '67, of Venice, Fla., died Feb. 20, 2010, at age 63.

Robert "Chip" Bupp '67, of Gainesville, Fla., died Sept. 9, 2011, at age 64.

Alexis Hankins Duncan '67, of White Hall, Md., died July 27, 2011, at age 64.

Peter T. Benjamin '72, of San Francisco, Calif., died July 23, 2011, at age 61.

Philip A. DeTeresi '72, of Lake Forest, Calif., died May 16, 2011, at age 62. A retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, Philip worked as an industrial security specialist for Boeing.



Bruce T. Lockard '84, of Factoryville, Pa., died Jan. 9, 2012, at age 55. Born in La

Paz, Bolivia, he lived in Brazil, Paraguay and Jamaica with his family when he was young. He was employed by Concurrent Technologies Corporation as an industrial hygienist. His friends remember him as a skilled chess player; a lover of nature photography and kayaking; a story teller; and a connoisseur of microbrew beer and spicy foods. Bruce is survived by his mother, Marion; step-father, Rear Admiral Milton Schultz Jr., U.S. Navy (retired); and brother, Craig.



Carol Tollefson Henry '86, of Fairbanks, Alaska, died Apr. 17, 2010,

at age 54. Born in Alhambra, Ca., she grew up in the San Fernando Valley as the "quintessential valley girl" and married her high school sweetheart, Dave, in 1974. She earned a master's degree in education from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and became a licensed professional counselor. Carol had a diverse career, including work as a teen pregnancy counselor, adoption caseworker, a Doula childbirth coach, and high school counselor. After making 18 moves in 19 years, she and her family made Fairbanks their home, where she was active in her church and community and, as a member of "Bugles Across America," played her trumpet at military veterans' funerals. In addition to her husband, Carol is survived by children, Alycia, Faith and Eirik; mother, Helen Tollefson; and brothers, Gundy, David and Mark Tollefson.

CAROL TOLLEFSON HENRY '86 GREW UP IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN CALIFORNIA AS THE "QUINTESSENTIAL VALLEY GIRL" AND MARRIED HER HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART, DAVE, IN 1974.



James Cree "Jace" Eliason '87 of Charlotte Hall, Md., died March 10, 2012, at age 48.

Born in Chestertown, Md., he worked as a computer programmer for Automated Graphic Systems for 24 years. He was active in the Boy Scouts, and enjoyed spending time with his daughter, Aimee, gardening and the outdoors. Jace also is survived by his wife, Roberta Jeanne; father, Walker; step-sons, Kevin Robinson, Michael Carinci and Patrick Carinci; half-brother, Pete Rayfield; and half-sisters, Linda Carbo, Gini Wiley, and Suzanne Crossan. His late mother, **Elizabeth Smith Eliason '49**, was a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary Junior College.

Cory Allen McCarthy '91, of Boise, Idaho, died Oct. 27, 2011, at age 42. He grew up in Accokeek, Md., and was an information technology network specialist for the Bureau of Land Management's Boise office. He is survived by wife, Megan; mother, Anita Stephens; stepfather, Jim Turner; and twin brother, Kevin.

This photo, taken by Kim Murray '85, is in memory of Bruce Lockard '84.



Julie Debes Wilcox '91, of Fallston, Md., died Oct. 31, 2011, at age 42. Married to her college sweetheart, **Will Wilcox '92**, they worked as real estate appraisers for Wilcox Appraisal. In 2008, she raised almost \$70,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. She also was a member of Be'Cause breast cancer support group and a volunteer for the Reach to Recovery Program. In addition to her husband, Julie is survived by sons, Liam and Callum; mother, Rosa Hubbard; and father, Jerome Debes.



Daniel E. Collis '92, of Ellicott City, Md., died Nov. 21, 2011, at age 43. Dan

met his wife, **Jennifer Pulos Collis '92**, their senior year at St. Mary's College. He worked at the Pentagon, managing the Intrusion Detection Team. In addition to his wife, Dan is survived by son, Ethan; daughter, Sierra; parents, Paul and Lark; and brother, Brian.

THEY'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

By Lili Afkhami and Annalise Kenney '15

91.1 DEGREES. THAT WAS THE average high temperature when St. Mary's students moved onto campus in the fall. For the Class of 2015, it was the first day of what will be four years of knowledge, life-long experiences and friendships; for returning St. Mary's students, it was a sweltering "welcome back" as they once again made the transition to life on campus. All in different stages of what has been appropriately coined "The St. Mary's Experience," each one of the roughly 2,000 students began to settle in and prepare for the year ahead.

With boxes unpacked, textbooks purchased and class schedules finalized, many students began the task of finding on-campus employment to supplement their pocketbooks and cover the expenses of late-night pizza orders. Colored flyers began to pepper the bulletin boards in residence halls and emails went out to students, advertising a plethora of available positions. One of those positions was that of student caller on the Phone Outreach team.

Phone Outreach is a program that comes out of the Advancement Office at St. Mary's. Twice a year, 15 student callers spend several weeks connecting with alumni and parents of the College. The calls serve a multitude of purposes – reaching out to alumni and parents, updating contact information, sharing information about upcoming events, exchanging St. Mary's stories and experiences, gathering feedback and raising funds to supplement the College's ability to provide scholarship and program support.

The focus of fall calling is the St. Mary's Fund, the College's primary current-use fund. Gifts made to the St. Mary's Fund allow the College to meet immediate needs of students and faculty, including scholarship for access and intellectual exploration as well as collaborative student and faculty initiatives for community and global engagement. Calls in the spring hone in on more specific initiatives, for example, department-specific gifts or gifts to the Seahawks Fund. The Seahawks Fund supports the College's athletic program.

"The people [alumni and parents] make St. Mary's what it is because we've all left our

marks here in some way. Just because alumni are no longer attending the College like we are, it doesn't make them any less a part of the St. Mary's family, and I really think that taking the time just to chat a little bit and connect helps us grow, and is just as important as asking them to give back," said Helen Parshall, a sophomore.

"I love talking to people, and I absolutely love St. Mary's, so when I began my search for an on-campus job in the fall of my sophomore year, the Phone Outreach team was a perfect fit!" said Allison Steffens, a junior who is currently spending her spring semester studying at Oxford. "My favorite part of the job is when I get to speak to alumni who enjoyed their experiences at St. Mary's as much as I have enjoyed mine. It's so exciting when they tell me that some of their most treasured memories are of their years at St. Mary's."

When alumni and parents receive a call from the Phone Outreach team, the students on the other end of the line come from varied backgrounds, and all have different skills and interests; this diversity is part of what makes each student, and each phone call, so special. Each caller has their own perspective on why they enjoy their job. "My favorite part of the job is the conversations I've had on the phone that get completely off-track and seem like

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I'm chatting with an old friend, as opposed to someone I've never met in my life," said Parshall. "I think the best part of St. Mary's is the people that make it so special, and that's something I've truly seen in action through working for the Phone Outreach team for the past year and a half."

For Erica Rutkai, the words of wisdom from St. Mary's graduates are part of why she



Left to right: Aprilé Doubt '15, Zia Frasier '14, Dom Morris '12, Erica Rutkai '12, Jana'y Jacobs '13, (front) Kathleen Harn '15

“I love talking to chatty alumni, especially the ones with a great sense of humor. I once got a 15-minute lecture on the importance of organic chemistry.”

enjoys her job. “I’ve had so many real conversations with people – it’s honestly shocking,” said Rutkai. “Because I’m a senior, the real world is something that is in my imminent future, something that is rapidly moving from distant abstraction to concrete reality. Alumni offer some priceless advice, and often times, comfort, by sharing their experiences and being open. It really has made an impression on me.” But Rutkai won’t have to leave St. Mary’s just yet; she is slated to begin the Master of Arts in Teaching program in the fall.

First-year Kate Cowart is on the other end of the spectrum. Just a few weeks into her “St. Mary’s Experience”, a witty flyer drew her to apply for the Phone Outreach team. And her experiences on the phone afford her bits of information to help set her up for success for the next three years. “I love talking with parents and alumni,” said Cowart. “I remember their funny stories about campus and classes, and their advice is key and on point – whether it be choosing a major, how to choose clubs to join, or how to avoid getting ponded.

I love the two aspects of the Phone Outreach team: working individually and as a team. During breaks we all come together and are a huge family; I guess I like the fact that I get the independence to do my job as I see fit, but I always know that I have a support system that I can rely on.”

Those breaks in between calls serve as an opportunity for callers to share stories – and those stories are plentiful and underscore the individuality of alumni and parents of the

College. “I love talking to chatty alumni, especially the ones with a great sense of humor,” noted Shelby Dahlen, a sophomore. “I once got a 15-minute lecture on the importance of organic chemistry. Another time, an alumna gave me contact information for St. Mary’s Hospital, where I now volunteer.

I always like to ask alumni what their favorite place on campus was. I’ve heard so many answers, but what never changes is the obvious love they have for the College. St. Mary’s is a family, and it’s important for alumni to know that even though they may have graduated years ago, they are always part of our family, and we really do care about their lives.”

Each member of the Phone Outreach team has had the opportunity to interact with alumni and parents, and each student caller has their own reasons for why they enjoy their job, but one factor remains constant: they are all of the belief that it is important to connect with alumni and parents of St. Mary’s. “This position has taught me the importance of maintaining connections to your alma mater,” said Steffens. “St. Mary’s has provided me with so many wonderful experiences, and now I understand how the support of alumni and parents can help ensure that future generations of St. Mary’s students will have the same opportunities that I’ve had.”

“They’ve done it first,” said Cowart. “Alumni have already done the whole college thing, and the advice I get from calls is so helpful. Also, alumni and parents give so much back to us; the least we can do to repay them is to keep connected with them, and hear how they are making St. Mary’s proud out in the real world.”

Perhaps the greatest asset of Phone Outreach is that the conversation goes both ways – student callers are given support and advice, but also have the opportunity to provide alumni and parents with suggestions. “I’ve had so many amazing conversations, and I was so grateful for the friendliness and involvement of so many people with whom I spoke,” said Kat Bassler, a sophomore. “I do remember one man in particular who works for a tobacco company, and I convinced him to attempt a cookie dough flavored cigar.” It is unclear if the man took Bassler’s recommendation. ❖

ALUMNI PHILANTHROPY

BALTIMORE CITY SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

Founded on two pillars – high standards of academic excellence and accessibility – the College serves and graduates students at the same rate regardless of their socioeconomic background and financial need. For students who are ready for the College’s academic rigor, St. Mary’s is an inviting and welcoming environment. Our small, residential campus (an enrollment of 2,000 and a student to faculty ratio of 12:1) creates an intimate living and learning experience that has proven to be especially advantageous to first-generation college students who are the first in their families to navigate higher education. We have developed relationships, with CollegeBound for example, and programs to help underrepresented students to achieve success: the DeSousa-Brent Scholars program cultivates students’ academic and leadership potential and the Emerging Scholars program provides intensive curriculum support to students in the sciences.

In order to fully realize its promise as a premier public liberal arts education that is affordable to all and thriving on diversity in all of its forms, the College must increase the private support it receives. The College is not only working hard to recruit and retain talented students, but is also forming partnerships to secure philanthropic commitments to provide scholarships for students with few financial resources.

One of the College’s priorities and strengths is our outreach to Baltimore City. In August 2011, the France-Merrick Foundation approved a challenge grant in the amount of \$100,000 that is contingent on the College raising \$400,000 to support students from Baltimore City. The France-Merrick challenge is a call to action, a call to transform the lives of academically proficient students who are unable to pay the full cost of tuition.

The Baltimore City Scholarship Initiative was developed to help answer the call, to invigorate and engage Baltimore area alumni, families, and friends in the life of the College and to assist the College in successfully completing the France-Merrick challenge. If you would like to support this endeavor, please contact Liisa Franzén, 240-895-3220 or lefranz@smcm.edu.

ALUMNI PHILANTHROPY

SAUM FAMILY PURSUES THE DOUBLE BOTTOM LINE

By Michael Carver '05 and Annalise Kenney '15

WHERE DOES A ST. MARY’S COLLEGE degree in the liberal arts take alumni in their careers? The message the Saum Family is sending to current students, “Just about anywhere.”

In 2011, Jack Saum '89 and Jeanne Brady Saum '88 made a gift of \$50,000 to create the Beltway Companies Endowed Scholarship Fund. The goal of the scholarship is to support St. Mary’s students coming from Baltimore City while also providing an opportunity for students to learn about the commercial transportation industry through internships.

To the uninitiated, commercial transportation and the liberal arts may seem divergent, but Jack Saum has proven that the two go together like, well, a big-rig and a trailer. At the age of 14, Saum began his career at the commercial truck dealership washing trucks and stocking parts. His father, Jack Saum, Sr., managed the growing business and was a tough mentor for the younger Saum, never accepting anything but the best grades through his high-school and college career.

The strong work ethic Saum, Sr. instilled in his son has paid off. After graduating from St. Mary’s College, Saum, Jr. rejoined the family business and applied the critical thinking and interpersonal skills he built at St. Mary’s to building the successful commercial truck dealership and service business. With nearly 30 years of experience in the business, including a stint at a dealership half-way across the country, Jack Saum, Jr. took the role of President and CEO of Beltway Companies in 2009.

Jack Saum, Sr. continues to play a role in the family company as chairman of the board. He and his wife, Helen, have also committed to the company’s philanthropic goals and have made an additional contribution to the Beltway Companies Scholarship. The legacy of the family’s commitment to education extends to Jack Saum, Sr.’s parents, Jack and Louise, who always stressed the importance of education.

What motivated the Saum family to make such a substantial commitment to St. Mary’s College? Jack Saum, Jr. says, “Many of my colleagues were starting scholarships as a statement of corporate responsibility; I felt

“We need to expose students to opportunities in the industry, and we felt like there was no better way than establishing this scholarship and internship for St. Mary’s College students.”

– JACK SAUM '89



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Jack and Jeanne Saum are proud of the investment they are making in the lives of St. Mary’s students and encourage others to join in their effort to support scholarships at St. Mary’s College. The Saums serve together on the Baltimore City Scholarship Initiative Steering Committee and are instrumental in helping the College meet the challenge from the France-Merrick Foundation (more on page 26). ❖

Jack Saum (top) with his wife Jeanne Brady Saum (front left) and his parents, Jack Sr. and Helen.

CHASING PEACOCKS



An alumnus brought the first peacock around 1986. Someone else brought a second one to keep the first company. "And then there were multitudes," recalls President Ted Lewis. "A true love story."

By 2001, their offspring were living by the newly renovated Campus Center and it was decided that they had to go. That year, Sam Goddard (general trades/mechanic) caught the peacocks three times.

The first time he moved the peacocks from the Campus Center to the yard beside Daugherty-Palmer Commons (DPC). Goddard had no trouble catching them because they were used to people and not afraid.

"They hollered and hollered at DPC," recalls Goddard. Within a week or two, they found their way back to the Campus Center. "They were much harder to catch the second time," says Goddard, "because those peacocks knew what I was up to." Goddard chased them all over the Campus Center parking lot twice.

This time the peacocks were moved behind the Admissions Office to a penned area with a roof. The thought was that once they got used to the penned area, they'd adopt that spot and stay there, without the necessity of the pen. Goddard expressed his skepticism. "They'll be back at the Campus Center before we are!" He was right.

The third and final time Goddard caught the peacocks, he drove them away to a farm in St. Mary's County where they lived out the rest of their days.



Hey, where have all the peacocks gone???
JENICA SPEEDLING
staff writer

The four peacocks which used to reside on campus, two near the campus center and two on the north campus, have been relocated. They are now living on a farm in Southern Maryland, the location of which is remaining undisclosed for the safety of the birds and the privacy of the farm owner, who was kind enough to offer to let the birds live there.

The rationale for removing the peacocks were the numerous complaints of property damage, inconvenience, and health concerns. However, an snark could be said about broken college students on a Friday night, and I see no reason for any effort being made to get rid of them. At least the peacocks were something we could boast that St. Mary's had when other schools who publicly condemned the inappropriate actions of a few individuals who disrespected the unique beauty of the St. Mary's College campus. The benches, in public view of all who visit our campus, represented something unusual.

Now, another snark has been made against the image of St. Mary's.

Getting rid of the peacocks smells foul
DIANA ECKELMAN
staff writer

Con

Getting rid of the peacocks smells foul. It is by students and staff alike to be alarming. First the peacocks go, then what? Chopping down the tree? A referendum by the SGA banning Frisbee golf? No more student art collections? We'll work on this, too, with open arms because hey, that's just like everybody else. I have wandered a little astray from my original point, but perhaps I feel as though I'm

Pro / Con . . . Getting rid of the peacocks
MURIEL SECRET
staff writer

Pro

No more peacocks!

The peacocks. Most of you first-year students don't even know what I am talking about. Yeah, sure you've heard of those colorful creatures, but what do they have to do with St. Mary's? Maybe you've heard upperclassmen questioning their whereabouts. Or maybe you saw them or heard their legend on your campus tour. You still don't really know what I'm talking about. Two or three peacocks, although it always seemed like more, used to be seen walking around campus. You would walk out of your dorm, and voila! There is an odd, scary looking creature staring you down. You were never quite sure what to do. I mean who really has extensive knowledge of the habits and they are foreign to most of us. Some people would run away in fear only to be chased by the wandering creature. Others would turn around and find another path to their destination. Only a brave few would continue on their path as if

nothing seemed out of place. A few people could actually pretend that it was normal to find a blue and green feathered animal walking around a parking lot.

I am one to stand up and say that I am sick and tired of walking out of QA and being confronted by this way and flamboyant bird. Now that the peacocks have disappeared, my next target is Frisbee golfers!

The writer is a second year student and Prince George's resident.

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July 11-15
www.smcm.edu/summer/writing

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August 3-4
www.smcm.edu/govcup





Habitats

This was the fifth year in a row that St. Mary's students took the "Spring Break Collegiate Challenge" in Meriwether County, Georgia. In five days' time, the crew framed a house, complete with doors, windows, and siding. "It's fun!" say the students, some of whom have made repeated trips with the Habitat for Humanity program. Part of the fun may be living in this silo, converted to apartments.

At left, first-time builder Jamie Baab '14



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