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ON PHYSICAL INTELLIGENCE

WE MEASURE INTELLIGENCE IN many ways on college campuses. The ability to retain, synthesize, and critique information may be measured through written expression, oral expression, in laboratories, in research papers, in formal presentations. The ability to create may be measured in writing, on canvas, through the use of a musical instrument. We acknowledge in part the physical expression of creative intelligence in theatrical performance, but where we truly acknowledge it is in athletics. Coaches impart knowledge about the game, the use of the body, working as a team, and the employment of strategy to student athletes, who are asked to retain, synthesize, and then literally embody this information in contests with others who've done the same.

I realized that athleticism is an expression of intelligence when I was a faculty member at The University of Mississippi, a football powerhouse in the multi-million dollar business of NCAA Division I athletics. I was teaching a freshman seminar which was required of all students in the College of Liberal Arts. Of the twelve students enrolled, two were recruited football players, one was the new tuba player in the marching band, and three or four were women intent on the same sorority. Somehow, we had gotten on the topic of figurative language, and I asked the class if they knew what that meant. Did they know what a metaphor was, and what it was good for?

They said yes but I suspected not. I asked them to go around the room and describe a football without using the word "football" and without using the words "like" or "as." One of the sorority pledge women said a football was an egg. The football players laughed, which I asked them not to do. The new tuba player said a football was cylindrical, and no one liked that; and I had to ask the football players not to guffaw, because a guffaw was "like" laughing. Then, one of the pledges seemed to get angry and she challenged the larger of the two football players to do better.

The football players were lanky receivers from the Mississippi Delta, from high schools



with few resources. I liked them, and worried about them completing college because of how little preparation they had received for college work. They were always polite, they had tutors provided by the football team, and they always sat near me at the round classroom table. Let's call the one who received the girl's challenge Luke. Luke looked at me, as if to say, can she make me do this? I wasn't going to let him off. "What do you say, Luke?"

Luke looked down at his hands. I had a moment of panic thinking I'd violated the strict rule in education against embarrassing a student. But that passed as both his head and his hands rose from beneath the table. He held them above the table, thumbs and fingers extended and just barely not touching. "A football," he said, "is the shape your hands make when you hold them this way."

The room fell silent. No one laughed. A few jaws may have dropped, figuratively. Clearly, the football was something Luke knew a lot about, and had thought about in ways the others had not. And equally clear was that the intelligence he possessed about the football was not by observation (the egg) or through a disciplinary lens (cylindrical), but was a physical intelligence, by feel, by exertion, by touch. Luke knew by feel what it meant, and where it was. And he was able to make others see. The

class became a seminar at that moment, with all seminarians respecting the intelligence of the others.

As an educator, nothing thrills me more than to see students expressing their knowledge in creative ways, performing or displaying their artistic craft, or competing in an athletic contest for which they have spent hours in preparation. When I am at an athletics event I see physical intelligence articulated, with the contest itself a kind of debate between contending points of view. Sometimes the argument is clear, sometime it's ambivalent; but it's more often than not preparation and frame of mind that determine the outcome – this is as true here at NCAA Division III St. Mary's, with 17 varsity sports teams and no athletic scholarships – as it was at Ole Miss. For our St. Mary's athletes who competed in the summer Olympic games, there is no question of their physical intelligence, of the focused discipline they each put to doing their personal best.

I'm asked on occasion why we have college athletics. The answer is similar to the response I give to those who question the value of a liberal arts education. A liberal arts education prepares students for a lifetime of careful thought, for vocations that require continuous learning, the synthesis of information, research and writing – in short, for any task (including athletics) that requires thought. And why athletics? Because the need for physically intelligent members of our communities is greater now than ever. Whether causal or coincident, the era of technology is accompanied by the era of physical decline. Along with critical thinking, a liberal arts college imparts knowledge of the shape made by and on our bodies as we pass through the physical world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Urgo".

JOSEPH URGO, *President*

Parts of this letter were previously published in the River Gazette (February 2011)

GIFT WILL HELP DEVELOP NEW APPLIED PHYSICS MAJOR

In May, The Patuxent Partnership, a local nonprofit organization that works with government, industry, and academia on initiatives in science and technology invested \$1 million to grow and expand the physics department, including applied physics, at St. Mary's. Bonnie Green '74, executive director of The Patuxent Partnership, has been a strong advocate for developing this initiative as a way of fulfilling St. Mary's promise as the state's honors college, and addressing the region's need for scientifically trained professionals. See full story on p. 25.

Faculty Grants

St. Mary's College of Maryland received a \$190,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to fund research conducted by principal investigator **Julia King**, associate professor of anthropology. The project, entitled "Colonial Encounters: The Lower Potomac River at Contact, 1500-1720 AD," will contribute to research focusing on comparing 33 settlements—archaeological sites occupied by English colonists, enslaved and indentured Africans, and members of the Piscataway, Mattawoman, Potobac, and Patowomeck nations—on both sides of the Potomac (in Maryland and Virginia). Researchers will examine the artifacts, architecture, and landscape associated with each settlement in an effort to determine how these various groups interacted during this formative period in American history.

The St. Mary's College of Maryland physics department has been the recipient of several grants from the Office of Naval Research (ONR), each helping to build the small but talented group of faculty and students who work and learn in the department. In May, ONR awarded the physics department a \$270,000 grant, which will be used over three years to fund an ongoing study, led by **Josh Grossman**, associate professor of physics (with Professor **Charles Adler**) and Dr. Frank Narducci of NAWCAD, of miniaturization of atom traps. The study investigates bichromatic forces, an enhanced form of laser cooling and trapping of neutral atomic gases, which may be applied to develop new sensors, atomic clocks, and quantum computers. These technologies have applications in the Navy and beyond. The grant supports summer research intern students, equipment costs, and the sabbatical salaries to allow designated faculty members to focus on the research. The Office of Naval Research awarded a grant of \$180,000 to the atomic physics research group in 2009 for similar research.



Tulip Poplar by Kat Eisenberg '13

Art and Arboretum Combine Efforts in New Guidebook

Students in "The Artist Naturalist" course taught by Art Professor **Sue Johnson** with **Carol Mackie Morris**, teaching assistant, created a guidebook for the St. Mary's Arboretum Association during the spring semester. It includes student illustrations of the plants around the Admissions Office. Copies will be available at an arboretum event on September 15 and also during Hawktoberfest at Family Weekend on October 6. Event details at www.smcm.edu/arboretum.



Blue Atlas Cedar by Natalie Cunningham '14



Barberry by Aimee Becker '13

“I cry at Commencement every year, at weddings, at photos of parents and children, at the singing or playing of the ‘Star Spangled Banner.’”

—LARAIN GLIDDEN

Faculty Promotions

The Board of Trustees approved the promotion of the following faculty to full professor:

Charles Adler (Physics)
Katherine Chandler (English)
Jennifer Cognard-Black (English)
David Kung (Mathematics)
John Schroeder (Philosophy)
Elizabeth Nutt Williams (Psychology)

The Board of Trustees approved the reappointment with tenure and promotion of the following faculty to associate professor:

Leslie Bayers (Spanish)
Samantha Elliott (Biology)
Joshua Grossman (Physics)
Sterling Lambert (Music)
Deborah Lawrence (Music)
Daniel Meckel (Religious Studies)
Brian O’Sullivan (English)

Gates Millennium Scholar

St. Mary’s is proud to be the college of choice for **Mitchell Gresham ’14**, a Gates Millennium Scholar. Gresham, a psychology major from Baltimore City, Maryland, plans a career in psychology or law. The Gates Millennium Scholars program was founded by Bill and Melinda Gates to provide the financial resources and support to students who demonstrate high academic ability. Since 1999, GMS has awarded more than \$680 million in scholarships to 16,000 students to help them earn undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees.

Lasting Legacies

Is there life after St. Mary’s? After more than three decades of service to the College, **Lisa Crowe** (37 years, administrative assistant in Office of Admissions) and **Joseph Milburn** (31 years, caretaker in Physical Plant) are beginning to find out. In addition to their retirements, four faculty also “hung up their robes” at the end of the academic year. Here’s what they had to say about St. Mary’s and their careers.

Laraine Masters Glidden
 Professor of Human Development (1976), Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Human Development (2008)

Years of Service: 36 (1976)



Laraine Masters Glidden today (above) and in an ID card photo circa 1976

Favorite place on campus: I have three! (1) My office where I spent many hours engaged in the rewarding (and sometimes tedious) work of teaching and research, where I met with students, and with colleagues – times that were enlightening, filled with insights,

laughter, and sometimes, but rarely, tears; (2) Daugherty-Palmer Commons – a venue for diverse performances and events – poetry readings, lectures, Christmas in April auctions, faculty and staff achievement recognition ceremonies, and yes, retirement celebrations; (3) Schaefer 106 where I enjoyed meetings of the faculty as theater, and a variety of stimulating talks, especially many Science and Math Wednesday afternoon colloquia.

What I will miss: I am not sure I will miss anything about St. Mary’s, at least not yet, as I will remain involved, continuing to supervise students in St. Mary’s senior projects, and directed research. I intend to be on campus many days, and I have a list of ongoing research projects that I plan to complete. I hope that the sense of shared vision that has so effectively motivated me for so many decades will continue unabated and that I will be able to contribute to its fulfillment even as a professor emerita.

People might not know: Most of what people don’t know about me, I’m not about to confess now! However, one of my more benign traits/habits is that I cry at what might be labeled excessively sentimental, even maudlin, situations. I cry at Commencement every year, at weddings, at photos of parents and children, at the singing or playing of the “Star Spangled Banner.” As a psychologist, I know that this is some generalized conditioned emotional response that will probably never extinguish, so I’ve learned to live with it. I just have to remember to carry tissues with me all the time.



Joe Storey cataloging library materials in a 1982 photo (above), and a current photo

Joe Storey
 Associate Librarian

Years of Service: 33 (1979)

Favorite place on campus: No surprise, the library. For almost 33 years it was my second home. I saw it transition externally from a cramped 60’s-style building to a less-cramped 90’s-style building. But the internal transitions were more dramatic. When I arrived everything was done with typewriters and telephones and paper. When I left we were making full use of computers, scanners, and other electronic devices—although we were still checking out a fair number of books and other media. It was always gratifying to see students and others working on the computers or curled up in a comfortable chair enjoying a book. I hope some of them will remember the library as a second home during their brief stay at SMCM.

“I once choreographed for a one-ring circus in Missouri.”

—MERIDETH TAYLOR

What I will miss: I will miss the people with whom I worked. During my time there I worked with dozens of folks in the library, and with few exceptions they were terrific. This includes students who worked for us, several of whom have come back to visit. It was wonderful to see how they had matured and gone on to interesting professions and lives.

People might not know: I went to the People’s Republic of China in September 1975, while Chairman Mao and Zhou Enlai were still in power. I was just completing my first year as a new librarian at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, when a professor from another Alaska college pitched a proposal to the Chinese government and was rewarded with an invitation to visit China. We were there for three weeks and were taken to schools, factories, hospitals, stores and communes. We visited Beijing, Nanjing, Suzhou, Shanghai, and Guangzhou at a time when the U.S. had no diplomatic relations with China, and Americans were just beginning to be allowed into the country. Other than a couple of brief visits to Toronto, I had never been out of the U.S.; so going to China was like going to a different planet.

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—JOE STOREY



Merideth Taylor now and then

Merideth Taylor

Professor of Theater and Dance

Years of Service: 12 (1990)

Favorite place on campus: The Garden of Remembrance and any and all views of the river.

What I will miss: I’m sure that I will miss the daily interaction with students and colleagues. But, happily, since I was awarded emerita standing and plan to stay in the area, I’ll remain a part of the SMCM community. Hopefully, I’ll have more time to take advantage of the campus culture as well as my own creative projects.

People might not know: My first professional job was performing a musical revue in a Denver nightclub called Pilk’s Flaming Pit when I was not yet old enough to drink. Also, I once choreographed for a one-ring circus in Missouri.

William Williams

Professor of Biology

Years of Service: 24 (1988)

Favorite place on campus: I really love the entire campus, but among my favorite places are the trail through the woods behind the St. John’s Site; the small rooftop courtyard on the east wing of Goodpaster; the steep hill that goes down to the water from Calvert. And, of course, Schaefer 106!

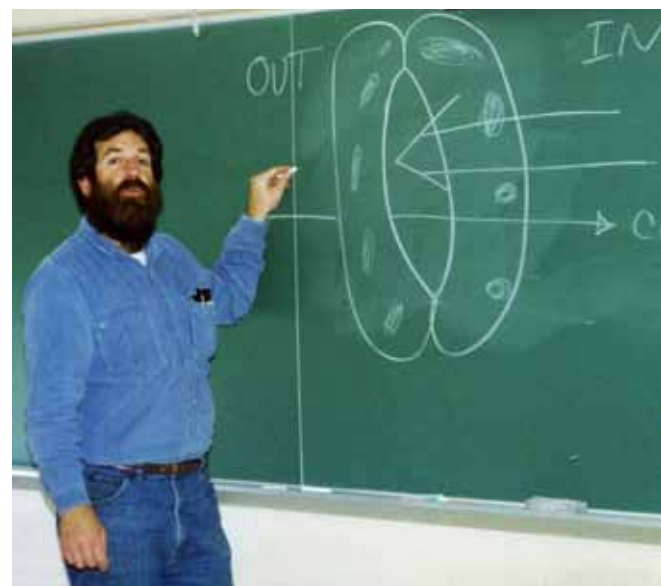
What I will miss: I’m not going far away, at least for a while, and I’m likely to be on campus most days. So, I don’t intend to miss much! I’ll certainly miss teaching students in class, but I definitely don’t intend to miss the students themselves: I’ll keep active with them!

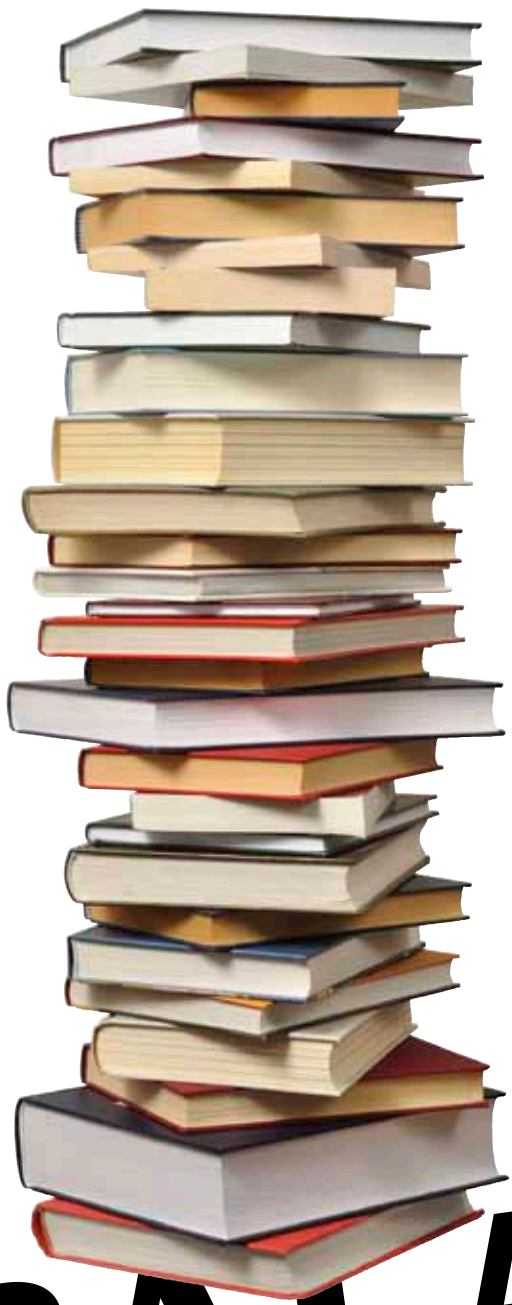
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—BILL WILLIAMS

Bill Williams in a biology lab and teaching in a classroom in the late 80s (bottom).





BALANCING

**THE BUSY
LIVES
OF NCAA
DIVISION III
STUDENT-
ATHLETES**



BY ANNALISE KENNEY '15,
BIOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS
STUDIES MAJOR
(AND VARSITY CROSS
COUNTRY ATHLETE)

Shelby Mullennix's days during volleyball and tennis seasons are exhausting, hectic, and both mentally and physically draining—yet, she cannot imagine herself happy anywhere else. “I have played in the most intense, exciting, and vigorous matches of my athletic career and at the same time have had the most enlightening, passionate, and instructive class discussions in my academic history,” says Mullennix '13 of her satisfaction with St. Mary's Division III athletic program. Meanwhile, friends, family, and spectators of busy student-athletes often wonder how student-athletes, who make up almost twenty percent of the student population at St. Mary's College of Maryland, manage to balance and accomplish so much.

Mullennix is in class by 8 a.m., after which she hurries to the library to get work done before her next class. Her daily schedule does not include naptime: every bit of time is an opportunity to accomplish something. She ices an injury while reviewing class notes. She uses her phone as a flashlight to read an article on the way home from a night game. And by the end of it all, her work is done, she put her best effort into her game or practice, and she's ready for the next day.

“Balance is key,” says Mullennix, an English major with three minors, “When I am in season I know that I have to work hard during the day so that I can get my schoolwork done and be able to focus on the evening's practice or game.” In order to excel in both academics and athletics, she adds, student-athletes need to prioritize. “School and sometimes even extracurricular activities should and must come first,” says Mullennix.

The idea that education comes first in the D-III program is echoed by other student-athletes. “At the end of the day, it's about the academics,” says **Paige Decker** '15, who competes on the varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams. “To be able to play two sports that I love, while getting an education at an honors college, is truly the opportunity of a lifetime.” Lacrosse player **Peter Windsor** '12 says that he came to college with three goals: “to learn, to have fun, and to get the most out of my experience.”

“At the end of the day, it’s not the facts or exams that stay with you. It’s the experiences and lessons you’ve learned in the heat of competition that you remember for life.”

—Amy Brakebill '13

Without playing lacrosse at the D-III level, he says, “I would not have completely fulfilled those three goals.”

Extracurricular activities fill the gaps in a student-athlete’s schedule. **Michael Victory '12** proudly describes what he did when he was off the baseball diamond and outside the classroom. “I had my own radio show, I was an orientation leader, I ran intramural sports, and I was the women’s assistant basketball coach for St. Mary’s,” says Victory, who decided to attend St. Mary’s, ten hours away from home, in order to participate in college sports. “At a Division III school as an athlete you have more of an opportunity to be part of the crowd; you are not immediately defined as an athlete,” he says. “Because of this, I built relationships with a diverse group of people from different backgrounds.” Victory says he left St. Mary’s feeling confident about entering the “real world” thanks to his experiences with a variety of activities and people. He is now in the MAT program at St. Mary’s and would like to become a middle school social studies teacher. In the meantime, Victory plans to continue coaching the St. Mary’s women’s basketball team and will



PHOTO: BILL WOOD

Paige Decker '15, center



PHOTO: BILL WOOD

Shelby Mullenix '13, number 16

be assistant coach of the baseball team as he completes the MAT program.

The sheer amount of activities, classes, and commitments can be quite stressful for a student-athlete, especially when combined with daily practices and games. Many rely on their sports team for help through rough patches, whether caused by personal, athletic, or academic problems. To an athlete, the team unit is often comparable to a family, a close support system that helps first-year athletes adjust to a new life and keeps the morale of veteran members high. Paige Decker is emphatic about the positive effects of her team: “In practice, games, on and off the field, I know that I have an amazing support system behind me,” she says. Teammates are an athlete’s biggest fans on the field and can provide the strongest motivation to study harder, get stronger, or develop a tougher mental state. Swimmer **Kelly Heyde '13** says her squad relies on vocal and active support to keep team spirits buoyant. “We

encourage each other daily, whether it is a few words to boost confidence prior to a race, or studying together before the big final,” she says.

Athletes at all levels of competition say that hard work and effort are the key traits for a successful athletic career. Soccer player **Kelsey Wirtz '14** knows these traits are important in every area of life. “People are always saying that you have to work for what you want, but it is hard to truly understand that until you experience it firsthand. My team can’t just walk out onto the soccer field and expect to win if we haven’t put in the effort beforehand. It is important to try your hardest with everything.”

St. Mary’s student-athletes have certainly pushed themselves to the limits. In eight of the last ten years, St. Mary’s College of Maryland student-athletes have led the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) in the percentage of student athletes with a 3.2 grade point average or higher. St. Mary’s also led the CAC for the fourth consecutive year with 50.6 percent



PHOTO: BILL WOOD

Michael Victory '12

PLAYING THE GAME

Former St. Mary's basketball players are finding their way into the Division I coaching ranks

BY DAVID DRIVER

Dan Engelstad '07 was in Africa when he was notified that he had landed a job on the coaching staff at Division I Mount St. Mary's University. "I was on a safari in Zambia when I found out," says Engelstad, who was 22 at the time. He joined Kevin Robinson '00 at the Mount, and the match was a good one. In Engelstad's first season as a college coach, Mount St. Mary's won the Northeast championship, gaining an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. "I got spoiled. We struck gold that first year," Engelstad says. Five years later, both Engelstad and Robinson are full-time assistant coaches at the Division I College of the Holy Cross.

This season will be T.J. Jordan's '08 third year as the director of basketball operations at Division I Lehigh University. He and Engelstad were teammates and roommates at St. Mary's. In the 2011-12 season, Jordan's second year at Lehigh, the Mountain Hawks won the Patriot League title and upset powerhouse Duke in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Holy Cross is also a member of the Patriot League, so the three former St. Mary's basketball players find themselves on the same courts once again. They are the only St. Mary's graduates who are Division I men's basketball coaches.

Robinson played four years for the Seahawks, graduated from St. Mary's with a degree in political science, and earned a



Dan Engelstad '07



Kevin Robinson '00

master's degree in teaching from Mount St. Mary's. He grew up playing basketball—his father played at Loyola University and was an assistant at Mount St. Mary's under the legendary Jim Phelan, who coached at the school for 49 years. His mother played hoops at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

After playing for the Seahawks for four years, Robinson, who hopes to become a head coach in the next five years, began his coaching career as an assistant coach at St. Mary's. "Growing up with basketball, that is what we did. I just couldn't get it out of my system. I enjoyed coaching at my alma mater and the rest is history," says Robinson, who will begin his 14th college season as a coach in 2012-13. "I enjoy working with the players. You can teach a lot through basketball."

Robinson coached at Mount St. Mary's under head coach Milan Brown for seven years. When a coaching position at Mount St. Mary's opened up, Robinson thought of Engelstad. "My last year at St. Mary's [as an assistant] Dan was on our radar as a recruit. I got to see Dan play in college and I liked his energy and enthusiasm. We had an opening up at the Mount and we were looking for a fresh energy guy coming out of college," says Robinson.

Engelstad played at St. Mary's under head coach Chris Harney '97, who has now coached seven successful seasons at St. Mary's. Harney says Engelstad was a leader on the floor and was the type of a player who makes a good

coach. Serving as team captain of the Seahawks, he set a career mark of 419 assists. "It is a unique place," Robinson says of St. Mary's. "It is a small school and you get to know everyone. You see everyone every day and you get to develop those relationships."

But that love of such a small-school atmosphere did not stop Engelstad from landing at the top level. "The differences between playing Division III and coaching Division I are most notably the budgets and the crowds, although of course the Seahawk faithful always provided a home-court advantage," says Engelstad. "The travel is very different for both recruiting and game trips. In Division I you get to stay in nice places, fly to recruit, and rent cars. In Division III you are driving back and forth on the day of the event for recruiting and games," he adds.

Following the 2009-10 season Brown was named the head coach at Holy Cross and Robinson and Engelstad headed north to join him in Worcester, where they will coach their third season this year. The Crusaders finished the 2011-12 campaign with a 15-14 record. The team made it to the quarterfinals of the Patriot League Tournament. Lehigh University finished the season with a 27-8 record, falling to Xavier in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

Editor's note: David Driver, a freelance writer from Maryland, has been covering college basketball for more than 20 years. A former Division III baseball player, he can be reached at www.davidsdriver.com

of its student-athletes earning a berth on the 2010 - 2011 CAC All-Academic Team. With most sports teams placing in the top half of the conference, student-athletes can see their hard work paying off.

Why do student-athletes pour such huge amounts of effort into their multilayered lives? Love of competition inspires most athletes to give their all. "I cannot imagine my life without swimming," says Heyde. Not only is this sentiment echoed by many student-athletes, but many have found that they learn valuable lessons on the field as well as in the classroom. "At the end of the day, it's not the facts or exams that stay with you. It's the experiences and lessons you've learned in the heat of competition that you remember for life," says Amy Brakebill '13, who went on to say that playing D-III soccer has taught her to push herself harder in all aspects of life and to keep in mind that anything is possible. ❖

POLITICS



AS SPORT

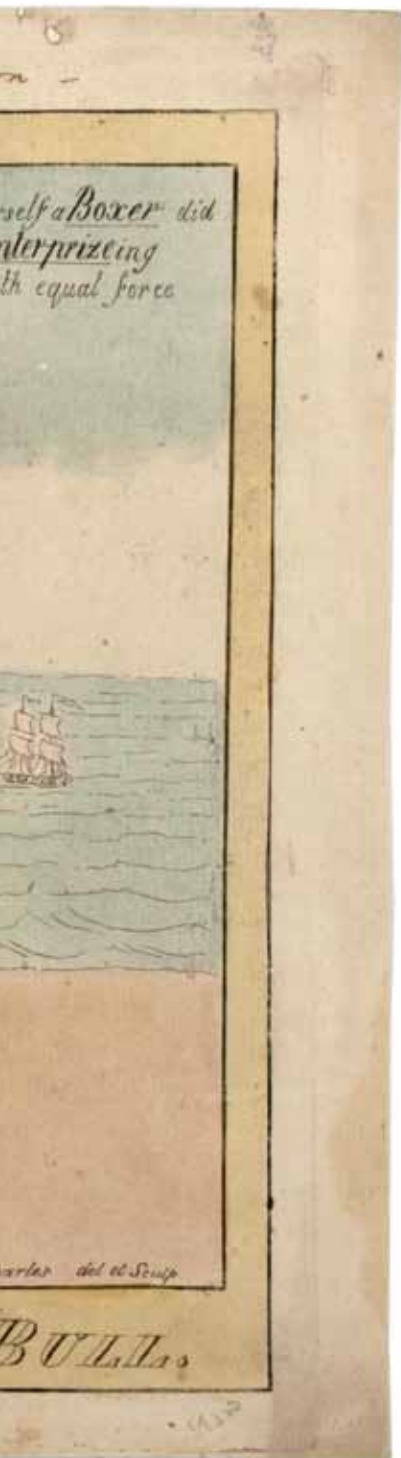
The Election Process and the Sporting Metaphor

BY KEN COHEN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

By the time we get to the final months of a presidential campaign, Americans have been inundated with election coverage for over a year. Each day's news cycle dredges up some fresh development – a poll, an accusation, or a faux-pas – leading pundits to recalculate the candidates' chances for victory. But despite the endless reporting and constant predictions of winners and losers, few journalists or scholars have thought about the hidden history behind the words we use to describe our elections. I study this hidden history, and I usually introduce students to it by asking them how often they hear or read a story that describes an election as a “race,” a “contest,” or a “fight.” Fairly regularly, right? In fact, a random sample of the country's leading newspapers and news networks shows that about 80 percent of election reports use such phrases. The contemporary discourse of elections in America refers to electoral politics as if it were a sport. Today, this metaphor seems so easy and obvious that it goes virtually unnoticed by the majority of us. Yet our unawareness of this sporting metaphor shrouds the very intentional process that produced it, a process that yields some new insights into the sources and nature of American political culture.

Americans first borrowed this sporting language from Britain during the run-up to the American Revolution. In fact, the radical *Pennsylvania Chronicle* described the 1768 Parliamentary election as a horse race between factional leaders. “Coming to the post” in the competition for prime minister that year were Lord Rockingham's “Commerce,” Lord Bute's “Pickle,” Lord Holland's “Shaver,” and Lord Chatham's “Prerogative,” from the bloodline of a mare named “Changeling.” Each horse's name summarized the candidate's political reputation in the patriots' eyes. The most stinging rebuke went to William Pitt, who had defended the colonies in 1765, then grew more conservative in his view of

the crisis after receiving a peerage as Lord Chatham. The article concludes with a prediction that “the famous horse Liberty, formerly belonging to Lord Chatham, who has since sold him, will come to the post” and win the day. Patriot writers later built on this literature by describing their resistance to British colonial policy in sporting terms. Their reports frequently characterized demonstrators and rioters as “sportive,” “playful,” or out “to divert themselves,” enjoying “anticks” or a hearty “frolic.” These phrases might have accurately reflected the motives of demonstrators who often took to the streets after heavy drinking at local taverns. But resistance writers also carefully chose such language



William Charles, "A Boxing Match, or Another Bloody Nose For John Bull," (New York: 1813), courtesy American Antiquarian Society (AAS)

in an effort to downplay the danger posed by these crowds. Patriot writers wanted to portray their actions as those of respectful and playful dissenters, not angry and vengeful rebels. In this respect, Revolutionary-era authors still emphasized an important difference between politics and sport – that one had more serious consequences than the other. Nevertheless, the Revolutionary movement multiplied the conceptual links between the two activities.

These links strengthened in the early nineteenth century, as more and more states repealed property qualifications and extended suffrage to all white male adults. While white men of all ranks increasingly shared citizenship, they united to protect their status by raising ever-stronger barriers against the voting rights of women and African Americans. The creation of a citizenry nominally defined less by property than by race and gender led many states to allow a popular vote to determine gubernatorial and presidential elections, rather than having state legislatures select these officers. After all, if every white man was worthy of an equal voice, why shouldn't all white men get to directly choose more of their government?

The new electoral system sparked unprecedented competition for votes from the larger – if more rigidly – white male electorate. Candidates suddenly began to electioneer on a grander scale than ever before. They spent thousands of dollars to fund campaigns that increasingly drew from the sporting world in order to rally voters. They staged “spouting matches,” or debates, aligned their parties with popular boxers, funded wagers on elections to heighten interest, and even campaigned at sporting events, where owners named racehorses for parties, politicians, and prominent issues. Andrew Jackson himself staged a cockfight against his political enemies in Tennessee in 1809, and during the 1828 presidential campaign, his supporters traded insults with John Quincy Adams’ backers about which sports were more unbecoming a president: Adams’ billiard-playing or Jackson’s cockfighting and horseracing. By the 1830s, political parties were courting popular jockeys and pugilists to run for office under their banner. No won-



Edward Williams Clay, "The Three Mares (Mayors), New York Course, Spring Races, 1838." (New York: 1838), AAS.

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der common parlance shifted, and Americans abandoned the traditional (and still-used) English phrasing of “standing” for election, and instead began to describe candidates who “run” for office. The race was on.

All of these developments made elections look and feel more like sporting events, and that was no accident. Sporting events in early America welcomed a cross-section of society. A commentator at a Virginia cockfight in 1787 was shocked to see “many genteel people promiscuously mingled with the vulgar and debased,” and even elite Philadelphians and New Yorkers in the early nineteenth century admitted to abandoning decorous racetrack grandstands in order to “obtain a more distinct view of the struggle” and be “independent in your movements” alongside “the footmen, aye, and footwomen too, [who] swarmed

like locusts as the city sent forth its myriads of black, white, and gray.” Candidates applied sport to electoral politics because they thought it specifically appealed to the wider breadth and greater power of voters in America’s new, more universally, and more exclusively white male political system.

In fact, political cartoons illustrate how politicians and parties literally white-washed sport in order to appeal to the white male voters of the early republic. Despite initial examples that reflected the more accurate panoply of men and women, rich and poor, and black and white that assembled at sporting events in early America, political cartoons picturing elections as sporting events – like the ones you see reprinted here – soon erased women and African-Americans in order to appeal to the increasingly white male electorate. This erasure was important because it allowed white men to link the raw masculinity of sports to their exclusive grip on formal political participation. The images suggested that the exclusivity of the vote was justified and reinforced by white men’s dominance of competitive and aggressive sports. However mixed real sporting venues were (many of the best jockeys and boxers were black, and women of all backgrounds were present, either as peddlers of refreshments or polite consorts), sport’s application to politics was carefully managed to make sure it only served to lower class – not racial or gender – barriers. In an age when class distinction hardened along with a growing separation

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between “white collar” and “blue collar” work, the association between sports and politics was crucial to convincing blue collar white men to support candidates whose connection to sport made them seem like average guys, and therefore helped convince those working men not to join with other aggrieved groups and threaten the power of mainstream parties backed by richer men.

By the 1830s, Americans started directly describing elections as sporting events. A close election was “a pretty even race,” and a loser was a candidate whose “race is run.” But partisan newspapers and the politicians behind them had not only applied the language and structure of sporting events to electoral politics, creating a connection we still use to think about and describe politics today. They also had re-invented the sporting experience. Blacks and “respectable” women soon were confined to segregated seating sections, and African-Americans were slowly but steadily segregated out of their roles as athletes, as major commercial sporting events became a domain where white men proved the superior manhood that justified their superior power.

There is plenty of research documenting the rise of discrimination in political and sporting cultures. Yet neither journalists nor scholars have suggested that sporting culture helped lay the groundwork for what happened in politics. Indeed, most scholarship pictures sport as the product, the mere reflection, of political developments. I was probably more likely than most to suggest an inversion of this relationship, having been primed to see sport’s impact on politics because I came to politics (and academia) from the sports world, and because I have been able to continue to pursue both my scholarly and athletic interests

during my time at St. Mary’s. It is the unique opportunity to blend such generally disparate fields of experience that makes places like St. Mary’s valuable, not only to its students but to its faculty as well. ❖

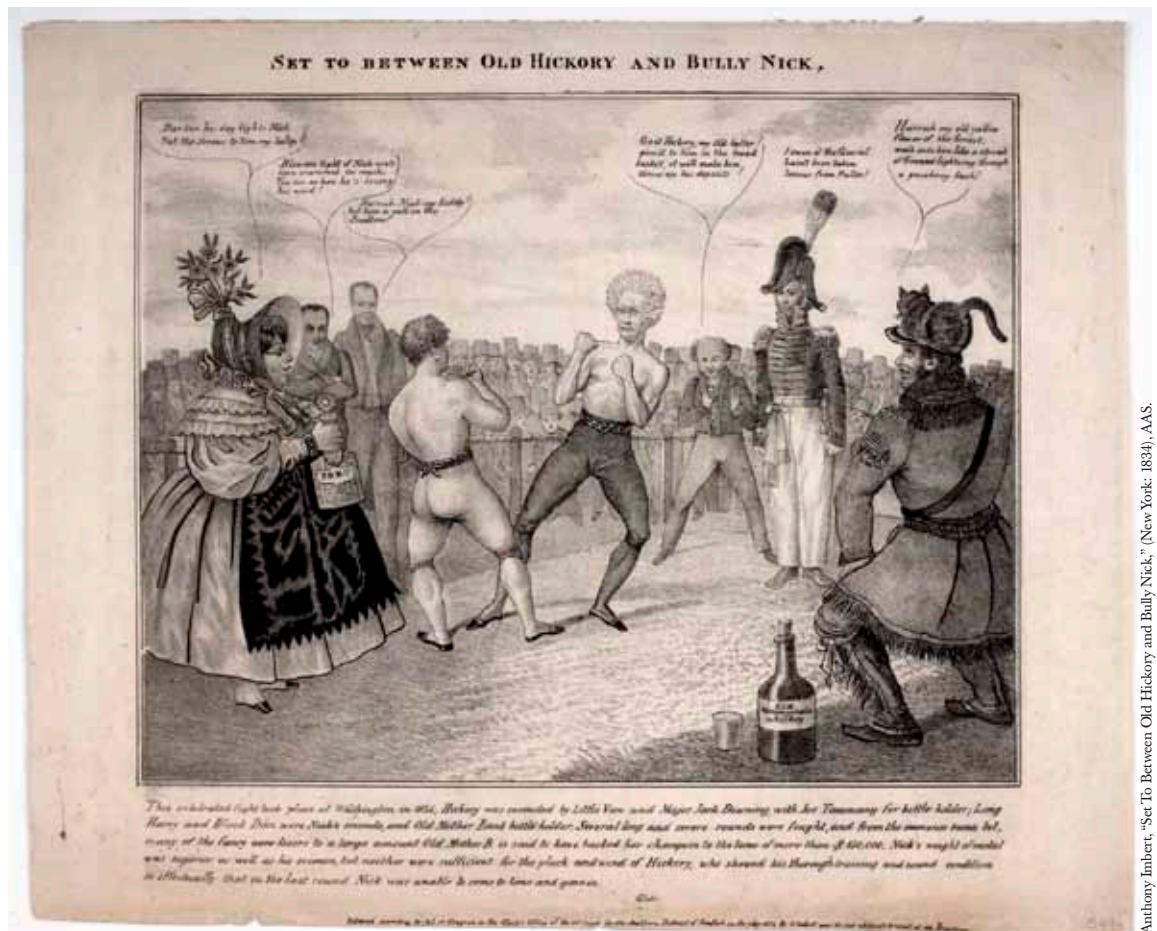
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PHOTO: BILL WOOD

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and in the minor leagues in England and America. In 2011, he coached the United States Special Olympics Men’s Soccer Team to its first gold medal at the World Games in Athens, Greece, and in 2012, he trained soccer coaches in female empowerment and conflict resolution in Uganda. His articles have received honors from the North American Society for Sport History and National Affairs magazine, and he is currently finishing a book project titled “They Will Have Their Game: The Making and Meaning of Sporting Culture in Early America.”



Anthony Imbert, "Set To Between Old Hickory and Bully Nick," (New York: 1834), A.A.S.



OLYMPIAN SEAHAWKS

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THE ROAD TO THE 2012 SUMMER OLYMPICS SAW SEVEN St. Mary's sailors pursue their dreams of bringing home the gold. **Farrah Hall '03** (biology); **Jesse Kirkland '10** (economics); **Mimi Roller '13** (art/art history); **Jennifer Chamberlin '09** (economics); **Val Smith '08** (physics); and **Alex Bishop '09** (student-designed); all campaigned for the honor of representing their countries at the 2012 Summer Olympics, but only three qualified to compete in the Olympics—Farrah windsurfed for the United States; Jesse and his brother Zander raced a 49er class sailboat for Bermuda; and Mimi sailed a laser radial for the U.S. Virgin Islands. Two other St. Mary's sailors, **Mark Ivey '99** and **Rodrigo Amado**, coached teams at the 2012 Olympics.

Left: Alex Bishop (red) and Val Smith (blue) at 49er World Championships, 2010, in the Bahamas.

PHOTO COURTESY ALEX BISHOP AND VAL SMITH

Farrah Hall, the top-ranked American woman windsurfer, graduated cum laude from St. Mary's as a biology major. Her Olympic campaign began in earnest in 2005. Farrah says that success as an Olympic windsurfer requires "sailing technique, racecourse management and tactics, and Ironman level physical fitness. It also requires financial sponsors and supportive family and friends and the willingness to put the rest of one's life on hold as the Olympic dream is pursued." After barely missing out on the 2008 Olympics, she earned a slot on the 2012 U.S. Olympic sailing team after the International Sailing Federation World Championships in Perth, Australia. *[Results: Farrah Hall finished 16th in her final two Olympic windsurfing races, which improved her overall standing to 20th place (out of 26).]*

Brothers **Jesse** and **Zander Kirkland** grew up sailing in Bermuda and went on to be top collegiate sailors at St. Mary's College and Tufts University, respectively. Their Olympic campaign started in 2009 while Jesse was still an undergrad. The tough training and fundraising paid off when they qualified in May at the last 2012 Olympic qualifier for the 49er class in Croatia. By qualifying, Jesse and Zander became the first Bermudan 49er team to compete in the Summer Olympics. *[Results: Jesse and Zander Kirkland finished 19th in the men's 49er class (out of 20).]*

As a member of the St. Mary's sailing team, **Mimi Roller** has competed in women's, team race, and coed national championships. Finishing sixth at the 2012 Laser World Championships in Germany, she earned one of nine qualifying Olympic slots. Roller is the U. S. Virgin Islands' first Olympic female Laser sailor and only its second female sailor to complete in the Olympics. Both Roller and Jesse Kirkland came back to St. Mary's between qualifying for and competing in the Olympics to help the College's sailing team prepare for nationals. *[Results: Mimi Roller finished 40th in the Laser Radial race (out of 41).]*

Mark Ivey coached Sweden's Fredrik Lööf and Max Salminen to gold medals in the Star class at the 2012 Olympics. Ivey, a four-time All American and Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association's 1999 College Sailor of the Year,



PHOTO COURTESY MARK IVEY

Mark Ivey '99 coached Sweden's Star class to gold.

mounted his own Olympic campaign in 2004, finishing third in trials on a 470 sailboat. He started coaching in the Star class during the same trials and was the 2009 US Sailing National Coach of the Year.

Rodrigo Amado, who attended St. Mary's during the 90s, coached the Brazilian women's 470 at the 2012 Olympics and the Brazilian men's 470 at the 2008 Olympics. He himself sailed for Brazil in the 470 class in the 1996 Olympics.

For those who campaigned hard but didn't qualify for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Sailing Team, the 2016 games in Brazil are coming up quickly. **Jen Chamberlin** competed in the May Olympic Trials as main and spinnaker trimmer for the GET Sailing Team, ranked tenth in the world. Although the team lost to the current world champions and top-ranked team in the world, Chamberlin and her teammates said their three-year Olympic campaign was "like a dream of climbing Everest." **Val Smith** and **Alex Bishop** sailed together at St. Mary's but really bonded through windsurfing. While they do not plan another 49er campaign, Smith is considering a campaign to represent the U.S. in kitesurfing which will debut at the 2016 Summer Olympics.

A St. Mary's College Athletic Hall of Fame Legend, **David Burdette '76** (biology/chemistry) lettered in three sports all four years at St. Mary's, but only sailed for fun as an undergrad. A paraplegic since 1985, Burdette began sailing competitively in 2006 as jib trimmer on a 23-foot Sonar sailboat with Paralympics Team Captain Hook. Although the team has won a number of championships and in 2007 was ranked fifth in the world, it failed to qualify for the 2008 and 2012 Summer Paralympics.

More Seahawk sailors continue the quest for the gold. In March, **Gordon Lamphere '12**, a magna cum laude graduate and the College's 2011-2012 Male Scholar Athlete, was named to the 2012 US Sailing Development Team. He sails a Finn sailboat in the men's one-person dinghy heavy category. The development team, first created in 2007, teaches potential Olympic sailors the necessary skills to run a successful Olympic campaign. Alex Bishop and Val Smith along with **Derick Vranizan '09** and **John Wallace '14** were members of the 2011 Development Team. ❖

ALUMNI CONNECTION

CLASS NOTES

1967

Bill “Woody” Mitchell [1] has spent over 40 years serving his country as a member of the Navy Reserves and as a contractor and federal employee for the Department of Defense. Recalled to active duty for the first Gulf War, he later provided direct support as a Reservist to the current Global War on Terrorism including Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. A highlight of this support was an assignment as a Deputy Director for Intelligence at the Pentagon. Now retired from both the federal government and the Reserves, Woody and his wife Jean are not ready for rocking chairs so they’re downsizing, selling their home, and actively searching for a perfect retirement spot to start a fourth “career” as mentors and community volunteers.

1974

Dr. David Cribbs [2] has received a three-year appointment to the Department of Veterans Affairs Scientific Merit Review Board. As a board member, he’ll advise on the scientific merit and relevance to veterans’ health of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for funding. As Associate Director of the Institute for Memory Impairments and Neurological Disorders and Professor in Residence in the Department of Neurology at the University of California, Irvine, he is very involved in the design and development of immunotherapeutic approaches

for treating Alzheimer’s disease and other neurodegenerative diseases. David lives in Newport Beach, Calif.

Terry Shawn and the four other members of the Defense Logistics Agency Energy’s public affairs office, placed first in the unit magazine category of the Department of Defense’s 2011 Media Activity Awards Program, for their quarterly publication, *Energy Source*. Terry also placed third in the Defense Logistics Agency Journalism Competition, news feature article category, for his story about the support his agency provided to humanitarian relief efforts in Pakistan, the Philippines and Haiti. Terry and his family live in Alexandria, Va.

1976

Donna Smawley West [3] retired in April after 33 plus years of federal service, almost exclusively with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. She began her career in plant protection and quarantine, in 1978, at the Port of New York/New Jersey where she also met Roger, her husband of twenty-five years, her first day on the job. She went on to serve all over the world including Port Director at Washington Dulles International Airport and National Canine Program Manager. As Canine Program Manager, she worked with the Al Roker and Martha Stewart television shows on 2 segments about the Beagle Brigade, dogs trained to detect by smell prohibited agricultural products. Donna and Roger, when not at home in Silver Spring, Md., can be found enjoying life at the beach in lower, slower Delaware.

1980

Suzanne Paulkovich Hye, owner of “Hye on Beads”, a full-service bead store (www.hyeonbeads.wordpress.com) and eBay store, has been beading since 1991 when she first studied under the late Master Beader Henrietta Verchick. In 2001, she purchased Henrietta’s mail order business and the formula for “Henrietta’s Gum Arabic Beading Glue,” which her family manufactures and distributes. An accomplished teacher and jewelry designer, one of her necklaces is featured in the recently published book, *Showcase 500 Beaded Jewelry: Photographs of Beautiful Contemporary Beadwork* by Ray Hemachandra. Her work also will be exhibited in November 2012 at the Monroe Township Library. Suzanne and her family live in Monroe Township, N.J.

1984

Lance R. Lewand, a member, since 1989, of ASTM International, a global leader in the development and delivery of international consensus standards, has received the Award of Merit, the organization’s highest recognition for individual contributions, and the title of fellow from ASTM International’s Committee on Electrical Insulating Liquids and Gases. Lance joined Doble Engineering Company in 1992 as a chemist, was promoted to project manager, then research and materials laboratory manager and in 2009, director of Doble’s Insulating Materials Laboratory, a position he still holds. Lance and his family live in Townsend, Mass.



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1985

Michael Nichols is Executive Vice President, Parking Operations and Lead Consultant at Next Realty Mid-Atlantic, LLC in McLean, Va. A certified parking facility manager with nearly 20 years of experience, he has worked for Next Realty since 2008 and previously was the vice president of the Middle Atlantic Parking Association. Michael and his family live in Catonsville, Md.

1990

Kevin Powell '90 [4] has received his masters in business administration in marketing from Loyola University Maryland. He runs his own company, Total Impressions Marketing, focusing on bands and musicians around the country and is an adjunct professor at Howard County Community College. His wife, **Kate Duffy Powell '91**, works in the Howard County Public School System. The couple and their children, Sarah, age 13, and Olivia, age 9, live in Ellicott City, Md.

1993

Susan Prather Collet [5], a veteran Washington, D.C. lobbyist, is the Bond Dealers of America’s senior vice president for government relations. Previously, she spent eight years as the senior principal for government relations for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; three years as the senior government relations representative at the American Public Power Association; and eight years as associate director of governmental affairs at the law firm Van Ness Feldman. Susan lives in Silver Spring, Md.

1995

John J. Bell is the newest member of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation Board. A director of prime brokerage sales with Bank of America Merrill Lynch's Global Markets division, he has 16 years experience in the alternative investment community. John and his partner, Jason Spicer, live in the South of Market district of San Francisco, Calif.

Mindy Schaefer Zarske has earned her doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She says husband James and daughters, Kiera, age 6, and Emilene, age 3, are glad her 3-year flashback as a graduate student is over! Mindy is the Director of K-12 Engineering Education and a First-Year Engineering Design Projects instructor at the University of Colorado Boulder campus. The family lives in Superior, Colo.

1997

Katie Mullin Dubay writes that after graduating from St. Mary's, she went back to school to get her bachelor's degree in nursing from Johns Hopkins University in 2001 and in 2004, her master's degree in nursing from the University of Maryland's Family Nurse Practitioner Program. Married to Jerome Dubay since 2005, Katie currently is a stay-at-home mom for their three children, Maryanna, age 6, Tommy, age 5 and Rosie, who's almost 2. The family lives in Vienna, Va.

2000

Kelly Davis is an associate at the Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, P.A. law firm in Potomac, Md. Assigned to the firm's family law practice group,

she handles domestic relations matters and guardianships of disabled adults and minors. She also is trained in mediation and collaborative law. Kelly lives in Rockville, Md.

Laurel Dietz has been appointed Supervisor of Fine Arts for the St. Mary's County Public School System. Since joining the school system in 2000, she's taught music at 3 elementary schools and one high school. Laurel lives in California, Md.

Timothy R. Homan, after four years reporting on the U.S. economy for *Bloomberg News*, is now covering Congress. He focuses on legislation pertaining to social policy and financial services. Tim worked for a year as a reporter at *Congressional Quarterly* after receiving a joint master's degree in 2007 from The Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University. He lives in Washington, D.C.

Brianne Smithson Weaver is the new head women's soccer coach for Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. During her six years at St. Mary's as the Seahawks' women's soccer coach, she led her team to three Capital Athletic Conference championship finals in 2006, 2008 and 2011. The team won its first championship title in 2008, the same year Bri was named the Mid-Atlantic Region Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Bri, her husband, **Drew Weaver '98**, and their two children, Jansen, age 4, and Kendra, age 2, live in Brunswick, Maine.

2001

Dave Elseroad recently left the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, where he headed their public health advocacy efforts in Ukraine, Turkey & Poland. He is the Road Safety Project Manager for the International Road Federation's program center located in Geneva, Switzerland. Since its founding in 1948, the organization has promoted the development and maintenance of better, safer and more sustainable roads and road networks around the world. He and his wife, Marie, a dual French/Swiss citizen, are thrilled to be back in Europe.

2002

Zack Groves is the head of the family law practice group at The Law Office of James E. Crawford, Jr. in Baltimore, Md. A 2005 graduate of Widener University School of Law, he practiced law with the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney and Robert Ades & Associates, P.C., before joining his current firm. Zack lives with wife, **Emily Gleason Groves '02**, in Arnold, Md.

Derek Young is the associate director of residence life for housing operations at St. Mary's College. This is his third job at the College since returning to campus in 2007 after he received a master of science degree in education/clinical community counseling from Johns Hopkins University. Derek previously was an area coordinator and the assistant director of residence life for staff recruitment and development.



2005

Chantal Buchser [7] was at the 2012 Summer Olympics as a member of the International Olympic Committee, for whom she has worked since 2011. Buchser has a master's degree in sports management and technology from the International Academy of Sports Sciences and Technology in Lausanne, Switzerland and previously worked for the Washington, D.C. Area Bicyclist Association.

Claire Cambardella is designing wedding dresses made from eco-friendly fabrics for the modern, non-traditional bride. Owner of the Kensington, Md. based Claire Cambardella Wedding Wear (www.claire-cambardella.com), she held the launch of her first collection in April at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Annapolis. A native of Church Hill, Md., she started sewing when she was ten years old and today combines her passion for environmental stewardship with her love of making beautiful dresses. Claire lives in Kensington, Md.

2006

Joseph Farina manages Divaris Real Estate Inc.'s Washington, D.C. regional office in Rockville, Md. Focusing on commercial sales and leasing services, he is a licensed real estate broker in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Previously he started and ran his own full service commercial real estate brokerage company, Farina Real Estate Service and before that was a broker with The National Retail Group of Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services. He lives in Bethesda, Md.



Katie Smith [8] is commercial manager for the US Sailing Team. She was on-site in Weymouth for the sailing events of the 2012 Summer Olympics, coordinating team branding and hospitality. Smith sailed all of her four years at St. Mary's, earning a third place women's national title during that time.

Ben Toll is a senior assistant director of undergraduate admissions at The George Washington University. Previously, he was an admissions counselor first for the University of Minnesota, Morris campus and then St. Mary's College. He lives in Waldorf, Md.

2007

Kerry Crawford, a political science doctoral candidate at The George Washington University, has received a 2012 Woodrow Wilson Women's Studies Dissertation Fellowship to help with her last year of dissertation writing. Her dissertation, "*Punctuated Silence: Variation in the International Response to Wartime Sexual Predation*," looks at the international community's varied responses to wartime sexual predation. Kerry attributes a lot of the inspiration for her dissertation to St. Mary's Professors Sahar Shafiq and Susan Grogan who encouraged her to ask the tough questions about gender inequalities. Kerry and husband, Tyler Belling, live in Centreville, Va.

Clinton Gilbert is the assistant director of residence life for staff recruitment and development at St. Mary's College. He received a masters of education degree in post-secondary education from Salisbury University in 2009 and worked at York College of Pennsylvania as an

area coordinator/coordinator for drug and alcohol education until 2010 when he returned to St. Mary's College as the area coordinator for multicultural initiatives. Clinton also supervises the Multicultural Achievement Peer Program.

2008

Tiffany Turbin Santos, cinema director for the New Embassy Theatre, a small performing arts theater in Cumberland, Md., has started the Queen City Independent Film Festival. This year's inaugural competition not only featured films from as far away as California and Palestine but two of the prize winning films were by former St. Mary's students. In the category of films ten minutes or less in length, first prize went to **Steven Bradford '05** for his film, "The Schlonburger Certainty Postulator." In the category of films 45 minutes or less in length, honorable mention went to **Danny Ruthenberg-Marshall '11** for his film, "Faces of the Appalachian Trail." Tiffany is already accepting films for the 2013 film festival. For more information, go to www.newembassy.org.

2009

Binwi Ngwa-Suh is one of eight Association of Research Libraries' Career Enhancement Fellows for 2012. She interned at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. where she worked at the reference desk and on projects as part of the National Library of Medicine's Reference and Web Services Section. Binwi is a graduate student at the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies and lives in Laurel, Md.

Rebecca Tuttle is another "where in the world" alum. After graduating from St. Mary's in 2009, she spent a summer in Tunisia on a State Department Critical Language Scholarship for Arabic, followed by a year in Paris pursuing her master's degree in French Literature from New York University. She worked in Paris for another year as a bilingual international education assistant with IES Abroad before moving to Chile for six months to teach English there. Rebecca currently interns with Equal Access International, an international development non-government organization, and lives in the San Francisco Bay area of California.

2010

David Farkas had an abridged version of his St. Mary's Project on an economic analysis of oyster aquaculture on Maryland's Patuxent River published in the March 2012 issue of the World Aquaculture Magazine. His co-authors were his St. Mary's Project mentor, Professor Asif Dowlah and Kelton Clarke from the Morgan State University Estuarine Research Center. David is pursuing a master's in economic policy analysis at the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus. He lives in Ellicott City, Md.

Marisel Saez is the Maryland press secretary for Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD). She started working as an intern in his office while attending St. Mary's and has been his press assistant and researcher for the past two years. Marisel lives in Leonardtown, Md.

2011

Kelly Stoeckle, a recent graduate of St. Mary's College's

CALLING STRIKES



Chris Segal '05 began umpiring baseball games at age 13. Over the years, he progressed from Little League games to high school and college baseball games. Today, Chris is in his seventh season of umpiring minor league games for the Pacific Coast League, one of two Triple A baseball leagues. He dreams of someday becoming a major league umpire, a goal he got a step closer to this spring when he completed his first Major League Baseball Spring Training schedule. In his last game of the Spring Training season, Chris was the home plate umpire for an April Boston Red Sox-Washington Nationals exhibition game.

A member of the Northern Virginia Umpires, Chris umpired while playing ball at St. Mary's, where he was a four-year starter and team captain who played outfield and catcher. After umpiring during his freshman and sophomore years,

fellow umpires suggested he attend a professional umpire school in Florida after college, and go on to umpire Major League Baseball. At that point, Chris, an English major, began to think seriously about a career as a professional baseball umpire. Since leaving St. Mary's College, he's worked big games like the Appalachian League Championship Series, playoffs in the South Atlantic League and the Southern League, and the 2010 and 2012 Southern League All-Star games.

Chris says he's been able to put his English degree to good use as an umpire. When on-field incidents like ejections or fights occur, umpires must write a detailed description of the event for submission to the league president, who will make a decision on further action. His reports have been singled out as some of the best the league presidents have received. ❖

2012

Danielle Doubt has been awarded the U.S. Student Fulbright Award and is spending the 2012-2013 academic year as an English teaching assistant at a Turkish university. While there, her work will focus on women's issues as they relate to sustain-

able agricultural practices, local food movements, and community gardens and will build on the work she did for her St. Mary's Project about gender, food, and sustainability in a global context.

Master of Arts in Teaching program, is spending the 2012-2013 school year teaching at an elementary school in the Gambia. This was made possible by a grant from the H. Thomas Waring World Fund which supports teacher education initiatives in the Gambia.

MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Carrie Kennedy '99 and **Charles Kinnamon [1]** were married April 28, 2012 at the Historical Society of Talbot County in Easton, Md. **Karen Schroll '98** was maid of honor and **Jen Barrett '98** was the unofficial wedding planner. Snakehead was served at Carrie and Chuck's reception, as reported by National Public Radio's program "All Things Considered." The couple honeymooned in the Florida Keys. Carrie is a fisheries biologist with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Chuck is a plaster restorationist. They live in Annapolis, Md.

Joseph Anthony Lex III '02 and **Alyson Nicole Kiel [2]** were married April 7, 2012 at Martin's East in Middle River, MD. For their honeymoon,

they took a Viking River Cruise down the Rhine River with stops in the Netherlands, Germany and France. Joseph is a Claims Authorizer with the Social Security Administration; Alyson is an independent copywriter and marketing consultant. The couple lives in Parkville, MD.

Ashton Bauersfeld '04 and **Ryan Fisher [3]** were married June 4, 2011, at Kent Manor Inn in Stevensville, Md. **Maggie Stubbs '04** and **Heather Wasson '04** were bridesmaids; **Kate Northfield '06** led the string trio providing music. The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and French Polynesia. Ashton and Ryan work for the U.S. Navy which is where they met and reside in Alexandria, Va.

Michael Gerpe '04 and **Stephanie Gardiner '06 [4]** were married April 14, 2012 in Negril, Jamaica. **Kate Opel '06** and **Julie Hill '06** were in the wedding party. Michael is an account executive for Datalogix;

Stephanie is an account manager for SuccessFactors. The couple, shown here with **Mike Alcamo '07**, **Alex Redmond '04**, **Julie Hill '06**, **Matt Dyer '06** and **Kate Opel '06**, live in Denver, Colo.

Jonathan Robins '04 and **Clare Zuraw '05 [5]** were married Oct. 10, 2010 at the Howard County Conservancy in Woodstock, Md. For their honeymoon, they traveled for a month through Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Albania. They both work at Michigan Technological University; Jon as an assistant professor of world history, Clare as an ESL instructor. The couple lives in Houghton, Mich.

Christina Rowe '05 and **Edward Schultheis [6]** were married June 18, 2010 in Baltimore, Md. The wedding party included **Lindsay Peters Dawson '05**. The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Christina is a survey statistician for the

U.S. Census Bureau. Ed is a religion teacher at Mount Saint Joseph High School. The couple resides in Laurel, Md.

Michael Antonio Snyder '05 and **Elise Lena Kessler [7]** were married May 19, 2012 at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. **Matthew O'Neill '06** was a groomsman. The couple spent their honeymoon on the Isle of Palms north of Charleston, S.C. Michael, who served in the U.S. Army in Operation Iraqi Freedom, is an intelligence analyst for Booz Allen Hamilton; Elise, a graduate of Georgetown University Law School, is a staff lawyer at the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau in Frederick, Md. The couple lives in North Bethesda, Md.

Caitlin Clare Burlett '06 and **Jesse Elliott Kayan '06 [8]** were married Sept. 10, 2011 at their Wild Carrot Farm, an organic community supported agriculture farm, in Newfane, Vt. Involved in the wedding were **Jon Hoover '06**, **Nikki Porter Sappington '06**, **Katie Sill '06**, **Melissa Mandell '06**, **Daniel Moss '06**, **Kathleen Frana Moss '07**, **Tim Hemphill '06**, **Caitlin Matanle '07**, **Heather Muszynski '07**, **Erica Schuetz '07**, **Yang-Yi Chen '09**, **Elina Snyder '07**, **John Deamond '06**, and **Julia Braun '07**. The couple honeymooned in Guatemala and Mexico. Jesse also works at the Morningside Shelter; Caitlin works at the Safe Place Child Advocacy Center.



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Elizabeth Moss May '06 and **Andrew Pinaire '09** were married May 11, 2012 in St. Mary's City, Md. and honeymooned on Cape Cod, Mass. They both work as civil servants for the Department of Defense; Liz as a budget analyst and Andrew, Texas A&M '06, as an engineer. The couple lives in California, Md.

Kaitlin Anderson '07 and **Brett Ewing '10** were married Oct. 8, 2011 in Easton, Md. **Lisa Roberts '07** and **Julie Gibbons '07** were bridesmaids. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. Kaitlin works for Pfizer in Pharmaceutical Sales; Brett is a planner for the Talbot County, Md. government's Office of Planning and Zoning. The couple lives in Easton, Md.

Carl Atwood '07 and **Halley Fehner '08** [11] were married May 27, 2012 at the Potomac Presbyterian Church in Potomac, Md. Members of the wedding party included **Brittany North '08**, **Caitlin Moyer '07**, **Garrett Fehner '10**, and incoming St. Mary's freshman, **Carson Fehner**. The couple honeymooned in Paris, France. Carl teaches history at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School; Halley is an historian at History Associates, Inc. They live in Rockville, Md.

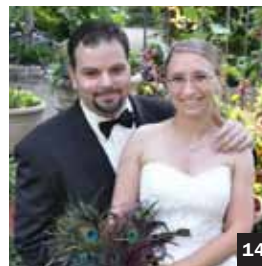
Gary Stapleton, Jr., '07 and **Erin Stott '09** [12] were married May 12, 2012 at the farm of Erin's parents in Deale, Md. **Mary Catherine Burgess '09**, **Megan O'Hara '07**, **Alice Volpitta '08**, **Christopher Hoagland '07**, **Thomas Conkwright '07**, and **Ian Semmler '07** were members of the wedding party. The couple honeymooned at Walt Disney World. Gary, a 2012 summa cum

MICHAEL SNYDER '05 SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, AND IS NOW AN INTELLIGENCE ANALYST FOR BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON.

laude graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law, is an associate at Hogan Lovells Law Firm; Erin is financial manager for Beechnut Kennels and a graduate student at University of Maryland Baltimore Campus. They live in Glen Burnie, Md.

Vanessa Vizcarrondo '07 and **Eric Piche '13** were married April 9, 2009 at the Inn at Perry Cabin in St. Michaels, Md. Vanessa's sister, **Valerie Vizcarrondo '03**, was maid of honor. The couple honeymooned in St. Michaels. Vanessa is an art teacher at St. Michaels Elementary School and a full time plein air artist. She had her first solo art show in March 2012. Eric manages Higgins Yacht Yard in St. Michaels. The couple lives in Easton, Md.

Laura Adamovicz '08 and **Nick Kalapodis '14** were married June 2, 2012 in Thurmont, Md. **Mairead O'Sullivan-Leong '07**, **Jessica Russell '08**, **Josh Ballew '07**, **Jonathan Braxton '08** and **Jeremy Pevner '09** were members of the wedding party. Laura graduated from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in May and is doing a one year internship in small animal medicine and surgery at VCA



Veterinary Referral Associates in Gaithersburg, Md. Nick is Chief Operations Officer at Dynamic Network Solutions. The couple lives in Columbia, Md.

Kaycee Mullins '08 and **Kevin Rump '15** were married March 26, 2011 at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis, Md. and honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Kaycee received her bachelor of science in nursing from George Washington University and is an intensive care unit registered nurse. Kevin, an electrical engineer, works at ALION Sciences and Technology. The couple lives in downtown Annapolis.

Meredith Queen '08 and **Matthew Hoepfl '16**, shown here with their daughter, Eve, were married May 26, 2012 in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Mary's College. **Rowena Conway '08**, **Mary Lyle Jeanes '08**, and **Christina Haramis '08** were bridesmaids. The couple took a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas. Meredith is a front desk clerk at the Brookshire Suites in Baltimore, Md; Matthew, a recent graduate of Townson University, is a baseball umpire. The couple lives in Baltimore, Md.

BIRTHS

To **Melanie McLean '97** and Robert Chung, a daughter, Kathleen McLean [4], born Nov. 3, 2011. She joins sister, Meredith, age 3. Melanie and Rob were married Jan. 26, 2008 in Silver Spring, Md., and again on July 29, 2008 on the island of O'ahu, Hawaii. **Amy Spillman '97**, **Tracy Morgan '97**, **Katie Mullin Dubay '97**, **Kerry Lynaugh Haggard '98** and **Maggie McCown '97** participated in the weddings. Melanie, a veterinarian, works for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine; Rob, a major in the U.S. Army, is an intelligence officer. The family is living in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. while Rob attends graduate school.

To **Kathleen Hines '97** and Joshua Fuller, a son, Daniel Clayton [2], born Sept. 18, 2011. Kathleen is the Editorial Director at MCM Education; Josh is a senior scientist at GlaxoSmith-Kline. The family lives in East Norriton, Pa.

To **Delina Lyon '98** and **George Hinkal '99**, a son, Max [3], born Nov. 29, 2010. Delina is a scientist and mentor in Howard University's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; George is a Science and Technology Policy Fellow at the National Cancer Institute's Office of Cancer Nanotechnology Research. The family lives in Washington, D.C.

To **Brooks Liswell '98** and **Mary Herberger Liswell '03**, a son, Brooks Rider [4], born March 11, 2012. Brooks is an attorney with the U.S. Department

of Agriculture; Mary teaches second grade in Anne Arundel County, Md. The family lives in Baltimore.

To **Samantha Quincy Wales '98** and Brian Watson, a son, Theodore Wales [5], born March 6, 2011. Brian's children, Chloe, age 10, and Isaac, age 7, are thrilled about their baby brother. Samantha is a microbiologist at the US Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Brian is a technical account manager for Vigilant Security. The family lives in Catonsville, Md.

To **Erica Pearson Grover '99** and Woody Grover, a daughter, Eleanor Kaylee [6], born Sept. 12, 2011. Erica is a public health analyst for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Woody is an information technology systems administrator for Ping Identity. The family lives in Denver, Colo.

To **Eric Herrmann '99** and **Kate Greene '00**, a daughter, Beatrice Jane [7], born Nov. 26, 2011. "Bea" made her St. Mary's debut at Alumni Weekend 2012. Eric is an attorney at Klein Hornig LLP; Kate is the Associate Director, Advocacy and Policy at Partners In Health. The family lives in Rockville, Md.

To **Jessica Quast Kriss '99** and **Marc Kriss '99**, a son, Evan Patrick [8], born Feb. 11, 2012. Jessica is employed by Booz Allen Hamilton; Marc is with KPMG Advisory. The family lives in Kennett Square, Pa.

To **Aileen Cutrell Grabill '00** and Brian Grabill, a son, Ian Oliver [9], born April 7, 2012. He joins brother, Alex, age 3. Aileen is a human resources generalist



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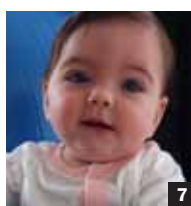
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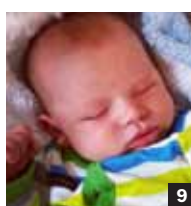
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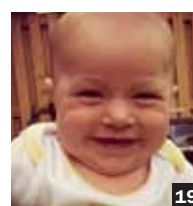
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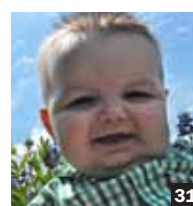
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with Janus Capital Group; Brian is a stay-at-home dad. The family lives in Erie, Colo..

To **Mark Hershfield '00** and Sara Hershfield, a daughter, Madeline Ada [10], born April 12, 2012. She joins sister, Samantha, age 2. The family lives in Point of Rocks, Md.

To **Keri Moffatt McCumber '00** and Jeremy McCumber, a son, Andrew Grier [11], born Dec. 29, 2011. He joins sister, Audrey, age 3 who loves to play pat-a-cake with her baby "brover." Keri is an employee relations manager for AT&T; Jeremy is a special agent for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. The family lives in Arnold, Md.

To **Diane Dixon Milleville '00** and **Shawn Curtis Milleville '03**, a daughter, Beate Nancy [12], born Jan. 27, 2012. Diane is a mathematical statistician for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C.; Shawn is a research psychologist at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md. The family lives in Odenton, Md.

To **Holly Seaman Nilsson '00** and **Walt Nilsson '00**, a son, Nathan Walter [13], born Feb. 20, 2012. He joins siblings Julia, age 7; Adam, age 5 1/2; and Susanna, age 2 1/2. Walt is senior pastor at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church; Holly enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Lexington Park, Md.

To **Deborah Brown '00** and **Neal Peckens '02**, a daughter, Madison Avery [14], born Oct. 5, 2011. Deborah is a veterinarian and Neal is a veterinary cardiologist. The family lives in Herndon, Va.

To **Jennifer Parker Perkins '00** and **Fletcher Perkins '01**, a son, Ashton Parker [15], born Oct. 25, 2009, and a daughter, Caroline Parker [16], born Oct. 8, 2011. Fletcher is an analyst with Hillman Capital Management in Bethesda, Md. Jennifer works in the asset management group at Bentall Kennedy, a commercial real estate investment advisory firm in Bethesda. The future sailors and their parents live in University Park, Md.

To **Katie Sutton Burkhouse '01** and **David Burkhouse '03**, a daughter, Emma Lynn [17], born May 31, 2012. She joins brother, Aiden. Katie received her doctorate in school psychology in August from the University of Maryland College Park and works as a school psychologist for Howard County Public School System. David is a lawyer. The family lives in Sykesville, Md.

To **Clayton Williams Culp '01** and **Jamie Kocik Culp**, a son, Calvin Williams [18], born April 8, 2012. Clayton and Jamie are high school teachers; Clayton for the Anne Arundel County public schools, Jamie for Calvert County public schools. The family lives in Annapolis, Md.

To **Carrie Hughes Peery '01** and **Jonathan Peery**, a son, Charles McGuire "Charlie" [19], born Feb. 11, 2012. He joins brother Jack, age 2. Carrie is a program director for the HealthWaves Wellness Program at Northrop Grumman; Jonathan is an account manager for N.B. Handy Company. The family lives in Annapolis, Md.

To **Elizabeth Spies Bates '02** and **Darien Bates '03**, a son, Alban Lee [20], born Jan. 31, 2012. Betsy and Darien are

co-founders of Discovering Oz Communications, a marketing agency. The family lives in New York City.

To **Joanna Berger Tanner '02** and **Michael Tanner '03**, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie [21], born April 15, 2012. Joanna is a social studies teacher; Mike is an attorney. The family lives in Pikesville, Md.

To **Erin Johnson-Venkatesh '02** and **Karthik Venkatesh**, a son, Sachin John [22], born Sept. 13, 2011. Erin is a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Michigan's Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute; Karthik is a medical writer for MMS Holdings. The family lives in Ann Arbor, Mich.

To **Nichole Baucom Paneck '03** and **Joseph Paneck**, a daughter, Makenna [23], born Feb. 8, 2012. She joins brother, Ayden, age 3. Nichole is an assistant vice president for lending at Old Line Bank; Joseph works for Dyncorp at Joint Base Andrews. The family lives in Hollywood, Md.

To **Kathryn Kasicky Magruder '04** and **John Lawson Magruder**, a daughter, Lillian Grace [24], born Dec. 31, 2011. Katie and John both work at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C.; Katie as a hospitalist with the oncology service; John as a resident in pediatric neurology. The family lives in Winston-Salem.

To **Melissa Benner Bolich '05** and **Matthew Bolich**, a son, Charles Matthew [25], born Nov. 19, 2011. Melissa is a computer room operator at Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company in Berlin, Md.; Matthew is a social studies teacher in Marion

Station, Md. The family lives in Pocomoke City, Md.

To **Sara Waugaman McQuighan '05** and **Ryan McQuighan '05**, a son, Declan Gibbons [26], born March 7, 2012. Shown here are Declan's proud parents, Aunt Mary, and grandparents, **Janice Filter Waugaman '79** and **Ned Waugaman '79**. Sara is a comptroller financial management analyst for Naval Sea Systems Command; Ryan, an attorney, works for eGlobalTech. The family lives in Owings, Md.

To **Sara Bodde Healy '06** and **David Healy**, a son, Andrew Peter [27], born Jan. 13, 2011. Sara, a graduate of St. Mary's first master of arts in teaching class, taught elementary school for 3 years and now is a stay-at-home mom. David is an engineer. The family lives in Woodbridge, Va.

To **Bridget McVae Johnson '06** and **John F. Johnson, III '07**, a son, Daniel Theodore [28], born March 14, 2012. Bridget is a nautical archaeologist for URS Corporation; John is an attorney for Benjamin L. England and Associates. The family lives in Annapolis, Md.

To **Lauren Robey Morris '06** and **Christopher Morris**, a daughter, Madison Elizabeth [29], born Jan. 17, 2012. Madison's godmother is **Stacey Loftis '07**. Lauren is a project manager for American Architectural Restoration; Christopher is a police officer for the Charles County, Md., Sheriff's Office. The family lives in King George, Va.

To **Rebecca Sawyer Pineo '06** and **Isaac William Pineo '06**, a son Eli William [30], born March 26, 2012. Becky is



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a public horticulture consultant and a stay-at-home mom; Isaac is an attorney with Prather, Prather & Higgins, LLP and a Crawford County, Pa. public defender. The family lives in Meadville, Pa.

To **Sarah Posey-Sharpless '06** and **John Sharpless '09**, a son, Benjamin Duco [31], born Nov. 9, 2011. "Baby Ben" joins big brother, Charles, age 2. The family lives in Dallas, Texas.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Lane Patterson '27, of Littleton, Colo., died June 15, 2010, at age 100.

Marguerite Reaney Tugman '31, of Virginia Beach, Va., died July 4, 2010, at age 96. She and sister, **Jane Reaney Linton '33**; mother, **Mary Dent Reaney, Class of 1903**; and grandmother, **Mary Mankin Dent, Class of 1874**, were all graduates of Saint Mary's Seminary.

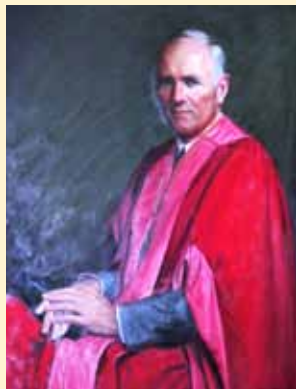
Zaidee Henry Mumford '33, of Chestertown, Md., died July 3, 2010, at age 96.

Cary Baxter Beehler '39, of Towson, Md., died May 7, 2012, at age 91. Born in Baltimore, Md., she drove a Red Cross ambulance and assembled ordnance timing devices during World War II. After the war, she worked as a sales associate for many years. She was also an avid bird watcher and gardener. Cary is survived by sons, William and Bruce; and six grandchildren.

Mary Court Baldasan '41, of Tampa, Fla., died February 22, 2012, at age 90. She is survived by sons, Joe, Glenn and Dean; four grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Priscilla MacDonald Brown '46, of Ocean City, Md., died Oct. 24, 2011, at age 87. She is survived by her husband, Robert.

Dr. James Renwick Jackson, Former College President



St. Mary's College of Maryland mourns the passing of former College President **Dr. James Renwick Jackson**. Jackson served as president of the College from 1969 – 1982. He died Friday, July 13 in Queens, NY from complications of pneumonia, surrounded by a circle of loved ones.

Jackson was St. Mary's first male president, taking office on July 1, 1969. He brought with him a vision of a "public Swarthmore," where the best of small, private, liberal arts education could be modeled in a public college. He led the transformation of the college from a two-year to a four-year curriculum, overseeing the first 4-year graduation in 1971 and the first accreditation by the Maryland Higher Education Commission in 1974.

"When I met President Jackson last year, his love for the college was undiminished, and inspiring," said Dr. Joseph Urgo, president of St. Mary's College of Maryland. "We will miss him, although his spirit will forever animate the core of our mission."

Jackson's legacy to the college includes commissioning a bronze medallion of the Ark and the Dove which became the college logo. He also launched the Mulberry Tree Papers in 1972, which has run continuously as the college/alumni magazine since that time. In addition, he held, in 1974, what would become the college's annual Governor's Cup Yacht Race.

During his 13-year service as president, the campus facilities greatly expanded: in 1970, Prince George and Caroline residence halls opened and the Cobb House was purchased for the president's residence. In 1974, the Chapman residence (now the Admissions Office) was acquired. In 1980, Montgomery Hall Fine Arts Center opened.

Dr. Jackson was born in Philadelphia, Pa. on October 10, 1928. He worked as Dean of Students and Professor of History at York College; one of many positions he held in higher education before coming to St. Mary's.

Jean Booth McKenney '47, of Irvington, Va., died Sept. 2, 2011, at age 82. Born in Reedville, Va., she received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Richmond and did post-graduate work at Yale University and the University of Virginia. A long time educator, she traveled extensively in retirement. She also was active in a variety of volunteer organizations in the Northern Neck of Virginia. Jean is survived by her husband, Robert; and sister, Edna Booth Hungerford.

Lois Jensen Vandermast '47, of Lancaster, N.Y., died Nov. 15, 2011, at age 81. She is survived by her husband, Ernest; daughter, Marian Munoz; son, Jeffrey; 7 grandchildren; and her brother, Ronald Jensen.

Nancy McClenahan Vessey '48, of Rehobeth, Md., died March 17, 2011, at age 82. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Crisfield, Md., she owned Vessey Orchards in Westover, Md. Nancy is survived by daughters, Anne, Nancy, and Mary Vessey Corbin; son, William; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and brother, Charles McClenahan.

Ann Doyle Weatherford '55, of Decatur, Ill., died April 25, 2012, at age 78. Born in Quantico, Va., she spent most of her life in Annapolis, Md. She was an avid bridge player, loved to read, and was an animal lover. Ann is survived by daughters, Ann Moran and Michelle Henry; step-children, Bob, Bill, and Dave Weatherford and Donna Weatherford Kennedy; and nine grandchildren.

Anthony Conrad Marchetti '67, of Alexandria, Va., died April 1, 2012, at age 65. Born in Washington, D.C., he was a member of the first class at St. Mary's to have men living on campus. In 1972, his family purchased a bar and restaurant in St. Inigoes, Md., which he re-named "Monk's Inn." Anthony is survived by his sister, Mary Jean Rubino; brother, **Carl M. Marchetti '77**; five nieces and nephews; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Barbara Jean Young '63, of Pocomoke City, Md., died April 11, 2012, at age 63. Born in Crisfield, Md., she was the office manager for the Worcester County, Md., State's Attorney's Office for 38 years. Barbara is survived by her father, George; daughter, Kelly Sparrow; brother George; two granddaughters and numerous nieces and nephews.

J. Frank Raley of St. Mary's City, Md., died August 21, 2012, at age 85. He attended Charlotte Hall Military Academy and earned his B.A. from Georgetown University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946 and returned to St. Mary's to become an insurance agent and developer. Raley served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1955-1958 and the Maryland Senate from 1963-1966. As a senator, he supported and passed legislation that transitioned St. Mary's Junior College into St. Mary's College of Maryland; a four-year, baccalaureate-granting, public liberal arts college. He served on the College's board of trustees from 1967 to 1991. In March 2010, Raley was awarded the College's highest honor, The Order of the Ark and Dove, at which time the dining hall was re-named the J. Frank Raley Great Room.

THE PATUXENT PARTNERSHIP

SPRING SEMESTER 2012 WAS MARKED by the tremendous support for academics by longtime community partner, The Patuxent Partnership (TPP). In May, TPP invested \$1 million to grow and expand the physics department, including applied physics, at the College. The Patuxent Partnership is a local nonprofit organization that works with government, industry, and academia on initiatives in science and technology.

Bonnie Green '74, executive director of The Patuxent Partnership, has been a strong advocate for developing this initiative as a way of fulfilling St. Mary's promise as the state's honors college, and addressing the region's need for scientifically trained professionals. Green said, "The Partnership's mission is to support STEM education, the Navy and the contractor



Bonnie Green

community, and to foster related research opportunities. This investment will develop and strengthen the knowledge base in our region while strengthening the relationship between St. Mary's College of Maryland, the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, and applied physics research." The funds will be used to develop curriculum, increase the number of physics majors, hire a new faculty member, expand labs, and develop new cooperative and internship programs.

"The leadership commitment from Green, TPP's Board of Directors, and Karen Garner '82, board of directors president, is emblematic of our institutional priorities: embracing our public mission and academic rigor, meeting the immediate needs that are central to our faculty and liberal arts curriculum, and providing transformative opportunities for students," said Maureen Silva, vice president for advancement. "The mutual benefit that stems from sharing talent and resources will have a huge impact on the region as well."

St. Mary's College is fortunate to have a long, successful and growing relationship with the Department of Defense community, and



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—Bonnie Green '74, executive director of The Patuxent Partnership

continues to benefit from these collaborative ties. For example, the Computer Science Cooperative Education Program, established in 1996, engages outstanding students in computer science studies and summer work experiences. Also, Dr. Chuck Alder, professor of physics, and Dr. Josh Grossman, associate professor of physics, work closely with Dr. Frank Narducci, their colleague at NAWCAD, on research in atomic physics for developing sensor technologies with anti-submarine warfare applications and secure quantum communication

St. Mary's physics faculty and students are currently...

- Designing highly sensitive magnetometers based on laser-cooled and trapped atoms for Navy uses
- Exploring the foundations of quantum mechanics
- Examining possible signatures of higher dimensions and fourth generation leptons from the Large Hadron Collider
- Constructing microchip traps for individual atoms – possibly the future building blocks of a quantum computer

technologies; St. Mary's students participate in and contribute to this collaboration in a variety of ways. Since 2003, 19 physics students have completed summer internships with the NAWCAD research lab, and 20 physics students have conducted cutting-edge research in the lab for their St. Mary's Projects. A proponent of STEM education and outreach, Dr. Narducci – whose daughter, Victoria, is studying at St. Mary's – has been instrumental in exposing St. Mary's students to state-of-the-art resources, research projects, mentoring, internships, and professional development opportunities as well as articulating the impact of an applied physics program at St. Mary's.

In addition to these partnerships, St. Mary's College developed other programs that aim to recruit and retain STEM students, including the Women in Science House (WiSH) and the Emerging Scholars Program which are both designed to boost numbers in STEM disciplines with attention to under-represented groups. As a result, 25% of St. Mary's students are pursuing a degree in STEM at any given time.

TPP's investment in the physics department will nearly double the number of physics graduates to twelve, which would propel the College to the top 5% of four-year colleges in the United States. "Most college physics programs are geared to students who will go on to graduate study in physics, and ignore that over half of all graduates, in fact, do not," said Adler. "According to a study by the American Physical Society, one of the key elements of successful physics programs is diversity." Of

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—President Joe Urgo



fering such a rare opportunity for students to concentrate in applied physics while exploring different disciplines and achieving competency in the fundamental liberal arts skills will give students problem solving skills, as well as excellent writing and oral communication skills, on top of their technical training.

With The Patuxent Partnership’s \$1 million investment – and the signing of the Educational Partnership Agreement between the College, NAWCAD and The Patuxent Partnership in October 2011 – the College is poised to develop and become one of the few undergraduate liberal arts colleges in the country with an applied physics program. “Our students tend to be multi-talented and multi-interested, and approach problems with creativity and passion,” said Pat Goldsmith, dean of admissions. “The admissions staff has been working with the physics department throughout the summer to identify dedicated, innovative prospective students interested in pursuing STEM majors in the context of a liberal arts education. The applied physics major gives us a unique niche in the marketplace, and we are excited to see

the talented students this program will attract.”

A learning atmosphere that is enriched by a variety of experiences and perspectives ensures that our students are well-prepared as they go out into the world. Significant investments in the College help St. Mary’s to recruit and retain students and faculty, and to sustain a prolific environment for learning. According to President Joe Urgo, “We are grateful for The Patuxent Partnership’s investment that so directly supports the public mission and academic rigor of St. Mary’s College of Maryland. The establishment of an applied physics program will provide new and unique opportunities for our campus, and a gateway to a world in need of individuals who have cultivated their capacity to think, to discern, and to respond to issues with creativity and passion.” ❖

In order to augment course offerings and research exchanges that will diversify the physics major and minor, STEM disciplines, and the overall liberal arts curriculum, the College seeks to secure an additional \$1.5 million to support the applied physics program in perpetuity, through a fully funded endowment. For those who are interested in exploring such an opportunity with the College, and strengthening workforce development in Southern Maryland, please contact Liisa Franzén, 240-895-3220 or lefranz@smcm.edu.



Alums posed with Josh Grossman (associate professor of physics) at the conference of the Division of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics of The American Physical Society in Anaheim, California in June 2012. Pictured in front of a research poster presented by Travis Horrom, (l to r): Josh Grossman (SMCM physics faculty); Jeff Lee '07 (University of Maryland – College Park, physics doctoral program); Brian Mosley '03 (American Physical Society); Travis Horrom '08 (College of William & Mary, physics doctoral program); Sara DeSavage '10 (NAWCAD, entering UMBC physics doctoral program).



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THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO DEFEND YOUR COUNTRY

By Joseph R. Urgo

I REMEMBER RECEIVING MY COLLEGE financial-aid package in 1974, and among the grant and work-study information was a letter about my eligibility for a National Defense Student Loan. I remember stopping cold. What did my acceptance to a residential liberal-arts college have to do with national defense?

The National Defense Education Act was passed in 1958 to provide funds for higher-education institutions, which in turn distributed the funds to students to help meet the challenge to the United States mounted by the Soviet Union during the Cold War. I didn't know anything about the Defense Act, but what *did* resonate was that my acceptance to college had somehow made me important to national defense and that getting a college education was in some way linked to the progress of the nation. And so that letter from the government and the loan form asking for our signatures was at once humbling, frightening, and riveting.

A lot has changed since 1974. At some point, "NDSL" ceased to signify National Defense Student Loan on its materials and became the National Direct Student Loan program; today we know these as Perkins Loans. The evolving nomenclature is telling. In light of Vietnam War-era antiwar sentiments, especially on college campuses, writing a loan-repayment check to the "National Direct Student Loan" program would be more palatable than writing it to the "National Defense Student Loan" program.

But that linguistic accommodation signaled a damaging distinction in national spending priorities. "Perkins," of course, removes the government from the brand entirely and creates the impression of a private transaction. Therein lies the root of our contemporary problem.

Two of the largest institutional expenditures that the federal government undertakes – setting aside health care for the moment – are national defense and higher education. Parallels between defense and education spending are intricate. On the surface, and readily apparent, is the need to defend the nation against hostile forces, and the need for highly educated, and technically and strategically trained



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people to lead the effort. How much defense is enough? In national defense, we may measure the worth of our spending by the capacity of our national security forces to forestall attacks on American citizens – as long as we feel safe, we might contemplate reductions; as soon as we feel threatened, as we saw after 9/11, we'll conclude that we need to spend more.

And with higher education? We tend to measure the worth of education by the kinds of jobs and careers that college makes possible. But that equation is problematic. It would be like measuring the worth of defense spending by the jobs created in the defense industry. Yes, defense creates jobs, but jobs are not the reason we have national defense. Yet if we measure the worth of education according to the rate by which we find creative solutions to national social problems, we might conclude that we've undersupported our future.

My National Defense Student Loan was not awarded to me so that I could get a better job, nor was it predicated on my entering the defense industry. "Defense" loans were applied as readily to liberal-arts colleges as they were to engineering schools – mine was at Haverford College, which, as a Quaker college, was about as distant from the military as one might land. What was expected of me in return for the loan was that I would become an educated member of society, based on the assumption that higher education created the kinds of minds needed to protect our nation and our democracy from succumbing to forces

determined to destroy both. Higher education is understood by this logic to be primarily a social, and not simply a personal, resource.

The premise, which may need repeating now more than ever in the past 50 years, is that enlightened societies – democracies, if you will – know that their future security lies not in reverence for past achievement nor in the perpetuation of exhausted ideas, and certainly not in individual devotion to self-advancement. History shows us that democracies rely on individual inspiration: on the free expression of creative ideas that emerge from minds that are intimately familiar with what human beings have thought and said and attempted in the past. We call this an education in the liberal arts, by which we mean all of the ways in which we have, for thousands of years, practiced the art of being human.

As the president of a liberal-arts college with a public mission, I remind our students that the nation – and the very planet we inhabit – needs their creative responses to the long history of human thought and action that has preceded us. I imagine they will go on to find jobs, but that's not why I've dedicated my life to their education, and it's not why I signed that National Defense Student Loan agreement almost 40 years ago. The nation and the world need individuals who have cultivated their capacity to think, to discern, and to respond with creativity and passion to the dilemmas that define our predicament.

A liberal-arts education reveals that most new ideas are forgotten old ideas. I'm dusting off the idea that the purpose of higher education is national defense, such as the defense against political intransigence and against the willful ignorance of the great American tradition of compromise. Going to college is not simply about making oneself more financially comfortable. Higher education is much more important to our collective future, and those who wish to pursue it deserve the kind of national investment we place in anyone who dedicates his or her life to the preservation and defense of our nation. ❖

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ARCHERY DEVOTEE IS NATIONAL CHAMPION

St. Mary's team uniforms have changed over the years but the athletes wearing them share an unmistakable hard-working attitude and competitive drive.

One such stand-out athlete was **Jean Tenney Gray '34**. While a student at St. Mary's Seminary Junior College, she participated in tennis, swimming, and sailing. But she is best known for introducing archery at the College. In 1934, she received St. Mary's "Best All Around" award. After graduating, she taught high school physical education in Hagerstown, Md., her hometown. She continued archery competition, using bows and arrows her father made. From 1935-1938, she was the Maryland State Archery champion and the Women's National Archery Champion for 1937 and 1938. Named Maryland's Ideal Outdoor Girl in 1939, she was cast in the film, "Bow String," and inducted in the American Archery Hall of Fame.

In 1954, Jean's mother, who still lived in Hagerstown, received a post-card from a Duquesne, Pa. sports memorabilia collector asking for an autographed photo of Jean and one of her used bows. In an interview with the Hagerstown Daily Mail, she said she would forward the request to Jean, who was living in Lincoln, Neb. with her family. When asked if her daughter still practiced archery, Jean's mother said, "I don't believe she could hit the side of a barn now; she's too busy raising her family."

Jean Tenney Gray served as president of the St. Mary's Alumni Council from 1945-47. She died in October 2000 at age 86 in Salt Lake City, Utah.



OTHER ALUMS WHO MADE IT TO THE OLYMPICS

Bruce Merritt '84 (left and below, right) won two gold medals and one silver medal in C-1 (one-man) canoeing at the 1978 national canoe and kayak championships. He qualified for and participated in both the 1984 and the 1988 Olympics.



Scott Steele '81 (above, left) qualified for national competition in windsurfing in 1979 along with Monty Spindler '79. Their interest sparked a windsurfing craze on campus. Steele competed in the 1984 Olympics, earning a silver medal in windsurfing.



Raindrops didn't dampen the spirits of Corrina Ricker '15 of Hagerstown, Md., who competed in the 13th Annual Petruccelli Memorial Run/Walk as part of Hawktoberfest at Family Weekend.

Fall is a Great Time to Visit Campus

VOICES Reading Series

8:15 p.m. in Daugherty-Palmer Commons
September 13: E.J. Levy (*writer and essayist*)
October 11: Matt Burgess (*novelist*)
November 8: Yona Harvey (*poet and writer*)

Theater, Film, & Media Studies Film Series

8:00 p.m. in Cole Cinema of the Campus Center

October 1: "Foreign Parts" by J.P. Sniadecki

October 15: "Chekhov for Children" by Sasha Waters Freyer

October 22: "passing girl; riverside" by Kwame Braun

Hawktoberfest at Family Weekend

October 5-7

Theater Production

Bruce Davis Theater in Montgomery Hall
November 9-10 & 15-17 at 8:00 p.m.
November 11 & 18 at 2:00 p.m.

"Laughing at Life: A Performance of Kyôgen Plays" directed by Holly Blummer



Building a Better Boat

Cardboard and duct tape switched to bamboo and sisal twine when the Great Cardboard Boat Race went green in 2010. Michael Adashek '12, demonstrated skilful lashing technique on his team's craft ("Love Shack") in the 2011 competition. Below, "We Grade You" piloted by math faculty Sandy Ganzell and Dave Kung, pressed hard against the student competition but had to settle for a third-place finish. This year's Great Bamboo Boat Race takes place on Saturday, October 6, as part of Hawktoberfest at Family Weekend.

