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The magazine is named for the famous mulberry tree under which the Calvert colonists signed a treaty of friendship with the Yaocomico people and on the trunk of which public notices were posted in the mid-17th century. The tree endured long into the 19th century and was a favorite spot for St. Mary’s students. The illustration of the mulberry tree on the cover dates from 1721 by Earl Hofmann, artist-in-residence when St. Mary’s President Renwick Jackson launched the magazine.

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LIBERAL ARTS IN THE WORLD

Toward the end of October, I visited the University of the Gambia and had an enlightening conversation with Vice Chancellor Kah of the University of The Gambia. The expanded mission of the university is the betterment of The Gambia – it is a national university with national development as its unipolar reason for being. National health, quality of life, infrastructure, human rights: Gambia is a developing country, and at the heart of development, the nation understands, is education.

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

The theme of this revised and refashioned issue of The Mulberry Tree is review. I offered the same emphasis as the cornerstone of my presidency: a return to the charge from the people of Maryland – the liberal arts in the public and private sector. Alongside our program in The Gambia and learning, and we continue to need assistance from the public and private sector. From our alumni, and from the College’s external identity. We are a public awareness effort that is evaluating our purpose. Adam heard from an alumnus of St. Mary’s River. When I interact with students I find myself seeing the human spirit it embodies – from the vision of state leaders who established this honors college on the St. Mary’s River, to promising as the light of dawn arrives by other means now, but we are no less indebted to the river for deliverance. The cruise ship episode resonated in the President’s eyes, as promising as the light of dawn.

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

Read All About It

Charles Holden, professor of history, wrote a book, New Southern University: Academic Freedom and Liberalism at UNC (University Press of Florida), this year. He then wrote an article, “When Well Educated Politicians Cry Stock,” for the Baltimore Sun with Zach Messitte, formerly of St. Mary’s and currently dean of the College of Liberal Studies and Political Science, is a sought-after speaker on the state’s redistricting woes. His paper, “Sustained Majority,” was published in the American Political Science Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges, Canada for the fall semester, also on a Fulbright grant.

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

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

ST. MARY’S RANKS HIGH

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

Leon Wisner, assistant professor of scenography, is headed to South Korea on a Fulbright research grant for the 2012-13 academic year.

Katy Arnett, assistant professor of educational studies, will be in Canada for the fall semester, also on a Fulbright grant.

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

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

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation commissioned an essay on education as the core issue by Carrie Patterson, associate professor of English: “That breeze was a number 7,” 14 x 32 inches, oil, acrylic, enamel, and colored pencil on wood and canvas, 2010.

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AFRICA

Africa is a popular destination for St. Mary’s alumni, particularly with the Peace Corps. Renee Angelo ’09 was placed in Malawi for her Peace Corps assignment, where she works as a community health adviser with the Community Health and HIV/AIDS program and serves as the health adviser with the Community Health assignment, where she works as a community soccer team, held a youth leadership conference, planned a thirty village bike tour to raise awareness of the Peace Corps, aided malnourished children at a health clinic, and worked at a boys’ and girls’ camp aimed to develop higher societal esteem for women and girls. Justin Dohn ’09 recently obtained a National Science Foundation Grant to continue doctoral work on the Sahelian Savannah Disturbance Experiment. He is studying the interaction between trees and grasses at different rainfall levels and evaluating how living and non-living factors influence their success.

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

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

—Ashleigh Dueker ’10

ASIA & MIDDLE EAST

St. Mary’s alumni have spread across Asia and the Middle East as well. John Boddie ’97 conducts field interviews along the Afghan-Pakistan border with officials involved in irrigation projects. Allan Wagaman ’06 completed a 40-day assignment in Afghanistan as a program/financial manager in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Michael Snyder ’05 deployed to Iraq in 2009 with his Army Reserve Unit, the 332d Military Intelligence Battalion, where he supported combat operations and assisted with Iraqi reconstruction efforts. Dawn Demko ’99 spent over two years in Kuwait working at Camp Arifjan as a General Dynamics International Technology civilian contractor. She now works in Anchorage, Alaska as a management analyst for General Dynamics. Sharon Stickland ’05 served nineteen months as a civilian budget analyst and public affairs representative with the U.S. Army at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan. One of her favorite memories is of helping to distribute toys and clothes to local children.

June 2012 while traveling to China with the Seahawk women’s basketball team. The men enjoyed sampling the exquisite hot pepper laden cuisine of Hunan Province and coordinating a variety of student activities. In other regions of China, Rachel Avrick ’08 works at a Hong Kong private equity firm. She enjoys learning business Mandarin, attending social events, and meeting with St. Mary’s study-abroad students and alumni. Monica Kim ’09 is currently teaching English in a southwest province of China as a part of Teach for China, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating education inequity in China’s understaffed, low-income rural schools. Juliane Kabylasz ’10 improved her Mandarin as she taught 200 students conversational English and film studies at Zhejiang University of Technology. She fondly remembers climbing the eastern part of the Great Wall, where she paid a village to use his telescope to look into North Korea.

In other regions of China, Monica Kim ’09 (in striped sweater) with her class in southwest China.

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In Indonesia, Kalada Nemieboka ’09 taught English to 300 freshmen, traveled the countryside and learned about Islam from his students and fellow professors. In Japan, Jaime Martí ’05 is part of the International Management Program of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, which develops future business managers by rotating them through a series of different jobs. During his tenure in the program, Jaime has lived and worked in Mexico City, New York City, the United Arab Emirates, and Tokyo. After finishing a Fulbright scholarship in Tajikistan, Mikey Church ’04 and his wife Ali Sharp ’03 traveled to Nepal where they visited the Mikey Medium English School, built in 2008 with wedding gifts Mikey and Ali received. The school is now supported by his non-profit organization Grass Roots Education Nepal. Eddie Bartlett ’05 is working in Thailand on a documentary film about the evolution of cross-cultural social dynamics. He began his pursuit of international travel in 2010 when he took a six-month trip to study the language and culture of Brazil and Argentina.

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

Brad Newkirk ’04 and Katie Lange ’06 went to Peru in July 2010 to attend Katie’s brother’s wedding. Their friends, Mitch Stanton ’05, Josh Hunter ’02, Alan Oliver ’04 and Amy Stancavitch ’06 decided to go with them and hike the Inca Trail. After four days of hiking, they reached Machu Picchu. The group plans to travel together again, this time to the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil. Jackie Knipp ’75 and her daughter Megan Knipp ’11 shared a two-continent travel and teaching adventure that began in Peru in summer 2009 and culminated in the Gambia in spring 2010. Traveling with a descendant of the ancient Incan people, they explored Peru, where they were able to visit schools and work with children. Megan participated in the St. Mary’s semester-abroad program in the Gambia, where she helped develop sustainable environmental projects and supported women’s groups.

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An Ode to Nearly Three-Quarters of Our Brains

By Jeffrey Hammond, Professor of English and the George B. and Willma Reeves Distinguished Professor of the Liberal Arts

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

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

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

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

Water has always possessed a paradoxical duality: when fresh and taken in moderate doses, it is life itself. But when salted and gathered into immense masses, it becomes the ultimate topographic Other. We’ve always known that water giveth and taketh away. The legends of Atlantis and Noah’s Flood give narrative form to countless watery disasters, from long before the volcanic eruption at Thera, in the ancient Mediterranean, to the recent tsunami in Japan. Medieval mapmakers routinely labeled uncharted waters with the warning “Here be monsters.” And there were: maybe not Leviathans and Krakens, but pirates, rocks, reefs, and currents powerful enough to sweep away Egyptian barges carrying grain to Rome. There’s little wonder that ancient sailors hugged the shore whenever possible. Life at sea is far safer now, but hardly risk-free. Commercial fishing remains the single most hazardous profession in the world.
I’ve had a soundtrack to the events recounted here running through my mind: “Oh the time will come up / When the winds will stop / And the breeze will cease to be breathin’ / Like the stillness in the wind / ‘Fore the hurricane begins / ‘The hour when the ship comes in…”

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

St. Mary’s College of Maryland is a public, residential liberal arts college, designated as the state’s honors college, with a twin mission to maintain high academic standards and to make that education, in the language of our legislation, “affordable to all and thriving on diversity.” The state helps us keep our tuition at about half that of our private peers. Some 90 percent of our students live on campus, the displacement of 240 to off-campus housing struck our very core—it violated our mission.

On December 18, 2011, we voiced gratitude to the Sea Voyager: “From left to right: Susan Goldmayr (associate dean of students and director of residence life), Joe Urgo (president), and Chip Jackson (associate vice president for planning and facilities).”

The situation was untenable. With 2,800 students on our campus, the displacement of 240 to off-campus housing struck our very core—it violated our mission.

Making Use of the Shoreline

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

Located on the shoreline of the St. Mary’s River, we have extensive waterfront activity, including a nationally ranked sailing program. Students may check out sailboats, kayaks, and even larger vessels, if they have the expertise, from our inventory. Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, the most efficient way to get to St. Mary’s was by boat. In 1853, the colony’s first Euro- pean settlers came ashore and established St. Mary’s City, now a museum adjacent to cam- pus that marks Maryland’s origins.

So, when our waterfront director called to tell Danny Pletsch ’07 he had identified a cruise ship en route from Newfoundland, about to pass the mouth of the Chesapeake, and that it was empty, for sale, and perhaps open to rental, it seemed like a perfectly ‘St. Mary’s’ solution. We learned the price would be equivalent, if not less than the hotel (and attendant transportation) costs, and the deal was clinched.

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

THE HOUR WHEN THE SHIP COMES IN

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

Although this volunteering was part of an independent study conducted by Helen Daugherty, professor of sociology and the G. Thomas and Martha Myers Yeager Endowed Chair in the Liberal Arts, its impact extended beyond their final papers. “I can remember as a young teen thinking very negatively about homeless people,” Andrew writes in his paper. “Now after I spent over sixty hours volunteering and being around the homeless, it is clear that sympathy is the key to understanding and helping [them].”
Andrew, who is majoring in sociology, seized the opportunity to work the midnight shift of the W.A.R.M. program “just to try something new,” but his very first shift at Hollywood Methodist Church in St. Mary’s County changed his life when a boy who had attended his high school arrived to stay the night. As he unconventionally avoided discussing the boy’s situation, Andrew realized that the boy was smiling, relieved to find a friend in an unhappy place. This “eye-opening” encounter altered Andrew’s earlier ideas about homeless people and inspired him to research and help find the local options for the homeless.

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

Andrew was thoroughly impressed with the English social support systems. In contrast to American homeless shelters, English shelters offer amenities like washers, dryers, and show rooms and researching at the local homeless shelter. Andrew is trying to jumpstart this cooperation.

The passage discusses Andrew’s experience with W.A.R.M. and his later research into the support systems of England and the United States. Andrew was inspired to research and find local options for the homeless after meeting a boy who arrived at his high school during his first shift at W.A.R.M. Andrew was surprised by the wide variety of additional social problems Andrew encountered during his research.

The text also mentions the need for more research on homelessness, as Andrew notes that the problem of homelessness is still a major issue today.

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

**ALUMNI CONNECTION**

Virginia Tilles Garner and husband, Dick, are celebrating two milestone events this fall. Garner, Virginia’s 75th birthday, and Dick and Mckinley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Garner and Dick met in Sunday school a few weeks after she started college. Dick retired from the U.S. Navy after serving over 35 years, Dick retired from the U.S. Navy after serving over 35 years, and returned from Vietnam soon after his wedding to fserve in the Vietnam War. Virginia and Dick have two children, grandchildren, and their two pets.

The couple lives in Houston, Tex.

Virginia’s 75th birthday was celebrated with a surprise party. Her two children, grandchildren, and friends attended the celebration.

Linda Gatlin Shoffield and husband, Dan Shoffield, ’75, welcomed their first two grandchildren in 2013. Lilly, born in April, to son Tom and husband, Michelle; and Miles, born in Nov., to daughter Wendy and husband, Mike. Linda and Dan live in Crofton, Md.

Stephen Haines, ’82, a St. Mary’s Project volunteer, is active in the Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., and has served on the board of the Black European Christian Church. He is currently working on a research project related to the history of African American churches in the United States.

The text mentions the contributions of alumni to the community, including their involvement in social service programs, research, and volunteer work. It also highlights the diversity of alumni backgrounds and their varied contributions to society.

The text ends with a call to action, urging readers to support the “big society” movement in England and to explore the support systems in the United States. The text encourages readers to think about the importance of social support systems and to consider the role they play in helping individuals and communities.

The text concludes with a reflection on the impact of Andrew’s experience with W.A.R.M. and his subsequent research into the social support systems of England and the United States. Andrew’s experience inspired him to research and find local options for the homeless, and his research continues to inform his work and activism.

The text acknowledges the contributions of Andrew and other alumni to the St. Mary’s community and encourages readers to support the “big society” movement through volunteering, research, and activism.
1995

Deanne Grayson, who earned her master’s in fine art at Lincoln Memorial University’s School of Visual and Performing Arts, is a faculty member in the fine arts department at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. She received her bachelor’s degree in fine art from the University of Kansas.

1997

Deanna Goodrich, who earned degrees in marketing and psychology from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, works as a sales manager at The North Face in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. In her free time, she enjoys kayaking, hiking, and spending time with family.

1999

Pamela Truesdale Costello has received the 2011 International Association for Research on Border Security and Immigration (IARSI) Emerging Scholar Award, given to individuals under the age of 35 who have made significant contributions to the field of immigration and border security. She is currently a faculty member at the University of Colorado Boulder.

2000

Steve Kriekard has received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in South Africa. He is currently a faculty member at the University of Colorado Boulder.

2003

Kathleen G. Martin has received the 2011 International Association for Research on Border Security and Immigration (IARSI) Emerging Scholar Award, given to individuals under the age of 35 who have made significant contributions to the field of immigration and border security. She is currently a faculty member at the University of Colorado Boulder.

2005

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2008

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2010

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2011

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2012

Sarah Ross has received the 2011 International Association for Research on Border Security and Immigration (IARSI) Emerging Scholar Award, given to individuals under the age of 35 who have made significant contributions to the field of immigration and border security. She is currently a faculty member at the University of Colorado Boulder.
Allison Glass ‘07 and Shawn Henry ‘02 were married Aug. 19, 2011, in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and enjoyed scuba diving on their honeymoon in Bonaire. Allison studied whales for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service. Shawn worked as a computer programmer for a cyber security organization in Annapolis, Md. The couple lives in Rockville, Md.

Kathryn Ingraham ‘13 and Peter Sopariwala ‘09 were married Aug. 9, 2011, in Sandwich, Mass. Kathryn is a student in the strategic studies program at MIT. Peter is a carpenter. The couple lives in Sandwich, Mass.

Leasley Klein ‘06 and Peter Enghard ‘22 were married June 21, 2011, in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Mary’s College. Kathryn Ingraham Applenauhals ‘06 and Angie Mingman ‘06 were bridesmaids. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Leasley, a forensic scientist, and Peter, a police officer, work for the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. They live in Alexandria, Va.

Brooks Lowell ‘08 and Mary Heitzinger ‘03 were married Aug. 1, 2011, in a nautical ceremony in Annapolis, Md. The couple honeymooned in Boston, Mass. Brooks is an attorney for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mary’s father, a second grade in Anne Arundel County, Md. The couple lives in Baltimore, Md.

Ellen “Ellie” Hope ‘00 and Oscar W. Lease, III ‘00 were married Feb. 25, 2011, in Arlington, Va. The couple honeymooned at the Wintergreen Resort in Virginia. Ellie is a children’s service associate at Henri de Toulouse Lautrec Library. Oscar is a tracer to make driver at John W. Bine and Semi Express. The couple lives in Heron de Grace, Md.

Laurav Diven ‘06 and Daniel Zambrano ‘17 were married Nov. 11, 2011, in Stevensville, Md. Members of the wedding party included Amber Lynn Dixon ‘06, Kathryn Lois Gunther ‘06, and George S. Exley ‘06. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica. Laura is an international health analyst at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Daniel is a business law attorney with Graf, Card, Barcelli, Kelm, Nolan, PA. They live in Upper Marlboro, Md.

Karen Reidy ‘06 and Seth Matheson ‘06 were married May 18, 2011, in Mitchellsville, Md. Karen Reidy ‘06 was named of honor; Seth Matheson ‘06 was a best man; and Tristan Horroon ‘06 was a groomsman. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Anna is a certified physician assistant and works in the emergency department at Franklin Square Hospital Center in Baltimore. Charlie graduates in May 2011 from Towson University with a master’s of arts in teaching (secondary education). They live in Parkville, Md.

Gerry Aaker ‘07 and Justine Honeyn ‘08 were married July 11, 2011, in Thurmont, Md. Members of the wedding party included Megan Turner Malik ‘08, Sara Rubinstein ‘10, Olivia Ritchey ‘08, Amy Himmelhoch Smith ‘08, Ashleigh Anderson ‘08, Trey Townsend ‘07, and Elina Snyder ‘07. The couple honeymooned in Creus, Corey and Justine both work for the Montgomery County. Corey works as a special education/English teacher and Justine as a pre-kindergarten teacher. They live in Parkville, Md.

Shermarll Mitchell ‘06 and Kevin Fitts ‘08 were married June 11, 2011, in Washington, D.C. and honeymooned in Puerto Rico. Shermarll is a doctoral student in the cancer biology graduate program at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Mich.; Paul is in the Federal Election Commission program director and associate legal counsel at the Campaign Legal Center in Washington, D.C. The couple lives in Detroit and Washington, D.C.

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5. Laurie Piels Spencer ’07 and Captan Todd Spencer, a son, Zane Michael ’20 [27] born Dec. 27, 2010. Laurie worked with Tactical Air Command at Mobile, Ala. The family lives in Silver Spring, Md.

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...of Virginia Beach, Va., died at age 96.

Betty Jane Hornaday Kracsko, 82, of Factoryville, Pa., died July 9, 2011, at age 98.

Mary Fraser Kenneally ‘17 of Elkridge, Md., died June 7, 2011, at age 97.


Shada Kathryn Viveiros ‘32 of Pocono, Pa., died July 6, 2011, at age 98.


Patricia Russell Morgan ‘57 of Bethesda, Md., died Nov. 16, 2011, at age 77.

Veda Ann Sliger ‘57 of Hanover, Ill., died March 5, 2011, at age 89.

Donna Black Fleck ‘62 died June 5, 2011, in Hunt Valley, Md., at age 69. She is survived by sons, Brian and Aaron Whit, and three grandchildren.


Carol Tollfonson Henry ‘66 of Fairbanks, Alaska, died March 23, 2011, at age 59. Born in Allentown, Pa., she grew up in the San Bernardino Valley at the “quaintessential valley” and maternal her high school sweetheart, Dwayne, in 1959. She earned a master’s degree in education from the University of Alaska. Fairbanks and became a licensed professional counselor. Carol had a diverse career, including working as a test pregnancy counselor, cosmetic adipose technician, Donnie chilcrafth roads, and high school counselor. After making 10 years in 1997, she was married in her church and community and, as a member of Rushmore Adventist Claims, placed her transp at military veteran’s funeral. In addition to her husband, Carol is survived by children, Alena, Faith, and Kier, mother, Helen Tollfonson; and brothers,ists, Grandi, and Mark Tollfonson.

Bruce T. Leech’54 of Factoryville, Pa., died June 8, 2011, at age 79.


Jodie Debes Wilcox ‘72 of Suffolk, Va., died July 12, 2011, at age 43. Dan is survived by his wife, Jennifer Palau Wilcox ‘72, their son at age 42. Married to her college sweetheart, William Wilcox ‘72, he worked as a real estate appraiser for Wilcox Appraisals. In 2008, she raised almost $5,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. She was also a member of the Coates breast cancer support group and a volunteer for the Reach to Recovery Program.

Bruce L. Lockard ‘84 of Venice, Fla., died Feb. 20, 2011, at age 51. Bruce is survived by his mother, Diane; his father, Lonnie; his sister, Jennifer; his brother, Brian.

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

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

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

Those breaks in between calls serve as an opportunity for callers to share stories – and those stories are plentiful and underscore the individuality of alumni and parents of the College. “I love talking to chatty alumni, especially the ones with a great sense of humor. I once got a 15-minute lecture on the importance of organic chemistry. Another time, an alumna gave me contact information for St. Mary’s Hospital, where I now volunteer.”
An alumnus brought the first peacock around 1986. Someone else brought a second one to keep the first company. “And then there were multitudes,” recalls President Ted Lewis. “A true love story.”

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

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

“They hollered and hollered at DPC,” recalls Goddard. “Within a week or two, they found their way back to the Campus Center.”

“They were much harder to catch the second time,” says Goddard, “because those peacocks knew what I was up to.” Goddard chased them all over the Campus Center parking lot twice.

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

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

Compiled by Kat Ryan ’86 and Lee Capristo

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Renew Your Connections

Plan your campus visit this summer for one of these events:

Alumni Weekend
June 8–10
www.smcm.edu/reunion

River Concert Series
June 22 – July 27
www.smcm.edu/riverconcert

Chesapeake Writers’ Conference
July 11–15
www.smcm.edu/summer/writing

Governor’s Cup Yacht Race
August 3–4
www.smcm.edu/govcup

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Habitats

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

At left, first-time builder Jamie Baub ’14