

The first game played at the new Manning Field in Lynn marked the coaching debut of Matt Durgin and the playing debut of freshman Nick Day. **Story, Pages 6-7.**



Paul Moriarty '93, left, and Kevin G. Cahill '93 at the Peshmerga compound in As Sulaymaniyah, Iraq in December 2003.

St. Mary's heroes

'93 classmates win Bronze Star

BY RICH FAHEY

They took different routes, but they took them to the same place. Two members of the Class of 1993 at St. Mary's High School are Army officers who have spent extensive time in Iraq — and both of whom have received the Bronze Star, the fourth-highest combat award of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Major Kevin G. Cahill, 33, is working in the national intelligence field at the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C., attached to Bolling Air Force Base in Washington. He expects to receive a new assignment to somewhere in Europe soon.

The irony is that Cahill's classmate — Captain Paul Moriarty, now serving his second tour of duty in Iraq — was once his student.

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Alyssa Trinidad

Model Spartan

Senior Alyssa Trinidad does it all at St. Mary's

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

Senior Alyssa Trinidad is ingrained in student life at St. Mary's. Active in the National Honor Society, Drama Club, Science League, College Bowl, Student Admissions, Rachel's Challenge and Campus Ministry, she is most certainly a well-rounded Spartan.

"I love being here every day," Trinidad said. "I wasn't lucky to get in (to St. Mary's); I was blessed."

Yet, she admits she would not have had that opportunity without scholarship support.

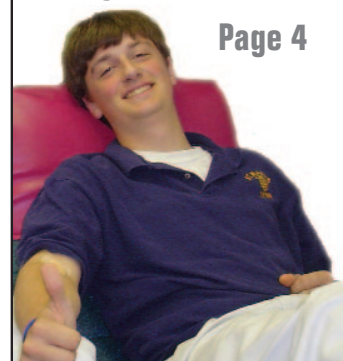
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Annual Fund makes financial aid possible



Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity

The financial crisis that has roiled our nation will probably have serious consequences for years to come. In the short term, it is already causing havoc in families that live on tight budgets and modest incomes. Needless to say, the average parents of our St. Mary's students are well represented in this broad segment of our population. And, in the long run, we fear that this present turmoil may have a negative impact on current and future enrollment.

For many of our students, financial aid is the critical factor that enables them to come and stay at St. Mary's. In this current school year more than 40 percent of our students receive some form of aid and literally 100 percent of our students receive a St. Mary's scholarship since our tuition is below our per-pupil cost.

All of this financial assistance is possible only because of the generosity and benevolence of so many of our graduates. We even have a number of non-graduates who contribute substantially to our ability to provide scholarships and aid to our students. These non-graduates see the difference that Catholic education makes and know that their donations are truly a worthwhile and meaningful investment.

As we come to the end of this calendar year, we always make a broad appeal to all of our alumni and alumnae to make a small or large donation to our annual fund. These dollars are critical to the well being of our school and truly make a difference in the lives of some very deserving young people. In making this year's end-of-the-year appeal, we are acutely aware of the financial strains that recent events have placed upon all of our shoulders. Our continuing hope and prayer, though, is that all of you, our graduates and friends, will appreciate how incredibly important your donations are this year. For most of us, time will heal the financial wounds of the past weeks; time, however, is not on the side of the young man or woman who wants a St. Mary's education today.

Thank you for your continuing support of our students and for your generous support of this year's annual fund.

Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity is pastor of St. Mary's.

A year filled with promise at SMH



Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache

It is a privilege for me, on behalf of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees and school administration, to share a few thoughts with all our students, parents, teachers and staff as we progress in the 2008-09 school year, one filled with promise and expectations. It is my prayer that St. Mary's continues to be a happy, exciting, challenging, prayerful and respectful place that prepares our young people for future studies and for a life of faith, hope and love.

There is probably more new to this school year 2008-2009 than you can imagine. For starters, we have approximately 160 new students on our campus in grades 7-12, six new teaching faculty, a new Campus Minister, new library media specialist, new Director of Finance and Human Resources as well as an Assistant Director, new Director of Special Events and Parent Relations, a new football coach, six new courses, including our first dual

credit course and seventh Advanced Placement course, and a new senior project experience.

From my viewpoint, top billing as far as new projects are concerned for this academic year is *2015 Vision: A Strategic Plan for St. Mary's*. I am supremely confident that the hard work of our seven task forces, made up of nearly 80 members from our parents, teachers, trustees, advisors and friends groups, have provide our school with a well-defined vision and roadmap of how to become the school we want to be. *2015 Vision* is our guide to enduring success.

Love God.

Do your best.

Take care of one another.

Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache is head of school.

Keeping enrollment strong



Carl A. DiMaiti

It is truly amazing that within seven weeks of the beginning of the school year, we have to begin to plan for the next academic year. This is particularly true in the area of admissions where families make decisions as to the most appropriate secondary/junior high school for their children to attend.

Over the past 10 years, St. Mary's had enjoyed an enrollment boom. Many factors have contributed to our tremendous growth including the desire by parents to find an education based on Catholic values, a tradition of academic excellence, the support we receive from graduates and friends, and the world-class facilities currently available on campus. Even in these challenging economic times, we

have noted, with satisfaction, that St. Mary's remains a popular choice for many North Shore families

Over the next two months we will host an Open House, advertise in the media, visit local schools, mail letters, sponsor shadow days and administer the High School Placement Test. All of these are of value when it comes to assembling an incoming seventh- and ninth-grade class for the fall of 2009. That being said, our best recruiting comes from those who know us best and that is all of you.

Carl A. DiMaiti is principal of St. Mary's High School.

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Class of 2008 college acceptances

Members of the Class of 2008 were accepted by the following colleges and received \$2.5 million in scholarships and financial aid:

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Rivier College
Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University
Salem State College
Salve Regina College

Southern Connecticut State University
Southern New Hampshire University
Southern Vermont University
Springfield College
St. Anselm College
St. Joseph College, Maine
State University of N.Y. at Albany
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
SUNY Morrisville
University of Arizona
University of Chicago
University of Denver
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Mass., Boston
University of Mass., Dartmouth
University of Mass., Lowell
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of South Carolina
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
Virginia State University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Westfield State College
Winchendon School
Worcester State College

Calling all donors

Students raise \$21,500 during Annual Fund phonathon

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

Answering the Spartan call to service, St. Mary's alumni once again proved their loyalty and generosity in last month's Annual Fund phonathon.

At the conclusion of the two-week phonathon, from Oct. 14-23, student callers tallied 400 pledges and \$21,510 pledged.

"It just shows that even in challenging financial times, the faith, the allegiance and the support of St. Mary's alumni haven't wavered," said Drew Russo, St. Mary's director of annual giving.

More than 35 St. Mary's students volunteered to personally reach out to alumni for support. Kelsey Barrasso, a sophomore, enjoyed talking to members of the classes of '58 and '59 – her grandparents' graduating classes.

"I like calling people and talking," she said. "It's important for us (students) to be the ones reaching out because the alumni can relate to us about our school experiences, and they can hear from us about what the school is like today, day-to-day. I love the environment here. We all feel close to everyone."

Sophomore Angelica Castillo, who volunteered for six nights of the phonathon, agreed.

"It's a great school, and I wanted to do something to help out," she said. "It was interesting; I had one donor explain to me perfectly about the old building and how things have changed. The alumni really stay connected with this school. They don't forget their past."

Gifts made to the Annual Fund help the school to meet critical needs in several areas including academic programs, need-based scholarships and financial aid, classroom technology, library programs, co-curricular activities and athletics.

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Kelsey Barrasso
SMH student



St. Mary's students Kelsey Barrasso, April Herrera and Stephanie Jacob volunteered for the phonathon.

PROFILE IN GIVING

Buckley gets a head start on giving back

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

No financial gift is too small, according to St. Mary's alumnus James Buckley '06, who urges his fellow recent graduates to believe the same.

"It's important to give back to the school that helped you succeed, so they can provide the same great education and life lessons to the next generation," he said. "If everyone eats lunch at home for one day instead of going out, they can put that \$20 towards St. Mary's. Those numbers add up quickly and we can have a positive impact, allowing others to experience what we did at St. Mary's."

The call to give is especially strong during challenging financial times.

"As we dwindle into a recession, education is still rising three percent a year," Buckley said. "St. Mary's has always been the exception to the rule, providing a great Catholic education for a price less than any other

private institution in the area. It can continue to do so through the alumni community and their donations."

True to his words, Buckley has consistently supported the St. Mary's Annual Fund since graduating less than three years ago. He has also maintained a personal connection to St. Mary's, returning to cheer on the Spartans at football and baseball games and performing in the annual Christmas concert. Additionally, he has worked as a substitute teacher during semester breaks.

Now a junior at Bentley University, Buckley credits St. Mary's for his strong academic and extracurricular foundation.

"St. Mary's has touched my life in many positive ways," he said. "It has left me with lifelong friendships and memories which I will never forget. It has also taught me the leadership and interpersonal skills which I will use everyday to succeed in my future endeavors."

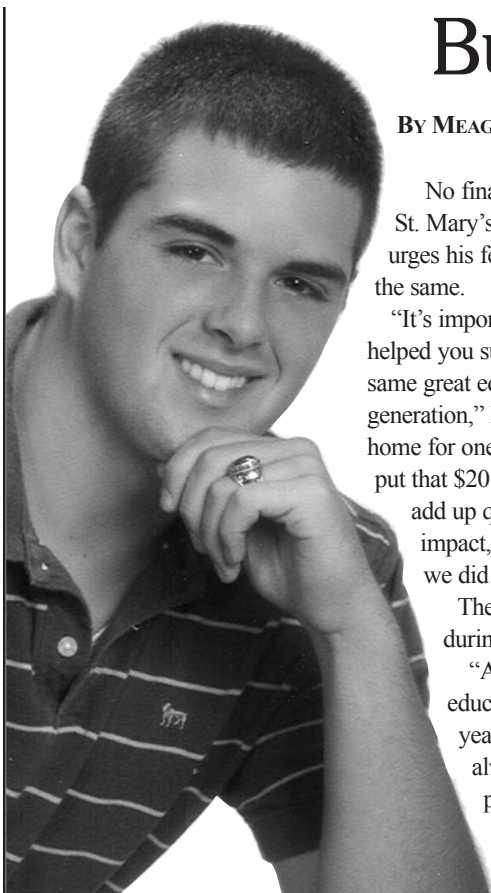
At Bentley, Buckley is majoring in managerial economics and health and industry, with a concentration in public relations. He sits

on the committees of the residence hall and campus activities board and has served as president of his class since his freshman year. He also works as student supervisor in Bentley's athletics department and as head of the mobility assistance department for the Boston Red Sox. He was awarded employee of the season from the Red Sox Organization in 2007.

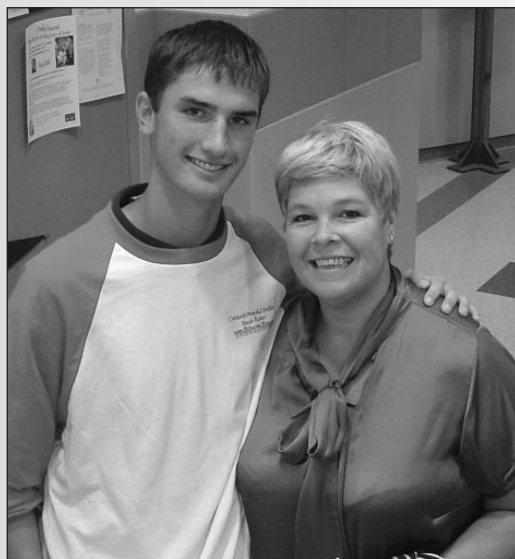
"All of these accomplishments are due in part to the leadership experience I learned at St. Mary's," he said. "I was able to carry that experience over to Bentley, where I got involved quickly and have stayed involved throughout."

As he looks ahead to turning the tassel on yet another cap, Buckley hopes to pursue a career with a major sports team, such as the Boston Red Sox, or in the public relations industry.

"Either way, I feel that I will be well prepared for corporate America from the base of beliefs and skills I learned at St. Mary's to the business education I am receiving from Bentley," Buckley said.



BLOOD DRIVE



Senior Joe Gill and Academic Dean Michele Durgin take a break at the blood drive.



St. Mary's students, from left, Richard Dusablon, Andrea Idusuyi, Derek Vecchia, Briana Marotta and Joe Gill organized a blood drive through Children's Hospital. A total of 45 students and teachers donated blood.

Technically speaking

BY RICH FAHEY

A Web site isn't just informational. It's now educational with a capital E.

After logging in to the school's Web site — www.smhlynn.org — students at St. Mary's High can now find out what's going on in their class, and even hold an online discussion. It's all part of the ongoing technology improvements at the school.

"The biggest thing is the hardware updates that have given our Web site these new capabilities," said Artie Gribbins, director of technology.

Students can log in to the school's Web site go see what's going in classes, get homework assignments, read posted bulletins or a class calendar from the teacher.

They can participate in so-called "discussion threads" — where a teacher can pose a problem or ask a question online, students can reply to the teacher and then respond directly to each other as others join in on the discussion.

The technology also allows a teacher to post online not only homework, but also links to resources to help with an assignment, such as educational videos.

St. Mary's continues to progress in the effort to have SMART boards installed in all classrooms; Gribbins estimates they are in 80 percent of classrooms now.

"In the new building, all the classrooms have them," he said. "In the older classrooms, we've been gradually adding them at the rate of 2-3 a year."

St. Mary's Web site revamped, SMART boards in most classrooms



Screen shot of the new St. Mary's Web site homepage.

Interactive SMART boards combine the simplicity of a whiteboard with the power of a computer; the touch-sensitive display connects to a computer and digital projector to show a computer image, allowing teachers to control computer applications directly from the display, write notes in digital ink and save work to share later.

While providing the technology tools, the

other side of the equation is making sure students and teachers know how to use them correctly.

Gribbins made the somewhat painful admission that growing up in the 1970s, he was "that audio-visual geek" the teachers used to pull out of the elementary school classroom when they needed someone to thread the projector. Now he works to help teachers and

students understand the technology at their disposal.

"We do offer professional development for teachers," said Gribbins.

One of the initiatives is a mentorship-type program where teachers who are experienced and skilled at using technology such as the SMART boards teach each other.

"There's a lot they (the boards) can do and it can be daunting at times," said Gribbins. "As with most technologies, there are some people who take off and really run with it."

One of those who has really taken off and run with technology is teacher Brenda Goodrum. She helps students access and update the school Web site and find safe sources for research.

After her class's trip to the Northeastern Marine Science Center in Nahant, students interested in the Marine program were able to investigate the various programs of studies via the links, as well as view their photos of the trip, which are posted on St. Mary's Web page.

"Now they can access resources from their computers and even their cell phones," she said. "It couldn't be more convenient."

St. Mary's also recently ordered 50 new laptops and invested in new e-mail and data servers which have allowed every student to have his or her own folder to save work.

The advanced technology has also provided new opportunity for electives such as business, desktop publishing, Java programming and senior art. The school also recently introduced an online advanced placement statistics course.

ST. MARY'S FACULTY FOCUS



Colleen Newbury is congratulated by Salem State Athletic Director Tim Shea, left, and Jim McHugh.

NEWBURY GETS A HALL PASS

St. Mary's teacher honored by Salem State

By RICH FAHEY

Very often, learning happens outside the classroom.

For a Salem State student named Colleen Parker — now Colleen Newbury, a math teacher in her 10th year at St. Mary's — the lesson came in the second semester of her senior year at SSC.

Parker was coming off an All-American softball season as a junior at Salem State, a season where she hit a school-record .616.

There was only one problem. Her student-teaching assignment that spring was at the West School in Peabody. If she wanted to play softball, she would have to stay in school another semester to complete her student teaching.

"It was one of the toughest decisions I ever had to make," she said.

The decision: Education came first, so she opted to forego her senior season.

But the school didn't forget all she accomplished in two seasons for the Vikings.

The member of the Class of 1999 was one of six inductees into the Salem State College Varsity Club Hall of Fame this fall. "I guess I was surprised because I only played two seasons," she said.

But what seasons they were. She was chosen a Louisville Slugger Div. 3 Softball All-American in 1998 as a junior, just one of two players selected from the New England Region.

Newbury was the 1998 NCAA Div. 3 batting champion with her school-record .616 average (69-for-112), a two-time Massachusetts State College

Athletic Conference (MASCAC) batting champion, and posted an incredible career batting average of .579 (126-for-218).

She was selected first team All-New England, first team All-MASCAC and first team All-ECAC twice each. The slick-fielding shortstop was the school record holder for most hits (69) in a season.

She tried to play her senior season — the Vikings were a power once again — but couldn't come up with a scenario that would make it work.

"I couldn't get to Salem State on time from the school and if we were traveling, forget it," she said.

Parker had also sat out her freshman season after coming to SSC off four straight MIAA Div. 1 state championships under Coach Ed Henry at Bishop Fenwick.

"The four years at Bishop Fenwick were great but they were also very intense and I just wanted to concentrate on my studies as a freshman," she said.

Newbury, who has coached the St. Mary's softball team for the past eight seasons, said she isn't sure how much her players know about her career other than that she played. She occasionally tells the players a story about her career or a teammate.

Some of her trophies and plaques are on display at SSC's O'Keefe Center, and "My mother, I think, has the rest of them," she said.

She has also left softball behind, except for the coaching.

"No, I don't play, not even a little," she said. "I'm a math teacher now, geometry at that, so we don't even do averages."

Road scholar

St. Mary's teacher presents research paper at Oxford

By MEAGHAN CASEY

In the midst of the so-called "lazy" days of summer, St. Mary's English teacher Kara McGovern '90 donned her teaching cap once again, this time in front of an audience at England's oldest university.

McGovern attended a four-day conference at the Oxford University in July. There, she took center-stage in a panel presentation on Catharine Maria Sedgwick and Transatlantic Domesticity. The conference was sponsored by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Society, the Margaret Fuller Society and the Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society. Entitled "Transatlantic Women: Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers in Great Britain, Ireland and Europe," it examined the works of influential female writers, as well as their cultural, intellectual and geographic travels.

McGovern was invited to participate in one of the conference's 20 panel presentations. She read a 10-page paper she wrote entitled, "Catharine Sedgwick: Travel Abroad and Perceptions at Home." Born in Stockbridge, Mass. in 1789, Sedgwick set a pattern for the development of both domestic and historical novels in this country.

"It was so interesting to rediscover Sedgwick and recover her works," said McGovern. "I enjoy archival research. I'm really drawn to that. There's a



Kara McGovern '90 was invited to present at a conference at Oxford University.

certain allure to reading books no one has touched in 50 years."

The panel was chaired by Melissa Homestead of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

McGovern, who is enrolled in Salem State College's graduate program, was also joined by Lucinda Damon-Bach, professor at Salem State; Nancy Schultz, chair of Salem State's English department; and Jonathan Plumb, a fellow student at Salem State.

"The presentation and research skills I've learned translate to teaching at St. Mary's," said McGovern. "It's

pretty powerful for my students to see that learning doesn't end after high school."

"Kara has been a true continuous learner, and we are so proud of her," said Dr. Ann McGreevy, St. Mary's professional development coordinator.

McGreevy arranged for McGovern to share her experience with the St. Mary's community through a lecture and PowerPoint presentation Nov. 12.

"It was such an amazing experience for me," McGovern said. "It was really my first experience in that world of academia. I had also never been overseas, so it was a new opportunity to witness a different culture."

In addition to attending the conference, McGovern spent another four days touring London. St. Mary's was responsible for partial funding of the conference expenses. McGovern was able to utilize professional development stipends and grant money from No Child Left Behind.

"I'm so grateful," said McGovern. "St. Mary's has been so supportive of all of my efforts to continue my education."

McGovern hopes to graduate with her master's degree in May. A 1990 graduate of St. Mary's, she is in her eighth year of teaching.

"I knew I wanted to teach, but the jobs just weren't available right away," she said. "I worked for a law firm for six years, and then a position opened up here. It was like coming home."

KICK OFF



St. Mary's Cam Mulvey is tackled by Classical's Ryan Sloden.



St. Mary's players listen intently to last-minute instructions from the coaches.

New coach, new stadium, new era for St. Mary's football



Coach Durgin observes the pre-game warmups on opening night.



Josh Stueve, right, suits up for the game with the help of a teammate.

By PAUL HALLORAN

It is 15 minutes before the bus is scheduled to leave Tremont Street for the short ride to the new Manning Field. Matt Durgin, St. Mary's new football coach, ushers about a dozen players into a small room just outside the Tony Conigliaro Gym and uses a whiteboard to review some blocking assignments one last time. Inside the gym, assistant coach Tom Donahue reviews assignments with the special teams units. Defensive coordinator Derek Dana goes over formations. The players are loose, yet attentive. They have been practicing for three weeks preparing for this night, the start of not only a new season, but also a new era for Spartan football. One wonders if they are fully prepared for what they will face on this Sept. 11 evening: another Lynn school, Classical, also with a new coach, Tim Phelps, and a group of players determined to beat Durgin and his Spartans.

"Gentlemen, pad up, five minutes on the bus," Durgin shouts at 5:42, and within five minutes the players are outside boarding the yellow school buses that will transport them across town for the first football game in the newly completed stadium. The bus arrives at Manning Field at 6 p.m. and by the time the first St. Mary's players head out on the field for warm-ups, there are many Classical players already out there. When this game was scheduled many months ago, there was no reason to believe that Durgin would not be in his familiar spot on the Classical sideline, as he had been since 1997.

Durgin had decided to take a break from coaching, to spend more time watching his daughters, Molly and Mattie, play sports. He had already turned down a few assistant's jobs when the St. Mary's head job opened unexpectedly, with Jeff Smith's resignation to take an assistant principal job at Malden Catholic. Jeff Newhall, the St. Mary's athletic director and a cousin of Durgin, knew it was a longshot, but he figured it couldn't hurt to ask, so he approached Durgin about coaching at SMH. Newhall wasn't surprised when Durgin immediately declined, but he asked him to at least give it some thought. The more Durgin thought about it, and the more he talked about it with his wife, Belinda, and the kids, he realized that the St. Mary's job offered him the unique opportunity to stay true to his original intentions, without giving up coaching. Molly is an eighth-grader at St. Mary's and Mattie will enter the seventh grade next



Coach Matt Durgin calls out a play.

year. Both are involved in sports and therefore spend a lot of time at school for practices and games. In order to do the job right, the football coach needs to be around the school in the offseason, to help players with the college selection process, monitor grades, make sure weightlifting is going on. With that in mind, Durgin told Newhall he would take the job. It didn't take long for it to dawn on him that the opening game would be against his former team, and if his new players weren't completely cognizant of what they would be getting into on this first night, Durgin was acutely aware of it. But, you can't change the schedule, so here they were, at the new Manning Field, to take on a group of Rams who, considering the combination of first-game fervor and a burning desire to show their old coach what he gave up, were off-the-charts motivated.

At 6:48, Durgin takes the Spartans into the locker room to deliver some final instructions. First, they take a knee and pray. "Hail Mary, full of grace ... now and at the hour of our death. Amen. St. Mary, our Mother, PRAY FOR US," they shout. It is time for Durgin to deliver his final pep talk. "The No. 1 thing is to take care of the football," he says, his voice almost immediately rising from casual conversation level to taskmaster tone. "You've got to check your heart right now. You have to outthrust them. You lay everything you got out there tonight and you can look each other in the eye when you leave the field." The Spartans charge out of the locker room and onto the Manning turf, settling on the home sideline. Classical wins the toss, but defers the choice to the second half, so St. Mary's will go on offense first. Or will they? Freshman Nick Day cradles the opening kickoff at his own 11-yard line and is at full speed within three strides. He bursts up the

middle, cuts to the left and races untouched to the end zone. Thirteen seconds into a new season, with a new coach, at a new stadium, the Spartans are ahead, 6-0, and you couldn't help but wonder if this game were going to follow a script written by a Hollywood director, or perhaps even a higher authority. Now, as Paul Harvey would say, the rest of the story. It takes Classical only 72 seconds and three plays to answer the St. Mary's haymaker with a pretty solid counterpunch. Calvin Harris, a running back who tore his ACL in this game last year and was lost for the season, goes 59 yards for a touchdown and the PAT gives the Rams a 7-6 lead. On the sidelines, Dr. Mahlon Bradley, the world-renowned orthopedic surgeon who had put Harris' knee back together, can't help but feel a twinge of pride and satisfaction. For St. Mary's, it goes downhill from there and the hill was Everest. A combination of big plays and turnovers lead to touchdown after touchdown and Classical leads 27-6 after one quarter and 41-6 at the half.

A little more than an hour after they had bounded out of the locker room with youthful enthusiasm and eternal optimism, the Spartans dejectedly return, and this is where Durgin, or any other coach in this position, really earns his paycheck. Trying to walk the fine line between beating them when they are down and making sure they know their first-half performance is unacceptable, Durgin speaks matter-of-factly. "Listen," he starts. "We

have 10½ more football games left and I want 11 guys who are going to play football. We're going to find out what we're made of in the second half. There's no place to hide; it's all on film. We want to find 11 guys to go into battle next week." Durgin gets what he wants out of the second half as there are no points scored by either team and no further embarrassment incurred by his Spartans. The substitutes play hard against the Classical subs. Durgin keeps his head up and looks every Ram in the eye when he shakes their hand, congratulates them and wishes them luck the rest of the way. Back inside, it's time to look ahead. "I'm not going to point fingers," he tells the squad, realizing their egos are bruised far worse than their bodies. "If you come tomorrow, that means you're in for the ride. We're 0-1 together and we've got 10 more games together. We've got to learn how to win and you do that on the practice field." Oh, and one more thing: "This never happens again." Amen to that.

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Postscript: St. Mary's did indeed turn it around and took a 5-5 record into its final game of the season, vs. Lynn Tech on Thanksgiving Eve at Manning Field. Included among the victories was a 22-0 shutout of Cardinal Spellman, marking the first Spartans' win over the Cardinals in 25 years.



Coach Durgin leads a team prayer in the locker room before the game.

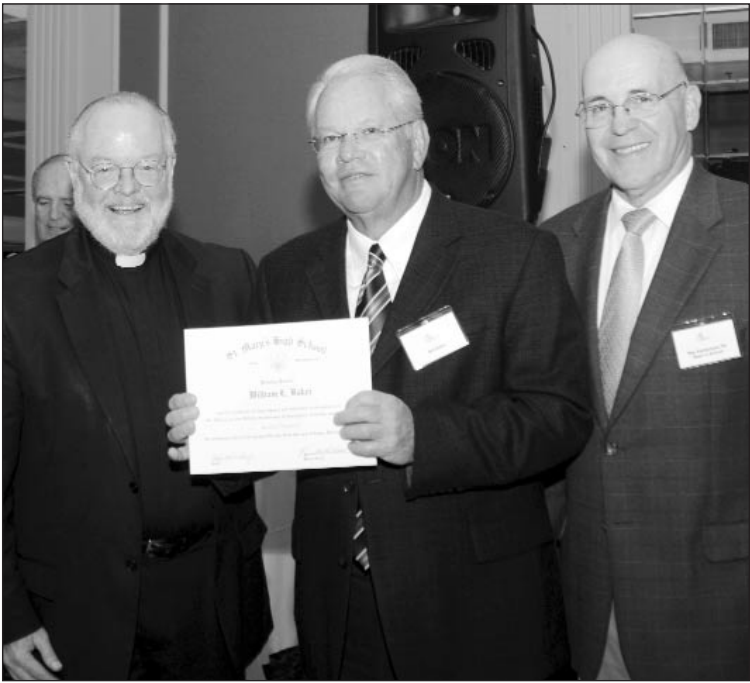
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Celebrating St. Mary's alumni



Members of the Class of 1958 present a donation to Head of School Dr. Raymond Bastarache. From left, Deacon Tim Dempsey, JoAnn (Lynch) O'Donnell, Dick Carter, Bastarache, Norma (Burke) Barbati and Walter Cuffe.



The Class of 1958 was honored with golden diplomas by St. Mary's administrators at their reunion this fall. Above, Edward Hogan '58 receives his golden diploma from Msgr. Garrity. At left, William Baker is awarded his diploma by Msgr. Garrity and Dr. Ray Bastarache.

inmemoriam

- John F. McDermott
Marguerite (Noone) Goff '31
Elynor (Hamilton) McCarthy '31
Lillian (Ledger) Mack '33
Ann (Kent) McQuire '35
John F. Tierney '35
Geraldine M. (Perry) Heigh '40
Marion E. Carr '43
Richard C. Larkin '43
Lillian T. (Conroy) Brennan '44
Virginia M. (Reid) Hoffman '44
Helen Marie (Frawley) Barrett '45
Eugene Burrell '45
Mary C. (Doherty) Hocter '45
Alfred E. Bresnahan '46
Peter J. Cunningham '47
Genevieve (Duncan) Donohue '48
John R. Magrane '48
Joseph F. Galvin '50
Edward F. Niland '50
William R. Zuchero '52
William J. Walsh '53
Maureen McBride '56
Clifford J. Bullock '59
Paul F. Gleisburg '57
Margaret (Rhoades) Kerstetter '57
Michael H. Vaillancourt '57
Joyce E. (Kane) Beaudet '58
Jeremiah J. Foley '58
Robert J. Lamphier '58
Paul R. Norton '58
Eileen Calnan '59
John J. Dunn '59
Matthew J. Lombard '59
Gerald T. Maney '59
Wayne M. McShay '67
Kate M. Gallagher '07

WHAT'S NEWS?

Your fellow alumni and friends at St. Mary's share your pride in your accomplishments, so tell us about what you have been up to. If we can, we will put it in the next issue of *The St. Mary's Educator*.
Email us at mmacneil@smhlynn.org or fill out this form and mail to: Mike MacNeil, Office of Institutional Advancement, St. Mary's High School, 35 Tremont St., Lynn, MA 01902.

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upcoming events

2009 Golf Open and All-time Reunion

Save the date! The 16th Annual St. Mary's Golf Open and All-time Reunion will take place Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 at Gannon Golf Course in Lynn.

For more information about playing in the tournament or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Drew Russo in the St. Mary's Advancement office, (781) 599-0696 x217 or arusso@smhlynn.org

reunion happenings

Class of 1959 Golden Jubilee Reunion to be held on Friday, Aug. 21, 2009 at the Peabody Marriott in Peabody.

For more information, please contact Jack Greeley (jf.greeley@comcast.net) or Linda (McGovern) Newhall (lanewhall@comcast.net).

The Class of 1973 35th Reunion will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Lyceum in Salem. For more information, please contact Artie Marengi (amarengi@hotmail.com).

2009 is almost here and if you graduated in a year ending in 4 or 9, it is time to start planning your reunion!

Please contact Drew Russo in the St. Mary's Advancement office (781-599-0696) to help you get started or to pass along any information you might have!

Please support the Annual Fund today!

Thank you to all alumni and friends who have already made a gift or pledge to the St. Mary's Annual Fund.

The loyal support and generosity of the St. Mary's family is being clearly demonstrated during the 2008 campaign.

As of Nov. 1, we are at 90% of our \$440,000 goal.

With your participation and support, we will reach that goal and enhance St. Mary's ability to provide an affordable, values-based Catholic education of the highest quality.

Please help by making your Annual Fund gift today!

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Wildy Duran '12 enjoys breakfast with donors Bill and Jane Mosakowski and Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity.

St. Mary's students join scholarship supporters for Mass and breakfast

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

Sharing stories woven together by the common thread of community spirit, St. Mary's students, alumni and supporters joined together for food, memories and thanksgiving at the Friends of St. Mary's Scholarship Mass and Breakfast in October.

The annual event is designed to unite generous benefactors with scholarship recipients.

"We are incredibly grateful for your continued support of our school and students," said Head of School Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache. "You have touched the lives of many young people and given them a chance to experience the great gift that is St. Mary's. Each student that you have supported has a greater chance at a bright future because of you."

Among the St. Mary's alumni in attendance were Mary ('67) and Jack King ('66), who presented scholarships this year to students Kirah '12 and Kaylee Lenners '12.

"St. Mary's runs very deep in my family," said

King, whose parents are also both graduates of the school. "This is about giving back. It's about what St. Mary's did for us and what we can now do for St. Mary's."

The Kings presented their scholarships in honor of Charles Ruddock, a former St. Mary's baseball coach and longtime umpire on the North Shore. He and his wife, Virginia, were at the event.

"Growing up, Charlie Ruddock was my role model," said King. "So much of what I learned about life, about teamwork, I learned from him. Mary and I are honored to be able to sponsor these students. They're going to see a lot more of us down the road."

In closing, Bastarache urged current students to live by this example and in turn support another

generation of St. Mary's students when the time comes.

"Our benefactors live the story of St. Mary's and they want it to continue," said Bastarache. "Don't forget that; don't forget the opportunity you've been given here at St. Mary's. The door never really closes when you leave here."



Elaine Gustafson is joined by Nick Day '12 and Caitlyn Fitzgerald '09 at the breakfast.

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1939

Rev. Thomas Campbell, CSC recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Rev. Campbell has had a distinguished career in ministry and education, including 27 years teaching philosophy at King's College. He is now retired and living at the congregation's residence in North Easton, Mass.

1949

Jack Imperial, Ernie Dabrieo, Lenny Comeau, Dick Blodgett, Art Delaney and **Larry Clay** all attended the bi-annual Men of '49 luncheon at Gannon Golf Course in Lynn on June 20.

Rev. Ed Doherty, OSA,

relocated from Miami, Fla., and is now living in the Augustinian fathers community at Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

1951

Jack Halligan celebrated his 75th birthday by skydiving in Arizona from 13,000 feet. Jack writes: "After free falling for 4,000 feet, the parachute opened followed by a wondrous glide back down to terra firma." A resident of Sacramento, Calif., he continues to teach part time at Sacramento City College.

Frank McDonough spoke at the World Future Society's annual meeting on July 28 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. The subject of his talk was Managing in the Government of the Future.

1958

Bruce and Rosemary (McMahon) McKinnon are the proud parents of Maureen McKinnon-Tucker, who won the gold medal in sailing at the 2008 Paralympics in China. To celebrate Maureen's momentous accomplishment, the town of Marblehead held a parade in her honor in September.

1962

Richard Keating signed up for the Online Alumni Community at www.smhlynn.org and is looking forward to reconnecting with his classmates and friends. If you have not yet joined the Online Alumni Community or need your unique user ID number to get logged in, please contact the St. Mary's Advancement office at 781-599-0696.

Patricia Lee recently joined the staff of St. Mary's High School as Librarian and Media Specialist, after a long career teaching in Lynn Public Schools. She is one of 14 alumni currently working at St. Mary's including Head of School Dr. Raymond Bastarache '65, Pat (O'Shea) Andrews '67, Marcy Durgin '92, Jackie (Rowley) Foley '90, Mary Jo Kelly-LaPointe '73, Kara McGovern '90, Jeff Newhall '94, Greg O'Hare '78, Carolan (Penkul) Patten '68, Drew Russo '99, Dick Ruth '68, Fran (Matthews) White '69, and Heather Woods '04.

1979

Mary Ellen (Flaherty) Maurer is proud to announce that her oldest son, Matthew, recently graduated as a member of the first graduating class at Braden River High School in Bradenton, Fla. Matthew will continue his education at Manatee Community College seeking a degree in Forensic Science.

1999

Susanne Diotte married Mark Kimball on June 14, 2008 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Saugus. The happy couple now resides in Wakefield.

2000

Brittany Hamelers received her juris doctor from the University of Chicago School of Law and is now working for a law firm in Washington, D.C.

2004

Heather Woods graduated from Assumption College with a degree in education and minor in history. She is now a member of the St. Mary's High School faculty, teaching seventh- and eighth-grade social studies.

St. Mary's High School introduces

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1st prize: \$7000 tuition credit or \$5000 cash

2nd prize: \$1000 cash

3rd prize: \$500 cash

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Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds will go to support SMH. The first 350 tickets returned to the St. Mary's Office of Institutional Advancement, via mail or in person, by Dec. 19, 2008 will be entered into the drawing.

The winning tickets will be drawn on December 19.



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St. Mary's grads receive bronze stars for military service

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In Iraq in 2003, Cahill was an instructor in the Reconnaissance & Surveillance Leader's Course from the 4th Ranger Training Battalion and Cahill was a Scout Platoon Leader in the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

"He was a good student, too," said Cahill.

Army officers get used to moving around, and both Cahill and Moriarty have done their share.

After graduating from St. Mary's, where he participated in football, track and theater, Cahill got involved in the ROTC program at Salem State. After graduation in 1997, he attended officers' school at Fort Benning, Ga., and was then a junior officer with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he met wife, Krista, a fellow officer at the time.

He took "captain's courses" at Fort Bragg, was an instructor at the Army Ranger School, and then in Iraq before spending two tours as a company commander in the 10th Mountain Division based in Fort Drum, N.Y. He received a master's degree in strategic intelligence and is now involved in national intelligence and geopolitics in his current assignment.

Cahill's father spent 20 years in the Army between active duty and reserves. His brother is Lynn City Councilor Daniel Cahill.

His wife left active service in 2002 and now works for a

private contractor doing security clearances. They have two children, and Cahill said the frequent moves haven't hindered them.

"For military kids, moving around becomes normal," he said. "It makes them more outgoing, extroverts. They make new friends easily wherever we go."

Moriarty, currently in Iraq, wasn't available to talk, but Cahill said he has kept up with his classmate, who went to Concordia College in Montreal to play football but left before receiving his degree after the province of Quebec levied heavy tuition hikes on non-residents.

Moriarty joined the Army as a medic and was attached to the First Ranger Battalion before winning a scholarship that allowed him to complete his degree at Framingham State.

He then attended officer's training at Fort Benning, Ga. and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. He participated in the initial invasion of Iraq and later returned home to take courses preparing him for promotion to captain.

He took Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, Ga. before being assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group.

Moriarty and wife, Leighann, had their first child before he left for Iraq a few months ago.

Cahill has gone to Iraq three times and spent 27 months there in all. Now Moriarty is spending his second tour in Iraq.

"He's trying to catch up to me," Cahill said.

Trinidad: model student

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not for benefactors like you," she told donors at the Friends of St. Mary's Scholarship Mass and Breakfast on Oct. 22. "The reason I'm here is because of your generosity. One day, I hope to be sitting where you are now and do as you have done."

"At St. Mary's, we strive to graduate women and men of faith, service and justice," said Head of School Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache. "Alyssa is a perfect example. It is clear that St. Mary's has had a deep impact on her life. Her story can empower us, as individuals, to remember why St. Mary's is so special."

Trinidad has benefited from the Girls High School Class of '66 and Diana Morrissey scholarships. She entered St. Mary's as a freshman. A Winthrop resident, she was thrilled to be able to continue her Catholic education during her high school years.

"I've always attended Catholic schools, and I feel comfortable in that environment," she said. "I can't imagine feeling like a tiny fish in an ocean. I knew I would receive such a good education at St. Mary's. I was so emotional when I received the scholarships."

She emphasized to the alumni in attendance at the breakfast her pride to be among them.

"St. Mary's has driven me to become a more mature, focused and responsible person," she said. "It's the people, the students and teachers who are so kind and welcoming. That's what St. Mary's is — a family. I want to thank the alumni who have not only given their time and money, but hope for an amazing education."

For Trinidad, that education has extended beyond St. Mary's walls. In July, she made a pilgrimage to Sydney, Australia in July to attend the World Youth Day and Mass led by Pope Benedict XVI. She was joined by four other members of her parish, and has since publicly spoken about the experience.

"The travel itself was physically and emotionally demanding," she said. "But it was an amazing spiritual revival for me, as a Catholic."

As Trinidad looks ahead to the future, she hopes to pursue a degree in business administration, possibly with a focus in marketing or accounting. She is applying to colleges in the Boston area, such



Seniors Alyssa Trinidad and Shannon Reddy enjoy themselves at the Friends of St. Mary's breakfast.



The winning women's team in the St. Mary's Open, from left, Jane Kelley '84, Lisa Nerich '83, Kerry Gertz and Beth Clancy '84.



The short game of AD Jeff Newhall '94 is questionable.



Michael Brennan '65 and Maureen Farren '66 watch while a teammate takes a shot.



Jaye Russo, Rev. Monsignor Paul Garrity and Dave Giarusso catch up after golf.



Sean Buckland was awarded this year's Lombard Scholarship.

FORE ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Open

The 15th annual St. Mary's Golf Open and All-time Reunion took place August 6 at Gannon Golf Course in Lynn.

This year's SMH golf tournament raised more than \$78,000 for St. Mary's, with donations still coming in. The tournament sponsors were Tom O'Brien Hyundai (Tom O'Brien '52) and James Baldini '66. Cart sponsors were Hub International-New England (Dick Palleschi '58) and R.J. Devereaux Corporation (Bob Devereaux '52). Gold sponsors — Broadway Electric, Morris Architects (Glenn Morris '65), Quinn of Lynn Insurance (Tom Quinn '58), TA Associates Realty (Michael Ruane '67), and Eastern Bank.

Lombard Open

The 10th annual Lombard Open was held on September 7 at Kelley Greens in Nahant. The tournament, held in memory of Christopher "Buck" Lombard '57, who died in 1998, has raised more than \$100,000 in scholarship funds for students.

This year's scholarship was awarded to freshman Sean Buckland. A member of the football and baseball teams, Buckland entered St. Mary's in seventh grade. Prior to that, he attended Sacred Heart School in Lynn.

"In junior high, I made a lot of friends here, so I wanted to stay on through high school," he said. "It's a good education, and the sports are good."

Buckland, a Lynn resident, will receive \$10,000 over the next four years.



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The language of learning

Henry says key to success is having fun in class

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

The formula to success in the classroom is a mixture of patience and energy, according to Rachel Henry, St. Mary's new foreign language department chair.

"Particularly in foreign language, you have to be energetic," said Henry. "Fortunately, it's the type of course where you can have some fun. The kids can let go of some energy in the process of learning."

Henry, who assumed the role of department chair in September, is in her 14th year of teaching Spanish at St. Mary's. She is one of four in the department.

"The challenge is to keep everyone on the same page and make the department more cohesive," she said. "Right now I'm just getting my feet wet as chair and stepping into the role of mentor."

One of her primary goals is to increase the school's language offerings.

"I'm trying to bring in another option besides Spanish, like French or Italian," she said.

A North Shore native, Henry is a graduate of Swampscott High School. It was in high school that she first developed a passion for languages. She enrolled in intensive Spanish, Latin and German classes and immediately decided to pursue that path in college. She earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish at the University of New Hampshire. Undecided about a career path in her first year at UNH, she ultimately answered the call to teach. Her inspiration was her father, Ed,

who taught history at Bishop Fenwick High School.

"He was a fantastic teacher," said Henry. "He really enjoyed that sense of community in a Catholic school setting, and I think that influenced my decision to come to St. Mary's. It's just a familial atmosphere here. I really enjoy coming to the school every day; I enjoy the people that I work with and for and the kids are amazing."

In 14 years, she has watched St. Mary's advance in building space, technology and enrollment, and is proud to have been a part of the transformation.

"As much as this place has changed, it still has the same feeling, the same soul," she said. "That's what keeps me here."

In the classroom, Henry uses a hands-on approach to engage her students. She encourages conversation and interaction to help students become more comfortable with and fluent in the language.

"It's inspiring working with teens," she said. "To see the excitement on their faces, it's really rewarding."

As chair, she is also trying to encourage her students and colleagues to further utilize technology available at St. Mary's.

"Right now, three out of the four of us have SMART Boards," she said. "I'd really like to tap into that and make it more engaging for the kids."

Beyond St. Mary's walls, Henry, a Lynn resident, loves to travel to destinations such as Costa Rica and Mexico. She is currently enrolled in a master's in education program at Salem State College.

Foreign Language Department Chair Rachel Henry has been teaching at St. Mary's for 14 years.