

# Perfect. Again.



Senior defenseman Alex Smith shows nothing but love for eighth-grader Marisa Maccario, who scored the winning goal against Woburn in the MIAA Div. I state final at TD Banknorth Garden. The Lady Spartans won, 1-0, to capture their second straight state championship and undefeated season. Pages 6-7. PHOTO: JOEBROWNPHOTOS.COM

# AP story: Carrns is a scholar

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

Former girls hockey player Caroline Carrns is setting new records, outside of the athletic arena.

Carrns, a senior, has enrolled in all five Advanced Placement (AP) classes St. Mary's offers, as well as an additional two AP courses – biology and chemistry – at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She was named an AP Scholar for her achievements.

The College Board offers AP Scholar Awards to recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement in three or more AP courses and exams.

"It took a lot of work, even outside of school, so I was happy to see that pay off," said Carrns.

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Caroline Carrns has maximized her opportunities at St. Mary's.

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## The people make the place



**Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity**

The critical element in the rebirth of St. Mary's High School was not the \$10 million that was raised to build the new Connell Center and refurbish the campus. It was the decision to raise academic standards and to re-balance the way in which academics, athletics and extracurricular activities coalesce to produce well-rounded graduates.

This has been taking place over the past decade and has made St. Mary's an incredibly attractive school and a launching point for higher education at some of the most prestigious universities in the country.

So often it is easy to get caught up with SMART boards, new computers and shiny corridors. The real measure of a school's worth, however, is not in its hardware or software but in the quality of its instructional leadership and the ability of its faculty to make real education happen. This is what is taking place at St. Mary's in 2009.

At the very heart of who we are is our Catholic mission that becomes more important to emphasize than ever. It is here that we hope students learn to integrate their educational achievements with the most pressing questions of life. Regardless of their religious background, it is our hope and desire that all students understand how important it is to make room for God in their lives. Because upward mobility, economic success and educational achievement statistically lead to greater secularization, it is incumbent upon schools such as St. Mary's to articulate the importance of leading a moral life that is grounded in faith.

Our current economic downturn has been brought about by many things, not least of which is the way in which greed became king and personal responsibility got left behind. As our economy struggles to right itself, we are facing the equally formidable task of regaining our moral equilibrium. At St. Mary's, it is our hope that our graduates will strive to become true moral leaders wherever their education leads them. All of this begins with great expectations for true spiritual growth that translates into excellence.

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

## Sad to see Catholic schools closing



**Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache**

During the past several years, the Catholic educational community has witnessed the closing or consolidation of many Catholic schools in the United States. In the past few months, two Catholic schools on the North Shore – St. Joseph's Grammar School in Salem and Our Lady of Nazareth Academy High School in Wakefield – announced plans to close.

St. Joseph's was a bastion for Catholic education in Salem for 117 years, while Nazareth, founded in Wakefield in 1947 by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, was considered one of the best all-women Catholic high schools in Massachusetts.

We can be sure that the Archdiocese of Boston and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth came to the gut-wrenching

decision to close these schools only after analyzing factors such as demographics, declining enrollment, decreased tuition revenues, increased cost of operations, and the lack of sufficient capital to improve antiquated facilities.

We at St. Mary's are deeply saddened by this news and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families, students, teachers and administrators at those schools. Mr. DiMaiti and I have met with administrators from both schools and offered our prayers and support.

St. Mary's has been fortunate over the last several years to have experienced a significant increase in enrollment and overall popularity. This can be attributed to a myriad of factors, including: generous benefactors, dedicated faculty and staff, committed alumni, greatly improved physical plant, highly successful athletic program and, most importantly, our wonderful students, who are our best ambassadors.

As we empathize with the students and families of St. Joseph's and Nazareth, we must not lose sight of the fact that we face the similar challenge of trying to keep pace with the rising costs of education while maintaining affordability for our parents. We cannot afford to get complacent and take our success for granted, especially in these very difficult economic times.

We at St. Mary's have truly been blessed, and we understand that with that comes responsibility. As Jesus says in the parable of the faithful servant, "From everyone to whom much is given, much shall be much required." (Luke 12:48).

With that in mind, we will continue to strive for excellence in everything we do. The woman for whom our great school is named would expect nothing less.

*Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache is head of school at St. Mary's High School.*

## Strength is in our numbers



**Carl A. DiMaiti**

In spite of challenging economic circumstances, enrollment at St. Mary's remains stable and the number of qualified students seeking admission to our incoming grade nine class now stands at nearly 300.

Since the opening of the William F.

Connell Center almost four years ago, St. Mary's has enjoyed a resurgence in enrollment. We are now graduating classes that number 150 each year. Those students are moving on to some of the finest colleges and universities in the nation.

Our newest applicants come from a variety of local parochial, public and charter schools. These students are academically talented and diverse. They come to St. Mary's with the understanding that our school will

challenge them in the classroom, offer them the opportunity to be of service to the community, provide a full menu of athletic and other extracurricular activities, and, most importantly has an established and strong Catholic tradition.

At a time when many institutions are experiencing declining enrollment, St. Mary's is fortunate to have so many young people wanting to attend.

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

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## Summer Academy gives freshmen a boost



Freshmen who participated in the St. Mary's Summer Academy last year include, from left, Kate Abbott, Emma Assilitto, Ralph Bertrand, Wildy Duran and Guychard Samson.

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

While the leap from grade eight to nine may be a short one, chronologically, it can also be a huge one, socially and academically.

To ease the transition between middle school and high school, St. Mary's is offering a summer enrichment program for incoming freshmen. The Summer Academy will include the required summer reading, as well as an introduction to high school math, computer skills and physical education, and will be taught by members of the St. Mary's faculty.

"It's a great opportunity for the kids," said Dean of Students Michele Durgin, who spearheaded the program and taught the English class last summer. "It was definitely a positive, enriching experience. When all was said and done, I think they walked away from it feeling very much at home with St. Mary's and ready to come back in the fall to begin the high school journey a bit more prepared and confident."

This year, the program will be open to 30 students, twice as many as last year, and will run for five weeks, Monday through Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

## ALUMNA PROFILE

# A model of success

## Thomas '65 is a big hit as a model and actress

BY RICH FAHEY

60 is the new 40. If you don't believe it, just ask Sheila Thomas, a native of the Pine Hill neighborhood in Lynn and 1965 St. Mary's High graduate.

Thomas — after starring in a variety of roles, including mother, teacher, and corporate executive — is now



Sheila Thomas '65

thriving as a model and actress, a career she didn't even begin until the age of 52.

Thomas, 60, who lives in Plymouth, has agents in Boston, New York, Miami and Orlando, and spends a considerable amount of time in all of the cities.

The economic clout of "Baby Boomers" has created a demand for models who look like them, and Thomas finds that she is in demand not

only for TV and film roles, but for all types of modeling.

After the nest became empty — Thomas has three children — she decided to do something for herself, and went on a diet and exercise program.

Will, her oldest son, thought her new look was so impressive that he enlisted a photographer who took pictures and submitted to modeling agencies.

"Much to my amazement, I started getting work," said Thomas, who hasn't looked back. She started taking acting lessons and appeared in two productions at the Priscilla Beach Theatre in Plymouth.

Since then, she has had several chances to rub elbows with the best and the brightest in Hollywood. Thomas has had roles in four movies. In "Evening" she served as Vanessa Redgrave's stand-in for three weeks, and ended up having a featured role in the movie, which had an all-star cast that included Meryl Streep, Glenn Close, Claire Danes and Toni Collette.

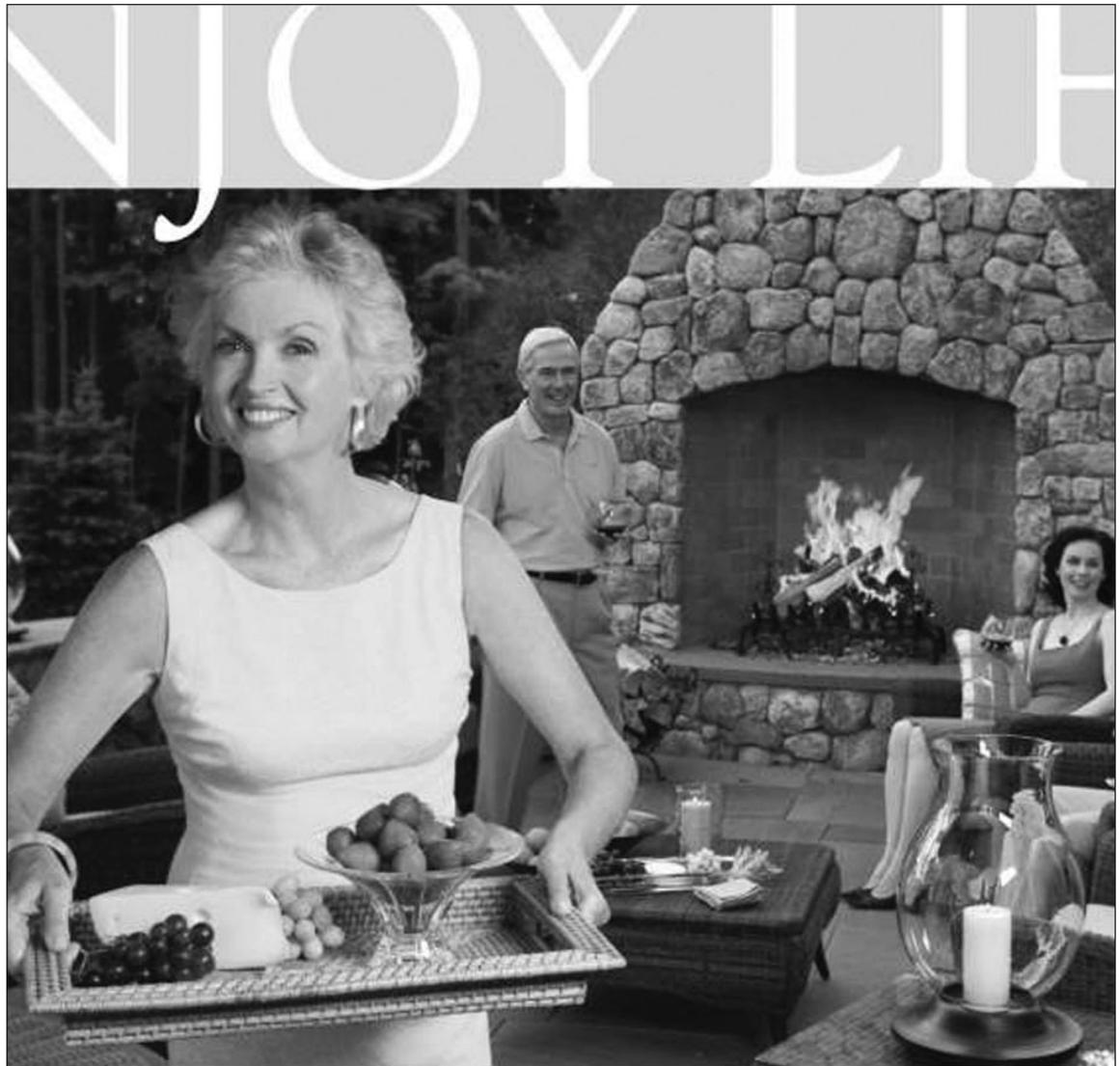
"She could not have been more gracious," said Thomas about the storied Redgrave, while she found Close to be "warm and very nice."

She had auditioned for the role that eventually went to Close. "I guess it means you're getting somewhere if you're losing out to Glenn Close," Thomas said.

She has also appeared in the movies "The Women," "The Good Shepherd" and "The Game Plan"; had a role in Showtime's Providence-based series "The Brotherhood," and appeared in two episodes of the CBS series "Waterfront."

She is a veteran of eight TV commercials, four industrial films, and 14 print advertising campaigns.

Thomas goes where the work is, and with many businesses in Florida targeting more mature buyers, there



Sheila Thomas '65 has appeared in many ad campaigns.

is more modeling work there, which suits her just fine. She does a considerable amount of runway modeling — at 5-10, she has the height they're looking for — as well as fashion catalogues and print campaigns.

Two women who work with Thomas say her success is no accident.

Angela Peri, owner of Boston Casting, the largest casting company in the Boston area, and a member of the prestigious Casting Society of America, said Thomas is one of the first actresses she thinks of when an elegant older woman is needed for a part.

"Sheila is not only gorgeous, but she dresses very well and she's very reliable," Peri said.

Peri said there is too much competition in the industry for studios to put up with anyone who is less than professional, noting she has 40,000 resumes and photos on file. And her agency's reputation is on the line each time she sends out an actor or actress.

It's much the same when it comes to modeling. Kathleen Longsdorff, the founder and president of New England Models in Manchester, N.H., said she needs

models of all ages for ads for businesses such as banks and medical companies, that first impressions are critical in the business and candidates have to meet certain parameters.

"Sheila has the right height and measurements, takes good care of herself and has a good personality," she said.

Thomas attended St. Mary's Grammar School and then the high school. In 1968, while attending Salem State College and studying math and science, she worked in St. Mary's then-new science lab as a teaching assistant.

In 1969, she married and started her family; by 1978, her children were old enough for her to return to the work force and she was hired by St. Mary's to teach mathematics and physical science.

In 1984, she left teaching to attend graduate school full-time in computer science. She accepted a position selling data storage subsystems to the emerging PC market in 1985.

What followed was a 20-year career, including 10 as regional sales manager for Sony Electronics.

Thomas enjoys golf, sailing and tennis when she isn't working and spending time with her children and seven grandchildren.

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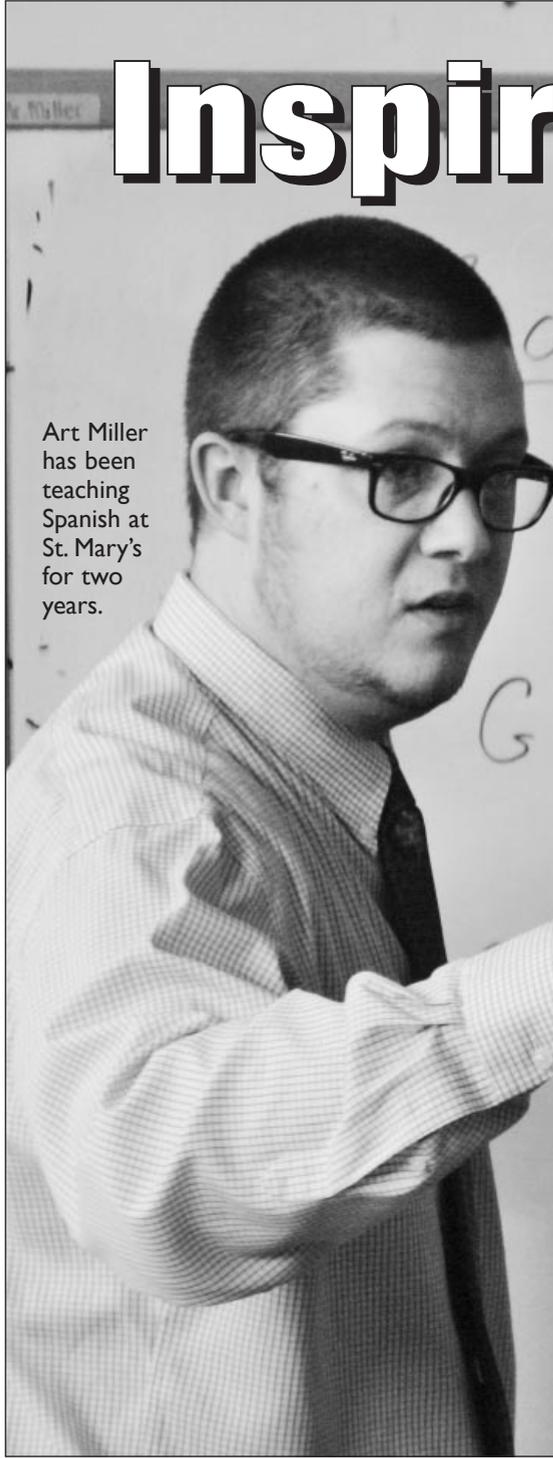
Sheila Thomas '65

# Inspiring his students

## Miller brings new ideas to the classroom

BY AMANDA WEBER

Art Miller has been teaching Spanish at St. Mary's for two years.



When it comes to bringing new ideas, experiences and spontaneity to the classroom, St. Mary's Spanish teacher Art Miller is the man for the job.

In his second year at St. Mary's, Miller believes in strong classroom management and setting clear expectations, but he is also not afraid to adapt his lessons when the timing is right.

"I can't count how many times I have had a lesson plan for a certain day and started off sticking to it, only to think of some idea for a different activity," he said. "I believe that a spark of inspiration can come whenever. If you don't try it, you might miss out on some great ideas."

Miller's spur-of-the-moment philosophy also

extends far beyond the classroom. As an avid hiker and traveler, he has already seen much of the world at the age of 24.

In 2004, in his first year as a student at St. Michael's College,

Miller hiked the famous Long Trail, stretching 273 miles from Vermont into Canada. The following year, he volunteered in El Salvador over spring break, which ultimately sparked his interest in foreign languages and cultures. As a result, Miller switched his major from biology to Spanish, and decided to spend a semester abroad studying in Puebla, Mexico, where his passions for Latin America were solidified.

Now, four years later and teaching at St. Mary's, Miller has continued to expand his personal experience with Central and South American culture. Last summer, he traveled to Chile, Peru and Argentina with little more than a few hundred dollars

in his pocket.

"I went to South America with no plan except to meet with a couple college friends in Cuzco, Peru. I found every hostel by word of mouth and probably spent about 100 hours on buses and walked maybe 200 miles over the course of the five-week trip," he said. "I met some of the most interesting people of my life. I would do it again in a heartbeat."

Miller believes that his experiences have contributed to his personal growth and helped him to become a better teacher. While he enjoys traveling the world, he feels right at home at St. Mary's, where he can put his experience to good use.

"SMH has been nothing but welcoming and community-like. From the day I went in

for my interview, people have been helpful and friendly."

Miller considers one of the greatest gifts of teaching to be when his students have "light-bulb" moments in the classroom. He says that he continuously encourages them to find the answers on their own and that "it is so rewarding when they realize that they didn't need my help as much as they had thought."

He is also excited to be an assistant coach for the St. Mary's boys' lacrosse team for a second season.

"I was stoked for the opportunity to coach and get back into the game," said Miller, who was captain of his high school team. "It has brought back my love of the sport. Not a day goes by that I don't at least try to think about some way that we can improve the team, some way that I can improve my coaching, or some new drill or exercise we can do."

Miller graduated from Manchester West High School in New Hampshire and received his bachelor's degree in Spanish and philosophy from St. Michael's in 2007.

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## FACULTY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

From left, Patti Marini, Doug Lowe, Phil Coleman, Marcy Durgin '92, and Michele Durgin enjoy a faculty/staff appreciation luncheon that was held for all SMH teachers and staff. The luncheon was co-ordinated by the Parent Partnership and co-sponsored by the Board of Trustees. Below, parents Walter Guptill '75 and Layra Toomey help serve.



## STUDENT PROFILE



# Living the mission

Genesis Diaz has found meaning at SMH.

## Service is a priority for Genesis Diaz

BY AMANDA WEBER

For more than 126 years, St. Mary's has challenged its students to grow in faith, wisdom and service to others.

This year, senior Genesis Diaz has taken this mission to a whole new level. Finding success both inside and outside of the classroom, Diaz has dedicated much of her time to serving others.

"I love music. I love reading. And I love to support the community in any way I can," she said.

Diaz' extracurricular activities include the student admissions team, Rachel's Challenge, and PB&J, or Prayer Bible Jesus time – a prayer group Diaz coordinates with religion teacher and Director of Campus Ministry Andrea Alberti. Once a month, Diaz can also be found singing at a nursing home or serving dinner at My Brother's Table.

"Her warm heart, generous spirit and positive work ethic are just a few of the reasons why she is so highly regarded by staff and students," said St. Mary's Dean of Students Michele Durgin. "Genesis She has taken full advantage of the St. Mary's experience since day one and in return has helped to enhance the reputation of the school. She is a credit to her loving family and SMH."

Diaz expanded her service in the community to include Girls Incorporated of Lynn, where she has served as a peer leader for the past two years.

"I became very intrigued by Girls Inc. I started out in a program called Sister to Sister and then branched off into a position as a substance-abuse-prevention peer leader and learned how to plan

workshops and create surveys and PSA's (public service announcements)," she said. "Most importantly I learned the facts of substance abuse and really took a look at the overall underage drinking problem in Lynn."

This year, Diaz is one of only two student representatives on the Girls Inc. Board of Directors.

"She is always eager to participate and share her views, which is essential to the board," said board vice president Cindy Merkle. "The student

representatives are instrumental in providing the board members insight into the programs at Girls Inc. and the various initiatives the girls have undertaken. They also provide feedback on issues that we may be discussing."

As a board member, Diaz is also a part of a planning committee which is currently working on a fundraising walk for Girls Inc. to finishing raising money for the new building project on 50 High St.

Diaz feels that her time at Girls Inc. has helped her develop into a stronger, more confident young woman.

"To me, Girls Inc. is not only about understanding the meaning of strong, smart and bold, but it's also living it day by day. Speaking up, being smart even if it makes you seem different, and overall being strong enough to stand out and be bold," Diaz said.

Diaz plans to attend Northeastern University and major in marketing and advertising.

She has three siblings who are also graduates of St. Mary's – Lisette, 23, Yohanna, 21, and John, 18.

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# Marching for Life

## SMH students join pro-life effort in Washington, D.C.

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

A crowd estimated at more than 300,000 took to the streets of Washington, D.C. on January 22, just two days after the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Chants of "yes to life" overpowered those of "yes we can" at the 36th Annual March for Life, but the sense of optimism for change was universally present among the crowd at the pro-life demonstration, which included 10 St. Mary's students.

"The inspiring thing was seeing all of the people," said senior Lise Wagnac. "The aura that was there, right after the inauguration, was amazing."

"I just had a niece born on Jan. 1, so I thought it would be a good experience," said Melanie Demore, a senior. "It was moving to see the amount of people there. A few women had signs reading 'I regret my abortion.' I didn't expect to see that kind of courage or compassion from the people going up to them with hugs and support."

"I hope that marching and praying with 300,000 other people served as a reminder that there are always others who hold true to the teachings of the Catholic Church and that life is a gift that is so very important in a culture that often screams a very different message," said St. Mary's Director of Campus Ministry Andrea Alberti, who organized the trip.

The St. Mary's group joined legions of marchers who poured out from the rally site on the National Mall, on to Constitution Avenue and then to the Supreme Court, where the Roe v. Wade decision was handed down in 1973, legalizing abortion.

"With so much legislation in motion to increase access and funding for abortion, there's a greater call for our voices to be heard and it seems profilers answered that challenge," said Alberti. "Just as President Obama speaks so eloquently about democracy, raising our voices in a March for Life is a wonderful way to celebrate that democracy."

"Everyone deserves a voice, but not everyone gets that chance," said Abby Bennett, a senior. "It was powerful to see everyone there for the same cause, and to see so many young people, my age, with the same beliefs."

The participants traveled with students from Malden Catholic High School, Pope John XXIII High School in Everett and Our Lady of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield. Many were originally undecided on whether they were pro-life or pro-choice, but returned with more solidified opinions.

"I never really took a stance one way or another before, so I went to seek an answer," said senior Alyssa Trinidad. "I think we came back realizing how important and how precious life is."



St. Mary's students were inspired by their experience at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

# Perfection 2

## Girls hockey unbeaten again, wins another state title

BY RICH FAHEY

The question for Marisa Maccario is: What do you do for an encore?

After all, when you're a 14-year-old eighth-grader and you score the game-winning goal in the MIAA Div. 1 state final, you're going to find the experience hard to top. But, somehow you think the St. Mary's High girls hockey team will find a way.

The top-seeded Lady Spartans completed their second straight unbeaten season and captured their second straight state title with a 1-0 win over Woburn at the TD Banknorth Garden on March 7 in the first girls hockey game ever played in the building.

St. Mary's has won 51 games in a row, and hasn't lost since falling in a shootout to Austin Prep in the 2007 state tournament. Next on the agenda: the state record for consecutive wins, currently 56, held by the Northeast Regional boys team.

Many observers think the Spartans will have little trouble accomplishing the feat. It's true they lose three important cogs in the machine — smooth-skating defenseman Alex Smith, standout goalie Kelsey Magrane and high-scoring forward Michelle Golden — but there is still plenty of scoring gas in the tank, and reinforcements waiting to take the place of the graduating seniors. After all, St. Mary's lost the highest-scoring hockey player in state history, Abby Gauthier, and still went undefeated this year.

St. Mary's Coach Frank Pagliuca was both relieved and jubilant after another title.

"It's an unbelievable accomplishment," he said. "The kids worked hard all year. I'm at a loss for words."

St. Mary's had dispatched second-seeded Woburn 5-0 earlier in the season, but Pagliuca had a hunch this wouldn't be easy, especially after his team got off to a slow start in the first period. "There was a lot of pressure on the girls and the Woburn goalie was outstanding in the second and third periods."

Indeed, Rebecca Papa made 22 saves, most in the second and third periods when the Lady Spartans played as if they were on a power play for long stretches.

Smith said playing in the Garden was "amazing."

"I was excited but not nervous," she said. "I was hyper



The St. Mary's girls' hockey team is excited about being No. 1 in the state a second year in a row.

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all day."

St. Mary's lone goal came after frustration for high-scoring junior forward Courtney Winters, who missed an open net in the second period but then had the presence of mind to get the puck back out in front to Maccario, who back-doored the puck past Papa.

"It's very exciting," said Magrane. "I have to thank the seniors and my junior linemates, Courtney Winters and Courtney White, who brought me in and made me feel part of the team."

"I don't care who gets the goal," said Winters. "After I missed the first one, it made me feel good I could get the

puck to Marisa."

Winters was asked what Pagliuca said to the team before they went out for the third period. "You only have 15 minutes left in your season — 15 minutes you'll remember for the rest of your life."

Magrane didn't have a lot of work to do but made the stops when she had to, even on a long shot by Woburn forward Colleen Callahan that banged off her mask.

"I wasn't rattled," said Magrane, who had three shutouts during the tournament and came into the game with a microscopic 0.78 goals-against average.

Pagliuca said his seniors, in particular, were

"outstanding. I was glad we could send them out on a high note."

Athletic Director Jeff Newhall said the Lady Spartans have earned the right to be up there with the greatest sports team in the school's history.

"We've been lucky enough to have three teams win back-to-back state titles, but to win two state titles in a row with 51 straight wins and not even one tie is unbelievable and speaks volumes about how they've dominated girls hockey in the state," he said.

"These kids love to play hockey and they love to go to school at St. Mary's," Pagliuca said.



St. Mary's goalie Kelsey Magrane makes a save on the way to recording a shutout.



St. Mary's and Woburn players face off at the beginning of a period.



St. Mary's players celebrate Marisa Maccario's goal, which turned out to be the gamewinner.



Players have a moment of celebration on the ice after the game.

## Skating into the history books

With its win over Woburn in the MIAA Div. 1 state final at the TD Banknorth Garden, the St. Mary's girls hockey team became the fourth St. Mary's team to win back-to-back state championships, the first Lynn girls team and one of only six teams in Lynn school sports history to accomplish the feat.

The St. Mary's boys golf team went unbeaten in 56 straight matches (55-0-1), including state titles in 2004 and 2005. The St. Mary's boys basketball team won MIAA Div. 4 state title in 2001 and 2002, while the St. Mary's baseball team won state titles in 1987 and 1988 (when it went 25-0), compiling a 48-game winning streak in the process.

The Lynn English boys hockey team, led by Coach Harold "Ben" Foote and superstar Tippy Johnson were the dominant team of the mid-1950s, capturing state championships in 1956 and 1957. The Bulldogs went undefeated in '56 and had one loss and a tie in '57.

At one point, they won 36 league games in a row.

The Classical boys basketball team won the MIAA Div. 3 state championship in 1992 and 1993.

— RICH FAHEY

# CONNECTIONS

St. Mary's Alumni News and Views

## Students win big with \$partan Dollar\$

2008 was a year of growth in support of St. Mary's, complemented by a new initiative, the \$partan Dollar\$ tuition/cash raffle.

The raffle, which realized more than \$13,000 for the school, was designed as an opportunity for parent and family participation. In addition to St. Mary's the big individual winners were: Walter Yourawski, father of Julian Yourawski '11, who won the first prize of \$7,000 in tuition credit; Arlyne Murray, mother of Nina Murray '14; Linda (McGovern) Newhall '59; and Fanny Massa, grandmother of Shelby Massa '10.

The raffle, which will be offered

again in the fall of 2009, was coordinated by Jill Dalfonso, St. Mary's first director of Parent Relations and Special Events. Dalfonso, who began at St. Mary's last October, is a native of South Portland, Maine, and a recent graduate of St. Michael's College.

Michael MacNeil, director of Institutional Advancement, is enthused to have Dalfonso on board. "First of all, we are very grateful to the Catholic Schools Foundation for the program grant to St. Mary's that made this important new position in our Institutional Advancement office

possible. Jill is a tremendous addition to St. Mary's. She understands the lifelong value of Catholic education. She is doing a remarkable job of building new relationships, as well as promoting opportunities for parent involvement and support to the St. Mary's community," MacNeil said.

For more information about \$partan Dollar\$, or to learn more about how to become more involved in helping to advance the mission of St. Mary's High School, contact Jill Dalfonso at (781) 599-0696 x330 or by e-mail at [jdalfonso@smhlynn.org](mailto:jdalfonso@smhlynn.org).



From left, Jill Dalfonso, Principal Carl DiMaiti, \$partan Dollar\$ grand prize winner Walter Yourawski, Julian Yourawski '11, and Head of School Dr. Raymond Bastarache.

## inmemoriam

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- Louise M. (Fulgone) Valente '32
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Coach and Friend

### 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*.

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## upcoming events

### 2009 Golf Open and All-time Reunion

The 16th Annual St. Mary's Golf Open and All-Time Reunion will take place Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at the Gannon Golf Club in Lynn. If you are interested in playing in or sponsoring this year's tournament, please contact Drew Russo in the St. Mary's Advancement office, (781) 599-0696 x217 or arusso@smhlynn.org. You can also register for the tournament online at [www.smhlynn.org/alumni](http://www.smhlynn.org/alumni).

#### St. Mary's High School Hall of Fame induction ceremony

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers. The deadline for nominations is June 12.

### St. Mary's High School 2009 Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Please return completed form, or submit nominations online at [www.smhlynn.org/alumni](http://www.smhlynn.org/alumni), by April 25.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to honor those graduates of St. Mary's who have personified the school's motto, "Ours is to Build." This honored distinction is presented to an individual:

- ◆ who has been out of high school at least 15 years;
- ◆ who has made notable contributions to the betterment of society;
- ◆ who has achieved professional success in his or her field of expertise;
- ◆ whose personal life is reflective of the teachings espoused by the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Sisters of Notre Dame, the clergy and the lay faculty at St. Mary's; or
- ◆ who has demonstrated a commitment to service.

#### Nominee Information

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Business/profession and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

*On attached sheet of paper, please write a few paragraphs giving specific examples of why this candidate should be nominated. Please include any supplementary material i.e. news clippings, resumes, etc., that supports your nomination. A committee member will contact you for additional information if necessary. Thank you.*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Cardinal Cushing Award



Sister Janet Eisner '58, accepts the 2008 Cardinal Cushing Award from Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity and 2007 winner Margot Connell. At left, John Tegan '59, Paul Gustafson '59 and his wife, Elaine, enjoy the reception.

## Annual Fund reaches \$575,000

In 2008, more than 1,500 St. Mary's alumni and friends participated in the Annual Fund. The Fund, which includes the Spring and Fall appeals, the Parent Appeal, the Richard Cardinal Cushing Society for leadership giving, the St. Mary's Golf Tournament and All-Time Reunion, and the new Spartan Dollar\$ raffle, is vital in enabling St. Mary's to fulfill its mission of providing a quality Catholic education to our students. That broad participation resulted in more than \$575,000 in contributions to the school.

"It is gratifying that, in this time of economic challenge in

our country, so many alumni and friends of St. Mary's continue to come together to ensure that our school remains strong and successful," said Head of School Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache '65. "Now, more than ever, we rely on that consistent support to ensure that St. Mary's continues providing a comprehensive Catholic education of the highest quality."

Bastarache announced that J.J. "Pumpsie" Green '67 and Marnie Moore '87 will serve as co-chairs for the 2009 Annual Fund. They succeed Annual Fund Chair Jim Greeley '67, who was recently appointed chair of the

Institutional Advancement Committee for the St. Mary's High School Board of Trustees.

"We are very excited that J.J. and Marnie agreed to lead this vital effort. They are extremely dedicated to St. Mary's and bring a lot of energy and passion for the school," Bastarache said.

The 2009 Annual Fund gets underway in earnest with the upcoming launch of the Spring Appeal and a variety of student, parent, and alumni phonathons in late March and early April.

You can now make your Annual Fund gift online by visiting [www.smhlynn.org](http://www.smhlynn.org).

# CONNECTIONS

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### 1937

**Fr. John F. Coholan, M.M.**, died on Dec. 13, 2007 after sixty one years of dedicated service to the Church with the Maryknoll Fathers. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Fr. Coholan spent over forty years of his priesthood as a missionary in the Philippines.

### 1942

**John Hamson** sent in the most recent St. Mary's Boys High Class of 1942 newsletter, which contained details of their 67th reunion breakfast in the summer of 2008. In attendance at the Century House were Hamson, Bill Carritte, Fr. John Casey, Tom Dolan, Martin Foley, Henry Guertin-Ouellette, John Regan, Bill Thomas, and Ralph Wall.

### 1943

**John Corcoran** was honored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston with the Cheverus Award for his many years of outstanding volunteer service to St. Mary's Parish. Congrats, John, on this well deserved honor!

### 1959

Our sincerest thanks to the family and friends of the late **Gerald Maney** who paid tribute to Gerry by making nearly \$2,000 in gifts to St. Mary's in his memory.

### 1960

**John Dunn** recently retired as Headmaster/Music Director of the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School and the Boston Boy Choir. John, who has been affiliated with the school as a teacher and administrator since its inception in 1963, will become the Headmaster Music Director Emeritus and Organist in Residence at St. Paul's Church in Cambridge.

### 1963

**Tom O'Connor** retired from the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance on Feb. 1, 2008. Best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement, Tom!

### 1973

**John and Laurie (Horgan) Masiello** recently celebrated the opening of a new location for their business, Masy Systems, on Lomar Park Drive in Pepperell, MA.

### 1978

**Joseph Pegoraro** is blessed with a wonderful wife, two children and a grandson. He is a certified umpire, covering many games in Lynn and the surrounding

communities. On many summer evenings, he can found at the Lynn Babe Ruth complex.

### 1984

**Jim and Kirsten (Meechin) Kasper** are proud to announce their son Joseph and daughter Jamie are continuing the family's legacy at St. Mary's as members of the Classes of 2012 and 2014. Joe joins his mom, dad, grandmother Patricia (Silk) Meechin '62, and many aunts, uncles and cousins who are proud members of the St. Mary's alumni.

Jim and Kirsten met and fell in love while students at St. Mary's and were married by Fr. John Leonard '47 in 1991. They write "Joseph and Jamie have provided our family and friends with great joy and memories over the years and, as they mature through their high school years, we know they will continue to make us and the community proud."

### 1985

**Judy (McCarthy) Martel** reports that she and her husband Mark now reside in North Carolina. They have "two beautiful children," Kayla, age 11, and Cameron, age 8

### 1999

**Mary-Jo Surette** received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Northeastern University. She is employed by the Lynn Public Schools.

### 2001

**Susan Tranfaglia** recently completed the MediClerk Training Program at the North Shore Medical Center in Salem. She has two children, Dana, who is 6 and in kindergarten, and Daniel, who is almost 3.

### 2008

**Presilah Nunez** will perform with the New England Brass Ensemble on Sat., May 2 at 8 p.m. at Peabody City Hall's Wiggin Auditorium. For more information, please contact Mary Bellavance in the Peabody Mayor's office, 978-538-5704.

### Faculty and Staff

**Jim Breau**, who taught at St. Mary's from 1955-58, was pleased to receive the issue of the St. Mary's Educator recently inserted into the post-Thanksgiving edition of the Daily Item of Lynn. He writes, "St. Mary's will always have a warm spot in my heart! I started my adult life working there...and the memories remain very warm."

## Friends remember St. Mary's

St. Mary's recently received a bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of Phyllis Kane, who passed away in March 2008.

Kane, a graduate of Girls' Latin School (now Boston Latin Academy) and Emmanuel College, lived in Boston. She had a long and distinguished professional life, culminating in her service as director of human resources for NYNEX Corp., a telephone company that was acquired by Bell Atlantic in 1997.

Though she was not an alumna of St. Mary's, Kane became a great friend and benefactor of St. Mary's High School late in life. Her admiration for the school grew as she learned of St. Mary's rich history of educating generations of working class families of Greater Lynn and its struggles to survive and thrive through many economic challenges. Among her good friends were longtime St. Mary's parishioners and friends, Ray and Ann McGuiggin.

Several years ago, Kane was invited to attend the annual Richard Cardinal Cushing Society reception.

After learning of St. Mary's plans for the ambitious and challenging *Ours is to Build* capital campaign, which resulted in the William J. Connell Center, Kane wanted to be part of that effort. She was inspired to make a very generous pledge to that campaign through a provision in her will for a bequest of \$50,000.

As a result, Kane became one of the leading benefactors to that vital campaign for the future of St. Mary's. She has been recognized for her gracious and generous support to St. Mary's by having her name prominently listed on the Honor Roll of leadership supporters to the campaign which hangs on the wall of the Connell lobby.

In February, St. Mary's learned it was the recipient of a bequest of \$2,000 from the estate of Mary Sarah King, an alumna of St. Mary's Class of 1931. The bequest is to be used for a school purpose in memory of King, who passed away in August of 2000.

King, who began her career as a freelance photographer, was a reporter for the *Boston Globe* for

more than 30 years until her retirement in 1980. She wrote primarily about women's issues and edited the Women's Club pages.

Born in Lynn, King became intrigued early on by photography, and devoured books on the subject. As a young woman, she traveled to Hollywood at her own expense and sold her work to the newspapers back home. She was a member of the staff of the *Daily Evening Item* before joining the staff of the *Globe*.

A feisty woman who loved the news business, King delivered slide lectures of her work during World War II. One show was called "Girl Reporter." According to a promotional brochure, the lecture explored "the fun, fear, and fancies of a girl reporter covering the lives of a cross section of human characters in a typical American city."

Another lecture focused on "Wartime Hollywood," and was promoted as a look at "the movie colony of today, keyed up to victory as seen in a personal view of the stars at work and at play."



## Please join us

You are invited to attend a **St. Mary's Wills and Estate Planning seminar**. The program could have a profoundly beneficial effect on you and your family's financial future and planning.

When a person dies without a will the results can often be quite devastating, particularly with regard to:

- A spouse and children or grandchildren
- Taxes and fees
- Relationships among family members
- Distribution of property
- Charities you want to remember

This special program, sponsored by St. Mary's Monsignor John Dillon Day Heritage Society, is presented to better enable alumni and friends to understand the impact of wills and trusts and to help guide in planning for your family's future. Coffee and Refreshments will be provided.

**Saturday, April 4 ♦ 10-11:30 a.m. ♦ St. Mary's High School**

All are welcome. To make a reservation or for more information, please contact Michael MacNeil, director of Institutional Advancement, at 781-599-0696 ext. 216 or by e-mail at [mmacneil@smhlynn.org](mailto:mmacneil@smhlynn.org).

Feel free to invite a friend or family member to attend. This information is being offered as a service to St. Mary's alumni and friends. Guest presenters will be: Richard Ely, Director of Gift Planning and Stewardship, the Catholic Foundation, and Walter Gallo '54, former Vice President for Endowment, St. Anselm College.

**Please mark your calendar. We look forward to seeing you.**

# Carrns earns AP credits at St. Mary's, MIT

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At MIT, Carrns committed nearly four hours every Sunday from September through May of last year, and she is doing the same this year. Hopeful of attending Yale University in the fall, Carrns is considering studying anthropology or engineering.

"I've wanted to go there (to Yale) since I was little," said Carrns. "My dad went there and I've been there for tours and visits. I loved it."

She credits St. Mary's for her strong academic foundation, and is excited to begin the next chapter in her life.

"At the end of my high school experience, I'm just excited about college, not nervous," said Carrns. "That means I'm ready. I don't think any other high school could have taught me more."

A Stoneham resident, Carrns entered St. Mary's in ninth grade, after attending St. Charles School in

Woburn. Her parents, Doug and Joan, are former Woburn residents.

"It's hard going into a place not knowing anyone, but it's not a big school, so I made a lot of friends quickly," said Carrns. "It didn't take long to start recognizing everyone's names and faces."

Carrns played hockey her freshman year and has been involved with Rachel's Challenge, mock trial and the student admissions team. She is currently serving as president of the National Honor Society. She is also involved in reviving the school's student newspaper this year and is hoping to roll out the first issue this spring.

"It was a long process setting it up, but worthwhile," said Carrns.

Carrns recruited teacher Mary Dearborn, religion department chair, as the advisor to the paper, as well as 20 students on staff. Involvement in a student newspaper is something she hopes to pursue at the college level as well.

# Webster receives scholarship to Santa Clara University

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the East coast – Webster narrowed her choices to UConn and Santa Clara. After visiting Santa Clara during her junior year she made a verbal commitment to the Jesuit university in California in February 2008.

"Once I left Santa Clara I knew I wanted to go there," said Webster, a Saugus resident. "Everything felt right – the coaches, the team, the level of soccer I wanted to play. It all worked out."

Santa Clara, a member of the West Coast Conference, is a perennial Top 20 team that won the 2001 national championship. Coach Jerry Smith has been there for 22 years and has won more than 400 games, and is married to 1999 World Cup hero and Santa Clara alum Brandi Chastain. Webster got to meet Chastain, one of her soccer idols, when she visited Santa Clara last summer.

After playing on the JV team as a seventh-grader at St. Mary's, Webster was called up to the varsity for the MIAA tournament and she never left. A five-year starter, the center midfielder scored 102 goals with 54 assists and the Spartans made the MIAA tournament every year she played.

"She is able to see the whole field and knows where the ball needs to go. She can anticipate the next play and the play after that," said St. Mary's Coach Jim Foley. "She's like a coach on the field. She sees things before they happen."

Webster started in Saugus Youth Soccer when she was five and has been playing ever since. For the last

four years she has been playing club soccer in the FC Stars of Massachusetts program. She caught Smith's eye at the Las Vegas College Showcase in December 2007, made an official visit to the school a month later and gave him a verbal commitment in February of last year.

"You could tell she was a Div. 1 player when she was a sophomore," Foley said. "The way she handles herself on the field, there are not too many people that have that ability."

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**Amanda Webster**

The daughter of Dave and Joann Webster, Amanda has twin brothers who are sophomores at St. Mary's.

Santa Clara University background: Located in the Silicon Valley, Santa Clara is California's oldest operating institution of higher education. The school, which was founded 155 years ago by Jesuit priests, has 8,400 students. The women's soccer team drew a school record 8,800 fans for a game vs. North Carolina in 1996. It has played in front of crowds of at least 1,000 fans more than 100 times in the last 20 years.

In addition to Chastain, notable Santa Clara alumni include: Max Baer Jr., who played Jethro on the "Beverly Hillbillies;" California Attorney General and former governor Jerry Brown; NFL referee Mike Carey; Dee Dee Myers, White House press secretary under President Bill Clinton; Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and former Arizona governor; NBA All-Star Steve Nash; Leon Panetta, director-designate of the CIA and White House chief of staff under Clinton; and Mary Richardson, co-host of "Chronicle" on WCVB-TV Channel 5 in Boston.

## reunionhappenings

**The St. Mary's Boys and Girls High School Class of 1959** will celebrate their 50th reunion on Friday, Aug. 21, 2009 at the Peabody Marriott Hotel in Peabody. For more information, please contact Jack Greeley, [jf.greeley@comcast.net](mailto:jf.greeley@comcast.net)

**The St. Mary's High School Class of 1969** is starting to plan their 40th reunion! If you are interested in helping out, or have any questions, please contact Rose (Silk) Martin at [roseym79@aol.com](mailto:roseym79@aol.com)

**The St. Mary's High School Class of 1979** will celebrate their 30th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2009 at the Gannon Golf Club in Lynn. For more information, please contact Paul Jamieson (978-395-5266 or [Paul\\_and\\_Michelle\\_jamieson@comcast.net](mailto:Paul_and_Michelle_jamieson@comcast.net)) or Ellen Kennedy (413-458-9662 or [ellen.kennedy@roadrunner.com](mailto:ellen.kennedy@roadrunner.com))

**The St. Mary's High School Class of 1984** is planning their 25th reunion. For more information, please contact Jane Kelley at 781-929-4877.

**The St. Mary's High School Class of 1989** will hold their 20th reunion at the Gannon Golf Club on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.

**The St. Mary's High School Class of 1994** is planning their 15th reunion. For more information, please contact Brian Field at [bmf41976@aol.com](mailto:bmf41976@aol.com) or join the Facebook group, St. Mary's High School, Lynn "Class of 1994"

**The St. Mary's High School Class of 1999** will celebrate their 10th reunion on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Tatiana's Restaurant, 70 Market St., Lynn. More details to follow. Please join our Facebook group "SMH Class of 1999" for more information!

For more details or contact information for class coordinators, please call Drew Russo at (781) 599-0696 x217 or [arusso@smhlynn.org](mailto:arusso@smhlynn.org)

# New coaches named at St. Mary's

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took a job this year as vice principal at Malden Catholic. "Dan brings a wealth of knowledge as a teacher/coach to the position and we are very happy to have him join the St. Mary's coaching staff," Newhall said. "Not only was he a top level player, he also excelled in the classroom, something we strive for in all of our student-athletes."

Wynne, a 1965 St. Mary's grad, served as assistant boys and girls tennis coach the last four years under Seamus Gregory, who moved to the Midwest. Both teams made the MIAA tournament the last two years.

"We turn hockey and soccer and basketball kids into tennis players," he said. "The goal always is to win the league and make the tournament."

Wynne, whose daughter, Haven, was a standout player at Swampscott High and Merrimack

College, was a Salem State tennis captain in 1970. He still plays organized tennis at Bass River Tennis Club in Beverly. He has worked at GE for 39 years, and St. Mary's plays its home matches at GE Field.

"John has played an extremely important role in the rebuilding of our boys and girls tennis programs," Newhall said. "He has a tremendous amount of playing and coaching experience and anytime we have the opportunity to hire a graduate that has the credentials John has we see it as a win-win."

D'Agostino comes to St. Mary's from Salem High, where he coached boys soccer for seven years, five as an assistant and the last two as head coach. A 1998 St. Mary's graduate, he played for the man he replaces, Al Jackson, who retired after last season.

D'Agostino, who has also coached club soccer in the S.F.

Vikings program, led his Salem High teams to MIAA tournament berths the last two years. He is excited to be returning to his alma mater to coach.

"St. Mary's has a great program with a lot of discipline and the school is family-oriented," he said. "What I learned (as a player) at St. Mary's, I kept the same philosophy at Salem."

D'Agostino was a four-year starter at UMass Boston, setting the record for most games played. He works as a physical therapist at Cookson Physical Therapy in Peabody.

"We feel very fortunate to have Mike leading our boys soccer program," Newhall said. "He has already proven to be an excellent young coach in a very good conference (Northeastern). We fully expect he will carry on the great tradition that he was part of as a player at St. Mary's."



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## California dreamin'



Amanda Webster, being pursued by Classical's Jenny Erikson, will chase her Div. I dream at Santa Clara University.

### Webster receives scholarship to Santa Clara

BY PAUL HALLORAN

Ask Amanda Webster when she first thought about becoming a Div. I college soccer player and she gives an immediate answer: "My whole life. I always wanted to play Div. I. There was never a question in my mind."

Webster, the all-time leading scorer at

St. Mary's with 156 points, made it official when she signed a national letter of intent to play at Santa Clara University. She becomes the second St. Mary's athlete in two years to receive a Div. I scholarship, joining Abby Gauthier, a freshman on the women's hockey team at Providence College.

After visiting 10 schools – all but one on

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## Lineup includes three new coaches

BY PAUL HALLORAN

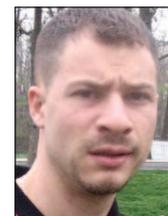
It was a busy winter season for St. Mary's Athletic Director Jeff Newhall, who, in addition to coaching the girls basketball team to an MIAA Div. 3 North semifinal berth and overseeing the other winter sports programs, hired head coaches in three sports.

Newhall announced the appointment of Dan Ritchie as boys lacrosse coach, John Wynne as head coach of the boys and girls tennis teams and Mike D'Agostino as boys soccer coach.

Ritchie comes to St. Mary's from the Waring School in Beverly, where he served as head coach last season. He also served as an assistant coach at Salem High in 2005 and 2006. He took off 2007 to run the Boston Marathon to raise funds for MetroLacrosse, a non-profit organization whose mission is to use lacrosse to inspire personal, athletic, and educational success among urban youth and teens.

"St. Mary's is a newer program with a great deal of potential," said Ritchie, who grew up in a suburb of lacrosse hotbed Syracuse, N.Y., and played four years at St. Lawrence University, where he was an Academic All-American. "I think we can have a pretty formidable program."

Ritchie, who teaches social studies at Salem High, replaces Jeff Smith, who



Mike D'Agostino '98



Dan Ritchie



John Wynne '65

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