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Two juniors log perfect score on PSAT

#### By Meaghan Casey

Achieving the coveted 80 on a portion of the PSAT exam is a rare accomplishment. For a pair of St. Mary's juniors, the results that came back equaled perfection squared.

Richard Dusablon and Michael Magsoudhi each earned perfect math scores during the October PSATs. The national median average

for juniors is 48.5.

The students acknowledge math is their strongest, and favorite, subject.

"Math is logical, it's set," said Dusablon.
"There aren't many exceptions."

As juniors, Dusablon and Magsoudhi were enrolled in Algebra II. Next year, they will

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### Golden rule: maintain values

Sister Janet Eisner '58 is commencement speaker



Sister Janet Eisner '58

By Meaghan Casey

In her commencement address, Sister Janet Eisner '58, president of Emmanuel College, urged the St. Mary's Class of 2008 to maintain the values and sense of community that have been instilled in them throughout their high school experience.

"St. Mary's is a family school," Eisner said. "The same was true when I was here. The superb teachers, excellent academic program, faith life and social activities define this school. It's wonderful to come back and see the energy that's continuing."

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TOP TEN

Two are going to Ivy League schools. One aspires to be a mathematician, another a hotelier. One would like to have dinner with Steven Spielberg, while another would prefer Martin Scorsese. Meet the 10 top-ranked students in the St. Mary's Class of 2008. **Pages 6-7.** 

### Spiritual growth at St. Mary's



**Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity** 

Catholic education began at St. Mary's in 1881 when Monsignor Strain recognized that education would be the key to success for the immigrant population that were fast becoming the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish. In so doing he anticipated the directives of the American Bishops at the Third Council of Baltimore in 1884 that mandated that a Catholic school be opened with every new parish that was established in the United States.

Propelled by the anti-Catholicism that was once rampant in our land, the system of Catholic schools throughout the U.S. became the foundation upon which the Catholic Church grew and expanded across the country. Among other things, Catholic schools became the feeder for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and lay leadership in the fledgling Catholic community of America.

As we advance the calendar to 2008, the landscape has changed dramatically. The Catholic population is among the most well educated and successful denominational groupings in our country today. To say the least, the vision of the Council of Baltimore has been realized magnificently. What remains the same, however, is need to see Catholic education as being in service to the wider

Over the course of four or six years at St. Mary's, it is our hope and desire that all of our students grow in their own spiritual lives. We particularly hope that our Catholic students develop a love for their Catholic faith that impels them to lives of service and responsibility.

Catholic education has always been a good investment for the Catholic Church and for the wider society. In the secular age in which we live, our greatest challenge is to continue to provide a solid educational experience that is imbued with Gospel values. This, in turn, we hope will translate into active Church participation later in life. Catholic high school graduates have been the leaven in the loaf of the American Catholic community for more than 150 years. Ensuring that this continues is one of our goals at St. Mary's today.

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

### A model St. Mary's student is ...



Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache

What are the essential characteristics of the model St. Mary's High School graduate?

I thought about this question lately while observing our seniors put the finishing touches on their high school careers. From my perspective, the model St. Mary's student:

- ♦ has matured as a person emotionally. physically, intellectually and religiously - to a level that reflects intentional responsibility for personal growth;
- ◆ has exhibited satisfactory comprehension of our course requirements to allow for advanced study at an institution of higher learning;
- ♦ has some basic knowledge of Christianity as well as the major doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church. Our model graduates would have examined their religious beliefs and personal relationships with God.

- ♦ has begun a journey of identity discernment. Our graduate is moving beyond self-interest in relationships with others; and
- ♦ has knowledge of the many needs of our Lynn community and the wider community of our state, country and the world. Our model graduates are prepared to take their place in the community as a competent, concerned, and responsible

In closing I want to wish the best to all our graduates and to never forget, wherever your journey takes you in the good times and not so good times, to:

Love God, Do your best, Take care of one another.

Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache is head of school.

### A class big in size and stature



Carl A. DiMaiti

Numbering 158 students, the Class of 2008 is the largest we have graduated in the last 20 years. This class has excelled in academics, athletics, and service

Two members of the Class of 2008 were selected as recipients of the highly competitive Cardinal Medeiros Scholarship sponsored by Boston University. As a group, this class was awarded more than \$2.5 million in merit scholarship monies. They were accepted to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation, including Harvard and Cornell. Many will attain the status of Advanced Placement Scholars when we receive the results of their senior Advanced Placement tests in July. Our top 10 students, highlighted in this issue, represent the best of Spartan Spirit.

In athletics, members of the Class of 2008

provided vital leadership to numerous teams. From golf in the fall to tennis in the spring, our school has qualified 12 teams for postseason MIAA tournament action. In addition, the girls hockey team provided us with an undefeated season and MIAA Div. 1 state championship.

In the area of service, this class has certainly answered the call. In late spring, the seniors partnered with the juniors to sponsor a highly successful blood drive on behalf of Children's Hospital. In addition, the seniors were the driving force behind many of the annual service events in which the schools participates.

We are all proud of the Class of 2008 and wish them the very best as they move on.

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

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### **Smooth transition**

### Upton hired as director of finance and HR

By Meaghan Casey

The transition from public to private school operations and management is a challenge Stephen C. Upton is excited to accept as St. Mary's new director of finance and human resources.

Upton, who holds more than 20 years of experience in school business administration, assumed responsibilities at the school on June 2.

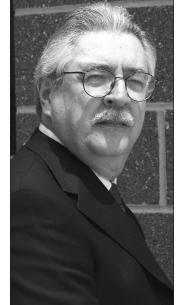
"It's a very different kind of business," said Upton. "I'm looking forward to the structure of the finances here, through tuition and development."

A lifelong Lynn resident, Upton worked in the Lynn Public Schools for 36 years, most recently serving as school business administrator for management services. There, he was responsible for planning, implementing and monitoring an annual budget of more than \$100 million in a school district with more than 14,000 students, 28 schools and 2,000

"I'm delighted St. Mary's was able to attract someone of the caliber of Steve Upton," said Head of School Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache, a former deputy superintendent in Lynn. "We worked together for years, and I'm thrilled that we'll be colleagues once again. He'll be an asset to St. Mary's."

"Ray has told me so much about St. Mary's," said Upton. "It's a great opportunity to be able join this organization, this family. My whole career has been in education and I promise to work hard to support the mission of this school."

Upton succeeds Pattee Bouchard, who will be teaching business classes at St. Mary's next year. Bouchard served as director of finance and human resources for 13 years.



Stephen C. Upton



Sean O'Malley, archbishop of Boston, and BU President Robert A. Brown presented the scholarships at a ceremony on May 28.

Since the program's inception in 1986, BU's commitment to the Medeiros Scholarship program has been substantial. The 11 students honored this year (three opted not to accept) will receive scholarships valued at more than \$1.6 million. By 2012, BU will have enrolled a total of 327 scholars, representing a contribution of nearly \$31 million to the greater Boston area and the students of the archdiocese

This year's scholarship winners are ranked in the top three percent of their graduating classes with a mean grade point average of 3.88 and a mean combined SAT score of 1360 in critical reading and math.

Burbridge, a Peabody resident, will enroll in the university's College of Arts and Sciences. At St. Mary's, she was involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook and Student Admissions. She was also class treasurer and a member of the volleyball team. She will look back fondly on the positive environment St. Mary's

"St. Mary's is a great place to grow in selfconfidence," she said. "You form these great relationships with the students and teachers."



### **Harvard-bound Liberge** also a Medeiros honoree

St. Mary's recent alumnus Chris Liberge '08 was also awarded a Medeiros Scholarship, but did not accept. Liberge, a Lynn resident, will attend Harvard University in the fall.

Liberge attended St. Pius V School for grades K-8. He entered St. Mary's as a sophomore in the fall of 2005. He transferred from Bishop Fenwick in Peabody in search of a smaller, closerknit environment.

"There's a true sense of identity here," he said. "You're not lost in the shuffle of 1,000 students and you're not just another number or grade. I brought a video camera in the last day of school, and I was able to walk up to just about every one of the 158 in our class and laugh or talk about a certain memory."

A talented all-around student, Liberge served as senior class president and a member of the baseball team, drama club and National Honor

### SMH's quintet matches wits with fellow math students

BY PAUL HALLORAN

While most people their age were likely sleeping, five St. Mary's High School students arrived at the school at 7 a.m. on Sunday, March 9 to test their prowess in applied mathematics.

Seniors Laura Adrien, Kayla Bishop, Mary Burbridge and Melanie Carr and junior Caroline Carrns participated in Moody's Mega Math Challenge. The St. Mary's team was one of 287 from New Hampshire to Delaware taking part in the challenge, which is entirely Internet-based.

The team did not know the problem it would have to solve until logging on that morning. From that point, the students had 14 hours to conduct research and write a summary in the form of a newspaper article.

The team used a classroom, the library and the computer lab. Math teacher Fran White was the coach, but she was not allowed to assist or even discuss the problem with team members on March 9.

The students were charged with examining the feasibility of using corn-derived ethanol as a replacement for gasoline. The questions



St. Mary's students participating in the Moody's Mega Math Challenge included, front from left, Laura Adrien, Mary Burbridge and Melanie Carr; back row, Kayla Bishop and Caroline Carrns.

they had to answer included: How much ethanol is needed to replace 10 percent of annual U.S. gasoline usage? What effect will this fuel substitution have on carbon dioxide emissions? Is corn-derived ethanol a costeffective way of producing fuel?

The students had to develop and defend models, cite sources and justify their

"It involved more than just math," White said, noting the students had to rely on their knowledge of chemistry as well. "They pulled together a lot of knowledge. They searched online and used textbooks in the library. They really put a lot of work and thought into it."

The top six teams made presentations at Moody's Corporation headquarters in New York City on April 30. The winning team came from High Technology High School in Lincroft, N.J. First prize was \$20,000 in scholarship money to be shared equally by team members.

The Moody's Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to supporting a variety of nonprofit education, health and human services, civic, and arts and culture programs. Established by Moody's Corporation in 2001, the foundation's primary area of giving is secondary and higher education with a focus on mathematics, economics and finance.

# Theology of the body

### New class helps freshmen learn to make good choices

By Meaghan Casey

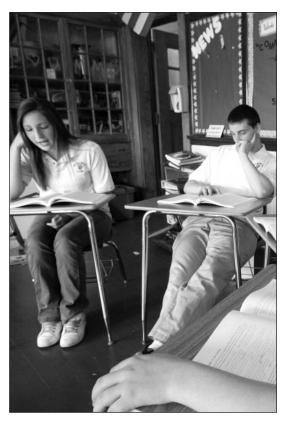
St. Mary's ninth-graders are learning lessons in healthy choices and good relationships with the help of a new curriculum: Theology of the Body for Teens.

The curriculum, piloted at St. Mary's for the Archdiocese of Boston, covers topics such as the bodily dimension of the human person, the nature of human sexuality, the human need for communion and the nature of marriage. The 12-part program also addresses the purpose of love and chastity and the meaning of life. It is based on a series of 129 lectures given by Pope John Paul II in Rome from 1979-84.

"It's designed to teach students about personal dignity and self-respect," said Mary Dearborn, chair of the religion department. "It's somewhat counter-cultural in the views of dating and marriage and celibacy and religious life. It raises really good questions about relationships in today's world."

The program is designed for students ages 13-19. All parents were invited to attend a presentation in April to learn about the value of the teachings.

As a pilot site, St. Mary's received all the teaching materials, including DVDs, CDs and student workbooks, at no cost. The school is expected to submit its recommendations to the Archdiocese this summer.



Students Bianca Cappelluzzi, left, and Ryan Carritte work in class.



Speaker Travis Roy meets with St. Mary's hockey players after his address to seniors.

### Words of wisdom

## Travis Roy speaks to St. Mary's seniors about setting goals and knowing yourself

By Meaghan Casey

"Look at each day like a new face-off."

Former hockey standout and paraplegic Travis Roy shared those motivating words with St. Mary's seniors at the second annual Senior Lecture in April.

Roy gained national notoriety after shattering his vertebra just 11 seconds into his first college hockey game in 1995. The resulting spinal cord injury left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

"When I woke up, it was the best day of my life, but unfortunately before it was over it would turn into the worst," said Roy. "During the National Anthem, I was fighting back the tears. I was so proud that I got to that moment. I made it. It may have only been 11 seconds, but I lived the dream."

Roy, who first put on skates at just 20 months old, accomplished one of his goals by earning a hockey scholarship to Boston University. His other two goals, which would be cut short, were to play in the NHL and to make the U.S. Olympic hockey team. Despite the adversities he has faced, he encouraged St. Mary's students to dream big.

"Hopefully you've found something you're excited about and have some personal, professional, academic or athletic goals," he said. "There's no other way to stay motivated over time than by setting goals. You have to want to see how good you can be. Have that belief in yourself that you can do anything."

He emphasized the values of love, pride and respect.

"People that know themselves best are generally the happiest," he said. "Take a minute to reflect: What are the things that I look forward to? What are the things I want to change?"

In 1997, Roy wrote an autobiography titled Eleven Seconds, which chronicles his journey and perseverance. As an advocate for individuals with spinal cord injuries, he is a frequent speaker, addressing legislatures about the need for increased funding for research. To the St. Mary's community, Roy spoke about the pain and disappointment he faced after the accident, but he also offered words of encouragement.

"Energy from a positive attitude will take you farther than anything else," he said. "I realized I still had so much living to be done. I can't do the physical things I used to, but I can still laugh, I can still cry. I can set new goals and reevaluate."

With an intense rehabilitation regime, Roy has regained some movement in his right arm. He returned to BU less than a year after the tragic game and graduated in four years with a degree in public relations. His jersey, #24, is the only one to have been retired at the school.

"I've had my share of challenges along the way," Roy said. "Find the things that warm your hearts. Find your inner strength and you'll be capable of more than you ever imagined."

Every senior in attendance received a copy of Roy's autobiography. The event was sponsored by the Mosakowski Family Foundation, established by St. Mary's trustee William Mosakowski and his wife, Jane.

### **FACULTY PROFILE**

### Back to school

### Iovanna knew coming back to St. Mary's was the right move

By RICH FAHEY

Gerry Iovanna knew she had made the right decision when she returned to St. Mary's High School in 1999.

After teaching English at St. Mary's from 1980-94, Iovanna left for five years, using the sabbatical to become a licensed esthetician (skin care professional) while also working as an adult education teacher at Operation Bootstrap in Lynn.

When she returned, she again felt confident and secure. "I knew when I came home I was supposed to be here," she said.

After teaching sophomores and seniors in her first stint, Iovanna now instructs freshmen. Since some are new to the school, Iovanna spends the first few weeks of each year assessing the skills of individual students so she can get a grasp on who knows what. With the increased emphasis on writing skills, she spends a considerable amount of time helping students learn the skill of organizing their thoughts before beginning a writing assignment.

"The biggest concern a lot of them have is: 'How do I start?'"

Things have changed a bit through the years, Iovanna said, admitting that getting kids to pick up books and read them on their own is getting more difficult. That means changing some of the traditional ways English has been taught.

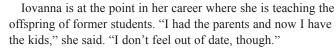
"I'm a firm believer students need to read the classics but to really grasp their attention, they also need to read things being written today that have relevance to them," she said.

St. Mary's teacher Marcy Durgin '92, a former student of Iovanna's, said her vivacious personality made students want to

"Gerry taught me to come to class each day armed with my most important tools: a sense of humor, flexibility, patience, and the desire to motivate my students," Durgin said.

Another former student, Kara McGovern '90, is also a member of the St. Mary's faculty. "I love having them as colleagues and friends," said Iovanna. "They keep me young."

Teacher Gerry Iovanna works with Jillian DeCosta.



A lifelong resident of Revere, Iovanna is a graduate of Revere High and Salem State College. She loves to go to Revere Beach to swim, ride a bike, walk, and read. She has also been known to write poetry when the mood strikes

Iovanna has seen St. Mary's go through transition and transformation since she first stepped on campus in 1980, but says one thing hasn't changed: that sense of community that binds





Principal Carl DiMaiti with his award.

### **Principal is a 'Quality Performer'**

By Meaghan Casey

St. Mary's Principal Carl DiMaiti was selected as the Quality Performer of the Month for April.

The award, presented by 890 ESPN and J.N. Phillips Auto Glass, honors individuals who have contributed greatly to their local community or chosen vocation, or have been remarkable leaders to a team or other individuals. Those selected have gone above and

beyond the call of duty to inspire and help others.

DiMaiti was nominated by his wife, Mary, for his work as president of the Carol DiMaiti Stuart Foundation. Established in 1990 in memory of his sister, the foundation provides scholarship assistance to young people in Boston's Mission Hill area and to fund activities involving the eradication of racism and violence in Boston. The

foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to students identified as potential leaders at risk.

As an award winner, DiMaiti is eligible for the grand prize trip for two to the ESPY Awards in California later this year. The trip includes airfare, a twonight hotel stay and two tickets to the awards ceremony. The winner will be selected in a random drawing this

# TOP TEN '08



### **Kayla Bishop**

Life is beautiful." Roberto Benigni, from the movie Life is Beautiful

#### Most memorable St. Marv's moment:

Panera study days, first place at Science League, debating about the Boston Bruins, getting locked in a classroom with Mary, and Moody's Math Challenge

#### Favorite St. Mary's teacher and/or coach: Mr. (Seamus) Gregory

College plans:

Majoring in mathematics at Salem State College

Favorite book:

The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien Favorite TV show:

House, Lost and As the World Turns

Extracurricular activities: College Bowl, Science League, Drama Club, National Honor Society, ECYSA soccer player and coach

In 10 years I hope to be:

by a year at Boston College.

The Kite Runner and A Million Little Pieces

One Tree Hill and Law & Order: SVU

Favorite book:

Favorite TV show:

Extracurricular activities:

drama, basketball, dance

In 10 years I hope to be:

would have liked to know them.

and avid recycler.

Famous for devising my own theory of mathematics, to be called "Kayla's Law of Many Numbers."

#### If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would be/why?

My great grandfathers because they were both amazingly loving, and smart. I would love to see them again. I wish they could have been here for my graduation and I hope I have made them proud.

**Amy Sargent** 

Love truth, but pardon error

Most memorable St. Mary's moment:

and football championships, Catholic

Favorite St. Mary's teacher and/or

Senior speaker Travis Roy, hockey

Charities day care, musical SSK

Mr. Jalbert and Ms. (Lorraine)

DeAmato

I plan to attend Endicott College as a nursing student followed

National Honor Society, Student Admissions Team, musical,

A registered nurse or nurse practitioner working and living in

the Boston area as well as a dance teacher, interior designer

If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would be/why?

My father's parents because I never met either of them and I



**Mary Burbridge** 

efore us men have flourished just as we now flourish: others yet again shall be, whose generations we shall never see. - Greek proverb

Most memorable St. Mary's moment: Going to Italy my junior year

Favorite St. Mary's teacher and/or coach: Mr. (Michael) Jalbert

College plans: Boston University - College of Arts and Sciences

Favorite book:

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Favorite TV show:

Extracurricular activities:

Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook staff, Student Admissions Team, Class Treasurer, volleyball

In 10 years I hope to be:

Working as an eating disorder specialist and treating those affected.

### If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would

I would like to have dinner with Dr. Phil to convince him to let me take over his show.



**Melanie Carr** 

Most memorable St. Mary's moment:

Mr. Jalbert. He has been there since freshman year

College plans:

Favorite book:

Favorite TV show



People grow through experience if they meet life onestly and courageously This is how character is built. - Eleanor Roosevelt

Most memorable St. Mary's Trip to Italy and Switzerland

College plans:

Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook,

Well-traveled, with a family and a career in the international hotel industry.

If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would



Favorite St. Mary's teacher and/or coach: Mr. Jalbert

Favorite book: The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Favorite TV show

Extracurricular activities:

In 10 years I hope to be:

Rick Hilton to learn how to have a successful career in international hotel development.



Team, Powder Puff, Eucharistic minister

recover and get back to doing what they love.

In 10 years I hope to be:

good things are going to happen.

"If opportunity doesn't knock - build a door. — Milton Berle

Enjoying lunch with the Lunch Bunch, our escapades at the Science

\_eague, Panera study days, history class with Mr. Gregory, and the Freshman

Favorite St. Mary's teacher and/or coach:

and has had a lot of influence on me. I love his class.

Boston University

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Will & Grace Extracurricular activities:

National Honor Society, swim team, dance team, Science League, College Bowl, and LeAnne Leslie's School of Theatrical Dance.

In 10 years I hope to be:

Happy, smiling, laughing and loving life.

If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would be/why?

Steven Spielberg. He is an amazing filmmaker and is extremely creative. I'd love to hear where he came up with all his ideas. The topic of discussion would never be dull.



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### **Lauryn Deluise**

"You were born an original don die a copy.' John Mason

Most memorable St. Marv's

Favorite St. Mary's teacher and/or coach:

College plans: Majoring in history at Merrimack College

Favorite book: Harry Potter

Favorite TV show:

Extracurricular activities:

Student Council, National Honor Society, Student Admissions Team, class musical, drama, Science League and College Bowl

In 10 years I hope to be:

Well traveled, happy and successful

If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would

My grandmother, Pat, because I never had a chance to meet her and I would love to.



### **Jaclyn Kapnis**

If you want to be happy, be."

Most memorable St. Mary's moment: When I hit the game-winning 3-pointer with two seconds left in the game, and winning Homecoming and Prom Queen

Favorite St. Mary's teacher and/or Mr Jalhert

College plans:

Favorite book: The Harry Potter series

Favorite TV show:

Extracurricular activities

National Honor Society (secretary), lacrosse (captain), basketball (captain), Senior Dance CO at Dance Etc.

In 10 years I hope to be:

Graduating Stonehill College with a master's degree. Hopefully, I will have been able to take advantage of Stonehill's studying program abroad and have traveled to Australia and Europe. In 10 years I hope to have maintained the relationships that I have today and have a job that I am good at. Most of all, I hope to be the same happy person I am now

If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would be/why? Gilda Radner because I believe she helped pave the way for women to actually be funny on television and in everyday life.



### **Catherine Kennedy**

"Be not afraid of greatness, some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night

Most memorable St. Mary's moment: Going to Italy my junior year with my

Favorite St. Mary's teacher and/or coach: Mr. Jalbert, Mr. Gregory and Mrs. (Fran) White

Suffolk University - Sawyer Business School

Favorite book:

Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

Favorite TV show:

CSI, Gossip Girl, The Hills

Extracurricular activities:

National Honor Society, Student Admissions Team, community service

In 10 years I hope to be:

A part of the business world in Boston with my friends and family.

If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would be/why? My grandmother because she would be so proud that I



### **Chris Liberge**

Kathleen Cliffe

Most memorable St. Mary's moment:

James Dear

National Honor Society, soccer, swimming, basketball, Student Admissions

I would like to help others who are prohibited from practicing their passion

because of physical injury. As a physical therapist I plan on helping others

My hero, Gabe Kapler. After suffering from a career-threatening injury this

former Red Sox player focused on only the positive and rebounded in record

time. I'd like to think like him, that everything happens for a reason and that

If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would be/why?

'Live as if you'll die tomorrow, dream as if you'll live

My detentions in Mr. Gregory's class. Racing against Mr. Jalbert and Mr. Lowe through the obstacle

course at the after-prom. The lunch table, mornings

in the guidance office, soccer and swimming

'don't want to be a product of my environment. I want my environment to be a product of me." — Frank Costello in The Departed

Most memorable St. Mary's moment: Being elected president of the senior class

College plans: Harvard

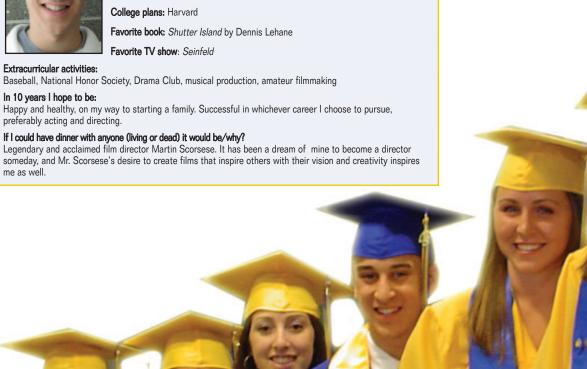
Favorite book: Shutter Island by Dennis Lehane Favorite TV show: Seinfeld

Baseball, National Honor Society, Drama Club, musical production, amateur filmmaking

me as well.

In 10 years I hope to be: Happy and healthy, on my way to starting a family. Successful in whichever career I choose to pursue,

preferably acting and directing If I could have dinner with anyone (living or dead) it would be/why?











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### Building upon a legacy



Michael MacNeil

With the 2007-08 school year having just come to a successful close, and with 158 bright and ambitious young men and women from the Class of 2008 now having joined the

ranks of our illustrious St. Mary's alumni, we are presented with a wonderful opportunity to look back at what an amazing and rewarding year it has been.

First of all, thank you for your outpouring of support to St. Mary's High School during the past year. It was indeed an extraordinary time. Because so many have said 'count me in.' overall giving in 2007 increased 20 percent over the prior year and by more than 200 percent since 2000. The current Annual Fund campaign calendar is now approaching the June 30 mid-point, with a benchmark of 60 percent already attained. We can be very hopeful that our new ambitious goal of \$440,000 can, with your continued help, be reached by the end of the year.

One of the extraordinary events of the year was our 125th anniversary celebration of the founding of St. Mary's School and Catholic education in Lynn. The marking of that historical event, which has had such a tremendous impact on the lives of nearly 10,000 graduates, their families, and the community, actually began in the fall of 2006 with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley. The year-long series of activities and events culminated with last fall's enormously successful Legacy Gala and Scholarship Fund campaign. The Legacy Gala brought alumni and friends from a cross-section of all generations together for a special evening and, most importantly, to support a great cause.

What resulted from that great outpouring of support is the largest single endowed fund at St. Mary's, which is now approaching \$250,000. It was created to ensure that current and future generations of students can afford to attend and pursue their own dreams at this beloved school.

In 2007, the St. Mary's community also clearly demonstrated its ability to come together to help turn adversity, and even tragedy, into triumph. At no time was this more apparent than following the tragic loss of Patrick Reddy '06. Led by the strength of the Reddy family, students, classmates, faculty and staff, alumni and countless friends helped create the Patrick M. Reddy '06 Memorial Scholarship, as a lasting tribute to the life of a very special young man who impacted all who knew him. In the fall of 2008, the first Reddy Scholarships will be awarded to other exemplary St. Mary's students.

The past year was marked by numerous other events that served as opportunities for the St. Mary's community to come together to celebrate friendship and a shared unique heritage of Catholic education. In my role as director of advancement at St. Mary's, I have been privileged to see that Marian and Spartan spirit first-hand. We have visited with many local alumni, and traversed the North Shore and many regions of this country where our alumni have moved to apply their considerable talents in all fields. Their successes and

accomplishments are most noteworthy. We look to continue sharing many of these interesting stories via The Educator, and the newly-created St. Mary's Alumni On-Line community via the www.smhlynn.org Web site.

Led by the tireless efforts of many volunteers, class reunions from 1942 to 2006 continue to take place. In addition, alumni receptions, informal gatherings, and other opportunities for alumni to meet, have happened in locations as New York City, Nashville, Baltimore, Phoenix, Tucson, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Florida, Georgia and Virginia. Beginning in the late summer, we will again be working with local alumni to continue these opportunities. Please contact us if you are interested in helping to organize a class reunion or create an alumni event in your area.

On Wednesday, August 6, 2008, the St. Mary's Golf Open and All-Time Reunion will return to Gannon Golf Course in Lynn. If you would like to join in the fun on the links, for dinner on the Gannon terrace and the music of Downtown Rhythms, led by Dave Meredith '73, or if you would like to be a sponsor of this popular event, please let us know as soon as possible.

Finally, "thank you" seems so inadequate for all that you have done and continue to do for this marvelous institution. You are our lifeblood and are intricately woven into the tapestry of St. Mary's High School. Thank you for giving so willingly of your time, resources, and special talents to create brighter futures for our young people.

Michael MacNeil is director of institutional advancement at St. Mary's.

### inmemoriam

Claire (Conroy) Phillips Catherine M. (Magner) Monahan '36 Mary Ellen (Cowan) Brindamour '37 Francis J. Murphy '38 Margaret (Gangi) Madden '39 Francis X. Smith '43 Mary F. (Stinson) Malone '45 Marguerite V. (Ledwell) Nunley '46 Barbara A. (Moran) Sullivan '48 Raymond H. Marcaurelle '50 Donald J. Stinson '50 Helen (Neary) Madden '53 Willam A. Scaring, M.D. '56 George F. Sonia '56 Terrance M. Cochrane '64

### **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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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 first half of the 2008 campaign.

As of June 1, we are at 60% of our \$440,000 goal.

With your participation and support, we will both 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!

For more information, please contact Drew Russo in the Office of Institutional Advancement, 781-599-0696 x217 or arusso@smhlynn.org

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### **Back at Gannon!**

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### Washington, D.C., Alumni Reception

A gathering will be held on Sept. 17, 2008 from 5-7 p.m. The chair is Fred Brennan '67. For more information contact the Office of Advancement at 781-599-0696 or e-mail mmacneil @smhlynn.org

### reunionhappenings

The St. Mary's Boys and Girls High School Class of 1948 will celebrate its 60th reunion on Sept. 19 at noon at the Danversport Yacht Club, Route 62 in Danvers. More details to come over the summer. For more information, please call Anne Casey at 781-595-5629.

The St. Mary's Boys' High Class of 1949 Luncheon will be held at Gannon Golf Course in Lynn June 20 at noon. Contact Larry Clay '49 for details at 603-529-8911 or e-mail larryclay@att.net

The St. Mary's Boys and Girls High School Class of 1958 will celebrate its 50th reunion on Sept. 26 and Sept. 27 at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel in Danvers. For more information, contact Mary Lou Robson at charlesrobsonsr@yahoo.com or Tom Quinn at tomquinnsr@onceanddone.com

The St. Mary's Boys and Girls High School Class of 1968 will celebrate its 40th reunion on July 26 at Gannon Golf Course in Lynn. For more information, contact Maureen (Mynahan) Stanton at ladystanton@q.com or Mike and Maddie (Day) Barry at 781-599-6423.

The St. Mary's High School Class of 1988 will celebrate its 20th reunion on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at Gannon Golf Course. There will be a cash bar, DJ, and hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call the Advancement Office at 781-599-0696.

The St. Mary's High School Class of 1993 is getting together for a casual reunion to celebrate 15 years since graduating from St. Mary's. The reunion will be June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Bostonville Grille on Route 1 North in Lynnfield. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Lisa (Cataldo) Show at Icshow@statestreet.com or Roula Dimitrakopoulos at roulade@hotmail.com

### **ALUMNI PROFILE**

# A man of many talents

### Values learned at St. Mary's have served McIntire well

By RICH FAHEY

Mark McIntire '61 may have the most unusual combination of skills and experiences of any St. Mary's alumnus.

McIntire, 64, a former seminarian who also happens to be a philosopher, teacher, writer, actor, businessman and computer expert, says the values he learned at St. Mary's have held him in good stead no matter where he has gone or what he has done.

They came in handy when his high-profile political activities caused him to lose roles as an

"St. Mary's taught me that character is more important than profit or success," said McIntire, who lives in Santa Barbara, Calif, and teaches philosophy at Santa Barbara City College.

After leaving St. Mary's, McIntire was on track to be a priest, attending the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Seminary in Newburgh, N.Y., and Tewksbury, Mass. He earned graduate degrees in philosophy and law from Oblate College in Washington, D.C., in 1967, but decided at that point the priesthood "was not for me" and that "the Lord was calling me in a different direction."

After spending six years as a philosophy professor at Westfield State College, McIntire felt a calling to renew an acting career he had first pursued at St. Mary's. He hired an agent in San Francisco and began an acting career, which was



Above, Mark McIntire shakes hands with former president Ronald Reagan and first lady Nancy Reagan. At right, McIntire with Charlton Heston.

bolstered when he wrote and starred in a one-man show in 1977. "JFK: A Time Remembered." He took the show on the road with great success and that led to other TV and film acting roles and eventually membership in the Screen Actors Guild



**Mark McIntire '61** 

(SAG), where he met the late actor Charlton Heston, a friend for 27 years.

McIntire was married in 1978, but his wife, Joan, became ill and died in 1982.

One day, McIntire took his computer apart to see what made it run — an example of the intellectual curiosity he learned at St. Mary's — and parlayed his self-teaching into his own consulting company, Micro Maestro, Inc. Besides Heston, the company had celebrity clients such as Nicholas Cage, Lionel Ritchie, Richard Dreyfuss, Debbie Reynolds, Jack Nicklaus and Ann Archer.

In 1994, he sold the business and moved to Santa Barbara to resume what he first began — a life of ideas. That life was nurtured by the many conversations he had with Heston, a man with whom he shared many values. He also did work for Heston's production firm and he still updates the firm's Web site.

McIntire was asked to serve as an intercessor and lead prayers at the funeral Mass for Heston — who died from Alzheimer's Disease in April of this year — and a eulogy he wrote of his friend was published in the New York Times.

McIntire, who recently wrote a book: "Reason, Argue and Refute: How to Think about Anything," lectures at Antioch College and the University of Phoenix in addition to his duties at Santa Barbara Community College.



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#### 1942

SMH Director of Advancement Mike MacNeil visited with Leo Brault shortly before his passing on April 25, 2008 in Tucson, AZ. Leo was a notable and accomplished pianist going back to his high school days at St. Mary's and throughout the years. Leo remained in demand for his rich musical talent, frequently performing at area hotels and other venues. Recently, he had presented a DVD collection to St. Mary's, entitled: "Musical Memories with Leo at the Steinway". In accordance with his wishes, Leo's remains were interred at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lynn on June 7.

#### 1944

Jeanne (Mahan) Fox has relocated to Ashland, Ore., from California. "We were looking for fresh, clean air in order to combat allergies -and we found it in Ashland. (It) resembles a small town in the Alps," she wrote.

#### 1946

Mary (Miksis) Kachinas recently moved from Longboat Key to Sarasota, Fla., where she lives with her husband, Fred, and basset hound, Taffy. They retired to the Sunshine State after living for many years on Long Island, NY, where Fred worked in the airline industry. They visited with St. Mary's Director of Advancement Mike MacNeil while he was in Florida to connect with St. Mary's alumni.

#### 1950

Paul Lavoie has been living in
Montserrat, West Indies for the past
25 years. A collector of antique
clocks, he has been a member of
England's Antiquarian Horological
Society and the British Horological
Institute.

#### 1952

Marge Callahan wrote to tell of her visits to classmate Gerry (Dunne)
Toler, now a patient at the Rosewood Nursing Home in Peabody. "She does not always know who I am, but beams when I walk in the room because she enjoys having visitors ... She is blessed with six children who are devoted to their mom." Please keep Gerry in your prayers.

#### 1961

Leroy Young and his wife, Eileen, recently moved to a "beautiful condo" in Salem. He has been retired for five years while Eileen still teaches math. They are traveling frequently and Leroy has designed Web pages for several organizations.

#### 1965

Joe Beaton retired from General Electric after a 42-year career. He plans to enjoy his six grandchildren.

#### 1969

Neil Coleman is living in California and has worked for a number of Los Angeles law firms, managing large document cases, including the one made famous in the movie "Erin Brockovich."

#### 1970

Brian Corcoran has spent a lot of time sharing his considerable musical talents with senior citizens as part of the Memories in Music program. He writes that he even "gets to sing in Ipswich where several of the Sisters of Notre Dame that I had in grammar school and high school now reside."

#### 1972

Kathy (Callahan) Redmond is collaborating with the St. Mary's High School Office of Institutional Advancement, working on grant proposals to foundations and corpora-

Maryanne Rooney was recently appointed Associate Vice President of Major and Planned Gifts at Emmanuel College in Boston, working with Emmanuel's longtime President, Sister Janet Eisner, SND '58.

#### 1978

**Eileen Flanagan** became a great aunt on Oct. 26, 2005 with the birth of Thomas Putney. Congratulations to Eileen and the Flanagan family.

#### 1979

Donna (Allen) Faieta is the newest member of the St. Mary's Parish staff, working as administrative assistant. Her twin daughters, Rachel and Victoria, are members of the St. Mary's Class of 2011.

#### 1982

Bob Kelter and his wife Darlene are happy to announce the birth of their twins, Olivia Mae and Nicholas Donald, on Jan. 21, 2008. They are welcomed by their twin brothers, Robert Phillip Jr. and Christopher Walter.

#### 1989

Jay Curry and his brother Kevin Curry 76 completed the Ford Ironman triathlon in Panama City, Fla. Next up is the Timberman Half Ironman in New Hampshire, followed by the Lake Placid Ironman in 2009.

#### 1990

Jennifer (Fee) Beckwith and her husband, Gregory, are keeping busy with their one-year-old son Greg. Jennifer is pursuing her master's in nursing at Salem State College.

#### 1992

**Marcy Durgin** completed her master's in administration at Gordon College.

#### 2002

Katie White married Brian Melanson on July 28, 2007. The couple recently purchased a home in East Lynn.

#### 2003

Doug Surette recently joined the staff of Lynn Mayor Edward J. "Chip" Clancy Jr. '68. In addition, he is an assistant coach of the St. Mary's boys varsity hockey team.

### Saint Anselm awards honorary degree to Gallo

Walter Gallo '54
received an honorary
degree from his other
alma mater – Saint
Anselm College – at
its commencement on
May 17 in Manchester,
NH. Gallo, who
graduated from Saint
Anselm in 1958, was
given an honorary
Doctor of Humane
Letters degree.
Gallo had a

President Rev. Jona

distinguished career at Saint Anselm, working for more than 40 years as development director, vice president of college advancement and vice president of endowment. He retired in 2000, but continues to work for the college as a consultant

A retired colonel in the U.S. Marines and the



Walter Gallo receives and honorary degree from Saint Anselm College President Rev. Jonathan DeFelice.

Marine Reserves, Gallo is an original member of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees. He offered his expertise to the school when it conducted the Ours is to Build capital campaign, which raised \$10 million.

Gallo founded the Manchester Expeditionary Brigade, which works to keep the lines of communication and the

bonds of friendship alive among retired and active Marines in and around Greater Manchester

A Revere native, Gallo lives in Bedford, NH, with his wife, Julie. They have four children, including two sons who followed their father's footsteps as officers in the Marines.

# Sister Janet Eisner '58 speaks to graduates about maintaining values

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Sister Janet, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, has served as president of Emmanuel for the past two decades. Under her leadership, the college has experienced a time of exceptional innovation, achievement and growth. Among her accomplishments, she provided the founding vision for the Colleges of the Fenway collaborative; she brought Merck Research Laboratories to Emmanuel's campus; and in 2000, she oversaw Emmanuel's conversion to a coeducational institution.

Prior to her appointment as president, Sister Janet served as an Emmanuel faculty member, chair of the English department and director of admissions. She earned her bachelor's degree from Emmanuel, her master's from Boston College and her doctorate from the University of Michigan. She praises the role of Catholic education.

"Catholic schools encourage a sense of respect for the individual, the search for truth and dialogue connecting faith with reason," she said. "Graduates understand the importance of service orientation and giving back to their communities. Hopefully that social responsibility carries with them throughout their lives."

Sister Janet visited with a group of St. Mary's graduating seniors in May to learn about what makes the Class of 2008 unique.

"This class has done a great job in preserving the 'specialness' of St. Mary's," Principal Carl DiMaiti



Sister Janet Eisner greets Laura Adrien '08, who will attend Emmanuel College.

said. "As large as this class is -158, the largest in a long time – they haven't lost the sense of community and the sense of each other."

During her visit, Sister Janet also spoke to Laura Adrien, who was awarded the Connell Scholarship and will be attending Emmanuel in the fall.

"It felt like home," said Adrien. "It's the same colors as St. Mary's; it's a closed campus and a really close community. College is a big adjustment, but where it's a similar environment, I'm not worried."

### Students record perfect PSAT scores

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take AP statistics and honors calculus.

"This year, we worked a lot with Microsoft Excel," said Magsoudhi. "We also did a stock market project which was pretty interesting.'

Their advice on testing is to proceed with confidence and

"Take your time and read the whole problem," said Magsoudhi.

"Make sure you know what they're asking," said Dusablon. "Be confident, but not too confident,"

Dusablon, born and raised in Saugus, enrolled at St. Mary's in the ninth grade and was impressed by the strong sense of community.

Magsoudhi, from East Boston, also entered St. Mary's as a freshman.

"I heard it was a really close school," he said. "One of the strengths is that there's always somebody there for you."

Beyond the walls of the classroom, the math standouts have emerged as leaders in the St. Mary's community. Dusablon is captain of the track team. Magsoudhi is class president, captain of the soccer and tennis teams and member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Student Admissions and Mock Trial.

Magsoudhi also earned 780 out of a possible 800 points on the SATs. He hopes to pursue economics or finance in the future. Dusablon aspires to study chemical engineering at MIT.

### Perez building lacrosse program

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second sport," said Perez. "They're good athletes and the basic building blocks are there. They just need to develop their stick skills."

Perez and his team ventured outside the Catholic Central League for "learning experiences" against more experienced squads such as Salem, Marblehead and Swampscott.

"We figured they are the type of teams we were going to see in the tournament, so we might as well see where we are against them." Perez said.

Senior tri-captains Haley Michaud, a defenseman, and Jackie Kapnis and Sara Conway, both midfielders, led the way, but the Spartans had plenty of contributors and a balanced attack. How balanced? In a win against Marian High, 14 different players had

St. Mary's used a zone defense to great effect, allowing only seven goals per game in league play.

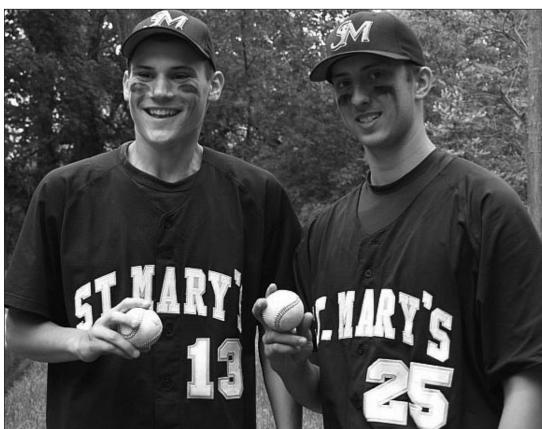
Seniors Rebecca Stickney, Sue Hennessy, and Megan McNulty also provided leadership. The rest of the roster includes: Amanda Hamel, Amanda Smalley, Lauren Edmunds, Paige McBride, Michelle Golden, Felicia Ruano, Hilary Duffy, Eva Hynes, Courtney Winters, Olivia Benzan-Daniel, Bridget Donovan, Mikaela Donovan, Javiera Aravena, Stephanie Jacob, April Herrera, Maggie Surette and Ashley Morelli.

Perez is hoping for a larger turnout of seventh- and eighthgraders in the future - this year's team had only one of each which would allow for a JV team next year and a true feeder

"This team was special and unique and fun to work with," said Perez. "We didn't have any superstars or a go-to person; just a bunch of good kids."

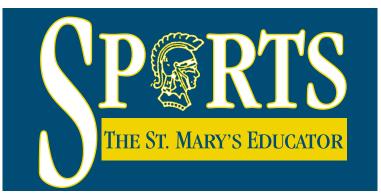
### Going, going, gone — twice







The St. Mary's baseball team staged a dramatic rally to win an MIAA tournament first-round game at O'Bryant. Ryan Beliveau (13) and Chris Kefalas (25) hit clutch home runs in the seventh inning to key a 5-run rally that gave the Spartans a 10-6 win. In the quarterfinals, St. Mary's suffered a tough 5-4 loss in nine innings to eventual North champion Tyngsboro.



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