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Kevin Coppinger '75 has fond memories of St. Mary's.

TRUE BLUE

Coppinger is Lynn's acting chief

BY PAUL HALLORAN

As the City of Lynn's acting police chief and a proud St. Mary's graduate, Kevin Coppinger '75 can't help but think back to the days when there was one tough nun patrolling the corridors of St. Mary's High School.

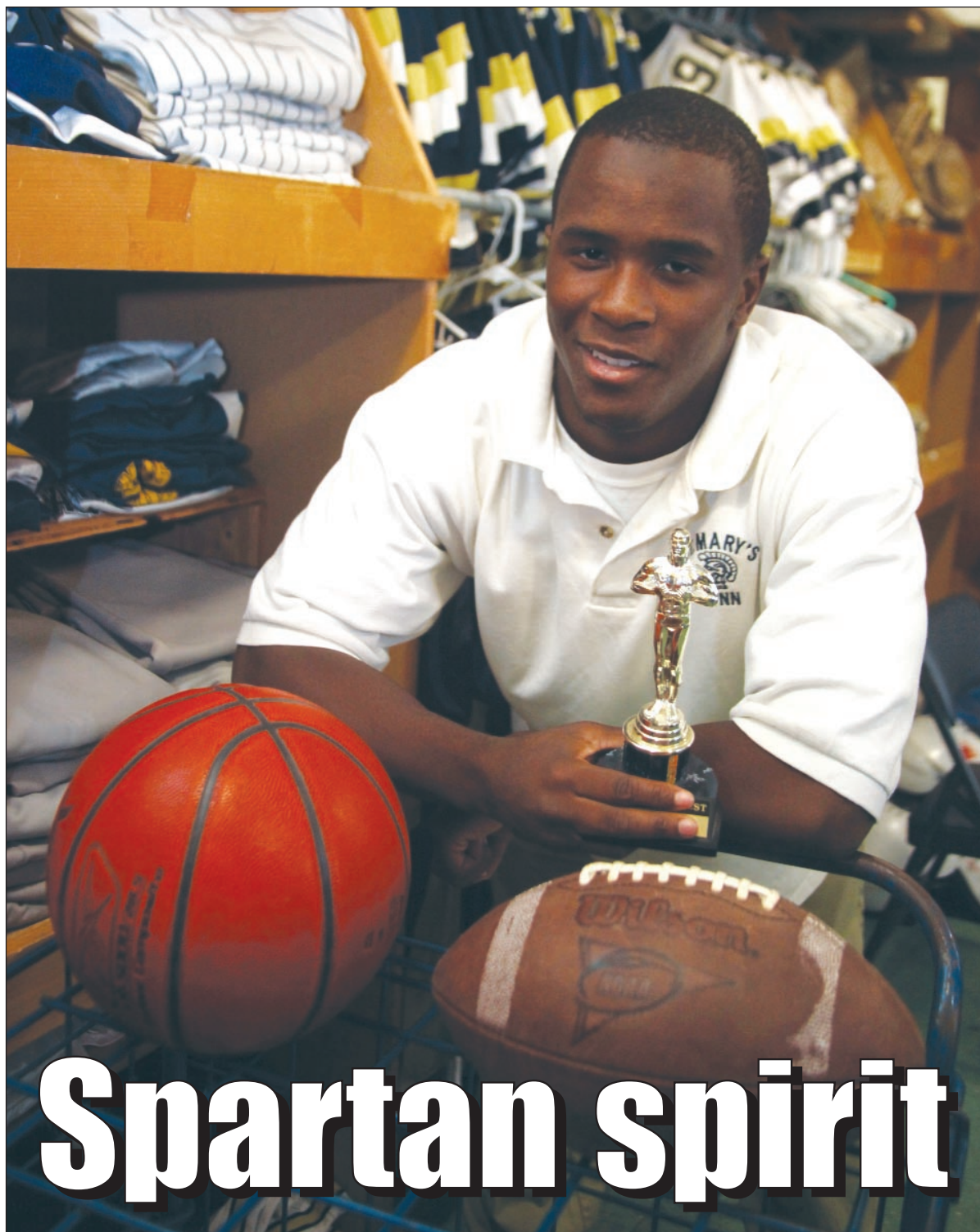
"Sister Monica Gorman," Coppinger said, when asked if there is a teacher who left a lasting impression on him. "She was a disciplinarian, very strict, and a lot of people didn't like her. But when you look back, you realize she was a smart lady and she formed people. She kept us all in line."

Coppinger has made a career out of keeping people in

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Spartan spirit

Senior David Hicks is a three-sport athlete and accomplished thespian.

Hicks '10
does it all
at St. Mary's

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

St. Mary's senior David Hicks is no stranger to the spotlight, whether on stage or on the athletic field.

Captain of the football team, Hicks is also a member of the basketball and lacrosse teams. On top of that, he has tried his hand at acting, competing in

the state drama festival. Last spring, he played the role of Sgt. Barnes in The 11th, a play written by David LeMaster that examines how the events of Sept. 11 affected and changed the lives of all Americans.

"It's truly a compelling story that

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Experience St. Mary's: Come to our open house Oct. 18 from 1-3 p.m.

Encouraging faith and values at SMH



Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity

All parents want to do the best for their children. This is one of the major reasons that so many parents send their sons and daughters to St. Mary's High School. In so doing, they are ensuring that their children will get a top-notch education that is infused with values that will help them develop a moral compass and a social conscience.

This is not news to anyone. What is news is some sophisticated research that casts the potential of Catholic-school education into bold relief and helps us appreciate the true mission of St. Mary's today.

This research is contained in a recently published study entitled: *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*. This study set out to talk with literally thousands of teenagers across our nation from all types of backgrounds and religious traditions. Contrary to the stereotype that teenagers are not interested in God or faith, this research clearly shows that young people today are hungry for religious experiences and spiritual nourishment. And, more importantly, it demonstrates that young people who have an active, lived faith (regardless of religious tradition) are more successful in every way that success can be measured.

It is no secret that knowledge is power. What this knowledge does is affirm the true Catholic mission of St. Mary's in 2009. We certainly want all of our students to do well academically and to move on to the college of their choice. But, as a Catholic institution, this is not enough. We also want our students to be successful and happy in what they chose to be their life's work and to have mature and solid relationships. And now we know definitively the secret to help this come about: encouraging their growth in faith and their active practice of faith through prayer and worship.

It is great to have our Catholic mission validated in this way and greater still to be able to steer our young people toward rewarding and fulfilling lives.

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

Faith-based education for all



Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache

It's no secret that one of the greatest challenges facing St. Mary's and just about every Catholic school around the country is how to keep our schools affordable and available to all families who seek a quality faith-based education for their children, no matter what their economic status.

Beginning last April and continuing throughout the summer, our director of finance (Steve Upton), principal (Carl DiMaiti) and I met with many distraught parents in an attempt to work a financial arrangement that would allow them to keep their child at St. Mary's. Fortunately, many of these meetings had a positive result, but not all. Truth be told, we collectively felt parents' pain when they made the decision to withdraw their child. Looking on the bright side, I am happy to say that our enrollment is still very strong, buoyed by one of our largest ninth-grade classes and at least 20 transfer students.

Across the nation Catholic schools are beginning to address increased costs by charging a tuition that covers

the actual cost of educating the child. As I noted in my column in the Summer 2009 Educator, while our price to parents for this year is \$7,150, our actual per-pupil cost to educate a child is approximately \$8,800, based on our present budget. One can accurately conclude that every St. Mary's family receives financial aid.

Each Catholic high school is financed independently. Each school has a development office to seek other sources of income. At St. Mary's we have seen our endowment grow significantly in the past few years, but not enough to meet increasing expenses. Unrestricted gifts to our Annual Fund help support our operating budget, but as our expenses – primarily salaries and employee benefits, along with capital improvements – keep increasing, more fundraising is needed.

I believe that our Catholic community must take full ownership of the education of children if the value of a quality faith-based education is to be realized.

Love God
Do Your Best
Take Care of One Another

Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache is head of school.

Choosing a Catholic school



Carl A. DiMaiti

Another school year has begun and we welcomed an incoming ninth-grade class of 161 students to St. Mary's. This is one of the largest classes in recent memory and, given the current economic challenges faced by most families, an extremely gratifying acknowledgement of the positive things happening at SMH.

A recent article in *Catholic Update* published by St. Anthony Messenger Press sought to answer the question of why parents are selecting Catholic schools. I found the author's explanation very insightful.

Parents choose Catholic schools for a variety of

reasons. Certainly there are parents seeking a rigorous preparation for college as well as those who identify Catholic schools with discipline and safety, but the author of this article listed several other reasons.

She cited several important aspects of Catholic education: shared values, the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist more often, the chance to learn the history of the Church, Catholic social teaching, and a reputation for academic excellence.

It is my sincere hope that all St. Mary's parents view our school as a place of both spiritual and intellectual development.

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

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Q. What do these schools have in common?

Boston College.

Brown.

Harvard.

Holy Cross.

Notre Dame.

University of Pennsylvania.

Villanova.

Yale.

A. St. Mary's.

Members of the Class of 2009
were accepted to some of the
finest colleges in the country.



FACULTY PROFILE

Returning the favor



Carolan Patten works with ninth-grade student Jamie McDaid.

Patten '68 teaches as she learned at St. Mary's



BY MEAGHAN CASEY

Forty-one years ago, Carolan (Penkul) Bernardo Patten '68, exited St. Mary's, diploma in-hand. Twenty-six years ago, she returned as a teacher.

"It was a great privilege to be able to return," she said. "The education I received here was exceptional. To be able to provide that for other students has been a great honor."

Though the new construction and state-of-the-art technology of St. Mary's have propelled the school into the 21st century, its heart remains the same.

"It's still a very warm environment," Patten said. "It's a comforting, caring and welcoming place."

Born and raised in Lynn, Patten played basketball during her time at St. Mary's Girls High School. She was inspired to pursue a career in education by her seventh-grade teacher at the former St. Michael's in Lynn.

"I adored her and wanted to be just like her," Patten said. Patten earned her degree at Salem State College and began

teaching at St. Michael's, then at Our Lady of Assumption in Lynnfield. She accepted a position teaching math at St. Mary's in 1983.

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Carolan Patten '68

"I love its beauty," she said, referring to math. "There's something very satisfying about solving a problem."

But it's the students, more than the subject matter, that keep her firmly rooted in the classroom.

"I love the kids," she said. "They keep me young. They give me an eye into their lives and they teach me a lot, they really do."

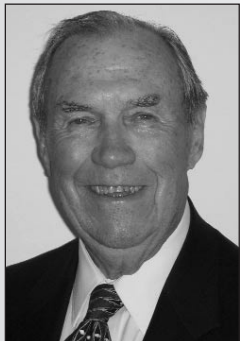
In addition to her teaching duties, Patten also serves as senior class advisor – a role she has held since 1994.

"I love celebrating with them and watching them take the journey from the start of the year when they can't wait for the next step to the final days when they have a greater sense of what these four years have meant," said Patten. "It's a good growth."

Patten resides in Peabody with her husband. Her daughter is a teacher at Peabody High School and her son, a six-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, was recently sworn into the Peabody Fire Department.

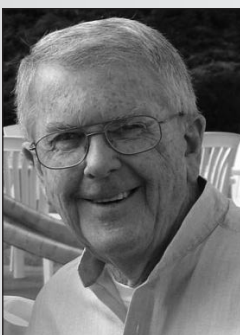
HALL OF FAME

The St. Mary's High School Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers. Tickets are \$75. For more information, please contact Jill Dalfonso in the Advancement office at 781-599-0696 x330 or jdalfonso@smhlynn.org. The following will be inducted at the ceremony:



Robert J. Kennedy '46

Robert J. Kennedy '46 has been a respected member of the greater Lynn business community for more than 50 years through his work as vice president of Moran Fuel. A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he is perhaps best known for his commitment to numerous local charities and causes including the Lynn Rotary, which he served as president, My Brother's Table, Special Olympics and the Lynn Boys and Girls Club. He also started the V Club at St. Pius V School, which has raised more than \$500,000. A "true blue" St. Mary's alumnus, he sent his all of his children to St. Mary's.



Dr. Frederick M. Cole '48

Dr. Frederick M. Cole '48 served Lynn Public Schools with distinction for nearly four decades, as a classroom teacher, elementary school principal and assistant superintendent of schools. He played a key role in the establishment of the Lynn Business Education Foundation, where he currently serves as executive director. Prior to his work for Lynn Public Schools, he served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps. A committed St. Mary's alumnus, he has been a motivating force behind reunions for the St. Mary's Boys High Class of 1948.



Dr. Elizabeth (Molloy) Twomey '52

Dr. Elizabeth (Molloy) Twomey '52 is known throughout New England as a master educator committed to academic excellence. She began her career as a teacher and served in a variety of leadership capacities, including principal, superintendent and associate commissioner of education, before her appointment as commissioner of education for the state of New Hampshire in 1994. Currently a member of the teacher education faculty at BC's Lynch School of Education, she has been a member of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees since 2006 and serves as chair of the Education Committee.



Rev. Michael J. Connolly, S.J. '54

Rev. Michael J. Connolly, S.J. '54 joined the Society of Jesus shortly after graduating from St. Mary's and embarked on a distinguished career in ministry and scholarship. Prior to his arrival at Gonzaga University in 1983 to be a member of the political science faculty, Fr. Mike's priestly ministry brought him to Jesuit missions in Japan, Iraq, Jamaica, Australia and the Philippines. At Gonzaga, he has served as chair of the political science department and director of the university's International Relations program. Fr. Mike and his brother, John '57, are the first siblings to be honored with induction into the St. Mary's Hall of Fame.



Edward T. Calnan '57

Edward T. Calnan '57 has committed his life to serving the communities of greater Lynn and St. Mary's. He was the first executive director of the Lynn Department of Community Development. He also was instrumental in converting the former St. Mary's Grammar School into St. Mary's Plaza, and the convent into St. Theresa House, both for elderly housing. He was clerk of the works for the construction of the Connell Center. With the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, he ran the state's affordable housing program for first-time homebuyers. He is the father of two St. Mary's grads, Ed Jr. and Bridget, and a founding member of the Board of Trustees.



John J. and Rose Mary (Van Horn) Corcoran

John J. and Rose Mary (Van Horn) Corcoran's life together started as students at St. Mary's, graduating with the class of 1943. Following John's service in World War II, they married and started a family that would eventually include 11 children, all St. Mary's graduates, along with countless foster children that they loved and cared for through the years. John and Rose Mary, who passed away in 2004, are exceptional examples of a truly lived Catholic faith.



James J. Carrigan '59

James J. Carrigan '59 has spent his life working for social and economic justice through his involvement in the legal, political and civic realms. A former state representative and state senator, he has been an attorney in private practice for more than 35 years, taking on many cases *pro bono*. A member of numerous local boards, including the Lynn YMCA, Project COPE and the Lynn Community Health Center, he is well known for his commitment to improving the quality of life for the less fortunate. A highly active St. Mary's alumnus, he is a member of the Board of Advisors.



Mary (Carroll) King '67

Mary (Carroll) King '67 spent much of her adult life living overseas, demonstrating a uniquely American spirit of philanthropy and commitment to volunteer service. A registered nurse, she worked in emergency rooms and intensive care units for more than 20 years. She founded and built a library in Qatar, raised money and volunteered at local hospitals in Peru, worked to build a home for abused girls in Japan, and chaired the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund in Texas. An active volunteer for St. Mary's along with her husband, Jack '66, she has proudly lived the values taught in her four years at St. Mary's throughout a life of distinguished service to others.



James F. Greeley '67

James F. Greeley '67 is the epitome of the dedicated alumnus. After graduating from St. Mary's, he attended Merrimack College, and has spent the majority of his professional career working as director of Career Services and Cooperative Education. He has a unique ability to help students find their career path. He is also active in numerous philanthropic pursuits throughout the Merrimack Valley, including serving on the board of Lazarus House. A member of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees since 2007, he serves as co-chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee and recently served as alumni chair of the Annual Fund.



Frances (Matthews) White '69

Frances (Matthews) White '69 is the longest-serving lay teacher in St. Mary's history. After graduating from Salem State College, she returned to St. Mary's in 1975 as a member of the math department and has been a mainstay of the faculty since. She is known to several generations of St. Mary's grads as the epitome of a dedicated teacher. She has served as a faculty representative to several St. Mary's committees, including the 2015 Vision strategic planning committee. She and her husband, Gene '70, and daughters, Elizabeth '98 and Kathleen '02, are active members of St. Pius V Parish.



Joan (Luise) Hill '71

Joan (Luise) Hill '71 is known throughout the St. Mary's community for her boundless energy and enthusiasm for all that she does, especially her commitment to enhancing the quality of Catholic education at St. Mary's. As co-chair of the *Ours is to Build* capital campaign along with Tony DiCrocce '67, she helped shepherd St. Mary's into a new era, with the construction of the William F. Connell Center, needed enhancements to the curriculum and technology, and the ongoing development of the Institutional Advancement program. She served as the first vice chair of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees and is a member of the Institutional Advancement Committee.

ST. MARY'S STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

On course for college

SMH junior enrolls in summer programs

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

While many students might shy away from academics during the lazy days of summer, St. Mary's junior Karina Dubé has embraced the additional learning time.

For two summers, Dubé has attended Exploration (Explo) – an academic camp that encourages participants to explore new interests and skills through interactive instruction. Three years ago, she enrolled in Explo's intermediate program on the campus of Wellesley College. This past summer, she attended the senior program at Yale University.

For three weeks, Dubé lived on campus and caught an early glimpse of college life. Choosing from among 90 courses, she enrolled in economics and graphic design. She also took mini-courses in public relations and international poverty and development. Joining Dubé were about 650 students from 40 U.S. states and 50 countries.

"It was fun," she said. "I met a lot of people from all over the world. Just in my living group, there were girls from South Africa and Indonesia."

Dubé's love of learning extends to the weekends as well. Every other Sunday, she attends Iskwelahang Pilipino, a Filipino school in Bedford, Mass. Dubé, whose mother was born in the Philippines, participates in classes that celebrate the Filipino culture, language, dance and arts. She also teaches fellow students to play the banduria, a plucked string folk instrument. In the early evening, she takes part in advanced rondalla, an orchestra of banduria, guitar and other string instruments. Bringing a bit of her culture to St. Mary's, Dubé has entertained students and staff during Diversity Day, and was also invited to perform at the 2009 State of the School address.

A Saugus resident, Dubé attended St. Pius V School



St. Mary's junior Karina Dubé attended the senior program at Yale University this past summer.

before entering St. Mary's in grade 9. She received a full academic scholarship after placing in the 97th percentile of students taking the High School Placement Test. Dubé is a member of the varsity volleyball team and National Honor Society. She is also involved in the drama club and is working to launch a student newspaper. In the academic arena, she remains No. 1 in her class.

"It's just a matter of time management and balance,"

she said. "I've been handling heavy workloads since before I can remember."

She cites math as her favorite subject. "I like the feeling that there's only one answer," she said. "There's a logical thinking process."

Though still undecided, Dubé is considering pursuing a career in business or engineering.

David Hicks '10 does it all at St. Mary's



David Hicks '10

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looks at the confusion and fear that day, the realization of the truth, the prejudices that grew from the day and some of the consequences," said teacher and drama coach Kara McGovern. "It was a journey for the kids involved, and not necessarily an easy one."

Hicks also maintains an A average, volunteers at My Brother's Table in Lynn and works year-round for The Food Project, which helps urban youth build a sustainable food system in their communities. He says the biggest challenge in being so active is trying to plan out his days ahead of time.

"It's worth it, though," he said. "It definitely

makes a big difference in how much you enjoy your high school experience."

Born in St. Louis, Mo., and raised in Lynn, Hicks attended Our Lady of the Assumption in Lynnfield before entering St. Mary's as a freshman.

"A lot of the great things about St. Mary's start with the relationships – the friends you make and the teachers you have," he said. "It's a pretty small school, so everyone gets to meet each other."

Hicks is a recipient of the Msgr. Paul V. Garrity Scholarship, which was established through the generosity of trustee Bill Mosakowski and his wife, Jane. The scholarship, named in honor of Msgr. Garrity and his tremendous leadership to St. Mary's, is annually awarded to four students.

"Thank you for your courageous and loving hearts," said Hicks, while speaking at the Friends of St. Mary's Scholarship Breakfast. "If it wasn't for your generosity, some of us wouldn't be a part of the family here at St. Mary's."

"I am very pleased that David is receiving this scholarship," said Msgr. Garrity. "He is an outstanding student who provides leadership to his classmates and epitomizes what a St. Mary's education should be all about."

Looking forward to enjoying the remainder of his senior year, Hicks is currently in the midst of the college application process. He plans to major in business next year and continue to become as involved as possible.

Lucky '13

St. Mary's freshman class has what it takes to be great

When it comes to the St. Mary's High School Class of 2013, think quantity and quality and you will have a good idea of what this class is all about.

For the third year in a row, St. Mary's welcomed a freshman class that was one of the biggest in the last two decades, as 161 freshmen reported for the first day of school Sept. 9.

Members of the Class of 2013 brought with them some impressive academic credentials, resulting in a record amount of academic scholarship money – \$50,000 – being awarded by the school.

At least 17 members of the class scored in the 90th percentile or higher on the High School Placement Test (HSPT), a national exam used by Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Of those, eight scored in the 96th percentile or higher.

"This is an excellent freshman class that brings strong academic and personal credentials to the school," said St. Mary's Principal Carl DiMaiti. "We are fortunate to be able to offer a superior Catholic education at an affordable cost."

The class of 2011 had comparable HSPT scores, with four students scoring in the 97th percentile or higher. All four were awarded full academic scholarships and are now ranked No 1, 2, 8 and 17 in the class.

Some other facts and figures about the St. Mary's High class of 2013:

There are 89 females and 72 males.

The class is made up of 23 percent minorities.

Students in the class come from 17 cities and towns, including 82 from Lynn. The rest are from: Peabody (16), Saugus (13), Revere (13), Salem (11), Marblehead (5), Swampscott (4), Danvers (3), Malden (3), Winthrop (3), East Boston (2), Nahant (2), Georgetown (1), Lynnfield (1), North Andover (1), North Reading (1).

Members of the St. Mary's Class of 2013 are enjoying their first months at the high school

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St. Mary's Alumni News and Views

Meeting the needs of all students



Mike MacNeil

During the past 18 months, more than 60 thoughtful and caring individuals, representing the strong commitment and collective wisdom of all aspects of the St. Mary's community. This task force included faculty and staff, alumni, parents, trustees and friends of the school, who came together to help review the current state of St. Mary's and determine what will be needed for it to continue to flourish in the future. Undoubtedly, it will be a fast-paced, globally-oriented world in which our graduates will live and work. St. Mary's is truly focused on meeting the changing needs of both today's and tomorrow's students.

The result of the planning process was the completion of a new strategic plan for St. Mary's — 2015 Vision — a follow-up to our first comprehensive study, which was completed 10 years ago. That plan was followed by the transformative *Ours is to Build* campaign. Many critically important goals and recommendations have now come

forward for curriculum growth and further enhancement of campus facilities - all geared towards strengthening opportunities for greater student achievement and faculty support. This look into the future, with clear action steps outlined, assures us that St. Mary's does indeed have a very bright future and that it is truly an exciting time to be a part of the St. Mary's family.

The key element that will not change, as we progress in the 21st century, is the St. Mary's mission of being an outstanding Catholic, college-preparatory school, with rigorous academic and co-curricular programs, encouraging young men and women to reach their full intellectual, moral, physical and spiritual potential.

We also are assured what will also not change is the loyal support provided by alumni, parents and friends of St. Mary's. That vital support continues to make all the difference in keeping St. Mary's affordable to so many area families and a school of choice on the North Shore. As a community, we cannot express enough our sincere gratitude to you and all those who support St. Mary's for your caring and thoughtful generosity.

Critical to the vision for the future is the

healthy growth of the St. Mary's Annual Fund. The 2009 Annual Fund campaign was launched in September. The fund remains totally student-focused, providing necessary funding for scholarship aid, academic resources and programming.

The Annual Fund appeal, which you may have already received in the mail, highlights two outstanding members of the class of 2009, Michael Maghsoudi and Lise Wagnac. Their notable success and, more importantly, their commitment to service, make them prime examples of the Marian spirit that still thrives today. It flourishes throughout the student body, and in what our students and graduates bring back to their communities as volunteers and leaders.

In these challenging economic times, your financial support is more vital than ever. Please consider a gift to St. Mary's today. Your gift has an impact on young lives and, as you know, truly makes a difference.

Thank you again for all you do for St. Mary's, and best wishes for health and happiness.

Mike MacNeil is the Director of Institutional Advancement at St. Mary's.

inmemoriam

James I. Dooley '37
Margaret (McGovern) Newton '37
Dorothy (Barker) Huml '39
Francis Doherty '41
Mary F. Paravati '41
Francis X. Morrison '44
Helene W. Rafferty '44
Michael J. Walsh '46
Harold F. Hayes, Jr. '49
Michael Patrick Brodbine '50
Joan (Patton) Hageman '52
Denis M. Dunn '53
Margaret (Forry) Donovan '56
Francis M. Tomashefsky '62
Edward T. Byrne '65
Thomas G. Sexton '66
Walter R. Gillis '67
James N. Saulnier '75
Joseph P. Gallagher '77
Sean LeBlanc '06

Annual Fund provides opportunities for students



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“St. Mary's offers a learning environment with amazing teachers who want nothing but success for you. I can never repay St. Mary's for all it has done for me.”

Michael Maghsoudi

St. Mary's '09

Hometown:
East Boston

College:
Babson College, Class of 2013

- ◆ Co-salutatorian for the Class of 2009
- ◆ Perfect score on the PSATs
- ◆ Class president
- ◆ National Honor Society
- ◆ Soccer and tennis captain
- ◆ Community service — My Brother's Table, Bridge House, Walk for Hunger



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“Ultimately, I'd like to become a medical scientist, working in pediatrics and doing research on the diseases that plague different people. St. Mary's prepared me for that idea of working for others.”

Lise Wagnac

St. Mary's '09

Hometown:
Lynn

College:
Bryn Mawr College, Class of 2013

- ◆ Emigrated from parents' native Haiti at age 7
- ◆ Excelled in advanced placement courses
- ◆ National Honor Society
- ◆ Mock trial
- ◆ Soccer and volleyball
- ◆ Community service — volunteer with Girls Inc. and St. Mary's Parish

St. Mary's relies upon your thoughtful and generous support to achieve our vision of providing an affordable, Catholic education of the highest quality. To contribute, contact Mike MacNeil at 781-599-0696, or mmacneil@smhlynn.org. All gifts can also be made online at www.smhlynn.org.

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reunionhappenings

The St. Mary's Boys and Girls High School Class of 1967 will celebrate their 42nd reunion on Nov. 28 from 6-10 p.m. at the Porthole Pub in Lynn. Tickets are \$49. For more information, contact John "Pumpsie" Green at jj@jjgreen.net.

The St. Mary's Class of 1979 will celebrate its 30th reunion on Nov. 27 at Gannon Golf Club in Lynn. For more information, contact Paul Jamieson (978-395-5266 or pjamiesons@verizon.net) or Ellen Kennedy (413-441-2841 or ellen.kennedy@roadrunner.com).

The St. Mary's Class of 1989 will celebrate its 20th reunion on Nov. 27 at Old Tyme Italian Cuisine, 612 Boston St., Lynn. For more information, contact Michelle (Leo) Parker at michelleandally@yahoo.com.

The St. Mary's Class of 2004 will celebrate its fifth reunion on Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. at Bostonville Grille, Route 1 North, Lynnfield. Tickets are \$25 and include food, two drink tokens and a raffle. For more information, contact Justin Santerre at lightsoutkid@yahoo.com.

If your class year ends in a 0 or 5, it's time to start planning your reunion for 2010. Please contact Drew Russo at 781-599-0696 or arusso@smhlynn.org.

CLASS OF 1959 REUNION



St. Mary's Girls and Boys High School class of 1959 celebrated their 50th reunion with dinner and dancing at the Peabody Marriott on Aug. 21. To commemorate the golden jubilee, members of the class established a St. Mary's Boys and Girls High School Class of 1959 Scholarship that has raised more than \$5,000 to date to benefit St. Mary's students in the current academic year.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

It was a wet and cool day on Sept. 11, 2009, when 12 of our class gathered to break bread at Gannon Golf Club and to remember and dwell on our days at a wonderful school.

We graduated 81 on June 2, 1944, and faced a world at war, knowing that somehow our futures would be affected one way or another, mostly by going into the military or being drafted — not a pleasant thought, with the end of World War II in the distant future.

Two of our brothers never returned, as they gave their lives for our country. Joe Conlon, a Marine, was killed on Iwo Jima, and John Heagney, a soldier, died in the Battle of the Bulge, while many others in our class suffered wounds in battles in the Asiatic and European theatres.

We who gathered have a great deal to be thankful for. Those of us attending included Dr. Leo MacDonald, our class president, who offered prayers for our recent deceased vice president, Fran Morrison, and also offered a moment of silence for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and the Pentagon, and those who died in a field in Pennsylvania.

We shared many memories on this 65th anniversary of our graduation from St. Mary's Boys High School, as it was known in 1944. Others attending were Bob St. Pierre, Ed Hayden, Bob Lee, Frank Farmer, Bill Piercey, Al Belliveau, Ed Fornari, Vic McCurdy, Henry Hanagan and Bill Aylward.

Yours truly,

George Cole '44

Class of 1944



Members of the Class of '44 who attended a June gathering include, clockwise from front left, Ed Hayden, Bill Piercey, Frank Farmer, Vic McCurdy, Bob St. Pierre, Al Belliveau, Ernie Mahar, Henry Hanagan, Bob Lee, George Cole, Paul Kirby, Bill Aylward, Dr. Leo MacDonald.

The Spring 2009 edition of The Educator reported the passing of Gracie (Connaghan) LeVasseur '46 and her sister Madalyn (Connaghan) Zalewski '62, just days apart in the spring of 2009. LeVasseur's daughter sent a note to share the story of two sisters who loved St. Mary's:

To the Editor:

Both women were very proud graduates of St. Mary's, having attended 12 years. They were also very involved with the Alumni Association and attended class reunions regularly. My mother, Gracie (Connaghan) LeVasseur, was a member of the class of 1946. She had resided in Lynn for many years until moving to Weymouth, where she was a successful real estate broker and manager for Jack Conway Real Estate. She and her husband, Claude, retired to Venice, Fla., where she died on May 2 after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Her sister, Madalyn "Lyn" (Connaghan) Zalewski, a member of the class of 1962, resided in Lynn and Salem until also retiring to Venice, Fla. She had worked for many years as an administrative assistant at General Electric. Upon returning from a vacation and learning of her sister's death, she suffered a massive heart attack and died two days later on May 4. A double funeral Mass was celebrated in Venice.

The two sisters, though 17 years apart, were incredibly close and lived across the street from each other in Venice, where they were both very involved in their community, especially in raising funds for cancer research. Lyn was the editor of the community monthly newsletter.

I graduated in 1971, also after 12 years at St. Mary's, and I was a business teacher there from 1976-81. We all truly loved St. Mary's, and value the education we received from the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Sharon (LeVasseur) McSweeney '71



Paul Gustafson '59, left, and Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity head out on the course for the St. Mary's Golf Open and All-time Reunion.



Nick Consoles Cup winners in the mixed division were, from left, Deb DeLeo, T.J. Regan and Cheryl Meninno '74. Joshua Wiseman was the other team member.



The Nick Consoles Cup men's champions were, from left, Michael Brennan '65, Kevin Kelaher, Richard Snell '66 and Kevin Mitchell '65.



Lily Gardner, center, was awarded this year's Lombard Scholarship.

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St. Mary's Golf Open and All-time Reunion

Alumni, friends and benefactors gathered at Gannon Golf Course in Lynn for the 2009 St. Mary's Golf Open and All-time Reunion. A full field of 144 golfers played, and many other alumni and friends came for dinner and the reunion at night. The event, chaired by Cheryl Meninno '74 and Mike Reddy '80, raised approximately \$85,000 to support of St. Mary's High School students.

The golf awards program was highlighted by the announcement that the 2009 winning foursome would be awarded the Nick Consoles Cup, which honors a 1952 St. Mary's grad who was an outstanding athlete, coach, and athletic director at St. Mary's. Consoles, one of the founders of the St. Mary's Open, has been instrumental in the tournament's success over the years and has given endless time, support, and dedication to help assure the school's growth.

Since the St. Mary's Open started in the early 1990s, players, sponsors and other benefactors have helped raise more than \$1 million for educational programs and financial aid to deserving students.

Consoles' friend, classmate and tournament sponsor, Tom O'Brien, assisted Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity in announcing this well-deserved recognition. Also helping to create the Nick Consoles Cup was Jim Baldini '66, who was the other major sponsor of this year's tournament. Thanks to all supporters of the St. Mary's Open, \$2,000 in scholarships will be awarded to St. Mary's students in the name of the Class of 1952 after the tournament every year.

The Buck and Matt Lombard Irish Open

The Buck and Matt Lombard Irish Open to benefit the Christopher "Buck" Lombard '57 Endowed Scholarship was held at Kelley Greens in Nahant on Sept. 18. The event raised \$13,000, with more than 100 golfers enjoying a beautiful day on the course. Following the two flights, the golfers joined other supporters of the Lombard Scholarship for a prime rib dinner and entertainment, including performances by comedian Dave Russo and the band Yukon Cornelius.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Lombard Scholarship to Lily Gardner of Lynn, who was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship for her four years at St. Mary's. Gardner, a graduate of St. Pius V School who entered grade 9 this year, expressed her gratitude to the Lombard Scholarship Committee for helping to make her St. Mary's education possible.

Other Lombard Scholars currently attending St. Mary's are: Sean Buckland '12 of Lynn, Kelsey Barrasso '11 of Nahant, and Zachary Peters '10 of Nahant.

Newhall named MIAA soccer tourney director

St. Mary's Athletic Director Jeff Newhall '94 has been named boys and girls North section soccer tournament director by the MIAA.

Newhall will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the tournaments, including verifying the records of the teams, seeding, securing venues and scheduling games.

Having been involved with seeding the basketball, baseball and hockey tournaments in the past, Newhall was ready to administer his own tournament.

"I've always been involved in



Jeff Newhall

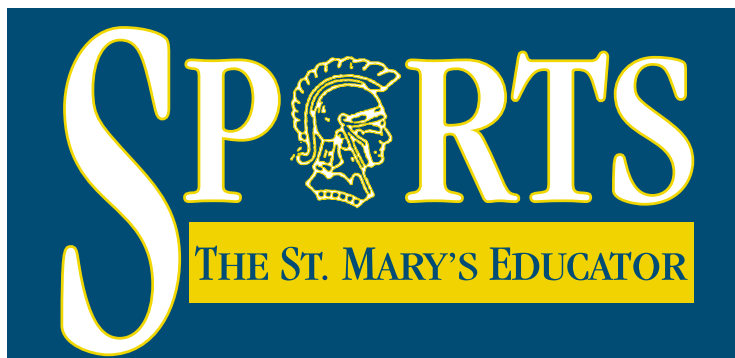
tournament administration and seeding, so I was looking for an opening as a tournament director, and it so happened that this position opened up," he said. "I'm grateful the MIAA has given me this opportunity."

A man of many hats, Newhall also serves as varsity girls basketball coach at St. Mary's and director of the Lynn City Soccer Tournament, Spartan Classic basketball tournament and Agganis All-Star Baseball Classic. He has been a member of the Lynn School Committee since 2002 and served on the Manning Field Commission.



State champs

St. Mary's became the first softball team in Lynn history to win a state championship. The Lady Spartans defeated Monty Tech, 8-5, on June 13 in Worcester to capture the MIAA Div. 3 state crown.



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Spartan Success

For St. Mary's athletes,
2008-09 was a year
to remember

Above photo: SMH captains were part of last year's success.

The 2008-09 school year was a success from start to finish for St. Mary's athletic teams, culminating in the girls softball squad's winning the MIAA Div. 3 state championship. It was the first softball state title for St. Mary's as well as the first by any Lynn high school team.

There were plenty of other highlights, including:

- ◆ an overall record of 189-101-8 for a .647 winning percentage
- ◆ seven athletes named Boston Globe All-Scholastics and six Boston Herald All-Scholastics
- ◆ five players named most valuable player in their respective Catholic Central League sport
- ◆ the football team, under the direction of first-year coach Matt Durgin beating Cardinal Spellman for the first time in 25 years
- ◆ the golf team qualifying for the state finals for the eighth consecutive season
- ◆ cheerleaders qualifying for the sectionals, states and New England championships
- ◆ boys hockey advancing to the Div. 1 semifinal round for the first time ever
- ◆ girls hockey going undefeated for the second straight year (51 consecutive wins overall) and capturing its second straight MIAA Div.1 state championship, while becoming the first girls high school hockey team to win a state title at Boston Garden.
- ◆ girls basketball compiling its best season in Div. 3 since 1982, winning 18 games and advancing to the Div. 3 North semifinals
- ◆ baseball winning more games (16) and its first league title since 2005, as well as its sixth consecutive Clancy Tournament championship
- ◆ boys lacrosse finishing 13-7 and qualifying for the MIAA tournament for the first time ever
- ◆ girls tennis finishing 12-6 and winning a match in the MIAA tournament for the first time ever
- ◆ approximately two-thirds of all students participating in a sport at some level.