



New Head of School Grace Cotter Regan, her predecessor, Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache '65 and Principal Carl A. DiMaiti visit with students James Torosian '15 and Carmel Lozzi '15.

AMAZING SUCCESSION AT SMH

Grace Cotter Regan follows Dr. Bastarache as head of school

BY PAUL HALLORAN

Grace Cotter Regan graduated from a Catholic high school and college and has spent the majority of her professional career working at Catholic institutions. And while she was very happy in her role as executive director of advancement for the New England Province of Jesuits, there was one position she knew she wanted to pursue, but it had to be pretty much the ideal situation.

"I told my boss, the Jesuit Provincial, that

the only way I would leave is if a head of school (position) opened and it was at a school with the right mission," she said, effectively describing how she arrived in her new position as head of school at St. Mary's.

Regan replaces Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache '65, who is retiring after spending the last six years as the first head of school at St. Mary's.

"I feel like I can build on the great work Ray, (Principal) Carl DiMaiti and the board have done here," Regan said. "I fell in love with the

people, the place and the mission. That's what compelled me to pursue this position."

Regan knew she had some connections to St. Mary's, but it turns out she had more than she realized. As a basketball player at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, she played on a team that lost to St. Mary's in the state tournament. Her father was a Boston College classmate of the late Bill Connell '55, whose generosity toward St. Mary's is unrivaled. One of Regan's BC classmates, Jim Moran, is a St. Mary's

graduate. She worked on projects with Owen Lynch '52 when she was executive director of the Boston College Alumni Association. Her son, Bartley, a three-sport athlete at BC High, was almost faced with the prospect of facing his mother's new school in the MIAA Div. 1A hockey tournament, but the matchup never materialized.

"St. Mary's is a hidden gem," she said. "I am really excited about being here. Nothing is broken, but I realize there is an

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Grateful for wonderful 42-year journey



DR. RAYMOND A. BASTARACHE

Mine was an improbable journey—one that St. Mary's High School played an integral role in from the beginning. It is very obvious to me that the reason I was able to experience such a wonderful 42-year career in the teaching and learning business can be summarized in one word: education.

As I pen my final commentary as the first head of school at my alma mater, I can't help but reflect on how lucky I was to be born into the Bastarache family. My late father, Donald '42, and mother, Rena, gave my brothers and sister and me confidence in ourselves and in our dreams to believe that we could be anything we wanted to be.

For me, education lit my path and showed me the way, specifically the

Catholic education I received in my four years at St. Mary's followed by four years at Boston College. That's certainly not to diminish the quality of instruction and the degrees I received from Salem State and the University of Massachusetts. But Catholic education is different and it is special. Catholic schools participate in the Church's mission of bringing the gospels to the ends of the earth. They are places for the evangelization of the young. I surely didn't realize it back then, but I do now and am most grateful.

There is no way I can adequately recognize all the wonderful people who have influenced my career in education: 22 years as a classroom teacher, 10 as a principal, four as deputy superintendent and the last six as head of school at St. Mary's. It goes without saying that I was blessed to marry my beautiful wife, Mackie—a stellar classroom teacher in her own right—40 years ago, and together we raised three wonderful children: Danielle, Kerry and Marc.

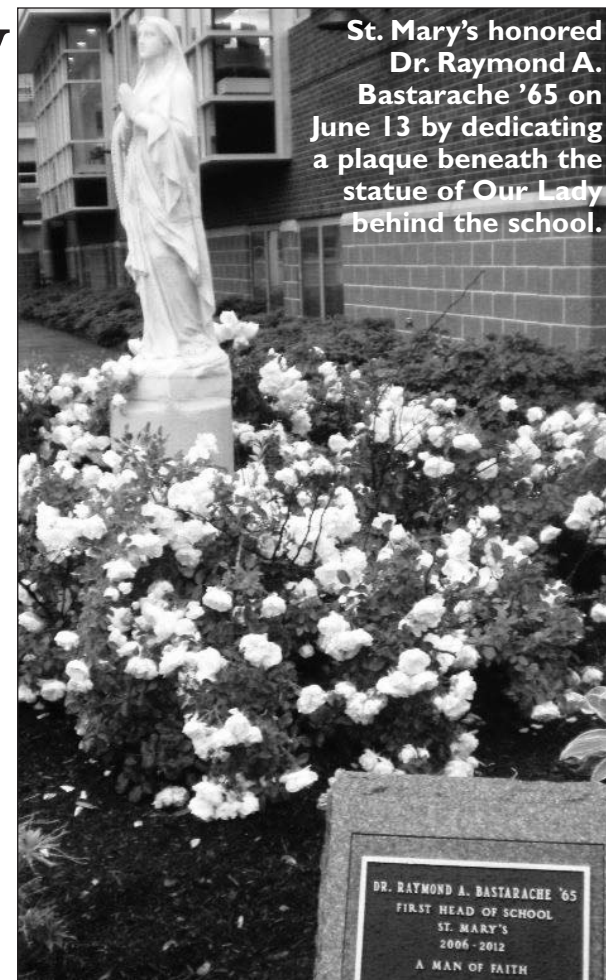
I never forgot the pearl of wisdom my

principal, Dr. John J. Warry '46 shared with me my first year teaching. "Ray," he said, "if you're meant to be a teacher and you work hard to be the very best teacher you can be, you will be in the position to significantly influence the hopes and dreams of countless students."

I would never be so bold as to presume I positively influenced the lives of hundreds of young men and women over the past 42 years. That's not for me to judge. I simply am eternally grateful to the entire St. Mary's community, starting with Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity and the school's first board of trustees chaired by Anthony DiCroce, for choosing me to lead this school that I care so much about. I have sincerely enjoyed and appreciated my daily interactions with our outstanding students and dedicated teachers and staff.

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

Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache '65 is outgoing head of school.



St. Mary's honored Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache '65 on June 13 by dedicating a plaque beneath the statue of Our Lady behind the school.

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Farewell to seniors and Dr. Bastarache



CARL A. DIMAITI

In this edition of *The St. Mary's Educator*, we are happy to introduce you to the top 10 students in the Class of 2012. Each student has done tremendous work over the past four years, taking the most challenging courses, participating in extracurricular activities and providing service both within the school community and in their own neighborhoods. They are all headed off to college in September

prepared for the new academic challenges they will face and confident in their abilities. We expect great things from them, as we do for the entire Class of 2012.

Leaving with this graduating class is our head of school, Dr. Raymond Bastarache. Dr. Bastarache has played such an important role in making the kind of curriculum changes that have been critical to the success of this graduating class. During his six-year tenure, we have added Advanced Placement classes, created a new schedule that allows a wide variety of elective options for seniors, and joined the Virtual High School Consortium, which has provided seniors

a rich menu of online courses. Taken together, these changes have provided needed rigor and varied educational choices for all of our students.

It is not a coincidence that there are currently four St. Mary's graduates attending Harvard. Dr. Bastarache has made a huge impact on our school and I am forever grateful for his service. As a school community, we wish him the very best while being ever mindful of his contributions to his alma mater.

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

Proud to have served with a man of faith



REV. BRIAN FLYNN

It was almost two years ago that I began my assignment here at St. Mary's. One of my first events was the annual State of the School address and board meeting. It was at that gathering that I first met Dr. Ray Bastarache, our retiring head of school. That meeting was rather chaotic for me as I was encountering many board members, school administrators, and faculty for the very first time. But it wasn't long after that, when things began to settle down, that I was able to get to know Ray. And I am a better person for having done so.

Ray Bastarache is not only a great administrator, a fine teacher, and a loving husband, father and grandfather. He is also a man of great faith. And perhaps most of all he is

not afraid to manifest that faith in all that he says and does. At the school liturgy celebrated in Ray's honor, he stood before the student body and proudly proclaimed that it was his faith and trust in God our creator that helped to lead him on his chosen career path. He told those gathered that prayer and trust in God will always help them on their journeys and that they should take time each day to reflect upon what God is asking of them.

I witnessed Ray's faith in many other ways, as he would often take time to attend and read at daily Mass. He is a key contributor to our Catholic Identity Committee and could often be found at campus ministry events offering his full support. But his faith is perhaps most evident when talking about individual students, always proud of those who achieved great things and wondering how he could help those who might be struggling with one thing or another. Ray wants every student to succeed at whatever he or she chooses to do, and as a man of faith always

seeks to share his God-given gifts with those who may need his help.

He was there for me many times during these past two years and I know that I can count on his continued support and guidance as he moves on. Like a true friend, he is just a phone call away.

I wish Ray God's blessings as he moves on and also wish to welcome Grace Regan, who joins us as the new head of school. Like Ray, she is a faith-filled person who has a strong relationship with our Lord and Savior. She is the newest member of the St. Mary's family and with all our prayers and support she—as I did—will soon learn that there is nothing quite like becoming a Spartan! I look forward to getting to know Grace better over these next few months and working with her at our school for many years to come.

May you all have a safe, fun-filled and blessed summer.

Rev. Brian Flynn is pastor of St. Mary's Parish.



Cast members of "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon."

A fairy-tale ending

Drama Club earns spot in state finals for first time since 1970

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

It was a fairy-tale ending for members of the St. Mary's Drama Club, who took center stage at Back Bay Events Center in Boston for the 81st Annual Massachusetts High School Drama Festival finals.

The festival, which began in 1931 as the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild's premier event, is open to every public, private and parochial high school in the Commonwealth and annually draws an average of 115 participating schools.

Performing "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon," the St. Mary's actors soared through the festival's preliminary and semi-final rounds in early March to win a coveted spot in the state finals. They were among 14 teams to make it to the final round March 22-24.

The last time the St. Mary's Drama Club made it to the finals was in 1970, with a performance of Eugene Ionesco's

absurdist comedy "Exit the King."

This year's show was a fast-paced comedic mash-up of Brothers Grimm classics such as "Cinderella," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Rapunzel" and "Rumpelstiltskin."

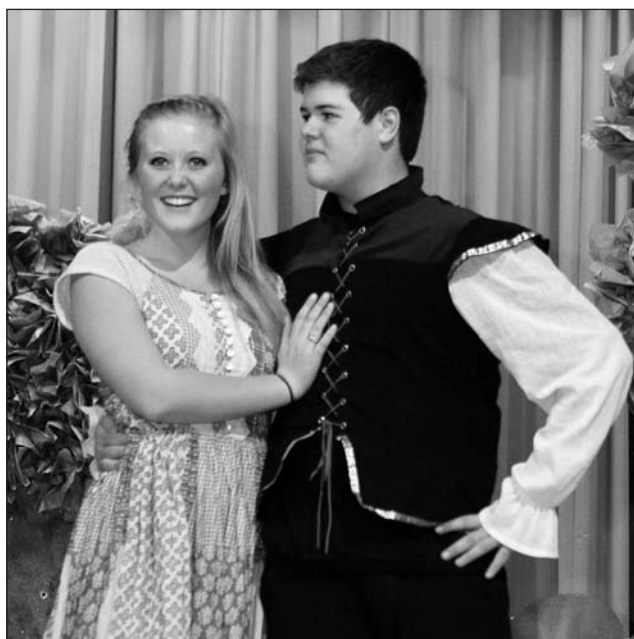
THAT WAS THE PRIZE FOR US, JUST BEING THERE THAT WEEKEND.

"We were looking for a strong ensemble show and this one appealed most to the kids, and I think that's why it appealed to the audience and judges," said English teacher and Drama Club director Karalyn McGovern, '90. "It was such an amazing experience for all of us, being in Boston and taking in all of the amazing productions by the other

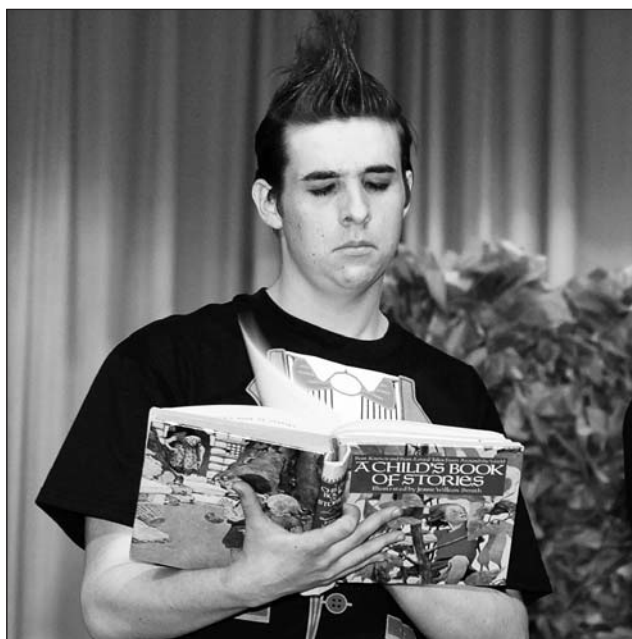
schools. That was the prize for us, just being there that weekend."

Although the experience alone may have been enough of a prize, the students did walk away with a number of tangible awards. During the preliminary round, Sarah O'Brien, Dan Kraemer, Hazel Stirgwolt, Jean Marie LaPointe and Jake Kiley were all presented with individual awards for excellence in acting. At the semifinals, Kraemer, Stirgwolt, LaPointe and Kaitlin Bowen earned awards for acting, while Andres Rodriguez and Christian Blaise were honored for excellence in technical design. During the finals, Stirgwolt earned another individual award for excellence in acting, placing her in the festival's All-Star Company.

In May, the St. Mary's Drama Club again wowed audiences with its spring musical production, "Seussical," a show that weaves together famous stories and characters from at least fifteen of Dr. Seuss' best-loved books.



Hazel Stirgwolt and her prince, Jake Kiley.



Dan Kraemer narrates "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon."



Jean Marie LaPointe dances and sings as Hansel.

STUDENT PROFILES: ROCKING AND ROLLING



ZACHARY BURL

Burl is an accomplished musician at a young age

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

Zachary Burl is a student of rock—classic and sedimentary.

Burl, a sophomore at St. Mary's, plans to pursue a career in geology, and has enrolled in a six-week geology course at Salem State University. He hopes to one day earn his bachelor's or master's degree in education, so that he can be teaching science while he pursues his doctorate in geology.

But geology is not his only passion. Burl is a talented musician who excels as a violinist. He also plays the piano, guitar, cello and viola in his spare time, and hopes to one day learn to play the saxophone and trumpet as well.

Burl has been playing the violin since grade 4, when he started in the Lynn Public Schools music program. "It was probably one of the best music programs around for a public system," said Burl.

It was a program Burl was a bit reluctant to leave when he made the decision to enroll at St. Mary's. He was, however, under the impression that he would still be able to play in the All City Orchestra—an orchestra he

had been a part of since grade 7. He even served as a mentor during the summer program last year. Unfortunately for Burl, the district's administration ruled him ineligible to continuing performing with the orchestra.

"It was just awful. The whole music department was outraged," he said.

Not one to let setbacks hold him back, Burl found a new outlet. He joined the Salem Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, a full orchestra that provides a semi-professional atmosphere for musicians to attain a high level of musical performance.

"It's been a great change, and definitely an improvement," said Burl.

At St. Mary's, Burl has also gotten involved in Rachel's Challenge and Mock Trial. He could not be happier about his decision to become a Spartan and is looking forward to his second year.

"Class sizes are a lot smaller," said Burl. "I love it. You pretty much know everyone, and the teachers are awesome. They'll help you with anything. I was pretty shy at the start of the year, but I feel like I have definitely grown here."

Ryan excited to get a head start on St. Mary's education

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

Travis Ryan always knew he would become a Spartan one day. He was just glad when that day came sooner rather than later.

Ryan was among 30 students to enroll in St. Mary's inaugural sixth-grade class at the start of the 2011–12 school year. The group—the Class of 2018—made history, christening the school's Marian Division and becoming the first class to kick off a middle-to-high-school pathway that will span seven years.

The addition of a sixth-grade class, approved by the Archdiocese of Boston last year, was prompted by a growing demand to align St. Mary's grade structure with its public-school counterparts. The school added a junior high—grades 7–8—in the early 1990s, just before public schools began shifting to the grade 6–8 middle-school model.

A Lynn resident, Ryan attended elementary school in Lynn Public Schools before coming to St. Mary's. He follows in the footsteps of his father, Paul Ryan '83, a special education teacher at Lynn Classical High School.

"I knew the education and sports at St. Mary's would be good, and always planned to come here in high school," said Ryan. "It's been great to meet new friends, and the teachers are really understanding, always there to help."

He already recognizes the advantages of small classes and building relationships with teachers he will eventually have in high school.

"You get to know the teachers and they'll be there to help you throughout the years," Ryan said.

Ryan will try out for hockey, and likely baseball, next year. He also hopes to get involved with Rachel's Challenge. An avid hockey player, he has been playing since he was four years old and hopes to one day play professionally.

Also talented on the baseball mound, Ryan pitched the Wyoma Rangers to a thrilling 6–4 Lynn City Series triumph last summer. He also volunteers with the Challenger Little League team in Lynn, which gives which gives children with disabilities an opportunity to play baseball.



TRAVIS RYAN

Technical assistance

Teachers now using iPads

By MEAGHAN CASEY

Gone are the days when a pencil and paper ruled the classroom. Today, more and more students—and teachers—are relying on the latest technology to enhance learning.

This past spring, St. Mary's equipped each of its teachers with an iPad 2. In total, nearly 50 tablets were distributed as part of a three-year lease. Apple technicians provided training for the teachers upon delivery in March, and the school hosted another professional development day for staff members to share best practices on June 11.

Marian Division science teacher Jeffrey Morrison has used his iPad as a research tool to find apps with activities to enrich his classroom lessons.

"Planet Finder, for instance, will find stars, planets and constellations, day or night," said Morrison. "You just type in what you want to find and it will show you where to locate it in the sky."

For Morrison, the new technology has been a welcome addition. "As an educator, it keeps me on a level playing field as the kids, who are quite technologically advanced," he said. "We are hopefully demonstrating to the students that technology is not only entertaining, but necessary to be able to be successful in the future. Technology is only going to become more advanced, so we need to demonstrate and teach the students how to utilize available technologies to best reach goals."

For history teacher Sarah Dyer, the iPad initiative has made a huge difference in her



Melissa LeFave, left, and Jordan Collier, right, view history teacher Sarah Dyer's notes on her iPad 2 before class.

daily approach to teaching.

"First and foremost, the iPad is great for mobility," said Dyer. "It's easy to pass around to show kids photos or videos, and it can be projected for easy viewing for the whole class. For me, it has made life much easier taking attendance and checking homework when I have to move around a crowded room. It is also easier to take on the road or around school, and the eBooks available for iPads are not only cheaper to download, but they make it possible to access all of my books without having to carry them."

Dyer has also come to rely on the photographic and video features of the iPad.

"We can record class presentations,

making it easier to take time to really evaluate instead of rushing to grade them during the presentation itself," said Dyer. "Extracurricular activities and athletics also benefit by recording performances to study and improve on later."

Additionally, Dyer has used the technology to provide content delivery at home, using software called Brainshark to upload presentation notes online.

"The website has a feature where I can record my own voice explaining the slides as they pass," she said. "I email the link for homework, and students view the notes just like a YouTube video. The students come in with their notes for the day already prepared, so

we are able to use that class period to discuss, practice writing or do enrichment activities."

Those examples provide just a glimpse as to how Dyer's iPad has benefitted not just her, but her students.

"I think the iPad initiative is a great way for students to take advantage of every resource their world has to offer," said Dyer. "It gives them access to educational resources beyond the confines of a single school or school day. They can use apps like iTunesU to see curriculum and resources from other schools across the country. It also makes it easier for them to take advantage of email, the student portal and other technology we already have in place here at St. Mary's."

TEACHER PROFILE



Dominick Steadman uses his iPad 2 to connect to the classroom projector.

Teaching at St. Mary's adds up for Lynn native

By MEAGHAN CASEY

Though a career as a high school math teacher wasn't in the original equation for Dominick Steadman, it's a path he couldn't be happier that he followed.

Steadman just completed his first year of teaching geometry at St. Mary's, following a 2½-year stint in the Lynn Public Schools, where he taught at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, Lynn Classical High School and Breed Middle School, and coached soccer.

"Coming here, it's been head and tails above what I could have imagined, both as an educator and in terms of getting back in touch with my Catholic faith," said Steadman.

A Lynn native, Steadman graduated in 2000 from Lynn English High School, where he played soccer and baseball. He

went on to complete a postgraduate year at Bridgton Academy before earning his bachelor's degree in business at Salem State University. During that time, he also coached soccer at Lynn English.

WHEN YOU STEP INTO ST. MARY'S, IT'S SUCH A DIFFERENT WORLD AND CULTURE.

"People always thought of me as teacher, or that I should be a teacher, because I would tutor and coach," said Steadman. "It

took a year out of college working in billing for a big corporation to realize that teaching was what I really wanted to do."

Steadman continues to coach at Lynn Classical, but has planted firm roots at St. Mary's during the past year. He assisted with the Spartans junior varsity baseball team, traveled with St. Mary's students to the March for Life rally in Washington, D.C. and participated in the Hunger for Justice weekend, led by campus ministry director Andrea Alberti.

"When you step into St. Mary's, it's such a different world and culture," said Steadman, whose father, Jeffrey, is a 1975 graduate of the school. "People always said that it was a great place to be, but you really can't appreciate that until you're inside these walls. The teaching staff and everyone here have gone above and beyond to welcome me and help me out."



MICHAELA CATINO

College plans: Boston University
Extracurricular activities: Volunteering at Winchester Hospital, basketball, soccer
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *The Hunger Games* is very interesting, much better than the movie.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? Homelessness and poverty.
If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Italy, where my grandparents lived before they moved to America

What do you think is your mission? To help people. The feeling I get from volunteering or simply just helping someone with a math problem is unbelievable.
What is your prized possession? The trophy I received in eighth grade for an undefeated basketball season of 18-0
Most memorable SMH moment: When my basketball coach, Mr. Farell, awarded me the MVP trophy for freshman basketball.
Who is your hero? My mother, Lisa, is the one I look up to for everything and the one responsible for encouraging me to do so well in high school.
25 years from now: I am an ophthalmologist helping many people see the world much better than they can. I will make sure that the homeless and poverty-stricken will receive care for their eyes.



TOM COLLINS

College plans: Northeastern, College of Engineering
Extracurricular activities: Student Council, Student Admissions Team, Rachel's Challenge, National Honor Society and community service
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *Lord of the Flies* is about a group of English schoolboys who are stranded on an island and turn to savagery as they survive.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? National debt is preventing the U.S. from thriving as a nation. It is causing higher taxes, cutting government programs and devaluing our money.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Italy, to taste real Italian cooking and learn more about my heritage
What do you think is your mission? To be the best that I can be. I believe that there is no point in doing something if you are not going to try your hardest.
What is your prized possession? My family. I would not have been able to have the opportunities I have been given without them.
Most memorable SMH moment: Pep rallies, when the school can come together to support our sports teams
Who is your hero? My grandfather is one of the hardest workers that I know.
25 years from now: I am a successful engineer with a family and a nice home.



LAUREN FOLINO

College plans: Merrimack College
Extracurricular activities: Varsity football and basketball cheerleading, National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Student Council, Rachel's Challenge, yearbook
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks tells a story of young love going through life's struggles.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? The economy is one of our country's biggest problems, causing many people to lose their jobs and houses.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Hawaii, to experience the different culture that makes up the United States
What do you think is your mission? To make someone's day better each day by helping them out or just being friendly
What is your prized possession? My family and friends are irreplaceable and will always be there for me.
Most memorable SMH moment: Cheering at the Boston Garden for the 2012 boys basketball state champions
Who is your hero? My nana, Jeannette Cosman
25 years from now: I am still in the Boston area, with a career in advertising and a family.



MARIANNE HALAS

College plans: Emmanuel College
Extracurricular activities: Varsity softball, varsity football and basketball cheerleading, National Honor Society, Student Admissions, Rachel's Challenge, Catholic Identity Team
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *The Collector* by John Fowles was dramatic and kept me wanting more.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? Our economy. It is hard for people to live in a country if they cannot afford the basic necessities.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Australia, to see the interesting animals, meet the people, and of course taste the food
What do you think is your mission? To become a doctor and help people in need
What is your prized possession? My family is always there for me. I don't know where I would be without them.
Most memorable SMH moment: Winning the Div. 3 state championship in softball
Who is your hero? My Grampy, Jack Hollow. He has been a great role model and friend. I absolutely love him.
25 years from now: I am a successful mother and doctor. I hope to have a healthy and happy family, and to be a certified pediatrician.



EMILY HATCHOUEL

College plans: College of the Holy Cross
Extracurricular activities: Tennis, track and field, cross country, Rachel's Challenge, Student Admissions Team, College Bowl, Science League, National Honor Society, dance
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *The Hunger Games* was so well-written and got into the main character's head. Suzanne Collins did an amazing job with the whole series and kept the plot moving and interesting.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? Debt and unemployment. People build up large amounts of debt that they know they can't pay off because they cannot find a job.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Europe, to travel everywhere and see the historic sites and my family that lives there
What do you think is your mission? To inspire other people with reading disabilities. I want to show them what can happen if you never give up on yourself.
What is your prized possession? My American Girl dolls are a reminder of a happy childhood and the people who gave them to me, like my grandmother.
Most memorable SMH moment: When I met my best friend, Kaileen, in computer lab
Who is your hero? My mom has always been there for me and never given up on me.
25 years from now: I am Channel 7 news anchor Emily Hatchouel.



ANN-MARIE IDUSUYI

College plans: Assumption College
Extracurricular activities: Basketball, volleyball, track and field, National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Rachel's Challenge, Hunger for Justice, Famine, peer tutoring
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *Unwind* is a dystopian novel about a futuristic world where the pro-life and pro-choice debate is finally solved.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? The unemployment rate. Jobs are not available and for many people it is a daily struggle to make ends meet.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Australia, to surf "Down Under" and see a kangaroo in its natural habitat
What do you think is your mission? To use my career to help others get well and have a better life. I hope to one day build a hospital in a third-world country.
What is your prized possession? My mind is the only thing I have that truly sets me apart from everyone else. I treasure it and love using it every day to learn new things.
Most memorable SMH moment: When the whole cafeteria broke out in school spirit chants for the boys basketball team's upcoming playoff game
Who is your hero? My mother works so hard and I'd be nothing without her.
25 years from now: I am a successful nurse practitioner or physical therapist with my own practice. I am also married to the love of my life with six beautiful children.



STEPHEN ROACH

College plans: Boston College
Extracurricular activities: Mock Trial, National Honor Society, track and field, Rachel's Challenge, math team, Student Council, Student Ambassadors, Senior Project Experience
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *Steve Jobs: A Biography* shared how an amazing inventor revolutionized the world.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? Everyone is always trying to be politically correct. Our country has had to deal with terrorist attacks, two wars and a crumbling economy, but people still focus on and take issue with wording.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Italy, because it has so many historical locations and beautiful scenery
What do you think is your mission? I'm not sure yet, but I know it will entail being a good person who leads and inspires others.
What is your prized possession? My iPad
Most memorable SMH moment: Listening to Chris Herren's speech about his life and his challenges. It really put things into perspective.
Who is your hero? My parents have sacrificed so much to help me succeed.
25 years from now: I am a partner at a prestigious law firm and married with children, probably living in Massachusetts or somewhere else in New England.



KAILEEN RYAN

College plans: Regis College, Presidential Catholic Scholar
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Science League, College Bowl, Rachel's Challenge, spring musical, volunteering
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *44 Charles Street* is an enjoyable novel about how strangers overcome their differences and become best friends in Manhattan.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? Upholding its status as a powerful country. The U.S. is struggling to recover its prosperity because of the economic crisis.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Ireland, to see where my ancestors came from and kiss the Blarney Stone
What do you think is your mission? To use my knowledge in nursing to help others
What is your prized possession? A heart-shaped locket with a picture of my grandparents. I wear it to remind myself that my family's love is never far away.
Most memorable SMH moment: The first day of school, when Koula asked me where the cafeteria was. That day I met my best friends: Koula, Emily, Tom and Dan
Who is your hero? My mother is one of the strongest people I know, and my dad has shown me that perseverance and hard work always pay off.
25 years from now: I am a successful nurse practitioner in the hospitals of Boston. I will have traveled all over the world and settled down with my husband and family.



RACHEL STUEVE

College plans: Salve Regina University
Extracurricular activities: Varsity soccer, varsity basketball, National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Rachel's Challenge, ACTS
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *The Last Lecture* tells of Randy Pausch's last lecture to his students about his life and values before he was taken by cancer.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? The breakdown of family values.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Europe, to witness the historic and cultural depth
What do you think is your mission? To spread love wherever I go, showing compassion for those around me, and helping to improve the quality of life of those I meet on the way
What is your prized possession? My grandfather's St. Christopher and Virgin Mary medal that I received at his passing. It reminds me that I have a guardian angel.
Most memorable SMH moment: Basketball season during junior year. We went to Disney World, beat Pentucket, played at the TD Garden and won states!
Who is your hero? Jesus Christ has a love for us that is far greater than our understanding, but I strive to live a life as He did in a way that would make Him proud.
25 years from now: I am happy, having traveled the world and settled in North Carolina. I will be married with many children and privileged to be doing what I love.



DEVIN THOMPSON

College plans: University of New England
Extracurricular activities: Varsity basketball, varsity baseball, Student Council President, National Honor Society
Tell us about a book you've read recently: *Basketball Junkie* is Chris Herren's moving story about how drugs and addiction can destroy a person's life and everyone in it.
What do you think is the biggest challenge our country faces today? The economy. With no jobs and the housing market at a low, a rebound will take time.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why? Italy, to witness the interesting culture and peoples and immerse myself in a different society
What do you think is your mission? To become a physical therapist who helps people recover from their injuries
What is your prized possession? My state championship basketball ring serves as a reminder of the best season of my life.
Most memorable SMH moment: Winning the state championship in basketball as a senior and scoring 26 points at the TD Garden in the final against Cathedral
Who is your hero? My parents are the reason I have accomplished all that I have.
25 years from now: I am successful physical therapist with my own private practice and coaching basketball in my free time.

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From left, Michael Reddy '80, Nicholas Stanley '13, Michael MacNeil, Thomas Demakes, Michelle Urh '13, Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache '65, Margot Connell, Monica Connell Healey, Owen Lynch '52, St. Mary's Board Chair Jack King '66 and St. Mary's Pastor Rev. Brian Flynn.

FIVE RECOGNIZED WITH CONNELL AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO ST. MARY'S

To honor the late Bill Connell's great philanthropic legacy and deep commitment to Christian service, St. Mary's presented the third annual William F. Connell '55 Service Awards to five deserving honorees.

"Each year as I sit here, I'm reminded of how much I love this school, but no one loved it as much as Bill Connell," said St. Mary's Principal Carl DiMaiti. "He left us all with a great legacy and example of a life well-lived."

This year's Student Awards were presented to Nicholas Stanley and Michelle Urh, both incoming seniors.

Stanley, a Lynn resident, has been volunteering at an animal shelter since he was in the sixth grade. He also volunteers at a local Christian camp, and this spring was asked to serve as a leader at the camp. At St. Mary's, he has been a member of the swim and track teams and has been involved in various religious and service activities.

Urh, who lives in Revere, has been involved in volunteer work since childhood, participating in coastal clean-ups, walking for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and volunteering in the Senior Buddies program at the Courtyard Nursing Home in Medford. At St. Mary's, she is a member of Rachel's Challenge, is ranked fifth in her class and is part of the school's College Bowl team and Drama Club. She hopes to study biological oceanography and go on to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for her graduate work and educate the world on how to protect its oceans.

"Service is an opportunity to leave your mark on the world, even if you're the only one who knows what you've done," said Urh. "I can only hope to live up to the example that Mr. Connell and his family have set."

The Faculty/Staff Award was presented to Dr. Raymond Bastarache '65, who is retiring as head of school after six years. Bastarache led the school's transition to a head of school model when the position was introduced in 2006. His tenure at St. Mary's followed a 35-year career in Lynn Public Schools, including 15 as an administrator.

"I was blessed to come here and work with so many people who recognize that service is what we do—it's the norm, not the exception to the rule," said Bastarache.

The Alumni Award was presented to Michael Reddy '80. Reddy's parents and siblings, as well as his wife, Susan

(Truax) '81 and her siblings, all attended St. Mary's, as did his children, Shannon '09 and the late Patrick '06, who was tragically killed in a car accident in 2007.

"During that difficult time, the St. Mary's community was there for us with compassion and support," said Reddy. "Like Mr. Connell's family, we learned a valuable lesson—always appreciate what you have, never forget where you came from and give back when you can."

Thomas Demakes, president of Old Neighborhood Foods and a valued friend of the Connell family, was presented with the Friend Award. Demakes has generously supported

St. Mary's and other local organizations such as the Agganis Foundation, Girls Inc., the YMCA and KIPP Academy. He and his wife, Marill, were \$100,000 presenting sponsors of the St. Mary's Legacy of Giving Gala last October.

"It's easy to support St. Mary's," said Demakes. "It's part of the rock that is Lynn."

"How appropriate that the Friend Award goes to my friend, Tom Demakes," said Margot Connell, who presented the awards in honor of her late husband. "No one does it better. Like my husband, Bill, Tom is a businessman and a family man, generous to a fault."

Mrs. Connell donates \$1M to St. Mary's

Margot C. Connell, chairman of Connell Limited Partnership and long-time advocate and supporter of St. Mary's High School, has committed a leadership gift of \$1 million for new programs and facilities. Connell continues the legacy of her late husband, William F. Connell, a 1955 graduate of St. Mary's.

"The generosity by Margot and Bill has been the catalyst for the dramatic improvements for more than a decade at St. Mary's, and has inspired further support from many others," said Jack King '66, chair of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees.

The Connell family has been an important part of the St. Mary's community for many years. Margot and Bill made a transformative \$5 million gift in 2001 as part of the Ours is to Build capital campaign. In the fall of 2005, the state-of-the-art William F. Connell Center opened as the centerpiece of St. Mary's campus in Lynn.

In 2007, Margot Connell was awarded the Richard Cardinal Cushing Award from St. Mary's for her commitment to Catholic education. "St. Mary's has wonderfully dedicated teachers and staff. It has achieved tremendous success in not only providing a great education for so many young men and women over the years, but also helping those students build a solid foundation for life. My family and I are thrilled to again be able to partner with them on their future vision and planning," said Connell, a Swampscott resident.



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ALUMNI PROFILE: WAYNE QUINN '67

Service in Seattle: a life of helping others

BY RICH FAHEY

In a way, it all ties together. His conscientious-objector status. His decades-long commitment to helping people on the fringes of society. Even the trip to Woodstock, perhaps the iconic moment of the turbulent '60s.

"We were the people who were going to change everything, and we did," said Wayne Quinn, 62, a member of the Class of 1967 at St. Mary's. "We ended the war in Vietnam. We questioned authority and scrutinized the government. We spearheaded the drive to establish Earth Day and we're now seeing the local results of that focus. We fostered an atmosphere of social consciousness that evolved into a battalion of new volunteers, and agencies such as VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America)."

For the past three decades—until February of this year—Quinn was helping to change the world, one prisoner or one homeless person at a time. Then came a recurrence of the cancer that he has been battling off and on since 1997, which forced him to retire from his nursing position with the Health Care for the Homeless Network in Seattle.

Now Quinn is battling cancer of the lung and liver, having already outlived one doctor's prediction a year ago that he had a year to live.

"I'm still here," he said, amidst the second of two intense rounds of chemotherapy that have shrunk, but not eliminated tumors.

It was a long and winding road that led from Sacred Heart School and St. Mary's to the Pacific Northwest.

Quinn attended North Shore Community College, but eventually faced the draft for the Vietnam War.



WAYNE QUINN '67

He decided to claim conscientious-objector status based on personal beliefs, and not religious principles. He served his alternative community service as an orderly at Lynn Hospital, where he discovered he had an aptitude for dealing with patients. A mentor at the hospital suggested he look into becoming a nurse.

Taking advantage of a federal loan program, he attended the Mass. General Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1976 as one of eight males in a class of 248.

He worked in the hospital's operating room, gaining modest fame as "the nurse who talked



Wayne Quinn, left, worked with the homeless in Seattle for many years, gaining media attention such as this issue of *Pacific* from 1988.

to patients and relieved their anxiety."

After a brief marriage to a co-worker was annulled, he decided to leave the area. He spent time with old friends from Lynn in San Diego, then Vancouver, B.C. before joining up with another old Lynn friend, Joe Martin, and volunteering at a clinic for the indigent near the iconic Pike's Market in Seattle in 1979.

From 1980-82 Quinn also worked as a street musician around the city. In 1982, he and Martin formed two-thirds of Claypipe, an Irish band that played in Irish pubs on weekends. Playing the guitar and accordion gave him refuge from the stress of his medical work.

After getting married in 1980, Quinn got a job as a nurse at the King County Jail in 1982.

He treated prisoners until 1987, when he saw an opening to work with Health Care for the Homeless, a national program established in 1985.

"We found there was a need and demand for the services," Quinn said about the shelter, which housed 240 clients. "It was chaotic."

Quinn noticed when the weather became better in the summer, clients would leave the shelter in droves. With support from his supervisor, he went to where the clients were on the street, troubleshooting each medical situation as he found it. His work

drew the attention of the local media.

"The attention at least portrayed the need for what we were doing," said Quinn, who spent about 30 months on the street.

In 1997, he became part of the King County medical respite program, a holistic approach to homelessness that addresses not only medical needs, but mental health and substance abuse issues, as well as housing.

That same year, Quinn underwent surgery for bladder cancer. He remained cancer-free until 2006, when cancer forced the removal of a kidney. Tests were negative until May 2011, when CAT scans showed problems in both the lung and the liver.

The rigorous chemotherapy treatments finally forced him to retire in February.

Quinn said he always considered his work a spiritual mission. "People all deserve a break; they deserve justice and equality," he said. "I clearly knew my destiny. It was carved out for me like a laser beam. The inspiration and education I got at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's helped me to choose this career."

Quinn has stayed active, hiking and biking frequently. He and his wife of 31 years, Joanne, spend time with their two children and three grandchildren.

reunionupdates

1943 held its 68th reunion on Sept. 9, 2011 at Old Tyme Restaurant in Lynn.

1952 is planning its 60th reunion on Aug. 8 at the Danversport Yacht Club.

1962 held its 50th reunion June 22-24.

1967 held its 45th reunion June 16.

1977 will hold a reunion July 21 at Gannon Golf Course. Contact Darlene (Dorgan) Clark at elbonobeme@hotmail.com or Dave Gaudet at D262PG@aol.com for details.

50+ REUNION was held June 9 at Gannon Golf Club.

Please contact Katie Dearing in the Alumni Office (kdearing@smhlynn.org or 781-586-2018) to plan your reunion.

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DiCroce '67, MacNeil earn recognition

Anthony F. DiCroce '67 and Michael MacNeil, Director of Institutional Advancement, have earned national and regional recognition for their work with St. Mary's.

DiCroce received the Monsignor John E. Meyers Award from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). He was recognized for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership in advancing the mission of Catholic education in general and to St. Mary's in particular. The award was presented during the annual NCEA convention in Boston.

DiCroce worked closely with former St. Mary's Pastor Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity and a key alumni group over a span of more than 15 years to create a vision for the future and re-establish a culture of success at St. Mary's High School. In 1999, DiCroce spearheaded the school's first strategic planning process, which looked at ways to strengthen academic quality, grow enrollment, add professional resources, and promote the school's Catholic mission. He also co-chaired a successful \$10 million capital campaign from 2002-05.

DiCroce also led the school's transition from nearly 125 years of parish governance to an independent school model with a lay board of trustees. He served as first



Anthony F. DiCroce receives the Msgr John E. Meyers Award from NCEA President Karen Ristau.

chairman of the new board.

DiCroce is CEO of DiComm Ventures, a private investment firm. He is a 1971 graduate of the University of New Hampshire. He serves on the St. Mary's Board of Advisors. He and his wife, Stacey, have three children.

MacNeil received the William A. MacNeill Award from the Association of Catholic Advancement and Admissions Professionals (ACAAP). The award is presented to an ACAAP member whose contributions to member Catholic schools and to the profession reflect honor on the ACAAP, its mission and its purpose.

The award recognizes his 30-year commitment to Catholic school advancement and for the inspirational example of leadership and knowledge he has



Mike MacNeil, left, receives the William A. MacNeill Award from ACAAP President David Erwin.

embodied to all in the profession. It was presented March 15 at the ACAAP Spring Conference at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

MacNeil has a demonstrated record of success in leading both collegiate and secondary school advancement programs for the past 25 years. After beginning his career as a high school counselor at Trinity High School in Manchester, N.H., he has served in advancement leadership positions at Austin Prep, Merrimack, Saint Anselm and UMass Lowell. He also worked as vice president for Institutional Advancement at Southern New Hampshire University. MacNeil came to St. Mary's in 2006.

A graduate of Boston College, MacNeil earned a master's in Urban Studies and Counseling from UMass Boston.

Grace Cotter Regan follows Dr. Bastarache as head of school

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opportunity to enhance what has already been done. As I went into the search process, every person I talked to about St. Mary's talked about it as one of the bright lights of the archdiocese. There is something special here."

A self-proclaimed "quick study," Regan said she will try to "make some assessments about what we can do to take St. Mary's to the next level."

To do that she will rely on her 30 years' experience working in education and institutional advancement. Regan served in strategic leadership roles at a national and international level with the Association of Jesuit and Catholic Colleges and Universities (AJCU), as national chair of the U.S. Provincial Jesuit Assistancy Advancement Directors, and as a consult to the Jesuit Curia in Rome. Prior to her role at the N.E. Province of Jesuits, she served as development director at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham and Mount Alvernia Academy in Chestnut Hill; assistant director of the annual fund at Simmons College; executive director of the Boston College Alumni Association; vice president for development for the Boston Public Library Foundation; and in the development office at the College of the Holy Cross.

She is also a partner in Partners in Mission, a Westwood-based consulting firm focused on developing excellence in

advancement and leadership in Catholic schools, dioceses, religious congregations and parishes nationwide.

Regan is a cum laude theology and sociology graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston College. Upon graduation, she spent a year of service with the Jesuits in Belize, Central America, and traveled extensively through the region. She earned a master's in Pastoral Ministry and Spirituality from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, a master's in education from the University of Vermont and a certificate in Catholic Leadership from the University of Notre Dame.

Those degrees notwithstanding, Regan learned life lessons by growing up as the daughter of Jim Cotter, the legendary football coach and athletic director at BC High. Cotter, who died of ALS in 2010—and whose life story is eloquently told in "A True Man For Others—The Coach Jim Cotter Story"—had a lasting impact on thousands of young men in his 41-plus years as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor and athletic director.

After teaching so many how to live, Cotter, who was stricken with ALS in 2006, gave a lesson in how to die. "My father allowed us to accompany him on his journey," Regan said. "The greatest lesson for us was the strength of his faith. He truly believed in God's plan. I was in awe of his ability to adjust to a mean, horrible illness. His mantra was, 'It's not the crisis, but how one responds to the crisis.' He responded

with strength and resolve."

Regan has two siblings, a sister in Colorado and brother in Wrentham. She and her husband, Bernie, a produce broker in Chelsea, live in West Roxbury with their two sons, Luke, a senior captain of the baseball team at Bowdoin College, and Bartley, a freshman at Stonehill who will play football.



Dr. Raymond A. Bastarache '65 and Grace Cotter Regan.



The St. Mary's Spartans boys basketball team took home the 2012 Div. 4 MIAA state championship with a 70-64 victory over Cathedral at TD Garden on March 12. Coach Kevin Moran led the team to a 20-4 season and was later named the *Boston Globe* Coach of the Year.

BANNER YEAR FOR SMH SPORTS

St. Mary's athletic teams completed a banner year in 2011-12, compiling an aggregate record of 211-129-5 (a .619 winning percentage), highlighted by the boys basketball team's winning the MIAA Div. 4 state championship.

This spring, the softball team went 17-7 and advanced to the MIAA Div. 3 North final, while the baseball team went 12-10 and made it to the North quarterfinals. The boys tennis team went 10-8 and hosted an MIAA tournament match for the first time.

The boys outdoor track team went 9-2, its best season in more than 30 years. Andrew DiMaiti became the first Spartan in three decades to qualify for the New England Outdoor Championships, placing 10th in the 300 meter hurdles.

Last winter, the boys hockey team captured the CCL title and won a game in the MIAA Div. 1A Tournament for the first time. The Spartans were unbeaten in the regular season and finished at 19-2-3. The girls hockey team also won the CCL and advanced to the Div. 1 state final, finishing at 21-4-1. The girls basketball team went 13-11 and advanced to the Div. 3 North quarterfinals.

classnotes

1945

Sr. Theresa Pond, a Sister of St. Joseph for 66 years, retired after 44 years as a teacher at Sacred Heart School in Lynn.

1962

David McIlvenna is celebrating his 45th wedding anniversary this year. He has three children and five grandchildren.

1967

Dr. Elizabeth Mary Lord has retired as Provost of Academic Personnel at the University of California, Riverside. She worked as a professor of plant biology at UC Riverside for 31 years.

1989

Vicky Rivera has relocated back to Lynn after living in Florida and California.

1995

Theresa Lane has completed her international studies in globalization, international relations and diplomacy at Oxford University.

2006

Jim Buckley is working as a financial adviser for New York Life.

Want to share what you've been up to?
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Nichole Gagnon observes a track meet.

St. Mary's reaps benefits of full-time athletic trainer

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"The advantage of having a trainer on hand is getting the student the proper assistance quickly," said Gagnon, 27, a graduate of Bishop Fenwick and UNH.

The injury was described as freakish, the hard rubber ball finding an unprotected area. Gagnon said it is an indication that there is work still to be done in the area of equipment that protects players.

"As trainers, we try to monitor what they're doing, how they're doing it and making sure they're properly protected when they do it," Gagnon said.

The issues of head injuries and concussions have come to the fore in recent years.

To quickly assess a possible concussion situation, Gagnon uses SCAT (Sports Concussion Awareness Test) 2, a standardized method of evaluating injured athletes for concussions that can be used in athletes 10 and older.

Even if an athlete tests out OK, just the suspicion of a concussion is enough to sit an athlete down for the day.

"There can be problems when an

athlete doesn't tell me about a problem. Sometimes I can still pick up on it and say to them 'you're not right.' After the fact, there's further testing you can do to help retrain brain and help them heal," she said, recognizing that quite often a head injury also affects the student in the classroom.

Gagnon also works with her father, Richard, at Gagnon Shoe Repair in downtown Salem. She works with clients who need orthopedic shoes or orthotics, shoe inserts that can help correct an imbalance when walking or running.

A typical day sees her working at the shoe store from about 7 a.m.-1 p.m. before journeying to Lynn, where she can be on call in the spring until about 8 p.m. and as late as 11 p.m. during the winter seasons.

She said high school athletes in general are starting to have a better sense of self-awareness when it comes to their bodies and injuries.

"That means getting them treatment quickly," she said. "Still, they have a lot of distractions. You have to watch kids closely when they're progressing and trying to come back from an injury."



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Nichole Gagnon tapes baseball players Kurtis White, left, and Brendan Delaire.

St. Mary's reaps benefits of full-time trainer

BY RICH FAHEY

Nichole Gagnon knows that when she's being interviewed, it's not a good thing.

That's because the fourth-year athletic trainer at St. Mary's High knows that that probably means one of the athletes under her care has suffered a serious injury.

In this case, it was junior boys lacrosse goalie Kyle Torosian, who suffered a serious head injury after being hit by a ball in a game against Bishop Fenwick at Manning Field on May 21, an injury that left him unconscious and unresponsive for several minutes. He reportedly suffered two seizures shortly after the incident and was

hospitalized at Mass. General Hospital for several days, but is expected to make a full recovery.

The importance of having a full-time athletic trainer became immediately obvious.

"We had the trainer there and she was tending to him within 10 seconds," said St. Mary's Athletic Director Jeff Newhall to the Lynn Item shortly after the incident. "We're grateful that we have a full-time trainer and it's for reasons like this we do that. It appears as though he's improving, and we're hoping and praying that he continues to do so."

"We're obviously very excited he's

making progress," said Gagnon. "It was a very scary situation."

Gagnon's training and experience come into play immediately after the incident. Her duties at the time included monitoring Torosian's vital signs to make sure his breathing and circulation were OK, and then looking for signs of trauma or head wounds that would require his helmet to be removed.

Early on, Torosian wasn't responding to her commands, so Gagnon said she knew the injury was serious and he would have to remain still until emergency personnel arrived on the scene.

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