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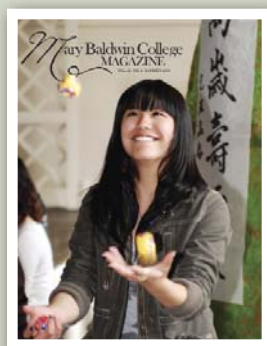


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"The precision; the professionalism; the accuracy in their march was beautiful to watch. The pride that they showed was amazing! Never have I seen such a performance — so perfectly executed.

Prior to yesterday, I had not heard of your college ... however, I shall be certain to let everyone I know — particularly young persons — of your high standards of excellence."

— excerpted from a letter to President Pamela Fox from Sue Culshaw, an observer along the route for New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, in which the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership represented Mary Baldwin College for the seventh consecutive year



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VIRGINIA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Claiming our Women-Centered Heritage

Mary Baldwin College today is both a college of the future and one with a rich and remarkable legacy. We have boldly created our way forward for nearly 170 years. Every day I am inspired by our Baldwin women — our current students and all of our alumnae who embody our mission, unchanged since 1842, empowering each woman with the confidence to lead, the compassion to serve, and the courage to change the world.

I clearly understand the national picture and I can state with unequivocal conviction that MBC has weathered the recent economic storm better than many other institutions. In fact, we are in a position of great opportunity.

I have faith in our future in large part

because of the remarkable minds and talent of colleagues and the entire Mary Baldwin College community. We share passion and purpose. We make the most of our strengths. We share abiding respect for the union of tradition and innovation. The return on investment of our collective time, talent, and treasures is manifest in the transformation of each student to become her best self.

Julia's List is one result of such thinking. We instituted this special scholarship named for our second founder, Mary Julia Baldwin, because we understood how difficult paying for college could be for families under additional financial stress caused by the global recession. In the past, most scholarship support has been granted for the first year at Mary



PHOTO BY WOODS PIERCE

MBC Stimulus Package Produces Bold Results

Mary Baldwin College's bottom line has always been about making quality liberal arts education accessible, and the nation's most recent economic plunge only served to heighten that need. In spring 2009, the college redirected approximately \$700,000 toward student financial aid. The Boldly Baldwin Stimulus Package was a threefold effort: offering \$2,000 to new students who chose one of the college's signature Leadership Gateways when they enrolled; creating dozens of paid Changemaker Internships; and providing additional aid to returning students who demonstrated academic excellence and need through Julia's List.

- 61 of the 65 students who received the first round of **Julia's List** scholarships returned to MBC in fall 2009. The group's retention rate was notably higher than other non-seniors who started last year with at least a 3.0 grade point average (the criterion for the award).
- The college has continued to set new records for the number of applications received since the introduction of **Leadership Gateways** — another component of the Boldly Baldwin Stimulus Package. MBC received 2,145 applications for about 280 freshman spots in fall 2009, and set a new record with 3,127 applications by the end of the fall 2010 deadline.
- More than 90 students participated in **Changemaker Internships** in 2009–10, according to Dixie Daniel, financial aid counselor. The positions range from coordinating fundraisers as an employee at a local women's health organization to working at Staunton's Community Childcare Center to serving in Residence Life at MBC as a peer educator and events coordinator. All offer career-building experiences and serve the on-campus and regional community.

Baldwin and continued in subsequent years. Julia's List, on the other hand, rewards current high-achieving students with financial need, giving them additional help so that they can complete their studies.

We introduced Julia's List in spring 2009 as part of our Boldly Baldwin Stimulus Package. The program has been highly successful in keeping good students at Mary Baldwin — students like Kara Jenkins '11, a Global Honors Scholar who is Student Government Association president this year. With such excellent results, we will continue Julia's List for this year.

This is just one example of how we work to focus resources where they really count. On a much larger scale is our launch of the Schools of Excellence with the beginning of the new academic year, a forward-looking, integrative approach to higher education for the 21st century.

Our 2004 strategic plan, *Composing Our Future 2014*, has served the college remarkably well, despite the fact that the world has changed around us a great deal since then. We have revitalized our residential College for Women, instituted Leadership Gateways, established the Spencer Center and integrated civic and global engagement into all majors, enhanced academic excellence through 19 new and enhanced programs now housed in our signature Schools of Excellence, attracted record numbers of applicants, and achieved record enrollment in all programs.

Our distinguished history of innovation and quality is a fulcrum for leveraging our considerable strengths and taking Mary Baldwin College to a new level. Over the summer a group of faculty leaders and the Executive Staff have been working to create a new strategic blueprint to do just that. I

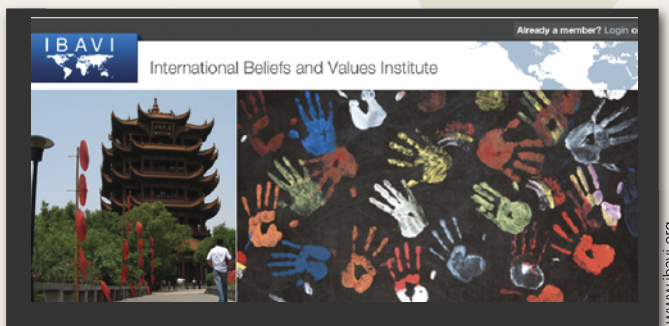
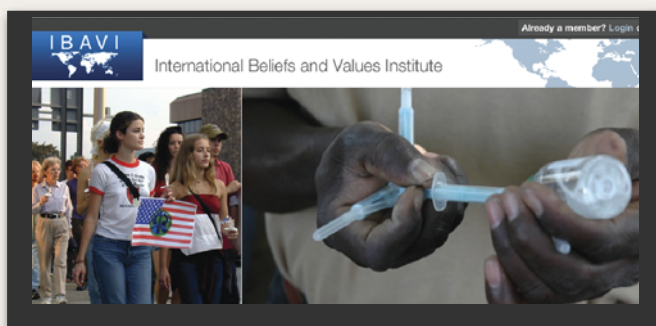
look forward to sharing the details with you, in person whenever possible, and in future written communications.

Our vision statement will claim our women-centered heritage. This ethos is not a philosophy of the past but the promise of the future. It drives academic success and the interactions of faculty and staff, and is embodied in our alumnae. We embrace and celebrate the unique attributes of women that are essential in solving the complex problems of global interdependence. Our motivating force is to validate, reward, and foster the qualities of women that fuel solutions and change: collaboration, creativity, compassion, and the drive to nurture life.

I believe in Mary Baldwin College. Please join me in fueling and evangelizing our legacy as we move toward our bicentennial.

Dr. Pamela Fox, president

MBC Explores Global Effect of Beliefs and Values



Mary Baldwin's partnership with an organization committed to learning how beliefs relate to actions is on track to create more opportunities that support the college's mission of global engagement.

"I've met a lot of your faculty and a few students ... I'm learning more about what they're interested in and some of the projects you have here," said Craig Shealy, founder and executive director of International Beliefs and Values Institute (IBAVI). "I believe in your mission."

Shealy and President Pamela Fox signed an agreement in December 2009 solidifying the alliance between the college and IBAVI. The non-profit, non-partisan organization explores links between beliefs and values and the actions, policies, and practices influenced by them around the world through interdisciplinary research, education, and service.

"We study how we're built and how life's experiences affect the way we see

the world," Shealy said.

During a visit with MBC students, faculty, and staff, Shealy revealed how IBAVI collects and analyzes data. He also shared some thought-provoking insights on topics ranging from capital punishment to displaying the Confederate flag.

Data collected by the IBAVI team could deepen our understanding about the roots of global conflict, an ambitious long-term goal in which MBC is eager to play a part. For the college's more immediate future, however, the information could hold the key to creating more enriching study abroad programs and other opportunities for students and faculty. It is likely that IBAVI and the Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement will co-host a conference at Mary Baldwin within the next year.

In addition to bringing speakers to the Spencer Center, Shealy also has introduced Fulbright scholar and Kenyan Maasai artist Nicholas Sironka

to MBC. Sironka's work complements two other MBC artists-in-residence, Global Rhythms musician Srinivas Krishnan and peace activist Claudia Bernardi, who recently wrote an essay for *Beliefs and Values*, IBAVI's scholarly journal, and is the most recent recipient of the organization's Sustainable Visions and Values Award.

Director of Civic Engagement Steve Grande, Director of International Programs Heather Ward and Professor of Philosophy Roderic Owen have joined IBAVI's executive board.

"IBAVI is a wonderful complement to the liberal arts mission of MBC and the specific goals and programs of the Spencer Center," Owen said. "With our shared emphases on cross-cultural understanding ... this promises to be an energetic and creative partnership."



For more information about IBAVI, visit www.ibavi.org

MAJOR (AND MINOR) NEWS

In 2009–10 MBC faculty approved new majors in American studies, criminal justice, and Renaissance studies and a new minor in sexuality and gender studies.



STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE

Some of the college's most valuable — and useful — publications have been digitized and are available online, including all issues of the *Mary Baldwin College Magazine*, editions of the *Bluestocking* going as far back as the 1880s, and histories of the college that cover 1842 to 2003. In all, an impressive 28,000 pages of MBC documents have found a new home at www.archive.org/details/marybaldwin.

Psychologist Leads Research as IBAVI Director



Listening to Armed Forces Radio Network while driving to Naples, Italy, Craig Shealy heard Newt Gingrich advocate putting children of welfare mothers in orphanages.

It was 1994, and the then-assistant professor at the University of Maryland's international campus in Germany had not only worked as a psychologist in the United States, Korea, and Germany but also had written a dissertation dealing with the topic.

"I took my data, settled down and said, 'I'm going to write about this,'" Shealy recalled.

Shealy's article provided an in-depth analysis of the implications and complexities of the orphanage proposal for children and families, and was published in *American Psychologist*, the flagship journal of the American Psychological Association. This and other publication of Shealy's work related to this research ultimately led him to a position at James Madison University in 1997.

Thirteen years later, Shealy remains at JMU as professor of graduate psychology. He is also founder and executive director of the International Beliefs and Values Institute, or IBAVI, which moved its headquarters to Mary Baldwin in December as a complement to the college's Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement.

Shealy has been featured in a variety of publications and scholarly forums in the United States and around the world and has chaired several national symposia and conferences. A licensed clinical psychologist, he received his PhD in clinical psychology from Auburn University in 1992. He is recipient of the Early Career Award from the APA's division of psychotherapy; a Madison Scholar at JMU; a Nehru Chair at the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India; and a National Register Legacy of Excellence Psychologist.



SGA leaders have given a new purpose — and a personal touch — to Little House.

Students Give Big Recognition to Little House

After capturing the imagination of MBC students for years, that tiny brick building at the heart of campus has a new lease on life.

In late January, members of the Executive Committee of the Student Government Association (SGA) moved their offices from Spencer to Little House, which is situated next to Rose Terrace.

"It was really exciting to have our own space," said 2009–10 SGA President Erin Paschal '10. "We appreciate being in Little House. It has always played an important role in student life."

There seems to be no definitive account of its use through the years but, according to an article in the January 12, 1945, issue of *Campus Comments*, the house was built in 1870 and served as a business office, a carriage house, a servant's cottage, and a lumber house. In more recent years, others recall male visitors staying at Little House and class presidents living in the demure structure.

"That's where the guys that visited us were allowed to stay overnight," wrote Helen Muccitelli '94 when news about Little House's new use was posted on the college's Facebook page. Debbie Wolfe Shea '77 chimed in, "That used to be the home of the junior class president."

When Alison Kaufmann '07 was a student, students and administrators agreed Little House would make a perfect location for SGA.

"We began building enthusiasm and even had a campaign where we raised pennies for Little House," Kaufmann said. "Our slogan was 'Give a little, for Little House.'"

"That was always my favorite little place, and I was afraid that they were going to tear it down. I'm so glad it's going to be used now," added Sarah Hatfield '04.



ADMISSIONS RECORDS BROKEN

On the heels of the news that more high school students have applied to the College for Women than ever before, MBC opened its doors to a record number of prospective students March 26-28 for Future Freshman Weekend. Nearly 200 students and their families explored academic programs, learned about the college's Leadership Gateways, met with faculty, and inquired about financial aid opportunities.

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Alumnae Aid Haitians on the Front Lines



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AMANDA HODGES AND KELLY MANN

MBC alums, including Kelly Mann '99 (center photo, at right) and Amanda Hodges '97 (bottom photo, in scrubs) reached out to Haiti's quake victims within days of the disaster.

Brittany Bledsoe '07 stood underneath a support beam in her apartment in Port-au-Prince for the longest 37 seconds of her life while Haiti's 7.0-magnitude earthquake crumbled the building around her in January 2010. Kelly Mann '99 watched coverage from her home and workplace at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York, and waited only a few days to board a plane bound for the

devastated country. Amanda Hodges '97 volunteered for a medical mission to the country as soon as she learned about the opportunity.

In the quake's aftermath, Mary Baldwin College reached out to disaster victims by organizing fundraisers and contributing to the American Red Cross, and learned from the tragedy through planned forums and casual conversations. Few in the MBC community experienced the devastation more powerfully than those alumnae/i on the ground in Haiti. We followed up with them as they continued to work to heal the wounded and aid in the country's reconstruction.

Brittany Bledsoe has worked as a political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti since July 2009. She took a brief break at home in Virginia about a week and a half after the quake due to an illness and returned to Haiti in early February. While in the States, she stopped by MBC to talk with students in Professor Gordon Bowen's political science

courses, explaining her role as a temporary medic and the reality of sleeping at her desk — the embassy was virtually undamaged — in the days following the earthquake.

Bledsoe has not yet had much time to process what she went through as a victim of the earthquake while she continues to serve as a relief worker, but she

NPR GIVES GLADYS PROPS

MBC's beloved mascot was, indeed, the subject of one of the questions on National Public Radio's quirky quiz show "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me!" in March.

BASKETBALL REBOUNDS

The Fighting Squirrels pounded the paint and 'bounced the boards to finish the 2009–2010 season 10–14 overall and 8–10 in the USA South Athletic Conference, earning sixth place in conference standings after a preseason prediction of a 10th-place finish.



WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS

T. Lowell Lemons, associate professor of education, was chosen by the student body to deliver MBC's Last Lecture in March. The former biology professor and superintendent of schools used the annual tradition to share poignant lessons from his family and career in education.

encourages people to give through the organization Haitians Helping Haitians (donate online at www.bhelpingh.org): “It is a wonderful organization where 100 percent of proceeds go to the people of Haiti. The director is a good friend of mine, and she often goes with groups of people to Aquin, a village along the south coast, to teach farmers, bee keepers, and shop owners how to efficiently run businesses. She also runs a school and an orphanage.”

Amanda Hodges, an emergency room nurse at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia, heard quickly about the Community Coalition for Haiti’s (CCH) call for volunteers for medical missions. Without hesitation, she sent in her name. Hodges has participated in mission trips since high school — but not medical or international missions — and she was confident that her experience as a nurse and commitment to service would be a positive contribution to relief efforts.

“On February 3, I received an affirmative call from CCH and left two days later for Jacmel, Haiti, with a medical team. For the next week, we worked at Saint Michel Hospital. Most of the hospital was damaged, so patients were housed in large tents on the campus. Our team set up a clinic in the medical records room of the hospital. On an average day, we treated approximately 100 patients without modern conveniences such as electricity and our usual medical resources such as x-rays or laboratory. The most pressing medical needs were follow-up injury care, post-operative care, routine primary care such as newborn and child check-ups, prenatal care, and treatment of chronic health problems such as diabetes and heart disease. From patients and Haitian doctors, we also learned about diseases common to the area such as malaria and typhoid.

I heard many stories of loss and courage. One woman adopted a

6-year-old she found wandering in the street, unable to find her family. Another woman lost her teenage sister in the weeks after the earthquake to typhoid, and wanted us to check her baby for the same disease. As we traveled to and from the hospital, damaged homes and businesses were mixed with tents lining the streets. Due to the frequency of aftershocks (I felt one myself), many Haitians are scared to return to their homes, but they are attempting to return to their normal lives. On the Saturday we left, the street market was busy and children played in the streets. One restaurant — with minimal damage — still served delicious Creole-style Caribbean lobster.

I am privileged to have served the people of Haiti. The suffering they have endured is difficult to describe. They are grateful people with amazing strength. I will always remember the healthcare professionals from around the world and our Haitian drivers and interpreters with whom we worked so closely.”

Kelly Mann arrived in Haiti January 20 for one week to serve as a pediatrician, traveling with a group of orthopedic and trauma surgeons from Mt. Sinai Medical Center. Her primary responsibility was post-operative management of children. Mann returned to Haiti with a group from Mount Sinai Hospital in early May. She also plans to make additional trips through one or more non-governmental organizations operating in the country.

“I learned that the greatest contribution I could offer was not simply my medical skill, but my ability to be versatile and to do whatever needed doing. While I examined patients and administered medications, I also checked vital signs, changed diapers, and even served food. I helped to develop a system of communication with the various surgical teams and encouraged the reintroduction of paper charting for medical care providers

working with our patients.

Many people have asked me how my education and work experiences helped to prepare me for the challenges we faced there. While I’m not entirely sure that anyone can ever be fully prepared to witness devastation on such a massive scale or see an already struggling nation become even more vulnerable, I believe that having worked and studied in places such as Israel, Kenya, and India offered me a breadth of experience from which to draw. Exposure to these medical systems helped teach me how to make do with what I have, no matter how little that may be.

Sometimes during my days working in the hospital, children would be brought to one of the pediatric tents in critical condition. Other disaster relief volunteers or even parents would bring them to us for a higher level of care. Higher level of care? Early on, we didn’t even have access to electricity or oxygen, much less extensive medical support. I remember more than once feeling an almost overwhelming desire to panic. So I did. I would give myself five seconds to silently feel completely scared, overwhelmed, and ill equipped to deal with the problem in front of me. When those five seconds were up, I took a very deep breath and got to work.

I couldn’t create basic resources like water, oxygen, or electricity; I could only work with what was in front of me. The most important lesson that working in Haiti taught me was acceptance. In a situation in which resources range from scarce to nonexistent, aid workers have to accept and be at peace with the limits of our abilities and influence.

Perhaps it is these same limitations which inspire me to want return to Haiti and help other resource-poor nations in the future. As individuals, none of us can end poverty, hunger, and natural disasters. By joining my efforts with the hundreds of other volunteers in Haiti, we were able to effect change that none of us could have achieved alone.”



BRIDGING WOMEN'S RIGHTS WORLDWIDE

Mary Baldwin students and community members joined a worldwide effort led by Women for Women International on February 21 to recognize International Women's Day, displaying messages and wishes of peace for mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters in war-torn nations.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

To be ... and in record time! Creative writing students borrowed from the famous soliloquy in Hamlet to create an online literary journal in April. *Outrageous Fortune*, which transformed from conception to launch in just a few weeks, is the only such publication in the country produced by students for students.

BONNIE HOHN

Professor Remembered for Love of People and Animals

By Liesel Nowak



MBC ARCHIVES

A longtime member of the MBC biology faculty, Bonnie Hohn, died December 10 at age 68.

Not long after the news broke of Hohn's passing, Professor Emerita Lesley Novack and others who knew Hohn set out to share memories of their friend on the Mary Baldwin College Facebook page. Many friends mentioned Hohn's love of animals and mischievous sense of humor. A common theme was her beloved menagerie that, over time, included dogs, cats, ferrets, many birds, chinchillas, mice, and hedgehogs. The stories of generosity, humor, and compassion they recounted would sound familiar to some. For others, those words telegraphed the message: Bonnie Hohn was someone you would love to know.

"Bonnie Hohn was and is an unforgettable person who enlivened every aspect of college life for students, faculty, and staff. She was truly many different people all contained within one wonderful package,"

Novack wrote in an emotional message.

Novack recalled that Hohn would often buy for her sister one place setting each of different, elegant china patterns. Sally Hohn was bedridden from illness, and Bonnie told friends that she wanted to bring in the outside world to her sister.

"Almost every day, Sally would be served her food on different plates. This was only one way, among many, that Bonnie tried to make every day of Sally's life fun and varied."

Others flooded the MBC site with memories of Hohn's classes, and the impact she had on their college experience. Her Biology of Women class was one of the most popular at Mary Baldwin. At one point, about 20 percent of enrolled students took the course.

"She was a wonderful professor, person, and champion of students and animals. A true higher educator," wrote Mary Margaret Marshall '99. "She elevated her students' awareness of much-needed information for women."

"[She taught] generations of Mary Baldwin students about women's health issues in her characteristic breezy and intentionally shockingly direct manner," said Lundy Pentz, associate professor of biology.

Hohn earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan and a master's degree from University of Minnesota. She continued her postgraduate studies at Duke University, Central Michigan University, and University of Virginia. Professor of biology at MBC from 1966 until 2003, Hohn was recognized with emeritus status upon retirement and made contributions to Mary Baldwin that helped shape academics at the college. Her marine science summer program was a forerunner of May Term.

In addition to teaching a wide range of biology courses — from botany to animal behavior — Hohn also dabbled in

gardening, an interest she shared with her father, who cared for the greenhouse in Pearce as a gift to the college until his death. She eventually developed a horticulture course and designed several plantings around the campus and in the community.

Hohn's research was determined by her student's interests — ranging from the genetics of snail shell color variations to the self-anointing behavior of pygmy hedgehogs — rather than a single focus on a narrow topic.

A founding member of the Daffodil Society, Hohn was instrumental in bringing world-renowned marine biologist Charles "Stormy" Atkins Mayo III to Mary Baldwin for the 1995 Mary E. Humphreys Biology Lecture. In 2001 she established the Hohn Family Memorial Endowment for Study Abroad, which has allowed students to broaden their interests in countries such as Cyprus, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan.

A memorial service for Hohn was held January 9 in Staunton.



To recognize Bonnie Hohn's many years on the biology faculty at Mary Baldwin, the college honored her during Reunion Weekend by planting a tree in her memory. Friends selected a "weeping Sally" (*Salix caprea*) to plant in the flower bed near the Pearce greenhouse — it was the same species Hohn had thought of planting in memory of her sister, Sally Hohn.

ATHLETES SHOW STRENGTH AND GRACE

For the second year in a row, the USA South conference named the Fighting Squirrels winners of its Sportsmanship Trophy. MBC athletes secured the title by garnering top votes by their peers in volleyball, soccer, and softball.

A BETTER 'BUSY' SIGNAL

In mid-March, with more than three months still to go in their 2009-2010 fundraising cycle, student callers in the Spencer Society had handwritten 2,550 letters to donors and raised more than \$112,000 in pledges for the Annual Fund — nearly as much as the total raised by the group in fiscal year 2009. By mid-May, the Student Phonathon exceeded its \$175,000 goal, ultimately raising \$188,000.

SGA (INTER)ACTION

A weekly online poll, updated Web site (www.mbc.edu/student/sga), and a blog maintained by president Erin Paschal '10 (<http://mbcpres.blogspot.com>) boosted Student Government Association connections with the student body throughout 2009-10.

JOE GARRISON

English Professor Challenged, Connected With Students

By Melissa Jones



Every now and then college students get the opportunity to learn from a professor who is special. A teacher whom the student, when looking back on her college career even 20 or 30 years later, will not only remember vividly, but will still be able to pick up the phone and call. One the student will invite to her wedding or into her home for dinner. Dr. Joseph M. Garrison, Jr.'s ability to inspire and maintain deep and long-lasting friendships with former students is remarkable even in the context of Mary Baldwin, where close, lifelong connections are a hallmark of the college community.

Fondly known as Joe by many former students and colleagues, the professor emeritus passed away May 9 at age 75. His legacy and his passion for poetry will be remembered for years to come in the English department.

"Joe was amazing; they don't make 'em like that anymore," said Molly Petty, assistant professor of English and director

of the writing center. "He challenged decades of English majors to read, re-read, think, and reassess their written interpretations of literature."

Margo Leach, faculty secretary, who was long charged with the duty of deciphering and typing Garrison's detailed and lively junior and senior English appraisals, remembers Garrison's time at MBC fondly. "He and his wife Sandra mean the world to me and my family," she said. "I'll always remember him as a kind and compassionate man."

While at MBC, Garrison taught literature, poetry, and creative writing. He had a reputation as a demanding — and, for some, fearsome — teacher. One former student, Abby Peterson '98, posted on the college's Facebook page: "To Joe Garrison, who told me, 'If you perform as everyone else, you'll get a C. Cs are average. If you excel, a B. If you teach me something I've never heard, an A.' He scrawled 'Honor Grade' next to the only B+ he ever gave me, and it remains a cherished triumph in my memory."

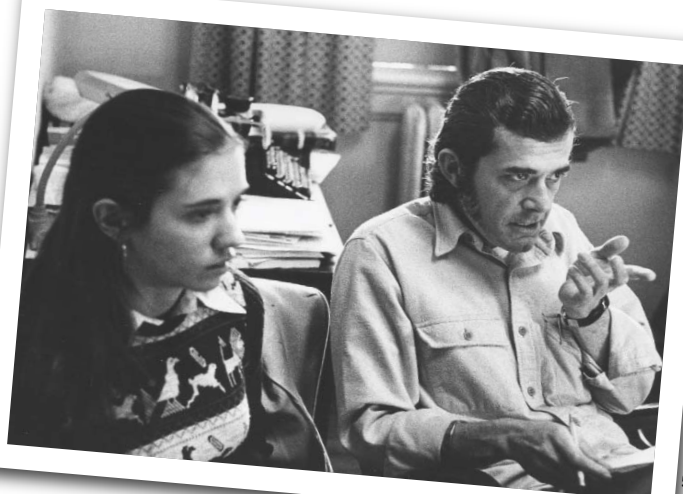
When Garrison retired in 2000, another former student, Ginger Mudd Galvez '73, organized a surprise lunch party for him. "About two dozen of his students from all over the country came back to Staunton for a party," she said. "I went to his home and brought him out onto his porch to talk. Every minute or two, a former student would appear up the sidewalk. For the first couple, he would burst with delight at seeing each one, whispering her name in a kind of

wonder, amazed that each was standing before him. After a few minutes, he realized this was a set-up to delight and surprise him, and we all enjoyed a long lunch filled with toasts, poetry, and songs." Galvez and other former students also created a special fund to buy poetry volumes marked by a special bookplate honoring Garrison and his long career. The collection now resides in Grafton Library.

Garrison was a true renaissance man. In his free time, he played classical guitar and built musical instruments, including Celtic harps, mountain dulcimers, and lyres. He held poetry workshops for teachers, students, and even prison inmates. He published more than 90 poems and essays in journals, anthologies, and books.

Garrison was fond of saying "there's a poem in there, somewhere," about just about anything. Looking back at his time at Mary Baldwin and the contributions he made to the college and community, one could certainly find at least one poem in there somewhere, perhaps even two or three.

A celebration of Garrison's life was held May 20 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton.



PUTTING HEART INTO IT

MBC's celebration of Women's History Month showcased interest in women's health around the world. Among the activities that highlighted this year's theme "Women's Heart/Women's Health" were student presentations that focused on female health care and a presentation by women's long-distance running pioneer Henley Gabeau.

MARCHING INTO HISTORY

Mary Baldwin College's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership added Bob McDonnell's gubernatorial parade to its growing list of high-profile appearances around the state and nation in January 2010. The corps has now been in formation for inaugural parades for four Virginia governors.

DOROTHY MULBERRY

Legacy of International Outreach Lives on

By Melissa Jones

Imagine spending your junior year in Madrid, one of Spain's most culturally diverse and beautiful cities. It would be a year spent living with Spanish families, eating great food, exploring the country's art and architecture, and learning from some of the most respected professors in Spain, all for the purpose of absorbing the Spanish language and culture.

Dorothy Mulberry made this dream a reality for many Mary Baldwin College women.

Mulberry, who passed away May 18 at age 82, taught Spanish and international studies at Mary Baldwin for 36 years and served as dean of the college for five years. When news of her death reached her former students, it became clear that she had created a legacy.

Mulberry came to Mary Baldwin in 1958 with a mission: to develop and promote international studies. She firmly believed that these areas of study were too insular and needed to expand beyond the MBC campus. In 1962, with the support and vision of then-college president Dr. Samuel R. Spencer Jr., Mulberry created the Academic Year in Madrid. It was a program of the highest excellence, conducted by the best professors in Spain, and it wasn't just limited to Mary Baldwin women.

"There would not have been a program if it wasn't for Dorothy," said Mary Pickett Craddock '65. "She created a community of professors and students that was the finest junior year abroad learning environment that I have heard of."

The women who participated in the Madrid program came away with much more than an increased awareness of Spanish vocabulary and global issues. Their experiences changed many of their lives forever.

"I met my husband, Manuel Cordero, in our program," said Harriet Lane Cordero '75. "He and another student from Haverford College were part of our program. For 10 years after graduation, I worked for an international

bank, traveling Spain and South America, and my success had a lot to do with my year in Madrid. Our love for Spain lives on today, and we try to return as often as possible."

When asked what was the "big deal" about her year in Spain, Anne McGeorge Mickerson '69 told her children, "My year in Madrid was a year when I was completely carefree, when I learned how much fun it was to dig deeply in exploring another culture, when I gained much self-confidence by not only learning another language and culture but by forming lasting friendships there, and, finally, when I came home with a sense that my life was going to be much more exciting than I have ever imagined."

For Meredith Carter Patterson '65, the year she spent in Madrid resonates today. "My daughter married a wonderful fellow from Barcelona. They have an 8-month-old boy, my grandson, who will grow up speaking English, Catalan, and Spanish and will be living in Spain for at least the next 16 years," she said. "I think if it had not been for the program that Miss Mulberry set up, my daughter would probably be living in

the United States, and she probably would have married an American. Her husband is a great guy, and I am very grateful to Miss Mulberry for all she did for us."

To show their appreciation, many of Mulberry's former students came together in 2004 to establish the Dorothy Mulberry Travel Scholarship. It helps students interested in the Spanish language and culture to study abroad.

"Many of us feel that our year in Madrid was the most significant event in determining our future direction in life," said Sara Jane Hartman '65. "The Dorothy Mulberry Scholarship grew out of gratitude for such a valuable opportunity, which, to my knowledge, has not been equaled. It was dedicated and presented at a banquet when approximately 15 of us returned to Spain with Dorothy for a reunion."

"Dorothy was dedicated to her students and to Mary Baldwin College. She served both with excellence and devotion. She had a deep love for Spain and the Spanish people and always missed them," Hartman said.

A memorial service was held in Miller Chapel on June 5.



MBC ARCHIVES

JOHN KELLY

Kelly Provided Watchful Eye Over Students

By Liesel Nowak

A man loved by many students as a father away from home passed away last December in his Staunton residence.

John Kelly served as the college's director of security and safety for 20 years and made a lasting impression on hundreds of students and colleagues. Many alumnae/i expressed their condolences and shared their memories on the Mary Baldwin Facebook page.

They recalled his smile, his caring demeanor, and advice he gave them for staying safe on campus.

"Mr. Kelly embodied the spirit of Mary Baldwin," wrote Beth Heffernen Sucher '83. "He was like our father away from home. I am sure that he is keeping an eye on us still."

Professor of Asian Studies Daniel Métraux knew Kelly from campus and as a member of the Staunton Lions Club. He shared a story that typifies both Kelly's safety consciousness and good humor.

"I will never forget his exasperated face when once at the Registrar's office I was trying to send a fax to Japan," Métraux wrote. "Instead of dialing the international code 01, I punched in 911. Within 90 seconds he and two other security people were there, soon followed by [two] of Staunton's finest. He soon forgave me with a kind smile. I last saw John earlier [last] fall. I was driving and being tailed by a police car. My worry soon turned to laughter when I saw John waving at me. John, you led a good life!"

A North Carolina native, Kelly spent much of his career in the service of others. He served 14 years in the U.S. Air Force and worked for 21 years as a Staunton Reserve Police Officer, in addition to his 20 years as MBC's security chief. After retirement, Kelly worked as an administrative assistant in the Staunton Police Department.

Kelly also was active for many years in the Augusta Lions Club, as a dispatcher for Staunton Augusta Rescue Squad, and a member of the Staunton Parking Commission and



THE BLUESTOCKING

John Kelly's bond with students sometimes included taking a turn on the dance floor at Junior Dads, as he did with student Julie King in 1991.

Staunton Transportation and Safety Commission.

In 1992, then-MBC president Cynthia H. Tyson conferred upon Kelly honorary alumnus status during Homecoming weekend, an endorsement of the security chief's lasting ties to the college.

He is survived by a large family, including his wife of 43 years, Shirley Kelly. His son, John S. Kelly, Jr. wrote a message of thanks to the MBC community for the numerous calls, cards, and visits his father received prior to his passing.

"Dad was so deeply moved to see that he had touched so many people in such a positive way," he wrote. "The outpouring of love and support that was received from Mary Baldwin was overwhelming. May you all be blessed for your kindness."



MBC ARCHIVES



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Steady Hand

In the Midst of Frenzied Commencement Prep, an Island of Calm

By Liesel Nowak

On the Friday before Commencement, there's a buzz around the Mary Baldwin campus. Tents are positioned, rows of chairs are straightened, programs are delivered, and the processional line-up is rehearsed one last time. But in the midst of this controlled chaos, there is a center of calm, a steady hand. In Pearce 216, the rest of the world is shut out for a few hours as one man works to create his own indelible memory for students.

For years, Associate Professor of Biology Lundy Pentz has volunteered to hand letter Latin honors and other distinctions onto students' diplomas. Pentz works in an almost monastic setting, with only the quiet hum of a dehumidifier for company.

"It's been a hobby of mine since 1969. It's not a big deal, really," says Pentz, who picked up calligraphy while working as a costumed interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg. Though he knows five different styles of script, Pentz uses a Gothic style to denote honors on MBC diplomas. Becoming mainstream in the 11th century, the script style is the common man's style of writing, as far as calligraphy goes. But on seeing Pentz's work, common is the last word that comes to mind.

"*Summa cum laude*," Pentz writes on a diploma bearing the name of Katharine James, who excelled as a psychology major. "*With Distinction*," he inscribes on a diploma for Magan Winstead, who excelled as a business major.

Pentz works with a German-made Pelikan Graphos pen recommended to him many years ago by a sofer, a Jewish scribe who letters and repairs Torah scrolls. The pen is used to create awards for the college's Capstone Festival as well as the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, but with different nib widths and inks

depending on the award and what will look best.

On the extremely rare occasion (once or twice in at least 25 years) that Pentz makes an error, he uses a very fine, curved scalpel blade to slice away the top-most layer of the thick and tough parchment. "This is delicate work, and I use a No. 3 surgeon's scalpel handle with a No. 15 blade, normally only used for eye surgery or similar fine work, one advantage of being a biologist," he said. "After a little burnishing with a bone folder, the spot is undetectable and can be lettered over."

Although Pentz concentrates quietly to avoid making errors, he does recall times when he and former dean James Lott once jokingly tossed about ideas for "bogus" Latin honors for students who just barely squeaked by, including one favorite, "*per cutem dentibus*" or "by the skin of her teeth."

It's difficult to notice the difference between the words printed by the precise workings of a machine and those Pentz creates on the parchment with his 1.25 mm steel nib and fade-resistant India ink. But in today's world of mass production, Pentz's time-consuming work brings even more meaning to a cherished document.

"The hand lettering, to me, goes right along with the regalia and 'pomp and circumstance' at Commencement," says Sandy Sprouse, admissions and graduation coordinator for the Adult Degree Program and an MBC alumna whose own diploma bears Pentz's extraordinary penmanship. "It's just so special to me to have one's academic accomplishment rendered in that way, and so beautiful. It's also reminiscent of Mary Baldwin's consideration of each and every student individually, and focusing on each one's success in a very personal way."



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Who needs mass production? MBC professor Lundy Pentz creates his own assembly line to add a personal touch to diplomas just hours before Commencement.

PICTURE-PERFECT COMMENCEMENT

The clouds parted just long enough on May 23 for Mary Baldwin to celebrate its 168th Commencement on Page Terrace, marking a rite of passage for 331 graduates.

Philanthropist and author Tracy Gary delivered an inspiring keynote address, urging the graduating class to “see and remember injustices and consider what fuels [your] passions.”

“Remember that your greatest satisfaction may be not only from the diligent and persistent reaching for systemic reflection and change, but also along the way, the evidence of your being simply caring and kind,” Gary said.

In one of the college’s longstanding traditions, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award was given to one graduating senior and a non-student for their service, character, and spiritual qualities. This year’s honorees were retiring chaplain Patricia Hunt and Student Government President Erin Paschal.



Go on — you know you want to look ...
Commencement Photo Gallery
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remember when...

Alumnae/i who pledged on the Reunion Challenge Web site shared a few memories along the way.

"Carla Baker and I were heading to VMI for a mixer — late and rushing like crazy. When we were almost there, I realized that I had grabbed one blue shoe and one black shoe — different styled shoes, different heel heights **and** both for the same foot!"

— DENISE LANTZ YURCHAK '95

"Every day was a memory at MBC. I had the time of my life at Baldwin and think I made the best decision by going to MBC."

— BRANDY HYDER '05

"The summer before I arrived, the school sent out a booklet to all incoming freshmen with fun snippets of things about Baldwin. I wish someone still had that book; it was charming, and stirred great anticipation about being an incoming freshman!"

— MISSY O'NEILL '80

More than 300 alumnae/i and special guests returned to campus April 8–11 for Reunion Weekend, to celebrate memories, people, and the place that brought them together five, 10, or even 50 years ago.

Some went back to class, others volunteered for a community service project. They hugged, they picnicked, they honored athletic legacies, they recognized one another's milestones, and they gave back.

At the *grand dame* of Reunion events, the annual dinner and awards presentation, Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors President Dori Akerman Stiefel '92 announced that \$363,169 in cash and pledges had been raised so far from Reunion classes. The total received from the challenge to classes — issued by the Board of Trustees and former trustees celebrating a reunion this year — has reached \$403,255 in cash gifts, exceeding the total goal of \$336,000. Gifts benefit the Annual Fund, providing critical resources for the operating budget.

Kara Jenkins '11, president-elect of the Student Government Association, is recipient of a scholarship made possible by the Annual Fund and told Reunion attendees that their donations "empower us to achieve our goals."

While the classes of 1980 and 1990 exceeded expectations and the Class of 1965 had the highest participation rate, the Class of 1970 raised the most at \$91,476.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful tribute to the college," said Board of Trustees Chair Lyn McDermid '95. "Your gifts to Mary Baldwin have a much greater impact than you'll ever know."

Before the Reunion dinner was over, the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors threw the ultimate curveball to the woman with a penchant for planning and a way with words. After delivering inspiring remarks to alumnae/i gathered in Hunt Dining Hall, President Pamela Fox took her seat and was surprised with a proclamation of honorary alumna status by Stiefel and McDermid.

"I think there are a few times — and I don't think you'll ever see it again — that I am speechless," Fox said.

GLORY DAYS:

MBC Revives Athletic Hall of Fame

Five women were inducted into the revived Mary Baldwin College Athletic Hall of Fame during Reunion Weekend. Standing before nostalgic photos of each inductee, Director of Athletics and Wellness Sharon Spalding introduced each woman, highlighting her stellar career at Mary Baldwin and her achievements after graduation. A current student athlete handed each woman a plaque.

Joining long-standing hall of famers and tennis stars Cindy Goeltz Willkomm '66, Nancy Louise Falkenberg Muller '67, and Mary Hotchkiss Leavel '73, were Kathryn Lee '76 (basketball and fencing), Claudia Woody '77 (basketball and equestrian), Gayla "Goldie" Dodson '84 (basketball), Rita Hundley Harris '86 (martial arts), and Karin M. Whitt '88 (tennis).

"It's awesome," said Harris, a kickboxing champion. "I'm so proud to be part of the college and to come back and see the changes. I love what's going on here."



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"My fondest memory is by far the wonderful friends I made. I have great memories of the excellent faculty, the beautiful campus, and the fabulous setting in the gorgeous Shenandoah Valley. What a terrific place to have spent those wonderful four years."

— ANN LEVINE '65

"Too many! Apple Day, snow, watching Dr. Patrick go to class in the cold weather with his coat billowing behind, VMI raids, challenging the professors (especially Bob Lafleur), hosting prospectives, the beauty of the area, being challenged to do my best."

— LAURA BIVANS '80

"So many wonderful memories: Apple Day and our human pyramid; visits with the Timberlakes, dinner at Mr. Daffin's, congregating in the dorm room with the most recent 'goodie' package, and, of course, rooming with Ann Gordon."

— JUDY SKINNER '65

Art, Activism, Health Care, and Science Brought to Life by Visitors



Herring

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Artist Inspires, Finds Connection with Students

Be it his photosculptures, photo series, stop-motion videos, or TASK parties, Oliver Herring's desire to connect with strangers is a constant theme in his work.

"I work with strangers for the challenge," said the German-born artist who delivered the 2010 Susan Paul Firestone Lecture in Contemporary Art. "If I use friends, I know what to expect. With strangers, I have to build up trust and form a relationship in order to make [the project] work. This creates an intense, often lasting, connection I would not get with a friend."

On the eve of his lecture to the broader MBC community, Herring participated in a student-run version of one of his signature TASK parties, a performance art piece in which participants are recruited to perform random acts in various public forums. Dubbed "TASKiverse," the event included a faculty wedding, a kidnapping, and a makeover — all staged with the use of paint, cardboard, pipe cleaners, glitter, tape, clothing, and paper.

"TASKiverse went supremely well," said student organizer Gillian Jordan '12. "Working with and meeting Oliver was absolutely amazing. He is so sweet and kind, and really does inspire and motivate the people around him to do things they wouldn't normally do and to think in new ways."

In Francis Auditorium the artist delivered an unscripted lecture, and more connections were made.

"Learning about the meditative process he goes through while creating art was amazing," said studio art major Sarah Shirer '10. "It was interesting to see that all of his works have a meditative and therapeutic process."



Carter

She Rolls With Voles

Dr. C. Sue Carter, a behavioral neuroscientist credited as the first person to identify the physiological mechanisms responsible for social monogamy, delivered this year's Mary E. Humphreys Biology Lecture on May 6.

The talk, *Oxytocin and Love: Healing Body, Brain, and Behavior*, touched on Carter's research with prairie voles, as she works to gain a

better understanding of the possible role of hormones in human disorders such as autism and anxiety.

Carter received a Research Scientist Award from the National Institute of Mental Health and currently directs a National Institutes of Health project aimed at examining the developmental consequences of oxytocin, a hormone most often associated with female reproduc-

Alum Shines Light Across the World



Reich

In the 22 years since she graduated from Mary Baldwin, Joanne Reich '88 has traveled from Georgia to Israel, Arkansas to Hong Kong, and Texas to New York, working as an advocate for those in need, usually women and children.

Reich returned to her alma mater in February to share what has helped her get through trying times: balancing work with fun and speaking "truth to power."

Although Reich's talk for the college's annual World Religions and Peacekeeping Lecture was cancelled due to a snowstorm, she was able to present in two classes on campus the following day. Junior international relations major Logan Dill was one of several students who had lunch with Reich during the visit.

"As a United Methodist myself, it was very interesting to hear how her faith has informed, and has been shaped by, her career choices," Dill said. "I have reached the point in my college career where I am seriously thinking about what lies ahead after graduation and it is always meaningful to hear from someone who has been through that process themselves and has been able to follow their beliefs and passions."

As child protection and community service officer for the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, Reich spends most of her time making sure her organization's practices are being carried out ethically and responsibly, and that it is creating "safe sanctuaries" for women and children.

"There are good people in leadership and those who abuse their power. The church is not immune to that," Reich said. "We try to bring about justice where there is injustice ... we try to bring healing to those who have been harmed."

tion. She has written about how hormones affect perspectives on stress in postpartum women, social attachment, aggression, and love.

The University of Arkansas graduate is president of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society and professor of psychiatry and co-director of the Brain Body Center at University of Chicago.

Lecturer Explores Future of Health Care



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Brownlee

Just days after the passage of a history-making health care reform bill in Congress, one of the foremost experts on the subject delivered the 2010 Carpenter Lecture in Health Care Administration on March 24.

Shannon Brownlee, journalist and author of the book *Overtreated: Why Too Much Medicine is Making us Sicker and Poorer*, addressed a problem not directly tackled in the recent overhaul — the issue of overtreatment.

She talked about the roughly two dozen “hotspots” — places like Southern California, Miami, Chicago, New Jersey, and Texas, where Medicare is spending massive amounts of money on unnecessary treatment. What is interesting, Brownlee pointed out, is that those patients receiving more care did not have better medical outcomes than those patients with similar conditions in other areas of the country. A simple solution, she said, is education.

“When patients are really well informed [about their treatment options], 70 percent are less likely to choose invasive procedures,” Brownlee said to a crowd of about 100 students, faculty, staff, and local residents.

Peppering her speech with fascinating statistics and powerful anecdotes, Brownlee pointed toward areas where progress can be made: promoting organized care, increasing patient choice, changing the way health care is delivered, and reigning in those spending hotspots — by revising hospitals’ rankings and by ding their bond ratings.

“Now that the legislation has passed, the really hard work is ahead,” Brownlee said.

Health Care Administration major Becca Rudolph ’12 said she appreciated Brownlee’s neutral, matter-of-fact approach to the problem, a refreshing change from the contentious political debate of the last year.

“It was the best lecture I’ve ever heard,” Rudolph said.

Faculty/staffAcorns

Alice Araujo, associate professor of communication, was elected chair of the undergraduate college and university section of the National Communication Association.

Gordon Bowen, professor of political science, was appointed by McGraw-Hill publishers to the advisory board for textbooks on terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

Sara Nair James, professor of art history, received the 2010 Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Mednick Research Fellowship for her project, “Art in England: The Saxons to the Stuarts.”

Eric Jones, associate professor of biology, received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. One of the organization’s highest honors, the award recognizes outstanding service to youth and community service.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Sarah Kennedy, associate professor of English, was nominated for a Pushcart Prize and her book *Home Remedies* has been nominated Book of the Year by the Library of Virginia. She also won the Prairie Schooner’s Luschei Award for Poetry.

Daniel Métraux, professor of Asian Studies, authored books, *The Asian Writings of Jack London* and *How Soka Gakkai Became a Global Buddhist Movement: The Internationalization of a Japanese Religion*, both published by Edwin Mellen Press.

Lallon Pond, associate professor of business, was elected to serve on the board of the Central Virginia Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

QuotableMBC

“We provide a lot of services to our international students. It’s the kind of experience that the student might not get at a huge university, where it’s very easy to become one of 100 Japanese students, or one of 500 Chinese students. At Mary Baldwin each student gets a very personal experience and a lot of attention.”

— **Heather Ward**, director of international programs, “MBC International Program Sees Increase” on WHSV-TV3, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

“It shows how the community comes together when one person has a problem. It’s important. It will help them find hope so they can see they will actually come back from this.”

— **Haitian student Naianka Rigaud ’11**, commenting about the MBC community’s outpouring of support in the wake of that country’s January 12 earthquake, in *The News Leader*, Staunton, Virginia.

“Remember games like mother may I, freeze tag, four-square, break the gates, and hopscotch? Teach these forgotten gems to your video-game-playing children. They’ll get a kick out of seeing what you did way back when, and you’ll have the perfect excuse to act like a kid again.”

— **One of several pieces of advice from Sharon Spalding**, athletics director and professor of physical education, in *Better Health and Living*, “Fast, Fun Family Fitness.”

“I didn’t come here to compete with the freshmen. I came here to do my best.”

— **Emily Lint**, a freshman in the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, in a detailed profile in *The Virginian-Pilot* in Norfolk, Virginia.

“It takes a lot of time and energy to set up the basic idea, get it approved, collect participants, analyze data, and write the report. You have to be very patient.”

— **Daniella Guzman ’11**, responding to questions about conducting original research from students at Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was one of four students who accompanied Associate Professor of Psychology Louise Freeman and were quoted in *The Chattanooga*.

>> Green Team Focuses on Recycling

As a group of students dedicated to making Mary Baldwin College more eco-friendly, the Green Team put a heavy emphasis this year on one particular tenet of environmental stewardship: recycling. In 2009–10, students ramped up the on-campus effort by including cardboard and mixed paper in its recycling repertoire. Green Team advisor Steve Grande, director of civic engagement, called the addition “a tremendous contribution” to the college’s eco-focus. There is room for improvement, though. According to Grande, recycling numbers fell off in early 2010, making the Green Team’s efforts to reduce landfill waste even more valuable. Also helping to improve the college recycling plan this year were senior business students who worked in groups to streamline waste management on campus, with an eye toward saving money *and* the planet.


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>> What Goes Around Comes Around

The Green Team launched in 2009–10 a program to compost dining hall scraps. With the help of dining services staff and a local farmer, hundreds of pounds of vegetable scraps were diverted from the landfill. Instead, those sweet potato peels, asparagus stems, and apple cores were taken to a nearby farm and made into compost — that dark, loamy substance that can do so much to enrich soil naturally.

The process not only reduces the buildup of harmful methane gas that forms at landfills, it also saves the college money by reducing landfill-hauling fees.

Green Team member Aimee Sanford ’11 said she’d like the program to be extended so that post-consumer food waste — or food left over from plates — is also composted. Grande said using the compost made from dining hall scraps on campus is another Green Team goal for 2010–11.

>> Community Garden Could Help Feed College

Those who have taken part in the planting, tending, and harvesting of Mary Baldwin’s community garden near Prospect Street are ready to take the service project to a new level in 2010–11.

“We hope to plant more vegetables that would show up in the dining hall,” Grande said. “It’s a good way for students to see the whole cycle of food.”

He’ll work with folks such as Professor of Sociology Carey Usher, a master gardener, and MBC Executive Chef Tracy Hiner to determine when and how many of which particular crops to plant. Although faculty, staff, and students have contributed to the garden’s success over the past two years, Grande said he’d like to see more students involved in the harvesting process this fall.

Students dining in Hunt this year also enjoyed some locally grown vegetables, and beef and pork from area farms.

And in yet another effort to expand the college’s push to produce more local food, Grande is building a partnership with a community garden on Stafford Street in Staunton. A group met in March to establish work groups and set planting dates for the 2010 harvest. The site — near the Booker T. Washington Community Center — is where Susannah Baskerville ’04 spent much of her senior year recruiting local children to cultivate a community garden after receiving a \$1,000 Margaret Kable Russell Scholarship.

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mbcroots [Stafford Street Community Garden]

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RETHINKING THE RECESSION

Mary Baldwin women
create a culture of confidence
during a national crisis

By Dawn Medley

FEW OF US HAVE BEEN IMMUNE to tough financial decisions this year. Where to come up with money for college. Whether to buy that much-needed bigger home. How to save for retirement. Even how to get by with fewer groceries or a single family vehicle. Although there are many signs that the national economy is rebounding, we understand that more difficult choices likely lie ahead.

In our recent quest to discover how Mary Baldwin College graduates — and the college itself — are weathering the Great Recession, we found alumnae who faced fears about unemployment head-on, those who boldly struck out on their own despite warnings to the contrary, and others who did not let dour economic predictions slow their already established businesses.

As you meet them on the following pages, may you, too, realize that a Mary Baldwin College degree projects skills not only in history or chemistry or Spanish, but also in adaptability and resilience.

The Big-Time Entrepreneur

"I was fortunate that I never really needed to question if we could weather the recession," said Tracy Lolita Burks Healy '87, creator, president, and CEO of Designs by Lolita.

Healy's confidence in her multi-million-dollar line of hand-painted martini stemware, beverage accessories, and other novelty items came after years of planning and round-the-clock work — often with one of her young daughters "hanging on each leg," she said. Not to mention a bit of a shot in the arm from a Mary Baldwin College professor.

"A discussion about middle names started in one of my English classes, and when it came to my turn, I glanced around nervously and mumbled 'Lolita,'" she remembered. "Even though there were negative associations with the name, he said right then and there that I should never be ashamed of it."

Healy graduated from MBC *magna cum laude* with a double major in marketing communication and art, and big dreams of becoming a well-recognized artist. "I would have been content with an art major, but my parents convinced me that I needed the business and sales knowledge to back it up. They didn't want me out on the streets trying to sell my paintings," she said.

The Lolita empire sprouted from an ordinary night out with girlfriends. "It was the first time I saw a martini menu, and I thought 'this glass needs a design on it — and it needs the recipe for the drink on the bottom.' I started selling to friends, and I knew I had something special because I couldn't make them fast enough," she told *Business Week* in late 2009.

Her business training — and experience working in cosmetics, fashion, and fashion marketing, including time at Donna Karan New York — proved wise when Healy transitioned her home-based hobby of decorating glasses with signature drink recipes to a wider market. She launched and licensed Designs by Lolita in 2004, and the company has continued steady growth, topping \$60 million in sales in 2009. Instead of scaling back in the wake of the national economic slowdown, Healy worked through the winter and spring to develop a line of pajamas and robes, beach towels, acrylic drinkware, and candles that will bear her now-whimsical moniker. She continued to be featured in national press; had conversations about a television pilot; and moved closer to publishing her first book, *Martini Moments*, in fall 2010.

Although her easy smile and energetic voice make success seem effortless, Healy knows that her story and those of many other women have plenty of obstacles.

"It's tough being a female entrepreneur," she said. "We often feel like we have to do everything; it is in our nature to be nurturers."

Healy's involvement in Women's Leadership Exchange is an ideal outlet for her desire to see other women achieve career success in balance with family roles. The organization recognizes the unique challenges that confront women in leadership and offers a way to build connections that help them succeed in life while succeeding in business. Healy's television and radio appearances — which include Better Homes and Gardens TV — often stress her belief that it is realistic for women to have a career and solid family relationships.

"I hope every woman can take a passion or an idea and research it," Healy said in an interview for *Providence Business Journal*. She divides her time between a studio in Providence and headquarters in Savannah, perpetually sketching new ideas and approving designs for product use. "My philosophy is to create things that I would like to buy, and to have a brand that is instantly recognizable."

THE BIG-TIME ENTREPRENEUR



Photography by Ryan Walters

TRACY LOLITA BURKS HEALY '87

The Financial Wiz Kid

Although she was just a girl when she came to Mary Baldwin, Kathy Lien '98 credits her time in Mary Baldwin's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted for her success today, success that can be measured in appearances on CNBC, in *The Wall Street Journal*, at seminars in Singapore, and on the shelves of national bookstore chains.

"[PEG] played a big role in my life, it gave me an edge. Employers were intrigued, and were looking for someone who didn't fit the mold," said Lien, author, analyst, trader, and currency director for GFT Forex.

As a youngster, the New York native spent summers at a youth enrichment program at Johns Hopkins University and had been accepted into the elite Stuyvesant High

School when she received a brochure in the mail about the PEG program at MBC. At age 13, she took a chance and moved to Staunton for a year to study at Mary Baldwin.

"It was a bonding experience," Lien said, remembering times spent with fellow PEG students in the dorm for a regular coffee klatch, which sometimes involved recording an impromptu singing and recording session. "It was a good environment — supportive women, everyone on an equal educational level."

Wanting to be closer to home, Lien was able to transfer to New York University (NYU), and — having the luxury of an early start to college — decided to switch gears and drop a pre-med major to study economics. This would not be the first time that

Lien's decision to start college early would give her a leg up.

By 18, she had earned a degree from NYU's Leonard Stern School of Business and decided to enter the financial world. Though competition was fierce at the height of the tech boom, Lien broke the mold, and landed a position at JPMorgan Chase alongside older graduates from top-tier institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, and Yale. Looking for a change, Lien was able to once again take advantage of her youth, turning down a promotion at JPMorgan in 2003 to join a currency firm. As the firm grew, Lien flourished, and another currency trading firm, GFT, recruited her in 2008.

All along, the fact that Lien graduated from college at such a young age made an impression on her future bosses. "They've told me the reason why they hired me was because I was really unique," she said.

Today, she writes commentary about where foreign currency markets are headed and travels, teaching others how to trade currency. Lien is working on her fifth book, makes television appearances, and is quoted often in the financial press. Tough economic times provided a niche that Lien could fill.

"Not only was there a global financial crisis, there was volatility in the equity markets. That required a lot of precise analysis and I was able to provide it. So, it did raise my profile," she said.

Lien says she's happy right where she is, but at only 29, and having achieved so much success at such an early age, Lien sees a world of opportunity at her fingertips. "Opportunities come to my desk every day."

The Creative Upstart

Just before her 10th Mary Baldwin College Reunion, Rebecca Teaff '99 made what some might consider a reckless decision. She prefers to think of it as bold: leaving her job with an ad agency to start her own design business. She was not fired or downsized; she simply decided to try going out on her own. In the midst of an economic recession.

"While working at a larger design company, I saw that small businesses couldn't afford their services, and I realized that there was a market there," said Teaff. "I saw an opportunity where the slower economy would be to my advantage."

Teaff saved as much money as she could and prepared for her entrepreneurial adventure for several months before founding Redstart Creative in September 2009. Her first order of business: designing her own logo. Teaff's red hair was the inspiration for the company name, so she ran with that, cre-

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KATHY LIEN '98



REBECCA TEAFF '99

ating a graphic image that resembles hair blowing in the wind and the bird that is her company's namesake. "It also works as an abstract symbol conveying positive, forward motion," she said.

In January 2010, just five months into her venture, Teaff was already working with about 10 small-scale clients on projects ranging from fundraising campaigns to company logos to Web sites. Her goals for the coming months include finding a workday rhythm outside the office setting, working with repeat clients, and engaging in pro bono work for a few non-profit organizations. She continues to benefit from business owners' need to reach customers efficiently and effectively with downsized advertising budgets.

"People have to think more creatively and need to market even more in a recession," Teaff said, backing up her statement with anecdotal evidence and the results of a McGraw-Hill study of more than 600 businesses during the 1980-85 recession. The study reports that companies that maintained or increased the amount spent on advertising averaged higher sales growth during the recession and in the following three years.

Teaff, who also lends her design skills to her class leadership team, admitted that the toughest part about being in business for herself is that "there is no delegating. I have to do it all, from the creative things to the finances." She depends on social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook to promote Redstart Creative and to connect with creative partners for projects on which she also needs copy writing or Web programming.

"I'm taking it one step at a time, and I'm so grateful that other small business owners have been encouraging and helpful to me," Teaff said.

The Undaunted Communicator

"Instead of being devastated, I was determined," said Dacie Brooks '98 after being laid off from a public relations firm in May 2009. After all, three young children were depending on her.

Brooks established herself on a public relations track early in her college career with an internship in the MBC College Relations Office and another with an independent marketing firm. After graduation, she looked for jobs in the industry in her native Virginia Beach. Finding no openings, she ventured to New York City for a position as assistant account executive — a step up from entry level — with technology PR firm Middleburg and Associates. As a fresh-faced graduate, Brooks was coordinating speaking engagements, garnering media coverage, and helping create messaging strategies for some of the company's more than 2,000 clients.

A few years later, she took a higher-level position with another NY-based firm, and continued to be successful, providing services to high-profile companies such as AIG, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Maxell Corporation of America. Then the country's economic spiral caught up with the public relations industry. Brooks reluctantly said good-bye to her comfortable office and charted her next

Baldwin Women Share Economic Lessons Learned

'THIS LAND IS OUR LAND': Driving from her home in Manhattan to Staunton for her five-year reunion, **Nancy Ambler '75** was disheartened to see "For Sale" signs on farmland up and down the Shenandoah Valley. Thirty years later, during the height of the most recent national recession, she launched her own land conservation company. Wood Thrush Land Conservation, LLC fosters open-space preservation through the transfer of tax credits for the donation of conservation easements. "Since childhood, my spirit has been renewed by the wonders of the natural world," Ambler said. "I am so grateful now to be able to follow my heart and utilize my decades of professional expertise to assist landowners across Virginia to fulfill their own dreams of saving their land forever, for the benefit of us all."

RESUMÉ BUILDING TRANSLATES TO RESUMÉ

WRITING: When **Torski Dobson-Arnold '99** was let go from a job she loved in 2007, she was not expecting the change or to be happy about it, but she did have a back-up plan. A marketing management and business graduate of MBC, Dobson-Arnold turned what had been a hobby — critiquing and writing resumés and cover letters for friends — into Your Career Confidence, LLC, a specialized service for professionals. "I graduated from Mary Baldwin empowered and ready to take on the world. I can't say that there haven't been moments since then when I faltered a little, but I'm back in a place of confidence and looking toward the future."

NEW PROMOTIONAL BUSINESS FINDS SWEET

"SPOT": **Anna Henley '02** and her family launched themselves into the small business world with SPOT Prints in October 2008 to help other businesses specialize in promotional products, mixed-media advertising, and incentive programs. Despite constant reminders that they chose one of the toughest times in American economic history to start their business, the new entrepreneurs were undeterred. "The economic turmoil has not stopped our drive and determination to build new relationships with businesses and organizations in our area, and business has been better than we anticipated," Henley said.

THEATRE THRIVES UNDER ALUM'S LEADERSHIP:

Mary Baldwin's Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature program encouraged **Katherine Mayberry '07** to think of theatre and Shakespeare in practical terms, including realizing that theatre is a business as well as an art form. Mayberry continues to keep Michigan-based Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company successful by learning from theatre companies in The Bard's time, which "adjusted to societal conditions to keep themselves going," she said. With that philosophy in mind, the company actually recorded an increase in donations from individual patrons in 2009.

career move independent of corporate America. “Mary Baldwin instilled such great confidence in me that I knew I would be able to adapt,” said Brooks, but she admitted that the opportunity to start her own PR consulting business did not come without nerves. She called on her liberal arts training and communication courses — specifically one in mass media research — to establish San Antonio-based Brooks Media Relations in late 2009.

Her client roster may be a fraction of those big-time firms, but Brooks continues to secure big-time media placements for them in publications such as *Forbes*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Business Week*, to name a few. In fact, she says, the depressed economy drives her smaller-scale business, sending to her clients who do not have large marketing or advertising budgets. Brooks is pleased to have a handful of steady clients — as many as she can handle as a one-woman firm — who seek her services ranging from speaker placements to general media outreach.

“Of course, I still have butterflies. If I didn’t continue to have them and to re-evaluate my course, I would know something was wrong,” she said.

For this adaptable alumna, there’s a lot going right.

The Community Builder

When she rose to accept the honor of outstanding student in the Adult Degree Program during her Commencement ceremony in May 2009, Crystal France knew that the job market did not look good in her hometown of Martinsville, Virginia. But she was determined to find a position that combined her previous work experience and her new degree in communication.

“I applied for hundreds of jobs, registered on every career search site I could think of, and used all of my contacts,” said France, a former marketing and public relations executive. During her MBC tenure, she continued her involvement in service organizations, such as Martinsville’s Democratic committee and Helping Empower Youth, a group dedicated to steering children and teens toward healthy choices.

France distinguished herself as an outstanding student by going the extra mile — literally — driving from Martinsville to Staunton to meet with communication faculty on campus and to broaden her education with participation in Summer Week. In fall 2009, she packed up and relocated to

Martin County, on Florida’s eastern Treasure Coast, to start work as marketing and public relations manager on the county business development board. France relished the opportunity to work at getting others back to work.

“Florida weathered the economic slide longer than other states, but now it is facing a longer recovery because the economy depends so heavily on residential relocation and construction,” she said. France’s department works with existing businesses and recruits new ones to the county to encourage the economy to rebound. In Martin County and other areas of Florida, localities are being encouraged to diversify the employment base; France and her team are actively seeking more manufacturing jobs, exporting positions, and biomedical product development for their area.

“It feels good, like I’m giving something to this community,” France said. “Even if I can help five people go back to the workplace, those are five families that aren’t struggling any more.”

The Flexible Executive

In January 2009, Kamala Payne’s mom called to let her know what she was watching on a morning news program: that pharmaceutical powerhouse Pfizer was poised to buy out Wyeth, where Payne had worked since a few weeks after graduation in 2005.

“We knew that the merger was a possibility, but had no idea what would happen when it became a reality,” said Payne, who had been promoted to the Scientist II level the previous year and been given additional responsibilities as a member of the company’s internal efficiency team, Lean Six Sigma.

The following days and weeks at Wyeth included a flurry of e-mails, town-hall type meetings, and rumors. Ultimately, the company accepted Pfizer’s buyout offer, and then came the real reactions from employees, which ranged from fear to over-achievement to acceptance, Payne said. Her future was still uncertain: Would she need to relocate to accommodate Pfizer’s restructuring? Would her division, consumer health care, be eliminated completely? Payne stayed calm, calling on what she refers to as Mary Baldwin College’s preparation for her to be an “agent of change” through leadership roles in student government and participation in the classroom. As a member of the college’s Advisory Board of Visitors, Payne continues that association as a leader at MBC and, she hopes, encourages future alumnae/i to “give back because they see us giving back.”

THE COMMUNITY BUILDER



CRYSTAL FRANCE '09



KAMALA PAYNE '05

Payne's three-week stay with a host family in South Africa during May Term 2003 provided another significant lesson in adaptability, helping her "understand the struggle of everyday people in another country." The pharmaceutical industry is "very diverse," she says, and in South Africa she "gained a perspective that aids me in forming working relationships with people of diverse international backgrounds." Payne hopes to soon apply for Pfizer's Global Excellence Fellows program, where she could travel worldwide for several months to promote AIDS awareness and prevention.

Payne knew she had to be flexible during the Wyeth/Pfizer transition. Although she has so far been fortunate to be spared dramatic changes since the merger, the former biology major expects her position and the company's structure to be revamped in the coming months. She is currently responsible for designing drug stability studies and determining expiration dates.

"I'm not sure if we are even staying in the Virginia area. I've been pretty adaptable, and will continue to be. If they tell me 'Kamala, your job is moving to 'blank',' I'll go. If they say 'Kamala, we would like you to take on these responsibilities,' I'm in. If they say 'Kamala I'm sorry but,' I'll deal with it," she said.

"Change is a new beginning. You have to be ready to move with it, or it will move you ... out of the way."

With additional reporting by Liesel Nowak.

The College

Mary Baldwin reached a fundraising milestone this spring — the halfway mark of the Campaign for Mary Baldwin — as reported in *The Cupola*. Since the inception of the Smith Challenge in 2005, contributions to the college have totaled more than \$27 million — creating a solid foundation for the long-range campaign. Gifts to the college, especially during this period of economic uncertainty, continued to raise the college's national profile and enhance its reputation for distinctive academic excellence.

But MBC was not spared difficult financial decisions.

During her opening address to faculty and staff at the beginning of the 2009–10 academic year, President Pamela Fox faced future challenges with optimism: "Though the global economic crisis has 'reset' some of our expectations, we are perfectly poised to realize a bold new synthesis from our success."

In an effort to reconcile a projected \$1.7 million budget shortfall in 2010–11 — and in the spirit of transparency about the budgeting process — the college's Board of Trustees announced several money-saving measures to take effect in July 2010. A need to reduce the amount drawn from the endowment, uncertainty about funding from Virginia's Tuition Assistance Grant, and decreasing tuition income had all contributed to the shortfall, and long-range solutions were required.

Early retirement offerings, a temporary retirement contribution reduction, increased health-care premiums, and modest further faculty

and staff cuts were outlined at a collegewide meeting in March.

"I remind you again that we cannot cut our way forward, we have to create it," said MBC President Pamela Fox.

Moving ahead, Mary Baldwin is claiming a distinctive place in the higher education landscape by highlighting its strengths through the Schools of Excellence. In crafting an update for the college's strategic plan, the college will focus on the "sweet spot" where mission meets the needs of 21st century students.

Supporters such as Bertie Murphy Deming Smith '46 have helped change the face of Mary Baldwin — literally, by providing funds for necessary, visible building upgrades — and the college continues to depend on them. Perhaps even more critical, however, are the thousands of smaller donations that support the Annual Fund.

"Gifts to the Annual Fund propel us toward realizing not only the campaign's success, but also the college's ongoing mission," said Angus McQueen, former interim vice president for institutional advancement.

The Campaign Steering Committee, Board of Trustees, and fundraising staff are now focused on the next financial goal: addressing the college's most pressing remaining needs. According to Fox, these include scholarships to support young women entering through each of our Leadership Gateways; endowment and program support for the new Schools of Excellence and the Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement; and transforming Pearce Science Center, Hunt Dining Hall, and arts and athletic facilities.



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EASTERN Connection

Partnerships, Exchanges
'Prepare Students for Future'

Libbie Alby Bull, Class of 1893, established Mary Baldwin School for Girls in Kunsan, Korea, in 1912, at a time when its American namesake was not yet even a college. Four years later, another MBC alumna, Lily Woods '16, founded her school for girls in Hwainfu, China.

When Mary Baldwin College President Pamela Fox joined a small group of faculty and staff on a recruiting trip to Japan and South Korea in March, she added her thread to the college's century-old and ever-blossoming relationship with East Asia.

MBC's eastern connection began long before the college could have known the value of ties to that part of the world. These early educational ventures began rich associations that to this day enhance life at MBC

and partnering Asian universities.

"In terms of American world trade, in terms of American political interests, Asia has become the pre-eminent part of the world," said Professor of Asian Studies Daniel Métraux. "Our biggest, most important embassy is in China. Most of our trade is with Asia, much more than Europe. America is becoming a Pacific nation, an Asian-oriented nation, so our Asian

connections are very much training people for the future."

Over the years, the college's connections in the region have grown to include dynamic exchange programs with Doshisha Women's College in Kyoto; Tokyo Jogakkan, a smaller women's college in the capital city; and Sungshin University in Seoul.



1917 postcard of MBC School for Girls in Korea



President Pamela Fox (center) traveled with a small contingent of MBC ambassadors to Japan and South Korea in March to help strengthen ties, recruit students, and assess best opportunities for the future.

MBC's Newest Global Education Partner

With nearly 10,000 female students situated in a major city, Sungshin University offers quite a contrast to Mary Baldwin College.

The university's president, vice president, dean of external affairs and development, and assistants visited Mary Baldwin in 2008 to solidify the exchange, which grew from a friendship between Métraux and a professor and former dean at Sungshin.

And in March, Métraux led Dr. Fox, her husband Dan Layman, and Heather Ward, director of international programs at MBC's

Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement, to the gleaming, urban campus.

"When we arrived on the Sungshin campus, they introduced us to students who had applied to come to Mary Baldwin. They were bright, their English was excellent, and they were outgoing and ready for the adventure," Ward recalled. An energetic group of nine Sungshin students arrived at Mary Baldwin in fall 2009, while two Mary Baldwin students have applied to study in Seoul in 2010–11.



Communication, Confidence are Key

Yeon Joo Ham, a junior, is one of the Sungshin students who arrived at MBC in fall 2009. "In Korea it is a little bit hard to learn spoken English. We have academic tutoring, but not conversation classes," Ham said. "The strongest part at Mary Baldwin is that we live with American women. I can learn their culture and their language also."

Ham admitted she had been worried about living with other people. "At first I didn't know when I could turn off the light. I want to open the window, but I don't know whether she's all right or not," Ham said. "But my roommate is really good."

Ham's experience is typical. "A difficult adjustment factor for both Japanese and Korean students is communication," said Ward, and this goes far beyond spoken language. "Their cultures have a lot of 'high context' communication, a lot of body language Americans don't pick up on." When a Japanese or Korean student responds to an invitation by saying: "I'll have to think about it," or "I might need to study," they're trying to gently say "no," Ward explained.

"It's also very embarrassing to them to ask a roommate to turn off the light or keep their voice down, so they'll try a number of subtle ways of communicating — and it doesn't always work!"

The U.S. classroom experience also presents a contrast. "In Korea and Japan, nobody talks in class. It's a lecture, they take notes," Métraux said.

"Here you have a lot of give and take, a lot of conversation. It can be a little scary to them."

Haeun Sung, a junior exchange student from Sungshin University, found it difficult at first because of both language and culture. "I'm a little afraid, but I'm excited," she said. During her second semester at MBC, she gained confidence: "I think active participation in learning makes sense. When I return to Korea, I will miss that atmosphere," Sung said.

Interacting with professors creates challenges in both cultures. "At my former university in Japan, we had 30,000 students. I tried to make an appointment with my professor, and he said: 'You have to wait at least six months,'" said Masayo Maeda, a senior from Tokyo who worked for several years after college and is earning a second bachelor's degree at MBC. "Here I can go to a professor's office without an appointment."

But American informality can be equally unnerving: "One professor at MBC gave me a chocolate when I went to his office," said Maeda. She smiled at her memory of worrying about whether to eat the candy right away.

Maeda chose to study in America partly because it is unusual for Japanese graduates to return to school. "Even though technically I can apply for Japanese college," she said, "it might be very weird, so I decided to go to another country."

She was linked to Mary Baldwin



Masayo Maeda (right) addresses new international students in Fall 2009.

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through the Sakae Institute of Study Abroad, a Tokyo placement agency founded by Ms. Yoko Sakae that places Japanese students at American universities. The relationship between the Institute and Mary Baldwin College dates back at least 20 years, and Sakae has served on the MBC Board of Trustees. "Every year we have one or two new students from her," Ward said. "The institute has been very good to us."

Not only good to us, but good for us. "We Americans — faculty, staff, and students — need to take more advantage of the presence of Asian students here," added Ward. "They've come from so far. They're so brave. And they have so much to offer. We have the opportunity to get to know them, introduce them to our families, and understand a different point of view."

■ **Global Connections (top, from left to right):** South Korean exchange student Sin Young Kim greets the former U.S. Ambassador to her country at the Spencer Center; an MBC student receives a warm welcome from Japanese children during a May Term trip; Japanese student Tomoe Dohtsu waves the Virginia flag with her MBC Ambassador, Sara Norton; city lights in Tokyo; Japanese students Tomoe Dohtsu and Keiko Nomura laugh with Melissa Farrar; Asian Studies major Rachel Reich visits a girls' school in Japan.



Culture of mutual interest

As excited as Korean, Japanese, and Chinese students are about being at MBC, Mary Baldwin students are equally enthusiastic about Asian study and travel.

In May, Métraux returned to Japan — primarily Tokyo and Kyoto — with 15 new students.

"We spent a whole day at a combination grade school, middle school, high school. Then I have a friend who's a Member of Parliament, and he loved talking to our MBC students," Métraux said. "We saw the Emperor's secret room in Parliament — a very fancy room where he prepares for his annual address to the legislature, like our State of the Union. Next we went to Kamakura, an old city with temples, and Mount Fuji, and Nikko up in the mountains with shrines and temples to the Tokugawa shoguns. Of course we spent a lot of time in Tokyo. The transportation is incredible — subways come every two minutes."

Other MBC students enjoy longer stays. "Most of our students who study at Asian schools stay for a semester, although two or three recently have stayed for a full year at Tokyo Jogakkan," said Métraux, who also established that exchange. The Doshisha program is for the fall semester, but at Jogakkan or Sungshin MBC students can stay fall,

spring, or both semesters. "We sent seven students to Japan last fall — six to Doshisha, and one to Tokyo Jogakkan," he added.

Katy Lea Todd '11 likely would not have researched the intriguing story of Japanese youth called *hikikomori* if she had not spent a semester at Tokyo Jogakkan. At the 2010 Capstone Festival in May, Todd revealed in her paper presentation that about one million young people in Japan — driven by an unwillingness to operate within a society they believe denies them their individuality — sequester themselves from the outside world.



Katy Lea Todd '11

Before her semester abroad, the Asian Studies and philosophy major had not heard of the *hikikomori* phenomenon.

"This paper came out of four months of research I had in Japan," Todd said. "I did a lot of personal interviews, and living in this society ... I just got this idea. I thought, 'wow, that cannot be real. This cannot be going on.'"

Todd's presentation garnered top honors at the festival.

"MBC was my first and only choice for college because of the excellent exchange programs available to send students to Asian countries," said Krystle Demboski, a rising junior majoring in Asian Studies and English. Last fall, Demboski studied at Doshisha, and quickly became impressed with Japan's history, landscape, modernity, and public transportation system.

"It was easy to experience the classical culture of Japan — temples, family-owned restaurants, and imperial palaces right alongside the fast food restaurants, department stores, and pachinko parlors," she said. "You couldn't ask for a more awesome country to visit."

Demboski also learned a lot about Japanese culture and a little bit about herself while abroad.

"It became pretty clear that even though the Japanese have been in contact with Americans for over a century ... Japanese people will still ask tons of questions about life here," Demboski said. "I discovered pretty quickly that I am not a typical American. I don't eat hamburgers or drink coffee. Being in Japan really helped me overcome stereotypes about what I thought of Japanese people and what they think of us."



'Crossing the River by Feeling the Stones'

Lallan Pond, associate professor of business administration, has traveled twice to China — most recently last summer on a Fulbright-Hayes fellowship for study abroad. What impressed her most was China's rich history and how past contacts with the West influenced the Chinese psyche. Pond came to feel that Mao Zedong was revered not so much because of Communism, but for his role in reuniting the Chinese people, making them self-sufficient again, and shedding Western influences as much as possible. "Now they're trying to balance understanding the West and using what will be positive for them, but not being overly influenced," Pond said. "There were so many wonderful phrases for this concept. One of my favorites was, 'Crossing the river by feeling the stones.'"



Courses, Resources Provide Nurturing International Community

In 2007, when Ward picked up a new student from Asia at the Charlottesville airport, the young woman innocently asked: "Do you keep a gun in your car?" Later, the student confessed that she had been worried that America would be "like you see in the action movies."

"Safety and security are some of the first things we're questioned about," Ward said. "I'm happy to be able to say that we have a very safe campus environment."

"We also say that if you come to Mary Baldwin, you will experience the real America. This is not Boston or New York City or L.A., where you'd have a community of Malaysians, or Japanese, or Koreans where you could go for home-cooked meals or conversation in your native language."

"The first week of classes, everything is great; second week assignments are due; third week, there's panic," said Ward. "But they'll stay up until 3 a.m. or whatever it takes. They will end up earning As because they work so hard. It's impressive that they're so dedicated."

MBC provides strong support for new international students with a special two-day orientation program, a section of MBC 101: Introduction to College focused on international students' needs, and MBC Ambassadors. Ambassadors are returning MBC students with interest or experience in cross-cultural learning who become cul-



Learning Goes Both Ways: Students from Sungshin University instruct participants of MBC's Las Posadas multicultural festival in the art of bowing to elders, a South Korean New Year's Day tradition.

tural, campus, and community liaisons for new international students. Mary Baldwin faculty and staff and local residents can also volunteer to be International Friends, inviting international students to participate in activities such as holiday celebrations and shopping trips, and providing services like vacation transportation or housing. In addition, the Spencer Center plans regular campus gatherings, field trips, and cultural events.

In fall 2009 Ward teamed with Métraux to offer Introduction to

American Culture for International Students, a new course to further facilitate students' adjustment.

MBC professors from varied disciplines gave presentations on topics in American culture, religion, and history. "Sometimes students even learn things about their own culture they didn't know — just as we would if we took American studies courses in another country," Ward said.



■ **Global Connections (top, from left to right):** MBC Ambassador Tiffany Miller enjoys icebreaker activities with new international students; South Korean student Sin Young Kim horses around on a farm near the home of Associate Professor of Communication Bruce Dorries; Hiriko Iwasaki takes in the view from Humpback Rock; international students enjoy ice skating in Charlottesville with Director of International Programs Heather Ward and her children; Professor of Asian Studies Daniel Métraux and Japanese students pose in front of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello; Professor of English Robert Grotjohn gathers with students in South Korea.



'The Lanterns Hadn't Become Darker, the Country Had Become Brighter'

Sabbatical in South Korea reveals fundamental changes

Recently retired Professor of English Robert Grotjohn spent his spring and fall 2009 sabbatical in South Korea, where he taught classes at Chonbuk National University in Jeonju. In e-mails to friends and colleagues at Mary Baldwin, he shared his experiences. Sprinkled throughout the messages, he related how Korean students impressed him with their hard work and intelligence, although not all are successful. "I guess that's the same everywhere," Grotjohn reflected. "Their reading ability is generally more advanced than their speaking or listening ability ..." so he learned to slow down and repeat himself frequently, and had the satisfaction of seeing students improve as classes progressed.

Grotjohn became acquainted with South Korea during his first teaching job at Chonnam National University in Gwangju from 1981 to 1984. During that time, he met and married his wife of 27 years, and their son was born there. He has watched from a distance as South Korea evolved from a dictatorship to an active democracy, from economically developing to a developed country. Yet South Korean politics are still tense. One e-mail from Grotjohn in May 2009 reflects on the suicide of former South Korean president Roh Moo-hyun and North Korea's testing a nuclear bomb and shooting off missiles.

Outside the classroom, Grotjohn and his wife, Shina, took many excursions: to a weekend festival for the blooming of the cherry trees; to the seashore at Kyeok-Po where he encountered a stone mermaid; to the Song-Gwang Temple decorated with colorful paper lanterns for Buddha's birthday; to the Dong-Go temple with its "giant white Buddha"; and to a monument to Dan-Gun, the mythical founder of Korea,

with statues of the 12 animals of the Asian zodiac. In the following reflection, written in February, Grotjohn compares his recent visit to Korea to the one he made 25 years ago:

"Last spring, I was able to watch the Lotus Lantern Festival parade — held to celebrate Buddha's birthday, in Gwangju, South Korea — for the first time in 25 years. I remembered the parade, with the lanterns glowing from the candles inside them, as a magical brightness in the dark downtown streets. Last year, the magic had diminished.

"At first, I saw that as a sign of my age: What is magical in one's 20s sometimes becomes mundane in one's 50s. Then, it dawned on me that the change wasn't in me; it was in the streets themselves. In the 1980s, there were few street or shop lights; in fact, neon was illegal because of the energy cost. Now, downtown is illuminated by signs from the shops that line the streets.

"What at first seemed a disappointing indication of my aging actually was an encouraging indication of the economic progress of 'The Miracle on the Han.' The lanterns hadn't become darker; the country had become brighter, and in many ways.

"In the early 1980s, the country suffered under a repressive authoritarian regime; now, there is a flourishing democracy. In the early 1980s, it was unwise to mention in public the Gwangju people's uprising of May 18, 1980; now, there is a People's Democracy Park that celebrates the citizen-heroes of the uprising for the whole country. In the early 1980s, there was no freedom of



Top: Song-Gwang Temple; Middle: Taxis with glowing lotus lanterns on their roofs led the Lotus Lantern Festival parade; Bottom: a parade float

the press; now, presidents and politicians are openly criticized in the media and throughout the active Korean 'Cyberworld.' In the early 1980s, I knew one professor with a car; now, I know no professor without one. In the early 1980s, the fields were plowed by oxen; now, tractors make the work less grueling and the harvests larger.

"The magical candles in the lanterns may have been dimmed by neon, but that neon illuminates the magic of the 'Miracle.'"

**With reporting by contributor
Jacquelyn Beals and Liesel Nowak.**



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As we reflect on our years at Mary Baldwin College, we are grateful for the academic knowledge, lifelong friends, principles, and wonderful memories we made while there. As alumnae/i, we can help to ensure that young women have the same experiences we were privileged to enjoy by participating in student recruitment, social and civic engagement, and fundraising initiatives.

Words cannot express my sincere gratitude and awe at the commitment and leadership of our outgoing Alumnae/i Board and its president. I have served with Dori Akerman Stiefel '92 and the other great women on the board for the past two years, and this team has been second to none. Please join me in thanking them for their service and commitment to MBC.

Our new board — officially selected in April — includes 26 energetic and committed women representing eight states and seven decades. We meet twice a year as an entire group at MBC to reconnect with the college of today, interact with students, and plan new and exciting ways to engage fellow alumnae/i in Reunion, regional events, and giving to the college. As incoming president, I encourage you to:

- Host an event in your area
- Participate in nearby college fairs
- Connect with and/or refer prospective students
- Act as an ambassador for MBC
- Make a financial gift to the Annual Fund

Your Alumnae/i Board is committed to carrying out the mission of the college, and urges all of you to return to campus to see for yourselves the vast and varied programs and opportunities MBC is providing for today's young women. If you are not able to visit campus, please browse the Web site at www.mbc.edu to keep up with the latest MBC news.

Please contact me or any board member with questions or suggestions. We are proud to represent all of you as we treasure our past and move forward together.

Pamela Leigh Anderson '84



ALUMNAE/I BOARD PRESIDENT 2008–10

Dori Akerman Stiefel '92

Parting thoughts

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Alumnae/i Association president. You can imagine what the last two years have been like — the sheer joy of representing our alumnae/i at events, in meetings, and for special occasions. You also can imagine that I have learned a great deal; two salient lessons emerged from this experience: 1) Mary Baldwin consists of extraordinary faculty, staff, students, and alumnae/i. We are very lucky and very blessed to be part of this school; and 2) As alumnae/i, everything we do makes a difference, whether we are into social events, career networking, community involvement, admissions, or fundraising, we get to play and contribute.

I am excited about the future that awaits our school and our Alumnae/i Association, and I am especially excited about the excellent leadership we can expect from incoming Alumnae/i Association President Pam Anderson '84.

Yours,
Dorian Akerman Stiefel



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Sign up. Start sharing.

The alumnae/i online community allows you to:

- start and participate in discussion groups
- search for other alumnae/i
- make your Annual Fund gift
- post your resumé and find career opportunities
- and much more!

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We hope you are enjoying reading Class Columns more frequently as we work to deliver your updates in as timely a manner as possible. In the interim, check MBC's online alumnae/i community, Baldwin Connect, www.mbc.edu/baldwinconnect. Please remember to submit your notes to your class secretary (or to the Alumnae/i Office if no contact is listed for your class below) before **October 15, 2010**, for inclusion in the next issue of the *Mary Baldwin College Magazine*.

FOCUS ON PHOTO QUALITY *We welcome photos to accompany your class update. To make sure they are printable, we ask you to follow these guidelines:*

- Digital photos must be a minimum of 300 dpi (dots per inch) at 4x6 inches in JPEG format with minimal compression. The best way to submit these is on a CD or via e-mail. Low resolution images from the internet (72 dpi) are not acceptable.

1944

CHARLOTTE CRAUN Bishop of Bassett VA: "I am doing fine, except for sight and hearing; all this comes with age. Glad I am still having birthdays!"

1947

MIRIAM BUCKLES Helmen: "My husband, Bob, and I took a trip to Ireland last fall. I thought we might be too old, but we made it. We still travel back and forth to our farm in Highland County VA and see **MAGGIE CHURCHMAN Moffett** for lunch often."

1949

EVELYN LACY Roberson has two great-granddaughters: Evelyn Hensley Carpenter (3) and Katherine Caswell Carpenter (1).

1950

MARY HORTON Waldron: "I married again on December 18, 2008. We enjoy life here at Asbury Methodist Village MD, and it is a busy one. My husband's name is Billy Ball." **JOYCE KAGIN McCauley**: "My husband, Gentry, is in a nursing home here in Versailles KY, Taylor Manor. I have had a minor stroke. My children, Carl and Betsy, have been wonderful. I think of MBC often, and wish I could come back." **PATRICIA MARSH Wailes** continues to enjoy living in FL in the fall, winter, and early spring. She spends the summer in Somers NJ seeing a lot of her 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. **MARILYN SIMPSON Williams** writes, "Ben and I continue to enjoy our retirement. I can't believe that we celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary June 3, 2009. We still belong to many organizations, charities, and church activities. Our children and grandchildren keep us on the go."

1951 REUNION '11

ALLETTA JERVEY of St. Paul MN is retired and reads books for the blind.

1952

ERLINE GRIFFIN Eason invited her former swimming students to help celebrate her 80th birthday March 19 by swimming 80 laps. She logged 20 laps per hour — stopping, of course, to have birthday cake and socialize.

1955

AMY MALOY Lindsly: "Last October we took our three kids and spouses on a safari in Botswana — very exciting. This year Dick and I celebrate our 54th anniversary."

1956

BETTYE HURT Ingram: "Turning 75 has been a jolt this year! All is well as long as I forget my age. Still staying busy and enjoying every day."

1957

Send your class notes to:
Shannon Greene Mitchell
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JUDITH GABEL Roeling: "After 26 years as a Christian education/early childhood educator, I went to Columbia Seminary in 1987. For 9 years I was associate pastor at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge LA. For 10 years before I retired in 2007, I was associate presbyter for program and nurture, Presbytery of South Louisiana."

1959

MARGARET FOSTER Curtis has retired as a family nurse practitioner.

1960

Send your class notes to:
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This is a big year for our class as we celebrated our 50th reunion in April. Do you remember **GUNILLA "NILLA" PHILIPSON Klose**, the exchange student from Sweden? She was in our class junior year and has many memories of MBC and the U.S. She speaks 10 languages and is currently studying Yiddish. She is a massage therapist and her daily transportation is by bike! She had planned to join us in April, but we are sorry she could not be with us. I am certain we would have surprised her with our well-traveled class, which now has had 50 years to add to our experiences. **GWEN KENNEDY Neville Hunnicutt** writes that she remembers her first year in Memorial and that although she and **PATTY PETTIT** graduated in three years, they still wish to be in our class with the friends they made there. **JEANNE HERVEY Trice** tells me that due to four shoulder surgeries her activities are quite limited these days. She does not have a rotator cuff in either

shoulder, so she does not have much strength in either arm. "I am now relegated to being like Mother and going to the salon each week to have my hair done." We were disappointed that she could not be with us in April. **GRETCHEN CLARKE Hobby** e-mailed **FLORENCE LEE Wellons** that she has now been living in Crawfordville FL for the past two years and has a condo in the Orlando area. She says she has been in FL "since before Disney!" Her significant other has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Gretchen's daughter, Amy, is a movie producer in NYC and will show her latest film at the Sundance Festival. You can see her work at www.imdb.com, search Amy Hobby. Gretchen retired from Seminole County Library System 2 years ago, after 20 years. She does volunteer work with Wild Mammal Rescue and travels, going twice to the Netherlands. She reconnected with **LINDA DAVIS Kirk**, her former roommate, in Houston. **NANCY (BOO) HOOKER Manning** has 3 married sons, 7 grandchildren (4 girls and 3 boys) and 3 lovely daughters-in-law!

1962

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Exciting news: your 50th Reunion Committee met in Richmond VA at the end of February to begin planning one fabulous, not-to-be missed, Reunion. We are hoping everyone in our class will gather together and see how our beauty, brains, and talents have just gotten better in the last 50 years. We will keep you informed about the event and we want all of you there. We look forward to hearing about the great things you are doing. The committee is headed by **SUSAN JOHNSON High**: sjh@duffretn.net and **PRIOR MEADE Cooper**: priormcooper@verizon.net. Also on the committee are **DOUGLAS LAUGHON Wallace**, **KENT SEABURY Rowe**, **RUTH DREWRY Smith**, **SALLY HELTZEL Pearsall**, **SHIRLEY FILE Robbins**, **SUSAN JENNINGS Denson**, **LINDA DOLLY Hammack**, and **ELIZABETH "BETSY" SCOTT Featherstone**. We welcome any exciting ideas you wish to share. For more current news, we have learned that **CAROLYN MODARELLI-Adams'** 15th grandbaby is on the way and she sounds just as

excited about this one as she was about the first. Carolyn and husband, Nick, plan to return to England this fall to do more walking tours and then to Germany to visit one of her sons and his family. She is looking forward to coming back to our 50th and to bring Nick with her. He is a Civil War buff, so he should feel right at home in the Shenandoah Valley. **BETTY CACCIA-PAGLIA Passagno** continues to stay busy as a freelance editor of college textbooks. She enjoys learning as she edits, even the chemistry texts, although she did not study that science. She took off a week in January to visit a friend who lives in Laguna Beach CA and feels fortunate that she went before the heavy rains hit that area. **CAROLYN JONES Waghome** and husband, Rik, are avid golfers and travelers. She also volunteers for a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Dallas, which allows women patients to bring their children with them. **ELIZABETH "BETSY" SCOTT Featherstone**: "I have retired from care-giving to my grandchildren, but still volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital (Richmond VA), sing in my church choir, and work 2 days a week in an heirloom sewing shop."

1963

Send your class notes to:
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It's been fun to hear from some of you. We had a great time at our mini-reunion at Sea View Inn on Pawley's Island the first part of April! I heard recently from a few classmates who couldn't be there. **GINNY HES-DORFER Maxwell**: Tom and I are leaving this Sunday to go to Stuart FL, for 3 months. And from **CARPIE GOULD Coulbourn**: "I am sorry that I can't make the reunion. I will be moving to Raleigh at that time. I hope you all have a grand time together." **TERRY GEGGIE Fridley** sent word that she was looking forward to seeing everyone there. **JUDY LIPES Garst** sent word of a family vacation, "The Greenbrier Hotel is having Veterans' Affairs weekends at special prices and events for people from the Virginias and Reid and I went in February. Our son, Reid, and his wife Lisa (MBC '88) joined us. The hotel has opened the Bunker area to the public (built to accommodate the White House and legislature during the Cold War) and they have added gambling." **HONEY INGLESHE Shepherd** writes, "I had the happy surprise of a visit from **SANDY**

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DINGESS Potter. She was in San Antonio for medical tests, and we spent most of the day together when she was here. We talked about MBC, and since I have quite a few letters from Dr. Marshall Brice, I produced them for Sandy to read. We read many of them aloud, and reminisced about that remarkable teacher. I always have felt so fortunate to have been one of his students. **JUDY THOMPSON Hatcher** writes: "I received a great Christmas card from **LYNNE FOBES Marion**. There was this little pink piece of paper (insert) that reads: 'A Big P.S. I sold my house December 19, we bought a house December 28, I moved from one to the other January 27, and Bud and I married March 6. Can you believe it?'" A lot going on in that "girl's" life — and it all sounds good. We can't wait to hear to rest of the story. **MELISSA KIMES Mullgardt** says there is nothing new, but that is good in this day and age! **EMILY DETHLOFF Ryan** says, "MBC Houston had a wonderful evening at the Houston Country Club. We were all introduced to the new academic dean, Catharine O'Connell." Joining her from the college were **JENNIFER BRILLHART Kibler '91** and **JENNA SMITH '97**. It had been a long time since Houston alums had gotten together so we had lots of catching up to do. "Beautiful hors d'oeuvres and delicious wine."

1964

FAIRFAX HARDESTY Montgomery: "I am enjoying retirement; spending time with my husband (Roy), daughter, son-in-law, and grandson who live close by; and visiting our son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughters in Bainbridge Island WA. I am very active at church and with library and museum." **ANN KING Harkins** of Beckley WV is constantly busy with church activities and grandchildren.

1965

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I live in Philadelphia and spend summers in Vail CO, where I joined the Rotary Club. I hope to see Randi there next summer. Michael works full time, and we have 8 grandchildren who keep us young and sledding in these winter snowstorms! Molly lives nearby and Anne in NH. I co-chair our church food cupboard, and love the art history class I am auditing. It has been great hearing from many classmates, some who've been out of touch for a long time. It was hard to condense their wonderful stories. At print deadline, we expected about 20 people for our 45th Reunion, where classmate **ANN GORDON ABBOTT Evans** received the Emily Smith Award for her outstanding contributions to her community and the college. She is now second vice president of the Garden Club of VA and will be president 2012-14. She and Russell have a son and a daughter who graduated from MBC in 1996. **JUDY PAYNE Grey** of Montclair NJ enjoys her work as a grant writer at Drew University, "a school with wonderful similarities to MBC," and stays in touch with many classmates. Her son, John, graduated from University of Virginia in 2010 and will continue for an MA in teaching. They recently took a wonderful trip to Egypt and Jordan. **CHARLOTTE TYSON Mewborn** is in Farmville VA, and sadly lost her mother in January 2010, but had a rare birthday celebration with her twin sister. She sings in her church choir and enjoys her 3 grandchildren. She and husband, John, traveled to France and

spent a week in Paris. In 2009 she saw **BONNIE LAMB Mayo** in Victoria BC. **DEB-BIE BUCKLEY Failey** of Punta Gorda FL and Marty built 2 log homes for vacation rental in the Gatlinburg vicinity (www.frogshop-properties.net). She enjoys being close to Smoky Mountain National Park. Their youngest child married in March, and they have 4 grandchildren. "Loved being at our 40th [Reunion] sorry could not make the 45th." **MARY LEWIS Hix** of Falls Church VA retired in 2007, and serves on boards at a retirement community, an early childhood program, and a non-governmental organization in South Africa. She teaches for CREDO, a clergy wellness program, and enjoys travel with Mike, a book group, and water aerobics. Children: Rebecca, Habitat for Humanity; Michael, climate change research; Matthew, Peace Corps. **JO AVERY** does mediation and arbitration 3 days a week, "a peace-making job I am privileged to do," in Atlanta GA. An attorney for 25 years, she and Bob have 6 grandchildren (ages 3 to 18), and a silver standard poodle puppy. They have traveled to China, Russia, and India, and celebrated Christmas 2009 at Frapp Island SC. **GAIL MCMICHAEL Drew**, of Durham, NC is on the Board of Trustees of Elon University, where she previously served as chair. "My son loved Elon, so it's great to give back." She enjoys travel with friends and taking care of missionaries' children who go to conferences. Her husband Dick died of melanoma in 2003. She manages Drew Family Partners, is a trustee of the McMichael Family Foundation, and adores being with her 4 grandchildren. **MEREDITH CARTER Paterson** still does artwork, teaches high school ESL, and plays tennis on 5 teams in Burlington NC. She and her husband have 2 daughters in Spain and FL, and she uses Skype to chat with her grandchildren. She saw **ANNE GILLESPIE Clements** last summer in Bethlehem PA and keeps in touch with the Madrid group, especially **MARY PICKETT Craddock**, who was also a high school friend. **MARTHA FARMER Copeland** is moving to Lexington KY, where her children and grandchildren live. She will continue working at her law office in Corbin KY, staying with her sister part-time and working by computer from home part-time. **CAROL EMORY's** law practice in Portland OR focuses on international business and intellectual property transactions. She and Canadian significant other, Ed Tomashevsky, their Brittany spaniel, and 2 cats vacation on their boat, moored off Vancouver Island, or go RV traveling. Her 5-year goal is to learn French and "develop an art form." **BONNIE BIEDER-WIDEN Klein** of Durham PA says: "The most exciting news I have is that my orchids are coming into bloom. I should have majored in biology as I first intended — I'm a big gardener and garden clubber and probably a tree hugger as well." **MIN-ERVA DUDLEY THOMPSON Nolte** (retired) was widowed in 2002. She is a full time organic farmer, raising Polled Herefords, Nubian goats, peafowl, walnuts, hazelnuts, grapes, and various vegetables and fruit (www.laffalotfarm.com), and is program director of the Kinton Grange (www.kintongrange.org). "Come visit and see the magnificent northwest." **ELIZABETH (BETTY RAY) MATTHEWS Morgan** lives on a sheep farm in Wallingford VT with her husband. "I spin the fleece from the sheep, hook rugs, and teach rug hooking. I'm working full time as an RN in a Family Medicine practice, and I still play the piano and organ and sing in our church choir." **FAITH NEUSCHELL Burke** and her husband have lived in Costa Rica for 3 years. They are active in the Biblioteca David Kitson, were founders of the first lending

library outside of San Jose, and work to protect local wildlife, especially Howler monkeys. They spend one month a year "somewhere wonderful," most recently Rome. **SUSAN BROWNE Webb** and her husband have retired to a log home on the Jackson River, a blue ribbon trout stream near Hot Springs VA. They play tennis in Lexington and travel to Stuarts Draft and Charlottesville to check on Fred's sister and her mother, and to Richmond to see their 2 grandchildren. **NAN DAVIS** is "a happy retiree living the good life in NYC, with all it has to offer. This spring I may go to London to visit friends, which I do annually. I worked for the City of New York as a systems manager before retiring." **JUDY BRYANT Skinner** of Atlanta GA sadly reports that her husband of 43 years, Bill, died in 2008. Both children are married and her daughter is expecting a baby in August. She is secretary/registrar at a small elementary school. "The days fly by, and I'll work as long as I can — or until they roll me out!" **CAROL STEWART Shaw** retired 10 years ago as vice president of IT for General Reinsurance and moved to CT. She joined a garden club and a bridge group and is "one of the ladies who lunch." She and husband, John, travel 3-4 months a year. "No grandchildren, but we're grateful our kids visit often." **DOROTHY IAFRATE Rudy** and John own Madeline's Vineyard in Sonoma CA. She's in law school after teaching Spanish for 42 years and runs a language study business (dorothy@spanish-worksinc.com). They have 2 sons and 1 granddaughter. **JULIE McFARLAND** hosted "catorce preciosas chicas" from Madrid at her home in Vancouver WA. **MARSHA NYE Adler** works for a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, and Bill is a lawyer/consultant in Mountain View CA. Son Andrew's novel *To the Last Drop* was published in 2008. Stepson Josh lives in Washington DC; stepdaughter Deborah is in New York. She looks forward to continued growth, travel, and activity. **PEGGY MALONE West** lives in Baltimore MD and Butch practices law full-time. She retired from kindergarten teaching 3 years ago, but this year helped 3 mornings a week with the parent/child 2-year-old class and loved it. She loves gardening and spending time with her 3 grandchildren. **SARA BEABOUT Hartman** and Skip alternate between NYC and bucolic Hudson NY, where she has a vegetable garden. She's involved in a church upstate and coordinates the Angel Tree program, which provides Christmas gifts to children of prisoners. Daughter, Lauren, recently became engaged and manages one of her husband's tennis clubs. **DALE MIDGETTE Smith** of Winter Park FL enjoys her counseling practice, and 3 grandsons nearby are a joy for her and David. She "writes, sings, and dabbles in art projects." She has new knees and is "moving through life in a more flowing and enjoyable way." **JULENE REESE Roberts** helped her after both surgeries. **ANN MEBANE LEVINE** retired to Atlanta after 30 years in WV. She volunteers at The Carter Center and her grandchildren's school and takes classes "for old folks." Her other daughter, a lawyer, and family have moved to Crozet VA, and her husband works at James Madison University. **JUDY ROY Hoffman** moved to Collierville TN after 35 years in CA. Her husband Harlan passed away in 2005. She is president of the Women's Club, and recently cruised in the Greek Isles, going first to Paris. In April 2009, she visited Charleston SC with Emy and **JUNE EARLY Frain**, who lives in Oakland VA. She teaches math in an alternative school and "doesn't use a slide rule any more!" She and Tom like to travel, spend time on their boat, and visit

their 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. "It's a joy keeping in contact with MBC friends." **KAY EARLY ELIZABETH Dougherty** and husband, David, are in their 17th year at The Hill School, a boarding school in Pottstown PA, where he is headmaster. She taught high school math, and has worked in admissions and advancement at Hill, and was president of the Pottstown Symphony. They love to visit their 2 grandchildren in Raleigh NC. **DALE GATCHELL Webb** of Little Rock AR closed her garden shop in 2006 to spend time with her parents in Memphis and grandchildren in CO. She enjoys a garden club, book club, church needlepoint guild, and membership in the Herb Society of America. Roger teaches at University of Arkansas at Little Rock. **JEAN MCCAULEY Bennett** of Red Bank NJ earned an MS in Educational Psychology and taught special education in elementary and high school for 26 years. She enjoys visiting her 9 grandchildren and hopes that one of 5 granddaughters will attend Mary Baldwin. **RANDI NYMAN Halsell** of Dallas TX and Tom enjoy traveling, recently to Machu Picchu. They have 5 grandchildren, 1 in Dallas and 4 in CA, and a vacation home in CO. She chaired "Celebrating Women," raising \$1.8 million for breast cancer work at Baylor Medical Center. She also assisted **PEGGY ANDERSON Carr '67** with a group touring Historic Garden Week in VA in April. **"BJ" BROWN McKell:** "Life is good! Doing lots of traveling and enjoying being retired."

1966 REUNION '11

JANE BATES Higgs of Waynesville NC graduated August 2008 with a master's degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University. She passed boards to be a certified pediatric nurse practitioner. She retired from public school education with 38 years of service. **MARY "CELIA" CRITTENDEN Catrett** in Houston: "I am still an elementary school librarian. Loving every book I read to the children and loving the children even more than the books."

1967

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Greetings, Angels in Disguise! We have a new format beginning in this issue of the *Mary Baldwin College Magazine*, so your news will be shared as a letter rather than a column. **MARY DODSON Knight** writes that she and John have fled the snows of WV and are enjoying spending winter months in FL, living in their motor home and enjoying the balmy breezes. Mary is having very good results with her rigorous physical therapy at Kennedy Krieger Spinal Cord Injury Center and has quilting projects and several books going all the time. **PEGGY MADDEX Barnes** plays golf with a great group of friends and has revived her love of knitting with a church prayer shawl group. Our condolences go to Peggy, whose father passed away in 2009 at age 95. **JUDY PUGH Stone** coordinates the community garden at her local farm museum, mentors a group of first year students at Yale Divinity School, and is auditing a course in the Yale Forestry Department. **ANGELA BLOSE Corley** had aortic valve replacement surgery in 2009 and was nursed back to health by husband, Bill. Thanks to all classmates who kept Angela

in mind with e-mails and letters during her convalescence. **ANNE STRIBLING Dingleline** has taken a new position as managing editor at Oxford University Press, working on English language materials for children. Anne and John enjoy their 2 grandchildren; their son Jonathan is in law school in NYC. Anne has taken her middle name, Stribling, as her last name. With sorrow we learned of the death of **ELLEN ANDERSON Hill's** husband, Jud, on Christmas Eve 2009. Ellen was comforted by the messages and calls she received from classmates. **BARBARA HORNER-Miller** broke her hand while on a business trip in October 2009. She spent 6 weeks in a cast and continues in physical therapy to restore movement. **MARGARET ALLEN Palmer** and Alex live in Beaver Creek CO winter and summer. Daughter Elizabeth married in 2009 and will live in NYC with her husband. Son, Stokes, and his wife are expecting their third child in 2010 and live near Margaret in Nashville. Margaret enjoys her golf group, bridge lessons and volunteering. **JANICE SMITH Barry** writes from Jupiter FL that she stays busy with investment club, book club, church activities and volunteering with Meals on Wheels and Lighthouse. Janice invites classmates to visit her in sunny FL. **ROSA MCCLAUGHLIN Heinsohn** and Eric will celebrate their 20th anniversary in 2010. Son Luke is a first-year student at W&L and 10 of Rosa's 14 grandchildren live on or near their farm in Charlottesville. Rosa's son Bo Carrington works in TX. **SHERRY "DIANE" DINWIDDIE Andre** sent the class another list of excellent books for 2010. She will substitute as media specialist for 6 weeks and then take off for England with friends. Diane took a river cruise from Vienna to Amsterdam in 2009 and hopes to enjoy more cruises as well as her annual trips to England. **SUSAN MASSIE** completed her final treatments for cancer and is recuperating, enjoying her daughters and her loving messages from friends. Susan says, "Cancer is about learning to understand love at a deeper level. here is no end to the positive effects of prayerful energy from friends." Susan has appreciated regular correspondence from **PEGGY ANDERSON Carr**, who, although a busy and committed volunteer for several organizations, always takes time to keep up with classmates with words of encouragement and cheer. Peggy also teaches adult Sunday School, knits with the prayer shawl ministry, reads voraciously, has managed several big Dallas fundraiser events, travels to see family, and planned a bus trip to VA during Garden Week with the Dallas Garden Club. **DIXIE EPES Hoggan** is planning this grand event with Peggy. Our condolences go to **MARGARET JENNINGS Metz**, whose mother passed away in 2009. Margaret and Bob live in Clearwater FL and she enjoys her 2 granddaughters, 3 married children (Bob, Merriann, and Melissa) and her book club, sewing group, and church activities. Margaret and Bob spend as much time as possible at their mountain cabin in NC. **LYNN WILLIAMS Wood** and Greg live in the MD suburbs near their daughter and her family. Lynn has retired from her teaching job and plays with grandsons John (3) and Joseph (1) several times a week. Daughter Beth is a meteorologist and Lynn enjoys book group, photography, family research, and church outreach ministry. **MARGARET "PEGGY" WEAVER Crosson** has retired and lives in Fincastle VA in a restored 1921 farmhouse with a peacock, a potbelly pig, and

a rooster, among other wildlife. Daughter Carr and grandsons Jack, 6, and Dabney, 4, provide Peggy with the opportunity to hold "NannaCamp" every summer. Son Tyson lives at Lake Tahoe and loves the Rockies. **LUCIA LIONBERGER Thomas** will have 2 more grandchildren, twins, by the time this column goes to press. Lucia retired in 2009 but continues to work part-time for an adult education program while serving on the Head Start board in Winchester VA. **RHETT CUTHBERT Campbell** and Mike live at Lake Murray SC, a bird-watching haven. Rhett takes art classes at University of South Carolina and sees children Bill, in Charlotte NC, and Meg, mother of 2 little boys, in Salt Lake City UT, as often as possible. **SUZANNE PERRY Turnbull** and Ned live in Laurel MS and spend as much time as possible at their mountain home in Cashiers NC where Suzanne shares an art studio with friends. Suzanne had hip replacement surgery this year, joining the "titanium joint club" of which so many of us are members. **SUSAN POWELL Norton** still owns and directs the Junior Assembly Cotillion of Richmond with her two daughters, Katherine and Liz. Husband, Dave, is retired, giving them time to volunteer, participate in Bible study, bridge group and to play with their 4 granddaughters and 1 grandson. Daughter, Carolyn, works for Coca Cola in Atlanta. **SYLVIA SHEPARD Dalke** and Bill live in Whitefield ME and continue to support their local nature center as volunteers. Daughter Keith teaches ESL and daughter Kara is a medical student. Sylvia and Bill enjoy hosting their grandsons for a month every summer, and Sylvia has become a master gardener volunteer. At least two classmates have rehabbed homes in their local historic districts and are enjoying life with no yard. **KIP COOLEY McDaniel** and Joe volunteer for downtown revitalization, local museums, and their church. Children Carey and Stites are both married and Kip and Joe enjoy playing with local grandchildren Emma and Alex and anticipate another granddaughter in NY in spring 2010. **PAM MELSON Sutton** and Stark live in downtown Savannah GA in a restored historic home and Pam has enjoyed a career in real estate for many years. Their 2 sons live in Charleston and Pam loves being grandmother to Sam (3). **LOUISE TABB Whipple** and Fred continue to commute between Richmond and their farm in Brownsburg VA. Louise substitutes teaching ESL, volunteers at church, reads with her book group and loves being grandma LouLou to Alice (2). **PAT FORBES** continues her studio art (www.patriciaforbesart.com) and enjoys trips from her home in Albuquerque to San Francisco to visit daughter Abby, her husband Stephen, and Sienna (2). Pat and partner Tom Miles recently completed a Mexican Riviera cruise and are hosting home workshops based on R. Scheinfeld's books, *Busting Loose from the Business Game* and *Busting Loose from the Money Game*. **KATHY RICE Knowles** and Robbie have lived at Wintergreen VA for 10 years, traveling to NC, CA, and MA to visit kids and grandkids several times a year. Sons Jim and Rob earned doctorates in 2009 and daughter English is taking courses to begin a new career in nursing. "We volunteer with the archaeological survey on our mountain, hold Camp Mumma for our 5 grandchildren each summer, and live simply, keeping up with friends and trying to tread lightly on our little corner of the world. Thanks to our great class for staying in touch!" **VIRGINIA "GINGER" PUCKETT Grizzard** of Roanoke Rapids

NC: "I am enjoying retirement and grandchildren. Bill and I hope to do more traveling when he retires for good." **LYNN WILLIAMS Wood** says, "Life is full with 2 grandsons (ages 1 and 3) close by, church leadership roles, family research, photography, travel, and friends. Greg teaches French 5 minutes from our house in Olney MD. **ELIZABETH TROXELL Jones** has two grandchildren: granddaughter, Rory Jones (3) and grandson, Liam Jones (1).

1968

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Hi Ladies, just a few updates this time. Remember you can send info to my e-mail or mail a letter any time. **JEANNIE LINN Oster** retired from the Peace Corps in February after 22 years in the government. Son, Matt, and his wife, Emily, live in La Paz, Bolivia where Emily works for Catholic Relief and Matt for the Chamber of Commerce. Their daughter, Alexandra, is at UCLA grad school for urban planning. Jeannie's husband, Charles, has been retired for a few years. **SHARON GRAY Duncan** and her husband, Ted, moved to Westminster CO a few years ago after being in Oklahoma City for many years. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Daughter, Sarah, and her family live in Houston. Judson and his family live in Singapore where he works for Emerson, and Michael and family live in Chicago. **BROOKS MCMURRIA Morgan**, "I was remarried in June 2007 to wonderful Howard Campbell Morgan and inherited 11 grandchildren. Neither of my children were married at that time, but Alexandra married Kevin Williams in October 2009 in a beautiful NYC wedding. Austin is a singer/songwriter in Los Angeles. I am incredibly blessed. **MARGARET ANNE ROBERTSON Fohl** in Lancaster VA loves retirement. Although she is just as busy as ever! Her daughter, Katie, married Sean May 30, 2009. **ANNE WALKER Milliken** has 4 young grandchildren, 2 boys and 2 girls. **NORMA CARLA FALKINER Buzzard** has a new granddaughter, Emma, born in March 2009. Her daughter received her Master of Arts in Teaching from MBC.

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1970

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CONNIE KITTLE Neer continues her life in Rochester NY as an actor, substitute teacher, and yogi. She gets down to Broadway a few times a year where her daughter, Cary, allows her a couple of nights in her Upper East Side apartment. Son, Tyler, lives in Chicago. Husband, Mike, is in his 34th season as head basketball coach at University of Rochester. **SCOTTIE LAKE Lindsay** and Scott are entering retirement and will be moving from Charlotte NC to alternate between living in Montreat NC and Bluffton SC. She wants to know if any MBC girls live in either area. They have 4 grandchildren ages 3-6, a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel they love, and lots of excitement about what is ahead. **VIRGINIA "GINNY" LEE**

KINTZ is a partner in the largest independently owned long-term care agency in the U.S., Long Term Care Financial Partners. She has been a long-term care planner for 13 years. Ginny owns and lives on an 85-acre horse farm in upstate NY with her Morgan horses, which she rides, carriage-drives, and occasionally shows. She's involved in local and statewide politics, and still makes regular trips to DC (she attended Obama's inauguration). She plays the flute in a community band and volunteers on non-profit boards. She was recently appointed by the Governor of New York to the SUNY College Council. Ginny travels abroad as much as her schedule will allow. **MARGARET HAWKINS Oosterman** and husband, Carl, who is retiring, put their house on the market. So, as she noted, "chaos reigns." **JANE GRAVES Bartlett** and Jim live and work in Baltimore. Jane is in Lower School admissions at Gilman School and also directs one of the summer outreach programs. Their son is a major in the Air Force; he and his wife live in Navarre FL. Their daughter is an interior designer with a firm in Baltimore. **MARTHA BOOTH Jennison** and Jay are in St. Augustine FL. Their oldest daughter, Clarinda, is in Redding CA, and the couple welcomed their first little girl, Celia McFadden, on January 19. Martha and Jay's second daughter, Catherine, married last year in Durham NC, and works for Duke University Office of Alumni Affairs. Their son, John, has returned from Beijing, where he worked for Apple for two years. He is now with Apple's South American division, traveling from Miami. **ZOE KERBEY Holmes** and Steve moved to Rockwall TX in July 2007, so that Zoe could work in the Dallas office of Marsh, Inc. She continues as an aviation insurance broker/attorney. She and Steve went to Disney World in December with their 2 daughters and their families. Zoe highly recommends grandchildren. They celebrated their grandson Alex's 8th birthday while there. They also have a beautiful granddaughter, Zoe Elizabeth (3). She recently was elected to vestry at her church, and spends most of her spare time in ministries there. She is a home Eucharistic visitor (taking communion to shut-ins), and she sings in the choir. She also belongs to two book clubs, as reading continues to be her favorite pastime. On March 16, **JEAN GRAINGER** sponsored a cocktail party at the Colony Club in New York to introduce Dr. Catharine O'Connell, MBC's new vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. **DIANE DARNELL Hughes** says that the big news there is snow, snow, and more snow! Grandson, Christopher, is in first grade, and Diane is delighted to have him living in their neighborhood. Husband, Michael, hoped to get his entire cast (and pit orchestra) to camp out at school for the next month to finish rehearsals for *Fiddler on the Roof*. **ANN DILLINGER Elgin** has spent her working career in non-profits and recently retired when her husband, Doug, retired. They have spent the last several years traveling and volunteering at church. Ann and Doug had a fascinating trip to China in June 2009 and have enjoyed cruises to the Mediterranean, Caribbean, and AK. They hope to go to Egypt and Israel next year. Their daughter is an environmentalist in south FL working for an engineering company. And their son, who played basketball in college, followed his dream of working for the Atlanta Hawks as a marketing manager for the Atlanta Spirit which owns the Hawks, the Thrashers (hockey), and Philips Arena. His wife is an

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elementary teacher. **MARGARET "PEGGY" HAILE McPhillips:** "My job as Norfolk City historian keeps me busy, with no plans for retirement in sight. I enjoyed a 3-day visit from roommate **CAROLYN BASS Ammentrout** and husband, Al, in September. Carolyn and I played at VA Beach for 3 days while Al golfed. It seems impossible that our 40th Reunion was this year!"

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MARY BACON JOHNSON Williams: "We have been in Chattanooga TN since 1993. My son, James, is a pro mountain bike racer, who also writes for the Bend OR daily newspaper and tutors. Daughter, Megan, was married December 2008 and is a physician's assistant in middle TN. Dan and I are retired and having fun." From **MELISSA WIMBISH Ferrell:** "I am practicing as an LCSW with the Palliative Care Program at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital (Richmond VA). My daughter Lacy is majoring in history (African) and her wife, Geraldine, is majoring in political science at University of Wisconsin at Madison. Daughter Laura graduated with an MSW from NYU in May 2010. **SUSAN POPE Justesen** is owner and director of Ms. Susan's School of Music in Greenwood SC.

1972

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After recently rummaging through MBC materials I found and added many e-mail addresses to my list. I hope they are current. If you know of class friends who do not receive my missives, please encourage them to send their addresses to me.

CARTER MOFFETT Douglass lives in Staunton where her husband, Brent, is facilities director at MBC. Daughter, Stewart, goes to Blue Ridge Community College and son, Lewis, is a freshman at Randolph-Macon. She is getting help from **PHYLLIS HOPKINSON** with her on-the-side flower business, Fleurish, and is on the board of the Furious Flower Poetry Center at James Madison University. **PLAYER MCPHAUL** welcomed her 2nd granddaughter, Amelia, who joins big sister Elizabeth. "They are in Charlotte so I get to see them often."

JEANNE JACKSON took a group of students from Birmingham-Southern College to Costa Rica for a few weeks in January to study sustainability and ecotourism. "Hard not to like my job!" **JILL KEILY** looks forward to completing the sale of her 3rd flower shop: "Retirement sounds terrific." **LINDA RABER Jahng** is human resources coordinator for The Walker School in Marietta GA. Her son, Morgan, a member of the Old Crow Medicine Show band, was married last June. Daughter, Lindsay, works in NYC in property management. Husband, David, consults in Capetown, South Africa.

JANE RAYSON Howard wanted to pass on her updated e-mail addresses:
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ELAINE HENDERSON Fowler, "My oldest child, Jason, just received his civil engineering degree from Clemson University and my youngest, Ross, is a 1st year student at UVA and loves it."

JULIA HENLEY of Richmond VA writes, "It is hard to believe that I have been a widow for almost 10 years. My children

are doing well. Elizabeth is a junior at University of South Carolina and plans to spend the spring semester in New Zealand, and my son, Henley Hopkinson, is a junior at St. Christopher's in Richmond.

1973

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LYNNETTE M. YOUNT: "I continue delivering executive coaching services to develop federal and county leaders. Still singing in my church choir and love to travel. Two of our 4 sons are married. Two sons have deployed to Iraq and returned safely. Life is good!"

1975

SUSAN LEMON Hobbs writes, "Our son, Cabell, is 28 and is a managing partner of his financial consulting firm in Northern VA and doing well. Our daughter, Morgan, is a designated scholar at Southern Methodist University studying accounting. She was selected to attend Oxford College this past summer, so Jim and I took the opportunity to visit her and tour the Cotswolds. To our delight, one professor invited us to class and even requested us to participate. It was so much fun! We had lunch in the 13th-century hall of University College, which was quite beautiful. **EVA STIMSON** of Louisville KY: "My 18-year-old twins, Luke and Rachel, graduated from high school this year. Rachel is in college in Chicago, and Luke is doing a year of volunteer work in Haines AK. My husband, Jerry, and I are empty-nesters."

1976 REUNION '11

CAROL "LYNN" HOWARD Lawrence says, "It's hard to believe we've been in Charleston SC for 7 years. Made my first mission trip to Burundi and we continue our work here to serve the people of Burundi. Continuing to teach pre-K and calligraphy as well as work on a children's book." **KATHRYN "KATE" LEE** of South Hadley MA is starting her 8th year as a multimedia courseware designer at Smith College. She is a volunteer producer for ESPN's "Shoot Around with Beth and Debbie." She visited **DIANA PARKER '73** in Eliot MA and **CONSTANCE BAK '75** and **SHIRLEY DOUGLASS '76** in Richmond VA. **LINDA PEREZ** Limo: "I am currently teaching Spanish in Arlington VA and loving it." **DANA LECKIE** is helping organize the upcoming Reunion in 2011. "I am looking for full participation from fellow classmates," she said.

1977

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1978

FAYE KATHRYN ANDREWS Drawdy: "I was married December 21, 2009, to David D. Drawdy. We married at Disney World in Orlando FL, and celebrated our honeymoon there as well. By June, we hope our new home construction will be finished in Stafford County VA.

1979

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SUSAN GORDON Rosen writes, "I left the Department of Justice in 2005. My husband and I went to China an August 2006 to get our daughter, Hannah. She is 4 now and we love her very, very much!"

1980

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Hello Class of 1980: "No one dares to call us ladies!" I heard from many of you when I asked about our class song — it was wonderful. As I'm writing, the Washington DC area is blanketed by a major snow storm — we supposed to have record/history making snow! This is a sampling of who was planning to come to our 30th Reunion: **LYNN TUGGLE Giliand** (Reunion president), **LAURA REED Bivans** (Reunion secretary), **TRUDY MARTIN Rauch**, **MARLENE DENNY Jones**, **DIANA MOORE Rasnick**, **KATHERINE "KATIE" PIERSON Colden**, **SUSAN MOOMAW Moring**, and **LISA PETTY**. During the class song discussion I also heard from people who couldn't make Reunion, but will be with us in spirit: **ALEXANDER TUCKER Barfield** and **ALISE LEARNED Mahr**. I also heard from **JENNIFER WALKER**, **KELLY HUFFMAN Ellis**, **MOLLY SHIFLET O'Brien**, and **ELIZABETH "LIZ" WORD Gentry**. I finally found an original copy of the class song in my senior yearbook; practice so we can all sing it together:

"We're the Class of 1980,
no one dares to call us ladies.
Wahoos say we trash their frats.
Weekend rolls we've got down pat.
Rebel Yell, and beer, and grain;
we drink so much we go insane!
We're the Class of '80 proof.
1 - 9 - 8 - 0. Hey!"

CHERYL JANE NAETZKER is enjoying a diverse IT career with Wellpoint, Inc. and pursuing portfolio management. She sailed a 4th summer as crew with Fishing Bay Yacht Club and catches up with **MARTINA "TINA" GRAHAM Creger** whenever possible.

1981 REUNION '11

MARY CATHERINE MITCHELL Amos and husband, Allen, of Charlotte NC became grandparents in January. Son, Tripp, and daughter-in-law, Gabby, of Knightdale NC now have a baby boy, Ralph Allen "AJ" Amos IV.

1982

RUTH DOUMLELE's new book, *The Randolph Women ... and their Men*, was published in February 2010. It is a nonfiction account of a southern post-Revolutionary era family that intersects with the likes of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

1983

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We continue to ask people to add themselves to the Boldly Baldwin class pages for the Class of 1983. Go to www.mbc.edu/baldwinconnect to add your information. **MEGG POTTER Rader** has two successful art galleries in Raleigh NC. The Collectors Gallery focuses on NC fine craft and The Mahler Fine Art features art in multiple disciplines — paintings and sculpture primarily. Both galleries are on Facebook. She is very busy with 2 teenagers, Mary Stiles (16) and Rob (15). **JILL JOHNSON Horton** lives in Columbia SC since returning from living in China for the past 16 years. She leads a very busy life working as an ESOL teacher in an elementary school and keeping up with the little ones, a daughter (7) and son (3 1/2) who were both adopted from China. **CHANDLER CURD Wheeling** is enjoying being a cancer nurse at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke VA. Husband, Randy, joins Chandler in traveling, which is what they live for all year. Last year's trips included Las Vegas to see Bette Midler, Howie Mandell, Rita Rudner, and Paul McCartney. The last FL trip included the wedding of a friend's daughter and a trip to Disney. At the end of April they planned to travel on the Royal Caribbean Oasis (yes, the 18-story high boat with a zip line and a park) to the Bahamas. **LISA HOUGH Hays** is working for Social Security Disability as a senior disability determination specialist in Raleigh NC. Jonathan, her son, is studying to be a doctor of physical therapy at East Carolina University. Lisa's dad died two years ago and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery and her mom is lives in Oahu HI. Lisa continues to support Mary Baldwin through the Annual Fund. **KIM MCGEE Robertson** is living in VA and has been married for 22 years. Kim works as a civil employee at Quantico Marine Corps base as a financial management analyst. Kim has one child, Kyle, a junior in high school. Kim keeps in touch with MBC classmates **JANE KORNEGAY**, **MARY SANTUCCI** and **BARBARA PRICE**. Celebrating the completion of her master's degree in health administration is **GEORGIANNE MILLER Mitchell**. After attending the 30th Reunion, **EILEEN KOHLERMAN Foti** rekindled her fire for learning and Georgianne started the program that summer. Georgianne is currently looking for a job in disaster medicine, planning, and mitigation with a city, state, or federal agency in the greater Washington area. **ORA SMITH** is working for Cora Bett Thomas Realty in Charleston SC and loves it. **BETH HEFFERNEN Sucher** works at Blue Cross Blue Shield of TN. Beth's son, Devin, and his new wife are living in HI. **SHARON HAYES Siegmeister's** son Hanokh attends school in Netanya, Israel; son Elisha also goes to school there. **LORETTA VIGIL Tabb** and her husband, Mach, are official "empty nesters." Their youngest, Angela, is a freshman at VA Tech. Daughter, Ashley, is working on her master's/certification at VA Tech and plans to teach high school physics in the fall. Loretta is the financial advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors in Richmond. March will mark 19 years with

the organization. **MELINDA LEE CAIN**, "I have retired from the natural gas business after more than 20 years. I am a co-host for an online talk radio show on Tuesday nights called Rundgren Radio.com, and a concert promoter for 1970s musician, Todd Rundgren." **SALLY PRUETT Putnam** of Clifton Forge VA has written several articles promoting MBC and does this at every opportunity. Sally was in one of the first graduating classes of the Adult Degree Program at MBC.

1984

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Greetings classmates! Please continue to share your class notes by sending any updates to me at either address above.

RENEE OLANDER recently attended the U.S. Poets in Mexico conference in Merida, Yucatan, and had the thrill of visiting the ancient Toltec/Mayan city of Chichen Itza. She continues to direct VA Beach operations for Old Dominion University. Finishing Line Press announced that it will publish *A Few Spells*, a collection of her poems, in 2010. **ROBIN NEWCOMB Lermo** and daughter Leslie (10) and **CATHY HARRELL Pennington** and daughter Mary Slade (10) enjoyed a few days together in New York City during Thanksgiving week. Viewing the Thanksgiving parade was a highlight. Cathy also writes that she continues to love living in Atlanta and meeting up with classmates. She had a great holiday lunch with **JULIE SLAVIK Budnik**, **PAM ANDERSON Leigh**, and **GAYLA DODSON**. They hope to get others in the area together in the spring for another mini-reunion. Please look her up if you are in the area.

1985

KATHERINE GALUSHA Ross: "My husband and I opened an antique store with 20 percent of sales going to animal charities, but we just had to close the store due to the economy, especially bad down here (Wanchese NC). Everyone has lost their jobs, so sad." **KAROL SVINDLAND Derflinger** of Front Royal VA was promoted to therapeutic day treatment director of the Winchester VA regional office of Family Preservation Services.

1987

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It has been fun hearing from so many of you — and I have lots of news to share about our classmates. **KERRI COSTIGAN Beckert** reports that she and her husband, Chris and family have moved back east. This is their 15th Army move in 22 years. Chris is now a colonel at The Pentagon. Daughter Kate (18) started college this fall and daughter Emma (14) headed off to boarding school with her horse, where she got a varsity letter on the equestrian team. Now that she's an empty-nester, Kerri has returned to school and to full-time work. She is working on becoming a licensed clinical social worker and is the National Program Manager for Parent to Parent National Guard and Reserve, an organization that ensures quality educational opportunities for military children. Fellow Squirrel **DONNA CASON Smith '86** hosted a party to welcome Kerri back east. **LAURA RUHL Emery** is also back



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east after living in Portland OR for 11 years. Laura, her husband, Rick, and their children Jack (9), Sean (7), and Lucy (3) moved to Charlottesville, just in time for the snow. Rick is from southern CA, so the transition has been a little tough for him. Laura was an interior designer in Portland and is using her skills to remodel her home. **ALLISON YOUNG Smith** is busy shuttling children Rhodes (11) and Lillian (8) back and forth to school and other activities. Allison is also class administrator for her local Bible Study Fellowship and serves on the vestry of the newly seeded Winchester Anglican Church. **LOU HALL Bloxom** continues to teach kindergarten at Broadwater Academy on VA's Eastern Shore. Both Lou and her husband graduated from Broadwater in the 1980s and now her three children, Blaire (a senior), Madison (a sophomore), and Brant (first grade), are students there. Blaire is looking at all sorts of great colleges — her top choices are Princeton, Davidson, and Georgetown. Blaire is also about to score her 1,000th point in basketball! Both she and Madison play on the varsity basketball team at Broadwater and are leading scorers. Brant also plays basketball in the parks and rec league. Lou says she's the only one in the family who did not get the basketball gene. **KERRY SVOBODA** reported in from Jackson Hole WY, where she was enjoying a week of skiing with friends. From there, Kerry heads to Heavenly CA (Tahoe) for another week of ski fun. Kerry, **BARBARA GRANT Crosby**, and I will meet up soon at our favorite restaurant in Richmond. It has been such a pleasure hearing from so many of you. Keep those class notes coming!

1988

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ANNE HOLLAND and **SUZ LOCHNER**

recently met for a quick lunch and to catch up. Although they live in the same city, they usually only bump into each other at the YMCA or grocery store. They have made a pact to get together more often and include other local classmates to rebuild old ties. A challenge to Squirrels everywhere! Suz and **JULIE SEAVOR Sanger** ran into each other

while working backstage for Shenandoah Civic Dance Company's annual production of *The Nutcracker*. Julie's daughter, a seasoned ballerina, was dancing as a Party Girl, and Suz's daughter was making her first appearance on stage as a Gingersnap. Sister Squirrels **DEBBIE WEUNSCH Hanes**, **LISA DRESSLER Garst**, **MARY CHESS DONALD Pitman**, and Suz met in November to celebrate Mary Chess' birthday (shhh ... we won't say which one). They enjoyed good food, conversation, and shopping.

1989

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As always, I'm happy to share with you news of our fellow classmates. The ladies of the Class of 1989 are moving forward doing new and exciting things. **TINA WARWICK Fitzgerald** left the east coast in summer of 2007 to live in San Antonio TX with her husband of 19 years, Fitz, and 2 children, Connor (12) and Caroline (8). Their goal this year is to explore TX as well as get their son prepared to represent his country as a student ambassador with the People to People program by traveling to 6 European countries this summer. Tina teaches history part time at her children's school and loves it. In her words, "I, at my young age, also took up tennis last spring. I'm on a 2.5 team and we actually made it to states. Though we didn't win, we had fun trying. I'm still singing and have had the great opportunity to be coached by two Boston Conservatory Masters." **SARAH MCCLELLAN Holman** and husband, John, began a new career path in 2009. They opened Fabulous Salon, a full-service salon, in the Wintergreen VA area. Their girls, Lydia (14) and Marlena (9), are both active in school and other activities. Lydia recently started modeling in Charlottesville and Richmond.

1992

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JOHN J. TRIPPEL writes, "We're getting

ready for our 10th Annual Very Special Arts (VSA) Exhibit at the Martin Luther King Center. I will be exhibiting my work in it and some of my students here at Post High will be as well. I have been showing my paintings with VSA since 1988 when they featured me in the Challenges art show that traveled to eight different locations around the state. Post High is an after-high-school transitional program for students with disabilities to become as independent as possible upon graduation. I create various forms of painting with our students. I hope you all are well!"

1993

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I am so grateful for the emergence of Facebook; I feel like I know so much about our class. Still, I want to encourage you to send me information about your lives: jobs, families, travels, etc. Your updates help the MBC community learn about you. For this issue, I just have a few updates; if you'd like to be included in a future issue, please contact me. **DANA AILSWORTH** and husband, Troy Craig, live in Richmond where she is senior account director for AQUEST, a global marketing and creative services staffing firm. Dana, celebrating her 10th year anniversary with AQUEST, manages client relationships with organizations such as Capital One, MWV, and the Martin Agency. **CYNTHIA STEPHENS Bolling** works as an occupational therapist at Franklin Health and Rehabilitation Center outside Roanoke VA. She and husband, Courtney, have two children Evelyn (4) and Christian (1). **REBEKAH CONN Foster** keeps busy as mom to Georgia (9) and Fielding (5) and as a freelance grantwriter; a manager and buyer for an eco-chic boutique, HazelBoutique; and as a Girl Friday to husband, John, with Smooth Ambler Spirits, a newly launched craft distillery in Lewisburg WV. **EMILY OEHLER** completed the Army 10-Miler in October and spent a week with **CHRISTY ANDREWS Walls** and her 2 kids, Erin and Luke. Emily is the sustainer chair in the Junior League of Northern Virginia and her current client, Booz Allen Hamilton, is the Warrior Transition

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Command that oversees the Army's wounded, injured, and ill soldiers. **TRISH GREGORY HYLTON Rand** and husband, Walter, celebrated their first anniversary. Fellow classmates **CAMILLE SHEAROUSE Sparkman**, **REBEKAH CONN Foster**, **HONEY JAFFE Tishgart**, **CATHERINE ODOM Quick**, and **ANNA TOEPFFER Eckel** attended the wedding. Trish works as communications director for Raleigh Realtors Association and teaches yoga.

1994

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GERRI WHITTAKER Timmons of Owensboro KY writes, "I am working as a marriage and family therapist, member of Phi Kappa Phi and AAMET. I have 2 daughters, Kendall (13) and Alexis (11). I keep in contact with **PEARL ALBINO '93** (my daughter's godmother), **LORRAINE PARETTI '95**, **GINNY PITTMAN '96**, **DENISE LANTZ '95**, and my "little sister" at MBC, **DORRIE CLARK '97**."

1995

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JUDY MAE MOORE says, "I continue to substitute teach in the Charlotte County school system, work as a tour guide/public relations representative at Central High Museum in Charlotte Court House VA, and volunteer as a librarian at Wylliesburg Community library. I love Mary Baldwin and Staunton. I hope to visit again soon! Also, some of my poems are published on www.poetry.com."

1996 REUNION '11

LISA TANSEY Jones became KLP communications manager for Hampton Roads VA Chamber of Commerce in August 2009.

1997

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Hi classmates! We hope everyone is enjoying life. Correction: **HONOR JOHNSON McCain** and her wonderful family (husband Bryson, son Barrett, and daughter, Skye) live in Charleston WV. We regret the error. It's a baby (girl!) boom: Two classmates recently welcomed second daughters. **LAUREN WARDER Gvillo** and husband of Sammamish WA had Emily just after Thanksgiving, and **SUZANNAH MEYER Zachos** and Nicholas of Columbia MD had Zoe in February. Older sisters Claire Gvillo and Ana Zachos are thrilled. Congratulations to these growing families. First daughters arrived for **WENDY BARNES McEntee** and Colin of Memphis TN, who joyfully welcomed Elly, and **SUSAN NICHOLS Wright** and Matthew of Washington DC, who said hello to Caroline. **"CESCA" RUSK-Wallace** of Dumfries VA and Susan got their daughters together for an MBC playdate. Cesca is in her third year of teaching and is working on her masters in early childhood special education at

George Mason University. **ANGELA HALL** of Raleigh NC tells us she spent lots of time in IA over the summer and fall working on a project for the Department of Revenue. Her family recently vacationed at Disney World where Angela "crowned" her 35th birthday with dinner at Cinderella's Castle. **HOLLY SOUTH** and family live in Honolulu HI where Holly works for the US Navy as foreign securities assistant and international logistics officer. **KATHLEEN "KATIE" McCABE Thielen** of Marina del Rey CA shared that her husband, Jason, was an animator for the recent hit movies *District 9* and *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel*. **JENNA SMITH** has been so fortunate to see many Squirrels as she travels for MBC as major gifts officer, including **AMANDA TALLEY** in New Orleans LA (her gallery is *fabulous!*), **EMILY JOHN-SON Lindsay '96** in Black Mountain NC, **WENDY BARNES McEntee** in Memphis, **ANNE WAGNER Shaver** in Roanoke VA, and some great '98 ladies (**EMILY ALEXANDER Douglas**, **LAURA McCARTER Stone**, and **ELIZABETH CALHOUN Swarr**) in Nashville TN. **LINDA "SUSIE" MCCORMICK** writes, "Thanks in large part to my MBC degree, I was recently named assistant vice president for information technology budget administration at UVA. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at MBC, and my ADP advisor, Claire Kent, was an inspiration." Last but certainly not least, **ANNIE MCGINLEY** of Palmyra VA married Chuck Floyd in September with **JEN RAGAN DOROUGH Neylon** of Mechanicsville as a bridesmaid and many Squirrels in attendance.

1998

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LAURA LYNN HAWKS Ellis was named 2010 teacher of the year for Westhaven Elementary in Portsmouth VA. **BROOKE BALDWIN Ludford** married Ryan on October 24, 2009, in Grand Rapids MI with **ANN SCHMIDT** and **ELIZABETH CALHOUN Swarr** in attendance. The Ludfords reside in Chicago IL. **KATE LANGLOIS Faraci** and Steve welcomed son George Vincent on December 16, 2009. He joins big brother Matthew (3). **CYNTHIA FELGER Karch**'s son, Hayden, just turned 1. Please join our class Facebook page Mary Baldwin Class of 1998 to reconnect with classmates and to post your latest news and notes.

1999

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Greetings Ladies — our fellow classmates have been busy in recent months. **SHERRI SHARPE** completed her tour at VMI and is stationed at Fort Rucker AL as Airfield Operations Battalion Executive Officer. **TORSKI DOBSON Arnold** is enjoying her career as a professional speaker, career coach, and resumé writer. She is also a contributing writer for *Urban Views Weekly* and hosts a bi-weekly column on career and job search tips to assist job seekers in their career success. **KELLY MANN** assisted with relief efforts in Haiti in

February and May. She traveled with a group of medical professionals from Mount Sinai NY to the general hospital in Port-Au-Prince. Kelly reports that while the country is still in desperate need of assistance and supplies, the group was able to provide some much needed surgical and pediatric services to the patients in the hospital. (Read more about Kelly's experience on page 7) She will finish her clinical fellowship in pediatric infectious disease and her masters in public health (global health track) at Mount Sinai in this spring. She plans to stay at the hospital as a member of the research faculty for several more months to complete a research project with UNICEF and Instituto de Investigacion Nutricional in Lima, Peru. **JENNIFER VERGNE Formagus** bought a new house.

2000

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BETHANY SANDONE Franz married Frank Michael "Mikey" Franz on December 31, 2009. **JENNIFER HILLARD Cluff** and **LORRI WARD Beene** were bridesmaids. "My husband and I reside in National Park NJ. This is my 6th year as an art teacher at Bunker Hill Middle School and my husband is a mechanic and competitive race car driver in the Big Block Modifieds at Bridgeport Speedway." **MICHELLE VALENTE Grant** writes, "I was married on May 19, 2007, to Thomas Grant. We had our first child Tyler Thomas on August 4, 2008. We are living in Northern VA." **CATARINA MONGE** and Mark Craft, along with oldest daughter, Ava, welcomed a new addition to their family, Isabella Monge Craft, on August 26, 2009.

2001 REUNION '11

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Not many updates to report this time, but it's a busy time! **CATHERINE "CATE" MITCHELL** reports that she recently relocated to Los Angeles CA. Lucky Cate got away from all the snow. **ELIZABETH "Beth" PLEWES McKee** lives in Fort Bragg NC with her husband, Matt, and two daughters, Isabelle (4) and Fionnuala (18 months). She is a lawyer and adjunct faculty at the community college. Matt is in the Army and they are looking forward to having him home. **ELIZABETH "Bess" SCHULTZ Flick** and her husband reside in Alexandria VA. They have two children, Anne Laura (2) and Edward Elliot (6 months). **JESSICA SHAFFER Berry** welcomed her son, Rowe Jonathan, born January 21. **LESLIE ST. JOHN** reports: "Over the past five years, I have been on six mission trips to Haiti. I have many friends and children there that I care for a great deal. I ask everyone to pray for and support as they can. I plan on returning to La Gonave, Haiti in the fall. Otherwise, I am enjoying ministry in SC, and looking forward to the summer." **LAURA TAYLOR Hart** writes: "I welcomed a new son: Zachary John Hart was born in November 2009. Following the still-birth of his big brother Nathaniel (in May 2008), Zachary John means 'God remembers; God is gracious.' We

truly thank God for giving us this new gift of life. Big sister, Lindsey, is in love with Zachary and is a super big helper. Matthew and I are enjoying learning to juggle the needs of two children." **MELINDA TODD Arwine** and her husband welcomed a daughter, Eleanor Jane, on December 9, 2009. She is a happy and healthy baby. In October, they purchased a house in Ashburn VA.

2002

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KYLENE CRAIG Thompson graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2009 with her master's degree. **ELIZABETH "LIZ" BARROWS** recently moved to Gurabo Puerto Rico — about 45 minutes outside the capital of San Juan — to a house in the mountains with her 2 dogs and 2 cats. "We are loving it," she said. **KATIE KOONTZ Fuñe** recently received an award for educator of the year from the Strasburg Chamber of Commerce. She has been teaching 5th grade in Strasburg VA for 6 years. **LESLEY LOVETT Carney's** husband, Sam, returned home from a deployment to Afghanistan at the end of July 2009. During his deployment, they welcomed their first son, Samuel Edward, born March 31, 2009. Thankfully, Sam was able to be home for the birth for a few weeks. Lesley writes, "We are all doing well and happy to be reunited as a family again." **KATYSUE TILLMAN** is living in NY where she has a tenure-track faculty position at State University of New York at New Paltz. She planned to defend her doctoral dissertation in March and is looking forward to being a full-fledged psychologist. **WINDSOR HALL Johnson** and her family welcomed 3rd child Reagan Rae September 16, 2009. William (4) and Lucas (3) love having a baby sister. Windsor stays home with her children and teaches dance one night a week. **DELAINE PERRY Kaplan** and her husband, Alex, welcomed their first baby, Caleb Perry, on July 22, 2009. **JESSICA PASINI Elsass**, Jake, and son, Joey, moved to Dayton OH in September. "Joey turned 1 on January 19, the same day we found out Jake was deploying. Joey and I will stay in Dayton keeping busy with classes and MOPS. We hope all is well with the Class of 2002. It seems like everyone has been so blessed this year with babies and wonderful family life." In a bit of late news, **ALESANDRA PRICE Dombroski** married Anthony (Rudy) T. Dombroski III on November 5, 2005, in their hometown of Wilmington NC. Bridesmaids included **DIONNA MCINTYRE Kiernan**, **KRISTEN BRYANT Gould**, **SARAH LAYNE**, and **YOGI ALMENDRAS**. Alesandra and Rudy reside in Wilmington. **BRANDY MCCLYMENT** has two children, Calista (5), and Lilly (3). **ELYSE RICHARDSON Bamard** has a 17-month-old daughter, Hallie Bea. **KRISTA MALIA HONIG Boggs** and Brad welcomed Benjamin Marcus on September 18, 2009. "We live in Greensboro NC and are thrilled with our new addition. It is so exciting that so many of us are having little ones at the same time."

2003

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HOLLY M. MOSKOWITZ writes, "I'm in my 3rd semester at VCU doing an accelerated graduate degree to become a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. I am scheduled to graduate in May 2012."
JENNIFER WOOD Cooper is closing on her first home.

2004

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It's been a short time since our last update, but quite a few things (especially weddings) have happened. I still teach biology and live in Los Angeles, and loved seeing my classmates again at our annual meeting. **JORDAN ARMSTRONG** was wed on January 2, 2010, in Staunton to Philip Edward Denton, Jr. MBC attendees at the wedding included **WHITNEY FROSTICK Milici**, **JENNIFER CARMAN Lovell**, **ANGELA FABER**, **KATHRYN SPICER '06**, **ERIKA GIRALDO Smith**, **VICTORIA TEN BROECK '05**, **ERIN BALLEW O'Reilly**, **ASHLEY KIZLER '05**, **MEGHAN WARD**, **KATHRYN PHILLIPS**, **AMANDA BENNETT Lancaster '03**, and **WENDY FOSCUE Armstrong '01**. **WENDY BATES Bartley** was married in January 2009, and held a reception in April 2010 when her husband returned from deployment. **KELLY BAUMGARTNER** was married October 3, 2009, in Heidelberg, Germany. In attendance were **JESSICA DURBIN '02**, **WENDY BATES Bartley**, and **SANDRA MARTINEZ '02**. **SARAH WALKER Baumgardner** and husband, Troy, welcomed their first child, Lydia Jane, on October 27, 2009. **NICOLE LITTLEJOHN** had her second child, Nathan Daniel Joseph, on November 19, 2009. **MARISOL EUCEDA Murphy-Ballantyne** was married October 30, 2009, at Woodend Nature Sanctuary in Chevy Chase MD. She walked down the aisle to "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by The Beatles, sung by **LESLIE RUEFF '03**. In attendance were **AMELIA NUSBAUM '02**, **JULIE HAISLIP '02**, **RIAN STEWARD '01**, **JENNIE HILDENBRAND '02**, **JENNIFER WEST Shipe '02**, **ANNA HENLEY '02**, **SARAH BRUNELLE**, **LESLIE RUEFF '03**, **CRISSEY MONET Watkins '05**, **LINDSEY LIEBERMAN**, **BETSY TORRES**, **ERIN WELLS Kolbicka '04**, **HOLLY CURRY '03**, **MORGAN ALBERTS Smith '99**, and **ERIN BERNACHE Albers '99**. William Douglas tells us that daughter, **LAURIE DOUGLAS Frye**, is technology coordinator for Cayman International School on Grand Cayman this school year.

2005

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There is a lot of exciting news from our fellow classmates. Mary Baldwin College is welcoming a new member to their family. **ERIN LASTER** welcomed Sarah Elizabeth, born March 3, 2009, at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. Her grandmother is **SARA NAIR Vans '69**, MBC professor of art history, godmother is

LACY WOOD '07, and aunt is **BROOKS LASTER Wheary '98**. Sarah was named in honor of **SARAH SMALL '01**. **VERONICA STOKES van Montfrans** (**neeca22@mac.com**) received her master's degree from University of Virginia in May 2007. She was married in May 2008, and she and her husband moved to Gainesville FL where he started work on his PhD at University of Florida. Veronica is a high school biology teacher and girls soccer coach, and says she loves it. **LATOYA GUEST** is serving as a Company Commander at Fort Jackson SC for Advanced Individual Training soldiers.

2006 REUNION '11

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The Class of 2006 is out making its mark on the world. These are a few of the notes that were gathered from a variety of different sources. We want to thank everyone who offered their comments and ask that we have more contributions for future columns. It goes without saying that MBC made an impact on each of our lives. Our 5-year Reunion is coming up in 2011, and we would like to bring back as many '06ers as possible to revisit MBC and meet for cluster reunions where many of us live. If you have ideas or would like to help, please contact **mbc-leaders-6@googlegroups.com**.

MEGAN PAJSKI has had two research articles published. **SARAH OUTTERSON Murphy** was married in August 2009 and a whole heap of classmates were present: **KATHERINE Russell**, **KAYLEIGH DE ROSA**, **NEBULA LI '07**, **AMANDA SIMON**, **COURTNEY CASBURN**, **ANDI DIXON '04**, **MAHALA BURN '07**, **SARAH "SR" BREWER**, **SARAH BENKENDORF**, **MARISSA GOLDBECK '08**, and **DENISE KINSINGER '09**. **CARA MAGOLDA Tucker** was married to Matthew Tucker and is currently in her first year of Law at George Mason University. **MAGGIE EVES** has a new job as a PT tech in a new office and is taking classes to get into a PTA program at Northern Virginia Community College. **LESLIE FONDREN** lives in Alexandria VA and is a tradeshow management and event planner at a software company. **ANN BRANDER Harrison** married Benjamin Harrison and works as director of alumni relations at Randolph-Macon Academy. **JESSICA CARROLL** moved from Chicago to Fredericksburg and is now general manager of Daily Grind. **HEATHER WAKEFIELD Regan** was married to Dan Regan, moved from Chicago, and works as an admissions counselor at MBC. She is also working on her master's through MBC. **HOPE ALBRECHT Bauer** married Douglas Bauer, moved from AK to NJ, and is deployed in MD and waiting for her husband to return from Afghanistan. **LAURA RODGERS Clark** moved from Watertown NY to MD and welcomed a 10-pound baby girl, Gail. **KELLY PECOTTE** finished graduate school in NM and moved to Alexandria, where she works for the Department of Defense. **KIMBERLY HINKLE Peeler** married J.W., retired from the Marine Corps, and owns her own personal grooming business. They bought a house in February 2009. **PATRICIA NADEAU** earned her flight wings as a navigator in

the U.S. Air Force. She bought her first house in NC. **ELIZABETH "BETSY" JOHNSON** attends Johns Hopkins University to work toward her master's degree in bioscience regulatory affairs in 2011. She works as a research program coordinator for Bloomberg School of Public Health. **ALIAH HINES** earned her master's degree, gave birth to Ashanti Isadora Hines, and is working on obtaining her PhD in 2010. **ANDREA JACKSON** recently bought a house in TX and gave birth to Nylah. She plans to earn her PhD in epidemiology and public health in 2010. **NERISSA DAVIS** is studying to earn her master's for professional counseling from Argosy University. **MELISSA BALDWIN** received her master's degree in education at MBC and teaches 7th grade history in Staunton VA. **KARI FRENZ** works in the admissions office at Ferrum College. She earned her master's in education at Radford in 2007. **PHYLLIS GILMORE** is an algebra teacher at Spring ISD in Spring TX. **HEATHER HAWKS** lives and works in Lynchburg. She has worked at StarTek Outsourcing Solutions for 4 years. **LEIGH FRAME Peterson** lives in Baltimore MD and will earn her master's degree in health science from Johns Hopkins in 2010. She married Matthew Peterson and works at Johns Hopkins Medical School as a research coordinator and polysomnogram technician. **RENEE HEWITT Monger** and husband, Randy, welcomed Ryan Ray Monger in July 2009.

2007

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JENNA SPLAIN is working on her bachelor of science degree in nursing at Cedar Crest College in Allentown PA. She says she is glad to be at a women's college and spends her free time running and mountain biking. **ROSEMARY PANTALEO** lives in Arlington VA and works for the DC Cancer Consortium, where she has just been promoted to program specialist. **ERIN BAKER Heely** lives in Oklahoma City with husband, Conor. She volunteers for Ronald McDonald House Charities and was able to meet up with fellow classmates **NICOLE BRENNER** and **MEGAN JONES** this summer at Saint Simon's Island GA for a mini-reunion. **NICOLE BRENNER** is pursuing a degree at Florida State University in Tallahassee and will graduate in May 2011 with a juris doctor and a master of science in applied economics. She is enjoying the warm weather but misses the seasons, mountains, and her sister Squirrels. **MEGAN JONES** enjoys teaching first grade in VA Beach. **BRITTANY BLEDSOE** continues to help with earthquake relief in Haiti, where she lives and is employed by the State Department. (See article, page 6.)

2008

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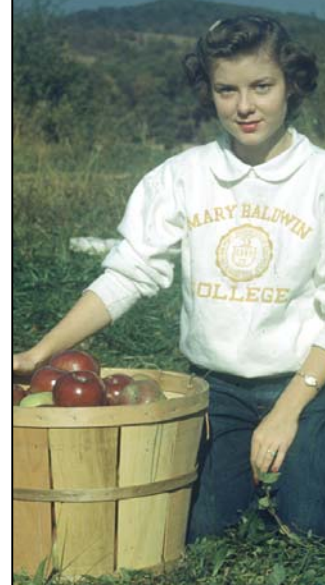
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KATHRYN "KATY" HANSON married Ross Henning on December 12, 2009. In attendance were several fellow Squirrels: **KATHRYN "KATIE" LUKHART**, **SAMANTHA ADATO**, **KELLIE WHITSON**, **BARRI SCOTT '09**, and **JO FORREST '10**. **SAMANTHA ADATO** earned

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her master's degree in business with a certificate in information technology from Shenandoah University in December.

2009

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CATHERINE "STACEY" WHITTEN Harrison of Cartersville VA and husband welcomed their first child, a daughter, Carrington Whitten Harrison. **KRISTINA BANKS** works for a software training company, The Moore Group. **HANNAH GUARENDI** has joined the military and is stationed in GA. **PAMELA MENDOZA** is living in Japan, as is **DEVON BURKE**. **DENISE KINSINGER** will be in England at Durham University for the next 3 years, and would welcome e-mail communication. **KIMBERLY ZAJAC** is in England for 18 months working on her master's degree. **ALICIA BORTONE Hamel** was married August 8, 2009, in Richmond VA to staff sergeant Marcel Benoit-Jacques Hamel. Classmates **KESHIA TENORIO** and **SUSAN PHILLIPS** attended, as well as MBC students and staff **ALICE DEES '10**, **NANCY PANNILL '10**, **HOLLY BREEN '11**, **KATHRYN STEPHENS '10**, and Melinda Brown.

MARRIAGES

PATRICIA "PATTY" PETIT Thompson '60 to Allen Streater, May 25, 2009
MARTHA GATES '78 to Christopher Mawson, July 4, 2008
FAYE KATHRYN ANDREWS Drawdy '78 to David D. Drawdy, December 21, 2009
SUSAN KLECK '80 to Bruce Jordan, April 25, 2009
Rev. MEG BUERKEL '96 to Rev. Michael Hunn, June 27, 2009
ANNIE McGINLEY '97 to Chuck Floyd, September 19, 2009
BROOKE BALDWIN '98 to Ryan Ludford, October 24, 2009
BETHANY SANDONE Franz '00 to Frank Michael "Mikey" Franz, December 31, 2009
CHARLOTTE CHERRY AYCOCK '00 to Timothy Martin McHale, June 20, 2009
JENNIFER MCGEE '01 to Peter Magelnicki, July 4, 2009
BLAIRE HOWLE '01 to Todd Pitcher, March 21, 2009
ALESANDRA PRICE '02 to Anthony "Rudy" T. Dombroski III, November 5, 2005
ADRIANNE BROWN '02 to Howard Kevin Payne, February 14, 2009
ASHLYN DAVIS '03 to Reuben Trant, August 8, 2009
ZAINAB ABDUL KHAHIR '03 to Siddiq M. Abdul-Khabir, January 10, 2009
HEIDI WOODCOCK '03 to Stephen Mavrakes, September 6, 2009
MARISOL EUCEDA '04 to John Ernesto Murphy-Ballantyne, October 30, 2009

KELLY MARIE BAUMGARTNER '04 to Virgil Alexander Rivera, October 3, 2009
SHUKITA WHITAKER '05 to Melvin R. Massey, October 10, 2009
SARAH OUTTERSON '06 to Bobby Outterson Murphy, August 15, 2009
MEGAN HUFFMAN '06 to Jason Pajski, October 24, 2009
WHITNEY IVEY WARD '06 to Andrew Fessenden Dana, March 28, 2009
KATHRYN "KATY" HANSON '08 to Ross Hening, December 12, 2009
ALICIA BORTONE '09 to Marcel Benoit-Jacques Hamel, August 8, 2009
AMANDA COLGROVE '09 to David Cameron, September 19, 2009

ARRIVALS

APRIL KIRBY Ware '96 and Earl: a daughter, McKenzie Grace, January 9, 2009
TAMARA AVIS Smith '96 and Jason: a son, Tucker Cobin, December 14, 2008
WENDY BARNES McEntee '97 and Colin: a daughter, Ellyn Alease Lavanna, October 26, 2009
SUSAN NICHOLS Wright '97 and Matthew: a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth on October 16, 2009
SUZANNAH Meyer Zachos '97 and Nicholas: a daughter, Zoe Alyssandra, February 2, 2010
LAUREN WARDER Gvillo '97 and Jeff: a daughter, Emily Katherine, November 27, 2009
KATE LANGLOIS Faraci '98 and Steve: a son, George Vincent on December 16, 2009
AIMEE FAVREAU Dabney '99 and Carter: a son, Frederick David, June 10, 2008

JENNIFER HILLIARD Cluff '00 and Colin: a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, February 23, 2007
CARRIE WARREN Jones '00 and Steven: a daughter, Charlotte Temple, November 6, 2009
CATARINA MONGE '00 and Mark Craft: a daughter, Isabella Monge, August 26, 2009
AMY MITCHELL Howard '00 and Matthew: a daughter, Elaina Marie, March 17, 2009
MARY GREGORY Clapp '01 and Eric: a son, Gregory Robert, December 17, 2008.
CAROLINE BALLENGER Seale '01 and Joe: a daughter, Harriet Porcher, July 31, 2007
MARY BOIVIN Leacock '01 and Samora: a son, Sean Agustin, June 12, 2009
KIRSTEN WELTON Shields '01 and Josh: a daughter, Hailey Lyn, February 14, 2009
A'LEIGH COLLINS SPENSIERI Hamner '02 and Tracy: a son, Taylor Collins, June 10, 2009
MALISSA deWINDT McClintock '02 and Andrew: a daughter, Margaret Baker Morris, October 8, 2009
KRISTA HONIG Boggs '02 and Brad: a son, Benjamin Marcus, September 18, 2009
LESLEY LOVETT Carney '02 and Sam: a son, Samuel Edward, March 31, 2009
WINDSOR HALL Johnson '02 and Scott: a daughter, Reagan Rae, September 16, 2009
DELAINE PERRY Kaplan '02 and Alex: a son, Caleb Perry, July 22, 2009
ZAINAB ABDUL KHABIR '03 and Siddiq: a son, Abdul-Rahman, November 6, 2009
KATHLEEN NEVIN Shea '05 and Thomas: a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, March 11, 2009
ERIN TANNER Laster '05 and Clark: a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, March 3, 2009

DEATHS

VIRGINIA LYON Johnson '34, July 30, 2009
HELEN WADE Dantzler '36, April 24, 2009
FRANCES HALBERT Russell '37, July 1, 2009
JANET HOLLIS Doswell '38, July 19, 2009
MARY LOUISE MCLENDON Atkinson Wall '39, January 2, 2010
ELIZABETH BANNER Hudgins '39, July 19, 2009
MARY FRANCES CLINE '40, October 31, 2009
NADINE PRIDEAUX Smith '41, March 3, 2006
ELIZABETH LUCK Stiles '42, June 6, 2009
GLORIA PARADIES Roth Mayer '43, January 27, 2009
MARY "SCOTTY" SCOTT Walton '43, April 3, 2009
BETTY WILLIFRED Bone '44, December 13, 2009
MARY LYNN ALDREDGE McEntire '45, December 4, 2009
E. RIVES POLLARD Houser '45, October 18, 2009
MARY SUE FELDMAN Marquette '46, October 30, 2009
FRANCES TURPIN WAGENER Tebbs '46, August 5, 2009
DONNA ELIZABETH HULL Jones '47, December 14, 2009
DOROTHY WALLACE Putnam '48, January 6, 2010
JEAN HUTCHINSON Hadlow '48, January 9, 2010
SHIRLEY DOAK Tabb '50, May 28, 2009
MARTHA "JO" HUNT Palmer '50, December 28, 2008
JACQUELINE BLACKMON Dixon '50, February 3, 2009
ALICE HUNTER Patterson '50, June 25, 2009
BARBARA CONLON Miescher '50, July 19, 2009
JEANNE ASHBY Furrh '50, August 3, 2009
ALICE BALL Watts '52, October 10, 2009
ANNE HALL DIXON Decker '55, September 18, 2009
MARY MALONE Lankford '61, December 3, 2008
SHIRLEY "JANE" LEWIS Huffman '63, June 30, 2008
JEAN KAVANAUGH PARKER '67, April 15, 2010
SANDRA HOLLIMAN Botton '69, August 14, 2008
ELIZABETH GATELY '75, May 19, 2009
MARYLOU SKIDMORE Wilson '79, July 12, 2009
DORIS FAYE WEBB McLearn '80, November 12, 2008
SUSAN LEHMANN Griffin '84, July 16, 2009
ELIZABETH KILLAM '93, September 3, 2009
PATRICIA FERGUSON Brown '00, November 14, 2009

OUR CONDOLENCES

to the following alumnae/i who lost loved ones

JANET WERNER Harris '42, in the passing of her husband, Vernie E. Harris, July 14, 2009
MARTHA GODWIN Saunders '48, in the passing of her husband, R. Curtis Saunders, Jr., December 14, 2009
TOMLIN "TOMMIE" HORNBERGER Scott '55, in the passing of her son, Thomas Franklin Clemmer III, August 10, 2009
JANICE JONES Collins '65 on the passing of her son, Lt. Col. Wendell Lee Collins, USAF, August 23, 2009
GALE PALMER Penn '63, on the passing of her husband of 21 years, Robert Hubard Penn, November 28, 2009
MARY DUDLEY Purtill '67, on the passing of her husband, Allan Leo Purtill, Sr., August 9, 2009
SHARON KNOPP Bares '68, on the passing of her mother, Jenny Elder White Knopp, October 23, 2009
SARAH BELL EASON Parrott '73, on the passing of her mother, Anna Belle Brown Eason, December 23, 2009
ELIZABETH CARY Spell '74, on the passing of her husband, William Henry Spell, April 17, 2009
LEE WILEY Bowman '74, on the passing of her husband, Shearer Davis Bowman, December 4, 2009
KELLY HUFFMAN Ellis '80, on the passing of her sister-in-law, Sarah Ellis Floyd, December 11, 2009

CYNDI PHILLIPS Fletcher '82, on the passing of her mother, Ruth Iris Burnett Phillips, January 11, 2010
JILL PARKER Kissinger '95, on the passing of her husband, Harry "Flip" Kissinger December 11, 2009
KATHLEEN BECK Andes '98, on the passing of her mother, Madeline Miller Beck, September 28, 2009

and other cherished members of the MBC family:

John Wasson, husband of Barbara Palmer, who passed away September 15, 2009. Palmer was affiliated with MBC as a scholar-in-residence and founded REED-USA at Mary Baldwin.

The family of John Spencer Kelly, who spent 20 years serving our students, staff and faculty at MBC as director of safety and security. He passed away in December 2009.

Friends and family of Bonnie Marie Hohn, associate professor emerita at MBC 1966–2003, who passed away December 10, 2009.

Friends and family of Joseph M. Garrison Jr., professor emeritus at MBC 1965–2000, who passed away May 9, 2010.

Friends and family of Dorothy M. Mulberry, professor emerita at MBC 1958–1994, who passed away May 18, 2010.



The wedding of **CHARLOTTE "CHERRY" AYCOCK McHale '00** and Timothy Martin McHale, took place in Houston TX. Pictured with Cherry (fourth from left) are MBC alums **SUSAN COVINGTON Rothenberg '00**, **STACEY BARROW Hill '00**, **DOLLIE MARSHALL Kelly '00**, **JANE MATTOX Turner '38**, **CLAUDIA TURNER Aycock '66**, **EMILY STEWART '00**, **CAITLYN WALZ Marsh '98**, and **CHRISTINA SADLER Boykin '00**.



Left to right: Cheryl Bartolomeo, Caitlin Campbell, **MICHELLE VALENTE Grant '00**, Erinn Blazer, and **ALISON MURPHY Wickersham '00** at Grant's wedding.



SARAH OUTTERSON '06 said "I do to" Bobby Outterson Murphy August 15, 2009.



KATHRYN "KATY" HANSON Hening's December 2009 wedding included 2008 classmates **KATHRYN "KATIE" LUKHART** and **SAMANTHA ADATO** as bridesmaids (top row). **KELLIE WHITSON '08**, **BARRI SCOTT '09**, and **JO FORREST '10** (bottom, right to left) also attended.



ALICIA BORTONE '09 and Marcel Benoit-Jacques Hamel (USMC) were married August 8, 2009 in Richmond VA.



FAYE KATHRYN ANDREWS '78 and David D. Drawdy were married at Disney in Orlando and celebrated their honeymoon there.



The Wedding Day of **SARA MICHELLE BOYD Smith '06**.



With **KELLY MARIE BAUMGARTNER '04** at her wedding to Virgil Alexander Rivera in Heidelberg, Germany: **JESSICA DURBIN '02** (far left) and **SANDRA CARMEN MARTINEZ '04** (second from left). **WENDY BATES '04** also attended the event.



MBC alumnae at the wedding of **ALESANDRA PRICE '02** and Anthony (Rudy) Dombroski, November 5, 2005, left to right: **DIONNA MCINTYRE Kieran '02**, **YOGI ALMENDRAS '02**, **TINA JEFFERSON Richardson '79**, **ALESANDRA PRICE Dombroski '02**, **SANDRA LENNON Price '66** (mother of the bride), **CINDY MATTHEWS Roberts '95**, **KRISTEN BRYANT Gould '02**, and **SARAH LAYNE '02**.



Many '97 Squirrels came to celebrate the wedding of **ANNIE MCGINLEY** to Chuck Floyd in September 2009. Left to right: **MELISSA CARNEY Hemmingsen**, **ROBIN MATHENA Zombro**, **MICHELE LASTOVICA Bronnenberg**, the bride, **JEN RAGAN DOROUGH Neylon**, and **JILL PRESLEY Abenir**.



Sister Squirrels at **ERIN BAKER Heely's** wedding to Conor Heely in September 2008, left to right: **BRENDA BAKER '88**, **MEGHAN WARD '04**, **KATIE SPICER '06**, **ASHLEY KIZLER '05**, **MEGAN JONES '07**, **AMANDA FOSKEY Norman '05**, the bride, Gladys the Squirrel, **NICOLE BRENNER '07**, **CHRISTINA DIETTE '09**, **EMILY YEAGER Rexrode '05**, **ALISON KAUFMANN '07**, **LACY WOOD '08**, and Dr. Pamela Fox.



Megan Elizabeth Shea, daughter of **KATHLEEN NEVIN Shea '05** and Thomas. Born March 11, 2009 in Baltimore MD.



MALISSA deWINDT MCCLINTOCK '02 and Andrew welcomed daughter, Margaret Baker Morris McClintock, on October 8. She was 7lbs 7.4 oz and 20.5 inches long.



Caroline Wright, daughter of **SUSAN NICHOLS Wright '97**.



CARRIE WARREN Jones '00 and Steven of Lusby MD welcomed their first child, Charlotte Temple Jones.



Future "squirrel girls" Caroline Wright (daughter of **SUSAN NICHOLS Wright '97**) and Zoe Wallace (daughter of **FRANCESCA RUSK-Wallace '97**) have started the bonding process early.



Caleb Perry Kaplan, born July 22, 2009, to **DELAINE PERRY Kaplan '02** and husband, Alex.



Sarah Elizabeth Laster, a new member of the MBC family, daughter of **ERIN TANNER Laster '05**.



William (4) and Lucas (3) Johnson love having a baby sister, Reagan Rae, born September 16, 2009. They are the children of **WINDSOR HALL Johnson '02** and Scott.



DOROTHY IAFRATE Rudy '65 and granddaughter, Madeline.



Jack (9), Sean (7), and Lucy (3), children of **LAURA RUHL Emery '87** and Rick, enjoying a snow day in Charlottesville VA.



MICHELLE VALENTE '00, son, Thomas, and husband, Tyler, at Christmastime.

FOCUS ON PHOTO QUALITY

We welcome photos to accompany your class update. To make sure they are printable, we ask you to follow these guidelines:

■ Digital photos must be a minimum of 300 dpi (dots per inch) at 4x6 inches in JPEG format with minimal compression.

The best way to submit these is on a CD or via e-mail. Low resolution images from the internet (72 dpi) are not acceptable.



Sister Squirrels **DEBBIE WUENSCH Hanes '88, LISA DRESSLER Garst '88, MARY CHESS DONALD Pitman '87, and SUZ LOCHNER '88** met in November 2009 to celebrate Mary Chess' birthday.



Members of the class of 1993 gathered to celebrate **TRISH GREGORY Rand's** January 2009 wedding, left to right: **CAMILEE SHEAROUSE Sparkman, REBEKAH CONN Foster, CATHERINE ODOM Quick, the bride, and HONEY JAFFE Tishgart.**



BRITTANY BLEDSOE '07 with her horse, Tic Tac, at a stable in Haiti. See the story on p. 6 about her work in the island nation.



NICOLE BRENNER '07, ERIN BAKER Heely '07, and MEGAN JONES '07 enjoyed a vacation at St. Simon's Island GA.



Baldwin Alums in the DC area celebrated Apple Day at Lima Restaurant and Lounge in DC. From left to right: **MARIA KWON '05, ASHLEY KIZLER '05, BETSY TORRES '04, two friends, KHALEELAH GILCREAST '03, and YOGI ALMENDRAS Carroll '02.**



MARY COCKE Read '92, husband, Kenneth, and son, Mitchell, (4) posed in front of their house on February 8 for a snow day. "We don't get snow often in Memphis, so we were excited."



KATIE KOONTZ Fuñe '02, COURTNEY LEARD Wise '02, Krista Sherwood, and NELLY SEITZ SMITH '03 gathered for a holiday party at Katie's home in December 2009.



LYNNETTE DAUGHTRY Barrett '02 proudly represented MBC at college night at Sickles High School in Tampa FL.



What's It Like

... to set out to drive every road in Virginia? BY MELISSA JONES

It's become a cliché that, when people retire, they head south to Florida's sunny shores. Frances Wentz Taber '62 did the opposite. When she and husband Bo retired, they chose to leave Amelia Island, Florida, in search of a new adventure. They looked up and down the eastern seaboard until, finally, Frances suggested settling in Staunton.

"We love Virginia, we love Staunton, and we love Mary Baldwin," she said. "My time at Mary Baldwin impacted me immensely. It's part of who I am."

Bo added, "We think we've alighted in probably the most beautiful place in the entire country." They found more than just a beautiful home in Staunton, they found the adventure they were craving.

For extensive history buffs — Frances was a history major at Mary Baldwin — the Shenandoah Valley is a perfect fit. Its centralized location puts them a stone's throw from the homes of their favorite historical figures, Robert E. Lee, Woodrow Wilson, and Thomas Jefferson, as well as the birthplaces and hometowns of many of Frances' ancestors. Staunton also has the honor of being right on the outskirts of the Journey Through the Hallowed Ground, an area extending from Charlottesville to Gettysburg that contains more U.S. history than any comparable region.

And so, the Tabers began their quest to explore the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, starting with the Shenandoah region and moving on to the Hallowed Ground. Their trips are usually 10 to 14 hours and the Tabers always try to have some kind of connection to the locale they visit, be it genealogy or a longtime interest in a person or place. They are especially exhilarated by visiting the areas that were settled by Frances' maternal ancestors.

"It is overwhelming to walk on the land my ancestors settled more than 300 years ago, to tour a house in

which my ancestors lived (such as Foster's Castle, a plantation established in 1654, located on Route 608 in New Kent County), or to enter churches in which my ancestors were founding vestry men (like St. Peter's in New Kent County and Little Fork in Culpeper County)," Taber said. "When we've visited battlefields, we have truly been brought to tears. It is awe-inspiring to relive the strife, the suffering, the losses of more than 600,000 men."

Some places they visit, particularly in Lexington, remind Frances of her time as a student at Mary Baldwin.

"When I was in college, we always went to Lee Chapel. Traveller (Robert E. Lee's horse) used to be displayed on the ground floor, fully stuffed," she said, adding that sometimes people would pull a hair out of his tail for a souvenir.

"At Lee Chapel, we paid our best respects to Lee and then we paid our respects to Traveller. That was just something that everyone did in Lexington, (even) on a date."

No stranger to travel, Frances toured Europe for eight weeks when she was 17 and later lived in Japan for three years. Bo spent seven years backpacking across the globe. They later took their two children to visit almost every U.S. state and every region in Canada and Mexico. Since starting their retirement adventure three years ago, the Tabers have been to dozens of sites from the obscure to the renowned. Just before their interview in February, they visited Jefferson's retreat, Poplar Forest, (near Lynchburg on Route 661) where they were enthralled by the plantation's architecture and history.

No matter where they go, one thing is constant: going there is just as magnificent as getting there.

"We can travel to sites in Virginia in a day," Frances said. "So often people don't know what's in their own backyard."

Did you know?

- Miles of roads in VA: **70,105**
- Miles of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground (which includes more than 10,000 listings on the National Register of Historic Places): **180**
- Miles the Tabers have traveled: More than they can keep track of, **certainly thousands.**

What's It Like

... to publish a book right after graduation? BY MELISSA JONES



PHOTO BY PATRICK SMITH

"It's nice to do something for my hometown and to create something that's focused on the place where I live." That was the philosophy that guided Deidre Hiner '09 to create a book highlighting small businesses in Highland County, Virginia.

Her original 82-page paperback, *Voices of Small Town Business: Portraits of Monterey, Virginia*, started as her senior honors thesis, an interdisciplinary project that combined her studio art major (double emphasis in photography and graphic design) with her interest in public history. Inspired by Jeff Wolin, a photographer known for his ability to create strikingly personal images, Hiner decided to depict the lives of small-town business owners in her hometown.

"[Wolin's] photos exhibit something about the people and serve as a vehicle

for the individuals' messages, which in some cases are written directly on the photos. I wanted to capture the same idea, but with some of the business people in Monterey. Living in a small town incorporates some unusual qualities to life. I wanted to show how, in such a small county, we are all closely connected," said Hiner, noting that the town's population hovers around 160.

It was easy for Hiner to pick Monterey as her focus; choosing which stores to feature was a little harder.

"In the end, I decided to pick stores owned by people I knew," Hiner said. "They felt comfortable around me, so they opened up more."

Voices of Small Town Business focuses on the H & H Cash Store; Evelyn's Pantry; The Highland Inn; and Mariah Boone: Custom, Vintage, and Estate Jewelry. Hiner's interviews with owners, workers, and customers of each business are printed in full in the book. "I wanted to give the interviewees their own voices instead of just interpreting what they said and then writing down what I thought they meant, like so many other [historical] books do," she said.

In addition to interviews, the book features photographs of the interviewees, their businesses, and the surrounding area to give readers a sense of life in Highland County. Hiner also included photographs of the area from the early 1900s to show how it has changed during the past 100 years.

Now in its second edition, *Voices of Small Town Business* features more pho-

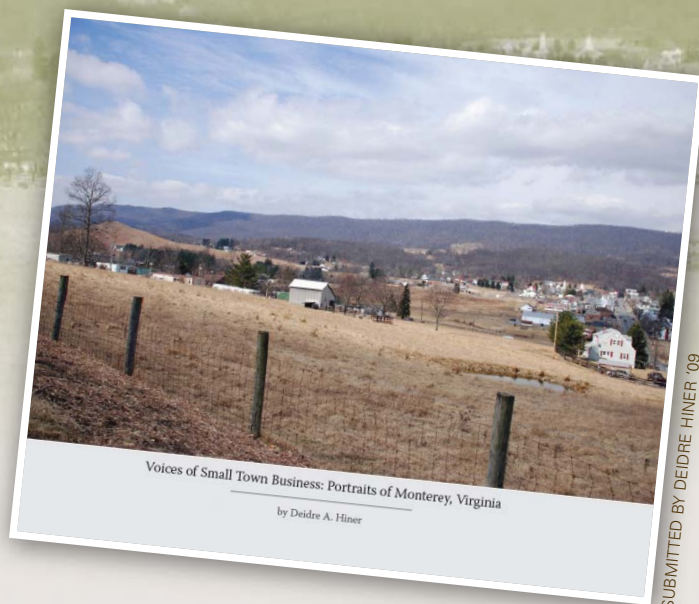
tos and a layout designed by Hiner. She's considering writing a similar book about businesses in downtown Staunton, another area rich in local history.

Hiner credits two professors in particular for helping her get started, Assistant Professor of Art Jim Sconyers, who helped her mold her thesis to her areas of study, and Edmund Potter, adjunct assistant professor of history, who helped her with the technical parts and interviewing techniques.

Daniel Métraux, professor of Asian Studies, reviewed the book in a 2009 volume of the *Augusta Historical Bulletin*, commenting that "Hiner's exploration of the lives of 15 Monterey residents presents an excellent social portrait of both Monterey and Highland County. Hiner's interviews capture the strong personalities of her subjects and the flavor of the rustic environment. [She] has brought Highland County to life though her splendid work!"

Since its publication, Hiner has received praise from many members of the Monterey community. "One woman told me that she bought the book and read the whole book the same day because she just couldn't put it down," Hiner said. "Another person asked when my next book was coming out."

You probably won't find *Voices of Small Town Businesses* at your local bookstore — yet — but the first edition is available in Grafton Library at MBC (complete with DVD recordings of her interviews) and you can e-mail Hiner for a copy at deidrehiner@gmail.com.



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