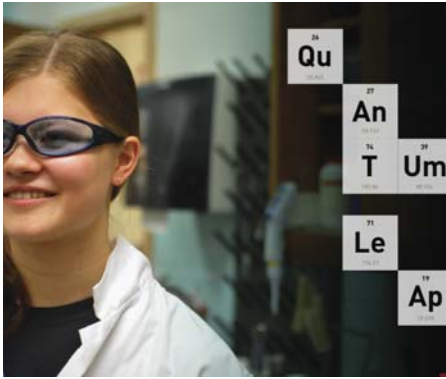


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Rwandan refugee Berra Kabarungi was nearly 40 years old when she made her first trip to the United States as a staff member of the advocacy organization Women for Women International. But she had often imagined earning a college degree from an American institution. In January 2011, Mary Baldwin College brought her one significant step closer to that reality.

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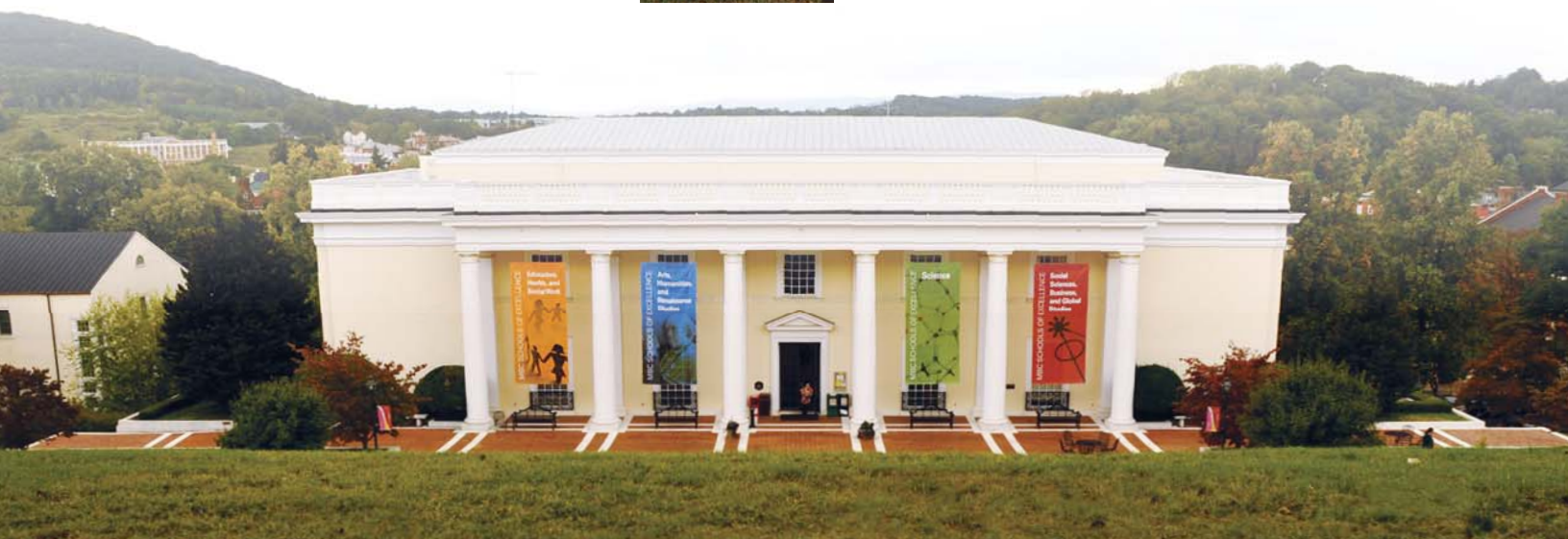
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The April 28 groundbreaking ceremony at Pearce Science Center signaled the start of a multi-phased renovation project to bring the facility up-to-date.

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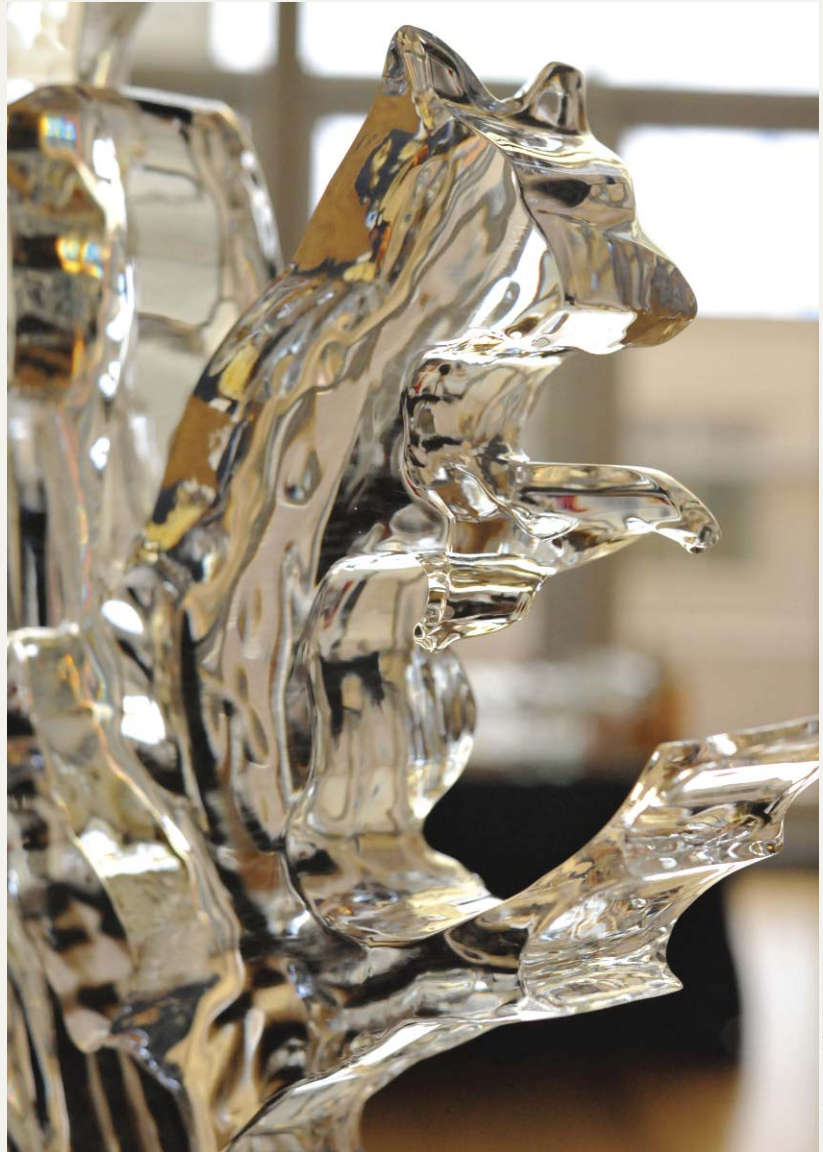


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From the President's Desk

Questions Get to Heart of Mary Baldwin

One of the first things that struck me about Mary Baldwin College is its remarkable spirit of place and community. I fell in love with Mary Baldwin, and I feel it more deeply each year as the seasons turn. It is clear to me as I meet with alumnae/i far and wide that this is an almost universal response among those who have experienced Mary Baldwin as student, teacher, or staff.

Whether on the road celebrating the launch of our Schools of Excellence, meeting one on one with donors, or visiting with those who return to campus for Reunion and other events, I hear many of the same questions over and over again. So, I will devote my column to answering a few of the ones I am asked most often.

What are students like these days?

As the profiles on page 9 demonstrate, our students are eager to learn and achieve, work hard to reach their full potential with the guidance of dedicated faculty, and step up to new challenges. Demographically they represent America — highly diverse in ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic background. Wherever they come from, the Baldwin DNA works its magic on them. By the time they graduate they are well on their way to becoming their best selves, with the poise and confidence to take the lead, the compassion to serve, and the courage to change the world. They inspire me and renew my spirit.

What are the college's core strengths?

Our core strengths are what they have been for almost 170 years: academic excellence, entrepreneurial spirit, and the education of the whole person. Since 1842 this institution has been exceptionally good at providing transformative, liberal education that empowers students to build lives of purpose and achievement. Our community attracts faculty dedicated to teaching who create a learning environment both challenging and supportive, where students conduct original research and are imbued with the importance of civic and global engagement. We are innovative in accomplishing our mission, developing and delivering quality programs that are needed by the students of the time.

In Rufus Bailey's time, innovation took the form of formal education for girls, a radical idea then. In Mary Julia Baldwin's time, after the triumph of staying open throughout the Civil War, entrepreneurialism is seen in her introduction of university-level training and the vibrant growth the Seminary. More recently, we introduced the Adult Degree Program, unique options like PEG and VWIL within the Residential College, graduate programs, and new majors such as social work that broaden our market while serving our mission. Other strengths include the beauty of our historic campus and our location in vibrant downtown Staunton.

What are the top threats?

The recent global recession has been challenging — more so perhaps for Mary Baldwin than for some other colleges because of our small size and modest endowment. We responded through prudent budget adjustments that put academics and students first. Fortunately, adult and graduate programs can help create economies of scale without losing the personalized approach that is our hallmark. All the indicators and financial ratios show significant improvement over the past two years, and we have carefully integrated financial modeling into our strategic planning to make sure that trend continues as we move forward. We continue to see rising financial need among our students. Finally, some of our beautiful buildings need updating to continue to serve our students well. Phase I of the Pearce Science Center renovation is a big step in the right direction, and we must continue to build momentum. The support of

our alumnae/i and friends is more important than ever, particularly for the Annual Fund, academic programs, scholarships, and capital projects.

Where does my Annual Fund money go, and what difference does it make?

A strong Annual Fund supports the college's daily operations and helps the college and its students in every way imaginable, but primarily it provides scholarship assistance based on both merit and need. The Annual Fund allows our students the benefit of an exceptional education.

Can a women's college survive in the 21st century?

I sincerely believe that not only can we survive; we can and we will truly thrive. Recent studies confirm that women's colleges continue to offer unique benefits, even in today's world when women outnumber men on coed campuses nationwide. Mary Baldwin's distinctive historical identity is a priceless asset in the marketplace; if the Residential College were to go coed we would not only lose that but also incur significant expenses. Our adult and graduate programs, of course, have welcomed men from the beginning. Remaining committed to our status as a women's college with regard to the Residential College is both the right thing to do for the sake of our students and a smart business decision. Applications to the Residential College have increased 100 percent in two years. This year we received more than 5,000 applications from 49 states. We are on the map and on the move.

And, just wondering ... why is our mascot a squirrel?

At the center of Mary Julia Baldwin's family crest is the figure of a squirrel, representing resourcefulness and industry. The acorn and oak leaves in the crest represent strength and potential. In the 1970s or early 1980s our athletic teams began to call themselves the Squirrels in reference to the animal prominent on the college's official seal, which is modeled on the Baldwin crest. The Fighting Squirrels moniker has garnered attention nationally on sports blogs, National Public Radio, Animal Planet, ESPN, in syndicated columns, and even in student newspapers on other campuses. Today, our students joyfully embrace their mascot and absolutely love it when Gladys — as she is known — shows up in pearls at athletic and social events.

The image on the previous page is our furry friend carved in ice on display at the Schools of Excellence celebration in Charlotte, North Carolina. These events around the country have been an amazing way for alumnae/i, parents, prospective students, and guidance counselors to learn about academic excellence at Mary Baldwin and to meet the ambitious young women who represent our student body.

— Dr. Pamela Fox, president

Major

Accomplishments

New Fields of Study Showcase MBC's Finest

Mary Baldwin College's newest undergraduate majors combine powerful community resources and the passions of faculty members to give students uncommon opportunities to interact with the world around them. American studies, criminal justice, and Renaissance studies join a list of more than 50 majors and minors offered at MBC and highlight some of the college's latest courses as well as signature programs that have gained international acclaim.

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mi = minor

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ma An American tradition

Businessman and educator Keith Folsom wanted to learn more about "who we are and how we got here" as a nation. Becoming one of the college's first **American studies** majors was a natural decision.

"I was interested in a major that would help me be an effective elementary teacher, one that would give me something to excite young children to be better students and citizens," said Folsom, the co-owner of a Greenville, Virginia, water garden supply business who began substitute teaching a few years ago. At 51, he is working on earning teacher licensure while two of his three children study for their own college degrees.

Initially lured by the history courses included in the major — such as Virginia History and Survey of U.S. History to 1877 — Folsom is intrigued by the other required courses that will give him a well-rounded picture of the country as a player in the global arena.

"I have found learning about human geography to be completely engrossing," Folsom said at the beginning of spring semester. He plans to earn the American studies degree with a concentration in American studies for educators in hopes of finding a full-time teaching position. There are four other areas of concentration available in American studies: American ethnicity, culture, and race; global America; American public life; and American arts and letters.

An interdisciplinary field that focuses on the study of the cultures of the United States, the American studies repertoire includes transnational, global, and comparative perspectives. Catharine O'Connell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, joins faculty members who have backgrounds in economics, communication, history, art, sociology, and political science to teach courses in the program.



ma Learning to 'protect and serve'

Adult Degree Program student Dominika Seal couldn't be more proud to be the face of Mary Baldwin's new **criminal justice** major on the college's website. Pictured in uniform on the program home page; Seal is eager to apply what she learns in the classroom to her position as a sheriff's deputy in Page County, Virginia.

"The courses I'm taking re-emphasize many things that I encounter day to day. They are opening up a world of information and different angles and providing me with more resources," said Seal, who drives about an hour and a half twice a week for in-class interaction with other students. In spring semester 2011, Seal was enrolled in 12 credit hours under the criminal justice heading, including Criminology, Police Field Operations, Juvenile Delinquency, and Psychology as a Social Science.

In response to the growing demand for skilled criminal justice professionals, the major is designed to familiarize students with the criminal justice system and judicial processes, the challenges communities face, responses to crime, and self-awareness in addition to the "how-to" of crime scene investigation, police procedure, and forensics. The senior internship is an essential part of the curriculum. Community partners such as local police departments, the Office on Youth, and Middle River Regional Jail provide opportunities for hands-on experience throughout the course of study.

The new major is an ideal avenue to explore MBC's commitment to community outreach. Students and recent graduates have already had the opportunity to work with sociology professors Daniel Stuhlsatz and Carey Usher to assist a local group dedicated to preventing gang violence. The researchers recently unveiled the first part of a report that will help the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro (SAW) Coalition determine the best way to intervene and measure progress in its crusade to curb gang activity. Recently retired Waynesboro Police Chief Douglas Davis also serves on the criminal justice faculty, giving students a glimpse of law enforcement from behind the badge.

Seal was the first student to declare criminal justice as her major — the opportunity was almost too good to be true — but she expects to have company soon.

"Other students see me in uniform because I sometimes come straight from work. I have already talked with several of them about the field and about what the major can offer," she said.

Criminal justice is available through the College for Women in Staunton and through the Adult Degree Program in Staunton, Roanoke, and Weyers Cave. It is an intense discipline anchored in the liberal arts that reinforces MBC's commitment to preparing graduates to make a difference in the lives of others.

ma Nurturing Renaissance women and men

The renowned Blackfriars Playhouse just two blocks from campus and Mary Baldwin's one-of-a-kind Shakespeare and Performance graduate program have infused Staunton with Renaissance culture. Now MBC undergraduates have the opportunity to study in-depth the era that was defined by groundbreaking discoveries in science, navigation, and art; a dramatic shift in religious thought; and a rediscovery of classical texts and architecture.

Dr. Sarah Kennedy, professor of English, led the effort to create the **Renaissance studies** major and teaches its introductory course, *Defining the Renaissance*. "Students discover how modern the Renaissance world is, and how much the modern world is defined by the Renaissance," she says. "They find that the very buildings they inhabit are structured on principles of Renaissance architecture and that their habits of mind are shaped by the thinkers of the Renaissance. What we think about romantic love is a product of the Renaissance; the notion of your 'one and only' isn't possible without Renaissance sonneteers. Romantic comedies you love onscreen have the same basic plot that Shakespeare and his contemporaries put on the stage."

The proximity of the Blackfriars allows for special attention to Renaissance drama. Students can immerse themselves in an active, professional theater devoted to performances of that period and learn experientially through conversation with actors and directors, guided tours of the playhouse, and interaction with MBC professors at plays. Renaissance scholars are also encouraged to pair the major with additional courses in history, art history, English, or theatre to prepare for innovative careers in law, teaching, directing, acting, scholarship, editing, and publishing.

clockwise from left: Courses in Renaissance studies often incorporate time on stage at Blackfriars Playhouse; the American studies program includes exploring political science; criminal justice students use night vision equipment to better understand law enforcement and investigation techniques.

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see all of our majors at www.mbc.edu/studies/

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Spinning a New Web

Quotes and stories from students, alumnae/i, and faculty are front and center on MBC's new website, launched in fall 2010. Perpetually a work in progress, the new site also includes changes in content and coding that optimize MBC's presence on the World Wide Web. The redesign recently earned an Award of Excellence from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.



Corps at Core of Food Movement

A swath of edible herbs near the Spencer Center, tilled soil ready for planting asparagus at the President's House, and two well-maintained community gardens in Staunton are the start of efforts by a new student club aptly named the Apple Corps.



5-Star Food Service

MBC was recently named Chartwells' regional account of the year in the Mid-Atlantic, which includes 71 colleges and universities that participate in the Be A Star program. Chartwells has been the campus food services provider for several years.

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Presidential Praise

Former MBC President Dr. Virginia Lester was honored in February by the Board of Trustees. She was presented with a resolution highlighting her service from 1976 to 1985, which noted, "her forethought to initiate signature programs and highlight strengths that make Mary Baldwin a respected and flourishing 21st-century college."



Taking Care of Health Care

After an intense and exhaustive review, the college's undergraduate Health Care Administration program earned its third consecutive recertification by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).



Mural with a Mission

Dozens of students commemorated Martin Luther King Day as "a day on, not a day off" by contributing to a community mural at Valley Mission homeless shelter in Staunton.



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(above) President's Society member Rosa Moran '11, center, was crowned Apple Day princess in 2009. (below) Brazil natives Mellina Fortunato '10 and former Associate Professor of Communication Alice Araujo greet participants at MBC's International Festival.

Transición

New Gateway Offers Transition for Latina Students

By Brittany Green '11

In fall 2011, Mary Baldwin College will introduce a new Leadership Gateway. The new Latino Culture Gateway will serve an increasing number of Hispanic students at MBC, as well as attract students who are interested in learning more about Latino culture.

"The Latino Culture Gateway is part of our efforts to recruit, enroll, and serve Latina students at Mary Baldwin College as well as to promote cross-cultural understanding among students of all ethnic backgrounds," said Andrew Modlin, executive director of enrollment management. About 7 percent of MBC students are Latina, with roots in Guatemala, Peru, Mexico, El Salvador, and several other countries.

The college unveiled the concept of Leadership Gateways in fall 2009 as part of a comprehensive first-year program to help transition new students into college life and get them quickly involved in the campus community. Of the seven initial gateways, some — such as the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership — were already established programs, and others were more recent ideas, such as Women for Healthy Lifestyles and Spencer Citizens. New gateways will continue to be added in response to higher education admissions trends and MBC initiatives.

Led by Associate Professor of Spanish Ivy Arbulú and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Peter Ruiz-Haas, programs connected with the Latino Culture Gateway will address the linguistic, cultural, and social heritage that may make it more difficult for Hispanic students and their families to adapt to life on campus and to communicate effectively with college personnel. Like all of MBC's gateways, the program will serve as an introduction to academics, and participants will be encouraged to enroll in courses such as U.S. Latino Literature and Culture and Spanish language classes. A special section of the introductory course offered to all freshmen, MBC 101: Orientation to College, will be created with Latina students in mind.

"I think the Latino Culture Gateway will bring in more diversity and will help bring students together," said Yesenia Ruiz '14, a member of the student club Latinas Unidas. "MBC is diverse, but we can still work to improve it. With this gateway, we can introduce more of our culture to other students, faculty, and staff."

Members from the gateway will be encouraged to work with Latinas Unidas to plan MBC's Hispanic Heritage Month and a Hispanic Film Festival. The group will also read a novel by a Latino author, Arbulú said, and cooking or dance classes could also be included, based on students' interests.

"The creation of the gateway is important because it is another step forward that Mary Baldwin has taken on its path to becoming an inclusive community," Arbulú said. "We send a strong message with what we describe as one of this college's strengths: its diversity."



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Sports with Spirit:

Fighting Squirrels Embrace NCAA Campaign

Mary Baldwin College athletes and coaches have always valued competition in Division III sports, and now they are benefitting from a national campaign that highlights the impact of intercollegiate athletics at smaller colleges and universities.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) recently launched an initiative to celebrate the defining characteristics of Division III (DIII) athletics, where the focus is on nurturing competitive scholar-athletes, not securing prime-time television slots or earning big scholarships. Like DIII athletes in nearly 450 schools around the country, MBC competitors work every day to balance their passion for sport with excellence in the classroom and service to the community.

"Division III focuses on the term 'student-athlete' with the emphasis on 'student,'" said softball player Kelsey Still '13. "Academics are so important because DIII athletes are most likely pursuing a career other than professional athletics."

In the NCAA, Division I athletics dominate media coverage and

budget discussions. The DIII identity initiative — piloted in mid-2010 — recognizes the advantages of competition at a different level. The organization notes six attributes embodied by athletes in Division III: proportion, comprehensive learning, passion, responsibility, sportsmanship, and citizenship.

"We encourage our student athletes to be good campus citizens and recognize that they need to be able to take advantage of the full array of academic and co-curricular activities," said Sharon Spalding, director of athletics.

As a testament to its commitment to fair play and courtesy on and off the field, Mary Baldwin picked up the USA South Athletic Conference sportsmanship award in 2009 and 2010. The Fighting Squirrels earned the trophy by being selected by fellow conference players to receive sportsmanship awards in three different sports throughout the academic year. MBC offers six varsity sports: basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball.

"We love having the reputation

of being a school that puts sportsmanship first and is a living example of fair competition," Still said. As vice chair of the President's Society, sophomore class treasurer, peer mentor, and a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Still exemplifies the well-roundedness promoted by the DIII initiative.

Involvement in multiple activities "enhances athletes' Mary Baldwin experience and creates changemakers who will represent our institution when they graduate," Spalding said. "We hope they recognize that lessons learned on the court, course, and field can be carried over to the challenges of everyday life."

The campaign also reinforces that the spirit of competition is alive and well in DIII — although teams might not have a national audience for every game.

"Competition in Division III is more about love of the game; we are out there giving it our all without the incentive of a scholarship. We work just as hard," Still said.

Off the Field, Now Online

New athletics blogs offer wellness tips and sports insight for the community beyond the Physical Activities Center.

Squirrel Fitness

www.marybaldwinsquirrelfitness.blogspot.com

Charles Angserbach, MBC's athletic trainer, encourages readers to get moving, eat healthy, and prevent injuries.

MBC Softball

www.marybaldwinsoftball.blogspot.com

Head Coach Christy Shelton '87 writes about her team and what goes on behind the scenes during MBC's spring sports season.

MBC Tennis

www.marybaldwintennis.blogspot.com

Follow Head Coach Paul Yee through the spring tennis season.

SUSAN BRITTON 1947-2010

Education Professional Helped Students Reach 'Fullest Potential'



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When Susan Britton passed away at age 62, those who knew her agreed it was just too soon for her to go. Britton had just retired from 18 years of service to Mary Baldwin College, primarily in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. She was getting ready to enjoy being with her family and her tiny companion, Woody, a miniature Daschund,

according to retired Director of Graduate Teacher Education (GTE) Carole Grove. But her brave two-year battle with lung cancer ended October 12, 2010.

"Susan was a splendid colleague and determined professional who was devoted to the task of the best possible teachers for our classrooms," said Jim Harrington, GTE director and professor of education.

A graduate of James Madison University, Britton began her career in education at Thomas Dixon Elementary School, where she taught for 22 years. During her tenure at Mary Baldwin, she initially served as a teaching partner, heading back to the classroom to educate the next generation of teachers. She worked for several years as assistant director of MAT, where she was instrumental in helping budding educators find field placements and student teaching experiences.

Britton formed an enduring bond

with Professor Emerita of Psychology Lesley Novack as her first teaching partner.

"She had a strong desire to help our students to work to their fullest potentials. Ultimately, she knew this was the 'gift' that she could give to the thousands of students who would eventually be taught by the MAT teachers she helped to educate," Novack said.

Former student assistant Anna Lauth '09 also lauded Britton's dedication and spirit: "She was an inspirational woman to work with. She always made my day brighter in the education department."

Britton was also a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder and participated in the Sharing the Faith Women's Circle

"I remember how excited she would be when one of our students excelled in student teaching," Novack said. "She understood the power of education, and she was always excited to be part of the process."

O. ASHTON TRICE 1920-2010

'Kind and Gentle' Professor Counseled Many



MBC ARCHIVES

In an era when Mary Baldwin College functioned very much like a close-knit family, Professor Emeritus of Psychology O. Ashton Trice was one of its father figures, its personal counselor, and life coach.

Although it had been 25 years since Trice, 90, stood at the front of an MBC classroom, his death on October 11, 2010, was a significant loss for the college community.

"He and my mother were class sponsors, and he was very involved with the student body outside of class. There were no counseling or psychological services on campus at the time, so I remember him fielding evening calls from time to time to help out a student who needed guidance," said his son, Ashton D. Trice.

At times, the student-teacher relationship made humorous stories for the younger Trice, who took over his father's role on the psychology faculty when he retired in 1986.

The elder Trice, a WWII veteran, was trained as an experimental psychologist, earning his PhD from University of Virginia in 1951, just a few years after he began teaching at MBC. His passion was no less evident at the end of his 37-year tenure than when he was a new faculty member.

"I remember Dr. Trice with great fondness [as] a kind and gentle man. As a psychology major, it was a great privilege to work for him as a teaching assistant,"

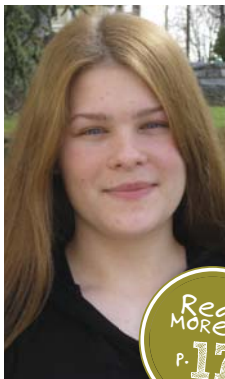
wrote Jill Johnson Horton '83 when news of Trice's passing was noted on the Mary Baldwin College Facebook page.

Ethel Smeak '53, professor emerita of English, considers herself fortunate to have known Trice as a teacher and as a colleague. He had one of the "nicest smiles I have ever seen on a person. He seemed to be able to handle anything with grace and kindness," she said, noting his compassion in the classroom and his effectiveness as a faculty committee leader.

A lifelong advocate for the mentally ill and those with mental disabilities, Trice served as staff psychologist at Western State Hospital and, later, the DeJarnette Center, and he was a longtime school psychologist for Waynesboro City Schools. He was also a docent at Staunton's Frontier Culture Museum. His other interests included baseball and opera, which melded beautifully on family trips to Cooperstown, New York, to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame and sample opera at a summer festival there.

SpotLight

MBC students shine in national arenas



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Victoria Rosborough '12 was accepted to the prestigious undergraduate research program at Yale's Center for Research on Interface Structures and Phenomena (CRISP). A physics major with minors in math and chemistry, Rosborough started research during May Term with Nadine Gergel-Hackett, assistant professor of physics, on a circuit element called the memristor.



Business administration major Kathryn Carper '12 was one of 25 students in the country selected to attend the Sigma Beta Delta business honor society's inaugural Leadership Academy. Students were challenged to design projects that use the potential of the Sigma Beta Delta network — all 265 chapters — to impact humanity.



Just a few weeks before she earned her undergraduate degree from Mary Baldwin, Laura Kleiner '11 announced her bid for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates. Kleiner, a Staunton Democrat, has held several positions with the Young Democrats of Virginia and worked on state Senator Creigh Deeds' 2009 gubernatorial campaign. She will challenge Republican incumbent Delegate Dickie Bell in the November 2011 election.

Senior Priscilla "April" Lao earned first place prize in the systems biology category at the National Conference of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for her poster, "Evaluation of the Binding Interaction Between LL-37 and DNA Fragments Containing CpG Motifs." The research was authored by Lao and fellow

students Angela Gupta and CarolAnn Dodson, along with faculty members Paul Deeble and Maria Craig. For more than two years, Lao has studied the DNA-binding protein LL-37 and its interaction with

cancer cells and implications for treating and preventing certain autoimmune diseases.

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A paper about the Japanese phenomenon of *hikikomori* authored by Katy Lea Todd '11 earned recognition as the best undergraduate Asian studies paper in the southeastern United States by the Southeast Conference Association for Asian Studies. Todd's report, "Hikikomania: Existential Horror or National Malaise," explores a recent trend among Japanese youth — primarily males — to withdraw from their country's hyper-technological society and antiquated social structure. She became interested in the topic while studying at Tokyo Joggakan College in Japan through an MBC exchange in fall 2009.

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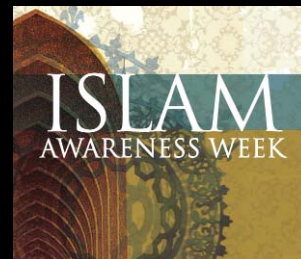
Early College, Early Knowledge

MBC's new Early College Academy offers accelerated higher education opportunities for girls who earn their high school diplomas earlier than traditional students and can begin as full-time college students at age 16 or 17.



Welcoming the World

Nine educators from Iraq were on campus in fall 2010 to learn about American higher education so they can better prepare their students for study in the States. MBC was part of a select group of colleges chosen to represent the country.



Salaam to Exploring Islam

Students initiated the campus' first observance of Islam Awareness Week in January, featuring film discussions, a student panel, and a conversation with Muslim alumna Janaan Hashim '89.

'He is a Portion of the Loveliness, Which Once He Made More Lovely'

— *Adonais* by Percy Shelley

On July 28, 2010, MBC's famed feline, Clinton, passed away after nearly 20 years of curious cat life. Just a few days later, the Reverend Patricia Hunt, retired MBC chaplain and Clinton's original rescuer, wrote to me, "I so wanted this day never to come, no matter how impossible or irrational that is." Amen.

It was a bit of the magic that was Clinton, the Mary Baldwin College cat, that he seemed to know the human psyche better than most of us. His uncanny way of picking out the one person walking by who needed time with him — maybe just to listen to that person's troubles or struggles, or to share a secret with the cat who would tell no tales. He also loved to celebrate happy times and be front-and-center for special occasions (especially on Tyson Terrace, where he was known to pounce onto tables to listen to speakers). In every office on his "beat," he jumped on the desks of the people in need of some calming or caring — or maybe, sometimes, when he needed a little TLC himself — the best kind of break from workday commotion.

Born sometime in the early 1990s, he was rescued from a local animal shelter by Hunt. The young Clinton stayed in her home only a short time before he discovered the possibilities of being king-of-the-hill, free and independent on the 54-acre campus.

Around his 14th year, he lost weight, seemed run down, and was diagnosed with diabetes. Medication and a restricted diet were prescribed, and, much to Clinton's chagrin, we

assume, posters went up around campus asking people not to feed him treats or selections from the Pub menu.

Shortly after a harrowing disappearance in summer 2006, it was time for Clinton's semi-retirement. He came to live with me by night and by day he was in my office at MBC so we could monitor his insulin stability and his friends could visit. He lived well, and well beyond his initial prognosis of a few months.

There was one last great adventure for this free spirit. I moved to California in 2009 and he came, too. I have often wondered what he thought about that long, long car ride and new environment. Somehow, he maintained his cool-cat demeanor.

Clinton has earned a place in Mary Baldwin College folklore. His life is recorded for history through the publicity and media coverage he garnered, and his story is part of the time capsule encased in one of the columns on the Student Activities Center balcony. His dear face with the big whiskers peers from the mural at Spencer Center.

Last fall, I brought his ashes home to the college. Buried in one of his favorite places, Tyson Terrace, his resting place is marked with a plaque: "Clinton, Devoted Mary Baldwin Cat."

Carol Larson Patton was director of media relations and publications at MBC from 2004 to 2009.



Read the full tribute to Clinton, the MBC cat, and view more images at www.mbc.edu/magazine.

Faculty/Staff **Acorns**

NEW FACULTY/STAFF

In addition to welcoming many new staff, adjunct faculty, and visiting professors for the 2010–11 academic year, Mary Baldwin College introduced seven new full-time faculty and a new vice president for Institutional Advancement.

David Atchley joined the Mary Baldwin College community at a critical time for fundraising for the college. During his tenure as vice president for advancement, special assistant to the president, and vice president of the School of Pharmacy at Presbyterian College, that institution set a record for fundraising. His experience overseeing a successful campaign to fund a renovation of Presbyterian's science facilities gives him valuable background as he leads MBC fundraisers in securing additional donations for an overhaul of Pearce Science Center. "Mary Baldwin has the right ingredients that will converge to meet ambitious goals. It will take everyone to move forward," said Atchley, a native of Texas who worked for several years at his alma mater, Wofford College, and GTE Corporation (now Verizon) before Presbyterian. An entrepreneur and business leader, he also founded two companies, End2End and Integrated Education Systems, Inc., which provide state-of-the-art public safety solutions. Atchley began meeting MBC alumnae/i, faculty, staff, and trustees long before settling into his office on campus. "MBC has a solid foundation in the traditional undergraduate arena and a strong reputation in the Southeast," he said. "Those factors, combined with the new efforts to grow and strengthen programs, make the college poised for an era of great momentum."



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Mary Hill Cole, professor of history, was featured on National Geographic Channel's "Undercover History" series to examine the courtships and personal life of Queen Elizabeth I.

Bruce Dorries, associate professor of communication, was named 2010 Educator of the Year by Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District for media coverage of environmental issues, promoting green education and native landscaping at MBC, and stewardship of his family farm.

Judy Klein, professor of economics, co-authored a book, *How Reason Almost Lost Its Mind: The Strange Career of Cold War Rationality*.

Paul Menzer, director of and associate professor in MLitt/MFA, a book, *The Hamlets*, named one of the Books of the Year by *Times Literary Supplement*, published by *Sunday Times of London*.

Laura van Assendelft, professor of political science, co-authored a book, *Women, Politics, and American Society* (5th Edition).

John Wells, professor of sociology, authored a book of original short stories, *Diamonds of Affection and Other Stories*.

Quotable **MBC**

"Living and studying in an environment where most everyone is passionate about school has inspired me to work hard and achieve more: I won the first-year calculus award and have been accepted into three honor societies. The peer group and support system that PEG provides, along with the liberal arts education we receive at Mary Baldwin, make this a place where most of us thrive. I couldn't imagine leaving here — at least, not without my bachelor's degree."

— PEG student **Priyanka Nadar '12**, commenting on her experiences in applying for and attending MBC in the PEG program, in "Taking the Leap: Why PEG Was the Right Choice for Me," *Johns Hopkins University's Imagine Magazine*.

"It means a lot to them. Having an African-American doll, it's like having a part of them."

— **Tierra Smith '12** in "Doll Project Aims to Boost Black Girls' Self-confidence," *USA Today*.

"We're starting to infuse the notion of service learning and civic engagement into our DNA, and clearly the idea of a sustainable business curriculum plays a role in that."

— **Cathy Ferris McPherson '78**, associate professor of business and marketing communication, *Virginia Business*.

"This program is an example of a truly effective public-private partnership that delivers funding to high-impact, on-the-ground restoration projects in communities throughout the region."

— **Amanda Bassow**, acting director of the National Fish and Wildlife Federation's Eastern Partnership Office, commenting on MBC's partnership with the City of Staunton, in "\$75,000 EPA Grant Will Fund City, MBC Lewis Creek Cleanup Project," *The News Leader*.

"They are prepared for their careers, but they also have compassion for others and the skills and knowledge to take the lead. That's a person who can be a critical agent of change."

— **Dr. Pamela Fox**, in "Mary Baldwin College Acknowledged for Contribution to Society," an article covering MBC's recognition in *Washington Monthly* as one of the top schools in the country at promoting a culture of service and empowering its graduates to lead well-balanced lives, *The News Leader*.



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Renovated Science Center Will Reflect Respected Research

When Jesse Cleveland Pearce Science Center was conceived in the late 1960s, the building's layout was forward-thinking. Geared toward a new, hands-on, research-based approach to undergraduate science education, the building featured laboratories placed adjacent to faculty offices and several spaces designated for independent student experimentation. It was designed to encourage student engagement in addressing real scientific problems.

That was more than 40 years ago.

Chemistry major Anastasia Blake '12 is studying endocrine-disrupting compounds and how they affect the quality of local waterways, an extension of research conducted by Assistant Professor of Chemistry Peter Ruiz-Haas.

The curricular commitment reflected in the blueprint for Pearce has strengthened, but the building itself has become increasingly outmoded — scientifically, technologically, and functionally. This can make it challenging to recruit to MBC students interested in science and makes it harder for faculty to establish sustainable research programs appropriate for undergraduates.

“Science graduates need to participate in research at the undergraduate level to be competitive for graduate school and careers,” said Lydia Petersson, director of sponsored programs and undergraduate research. “Our senior project requirement gives MBC students an edge by giving each one the opportunity to participate in collaborative research with faculty. That also means, however, that we must have the programs and facilities that can support students in developing meaningful projects.”

Stimulus grant, Schools of Excellence spur facility facelift

Recent grants and a shift in the college’s academic structure will make it possible for the renovation of Pearce Science Center to begin in June — giving science study at MBC a boost with renewed facilities and new possibilities. Helping to propel Pearce construction is a \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) that stems from the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, part of an estimated \$31 billion dedicated to science. The grant is big news for Staunton, too. According to statistics tracked by the governor’s office, the grant is one of the largest stimulus sums awarded in the city so far.

“The NSF is among the most prestigious science funding agencies on the planet, and we see this grant as confirmation by scientists that our enthusiastic embrace of undergraduate research will put MBC on the map as an exceptionally strong college for preparing women for careers in science,” said Associate Professor of Chemistry Karl Zachary.

A \$100,000 challenge grant from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation of Richmond and contributions to date from alumnae/i and friends of Mary Baldwin add another \$900,000 to renovation funds.

The NSF grant provided the key to stimulating renovation plans just as the college introduced a School of Science — one of four Schools of Excellence that provided a new academic and co-curricular framework at MBC beginning in fall 2010. Each of the Schools connect theory and practice and includes civic engagement activities, national and international partners, affiliations with service organizations, changemaker jobs and internships, career planning services, and volunteer and alumnae/i connections.

“The Schools are part of a movement in higher educa-

tion toward collaboration across disciplines,” said Catharine O’Connell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. “We’re building on our ability to create successful academic connections and, as a result, we’ll see even richer examples of cross-disciplinary research, which is extremely important, especially in the world of science.”

The grant will cover the first phase of the project, including upgrading approximately 8,875 square feet of the 46,000-square-foot science complex. Reconfigured labs and a new, open, public entranceway will generate the most dramatic visible changes in the building. Just as critical are improvements that will be made to the heating and cooling, electrical, and technological networking systems. Glass walls that allow visitors to see research in progress and displays that highlight student work are part of the plans for the new entrance, according to Director of Facilities Management Brent Douglass. Future contributions will be used to create an inviting new outdoor entrance on the ground floor of Pearce — where many people enter when attending events in Francis Auditorium.

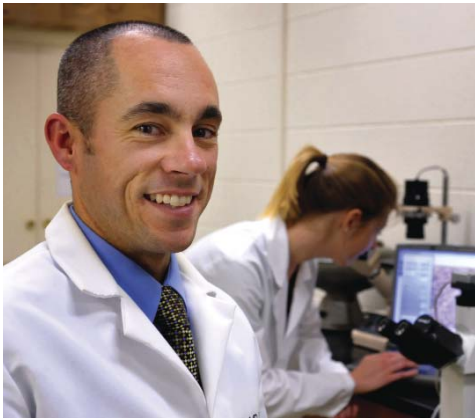
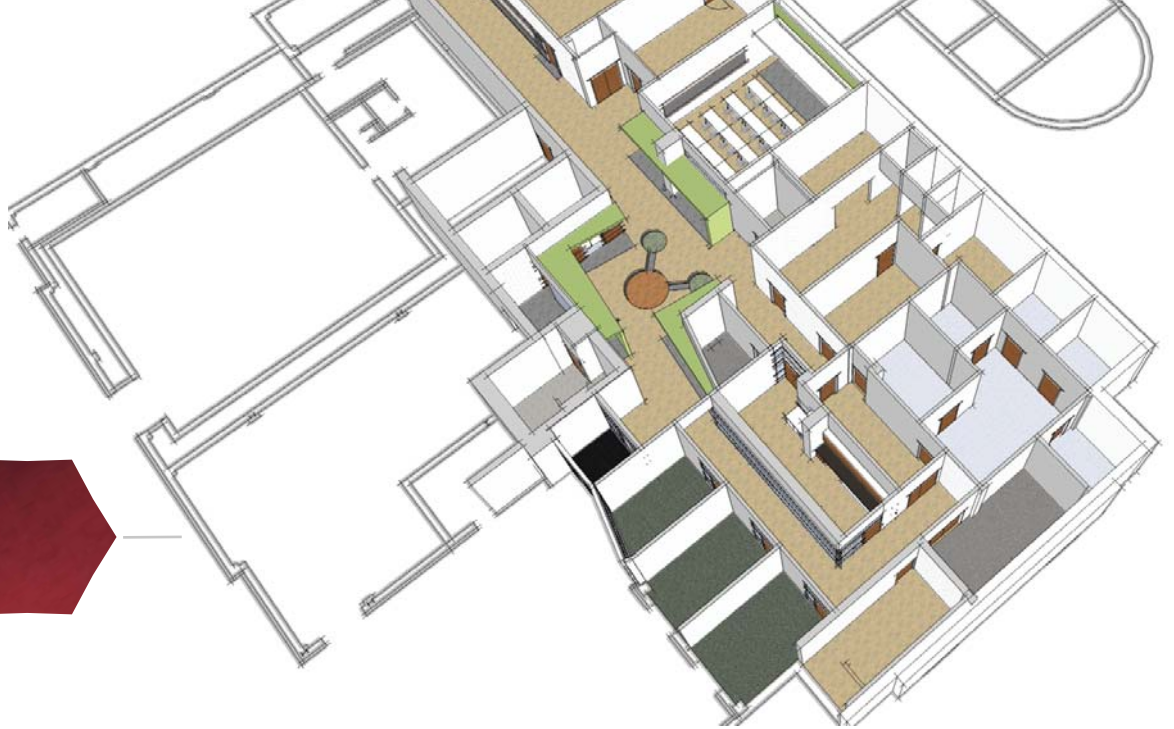
Four new areas for collaborative research highlight the college’s distinctive academic strengths in science. The initial renovation will address facilities primarily used in two of these fields: environmental systems monitoring and neuroscience and cellular signaling. Spaces used for behavioral and developmental studies and supramolecular chemistry, molecular recognition, and materials chemistry are slated to be upgraded in future phases of the renovation, which will require additional funding.

Pearce’s upgrade promises to foster impromptu discussions and demonstrations that take place after class. Associate Professor of Biology Paul Deeble often sees students — unable to find study areas — using lab space to work on an assignment related to another class. Students also often crowd around a set of sofas on the third floor, a gathering spot that is centrally located, but limited in space.

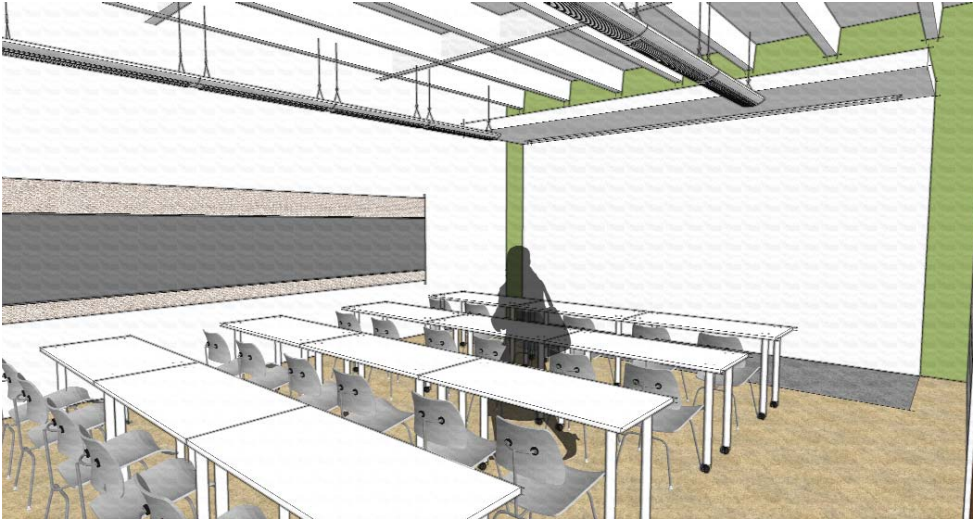
“Science is almost always collaborative — whether it is a formal group project in lab or students simply trying to figure out a scientific concept,” Deeble said. “We often say that our students ‘learn by doing,’ and that is facilitated when those students can ‘learn by doing’ in collaboration with their colleagues and professors ... in receptive gathering spaces in the science building.”

Students need to be able to gather with easy access to a computer after class or while working in focus groups on their senior projects, he explained. New spaces created by the renovation, along with wireless access, will “help students formulate hypotheses and develop experiments” in shared ways.

Also on the agenda is the transformation of Pearce into an environment that nurtures learning for a more diverse student body and fosters collaboration with nearby institutions such



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— Paul Deeble,
associate professor of biology
(pictured top left)

as University of Virginia (UVa), James Madison University, and Washington and Lee University.

"Our faculty and students will be better able to develop research programs that will be of interest to potential partners," Petersson said. She cites Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Anne Allison as an example. After a postdoctoral fellowship in breast cancer research at UVa, Allison is continuing her relationship with that institution by involving MBC students in her research there.

"That is the kind of thing that will be made easier and more sustainable when faculty-student teams have improved facilities here," Petersson said. Zachary is also confident that "the final renovation will dramatically improve our ability to expose young women to modern research in environmental chemistry, biochemistry, nanoelectronics, materials chemistry, and fundamental physical chemistry research."

Basic chemistry concepts can still be introduced using equipment such as beakers and flasks, but those fields increasingly depend on sophisticated instrumentation, he explained. Potentiostats, mass spectrometers, atomic absorbance spectrometers, ultra-high vacuum equipment, and more are part of the well-equipped lab facility that Zachary hopes to help create in Pearce.

"Just last year, we sent a graduate to the top-rated analytical chemistry graduate program in the country. With renovated facilities, we will be able to do more of that for a larger number of students," he said.

Research for the real world

Mary Baldwin's rich history of student-faculty research thrives in meaningful, cutting-edge projects that help prepare students for graduate school and assist with faculty research that could lead to breakthroughs in cancer treatment, reproductive health, and more.

"There are multiple collaborative research projects going on in Pearce," Zachary said. "Modern science depends heavily on progress enabled by multiple perspectives, and it is a good sign that projects like these are emerging very naturally."

Using the Middle River and other local waterways as their laboratory, chemistry students are following the passion of Assistant Professor of Chemistry Peter Ruiz-Haas. They are studying endocrine-disrupting compounds — or EDCs — in streams, lakes, and rivers. These pollutants may originate from unmetabolized pharmaceuticals such as birth control pills, the chemical breakdown of certain types of plastic containers, household chemicals such as detergents, or agricultural use of pesticides and hormones. One shocking statistic uncovered by U.S. Geological Survey researchers: 75 to 90 percent of male smallmouth bass in the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers have been found to be intersex, displaying both male and female physical characteristics.

"There are a lot of synthetic chemicals that have been produced through the years. All of these are building up in the environment and getting into the water," said Anastasia Blake '12. "Animals are having trouble reproducing successfully. It also affects human health; some researchers have observed that male



Donning bright blue gloves before she deftly transfers a liquid solution to tiny vials, **April Lao '11** explains how her study of the DNA-binding protein LL-37 could have implications for treating autoimmune diseases such as lupus and cystic fibrosis. Lao presented the research she conducted under the tutelage of Maria Craig, visiting assistant professor of chemistry, at the American Association of Colleges and Universities conference. At the annual meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in April, her poster presentation earned first place in her category. Watch Lao in the lab at www.mbc.edu/magazine.



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Pearce Funding

In addition to the \$1.2 million National Science Foundation grant, several generous donors have contributed to the renovation project at Pearce Science Center:

- **Janet Russell Steelman '52, former trustee and biology graduate**
- **Donald Wilkinson III, former trustee and son of alumna Lucinda "Luly" Wilkinson '62**
- **Dominion Foundation**
- **Mary Morton Parsons Foundation**
- **Margaret C. Woodson Foundation**
- **George and Patty Andrew Goodson '51**



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'Potential for a Wealth of Discovery'

Tiny, flexible memory devices could be next big thing

Most people have never heard of tiny nanoelectronic devices called memristors, but Nadine Gergel-Hackett — who was welcomed to the Mary Baldwin science faculty in August 2010 — spent four years designing and testing a revolutionary flexible memristor at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Now, she is ready to get MBC student researchers in on the action.

"Memristors are relatively easy to fabricate, so there is the rare opportunity for undergraduates to be involved, from making the devices to testing them, start to finish," said Gergel-Hackett, assistant professor of physics. "Not much is known yet about what is physically happening within the flexible device, creating the potential for a wealth of discovery and breakthrough research."

Gergel-Hackett has filed for a joint patent on the flexible memristor, giving her students one-of-a-kind access to knowledge and techniques for experimenting with the device. This spring, she began working with a few students who became

interested in her research after the presentation she gave when she was interviewing for the position at MBC. The renovation of Pearce and commitment of resources to science study will encourage students' efforts and validate their work, she said.

Bendable memristors are made by spinning titanium dioxide onto a thin piece of plastic — think an overhead projector transparency sheet — that contains a single electrical contact. A second electrical contact is added on top of the titanium dioxide layer, completing the system. Functioning like a resistor with memory, the memristor has unique electrical characteristics compared to typical electrical components. The pliable version has additional benefits because it can function and retain memory while being repeatedly bent or twisted.

"These flexible devices could be used to make tiny, wearable sensors that could be used to inexpensively monitor medical information such as blood pressure, heart rate, and blood sugar levels," Gergel-Hackett said.

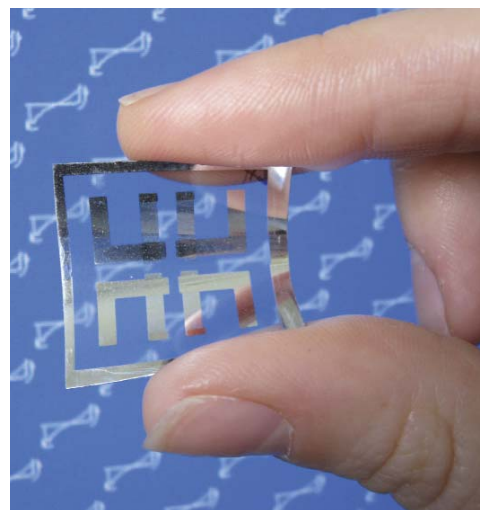


PHOTO COURTESY OF NADINE GERGEL-HACKETT

Nadine Gergel-Hackett, assistant professor of physics, shows off a flexible memristor. She helped develop the tiny electrical devices while at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The federal physical science research laboratory has helped make advancements to items such as DNA diagnostic "chips," pollution-control technology, smoke detectors, and high-speed dental drills.



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— Karl Zachary, associate professor of chemistry

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sperm counts in humans and animals have been decreasing over the past few decades."

Blake, Alexis St. Claire '12, and Katie Jo Galayda '10 tested water samples with a newly developed yeast estrogen screen and found that synthetic hormone levels tend to be high in streams near agricultural land. With grant funding from the National Institutes of Health, Blake continued gathering data, discerning that EDC levels are higher in winter and that levels rise after heavy rain. She presented those findings at the competitive Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for Undergraduate Scholarship last fall.

The undergraduate research experience at MBC is unique in that it positions our researchers as "mini-graduate students," Ruiz-Haas said.

"They get to work on a hands-on research project, go out into the field with my supervision, and use pretty sophisticated [tools]. I hope their work turns into publishable results that they can put on a resumé. At a bigger university, you have to really fight for research opportunities like this," he added.

Long-term research is dependent on the work of multiple students over several years. Being able to contribute to a body

of work not only leads to being published, it also prepares students for the kind of independent research required in graduate school, medical school, or in a position at a research laboratory.

Seeing students' work is especially rewarding to Ruiz-Haas, who has maintained a research interest in EDCs since he was an undergraduate. The situation is similar for many members of the science faculty as they guide students on work that they have nurtured for years.

One example is the work of Abby Turner '09, which "planted the trunk of a tree that now has more branches than I have students to climb," said Zachary. Turner investigated the host-guest properties of the cucurbit[7]uril, or CB[7], molecule, which spawned research and testing of the slightly larger CB[8] molecule's interaction with serotonin by Margie Bivans '10.

Bivans brought Deeble's interest and expertise into her project, testing the hypothesis that introducing CB[8] would cause prostate cancer cells to decrease in growth. This academic year, three students continued offshoots of Turner's project — teaming up with Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry Maria Craig to investigate how the DNA-binding protein LL-37 may act as a guest when CB[8] is the host molecule, and looking at how



organometallic complexes and other amino acids serve as guests. Their goal is to understand CB interactions with other molecules well enough that scientists can predict what complexes can be formed and what their properties will be.

One of the most established ongoing research projects at Mary Baldwin is led by Associate Professor of Psychology Louise Freeman. For several years, student researchers have assisted her in studying the effects of hormones — specifically sex hormones — on reproductive behavior and neuroanatomy in mammals.

Freeman's research has attracted impressive grant support since she joined the psychology faculty in 2000, helping her establish a colony of small mammals called musk shrews, hire student interns, and upgrade lab equipment. Her most recent three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health totaled \$150,000, and in 2009 she received more than \$80,000 from the President's stimulus package that is also helping to fund the Pearce renovation. Freeman's students have presented their work at professional meetings in the United States as well as Canada, Portugal, and the Netherlands, and two were recognized with awards from the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology.

"The success of the shrew project shows that with the right resources, even the smallest of colleges can claim their own research niche," Freeman said. "We are one of only three labs in the country with a musk shrew colony and the only one studying hormone-behavior relationships. This opportunity not only gives my students the chance to develop the research skills they can use in graduate or medical school, but also allows them to make original contributions to scientific literature."



Learn more about MBC's School of Science:
www.mbc.edu/schools/science

At the Intersection of Knowledge

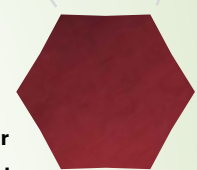
The full renovation plan for Pearce Science Center calls for the establishment of four interdisciplinary areas for collaborative research. The first phase of construction includes creating dedicated spaces for Neuroscience and Cellular Signaling and Environmental Systems Monitoring; the remaining areas will be addressed in later phases.

The creation of the **Supramolecular Chemistry, Molecular Recognition, and Materials Chemistry** suite will address the recent interest in expanding faculty-initiated research. Among the renovation plans is the creation of a space designated for independent senior research that will allow for more collaboration between chemists and physicists.

Providing centralized cellular and molecular biology work with animal models and human cell lines, the **Neuroscience and Cellular Signaling** space is designed to support greater interaction among faculty and students.

The **Behavioral and Developmental Studies** center will bring together the study of behavior and development within laboratory settings with work focusing on, among other topics, gender development in children, influences on female college students' expectations for post-graduation work and family lives, and gender differences in emotional empathy expressed toward adversarial groups.

Projects in the identification of estrogenic contaminants in water, water pollution monitoring in local Chesapeake Bay tributaries, and changing migratory patterns of tropical birds will be supported by the **Environmental Systems Monitoring** lab.



MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE | BUILDING ON Tradition



Digging In

With the dramatic renovation of Pearce Science Center set to begin soon, local officials, media, and project leaders joined the Mary Baldwin community April 28 for a symbolic groundbreaking at the site. Planned to coincide with the spring meeting of the MBC Board of Trustees, the public event included remarks from

President Pamela Fox and biology major April Lao '11, tours of the four-story building, and a reception.

Construction on Phase I of the Pearce project will start shortly after Commencement on May 22 and will address parts of the first and second floors. Work on the second-floor classroom and

adjoining lab is projected to be finished when classes begin in fall 2011. The goal is to complete Phase I — which includes classrooms, offices, and labs in the first floor Neuroscience and Cellular Signaling suite — by the start of spring 2012. Two additional phases of the renovation will be scheduled when funding is secured.

CHANGE Agent

Rwandan rights activist leaves leadership post to earn American education

By Dawn Medley

On the second day of spring semester at Mary Baldwin College, Berra Kabarungi stepped out into the snow to walk to class.

Chilly, tangible proof that she was more than 6,000 miles from her home in Rwanda — and an unmistakable reminder of just how far she had come to begin her latest journey.

"I have had many opportunities in my life to reinvent myself because I always try to look at change as opportunity, whether it is welcome or unwelcome at the beginning," said Kabarungi, removing her quilted coat and mittens inside the Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement. "This," she adds, gesturing to the campus outside the center's wall of windows, "is another new life for me."

Kabarungi — who is quickly becoming known by her easier-to-pronounce first name, Berra — speaks with quiet intensity. Her understanding of English is exceptional, but speaking fluidly is a bit more challenging. You can almost see the phrases flowing through her mind in her native language, Kinyarwanda, before she carefully chooses words in English. She is a skilled communicator; she does not need many words to convey her message.

"When a door for change appears, I am not intimidated by it. I am ready. I prepare myself for the next step," she says, moving her arm to demonstrate opening a door and using her hands to symbolize forward motion.

Former country director in Rwanda for the global women's advocacy organization Women for Women International, Kabarungi was invited to study at MBC on full scholarship as part of the college's growing partnership with Women for Women. She plans to enroll in a wide variety of courses during her four years on campus. She may focus on social work or marketing communication as a major as her studies progress, but she is learning that she will benefit most by keeping her education open-ended.

Kabarungi, 46, is joined at her campus residence in Crone House by her husband, Janvier Gakwaya. Gakwaya is a Rwanda native who collected data and compiled statistical reports about people living with HIV for an international non-governmental organization before starting anew in Staunton with his wife. Although they have been

together for many years, the couple are newlyweds who took their vows just three weeks before boarding a plane in Kigali to start their trip to Virginia. They both realize that full immersion in American culture and keeping pace with conversation and coursework in English make this opportunity a challenging one. But Kabarungi also knows that she has thousands of reasons to succeed: the struggling women in war-torn countries who need her to give their lives hope and purpose through programs like those offered by Women for Women International.

Return to the Classroom

Kabarungi's courseload is intense. The second day of classes takes her straight from Intercultural Communication to Marketing Principles. After a break for lunch, she heads to Introduction to Social Work. Her day will not wrap up until after an 8 p.m. meeting with Changemakers for Women, the MBC student organization that promotes Women for Women International on campus.

In the 200-level marketing course, Kabarungi is asked to talk a little about herself during an introductory warm-up activity. At first, she gives the same information



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as the students before her: name, major (or expected major), a distinctive trait, and what she hopes to learn in the class. But Claire Kent, associate professor of business administration, wants Kabarungi to share more.

"Working for Women for Women International has only served to increase my love for women all over the world," Kabarungi begins. "I see passion in them as agents for change, right from their basic role in the family — it doesn't always have to be in a huge, world-changing context. The natural skills we have as women make it possible — necessary — for us to advance change in our families, our villages, and our world."

Although Kabarungi has not been

a full-time student for nearly 15 years, she slips easily into the academic environment at MBC, listening intently to other students' answers and piping up in class discussions. Kent is excited to lead Kabarungi in one of her first endeavors at Mary Baldwin. She sees her as another person who adds diversity and perspective to the marketing class, which also includes international students from Saudi Arabia, Ireland, South Korea, and Japan.

"I'm eager to contribute to her education, but I'm even more intrigued to see how she will contribute to projects and what she will share with other students," Kent said. "I want to encourage her not to be anxious right now about her direction and the specific courses

she should take. I want to see her experiment and experience Mary Baldwin."

If Kabarungi dives into her role as a student as enthusiastically as she embraced her work as country director for Women for Women International, the result will be remarkable, said Karen Sherman, the organization's director of global programs. Sherman, MBC Commencement speaker in 2009 and current member of the college's Board of Trustees, supervised Kabarungi for several years. She said that her personal touches and openness to change left a lasting impression at Women for Women.

"Berra is a spiritual person, and her life and work serve as a kind of informal ministry," Sherman said.

"Her involvement with [Women for Women] graduation ceremonies in the villages was truly inspiring. She planned lively, meaningful ceremonies that truly celebrated the women in our program, and she attended many of the events in person to deliver speeches. She connected so poignantly that the audience was often in tears."

From Refugee to Leader

A refugee during her childhood, as an adult Kabarungi was able to help more than 36,000 women rebuild their lives and their communities while working for Women for Women following that country's horrific 1994 genocide.

Kabarungi's parents were among thousands of Rwandan Tutsis who left their homes and scattered to neighboring countries in 1959, when tension flared between Hutus and Tutsis — two dominant ethnic groups that have been at odds for hundreds of years over control of the central African region. Her parents settled in a refugee camp in Uganda for what they thought would be a temporary stay. The ethnic conflict was somewhat resolved in 1962, when Rwanda was designated as a country led by Hutus and Burundi was created as a Tutsi country. But tension between the rival groups simmered barely under the surface, and Kabarungi's family remained displaced in Uganda for safety.

"Life in the camp was not easy, because we did not have many basic necessities ... like proper shelter, clean conditions, and access to good drinking water. But my parents did everything they could for us," she said.

Strong, all-encompassing Christian faith sustained Kabarungi's family, which includes seven children. From a young age, Berra, the middle child, had an inquisitive and analytical personality that was encouraged by her parents and her education at Wanyange Girls' School and the Institute of Teacher Education. She earned a degree in English language and literature from the Institute in 1990 and taught at secondary schools in Uganda and Rwanda.

Although life as a refugee was uncertain, Kabarungi knows she was fortunate to live outside of Rwanda. Because they were still in exile, her family was spared the manhunt, rape, and murder that terrorized thousands of Rwandan families in 1994, when the Tutsi-Hutu conflict exploded again, causing a civil war.

"We would have been killed. I have little doubt about that," she says matter-of-factly when asked about the fate of her family.

After the genocide, Kabarungi returned to Rwanda determined to be part of the country's healing and reconciliation process. Before joining Women for Women International in 2003, she worked with the International Rescue Committee, assisting women's cooperatives and associations and serving as a liaison to local government officials.

Kabarungi's seven-year tenure with Women for Women was a showcase for her skills as a teacher, collaborator, spiritual leader, and visionary. Her initial position in the organization was as a cashier, but her experience as an educator and leader led her to quickly be called on to help deliver life skills training to women in the field. That was how

she met Marie-Claire.

"She was in poor health and her family was not doing well — they were suffering — when she came to the program," Kabarungi recalled. The medical services provided by Women for Women allowed Marie-Claire to discover that she was living with HIV. Her husband also had HIV, and she had passed the virus on to one of her children. Rather than a death sentence, the diagnosis was a turning point in Marie-Claire's life, Kabarungi said.

"They were able to take medicine to combat the disease, and she found out how to better take care of herself and her family," she explained. Training and seed money from Women for Women cooperatives helped Marie-Claire buy a few goats and to open a small shop where she sold domestic products and grocery items such as soap, fruit, and drinks. She reinvested her profits wisely, and became a client of a microfinance organization in Rwanda — a goal that Women for Women has for all of its participants so that they can sustain and grow their businesses. She became a leader in her small village of Ndera and established a primary school.

Kabarungi kept in touch with Marie-Claire when she became country director in Rwanda in 2004, and her last update was a good one: Marie-Claire was healthy and continues to receive support from the microfinance group to grow her shop.

Kabarungi admits that not all outcomes of those who participate in Women for Women are as positive as Marie-Claire's, but there are enough of those stories to demonstrate the transformational power of the organization.

"For so many women and their families, it begins with a restoration of hope," she said. "Where they take that is an individual decision for each of them."

The Rwanda chapter of Women for Women International was officially chartered a few months before Kabarungi was named to its top role. Under her leadership, the program expanded to include direct financial assistance, rights education, vocational skills training, and income-generating opportunities. She spearheaded efforts to improve women's awareness of health and nutrition issues, particularly malaria prevention and treatment. As Sherman noted, Women for Women graduation ceremonies became events that united communities and drew attention from local officials and the media, spreading the organization's mission.

In spring 2010, Kabarungi partnered with the Women for Women country director in the Democratic Republic of Congo to organize Join Me on the Bridge — literally grasping each other's hands on a bridge that connected their two





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clockwise from top left: Rwanda native Berra Kabarungi, far left, introduced herself as a new Mary Baldwin College student in a marketing course early in spring semester. As country director in Rwanda for Women for Women International, Kabarungi cuts grass for animal feed while on-site in a village. Pictured with Women for Women graduates and their diplomas – Kabarungi made it a priority to attend graduation ceremonies as often as possible. On the MBC campus in May with husband, Janvier.

countries to stand up for peace and an end to violence against women. The momentum of that singular event sparked symbolic Bridge gatherings in which more than 20,000 people participated around the world — including several dozen at Mary Baldwin College. Join Me on the Bridge has become one of Women for Women's signature events, and Kabarungi added her enthusiasm to MBC's second annual ceremony in March.

"We need political, social, economic change," she said in coverage of the event in Staunton's newspaper, *The News Leader*. "We want to see women presidents. We want to see many women governors. With the big number of women participating in decision making ... there are possibilities of women having good access to income, starting big businesses. I know this will bring changes for the world."

Kabarungi's growing extended family returned to Rwanda in the years following the genocide, and she is happy to be able to say that the country is relatively peaceful and prosperous today. Since 1994, leaders have drafted a new constitution and worked steadily to build a decentralized, democratic government where corruption is not tolerated.

"The state of affairs is good. The government is non-partisan and there is some intermarriage between ethnic groups," Kabarungi said. "Things are not perfect, but there is positive movement on a national level."

An American Community of Support

Kabarungi's participation in Join Me on the Bridge was a glimpse of her involvement on campus and in the

surrounding community. Just weeks after starting classes, she plucked a paintbrush from a pile of supplies to work on a mural at Valley Mission homeless shelter in Staunton, eager to be part of the community service project on Martin Luther King Day. She is a familiar face at Minority Clubs United meetings and at Christ Our Redeemer — African Methodist Episcopal Church in Staunton, and she is beginning work as an intern with the Reverend Andrea Cornett-Scott, associate vice president for student affairs and inclusive community.

"Berra is still observing everything and absorbing our personalities, our activities, our language. One thing is already clear, though: She is a deeply compassionate person," said Cornett-Scott. Kabarungi assists Cornett-Scott in the African-American and Multicultural Affairs Office and is looking forward to being more involved with African Student Collective (ASK) and other student groups.

Michelle Kayosa-Ajayi '14, president of ASK, is enjoying getting to know "Mrs. Berra" — the name some students use to convey respect for their new classmate. "She is very warm and is always ready to go beyond the casual greeting. She will be a very valued member of the group," she said.

Kabarungi's network while at Mary Baldwin also includes the student group Changemakers for Women and a collection of women from the Staunton area who support the group's activities and mission. Her first week on campus included several meals and meetings with those women, helping Kabarungi feel part of a vibrant community.

"She is already enriching our lives, and my children love her," said Staunton resident Kathy Garrison after dinner with Kabarungi at a local restaurant. "She is used to being very busy, so we hope to fill some of her 'downtime.'"

Changemakers for Women began in 2007, after several

WOMEN *for* WOMEN Connection

Berra Kabarungi's arrival on campus in January was the latest event in Mary Baldwin College's developing partnership with global women's advocacy organization Women for Women International. Here's a quick look at the college's connections with Women for Women and plans for continuing the collaboration:



Karen Sherman, Women for Women executive director for global programs, delivers MBC's Commencement address. Through examples of women she has met through the organization's peace-building social entrepreneurship programs in eight war-torn countries, Sherman illustrates the power of women as agents of change here and abroad.

Changemakers for Women presents a check for more than \$1,000 to Sherman, who now serves on the Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees, providing four additional yearlong Women for Women sponsorships.

FEB
2009

MBC students attending the Clinton Global Initiative-University (CGIU) conference in Austin are inspired by the life story and work of one panelist in particular — Zainab Salbi, founder and CEO of Women for Women International. After the conference, MBC students form the organization Changemakers for Women.

MAY
2009

NOV
2009

Changemakers for Women makes its first donation to support a yearlong sponsorship for a woman survivor of war to participate in Women for Women programs. The student group soon receives information about Adolphine Tumusifu M'Bahati — a woman with six of her own children and four others to care for in the Democratic Republic of Congo — and how their efforts will help her.

OCT
2010



Invited by President Pamela Fox to study at MBC on a four-year scholarship, Berra Kabarungi, former Women for Women country director in Rwanda, arrives on campus and enrolls as a full-time student.

JAN
2011

students attended the inaugural meeting of Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) in New Orleans. Right away, the group agreed on a commitment to helping at-risk women and girls. CGIU attendees in 2009 were inspired by dialogue between former President Bill Clinton and Women for Women International founder and CEO Zainad Salbi. The mission of Salbi's organization — empowering women who are victims of war with rehabilitation and education — gave the group a new focus and a goal: sponsorship of those in Women for Women programs.

The student group is continuously fundraising to provide 25 yearlong sponsorships at \$314 each over the next three years. One sponsorship was secured in 2009, and students donated funds to sponsor four more women in October 2010. Each student in the organization also makes an individual commitment to service in the Staunton community.

As Kabarungi settles into life at MBC, student members of Changemakers for Women, faculty, and staff continue to explore events and programs that will strengthen ties with Women for Women International. Her presence on campus is a tangible example of how those connections can transform one person, and how that person transforms many more.

"I feel contentment and wholeness in my life, mainly because of my compassion for women, as leaders and as 'mothers' to their nations and the entire world," says Kabarungi. "I see my time here as time to gain knowledge and learn from other students' experiences. I am confident that I will leave fully equipped to serve women and to contribute to a better world of hope, peace, and progress."



Members of Changemakers for Women visit Women for Women International headquarters in Washington DC for a day of service.

APRIL
2011

PLANS FOR
2011-12:

Starting work on the development of a **global women's leadership institute** in which MBC would host female leaders from Women for Women and other international organizations. The women would have the opportunity to complete coursework, participate in campus activities, and lead and attend workshops.

Tradition of Outreach

Mary Baldwin College's partnership with Women for Women International is the most recent chapter in a commitment that was inherent in the Seminary's mission from the start: to serve girls and women wherever they are in need. As noted in the summer 2010 issue of *The Mary Baldwin College Magazine*, two courageous alumnae established schools for young women in Korea and China in the early 19th century, and international mission trips by students and faculty — some of which later led to the creation of schools — spanning more than 150 years have introduced women worldwide to the ideals of a Mary Baldwin education.

In addition to Asian schools started by Libby Alby Bull, Class of 1893, and 1916 graduate Lily Woods, examples of foreign and domestic outreach abound in Mary Watters' 1942 written history* of the college. One of the most illustrative stories is that of a school set up in the late 1800s in Lavra, Brazil, by former math and Latin teacher Charlotte Kemper. Mary Baldwin Seminary contributed to Kemper's school and followed her work "with interest and pride," according to Watters.

"It is one of the long arms of the Seminary and College reaching out to the world," the author noted.

Other poignant examples are mentioned in Watters' writings about the college's YWCA organization in the 1940s: "Two [other] special aids in education are given annually: one to a student in the Boys' Industrial School, Covington, Virginia; another to a little girl in the American Mission Girls' School, Tanta, Egypt." In 1941, the group also helped to furnish a day nursery in Staunton for working mothers of under privileged children and funded a new nursery school in the city.

"When one attempts to describe or evaluate the contribution of Mary Baldwin alumnae to the world's work, it is possible to give a limited suggestive statement only," Watters wrote. How significant it is to assert that her observation holds true today?

* Find the full text of Watters' *The History of Mary Baldwin College* at www.archive.org/details/historyofmarybal00watt



ALUMNAE/I BOARD PRESIDENT 2010-12

Pamela Leigh Anderson '84

Events Offer Opportunities to Connect and Reconnect

Greetings from the Alumnae/i Association! As you will read in this issue of *The Mary Baldwin College Magazine*, the college and alumnae/i families have been busy unveiling the Schools of Excellence:

- Arts, Humanities, and Renaissance Studies
- Education, Health, and Social Work
- Social Sciences, Business, and Global Studies
- Science

We celebrated Reunion in early spring, welcoming many members of the spirited Class of 1961 back to Staunton and into the esteemed Grafton Society, in recognition of their 50th Reunion. It is never too early for those in class years ending in 2 and 7 and members of the Grafton Society to plan ahead for Reunion 2012, April 12-15. Of course, MBC extends an open invitation to all alums to return to campus to reminisce and to meet the amazing young women who will soon join our ranks.

What a remarkable time on campus and around the country as the college and its graduates accept challenges and work hard to ensure that Mary Baldwin continues to provide the best education possible for its students.

Your Alumnae/i Board is committed to preserving and enhancing the Mary Baldwin College legacy. We are proud to represent all of you as we treasure our past and move toward the future.

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In the online alumnae/i community site you can:

- start and participate in discussions
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- make your Annual Fund gift
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- and much more!

We hope you enjoy reading Class Notes in this publication but we realize many of you enjoy more frequent updates. Between issues, check MBC's online alumnae/i community, Baldwin Connect (www.mbc.edu/baldwinconnect) to learn about fellow alums. 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) for inclusion in the next publication. If you would like to volunteer as class secretary (think how much fun it would be to talk to your classmates) please contact the Alumnae/i Office at 1-800-763-7359.

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.

How to submit updates if you do not have a class secretary:

- <http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/MBC/homepage.cgi>
- alumnae@mbc.edu
- Mary Baldwin College, Office of Alumnae/i, Staunton, VA 24401

1943

RUTH PETERS Sproul's husband, Erskine, passed away in July 2010. "It is hard to do without him. We had been married for 67 years." **CAROLINE HUNT** writes that the big news of her year is the dedication of the John Bunker Sands Wetlands Education Center — honoring her deceased son, who was a visionary in restoring wetlands on the Trinity River: www.wetlandcenter.com/newhome.html. Grandson Stark Sands is starring in the Tony-nominated Broadway musical *American Idiot*. **MAYDWELLE MASON Grimsley** is living in a retirement home and enjoying a wonderful retired life. She has traveled a bit around the U.S. and England, and lived in Japan for 2 years. She is having lots of fun and enjoying life.

1944

HELEN GANSMAN Graves sold her home and moved into assisted living. **KATHERINE KIVLIGHAN Carter** is 87 years old and plays tennis twice a week.

1945

BETTY NEISLER Timberlake writes, "I've just returned from a trip to Portugal with my sister-in-law and my daughter, Vicki, whose daughter, Ann, has been working at a wilderness lodge. She worked at a similar place in Alaska earlier. The opportunities for kids these days are amazing. Nothing like that when I graduated in 1945!"

1949

CYNTHIA BETTS Johnson reports, "Forrest and I returned after Thanksgiving from 2 months in Christchurch, New Zealand. This visit was quite different than our previous visits. We experienced many aftershocks after an earthquake in September 2010. Unlike Haiti, no

lives were lost." **ELIZABETH LANK-FORD Thomas** is the proud grandmother of 13.

1950

CLARA BURROUGHS McFarlin has a granddaughter in her 2nd year at Annapolis on a full scholarship. She has another granddaughter on a full volleyball scholarship to The College of William and Mary who will graduate in 2011. **VIRGINIA ROSEN Strickler** owns a farm and enjoys her 2 grandchildren, a 7-month-old boy, and a 2-year-old girl. **GWENDOLYN PARK Kelly** plays bridge with her mother frequently, who will turn 106 this year. **SUNSHINE JONES Bricken** has 9 great-grandchildren. **BETTY JEAN GILMER Young** resides at Kendal at Lexington Home with husband Phillip. She has 4 children and 5 grandchildren. One of her children is a missionary in Indonesia. **MARILYN SIMPSON Williams'** husband is a WWII, veteran, and he participated in the Veteran's Day parade.

1951

MARTHA "MARTY" KLINE Chaplin is a year older and doesn't like it much, even though she and Harvey are in good health. "For the last several years we have been vacationing in France. Our daughter, **JANE CHAPLIN Jones '78** and husband, Mark, join us. This year they are going to Armenia with the Peace Corps." **MARY EVANS Robinson** is happily retired in southern MD. She volunteers for a hospice center, and also volunteers for the Chesapeake Biological Lab.

1952

JESSICA GILLIAM Boatwright wrote and illustrated a children's book, *The Meeley Moley Man*.

1953

JOYCE GOULD Bradshaw writes, "My ninth book was recently released by Dorrance Publishing Company. Most of my work is in poetry, but I do have one book of short stories and two books of Bible-based essays." **MARY JO SHILLING Shannon** writes a weekly column for the local Roanoke newspaper, *The Star Sentinel*. You can read her columns at www.newsroanoke.com.

1954

ELIZABETH "LIZ" DE LOACH is keeping her enjoyable place up on Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

1955

MARY "KEMP" JAMISON Clarke traveled to Lexington KY for the World Equestrian Games.

1956

BLANCHE GAMBRILL Stockbridge celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary. The Stockbridges were married October 8, 1960.

1957

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1958

NANCY AMORY Le Cuyer is retired. **JO ANN BEARD Brooke** received a doctorate in counseling education.

1960

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SHARON HOOKS Knaus says, "We are enjoying retirement with 6 kids and 15 grandchildren. We travel when we can and oversee the ranches at

home." **ANN BALLARD Van Eman's** daughter Laura, and her husband, Morgen Schulz, have an 18-year-old daughter. Their other daughter works with non-profit organizations such as the SPCA.

1961

CYNTHIA "KAY" HUNDLEY Fisher had an exciting January: From moving to a new house, to spearheading a MBC event in Los Angeles, to becoming a new grandmother. Her granddaughter is Makenna Nicole Fisher, born January 6, 2011.

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AUDREY GIFFORD Eggleston writes that she and her husband have moved from their horse farm in Goochland VA to an apartment at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond. Audrey says everything is so close that her husband says they get somewhere before they even leave home. **LYNN FRIERSON Kennedy** called to say she is now in a new home at St. Martins in the Pines in Irondale AL. Her two daughters live close by, as do her grandchildren, who visit often. Her son is living in FL. **SHIRLEY FILE Robbins** tells me she decided she is way too young to be living in a senior apartment complex with little space, so she is moving to a larger apartment in Richmond's Bon Air area. Shirley teaches nursing, prepares taxes, and is involved in numerous activities. Shirley added that her 19-year-old son, Justin, is going into the Job Corps.

ClassColumns

1963

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1964

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SARAH ALLEY Boney and her husband, Harry, are retired and enjoying children (4), grandchildren (9), and great-grandchildren (3 and another on the way). That's the joy of combining two families, Sarah writes. The couple are active in helping in Haiti through the Haiti Education Foundation, enjoy volunteering through their church and civic groups, and love to travel. "We have fallen in love with Italy, its history, charm, people, food and wine."

BETTY JANE STONE Jefferson retired from social work and teaching. She writes, "We raised 4 children and are now rewarded with 4 grandchildren. We are keeping my 4-year-old granddaughter while her mother works — and feeling our age." Since retirement in 2008, **SUSAN THOMPSON Timmons** and husband, Tim, have traveled in 17 countries, among them Indonesia — where they trekked and studied orangutans — Malawi, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, and Morocco. This year she'll present the 3rd annual Timmons Business Lecture Series in Malawi and study chimps on a trek in Tanzania. She gives illustrated talks for the Master Gardener Speakers Bureau and serves on the boards of the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education, Opera on the James, and The Opera Guild. She's a church elder, cares for her mother, and

enjoys 5 sons, 7 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandson. **GINNY ROYSTER Francisco** retired from MBC in May, 2010 but continues to teach and direct plays as an adjunct faculty member. She works for Staunton Guided Tours, rings in a bell choir, sings in her church choir, and promotes the Staunton Music Festival. Her daughter, **SARAH FRANCISCO '98**, is a senior attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville and a member of the MBC Advisory Board of Visitors.

1965

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Thanks for continuing to respond to my calls for news. Compiling these notes really helps me feel so much more connected to Mary Baldwin. Recent holiday trips to visit my daughter, Melissa, and her family in their new home in Crozet VA also bring back many wonderful memories of my time in the Shenandoah Valley. Melissa and Jon's new home is only 25 miles from Staunton, and I get to stop and look at the beautiful scenic overlook at Afton Mountain on each trip. **SUZAN HODGES Kirby** teaches at a community college, but says she is soon to retire and hopefully she'll have more time to exercise. She enjoys her grandchildren, with the 6th about to arrive. She is planning a trip to Prague in the spring with friends. **SUSAN BROWNE Webb** says that while she and husband Fred are enjoying retirement, as part of the "sandwich generation," they stay busy traveling to check on both the older generation as well as children

and grandchildren in VA and NC. **BONNIE BEIDERWIEDEN Klein** writes that she is active in her garden club and Quester's organization and is the "perpetual food chairman" of a fund raising event for the Heritage Conservancy in Buck's County PA. She reports that she loved the visit with **EMY MARTIN Halpert** and **JUDY ROY Hoffman** last spring at her home. **RANDI NYMAN Halsell** writes that she hated to miss Reunion as well as **SUE HOOK's** wedding last August, but enjoyed having lunch with Emy in Vail last summer. Emy helps keep many of us connected. **CHARLOTTE TYSON Mewbom** reports that she and her husband traveled to France last spring — marveling at magnificent chateaus in the Loire Valley, soaking up the charm and beauty of Provence and exploring the lovely "City of Light" Paris. She says her life in Farmville NC follows a familiar pattern of church activities, volunteering, the arts, reading, following UNC sports, grandparenting, and keeping herself in shape. **MARTHA FARMER Copeland** says that even though she was just there for 1 year, she has great memories of Mary Baldwin. She is practicing law and tries to balance work and time with her 5 grandchildren and, of course, their parents. She sold her house and bought a condo in Lexington KY. Her book club keeps her education perking. **MARSHA NYE Adler** writes, "My husband, Bill, and I attended a reception for President Fox at the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco in January. The gathering offered the opportunity to learn about MBC's exciting new curriculum areas and catch up on new initiatives. We were glad to know that traditions like Apple Day survive, and that the college is moving solidly into the future. I was

particularly interested in the Spencer Center programs." **NANCY TERWILLIGER Harste** says that building memories with children and 12 grandchildren at the lake in the Adirondacks in summer and spending the winter in FL describes glorious retirement. She says that they can add to that rewarding volunteer efforts and exciting travel, including most recently 5 weeks in Africa. **DOROTHY "DOTTIE" IAFRATE Rudy** reports that her newest grandchild, Nicole Mary Rudy, was born in September 2010 and will be in the MBC Class of 2027 if she has anything to do with it. **MARY PICKETT "PICKETT" CRADDOCK** visited Dottie in CA in January where she and Dottie walked the CA hills to prepare for hiking the Camino de Santiago in Spain in May 2011 with five others from the MBC Junior Year Abroad in Madrid. **JUDY BRYANT Skinner** enjoyed a Russian river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow last summer with friends. Her biggest news is the arrival of "the new man in her life," her first grandchild, Caiden. Judy and I drove from Atlanta to Staunton for our 45th Reunion, and had a great time catching up. Speaking of Reunion, keep your long-term calendar the dates for our 50th: April 9-12, 2015. **JULIA PRICE Lanier** owned an interior design business, recently reconnected with a classmate, and enjoys traveling. She loves her 4 grandsons.

1966

BERYL-ANN JOHNSON, "I've moved to a coastal home in Lincolnville MA, and loving every day in my new location." **MARY "CELIA" CRITTENDEN Catrett** is celebrating her second decade as a school librarian. **CYNTHIA GOELTZ Willkomm** is celebrating her

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retirement as a 3rd grade teacher. Now she enjoys time with her husband, 3 children, and 5 grandchildren. **CAROL DELBRIDGE** is a medical technician in NH and spends free time with her 2 children and 3 grandchildren. **ESTHER JOHNSON** is back in school to study landscape design at NOVA's Loudoun County campus. **CAREY GOOFWIN Louthan's** younger daughter, Louise, was married on May 1. She also has 4 grandchildren, 2 of whom are redheads.

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ANNE COOKE lives in Aspen and winters in the Palm Springs area. The Class of 1967 stays in touch via email several times a year, sharing photos and news of travels, grandchildren, weddings, and retirements. **ANGELA BLOSE Corley** and Bill will be making up for time lost during Angela's heart surgery and recovery last year by taking a trip to HI and a cruise on the Danube in 2011. They welcomed their 2nd granddaughter in March. **JUDY PUGH Stone** had 4-foot snowdrifts in her CT yard this winter and looks forward to planning and planting the community garden this spring. Her involvement with Yale courses and student seminars continues to bring much enjoyment. Our condolences go to Judy whose brother Jud and sister-in-law Susan passed away in 2010.

GINA CARTER Holden and Tom are retired and enjoying trips and grandchildren. Gina participates in a prayer shawl ministry, group Bible study, and an active book club. **LYNN WILLIAMS Wood** and Greg live 5 minutes from their 2 grandsons and enjoy traveling since retirement. **DIANE DINWIDDIE Andre** continues her travels to Great Britain with friends. In 2010 they spent a week each in Yorkshire and the Lake District of England. **PAT FORBES** introduced the class to new grandson Sullivan Clark, son of daughter, Abby, and her husband, Stephen. Sullivan joins sister, Sienna, in sunny southern CA, and Pat beats a steady path to play with them from her home in Albuquerque. **SUSAN KELLEY Schallhorn** enjoys life in AR and is happy to have her sister Eileen living nearby. Husband, Tommy, is works as a financial planner and Susan's daughter, Caroline, and son-in-law, John, are VPs for WalMart and parents of a red-headed baby girl. **KAY JACKSON Lohmiller** and Buzz stay busy in their community. Kay serves on the theater board and Buzz serves on the economic development board. They were snowbirds to southern AZ for winter 2011. **SUZANNE PERRY Tumbull** and Ned are living almost full-time in Cashiers NC. Suzanne continues to enjoy painting and a summer Bible study group. **JANICE SMITH Barry** and Michael have enjoyed cruises to


the Caribbean and through the Suez Canal in 2011. **MARGIE GILLESPIE Holt** and Johnny are retired and spend time at their farmhouse in Mathews VA enjoying their 5 grandsons. They will cruise the canals of France with friends in 2011. **MARY DODSON Knight** and John spent part of the cold winter in Ft. Myers FL to "get a little heat!" Mary continues quilting classes while snowbirding in FL. **ANNE COOKE** returned to Palm Springs for the 3rd winter. **KATHY RICE Knowles** and Robbie travel several times each year to CA, NC, and MA to play with their 6 grandchildren and hold "Camp Mumma" for three weeks each year to introduce them to the VA mountains. Kathy will retire from her college planning business at the end of this school year. Many members of our class wrote to share reading lists, giving all of us a reason to pull up to our hearths to enjoy new books during winter 2011.

1968


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It is such a treat to hear from you, and I entreat others to send their updates. It is delightful and interesting to catch up on what is happening in our classmates' lives. **LAWSON BONNER Anderson** spent 16 days in AK and Vancouver where she went by bush plane to an Eskimo village inside the Arctic circle. In March, she and her husband were off to China, and, this summer they will go to a beach resort in the Turks and Caicos with the whole family. **SUSAN MERKLAS Kahn** retired from bank marketing 6 years ago, and she and her husband sold their house to their daughter and family and built across the street, so they have the joy of having 2 grandsons nearby. Their son is an interventional radiologist and lives about an hour away with his wife and 2 little girls; their younger daughter is a photographer who lives just 10 minutes away. They are often found in their Jackson Hole condo, which they love. Susan writes a monthly humor column about life in Miami — for which she has won prizes. **LUNDIE SPENCE**, through her work with SC Sea Grant Consortium directing a regional ocean science outreach and education program, went with a small group to China to work with faculty from 8 Chinese universities that conduct ocean science research. They made friends there and were impressed by the transportation and the terra cotta warriors in Xian. As much as she loves the program, Lundie is thinking about retirement. Recently she has learned a lot about horses and horse rescue, so who knows what her next life will hold? **LADY APPLEBY Bird** joined the MBC Board of Trustees in July and loves it. She volunteers a lot, chairing the Homework Hotline Board and serving as president of the Mobile Loaves and Fishes Board as well as being on the University Club board and the Nashville Alumni board. She also babysits grandchildren Houston (11),

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Lilly (8), Addison (4), and John Thomas (1). Lady reports she and her wonderful husband have also been traveling a good bit, going to Europe for 3 weeks last spring. **MILICENT WASSELL** retired in January 2010 after a 42-year career in government and non-profit associations. She had had challenging jobs at the Defense Department, the National American Red Cross, and in NJ state government, and she reports she was ready "to experience the joy of living on her own schedule rather than on someone else's." Millicent moved to an apartment in July, and is pleased to be living life more simply, taking piano lessons (reminiscent of lessons from Dr. Broman at MBC) and playing bridge like the old days of lounge calls for bridge at MBC. **SAN-DRA SCHENCK Dedmon** lives in Shelby NC and spends time tending to horses, goats, dogs, and cats as well as making jewelry and painting frames, and she is now taking a silver-smith course. Her son and daughter live 45 minutes away in Charlotte, enabling her to see her 3 grandchildren (ages 7, 2, and 1). She also volunteers to teach a therapeutic riding program at a nearby school for the disabled. **PATTY JENKINS Thomas** tutors math for the SAT and ACT in between taking trips to visit her 5 grandchildren (1 more on the way) and enjoying time at their place in Destin FL. Patty, **LADY APPLEBY Bird**, **BARBARA JOHNSTON Ogles**, **JANE HYMAN Kyburz**, and possibly **DIANE HILLIER Copley** planned to get together for a mini-MBC reunion in March. **NEILLE MCRAE Wilson** and her husband have had a wonderful year of traveling. Last year, as usual, they took their boat, the Wildgoose, to the Florida Keys for 2 months. **CATHY**

TURNER Temple and **BETTY MAYES Hecht** visited Neille in Key West, and in August Neille and Betty visited Cathy at her mountain home in Highlands NC. To beat the heat, Neille and her husband visited friends in Toronto, went to France for the month of September, and finished the year off in grand fashion in London. **BETH HADDEN Lunney** publishes 4 specialty magazines for British car enthusiasts (Jaguar, MG, Austin-Healey, and Triumph). The rest of her time is spent traveling with her husband in their Austin-Healey and enjoying their grandchildren, 3 in Kansas City area and 1 in Charlotte. They were all together for Christmas. **KATHLEEN DUNBAR Dyer** and her husband took a much anticipated 2-week river cruise in Europe, a year earlier than planned after her husband had a medical scare. They enjoyed 3 days in Vienna and then cruised the Danube, Main, and Rhine rivers. Joining them for the fun were **MONNIE MOORE Armsworthy** and her husband. Kathleen's daughter is a physical therapist in ME and her son is general manager of a Marriott hotel in Littleton CO. They have 4 grandchildren, (ages 12, 9, 8, and 5) and Kathleen loves spending time with them. Kathleen and her husband can be found in CT in the winter and FL in the summer. **JANE STARKE Sims** is very much enjoying babysitting for her grandchild, Lane, allowing her to watch him grow and learn. She just returned from a Caribbean cruise. Jane's mother passed away in November and she reports that Christmas was just not the same this year. **ANN GILLEN Gillenwater** moved to their house on South Holston Lake and feels like they are

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on vacation all the time. They had a fabulous time in Spain for the wedding of **BARBARA PENICK Jimenez's** daughter at the cathedral in Leon. Ann has begun selling her "Happy Art" in area galleries. She has Divas and Drama Queens, Cows in her Neighborhood, and Giant Blooms for waterproof outdoor art, and she will have a web page soon. Ann is involved in revitalizing downtown Bristol, which now has 26 new businesses, 40 lofts, and a huge annual festival called Rhythm and Roots Reunion. **SUSANNE "SUE" DYER** Stanley writes, "Last spring Dave and I went with **GIGI REYNOLDS Vogel** and her husband to Israel and Jordan, a fascinating trip both for the wonderful religious sites and for a view of the political situation. In the fall we went to the British Isles visiting Northern Ireland, Scotland, and northern England. Our son and family are in Nashville with our 2 grandchildren, Lucy (6) and Jack (3). Our daughter started a fellowship in endocrinology at the University of Chicago Hospital, so at the moment none of our chickadees live close by." **SUSAN ALEXANDER Yates** has 5 children, and her youngest daughter just had quadruplets, giving her 19 grandchildren. **VIRGINIA WATSON Bernard** has 5 grandchildren and is celebrating her 39th wedding anniversary.

1969

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KAY CULBREATH Heller and her husband recently restored a family home in Franklin TN on the Battle of Franklin side and they are now splitting their year between Washington DC and Franklin.

1970

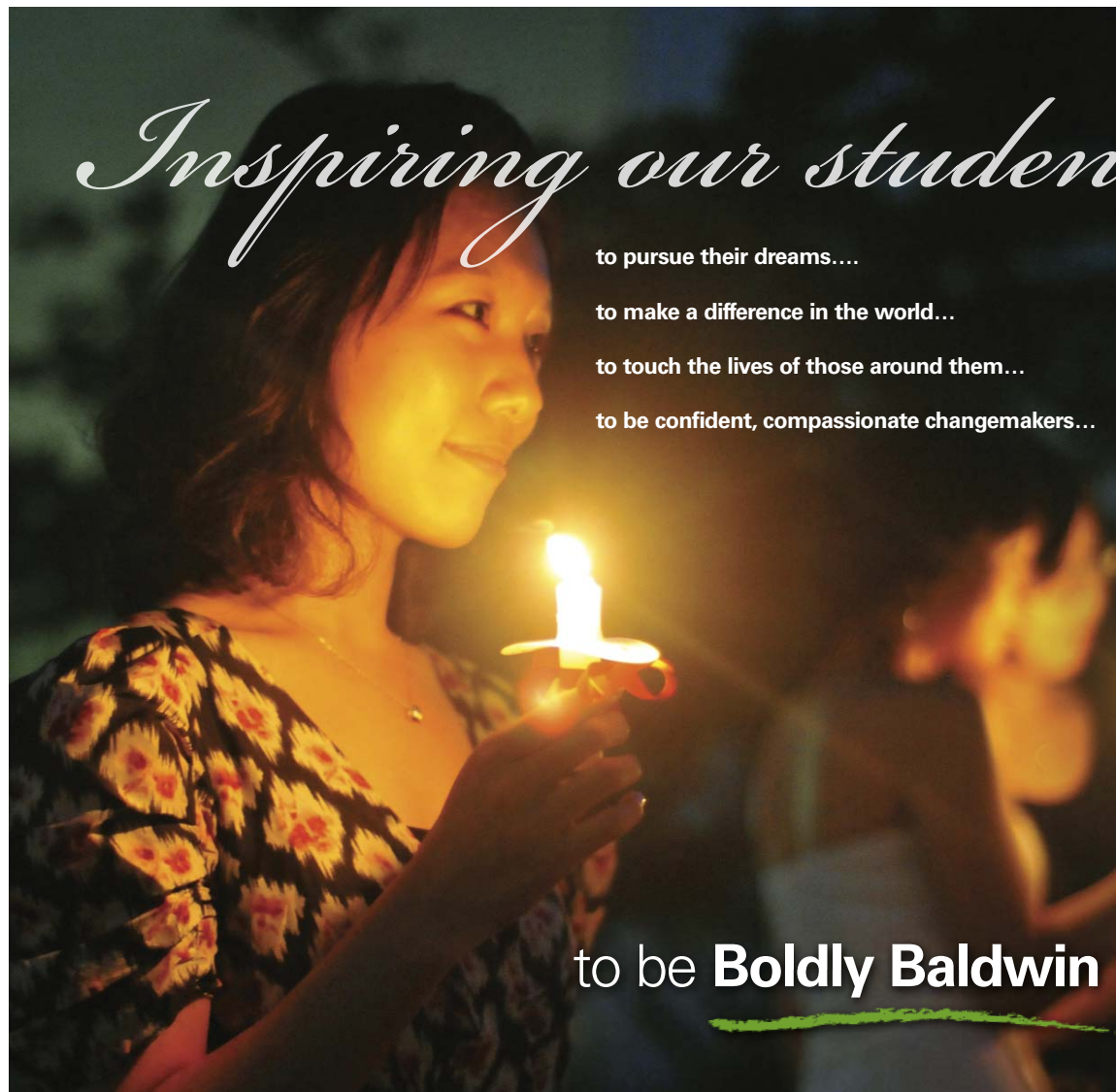
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ELIZABETH JENNINGS Shupe sends greetings to all of her MBCers. **WENDON BLANTON Biesecker** writes that she is a "midler," a second-year seminarian in the School of Theology at The University of the South. She hopes to be ordained in 2012 in the diocese of southern VA. Husband, Ron, retired from real estate and they have 4 grandchildren. **DONNA DEARMAN Smith** says, "We have had a great new year being elected vice president of ethics and human resources for Alabama Power. Family is great. Three incredible grandchildren live 5 minutes away. I am president of the women's fund, and find myself very busy." **LYNN KIRKMAN Mackle** writes, "As a lifelong student, I received 2 master's degrees, in English and art history, in 2000 and 2005. I am delighted to be curating a loan exhibition of the work of artist George Van Millett, for the Albrecht-Kemper Museum in St. Joseph MO in September 2011. I

enjoy freelance writing and volunteering, and I've been prose editor of a national publication featuring the stories of hospitalized veterans. Bob and I are now the proud grandparents Colin (4), Hayden (2), and Janie (2). We love living in Kansas City MO, and we also spend time at our winter home on Key Biscayne FL." **ANNE ROUHLAC** writes, "I continue as a bookkeeper for an association in downtown DC and volunteer at Washington National Cathedral. Life here ebbs and flows with the tourists and the workings of government. Reunion was really lovely and I enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with many familiar faces and the wonderful mountaintop visit to Liz's home, in addition to visiting with Mrs. Page." **MARCIA VIGNEAULT Litton** is moving. Her new address is 11205 Creekwood Drive, Fort Wayne IN, 46814-9049. **EMILY BORDEN Ragsdale** had an amazing adventure in Africa with her daughter and son. "Katharine decided in late summer that she wanted to live in a city; DC was her pick and she moved in

October. She has just been hired by *The Washingtonian* in sales and marketing/advertising. Thomas graduates this month from NC State with a master's degree in architecture. He has worked really hard and, in his mother's opinion, is bound for glory. As the glue is drying on his last project, he is preparing to set his sites on new horizons in his field."

JUANNE PAHUCKI sends good wishes and said she loved seeing everyone at Reunion. **EMILY MCCLURE Ballard's** 3rd grandchild was born to daughter and her son and family returned from 3 years in India. "I am no longer working at the local library, and we are going to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to NYC." **SUSAN LANIER Brown** says, "Jury and I became grandparents on December 15, 2009, when Lyla Lindsey Brown was born in Rochester MN. She just celebrated her 1st birthday and took her 1st steps right before Christmas. Our daughter, Sarah, was married in Pinehurst on September 25, 2010, to Jason Bradley Halverson and they

live in Chicago, where they work at two different ad agencies. I continue to work at Village Design Group as an interior designer and Jury retired at the end of February." **KATHY CRAWFORD Arrowsmith** lives in Lexington SC with her husband, Bob, and her daughter, Jane, who returned home to accept a position at USC after completing a master's at JMU — after the one from TCU. Son, Nathan, is director of recreational sports at Rollins College in Winter Park FL and enjoys the college environment. Kathy continues to work part-time as a career counselor at USC and with private clients. Her passion is volunteering at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church where she facilitates Christians in Career Transition networking groups. **DIANE DARNELL Hughes** writes, "Having already clocked another birthday, this January has really flown (instead of drifted, as it did last year). Life with our three corgis is always interesting, and they follow me everywhere. Michael is still happily employed and leaves for work like a normal person. We'll cele-



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brate our 40th wedding anniversary this fall and hope we can stay up late enough to have a party (maybe it will be brunch). We have had a horrific time this past fall as our adult son was treated for a rare kind of leukemia. He has been at NIH, which is run by Dr. Francis Collins of Staunton, youngest son of the late Fletcher and Margaret Collins. We hope to switch to a transplant program in Richmond within the next month, so keep us in your prayers." **LIZ HIGGINBOTHAM** writes, "I am with Higginbotham Bros., Inc. and we are still in business. The construction industry is pretty quiet, but we are finding construction jobs and the doors are still open. My father died in July at age 91. I am keeping mom company at their home on Devondale, until she moves into a new retirement center in St. Louis. My Westie, Sadie, is keeping us both company. My niece Emily and her husband, Chris, had twin boys on November 17. Each one has a family name and they are gorgeous, of course. Hope to see everyone at the

next Reunion, if not before. **JANE GRAVES Bartlett** says, "I'm working in Lower School admissions at Gilman School and directing a summer outreach program. Our son and his wife presented us with our first grandchild, Emily Grace Bartlett, on April 30, 2010. We spent her first Christmas with her in FL. I continue to teach English at Old Dominion University and I arrange my schedule so that Colin (almost 4) and Alyssa (almost 2) can come for play, lunch, and nap on Mondays and Fridays. We love having our children and their families close by. Bill and I have a new puppy; Belle is a Goldendoodle." **SHARON ELLIS Hinnant** writes, "I have lived in Charleston SC for 17 years. I retired from my job as a CPA at a local accounting firm a few years ago; my husband is a retired dentist. I have returned to practicing the piano and am studying with a local teacher. I will be giving several recitals at local retirement homes and churches in March 2011. My daughter, a UVA graduate, is in graduate school at University of Vermont. My son, a

physician in Florence SC, and his wife have 3 sons. I enjoyed re-connecting with **JULIE MAYS Cannell** in October 2010 in Charleston."

1971

MARY-PAZ FERNANDEZ Tellechea is grandmother to an 11-month-old girl. **AMY NELSON Warren's** daughter and granddaughter are staying with her until her husband returns from Iraq.

1972 REUNION 2012

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BARBIE PHIPPS Such has 2 granddaughters and 1 grandson: "All of them are just precious, of course." **SARAH CROCKETT Eggleston's** daughter, Paige, was married on 10/10/10. **JILL BUTLER Pendleton**, **SUSAN PIERCE Lancaster**, and **KATHY YOUNG Wetzel** attended the

wedding and, while they were there, they walked across the Brooklyn Bridge. **BLANCHE WYSOR Anderson** and husband, Dave, are retired and have started a small business as archival consultants and researchers, D&B Anderson, LLC. Last November, they spent time with **CONNI ATKINS Lewallan** and husband, Sanders, in West Palm Beach. During the Christmas holidays, Blanche and **JAN TRIPLETT** visited **ELIZABETH GOAD Oliver** in Lexington. Jan and husband, Dan Diener, co-own the Business Success Center, a small business help center, in Austin TX. Jan was profiled in the December 2010 issue of *Austin Business Journal*. She volunteered to help Blanche with Reunion 2012 and is looking forward to visiting with classmates. **SUSAN PRUETT Caldronery** breaks ground on their house in Lexington VA this spring after having knee replacement surgery in January. **CARYN GOVE Long's** youngest son, Chase, has been accepted as an officer candidate for the Marine Corps. His older brother, Clark, is a Navy Corpsman stationed with the Marines

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at Camp LeJeune NC. Caryn is active in her church as treasurer and along with husband, Lewis, she will take a Trans Canada train trip this summer. Last August, **SUSAN HENRY Martin**, **DONA CONNELLY Mastin**, **LIZ SMITH Strimple**, and **JILL KIELY** had lunch in Yellow Springs OH. **SHEPHERD JOHNSTON Chuities** serves as president of Oconee County Habitat for Humanity. Her husband, Doug, is retired and their children are scattered and productively happy. **KAREN BRAMMER Austin** teaches a weekly acting class (www.karenaustincting.com) and is auditioning for TV and film. Her daughter, Olivia, graduates from the New School in NYC this spring. **CARTER MOFFETT Douglass** was looking forward to seeing many classmates on campus at [Professor Emeritus of English] Joe Garrison's memorial service in April. **SALLIE HUBARD Moore** is busy babysitting her new granddaughter, Sadie Elizabeth. This past May, **CLAUDIA TURNER Bagwell's** children Thomas and Anna graduated from UVA; he earned his undergraduate degree and she earned her law degree. **LIZ SMITH Strimple's** daughter Taylor has started an event planning business, Events Customized Tailored, in Park Ridge NJ, and daughter Hilary is studying in Austria. **SUSAN MYERS** has launched a new business venture, Put Some Punch in That Bowl! Her website, www.putsomepunchinthatbowl.com, is about all things punch: how to drink it, make it, entertain with it, even just think about it. **JANN MAL-ONE Steele** is writing book reviews for *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* and articles for *Boomer* magazine. She is on the board of James River Writers, a judge for the Library of Virginia's literary awards, and coordinator of a fund-raising project for READ Center, an adult literacy organization. **LEA AYERS Gilman** writes that daughter, Ayers, graduated from Radford last May. Lea is busy in several women's organizations and is treasurer of her DAR chapter. **PENNY POWERS Pattee** and husband, Bob, have moved back to central TX where she teaches high school math. Her 3 daughters live in the DC area and she has a granddaughter, Charlotte. **DENISE CRAIG Stafford** and husband, Alan, are enjoying retirement and are traveling to Costa Rica for a fishing vacation. They stay very busy maintaining the farm and rental properties and Denise is a volunteer at the local elementary school. **BETTY FAINTER Stover** writes that Lola, her Old English Sheepdog, completed all of the championship points to become a champion. **LIBBY DARWIN** had a wonderful dinner with classmate **JANE SHEFFIELD Maddux**. She also spent 3 months working on AZ Senator Blanche Lincoln's campaign. They lost, but had a ball.

1973

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CHRISTINE FLORA Coulter reported that 2 of her 3 sons were married this year. **LYNNETTE YOUNT's** business is doing well. Her husband is deploying to Iraq for a year.

1974

ELIZABETH UPDIKE Braun is married to John Braun. She retired from *The Washington Post* to establish The Care for Kids Foundation and serves as president and director. **BARBARA WATSON Paille** released a cookbook, *The Total Vegetarian Cookbook*, also at www.totalvegetarian.com. **WYSOR WEST Gearhart** writes, "My son, Chandler, is graduating from Marshall University and daughter, Bentley, is getting her master's degree in personal counseling. I teach piano in Roanoke and my husband, Bill, is trying to survive the real estate market."

1975

ANNE CRONIN Ammons retired from Allegheny Power. **JANNY SHOEMAKER Marshall** is married to Nick Strine and enjoys granddaughters, Lillie Strine (3) and Zoe Strine (2). Her daughter, Jenny, is in her 5th year at Kings and Spalding Law Firm in NY. Last year, her husband purchased a new restaurant. **LYNDA BERGEN Wheatley** retired from homeschooling her 6 children after 26 years. **ROS-ALYN GWYN Schmidt** says, "My 2 sons are getting their PhDs in neuroscience research. One son is at Vanderbilt and the other is at Emory."

1976

ELEANOR GUBBINS Moore writes, "I am thrilled that my daughter has moved to Richmond, giving me motivation to visit my MBC roommate, **MARGARET "BONNIE" TUGGLE Miller**, on a routine basis. Our daughters have become great friends as well, recently spending Thanksgiving together in Spain." **LYNN HOWARD Lawrence** is moving to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, where her husband is the new executive director. She continues to work on helping the people of Burundi, including working on a children's book on forgiveness and reconciliation. **LUCILLE "LU GAY" CHENERY Lanier** was promoted to senior project manager at Timmons Group. She is a landscape architect specializing in sustainable design including green roof infrastructure. **CHRISTINA BEARDSLEY McGaughey** retired (for the second and final time). **LINDA BLOXOM Grabeman** recently published a book, *No Prissy Shoes: Trusting God to Walk You Through Your Breast Cancer Journey*. **DONNA NEVDORFER Earp** is enjoying the single life while earning a master's degree in theological studies at Duke Divinity School. Her daughter was also recently ordained as a minister.

1977 REUNION 2012

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REBECCA COWART Hammond welcomed granddaughter Mary Rebecca Hammond on 10/2/10.

1978

MOLLIE MOOMAU Prominski's daughter, K.T., is a senior at Conolly School of the Holy Child in Potomac MD. She applied for early decision and was accepted at High Point University in NC.

1979

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ERIKA MOORE Price has one son who just moved to Brooklyn to assist some well-known photographers and another at UNC.

1980

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SIDENIA SURRATT Tribble is married to Bill. She earned her BSN in 1996 and her MSN in 1999 from UVA. She is an acute care nurse practitioner with Augusta Health in Fishersville VA. **CHERYL NAETZKER** says these are exciting times at Wellpoint IT with the passage of healthcare reform legislation. She is a new member of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville VA and is a new great aunt to Holly Rose Miller of Charlotte. **LAURA REED Bivans** now has a son who is a 4th Classman at VMI. Thomas is now part of the VMI Corps of Cadets. She is on Facebook under Laura Bivans and would love to hear from the MBC family. Daughter, **MARGARET BIVANS '10** is enjoying her job at MBC and is now an official VA resident, with MBC license plates. **LISA PETTY** lives in Pinehurst NC with her parents. She is taking classes and reading. **SALLY SHINGLETON Merrill** started a new job at J.S. Walker Associates Real Estate. **ALISE LEARNED Mahr** is program coordinator for Family Life Development Center. **ROSIE SABALA** is getting ready to retire from her career as a math teacher. **RONALD FEEBACK** is teaching and misses MBC very much.

1981

MARGARET SILVER Burton is doing well with her business, Burton Designs. She has 3 sons: one at VMI, a freshman at Hampden-Sydney College, and a junior at E.C. Glass High School. **KATHRYN GRAVLEY Melo** and her husband own ITA International, a defense contracting business. She has a daughter who is a freshman at Virginia Tech. Her other daughter graduated from Virginia Tech in May 2010 and works as an events coordinator in Richmond. **PRICILLA ROSASCO Armbruster** has been teaching for 17 years.

1982 REUNION 2012

KOY EDMISTON Mislosky currently has twin children attending JMU, and her youngest daughter graduated from high school. **REBECCA LOVIN-GOOD** will travel to Japan this year and Vietnam next year for her career as an oceanographer.

1983

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LANETTE LEHNERTZ Smith lives in Austin with her husband, Wallace. Her son Madison is a senior at Texas Christian University. Children Martha Lauren and Noble are seniors in high school. **NEYSA ANGLE Allen** joined a new practice, Kartesz Family Eye Care. **LILLIAN MCCLUNG Gilbert** of Flower Mound TX reports that son, Rick, was married in June and works for JP Morgan Chase, daughter-in-law, Rebecca, attends graduate school at Southern Methodist University, and daughter, Kensey, attends Texas Christian University and plans to go to law school after graduation in May 2011. Her husband, Rick, travels with his job at Flextronix, and Lillian is going back to school for a counseling degree. She would love to hear from anyone close by.

1984

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Greetings classmates! Please continue to share your classnotes by sending any updates to me at either address above. **CATHY HARRELL Pennington** and her family had a wonderful Christmas with family from GA, AL, SC, and CT. She enjoyed attending the alumnae/i gathering in the fall. She hopes to have a gathering with other 1984 Squirrels in the near future. If you are in Atlanta, be sure to look her up. **MARILYN HUGHES Allan** writes that she lives in East Dallas (near White Rock Lake) with her husband, Charlie, and daughter, Clara (14). "We celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary in October. Clara is in 8th grade and hopes to attend Booker T., our performing arts high school, this fall. I've worked for the national center of the American Heart Association since 1990. We love tent camping, and, for me, heaven is doing yoga, planting and tending the flowers in our front yard, visiting friends in Austin, and time at home with our dogs, Lucy and Ollie. Best wishes to all. **CARROLL OLIVER** has been working for Regus (an international space solution). She says, "I'm just enjoying life and the 3 kids are fine. Hope you all are well." **MARGARET TROUTMAN Balanowski** and her Boston Terrier, Candy, were invited to participate in the AKC dog agility

competition in December. **ASTER DAWIT's** daughter, Sheda Thomas, is at MBC as a freshman. **MELISSA HENTZE** continues to volunteer with the American Cancer Society and also enjoys being a part of the New Orleans Crew of Halloween. **EDGAR PURYEAR** writes, "I have helped my dad write his 6th book about the Marine Corps. I have been at Farrington Country Club as a bellman for 24 years."

1985

GAIL CRUSCO is a master gardener. She had the garden clubs for a garden tour in May, and the *Greenville News* carried an article about her garden in July. **KAREN SWORTZEL** is a new grandmother to Samuel Frederick Ashby, born 10/3/09.

1987 REUNION 2012

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It is hard to believe that 2011 is upon us. As **JEANINE HOLMES Thomas** reminded me, that means our 25th Reunion is little more than a year away. It would be so much fun to have a big group from 1987 back on the beautiful MBC campus. Please make plans to attend. **CAROL**

ELLIOTT Forsyth reports that she is a pediatric nurse practitioner in Annapolis MD with her husband and 3 children. Carol was rewarded with ownership in the large pediatric practice she works for and has been successful in increasing the office's size and improving community activities. Carol discovered a passion for running and has done several half marathons and completed a full marathon in Washington DC. **LOU HALL Bloxom** teaches 1st grade at Broadwater Academy where her daughter, Madison, is a junior and son, Brant, is in 2nd grade. Her older daughter, Blaire (19) is a freshman at Princeton, where she is involved in club sports and student government. **MARTHA COATES Walters** visited MBC daughter, Ana, in June, where they took pictures of Ham & Jam, saw the sights, and enjoyed Wright's Dairy Rite milkshakes.

1988

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MELINDA FITZGERALD Anderson serves as executive director for institutional advancement at Louisiana State University-Alexandria and the LSU Alexandria Foundation. **SUSAN MUSSER Cazenave** is excited about finishing graduate school and receiving her master's degree. She is also very active with her kids, grandchildren, and all the daily things that arise.

1989

JANAAN HASHIM kicked off MBC's first Islam Awareness Week in January 2011 with a talk about the Muslim experience in America. **CARMEN "BETH" VAUGHT** is a

photographer and humanitarian, focusing her studies on human trafficking. **SHARON AKEL Muse** is the owner of Amusing Treats, where she decorates sweets with company logos, pictures, etc. She can be found online at www.amusingtreats.com.

1990

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JILL WILLS was married April 2010 and it was fantastic!

1991

HEATHER WILCOX Hoffman has a new baby boy, Luke Truman Hoffman. Luke joins older sisters Bethany and Mary.

1992 REUNION 2012

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INDIA PARRISH Harris is principal at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro VA. Harris has worked in public education for 15 years, including positions in Charles City County VA, Ashland OH, and King George VA and Spotsylvania County VA public schools. **JULIA KING Maxwell** is assistant principal at the new high school in Rockingham County VA. **ALITIA CROSS** was married on October 17, 2010, in Haymarket VA to Jerry Pleasant. They will honeymoon in 2011 in Italy.

1993

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CHERYL JONES Jolley has worked as a preschool special needs teacher for the past 4 years. She is currently building a home in WV. **AMY KEL-LAM Powers** has 2 grandchildren, Tanner (11) and Taylor (9).

1994

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PATRICIA JENKINS Agate is married with 2 children, ages 11 and 7. She is a special education teacher.

1995

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ELAINE HARGRETT Mauck says, "I celebrated my 14th wedding anniversary and my 4-year-old is trying to run the house. I am a sales administrator analyst at Precision IR." **NANCY O'DELL** writes, "I work for U.S. Airways, so I'm flying high."

1996

SHANA MAY Hatzopoulos received her MEd in educational leadership and administration from George Washington University in December 2010.

1997 REUNION 2012

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ROBIN KERR had twin girls December 27, 2010.

1998

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COURTNEY JOHNSON Sievers and husband, Rob, welcomed son Witten Porterstone Sievers on July 16, 2010. **ELIZABETH "TYSEN" FABRIZIO-Findeis** welcomed daughter Athena Elizabeth Leone Findeis on February 20, 2009. Athena joins brothers Bruce (2) and Mac (4) and is already modeling. **REBECCA MORRISON** transferred after more than 12 years at the U.S. Census Bureau to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. She will continue working to improve government questionnaires. Please join the Mary Baldwin Class of 1998 Facebook page to reconnect with classmates and to post your latest news and notes.

1999

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HOLLY WOJCAK recently returned from her 3rd trip to Jamaica for the 1,000 Smiles Foundation. Holly and a team of volunteers spent 2 weeks providing dental care to 2,000 patients. She hopes to return this fall. Holly blogs about her experiences at www.giveachildasmile.blogspot.com. **EMILY GOETZ Thompson** gave birth to her 2nd child, Charles "Charlie" Michael Thompson, on July 9, 2010. Emily reports that his big brother, William "Will" Randolph Thompson (3), is very proud. **UBAH ANSARI Khasimuddin** and her husband Ahsan welcomed their 1st child, daughter Eyshal Noor Khasimuddin, on January 22, 2011. **SARAH POSTON Sosebee** had a daughter, Anna Sosebee, on May 20, 2010. Congratulations to **BROOKE HITE Sanders**, who was married on May 15, 2010. **MELISSA FORD Holloway** was married at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Oxford, England, where she went to church when she was in grad school at Oxford. **NOSHUA WATSON '95**, who lives in London, attended the wedding. Melissa writes, "We had a second reception in Fredericksburg, VA (my hometown) in early October. After the party, Richard and I drove to

Staunton. We spent Apple Eve and the morning of Apple Day on campus."

2000

TRACY GRYGOTIS was married on October 2, 2010 to James Milanese. Classmate **CARRIE ECKMAN Trunick** attended her wedding. **JENNIFER HILLIARD Cluff** has been teaching 4th grade for 11 years. She has 2 children, a 4-year-old daughter and a 7-year-old son.

2001

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The Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) announced a valuable addition to their organization, **ALLYSON TEE-VAN**, who serves as marketing and communications manager. Allyson brings more than 10 years of professional marketing and communications experience that will aid in the progressive growth of DASH. Allyson is happy to give back with her experience and education to the area she calls home.

2002 REUNION 2012

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Happy 2011 Scarlet and Gold! Don't forget, in 2012 we'll mark our 10-year Reunion ... it's never too early to start making plans to attend. **ELIZABETH "LIZ" BARROWS** writes, "After 8 years in Puerto Rico, I relocated to San Antonio TX, for a job at Lackland Air Force Base. I teach English to international military students at the Defense Language Institute. It's a great experience because I am getting to learn about cultures from around the world, while teaching about American and American military culture. And, of course, I brought my dogs with me." **BRYANNE MOORE Peterson** had her 1st child with husband, Easton. Born August 3, 2010. Cadence Elaine has already visited (and loved) MBC. **KELLY WIMMER** writes, "I've recently changed real estate firms to Real Estate III/Better Homes and Gardens. I also completed a 6-month marketing project with the USDA." **YOGI ALMENDRAS Carroll** says, "I'm finally submitting my wedding to class notes. I was married to Joseph Carroll on September 5, 2009, at St. Matthews Cathedral in Washington DC. The reception was at my workplace, the National Geographic Society Museum." In attendance were **CHI-CHI CHINYELU Tyler**, **SHEYMA BAUTISA, LINDA CORTEZ '03, MARIA BALL '04, CARLISLE CONNALLY '04, COURTNEY LEARD, JENNIE HILDEN-BRAND, SARA LAYNE, KRISTEN BRYANT Gould, LYNNETTE**

DAUGHTRY Barrett, BRENNA ZORTMAN '03, ALESANDRA PRICE Dombroski, COURTNEY BLASIUS Owens, and DIONNA MCINTYRE Kiernan. Yogi and Joe recently purchased a home in MD and hope to have area alums over for a Baldwin event soon. **FELICIA JEFFERSON Goodrich** writes, "Just wanted to drop a quick line to thank all my MBC sisters for showing love and support during my deployment. As I write, I'm sitting in my room in eastern Afghanistan and counting the days (45 to be exact) before I'm home. As I approached the 9-year mark in my Air Force career, I decided to volunteer for this deployment for 3 reasons: 1) to do my part, 2) it was good timing for our family, and 3) to make my family proud. My husband, Scott, has really stepped up to be the best daddy to our sweet daughter, Marley, and for that I'm very lucky. I'm also grateful for the enormous outpouring of love and support from friends and family back home. My MBC family has kept my spirits high — thanks for the care packages. There's nothing wrong with scented lotions and stationary ... even in the middle of a war zone. Looking forward to homecoming and a well-deserved cocktail." Anthony "Thomas" Dombroski IV was born on May 21, 2010, to **ALESANDRA PRICE Dombroski** and Rudy Dombroski. **KRISTEN BRYANT Gould** and her family moved to the Roanoke VA area during the summer. Evan is in 1st grade and Bridget is excited about starting kindergarten in the fall and riding the school bus with her brother. **DIONNA MCINTYRE Kiernan** and her husband, Nicholas, celebrated their son's 1st birthday in September 2009 with family and friends. Kristen Bryant Gould and her daughter, Bridget, helped them celebrate. On September 18, 2010, **AISHA WILLIAMS** married Michael Cusano at Fort Monroe VA. **CHRISTINE MILES '03** was a bridesmaid, and classmates **CASEY BRENT, AMANDA DAVIS-Holloway**, and **KATIE KOONTZ Fune** helped celebrate their special day. Aisha and Michael live in Christiansburg VA, and she is anxiously waiting to take the exam to earn her Licensed Professional Counselor certification. **COLLEEN GREENWOOD Briggs** and husband, Jonathan Ray Briggs, have been blessed with 2 beautiful children: Jackson Ray, born February 25, 2008, and Raegan Elizabeth, born July 22, 2010.

2003

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Brenna Zortman
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KRISTIN COOPER Mullen welcomed a baby girl in January 2010.

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 We have had a lot of things going on in the class of 2004. **BRIANA NELSON Brown** and husband, Aaron, just moved to Dallas TX with their son, Henry (2). **DEMETRIA VENEY Hundley** welcomed the newest addition to her family, Anaya Elaine, who was born on August 23. Her husband, Tavis, returned from deployment in Afghanistan and they are very thankful to be back together in Washington DC. **KELLY BAUMGARTNER Rivera** and husband, Virgil, are enjoying life as captains in the U.S. Army and recently bought their first house in San Antonio TX. They are both working to complete master's degrees in social work. **JENNA WOOD Cooper** and husband, Michael, bought a home in Stafford VA in November 2009 and welcomed second son, Jackson, in June 2010. **PIPPA HAIRSTON** of Staunton VA is attending Payne Theological Seminary, where she is pursuing a Master of Divinity/Theology. Her plan is to get a PhD in philosophical theology and to teach. **CARLISLE CONNALLY** recently joined Hilton Worldwide as director of online marketing for the Luxury & Lifestyle brands. **GLORIA CELESPARA Kalotra** married Paul in February 2010. Her bridesmaids were **JESSICA PUGLISI, ANTOYNETTE MURCHINSON**, and **LEIGH ANN GILLISPIE Carty**. In attendance were **JENNA WOOD Cooper '03** and **KIAUNDRA HURT. ROXANNE HILLERY** lives in Centreville VA and works as a leasing consultant for Legend Management, LLC, at The Elms at Centreville apartment community. She writes, "We hope everyone had a great holiday season, and we hope to see all of you soon." **ASHLEY FAUST** started as a 1st-grade teacher at a new school in Hampton VA. **LINDSEY LUCAS Allen** was blessed with twins Bradie Allen (6lbs. 4 oz.) and Megan Allen (6lbs. 5 oz.).

2005

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BRANDY PERRIN Hyder and boyfriend, Darren Smith, bought their 1st home together at Lake Monticello in Palmyra VA. **ALEXANDRA WAKELY** graduates in May 2011 with a master's degree in initiative in educational transition. **LEA JACOBUS** passed the board exam and was sworn in as a lawyer. **PAMELA VINER** graduated from MBC's MAT program in 2007 and teaches 5th grade. **HOLLY MOODY** teaches French at the middle school in Staunton. **VICTORIA TENBROECK** helped host an alumnae/i

event in Savannah GA. She writes, "We had quite a bit of interest, but I believe the date or time was off. I will organize a Spring Fling for the next gathering. We celebrated Christmas Cheer at Cha Bella (they even had a green and gold Gladys Martini)."

2006

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ASHLEY LUMBARD and **HEATHER HAWKS** had a weekend at the beach. **RENEE MONGER** had son, Ryan, in July 2009. She teaches in Staunton at A.R. Ware Elementary, she also remains very active at MBC in the dance department.

2007 REUNION 2012

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 The squirrels of 2007 have been up to many great things and traveled far and wide this year. **RACHEL YIM** lives and works in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, as a missionary for OMF International. She is helping the program start new churches for working class Taiwanese. **PA'TRIKA THORTON Henderson** completed her MBA in 2009 and lives in Richmond VA with her husband and works for Capital One Financial Corporation as a manager. **NICOLE BRENNER** took a break from law school studies in the FL sunshine to visit her sister, Michelle, in Japan during Christmas break. **CAMI ROA** has been working for Booz Allen Hamilton since graduating from MBC. She is a member of their global operations team and loves living in the DC Metropolitan area. She married Benjamin David Hansen in Arlington VA on February 12, 2011. In other wedding news, **MEGAN JONES Perry** married Adam Perry on July 10, 2010, in Chesapeake VA. Classmates **ERIN BAKER Heely** and **NICOLE BRENNER** served as bridesmaids. Other Squirrels in attendance were classmate **BRITTANY BLEDSOE, SUSAN RIDEOUT Jones '79** (aunt of the bride), and **JORDAN JONES '13** (cousin of the bride). The happy couple lives in Chesapeake VA where Megan teaches 1st grade. **ALISON KAUFMANN** is in marketing and communication for Dominion Virginia Power's new "smart meter." Alison is working on her MBA at University of Richmond and was able to take advantage of a study abroad trip with the university's Global Business in the Middle East course. She spent

the new year traveling to the United Arab Emirates, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Qatar. **MCCALL CARTER** received her JD from Washington University in St. Louis in May 2010, took and passed the NY Bar Exam in July 2010, and since September has been working on her Master of Laws in public international law while interning on a defense team at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. **ERIN BAKER Heely** relocated to the Washington DC area from OK with her husband, Conor, last summer. Erin serves as a Navy Arlington Lady at Arlington National Cemetery and works for Williams-Sonoma, where she teaches culinary technique classes. **JULIA COCHRAN Izadjoo** is a newlywed and has a 1-year-old daughter, Sara. **BAILEY VINCENT Clark** has 2 children, ages 4 and 1. She is writer and editor of her own website, which was recently featured on *Good Morning America*. Bailey also teaches dance (ballet and tap) on weekends. **BRENDA CORDER Blackwell** is a reference librarian at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

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JACQUELINE CASH Laconi was married November 7, 2009.

2009

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AJA HARVEY accepted a position as an English instructor at Chungdahm Learning in Seoul, South Korea. **GOLDIE DARR** is at Virginia Tech working on her PhD in mechanical engineering. **CIARA ROBINSON** works in an Army hospital as a medical clerk. **AUBREY WIES** married Nelson Page in Yorktown, VA on May 29, 2010. More than half of the nULL Class of 2009 as well as other VWIL cadets came together for an informal reunion. As an Army/Navy couple, the sword arch consisted of two each of Army, Navy, VMI, and VWIL uniformed personnel. Aubrey is stationed in Norfolk VA as a U.S. Navy surface warfare officer onboard the USS Porter.

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ALITIA CROSS '92 to Jerry Pleasant, 10/17/10
TRACY GRYGOTIS '00 to James Milanese, 10/2/10
AISHA WILLIAMS '02 to Michael Cusano, 9/18/10
YOGI ALMENDRAS '02 to Joseph Carroll, 9/5/09
GLORIA CELESPARA '04 to Paul Kalotra, February 2010
CAMI ROA '07 to Benjamin David Hansen, 2/12/11
MEGAN JONES '07 to Adam, 7/10/10
JACQUELINE CASH Laconi '08, 11/7/09
AUBREY WIES '09 to Nelson Page, 5/29/10

ARRIVALS

CYNTHIA CORS White '84: twins, a son, Leonidas Samuel Zehmer (Samuel), and a daughter, Irene Rose Harrison, 8/2/10
EMILY GOETZ Thompson '99: a son, Charles "Charlie" Michael, 7/9/10
ROBIN KERR '97: twin girls, 12/27/10
COURTNEY JOHNSON Sievers '98 and Rob: a son, Witten Porterstone 7/16/10
ELIZABETH "TYSEN" FABRIZIO-Findeis '98: a daughter, Athena Elizabeth Leone, 2/20/09
UBAH ANSARI Khasimuddin '99 and Ahsan: a daughter, Eyshal Noor, 1/22/11
SARAH POSTON Sosebee '99: a daughter, Anna, 5/20/10
ALESANDRA PRICE Dombroski '02 and Rudy: a son, Anthony "Thomas," 5/21/10
KRISTIN COOPER Mullen '03: a daughter, January 2010
DEMETRIA VENEY Hundley '04 and Tavis: a daughter, Anaya Elaine, 8/23/10
JENNA WOOD Cooper '04 and Michael: a son, Jackson, June 2010
LINDSEY LUCAS Allen '04: twins, Bradie and Megan
RENEE MONGER '06: a son, Ryan, July 2009

DEATHS

GLADYS GOWEN Fendig '28, 11/8/27
CATHERINE GIERHART Hogshead '43, 1/11/11
PATRICIA BLAIR Montgomery Quick '44, 12/9/10
JOHNNIE LEA Hylbert '44, 1/11/11
MARY VIRGINIA HARTLEY '46, 12/6/09
SUSAN STEWART Goldthwaite '46, 12/26/10
KATHARINE MAKEPEACE Turner '49, 1/4/11
BETTY EBERHART Spillman '53, 1/22/11
MARJORIE MATTHEWS Harrison '58, 9/26/08
CHRISTINA MITCHELL Bronson '59, 1/18/11
MAY WELLS Jones '61, 11/30/10
AMELIE LEE CUNNINGHAM '74, 11/30/10
LAURIE SCOTT Bass '78, 12/26/10

OUR CONDOLENCES

to the following alumnae/i who lost loved ones

HELEN NALTY Butcher '92, on the passing of her niece, Abby Shaw Nalty, November 27, 2010.
CARMEN HOLDEN McHaney '73, on the passing of her mother, Mildred Ivy Holden, January 6, 2011.
SUZANNE WOODFIN Villani '85, on the passing of her father, John Howlett Woodfin, December 15, 2010.
The family of Justice George Moffett Cochran, on his passing January 22, 2011. Justice Cochran was a member of the Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1981.



SARAH TYNDALL '10, "Wearing my pearls proudly as I leave from getting my pumpkins!"



DEBBIE WOLFE Shea '77 represents MBC at a college fair in AR.



AUBREY WIES '09 married Nelson Page in Yorktown, VA on May 29, 2010. More than half of the nULL Class of 2009 as well as other VWIL cadets came together for an informal reunion.



ALITIA CROSS '92 and Jerry Pleasant were married October 17, 2010, in Haymarket VA. Their ceremony was outside on a perfect autumn day, with rolling hills and colorful foliage as a backdrop. They reside in northern Virginia.



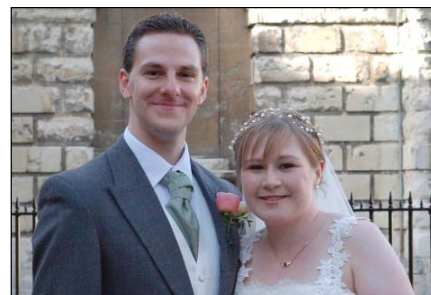
CYNTHIA CORS White '84: Twins, Leonidas Samuel Zehmer White (Samuel) and Irene Rose Harrison White were born on August 2, 2010.



MISSY SMITH '80, MISSY O'NEILL '80, ELLEN MINGES '80, and Suzanne Eudy, popped over to Dr. Ulysse Desportes' 90th birthday celebration, which happened to be on the same weekend as Reunion 2011.



JANE CHAPLIN Jones '78 and **EMILY ASHLEY '04** representing MBC at the Hills of Austin College Fair.



MELISSA FORD Holloway '99 was married at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Oxford, England, where Melissa went to church when she was in grad school at Oxford.
NOSHUA WATSON '95, who lives in London, attended the wedding.



Members of the Class of 1981 got together in Nantucket MA in October 2010 for a mini-reunion. (l to r): **BRENDA HAGG**, **EVA DILLARD**, **VAUGHAN SULLIVAN Noack**, **MARY CATHERINE MITCHELL** Amos, **LIZA NASH** Taylor, **NITA ANN KNIGHT** Klein, and **MAUREEN BUTLER** Beall. "When we get together, the years just fall away, and we are all 21 again!"



The wedding of **YOGI ALMENDRAS Carroll '02** to Joseph Carroll on September 5, 2009. (front row, l to r): **BRENNA ZORTMAN '03**, **ALESANDRA PRICE Dombroski '02**, and **COURTNEY BLASIUS Owens '02**. (back row, l to r): **CHI-CHI CHINYELU Tyler '02**, **SHEYMA BAUTISA '02**, **LINDA CORTEZ '03**, **MARIA BALL '04**, **CARLISLE CONNALLY '04**, **COURTNEY LEARD '02**, **JENNIE HILDENBRAND '02**, **SARA LAYNE '02**, **KRISTEN BRYANT Gould '02**, and **LYNNETTE DAUGHTRY Barrett '02**.



1972 Classmates **SUSAN PIERCE Lancaster**, **KATHY YOUNG Wetsel**, **MAUREEN LOVE Bendal**, and **JILL BUTLER Pendleton** decided the best way to celebrate turning 60 was a road trip to **SARAH CROCKETT Eggleston's** in New Jersey. They relived their youth at the Broadway hit, *Jersey Boys*, toured the NY Botanical Gardens, laughed, shopped, and laughed some more.



PATTY JENKINS Thomas '68 took this photo when classmates (l to r) **LADY APPLEBY Bird**, **BARBARA JOHNSTON Ogles**, and **JANE HINDMAN Kyburz** visited her for their second annual gathering at her condo in Destin FL. "Lots of laughter and reminiscing."



Alumnae event in Savannah GA: (front, l to r): **VICTORIA TEN BROECK '05**, **NITA-ANN KNIGHT Klein '81**, and **MARGARET "Margie" LIVINGSTON '69**. (back row, l to r): **TINA THOMPSON '80**, **SUSAN TRAIN Fearon '69**, and **ALICE LIPPITT Steyaart '66**.



Members of the Class of 1965 during their freshman year in Memorial Residence Hall: (l to r) **SUSAN SPICKARD Uhlig**, **JO LINDA HILL**, **JULENE REESE Roberts**, and **MARGARET "DEE" TERRELL Penick**. Sent by **MARTHA FARMER Copeland**.



New grandchild (9/7/10) of **DOROTHY "DOT-TIE" IAFRATE Rudy '65**, Nicole Mary Rudy.



Makenna Nicole Fisher — all 6 lbs. 2 oz. of her — beautiful granddaughter of **CYNTHIA "KAY" HUNDLEY Fisher '61**.



Anthony "Thomas" Dombroski IV was born on May 21, 2010 to **ALESANDRA PRICE Dombroski '02** and Rudy Dombroski.



Three classmates from 1968 in the FL Keys: **NEILLE MCRAE Wilson**, **CATHY TURNER Temple**, and **BETTY MAYES Hecht**.



Children of **EMILY GOETZ Thompson '99**: Charles "Charlie" Michael Thompson, born 7/9/10, and his big brother, William "Will" Randolph Thompson (3).



Classmates (2002): **CASEY BRENT**, **AISHA WILLIAMS**, **AMANDA DAVIS-Holloway**, and **KATIE KOONTZ Fune**.



DALE GATCHELL Webb '65 and husband Roger.



Nicholas Kiernan, Esteban Velez (great-grandfather), Maria Velez (great-grandmother), **DIONNA MCINTYRE Kiernan '02**, Emory Abram Kiernan.



AISHA WILLIAMS '02 and husband, Michael Cusano, married September 18, 2010.



The dedication of the John Bunker Sands Wetlands Education Center dedicated to the late son of **CAROLINE HUNT '43**.



From MBC to Afghanistan: Capt. **FELICIA JEFFERSON Goodrich '02** and Capt. **JESSICA DURBIN '02** at FOB Airborne, Afghanistan, serving their country.



MILBY BOOTH Wade '53, **MARY SUE SHIELDS Nelson '53**, and **MARTHA BOOTH Bernhardt '53** attended a Symphony Luncheon in Victoria TX with the theme of Frank Sinatra.



(l to r): **MEREDITH HOOK Vanasek '89** (neice), **SARAH ESCHINGER Millholland '92** (daughter), **SUE HOOK Riley '65** (bride), **DALE MIDGETTE Smith '65**, **ANITA "NINI" CAMPBELL Truesdale '65** on the evening before Sue's marriage to the Rev. John Thomas Smith in Annapolis MD, August 21, 2010.



SUSAN HENRY Martin, DONA CONNELLY Mastin, LIZ SMITH Strimple and **JILL KIELY** joined for a summer 2010 lunch in Yellow Springs OH.



ALISON KAUFMANN '07 after a camel ride and dinner in the desert.



CAROL JACKSON Schmidt '73 (second from left) and **OLIVIA WATSON Neill '72** (second from right) attended an October wedding in Philadelphia. They connected about eight years ago at Ojibway Temagami, a 4,000-square-mile land of lakes and deep woods in north-eastern Ontario.



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:

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BONNIE BEIDERWIEDEN Klein '65 and **EMY MARTIN Halpert '65**, taken by **JUDY ROY Hoffman '65** when Emy and Judy visited Bonnie in her Bucks County PA home.



RACHEL YIM '07 leading a bible study in Taiwan.



NICOLE BRENNER '07 with her sister Michelle in Japan at the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto.

WHAT'S

... to prepare a taste of history?



In her monthly foray into the colonial kitchen, **LENI SORESENSEN '92** blanches tomatoes, peels parsnips, and dusts apples with cinnamon the way it was done 200 years ago.

As African-American research historian and unofficial culinary guru at Thomas Jefferson's home in Charlottesville, Sorensen's work not only delights scores of followers on Monticello's Facebook page, it informs her already vast knowledge of American history.

"As I've been more and more wearing my 'culinary historian' hat, it just occurred to me that we had this wonderful resource of Mary Randolph's *The Virginia House-wife*, a real window into what the kind of cookery that our cooks here would have been familiar with," Sorensen said.

Randolph, a kinswoman of Thomas Jefferson, "moved through the highest elite circles of her day" between the 1790s and 1810, according to Sorensen.

Her work, published by University of South Carolina press, remains the quintessential southern cookbook. Its recipes include ingredients found in Jefferson's garden and techniques that were practiced in his kitchen.

Sorensen and others at Monticello who embrace 21st-century methods of communication, launched in September a monthly feature on Facebook in which Sorensen tries out Randolph's recipes in her own kitchen. She documents the preparation of seasonal foods in her home kitchen in Albemarle County with a series of photos and, when necessary, notes.

Compote of apples, "scalloped tomatoes," "ocra," baked winter squash, and sautéed parsnips are among the dishes Monticello has documented on the social networking site.

"I make a few little modern notes about either her idiosyncratic spelling or various explanations," Sorensen said.

"I've chosen foodstuffs that are readily available. What's funny about Mary Randolph is that she writes as if she just wrote this yesterday. She writes lucidly, clearly. She might have been a martinet in the kitchen, but she definitely knew the details in the process that she tells you to do."

Sorensen, who is working on the restoration of Mulberry Row — the "main street" of work life at Monticello — has always been interested in how food and its preparation reveals a broader picture of history. Before moving to Virginia, Sorensen and her husband spent eight years farming in South Dakota. She was interested in learning how raising her own food, cooking on a wood stove, and butchering her own animals connected her to the way people lived 100 or even 500 years ago.

"Cooking is easily dismissed to other things such as politics," she said. "But it was important."



... to help restore the detention barracks at Angel Island Immigration Station?

"It is our responsibility to preserve; for the public, for the visitors who come from all over the world, and, most importantly, for the people who claim this as part of their history," said **KATIE MÉTRAUX '95** about her historic preservation work at California's United States Immigration Station at Angel Island State Park. Referred to as the "Ellis Island of the West" and the "Guardian of the Western Gate" for being the site where more than one million immigrants — primarily from Asia — were processed between 1910 and 1940, Angel Island underwent a massive restoration and reopened in February 2009, in time for its centennial celebration this year.

Métraux has studied the poetry carved in the walls. She has pressed her hand into the unforgiving springs of sleeping cots, stacked three high. After five years of interviewing detainees and their families and searching for and replicating artifacts to recreate an authentic environment, she knows Angel Island's barracks and the stories they harbor inside and out. The intensive project is a prime example of how Métraux's Mary Baldwin studies in cultural anthropology and Asian studies meld in her day-to-day work as museum curator for California State Parks.

"The challenge and the intrigue of this position is in finding a balance between telling people's very personal, emotional stories and creating an accurate historical representation of a place or event," Métraux said. Intercultural collaboration and conflict resolution are skills she cultivated at Mary Baldwin that come into play daily on the job.

Métraux had her first taste of work in the field as an intern at Staunton's Frontier Culture Museum and continued to explore with post-graduation positions at Indian Grinding Rock State Park in California and Pennsylvania's Hopewell Furnace National Park.

In 2007, Métraux's work took her to Jack London's former home, Beauty Ranch, where she was in charge of finding original furnishings and restoring the setting to resemble the years Jack and Charmian London resided there, 1906–16. In addition to continuing the project at Angel Island — the team is now focusing on restoring the onsite hospital and developing a master education plan for the park — she is also working with Native American groups, residents in a Chinese fishing village, and people associated with a former Russian fort named Fort Ross to gather information and design exhibits in other state parks.

Métraux's recent ventures also connected with the research and teachings of her father, Daniel Métraux, MBC professor of Asian studies since 1983. The Angel Island restoration has an obvious association as a gateway for Asian immigrants, but the elder Métraux made a surprising discovery at Beauty Ranch that linked London to Asia and sparked his interest. "I was startled to see a picture of London in Manchuria surrounded by Japanese soldiers. That led me to research and writing about London's contribution to Asian studies," he said.

"In many ways, I'm just following her lead," Métraux said of his daughter.



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