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a letter from the president

Dear Friends and Alums,

The summer is winding down and we are preparing to welcome a new class of Saint Marians. Campus was busy this summer. About 300 Sisters of Charity and Associates graced our campus over the Fourth of July weekend and the Doctorate in Physical Therapy and Accelerated BSN are here all summer as well as their programs run 12 months a year. The Doctorate in Physical Therapy program had over 300 qualified applications for 40 spots. The program is clearly meeting a critical need for our society.

The calendar tells us that this year is special—our 90th anniversary as a college. Though we've been educating on this site since 1870, the institution you came to love as Saint Mary dates back to 1923. College classes began in the Walnut Room in Mead Hall. The current Spirit Shop was the "recreation room." Red brick covered all the college roads and cows grazed on the front campus by the ponds. The young women honed their golf skills on a nine-hole course.

We look much different now. Athletic fields have replaced the cows and the golf course; Berchmans houses the programs for physical therapy and nursing rather than serving as an undergraduate residence hall. The original gym and bowling alley in Xavier is now the Art Department. Our second gym, the Berchmans gym, is now a state-of-the-art lecture hall. Students now live in the new Berkel Hall as well as the older Maria Hall. We have a football team and an honors program. Yes, we have changed and grown from the first graduating class of fewer than 10 young women to a University that is over 1,200 strong offering one doctorate degree, seven graduate degrees and about 30 undergraduate degrees.

Yet, we would like to believe that that which is at the core of Saint Mary has not changed: liberating young people from ignorance and careless thinking, empowering them to realize their God-given potential, and instilling in them the gospel value of caring for one's neighbor. The heart and soul of Saint Mary, guided by Divine Providence, continues to beat true to its mission and the mission of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth.

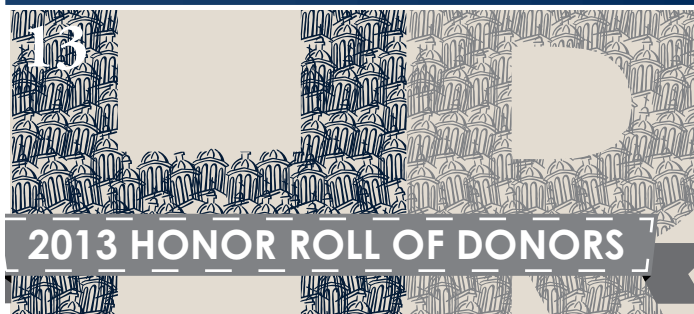
Peace and blessings to you,

Sister Diane Steele, SCL, Ph.D., C'83

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The University of Saint Mary educates students of diverse backgrounds to realize their God-given potential and prepares them for value-centered lives and careers that contribute to the well being of our global society.

We value: community, respect, justice, and excellence.



for your reference

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C - College
N - Nursing

U - University
M - Master's Degree

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TELL US YOUR SAINT MARY STORY

From success stories to tales of lives well lived to memorable trivia — we're looking for new subjects for the Saint Mary alumni spotlight. Send your stories to alumni@stmary.edu with "A Saint Mary Story" in the subject line.



a Saint Mary Story

This edition of the Aspire commemorates the 90th birthday of Saint Mary. So, for this season's a Saint Mary Story, we're going to broaden our scope a little bit and look at a family that's celebrated the unique Saint Mary spirit and community for decades and generations.

FINDING THEIR WAY HERE THE NOLDS: A SAINT MARY FAMILY

The Nold family has a decades-old history with Saint Mary.

June and Lynn remember the “finishing school” feel—stringent dress codes and “no boys allowed” dorm rules. Elizabeth remembers mixers and the band at Mass. And Emily was here to see the opening of Berkel Residence Hall and the launch of the Stefani Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

And that's just a portion of the Nold family ties to Saint Mary.

For those keeping track: June Nold, C'73, enrolled to join up with “twin” sister Lynn (Nold) George, who attended from '68-'71. Sister-in-law Catherine (Whitlark) Nold, C'74, met husband-to-be Mark Nold at a Saint Mary mixer. Elizabeth Nold, C'76, fell in love with the musical tapestry on campus. Angela Nold, C'84, embraced theatre and dance. Her daughter, Emily Nold, U'13, relied on her music and theatre experience here to land a job with the Malibu Playhouse in Malibu, Calif.

To the Nolds, the key to the Saint Mary experience is community.

“One of my favorite parts of USM was being able to know everyone that surrounded you,” Emily said. “I’ll always cherish the relationships I made, faculty and students. I love having friends now that live all over the world, and if I was traveling, I know I could call them up any time and they would let me stay at their home.”

Angela, added that she loves “the small, beautiful campus where I always feel welcome and at home. There's a strong sense of belonging that stays with you always.”

They also appreciated the opportunities presented them.

“Within the confines of a small liberal arts college, I was able to explore business, politics, arts and religion and be surprised at what I learned about myself; this enabled me to grow and embrace my own identity,” said June.

Lynn echoed that “the most valued gifts I gained from attending Saint Mary were the lifelong friends I made there, and the sense of empowerment that women can make a difference in this world.”

Remembering a Saint Mary Leader

Brother Peter Clifford, FSC, whose five years at the helm of Saint Mary College were marked by several key expansions, passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at De La Salle Hall in Lincroft, N. J. He was 88.

Brother Clifford's co-workers during his tenure at Saint Mary remember him as a collegial and accessible leader.

"He came by my office every day," said Sister Constance Phelps, SCL, who served as vice president for student life during Brother Clifford's presidency. "He visited every office on campus every day. He walked the halls.

Students saw him around. Faculty saw him. He never missed a (Saint Mary) game when he was in town. He was a very collaborative leader, very much a team player."

"He was a man of few words, but very considered in what he said and how he said it. He was very soft spoken, but he was strong... It's a big loss," Sr. Phelps added. "He was a mentor to those of us who worked with him."

Brother Clifford assumed the presidency following Sister Mary Janet McGilley's 25 years in the top post.

During his tenure, the university celebrated several key milestones: The construction and opening of Ryan Sports Center, the first class offerings in Overland Park, and—perhaps most noteworthy—the introduction of intercollegiate sports to Saint Mary. Prior to the inception of Saint Mary volleyball, men's & women's soccer, and men's & women's basketball, the school only had intramural sports.

The construction of Ryan Sports Center had another important impact on the campus. The Rock that sits amid the small roundabout outside Ryan was uncovered during construction. Sr. Phelps noted that during Brother Clifford's time, the Rock was referred to by students as "Peter's Rock."



Brother Clifford was a De La Salle Christian Brother and a member of the Brothers Community at Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett, R.I.

He was born in the Bronx, N.Y., on Feb. 17, 1925, to Mary and Peter Clifford. He entered the Brothers Novitiate in 1943, made his first vows in 1944, and his final vows in 1950.

Brother Clifford received his bachelor's degree in education from Manhattan College and a master's in history from Fordham University in 1957. Later in life, he earned a

CAS degree in educational administration and a doctorate in education, both from Harvard University.

Much of his career was spent as an educator and in education administration. He taught in schools in New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. He also served as a missionary in the Philippines and as academic dean of De La Salle College in Manila. Other higher ed stops included time as academic dean at St. John's University in Queens, N.Y., and as president of St. Mary's University in Winona, Minn.

During his time here, Brother Clifford was always very supportive and caring toward the students, Sr. Phelps said.

"I remember one evening, I got a call that there was a fire in Berchmans," she said. The students were evacuated, but "it was winter, so it was cold. All of the students were sent over to Miega. And Peter went and ordered in pizza for all of the students. He was very supportive."

Following his tenure at Saint Mary College, he continued working—including for the LINE District of the Christian Brothers—until his illness this year.

USM Alum is New Softball Coach

USM athletics has tapped '06 Saint Mary grad Michael Evans as the school's new head softball coach.

During his time as a Saint Mary student, Coach Evans played on the Spires Baseball Team for four years—starting for three seasons, and serving as team captain for two. Evans was an All-Conference selection as a second baseman in 2005 and 2006. For the past five years, he's been an assistant baseball coach for Saint Mary, working with hitters, infield defense, and serving as the head recruiter.

"Michael Evans is a true Saint Marian," USM Athletic Director Rob Miller said. "He'll bring a lot of energy to his role as head coach. We have faith that he'll lay the foundation of an excellent program."

Coach Evans, for his part, said he's eager to get to work building a winning team.

"I'm looking to start building communication with returning players and bringing in new players and getting them to buy into who we are and what we do—discipline, character, and hard work," Evans said.



Planned Giving: More Than a Will ...

I once read, “a will is probably one of the most important documents you will ever sign.” I thought about this idea for weeks. I had this ongoing conversation in my head about the legalities and certainly agreed with the statement above; but found more meaning when I reflected on the spirituality involved. Today, I know that creating a will is done with serious consideration and an examination of one’s values.

If you haven’t created a will, I encourage you to put some ideas on paper. For myself, it was the journey that made my will important. By the time my will was completed, it felt like a personal statement of who I am and what I value. I also learned just how high Saint Mary ranks in my life.

Saint Mary was and today remains a place of personal growth, wonderful friendships, excellent education, and an experience that has yet to be matched by anything else. So it only seems natural to involve Saint Mary in my final act.

Many alumni and friends have already included Saint Mary in their will. Sample language you can discuss with your attorney includes:

- Leaving a specific amount in your will. It would read something like this: “I hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto the University of Saint Mary of Leavenworth, Kan., the sum of \$XXXX.”
- Leaving property in your will. In place of the \$XXXX dollar amount you would list the property e.g. house, boat, farmland, car etc.
- A percentage of your estate can be left to Saint Mary. It could read, “I hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto the University of Saint Mary of Leavenworth, Kan, the sum of X percent of the residue of my estate.”

It is also important to note that Saint Mary believes in taking care of things that matter most. Many of you have children, grandchildren, and organizations that you hold close

to your heart. Take care of those things that mean the most, and we hope that somewhere in your journey, the University of Saint Mary will surface.

Express gratitude for the many blessings Saint Mary has brought into your life by remembering us in your will. It is among the highest tributes you can possibly pay to your beloved Alma Mater.

Quick facts:

- Seven out of 10 Americans have an outdated will or die without a will.
- Many people—especially young individuals—feel that their estate is too small to make a difference, thereby viewing a will as an unnecessary expense.
- The bequest is the most frequently used method of making your wishes known. A bequest may take on a number of forms, including cash, percentage of the estate, contingent bequest, or listing specific assets.
- The biggest reason most people cite for not having a will is that they are “too busy.”
- Maybe you already have your will completed. Consider visiting with your attorney about adding a codicil where changes can be added.
- In the last Aspire, I touched briefly on the topic of IRAs and how to transfer your MRD (minimum required distribution) to Saint Mary for those 70½ and older. Please contact me for details on how the transaction occurs.

— Jane Ellen Liebert, C’97, Development Officer,
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VIEW FROM THE SPIRE

FOOTBALL

Sept. 7	2 p.m.	@ Oklahoma Baptist University
Sept. 14	1:30 p.m.	Baker University
*Sept. 21	7 p.m.	@ Tabor College
*Sept. 28	1:30 p.m.	Bethany College
*Oct. 5	7 p.m.	@ Bethel College
*Oct. 12	6 p.m.	@ Ottawa University
*Oct. 19	1:30 p.m.	McPherson College
*Oct. 26	1:30 p.m.	Sterling College
*Nov. 2	1:30 p.m.	@ Southwestern College
*Nov. 9	1:30 p.m.	@ Kansas Wesleyan University
*Nov. 16	1:30 p.m.	Friends University

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 1	1 p.m.	Mount Marty College
Sept. 11	3 p.m.	@ William Penn University
Sept. 13	3 p.m.	Manhattan Christian College
Sept. 17	3 p.m.	@ York College
Sept. 22	12 p.m.	@ Texas College
Sept. 28	2 p.m.	Central Christian College
*Oct. 5	6 p.m.	@ Tabor College
*Oct. 9	1:30 p.m.	Bethany College
*Oct. 12	5 p.m.	@ Bethel College
*Oct. 16	5 p.m.	@ Ottawa University
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*Oct. 5	8:30 p.m.	@ Tabor College
*Oct. 9	4 p.m.	Bethany College
*Oct. 12	7 p.m.	@ Bethel College
*Oct. 16	7:30 p.m.	@ Ottawa University
*Oct. 19	TBA	McPherson College
*Oct. 23	4 p.m.	Sterling College
*Oct. 26	5:30 p.m.	@ Southwestern College
*Nov. 2	3:30 p.m.	Friends University
*Nov. 5	7:30 p.m.	@ Kansas Wesleyan University

* Denotes conference games
Home games in gold.

VOLLEYBALL

*Sept. 4	7 p.m.	@ Kansas Wesleyan University
Sept. 6	1 p.m.	Missouri Valley College
	7 p.m.	Central Methodist University
Sept. 7	1 p.m.	Benedictine University
	5 p.m.	vs. Peru State College
*Sept. 11	7 p.m.	@ Friends University
Sept. 13	12 p.m.	Wiley College
	6 p.m.	John Brown University
Sept. 14	8:30 a.m.	Central Methodist University
	2:30 p.m.	Saint Gregory's University
*Sept. 18	7 p.m.	Bethany College
*Sept. 21	2 p.m.	Bethel College
*Sept. 24	7 p.m.	Ottawa University
Sept. 27	7 p.m.	Peru State College
*Sept. 28	2 p.m.	Tabor College
*Oct. 2	7 p.m.	Sterling College
*Oct. 5	12 p.m.	Southwestern College
	4 p.m.	Missouri Valley College
Oct. 7	7 p.m.	Benedictine College
*Oct. 9	7 p.m.	McPherson College
*Oct. 12	1 p.m.	Kansas Wesleyan University
*Oct. 16	7 p.m.	Friends University
*Oct. 18	7 p.m.	@ Ottawa University
*Oct. 23	7 p.m.	@ Bethel College
Oct. 25	7 p.m.	Pittsburg State University
*Oct. 30	7 p.m.	@ Tabor College
*Nov. 2	12 p.m.	@ Bethany College
	2 p.m.	Southwestern Christian University
	*6 p.m.	@ Sterling College
*Nov. 6	7 p.m.	@ Southwestern College
*Nov. 9	2 p.m.	@ McPherson College

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 7	Wild Wind Festival	Wichita, Kan.
Sept. 21	Southern Stampede	Joplin, Mo.
Oct. 5	Rim Rock Classic	Lawrence, Kan.
Oct. 12	NAIA Preview Meet	Lawrence, Kan.
Oct. 26	NAIA Mid State Invite	Winfield, Kan.
Nov. 9	KCAC CC Championships	Winfield, Kan.

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Dr. Krusemark Gives a Winning Lesson



When Leavenworth native Theresa Vail won the Miss Kansas contest on June 8, she had some pretty serious Saint Mary expertise in her arsenal.

Providing coaching for Vail's talent segment of the competition? None other than USM's own musical maestro Dr. William Krusemark.

"She called me in the winter and said she needed some coaching to prepare for the Miss Kansas talent portion, so we started working throughout the semester," Dr. K said.

"She was a very serious student. She was very diligent, and did what I asked her to do."

Vail, currently a student at K-State, will now go on to represent the state at the Miss America pageant in September.

Dr. Krusemark said he's proud of his student, who won the 2013 Kansas crown in part on the strength of her vocal performance of aria *Nessun Dorma*.

"She's quite an interesting person... not necessarily the stereotypical beauty pageant contestant," Krusemark said, pointing to Vail's well-documented love of bow hunting. "She's very unique, very genuine, very smart, and very talented. I was impressed with her, and I'm very happy for her."

This wasn't the first Miss Kansas contestant Dr. K has coached—all part of his extensive resume in musical instruction.

The *Aspire* profiled USM's music program in the Fall 2012 issue. Read more about Dr. Krusemark and USM's musical talent in the online *Aspire* archive at stmary.edu/aspire.

2013 Fine Arts Calendar

Sept. 22	Faculty Recital: Freda Proctor, Pianist & Flutist	7 p.m.	Feb. 11	Winter Student Recital	7 p.m.
			Feb. 23	Senior Recital	3 p.m.
			March 2	Senior Recital	3 p.m.
Oct. 4-Nov. 8	Sol Allen, Photography Art Exhibit Opening: Oct. 4	10 a.m.-4 p.m. 3-5 p.m.	March 30	Spring Choral Masterworks Concert	7 p.m.
Oct. 10, 11, 12	<i>Winters' Tales</i>	7:30 p.m.			
Oct. 15	Fall I Student Recital	7 p.m.	April 8	Chamber Music Concert	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Halloween Concert	7 p.m.	April 10, 11, 12	<i>A Little Night Music</i>	7:30 p.m.
			April 13-20	Senior Shows	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Nov. 10	Founders' Day Concert	7 p.m.		Art Exhibit Opening: April 13	3-5 p.m.
Nov. 19	Fall II Student Recital	7 p.m.	April 22	Spring Band Concert	7:30 p.m.
			April 27	Spring Choral Pops Concert	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	<i>Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs</i>	4:30 p.m.	April 29	Spring Student Recital	7 p.m.
Dec. 3	Christmas Band Concert	7:30 p.m.			
Dec. 6, 7	<i>Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs</i>	7:30 p.m.	May 1, 2	Student Directed One-Acts	7 p.m.
Dec. 6-11	Student Art Exhibit	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	May 2-7	Student Art Exhibit	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
	Art Exhibit Opening: Dec. 6	3-5 p.m.		Art Exhibit Opening: May 2	3-5 p.m.
Dec. 8	Christmas Vespers	7 p.m.	May 12	Preparatory Division Senior Recital	7 p.m.
Feb. 6, 7, 8	<i>Reasons To Be Pretty</i>	7:30 p.m.			
Feb. 7-March 7	USM Art Faculty & Art Majors Projects	10 a.m.-4 p.m.			
	Art Exhibit Opening: Feb. 7	3-5 p.m.			

SAINT MARY AT

90

Celebrating a Milestone

From white gloves to flip-flops; finishing school to fully modern university—Saint Mary rejoices in 90 years of success stories.

For many Saint Mary alums, the definitive oral history of Saint Mary is told in Sr. Barbara Sellers' voice.

After all, Sr. Sellers, C'61, helps keep past decades of college life alive with her well-loved storytelling sessions at every alumni reunion. "Simply put, I'd just like to say that we have a wonderful history at Saint Mary," Sr. Sellers said.

The birth of Saint Mary College in 1923—mind you, the birth of Saint Mary as a two-year college—grew out of the demands of St. Mary's Academy students.

"The Academy girls eventually began asking 'Can we have a college?'" Sr. Sellers said. "So we added the college. And then

the junior college students wanted to have a four-year school. So in 1930, we started the four-year college."

Sr. Sellers attributes the institution's ongoing success with the strength of its leadership. Dating back to the beginning, she said, "the leadership was very good at determining where we go from here, what's happening in education, what we can bring in for the students. We changed regularly, based on what was happening in the world." That same nimble spirit is still evident today in key strategic moves like the university's growing specialization in health care education.

Not, naturally, that every move was immediately appreciated.

The addition of residential men in the 1980s wasn't widely embraced at first, for example. "For the women, it wasn't that great. But once they got used to the men, it improved," she said. "And some of those women who were against it married some of those men, so it turned out fine."

Despite all the things she's seen change

since her time as a student and then, starting in the late '60s, as a faculty member, Sr. Sellers says that the quintessence of Saint Mary has stayed the same.

"I think it really is the same place," she said.

"It has the same spirit, it stands for the same things."

1858

The Sisters of Charity arrive in Leavenworth.

1870-1892

Opening of Saint Mary and Mead Halls.

1923

Saint Mary Junior College opens.

1924

Mary Orr:
First graduate.

1930

Saint Mary Junior College becomes Saint Mary College. Berchmans Hall opens.

1960's

Maria Hall, Miede Hall, and Saint Joseph Dining Hall are built.

KANSAS



THE EVOLVING MISSION

Saint Mary College's "Central Aim" (Circa 1943)

The principal objective of Saint Mary College is essentially the training of the young woman to live a full, rich life, guided by the light of faith and reason. This implies that the student must be directed toward a three-fold development; namely an intelligent personal character-formation; a reasonable preparation to meet the material demands of life; and the cultivation of happy group relationships...

Saint Mary College's "Purpose" (Circa 1971)

Saint Mary College, a Catholic liberal arts college for women, aims to produce the graduate who is a woman of her times, yet not swept along with the tide and tastes of her times, a woman with spiritual and person resourcefulness, with a breadth of interests and special competence in one discipline...

USM's Mission Statement Today

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STORYTELLING

Watch videos of Sister Barbara sharing stories from key moments in her and Saint Mary history at www.stmary.edu/aspire



1988

The campus becomes residentially co-ed.



1990

Saint Mary begins offering classes in Overland Park.



1998

Football begins. Graduate offerings are re-introduced.



2003

SMC becomes the University of Saint Mary.

2012

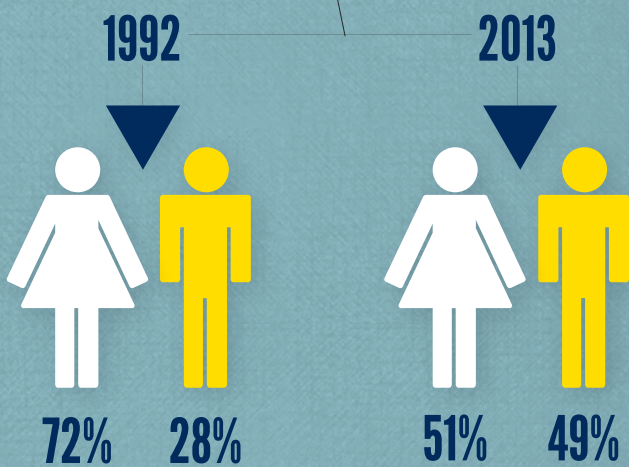
The Stefani Doctor of Physical Therapy program begins.



THROUGH THE YEARS

A Visual Journey Through Saint Mary Facts & Figures

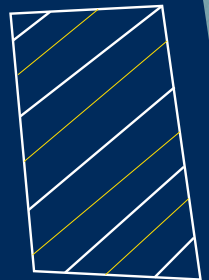
UNDERGRAD STUDENT BODY



1930 ~ 90
2013 ~ 600

FULL-TIME ON-CAMPUS UNDERGRADS

FULL-TIME ON-CAMPUS UNDERGRADS



1923

2012

10¢

BREAD

\$1.41

33¢

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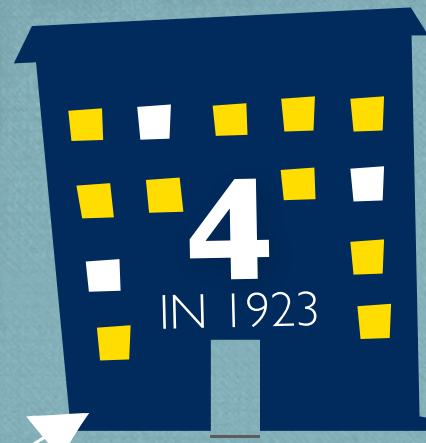
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NUMBER OF BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Received at Commencement

TOP MAJORS

ENGLISH	1937
ENGLISH & NURSING	1948
EDUCATION	1959
EDUCATION	1967
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	1975
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	1988
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	1999
NURSING	2013



19
IN 1934



197
IN 2013



TOP SONGS



DURING 1923 INCLUDED:

Parade of the Wooden Soldiers by Paul Whiteman & His Orchestra
Swingin' Down the Lane by Isham Jones & His Orchestra
Yes! We Have No Bananas by Billy Jones

In 1936, Saint Mary students purportedly came "from every part of the country."



13 STATES

A single class of Saint Mary students today is often drawn from 30 or more states.



30+ STATES

ATHLETICS

1930's | INTRAMURAL sports: field hockey, golf (with an on-campus golf course), baseball, basketball, deck tennis, badminton, ping-pong, dancing and bowling.

2013 | VARSITY men's and women's sports: track, cross-country, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, football, and volleyball

LEAVENWORTH'S POPULATION

IN THE 1920s

16,912

LEAVENWORTH'S POPULATION

IN 2012

35,816

A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES



**Chuck Coxon and Daisy (Sanchez)
Coxon, C'63, in the Red Room.**

For Chuck and Daisy Coxon, revisiting the Saint Mary campus for this June's Alumni Reunion 2013 was particularly significant. After all, the couple had their first formal date—back in 1962—in the Saint Mary Red Room.

They were married a little less than two years later.

Chuck recently shared his memories with the *Aspire*: “Dorothy Anderson, C’64, had tried—unsuccessfully, for nearly two years to get us out together on a blind date. Neither of us were interested... but finally, we both agreed with the caveat that

Dorothy would never bug us again.

With neither one of us looking forward to the date, it wasn't surprising that the date did not even meet our lowest expectations. In fact, it went so badly that I felt compelled to return the next day and apologize...”

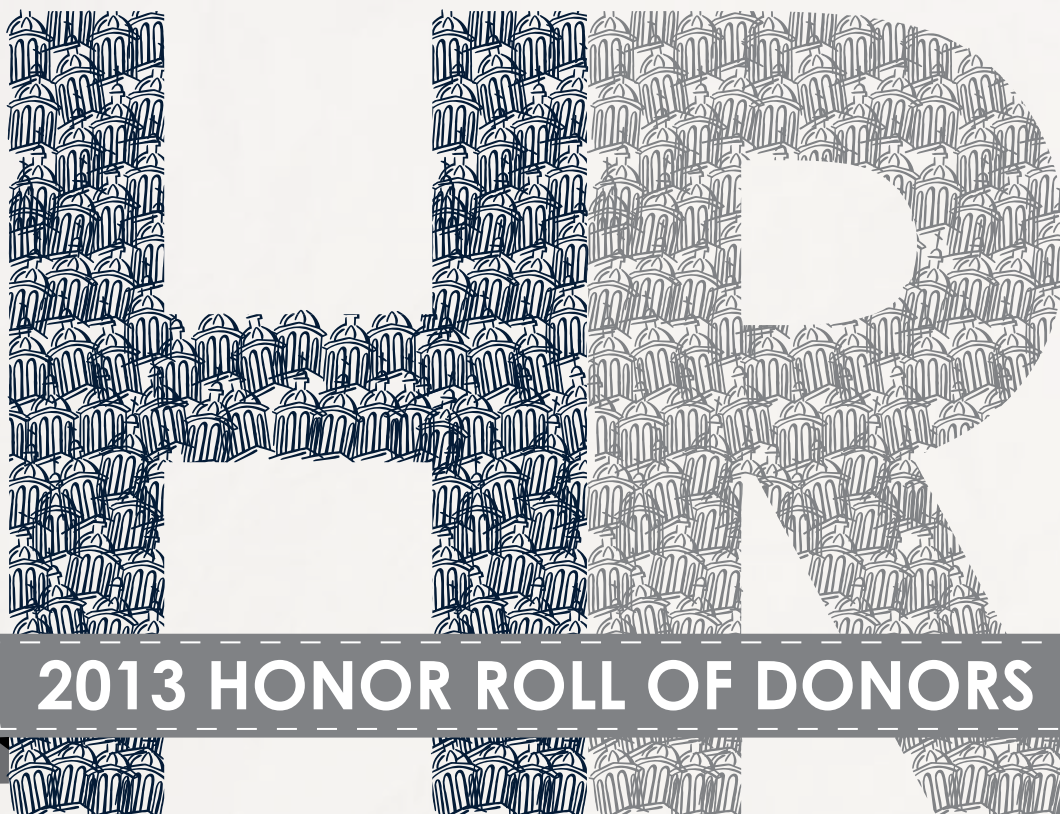
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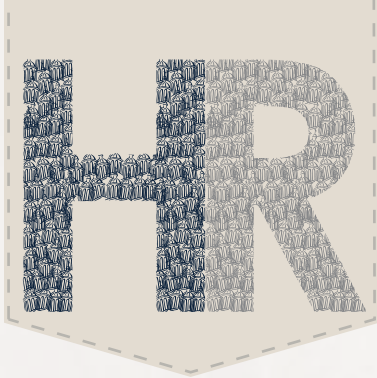
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class *notes*

'50s

Lou McNamara, C'54, Kansas City, Mo., is a new great-grand mother. Ayden Thomas Lucas Wayne Vivin, was born on St. Patrick Day, 2013

'60s

Mary Kathryn Stillwell, C'66, Lincoln, Neb., released a new book entitled *The Life and Poetry of Ted Kooser*.

Kelly, daughter of **Mary Walker-Baptiste, C'67**, and husband, Ray, had adorable Walker on Jan. 29, 2013. They live in eastern Montana.

'80s

Karen McIver-Wilson, C'87, Steilacoom, Wash., was recently elected to the board of directors of Tacoma Opera.

'00s

Allyson (Wolk) Wagner, C'00, M'03, Leavenworth, Kan., and husband, Ron, welcomed their first child, Lydia Josephine, on Jan. 18, 2013.

Stephanie (Balock) Nash, U'05, Leavenworth, Kan., and her husband, Ryan Nash, would like to announce the birth of their son, Austin Edward Nash, on Dec. 10, 2012.

Jayson, U'07 and M'09, and **Kara, U'07, Schwinn** would like to announce the birth of their third son, Ryan Thomas Schwinn. Ryan was born June 4, 2013, in Wichita, Kan. He was welcomed home by his brothers Bryce and Luke.

Geoff Peterson, U'09, Portland, Ore., completed his dental studies at Oregon Health and Sciences University on June 14, 2013. Dr. Peterson graduated with 74 other students, who had been selected from 1,132 applicants four years prior. Dr. Peterson earned his DMD title as well as receiving the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award and the International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award. In addition, Peterson was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year out of all of the disciplines offered on the OHSU campus. Geoff is the husband of **Rebecca (Summers) Peterson, U'09**, the father of Quinn Robert (age 2½) and the son of Gregg and **Amanda (Burns), C'80**, Peterson of Butte, Mont. Dr. Peterson will join a group practice at Raintree Family Dental in Lee's Summit, Mo.

'10s



Tawana Evans, U'13, Kansas City, Mo., was accepted into KU Medical School.

in memoriam

Academy '40s

Sister Darlyne Kern, A'45, Leavenworth, Kan., May 13, 2013.
For more on Sr. Kern, go to stmary.edu/aspire

Dolores Virginia Riley Cox, A'49, Corpus Christi, Texas,
April 19, 2013

Grace E. (Cissy) Lewis, A'41, Leavenworth, Kan.,
March 1, 2013

Paul McGovern, Sr., husband of the late **Loretta (Shad) McGovern, A'47**, Overland Park, Kan., March 26, 2013

'40s

Rose Frankovich, sister of our **Sister Virginia Flanick, C'42**,
Seattle, May 14, 2013.

Jeanne Eleanor Goettelman McDermott, A'44, Portland,
Ore., April 20, 2013. She was the mother of **Kathleen McDermott, C'70**.

Rosemary, (Cahill) Sachse, C'40, Leavenworth, Kan.,
March 10, 2013

Sister Margaret Pfennigs, C'42, formerly Sister Mary Teresita,
Leavenworth, Kan., April 14, 2013. For more on Sr. Pfennigs,
go to stmary.edu/aspire

Sister Agnes Eileen Dunn, C'42, Leavenworth, Kan., April 28,
2013. For more on Sr. Dunn, go to stmary.edu/aspire

Ray Lippman, husband of **Blanche (Becher) Lippman, A'44**,
C'48, Austin, Texas, March 21, 2013.

Joan (Woehler) Dobel, C'45, Omaha, Neb., May 8, 2013.

Sister Regina DeCoursey, C'44, Leavenworth, Kan., April 26,
2013. For more on Sr. DeCoursey, go to stmary.edu/aspire

Charlotte (Medill) Powell, C'43, Leavenworth, Kan.,
April 3, 2013.

Sister Irene McGrath, C'49, Leavenworth, Kan., April 8, 2013.
For more on Sr. McGrath, go to stmary.edu/aspire

Marie "Bebe" Westhues Staub, C'43, Minneapolis, July 2,
2013. "Bebe" was the sister of the late **Rosemary Westhues Rieke C'39**, and aunt of **Molly Rieke Reardon C'79**, **Terry Rieke Lyskowski C'74**, **Mary Rieke Murphy C'72**, **Sally Rieke Papreck C'69**, and **Sister Susan Rieke C'66**.

'50s

Sister Marie Kelly, C'50, Leavenworth, Kan., April 19, 2013.
For more on Sr. Kelly, go to stmary.edu/aspire

Ann M. Carroll, C'50, Huber Heights, Ohio, May 9, 2013.

Jacqueline (Wosser) Porter, attendee C'54, Irving, Texas,
March 15, 2013.

Sister Owen Marie Falk, C'56, Leavenworth, Kan., March 21,
2013 For more on Sr. Falk, go to stmary.edu/aspire

'60s

Mary Kaye Murphy Blickenderfer, C'60, Ranchos De Tao,
N.M., June 6, 2013.

Jessie Earlene Malone, C'65, Kansas City, Mo., April 7, 2013.

Shirley (Mura) McGlinn, C'66, Carbondale, Ill., December
24, 2012.

Nancy Quastler, C'68, mother of **Mary (Quastler) Chenovick, C'64**, Lenexa, Kan., July 17, 2012.

'70s

Chris Harris, C'74, Niles, Ill., lost her father, Mr. Engeman.

'80s

MaryAnne Viller Vance, C'88, Waukesha, Wisc., lost her
mother, Marie Miller, on Feb. 8, 2013.

Sister Loretto Marie Colwell, C'81, Kansas City, Mo., lost her
oldest sister Catherine Loretta (Lorie) Herrick, on May 29, 2013.

Sister Agnes Ann Kneib, C'80, Leavenworth, Kan., May 15,
2013. For more on Sr. Kneib, go to stmary.edu/aspire

'90s

Huey Auvil, father of **Andrea Auvil Jones, C'90**, Leavenworth,
Kan., June 3, 2013



Thanks for Attending Reunion



Saint Mary friends and alums who've signed up for our email edition of the *Aspire* have already been treated to photo galleries and other info on June's Alumni Reunion Weekend. For those who haven't, here's a quick recap:

Over the weekend of June 7-9, Saint Mary played host to some

very special guests: over 100 alums who made the journey back home for the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Memories and stories flowed all weekend while alums had a chance to reconnect and catch back up with one another. "Great food, friends, and stories made

this weekend the most enjoyable reunion I've had yet. Seeing so many of the Sisters who had an impact on my life was really special" said one alum.

Next year's alumni reunion is scheduled for June 6-8, 2014, and will be special reunion years for those classes ending in four or nine. If you would like more information or to help plan your Saint Mary reunion, please contact Sharon Clay at Sharon.Clay@stmary.edu.

View photos online at www.stmary.edu/reunion

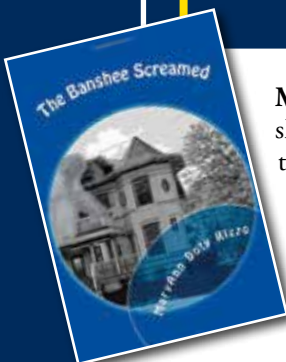
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publication *notes*



MaryAnn (Doty) Rizzo, C'73, Northeast Rezn, Wash., is pleased to announce that she has published her first novel titled *The Banshee Screamed*. She has also published three picture books.

All of MaryAnn's work can be found on **Amazon.com**.

Send news and notes on your publications to alumni@stmary.edu! Include a link to your work or an image of your publication's cover.

alumni calendar

Oct. 5



Denver Alumni Gathering
2-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5 at The Park Lane Condos, 460 South Marion Parkway, Building C. Socialize and enjoy refreshments other Saint Mary Alumni. Visit with USM President **Sister Diane Steele, C'83**, and **Sister Barbara Sellers, C'61**.

Oct. 21 - Nov. 3

USM Phonathon Fundraiser

Our students look forward to talking with you! We hope you answer the call and support student scholarships.



Nov. 9

KC Alumni Council Holiday Luncheon – Saturday, Nov. 9. Join us at Starker's Reserve on the Plaza for lunch to reconnect with classmates and hear what is new at Saint Mary. Also, this year we'll honor Sister Mary Vincentia Maronick for all the ways she has blessed the Saint Mary Community. Save the Date!



Sept. 13

Saint Mary Alumni Art Exhibit 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at the KCP&L Building, 1330 Baltimore in Kansas City, Mo. Sponsored by the USM Greater KC Alumni Council. Space donated by architectural firm BNIM. Minimum \$30 donation, with proceeds going to benefit student scholarships. Parking is adjacent to the building.

Featuring work from:

Teri Kay Willet, C'75
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For more information, go to

stmary.edu/AlumniArt

Have an alumni event coming up?

USM's development & alumni staff will help you promote your event! Contact Sharon Clay at 1-800-752-7043, ext. 6108, or email sharon.clay@stmary.edu if you need invitations designed or social media promotion.



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Mark your calendars to attend the Saint Mary Alumni Tailgate Party at this year's homecoming game against KCAC foe the Bethany Swedes on Saturday, Sept. 28! The theme for this year: Spiro's Big Tent, with a big-time circus feel!

Come to homecoming and enjoy a great tailgate cookout, a chance to reconnect with your classmates, and fun entertainment options for children. Lunch will be provided for alumni and family. This year's pregame activities include a special tailgate meal just for Alumni and activities for kids. Entry into the game is only \$5.

Fun and activities starts at 11 a.m. The game kicks off at 1:30 p.m.

RSVP to Sharon Clay at 913-758-6108 or Sharon.Clay@stmary.edu.