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Correction: Ian Knoop '09 took the pictures of the girls' state championship soccer team used in the summer edition of the PTM.

From the Chairman

As we come to the end of another semester at St. Mary's and another calendar year is quickly coming to a close, I'm struck by two certainties. The first is that the continuing dedication and generosity of our faculty, administration and parents are boundless, and the second is that of imminent change. Steve Hadfield has performed a Herculean task in leading our President Search Committee forward, and I am certain the final result will be equal to the effort: magnificent. As Steve has outlined in his article, we are very excited about the adoption of the President-Principal model for our future. Academically, St. Mary's has never been stronger, and this new model will allow us to dedicate more time and resources to the areas of development, alumni relations, communications, community relations, and fund raising. There is no doubt that with the selection of an experienced and talented President, it will only be a matter of time before these areas are on the same deserving plane as our academic programs. Look out Colorado!

Our Principal, John McCord, humbly mentions in his article the retooling of our finances here at St. Mary's. I say humbly because what Mr. McCord has done is quite remarkable. Expenses have been cut, yet the quality of the education at our school continues to improve. Because of this, I ask that you honor his request for your help moving forward. Please recall my personal desire for 100% current parent participation in this year's Annual Fund. Personally knowing a good many of you allows me to have supreme confidence in our ability to meet this goal, and I look forward to thanking each of you when we have succeeded.

While the uncertainty of change can often create anxiety, the change created by the adoption of our new leadership model has spawned great excitement. We could not have asked for a more dedicated, focused and intelligent Search Committee. The search is being conducted efficiently and professionally, and we look forward to your input in the next several weeks as the candidates make their way to our campus for their "meet and greets." Please take the time to participate in this endeavor as your opinions will be invaluable. When all of the collected input is summarized and our new President is hired into our St. Mary's community, the uncertainty of change will be transformed into the certainty of future success.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support for our school. We have much for which to be thankful in our present faculty and leadership and also in our very bright future. God Bless.

Joe Slavoski
Board Chair



Board Chair Joe Slavoski (center) visits with Vice Chair Ky McCarty and Treasurer Lee Madden before a recent board meeting.

From the Principal

Wow! It seems it was just yesterday the school year started, but suddenly Christmas is almost here. The old adage really is true: Time does fly when you're having fun! Certainly for me, and I hope for all faculty and staff, being a part of the St. Mary's community is fun!

Like every family and business, we at St. Mary's have taken a very hard look at our finances. We spent almost six months studying our operations to find ways to cut expenses without affecting the quality of our education and graduates. You may be aware our faculty and staff are smaller, which was accomplished mostly through attrition. However, better use of our teaching resources has made possible an even better student/teacher ratio in academic classes of sixteen to one without increasing the number of classes for each teacher. We are truly blessed with outstanding faculty and staff. Their dedication has not faltered, even though there were no pay increases this year. I am gratified not only by the staff's positive attitude, but also the positive response from parents and students.

Although we had a deficit last year, due primarily to the inability of some donors to fulfill their campaign pledges, things look much better this year. We were able to cover last year's deficit by using some of our modest reserves. Enrollment in mid-October was down less than five percent from last year, which in this economic climate is very encouraging. We have budgeted with care and believe this will be a positive financial year. Does this mean we don't need your help during the Annual Fund drive, the raffle, or the 125th Anniversary Gala? Of course you know the answer to that question. Remember there is a \$2,000 differential between tuition and the actual cost of educating each student. This year to help our struggling families, we are providing \$240,000 of financial aid. Your support of the Annual Fund and our other fundraising initiatives is essential to help us provide this financial aid as well as fulfill our primary mission of preparing tomorrow's leaders. Stories like the one in this issue about alumnus William Gohl's selection as a Rhodes Scholar confirm to us that our students will make a difference in the world. Fr. Joseph O'Keefe, S.J. of Boston College has said that the primary goal of a Catholic school is "passing on the joy of a Catholic way of life to the next generation, Catholic and non-Catholic." Maybe that's why we are having so much fun. Doug James, Math Department Chair, often says of St. Mary's "Ain't it great to be here?" Yes, it is. It truly it is! Vacra Sacra!



Principal John McCord (right) enjoys the 2009 Homecoming Tailgate with Monsignor Bob Jaeger.

In Christ,

John McCord
John McCord
Principal

SMHS Website

If you haven't checked out the St. Mary's website recently, take a look! St. Mary's has a new, expanded easy-to-navigate website. Not only will you find lots of current information about the school, you can also sign up to receive email notification of our latest news. The site also sends RSS feeds to our accounts on Facebook or Twitter. So, be sure to sign up for those as well. Alumni can submit address changes and class notes via the Alumni tab on the website. All visitors can support the school by giving to the Annual Fund online.

SMHS on Facebook and Twitter

Our St. Mary's Facebook Page continues to grow. Come check it out!

If you would like to become a fan of the page, there are a few simple steps you must follow.

1. Login to your Facebook homepage (or create a new Facebook profile if necessary)
2. In the upper right-hand corner of your home page, go to the search box and type in "St. Mary's High School"
3. Click on "pages" on the left hand side of the page, you will find a picture of the school.
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If you are not affiliated with Facebook and do not wish to create a profile, you still have the ability to view the St. Mary's page. All that you need to do is type <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-Springs-CO/St-Marys-High-School/58877258635> in your internet browser or google "St. Mary's High School Colorado Springs+ Facebook". The first link that appears will be our page.

To follow St. Mary's on Twitter, go to <http://twitter.com/SMHSColorado>.

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Pirates of Distinction

Gohl '06 is St. Mary's first Rhodes Scholar

William Gohl '06, a senior at Regis University in Denver, is St. Mary's High School's first Rhodes Scholar.

"Being a Rhodes Scholar was not one of my long-term dreams," Gohl said. But last year while reading about the characteristics Cecil Rhodes set in his 1902 will for scholarship recipients, Gohl realized they matched his own life goals. Besides academic achievement, a Rhodes Scholar must have the instincts to lead with moral force, devotion to duty, an interest in his fellow man, and the energy to use his talents to the fullest.

Gohl, a Boettcher Scholar and co-salutatorian of his SMHS class, was active at St. Mary's High School in sports and student government. His stint as SMHS student body president was training for his current position as the Regis student body president. As president Gohl not only manages the student senate but also sits on several Regis boards and manages a variety of student activities. His latest senate project is spearheading a student/community garden that will donate its harvest to local food banks.

At SMHS Gohl played football, basketball, and baseball, and in his senior year all three teams made it to the state playoffs, which is one of his favorite high school memories. At Regis he plays on intramural teams, and fall semester was on a basketball team with Kyle Harris '06 and Sean Mulligan '06. "We won the tournament," Gohl reported.

Community service is an aspect of life Gohl has embraced. At SMHS he completed more than his required number of community service hours, mostly as a volunteer Little League baseball umpire. Regis also encourages community service, and Gohl's service has ranged from tutoring ESL students to building homes with Habitat for Humanity. As a sophomore he was a peer minister in a residence hall.

"Will's a magnificent young man," Principal John McCord said. "If I were to try to draw a model of an ideal St. Mary's graduate, William Gohl would be that person."

Gohl feels Regis, like St. Mary's, has afforded him many opportunities because of its small size and caring, talented faculty. "I felt as well-prepared or better prepared as my classmates at Regis. St. Mary's helped me develop a work ethic. I was used to doing homework. There were a lot of really bright kids in my [high school] class. I was used to competition, and knew I didn't have to be the brightest student in the class to do well," Gohl explained.

Gohl also appreciates the atmosphere at Regis. "I'm glad I've been able to meet so many people who live their faith," he said of the Regis community. "Faith is the guiding philosophy that dictates how I live." The Jesuits' commitment to education and intellectual challenge have made a rich college experience. Gohl will graduate in May with majors in English and Politics and minors in Spanish and Business Management.

October will find Gohl at Oxford University in England with the other 31 American Rhodes Scholars. During his first year at Oxford he will complete work for a M.St (Master of Studies), the equivalent to a Master's Degree in English language and literature. His second year will be spent earning a M. Litt (Master of Letters) in socio-legal studies. The Rhodes Foundation offers the option of a third year at Oxford if recipients want to earn a doctorate. Gohl may do that or return to the United States and attend law school. He has done several internships with attorneys and looks forward to a career in some aspect of law.

"The dream begins now," Gohl says of the opportunity to study at Oxford.



Photo by Dan Vaccaro / Regis University

William Gohl's work-study job at Regis is editing the Honors Program's Newsletter.

Camous '09 earns national Forensics title

At the June 2009 National Forensics Meet in Birmingham, AL, SMHS Danielle Camous '09 was named the National Student of the Year out of the 30,000 high school seniors who competed in Forensics this year. Camous was chosen as the Colorado District Student of the Year last spring. From throughout the country seventy-five district winners were selected as semifinalists. Danielle was one of six finalists selected from this group. When they arrived in Birmingham, each finalist was interviewed by a committee of nationally recognized coaches. The award was based on the student's competitive career, academic performance, and the way in which she lived the NFL Honor Code which encompasses integrity, humility, respect, service, and leadership. A short video of Camous winning this award and receiving her crystal and marble trophy may be viewed at <http://nfltv.org/2009/10/16/2009-nationals-students/>. It will be found in the National Awards Part 2 video.

Camous also won St. Mary's first ever competitive award at Nationals by earning a spot in the octa-final round in US Extemporaneous speaking. In Extemporaneous Commentary Camous broke to round five, putting her in the top 15% of the 500 competitors in this event. Camous and her teammate sophomore Lauren Heery reached the first break in Expository Speaking. During her high school career, Camous competed in debate, extemporaneous commentary, expository speaking, and student congress. As the Student of the Year, Camous is a spokesperson for the National Forensics League, writes a column in *Rostrum*, the NFL magazine, and is featured in a NFL public service announcement throughout

the country. Camous is now a freshman at the University of Colorado at Boulder where she is on the varsity mock trial team. She is also an assistant speech and debate coach at Fairview High School in Boulder.



Photo: National Forensics League

Danielle Camous was named Forensics Student of the Year at the closing ceremonies of the national tournament in Alabama.

Sports

Fall Sports Summary

GOLF

Andrew Cornella '11 won 2nd place in the 3-A golf championship. He was also named to the 3A All-State team. **Matt Bucher** and **Ed Maton** also qualified for State. As a team they placed sixth.



Andrew Cornella '11

VOLLEYBALL

League record: 14-0
Season record: 22-5
Fifth place in State

Tri-Peaks All-League

1st Team

Alex Blitzer, Kylie Cornella, Christina Whitelaw '10

Honorable Mention

**Bria Sweeney
Sarah Tentschert**

**East Conference
Player of the Year
Christina Whitelaw '10**

**East Conference
Coach of the Year
Melissa Sweeney**

**Colorado Girls Sports
Coaches All-State Game
Christina Whitelaw '10**

SOFTBALL

League record: 2-5
Season record 8-13
Fifth place in League

Tri-Peaks All-League

1st Team

**Haleigh Dufaud
Teaja Rivera**

Honorable Mention
**Amy Klopfenstein
Laina Salani**

FOOTBALL

League record: 1-7
Season record: 1-9

Tri-Peaks All-League

1st Team

Karl Schroeder

Honorable Mention
**Michael Highland,
Cade Wolf, Sunny Munger**

CROSS COUNTRY

Tri-Peaks League Championships
Girls 3rd, Boys 4th

Regional Championships
Girls 5th, Boys 6th

Tri-Peaks All-League

1st Team

Girls:

**Lily Donnelson 8th
Sydney Harris 9th**

Boys:

**Matt Kloenne 8th
Sam Van Gampleare 14th**

3A Regional Championships

**Matt Kloenne 10th
Sam Van Gampleare 15th**
both State Qualifiers

BOYS' SOCCER

League record: 4-2
Season record: 13-4
Advanced to 3A State Semi-finals
after winning 1st, 2nd, and quarter
final State playoff games

Tri-Peaks All-League

1st Team

**Corey Friend, Ben Fetter,
Jack Gendron, Joe Morales,
Will Sharkey**

Honorable Mention

**Cory Cole
McKenzie Prantl**

CHEERLEADING

The cheerleaders competed in November at Front Range Christian High School in Littleton. They won first place in the 3A COED Division defeating James Irwin and Lyons. They were also awarded the overall Grand Champion trophy for achieving the highest score among competitors in all divisions, both cheer and pom.

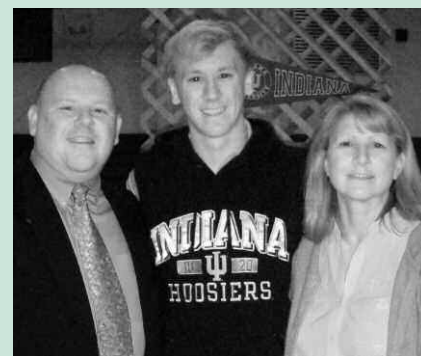
College Signings

Christina Whitelaw '10 signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Colorado Christian College in Denver.

Patrick Scally '10 signed a letter of intent to swim for Indiana University.



Christina Whitelaw '10 (center) with Athletic Director Ed Latimer and Girl's Head Basketball Coach Mike Burkett '71.



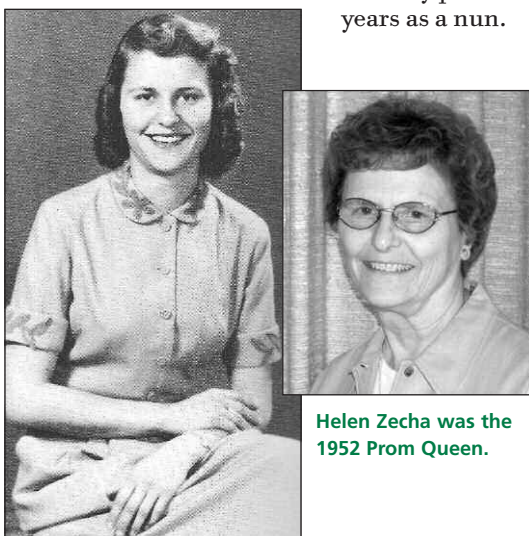
Patrick Scally '10 (center) with parents Sean and Kathy.

They Chose Religious

DURING ST.MARY'S 125 YEARS SEVERAL DOZEN GRADUATES HAVE ANSWERED A RELIGIOUS CALLING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. THREE WHO DID SO ARE **SR. HELEN ZECHA '52**, **FR. GEORGE FAGAN '62**, AND **FR. GREG KELLY '74**.

Sr. Helen Zecha '52

"The last thing I ever want to be is a nun," Helen Zecha told her friends at St Mary's High School one day after being reprimanded by one of the sisters at school. But upon graduation from St. Mary's Helen enrolled at St. Scholastica College in Kansas, and during her freshman year as she talked with her spiritual adviser, she discerned that her life journey would be walked as a Benedictine sister. That summer she entered the St. Scholastica Convent and took her final vows in 1959. "I'm very glad I made that choice," she says looking back on her fifty plus years as a nun.



Helen Zecha was the 1952 Prom Queen.

Sr. Helen, whose four siblings are all SMHS graduates, remembers her days in high school fondly, especially driving around with her friends in her 1934 Dodge. "We were a close class and always seemed to have fun. We did lots of things together." Hiking, picnics, and parties at the Cusak family home (now the Holy Cross Novitiate) in Green Mountain Falls were popular with the class. "Prom was always held at The Broadmoor,"

she stated. Helen loved all kinds of sports and was an ice skater. However, there were no girls' sports at St. Mary's, so she was a cheerleader for the boys' sports.

Two of the faculty she especially remembers are Sr. Henry Marie and Principal Monsignor Kelly, who later became superintendent. Sr. Henry Marie was young and vivacious and was a person the girls felt they could talk to. The Monsignor, a man of integrity, was respected by everyone.

At St. Scholastica College Sr. Helen earned a degree in elementary education and taught for twenty years in Kansas and Colorado. She loved teaching, especially grades three, four, and five. After her teaching career, she returned to Colorado Springs to assume administrative duties at Benet Hill. Today she is in charge of transportation at the sisters' new monastery in Black Forest. Sr. Helen, with her ready smile and upbeat outlook, still enjoys living in community and rubbing elbows with various personalities. She says that it keeps life interesting.

Sr. Helen believes the Benedictine sisters' spirituality is the same as it was in 1952, but the sisters have changed with the times. Most noticeable was shedding the traditional habits in the late 1960's, but not all changes are so evident. Today the Sisters are embracing twenty-first century technology to find new ways to serve people. For example, the Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program is now on-line and serves people in several states. Their willingness to be innovative continues to allow Sr. Helen and the other members of her order to serve people in an evolving world.

Fr. George Fagan '62

George Fagan, Jr. rode a SMHS bus to school from the Air Force Academy where he lived with his parents and four younger siblings. His father was the director of the AFA library.

Because he had to ride the bus home each day, Fagan was unable to participate in sports, but he was on the yearbook and newspaper staffs. He remembers enjoying Homecoming festivities including building class floats for the Homecoming Parade and decorating the gym for the Homecoming Dance with close friends, including **Scott Atwell '62** and **Roger Downey '62**, who became a Jesuit missionary in Japan. Fr. Downey eventually earned a doctorate at Cornell University and taught economics in Tokyo until his death two years ago.

Two staff members made a lasting impression on Fagan. Sr. Aileen Dalton, the SMHS principal during Fr. Fagan's high school years, was an exceptionally capable administrator. The teacher whose classes he remembers most was Sr. Mary John, his English teacher for all four years. Her enthusiasm for what she was teaching was infectious. "She loved to teach and she loved the literature she taught us, and she passed that love of literature on to her students," he recalled.

Juniors and seniors had retreats at Sacred Heart Retreat house in Sedalia, and it was at a retreat during his junior year that Fagan spoke with Fr. Campbell, the retreat master, about perhaps becoming a priest. Fagan entered St. Thomas Seminary in Denver after graduation and was ordained for the Denver Diocese in just before Christmas in 1969.

Life

During his career Fr. Fagan spent four years studying theology in Rome and worked in Uganda, but most of his career has been as a parish priest. He enjoys the parish family atmosphere, saying mass, and giving homilies. Currently he serves parishes in Limon, Hugo, and Flagler. Each Sunday he drives a 98 mile circuit saying mass in each of the three parishes.

Fr. Greg Kelly '74

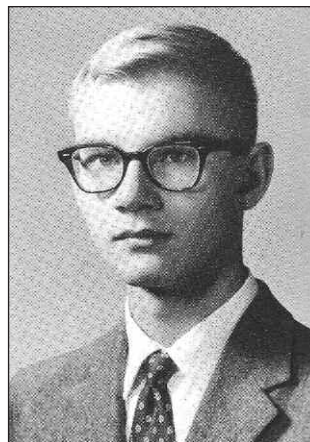
Fr. Gregory Kelly was a four-sport athlete at St. Mary's. Kelly played football, basketball, baseball, and ran cross country. He doesn't consider himself a talented athlete, but is grateful that he was able to play the sports he loved in a school that was small enough to give everyone who wanted to participate an opportunity to do so. One year he also had a part in the school's melodrama, which was a fun experience and a chance to do something a little outside his comfort zone. He enjoyed high school friendships, and he especially remembers Marty Yadrick, who became a dietician in California. The two still keep in contact.

"Greg is definitely one of those handful of people you meet in your life whom you consider your best friends," Yadrick said. "Greg and I were college roommates freshman year at CSU." The two have continued to visit over the years when Yadrick has been able to get to Dallas.

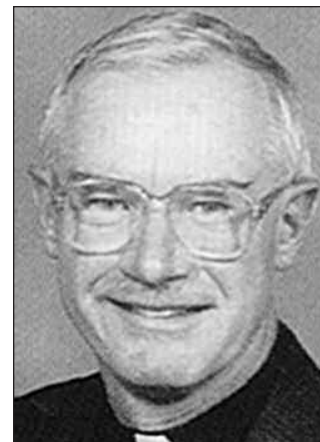
Yadrick has fond memories of Greg's family as well. "I always wanted to feel like an 'honorary Kelly.' They are not just any ordinary family," Yadrick says of Greg and his six siblings. "It's obvious to anyone that they were all raised with plenty of love, faith, and respect. The Kellys are self-assured but humble, strong in their faith but not fanatical, and always exude that positive spirit that you want to be around."

Both Yadrick and Kelly remember their years at St. Mary's as a happy time. Then, just as today, classes are always trying to find ways to finance activities. One year to earn money for prom, Yadrick recalls, they cleaned houses for Kelly's father, who owned a construction company.

Kelly also appreciated the attention St. Mary's faculty members gave to students. Classes were small and teachers took time to help students. Two teachers he especially remembers are Mr. McCeney and Mrs. Headley. McCeney, who taught world history, was a very fair teacher whose classes were always interesting. "He had good stories to tell," Kelly said. He also recalled that McCeney had an even personality and never lost his temper or seemed to get upset. Headley was an imposing English teacher. "She was fierce and didn't allow anyone to mess around in her classes," Kelly reflected, "but she thought every student was capable." Her high standards, belief in her students' abilities, and teaching skills made her an exceptional teacher. "She was just such an excellent teacher."



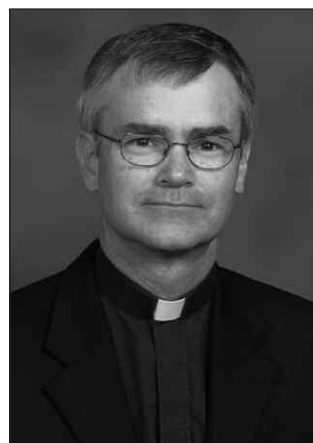
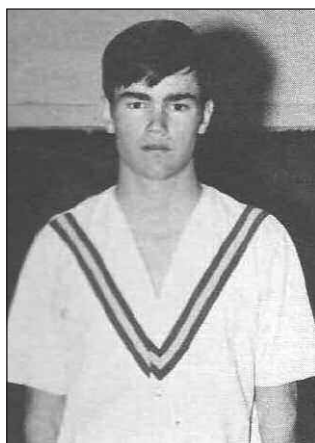
George Fagan enjoyed the retreats his class had in Sedalia.



During his high school years, Kelly had no interest in being a priest. After graduation, he headed to Colorado State University and for two years took general courses, not really finding a field of study that strongly appealed to him. At the end of his sophomore year, he decided that he wanted to attend seminary. After researching various seminaries, he chose Holy Trinity in Dallas, Texas. Leaving Colorado and the mountains for Texas wasn't easy, but Holy Trinity was all that he hoped it would be. Kelly knew he wanted to spend his life as a priest, and was ordained as a diocesan priest.

It was during that time St. Mary's Director of Development Matt Walter came to know Fr. Kelly. "His homilies were always well-crafted and interesting," Walter recalled. "When Fr. Kelly delivered the Gospel reading at Mass, he recited it from memory. He made the Gospel come alive as only a wonderful storyteller can."

In 2008, a new bishop was installed in the Dallas diocese, and he created a new office, Vicar for Clergy. He selected Fr. Kelly for this administrative position, which is where he now serves.



Greg Kelly played sports and was on the student council.

President-Principal Model Coming to St. Mary's

To meet the challenges of a growing school, the St. Mary's board of directors decided to change to a president-principal leadership model in 2010.

Dr. Steven Hadfield, who has chaired the search committee for a school president, explained this new model to the PTM.

PTM: What is a president-principal school management model?

SH: In this model the president is the chief executive officer responsible for the overall operation of the school and the focal point for school in the larger community. This allows the principal to focus on day-to-day operations of the school and its curriculum and programs. The principal also plays a key role in developing the spiritual aspect of the school.

PTM: What advantages does the board see for the school in this model?

SH: This model allows a leader with skills in business, financial planning, and public relations to focus on growing the school in those areas while the principal with educational leadership skills focuses on curriculum, implementing programs, and developing the school's Catholic identity to achieve spiritual development.

PTM: Are there other Catholic high schools using this model? What have been their experiences with this?

SH: Sixty-one percent of private Catholic high schools which are similar to SMHS employ a president-principal model according to a recent NCEA study. A study by the Jesuit community shows that 95% of presidents and principals in schools

using this model rate it either good or excellent. The vast majority of the dozens of Catholic high schools leaders with whom the board has spoken have recommended this leadership model.

PTM: What will be the responsibilities of the principal?

SH: The principal will be the educational and instructional leader of the school. Under this model the principal is responsible for curriculum, faculty evaluation, assessing student learning and discipline, and establishing an environment that fosters the spiritual development of faculty and students.

PTM: Will the board's responsibilities change, and if so, how?

SH: The board's responsibilities will not change under the new model, but we do expect the president to assume more of a guiding and unifying leadership role with respect to the business of the board.

PTM: What have you learned about the school through this selection process?

SH: St. Mary's High School is an amazing and blest community. The heart and soul of the school are the faculty and staff who are incredibly dedicated and devoted to their mission of educating the hearts and minds of our students. Of course the *raison d'être* for St. Mary's High School is its

students and they are a constant source of inspiration for all of us. Their enthusiasm for life and commitment to ideals larger than themselves make them truly special. Anyone familiar with the St. Mary's community knows that our apples don't fall far from the tree. St. Mary's families are deeply committed to the Catholic values of Faith and Family. Their devotion extends to the whole of St. Mary's community. Their children's classmates are more like family than merely friends and the focus is clearly on the success of all.

But even more important than who make up the St. Mary's High School community is the fact that we are truly guided and loved by our patron, Our Blessed Mother, and blessed by Our Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. No matter what challenge arises, the answers to our prayers are never far behind. The Spirit continually touches the hearts of the faithful and each selflessly brings unique gifts to the wonderfully intricate mosaic that is St. Mary's High School.



Members of the President Search Committee: Pat Davis (administration), Renee Adams (board), Kathy Hanshew (faculty), Gail Hickert (parent), Joel Ernster '72 (past board), Tim Raskob '81 (alumni), Steve Hadfield (committee chair).

Alumni / Class Notes

1950-1970

Mary Prior Dambman '53 became a great-grandmother for the first time. Hailey Elizabeth Tokarz was born the end of June.

Chuck Murphy '54 was named Outstanding Individual Donor for his contributions of time, finances, and expertise to non-profit groups in the Pikes Peak region by Partners in Philanthropy. Chuck serves on the board of directors of six non-profit organizations and was instrumental in building the new Marian House Soup Kitchen. He owns Murphy Construction.

Anthony Merola '68 has been doing contract work with the State Department since he retired in 2003. He recently finished a two-month assignment in Burundi Africa and will be going to Djibouti in January 2010.

George Cobb '69 has lived in California since 1987. He and his wife of 22 years have a daughter and a son.

Marty Yadrick '74, a registered dietitian, is the Director of Nutrition Informatics for Computrition in Los Angeles, CA. He is also the Immediate Past President of the American Dietetic Association.



1980s

Ana Villa-Neighbor '81 is currently an art teacher at Penasco High School, in New Mexico. She was an apprentice at a bronze factory in Santa Fe, NM and became a professional mold maker. She then chose to attend the University of New Mexico where she earned a BA in Art Education. She and her husband Brad have two daughters Cameron 10 and Delany 8.

Allen Kirby '80 and his wife Julie are enjoying being back in the Colorado mountains after eight years in New Mexico. They live in Florissant. Allen is Senior Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Mark Benson '84, Anna Shepherd Benson '83 and daughter Mahriana reside in Colorado Springs. After a stint in the pharmaceutical industry Mark now owns Benson Insurance Group LLC and Mark A Real Estate Services LLC.

John McGeath '84, his wife Ellen, and children Katie 5 and Ryan 4 live in Littleton. They returned to Colorado in 2002. John owns a government contract consulting business.

Lewis Walton '85 is currently deployed to GTMO-Cuba.

Rebecca Van Alstyne Tomek '76 is a programmer for KKTU where she has worked for sixteen years. She and her husband Mark have been married for 31 years and have a 14 year-old son Zach.



1990s

Linda Gasser Moore '91 works in the credit department at Wells Fargo. She and her husband Brett live in Colorado Springs.

Matt Holecak '92 and his wife Kathy have a daughter Bridget Nicole, born May 18, 2009. She joins siblings Madeline 7, Claire 5, and David 3.

Victor Elliot '92 and his wife Sigrid live in Chicago, Illinois and have a one-year-old son Eros Adrian. Vic is a self-employed web and print creative director.



Dylan Owens '96 is a student in the doctoral audiology program at CU Denver.

Rachel Brewer '93 and Nick Montoya were married August 7, 2009. They reside in Denver where both are teachers in the Denver Public Schools.

Jennifer Giachetti '95 and her husband, who works for the U.S. government, live in Wiesbaden, Germany. They have two children Taylor 13 and Ashlynn 20 months.



Gabriel Montoya '96 lives in Denver and works with children who have been diagnosed with autism.

Lt. Andres Pico USN '96, and his wife Shannon have a one-year old son Andy Wayne. Andres has served in the Navy since his graduation with a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M. While serving in an electronic warfare unit in Iraq,



he was awarded a Bronze Star. He is currently serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, whose home port is Bremerton, WA.

Sarah Keith Bryarly '97 and Judd Bryarly were married April 18, 2009. Sarah is a landscape architect and works for at the Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services. Judd is the vice president of Timberline Landscaping.



Angelina Barela '97 is working towards a master's degree in elementary education at Regis University.

Rachel Schneider Divito '97 and her husband welcomed their first child, Jackson Anthony Divito, January 14, 2009.



Jodie Pagan Kilpatrick '98 and her husband Timothy have three children, Darren 11, Celeste 2, and Lila 1. Timothy completed a cross-country bicycle ride in March 2009.



Chris McGinnis '98 and his wife Nema would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Ezra Annaleise, born October 19th in Des Moines, IA.

Marlissa Gonzalez "Rae" '98 graduated from CSU with a double major in chemical engineering and animal science. She, her husband Juan and son Rafael, who was born January 31, 2009, reside in Wetmore, CO. They own a horse training facility and show horses in reining, team roping, and western riding for their customers in state competitions throughout Colorado. Marlissa also works for the American Bucking Bull, Inc. as their Registry Coordinator doing genetics for the bucking bulls that compete in the Professional Bull Riders Association.

Maggie Green Ham '98 and her husband Alex have their third son, Robert Allen, who was born in November, 2009. He joins brothers Jacob and Patrick.

Dan Clarey '99 and **Elizabeth Brunette Clarey '01** and their one-year-old daughter Mia Paige live in Colorado Springs.

Brent Waller '99 is the Director of Student Affairs at Colorado School of Mines. He and his wife Quinn have a son Padric and expect their second child in December.

2000s

Rachel Fox '00 earned a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Denver in June, 2009. She lives in Englewood, CO.

Krystal Jelinek Brown '00 is one of the two lead vocalists at Showboat Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. She has also started work towards a master's degree in Disability Studies at CUNY. She and her husband live in New York City where he recently completed law school and passed the New York Bar exam.

Kelly Streicher '00 married Jeff Anderson in September, 2009. Kelly is an actor in television and films in Los Angeles, CA, and she is writing a screen play with her mother.

Captain Wendy Trimboli Roberts USAF '01 and Captain Matthew Roberts USAF were married November 29,

2008, in Ramstein, Germany. They honeymooned in Scotland after Wendy returned from four months in the Persian Gulf. They are both Air Force intelligent officers and are currently stationed at Offutt AFB in Omaha, Nebraska.



Captain Joe Corsentino '01 USA is currently assigned to Fort Campbell, KY, with the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade. He is a Kiowa Warrior Scout Reconnaissance helicopter pilot in the 2-17 Cavalry Squadron. A helicopter pilot for four years, he was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2008 and will be going back to Afghanistan in the spring of 2010.

Cherylin Clark Blitch '02 and Major Brian Blitch USA were married in January 2009 and currently live in Honolulu, Hawaii.

John Pico '02 has been deployed in the southern Helmand Province Afghanistan and writes, "we rapidly seized several kilometers of new territory from the Taliban in the largest airborne operation since the Vietnam War. We continue to protect the

Afghan populace and make life unpleasant for Taliban forces in their historic heartland. On behalf of myself, my wife Candice, and my daughter Kayla I wish you all a safe and motivated holiday season. Go Pirates Football! Semper Fi."

Kelsey Burkett '03 is teaching second grade at Divine Redeemer Catholic School.

Matthew Fitzgibbons '03 is teaching English in Mie Prefecture near Nagoya, Japan, and enjoying this new experience.

Lisa Tabbersen '03 and **Tim Carter '04** were married August 2, 2009. They reside in Denver.

Chris Lange '04 graduated from Colorado School of Mines with a degree in electrical engineering and is in a CSM master's degree program in chemical engineering.

Mary Pico Salazar '04 and 1st Lt. Edward Salazar USAF married July 11, 2009. They will be moving to Mildenhall RAF in the UK in February 2010.

Jessie Driller '04 is working towards a doctorate degree in physical therapy at Regis University in Denver.

1st Lieutenant Hayden Piscal '04, a 2008 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, is currently training to fly Blackhawk helicopters as a Medevac pilot at Fort Rucker Alabama.

Annemarie Grimaldi '04 graduated from Harvard in June 2009 with a Master's Degree in Education. She is currently working as the Assistant Director of Work Study Programs at North Cambridge Catholic High School, which is a Christo Rey school.

Kyle Beckert '04 lives in Arvada, CO. He is an auditor and is working towards his CPA. He plays adult club soccer, basketball, and volleyball.

Jimmy Mulligan '04 graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a degree in chemical engineering and is currently enrolled in a master's degree program at CSM.

In May **Logan Niebur '05** graduated from Xavier University (Cincinnati, OH) Williams College of Business with a degree in Marketing and is now working at Ashley Ward, Inc. as a Sales Representative. He resides in Cincinnati.

Brittany Murphy '05 graduated from Gonzaga University with a Political Science degree and is attending Western School of Law School in San Diego, CA.

2nd Lt. Kevin Garcia USA '04 graduated from Notre Dame in May, 2009, and after six weeks of Officers Training in Fort Sill will be stationed in Fort Hood, TX. Also at Fort Sill for training this fall was **2nd Lt. Dan Rowe USA '04** who graduated from the United States Military Academy in May, 2009.

Lindsey Heuser '05 graduated from Bowdoin College and is working at an AIDS hospice managed by the Sisters of Notre Dame in Hartford, CT.

Carrie Runyan '05 graduated from the Denver Art Institute and is a designer at D.S. Woods in Colorado Springs.

Nicole Smith '05 graduated from the University of San Diego and is working for the United States Strength and Conditioning Association in the Conference and Events Department.

Anna Waller '05 and 2nd Lieutenant Justin Wiley USAF were married October 3, 2009. They are living at Schott Air Force Base.

Michael Wynarsky '05 graduated from Johnson and Wales University in Denver with a culinary degree and is now working towards a restaurant management degree.

Melissa Hadfield '06 was elected Team Captain of the Boston College track and field team for the 2009-2010 season. Melissa, a long jumper and sprinter, has been selected All-New England five times.

Rachel Broerman '07 is one of the captains of the volleyball team at the University of Dayton. The team won their third consecutive Atlantic 10 Championship this fall and is nationally ranked 21st in Division I.

Ben Bonenfant '07 performed the role of George in the UCCS fall production of *Our Town*.

FORMER ST. MARY'S FACULTY

Audrey Lange, former librarian and resource and media center manager at St. Mary's, lives in Sun City West, AZ. She volunteers at her church's library.

Fr. Robert Mann, former St. Mary's teacher, lives in Sun City West, AZ. Although retired, he still says mass at local churches.

Alumni / Class Notes

Becky Gaughan, former music instructor, is the music director at St. Patrick's Parish in Colorado Springs.

Pat Holigan '58, former principal, is dean of students at J Serra High School in California.

IN MEMORIAM

Kari Lynn Patrick Fogle '87 passed away August 6, 2009 of breast cancer in Colorado Springs. Kari attended UCCS and earned a masters degree in special education. She taught at Howbert Elementary School. She is survived by her husband Bret, children Jacob and Isabel, her parents, and sisters Kris Glover and Denise Patrick.

Stephen "Steve" Lewis Mientka '77 passed away August 19, 2009 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He attended Beth El College of Nursing and was a physician's assistant.

Laymon J. Berndsen '58 died on 21 October. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and three children Robert '75, Dorothy '77, and Kenneth '78.

Annabeth King Robinson '57 passed away in October 2009.

Marcia Barry '50 passed away July 2, 2009.

James Nolan '50 passed away August 1, 2009.

James was captain of the SMHS football team during his senior season and was selected to be on the Southern Parochial League All-Star Team. He was also president of his senior class. He was retired and lived in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Norma Fakler Williams '49 passed away in October, 2009.

Charles T (Tom) Mudd '42 passed away August 27, 2009 at McCandless State Veterans Nursing Home in Florence, CO. Tom joined the navy, and after his service joined the Colorado Springs Fire Department, retiring as a Battalion Chief in 1979. After retirement he was a realtor in Woodland Park. He is survived by his sons, Mike and Dan and their families.

Mary Louise Ontiveros Holguin '64 passed away August 3, 2009.

Clint Leeper long-time St. Mary's supporter and volunteer died October 21. For many years he faithfully manned the concession stands at athletic events, served food and drinks at back-to-school picnic, and filled the printing needs of the school, no matter how short the deadline. He served quietly in the background never seeking accolades. He is survived by his wife Gloria and three sons **Terry '88**, **Mark '92**, and **Jonathan '96**.

Father Rawley Myers, long-time supporter and inspirational presence at St. Mary's, died November 25, 2009. He was the 12th man on the football team and a treasured friend to students, faculty, and staff. *(The PTM will include an article about Father Myers in the next issue. In February watch for an email asking for memories of Father Myers you would like to share.)*



The Class of 1951 held a "mini-reunion" on October 2-3 to celebrate St. Mary's 125th Anniversary. Several members attended the Homecoming football game. Pictured here (l to r) are Mary Mott Beutel and spouse, Larry Duran and spouse, Glenn Plush, Tom Lueb and spouse, Eileen Ash McAlister and spouse, and Ann Keating Fishter (seated)



The Class of 1954 celebrated their 55th reunion in September. Part of the weekend's festivities included releasing helium-filled balloons with the names of each deceased class member at the Grace Center. They concluded their weekend of activities with Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and breakfast in Manitou Springs.



The Class of 1959 gathered on the weekend of September 18-20, 2009 to celebrate their 50th class reunion. As part of the celebration, the class presented a compilation class photo to the school to be hung along side the countless other class photos. Pictured here (l to r) are Evelyn Maddox Maching, Mike Cimino, Jeanette Trujillo Grice, Pat Bottini, SMHS Director of Development Matt Walter, and Jim Schumaker.

Reunions Weekend 2010

Reunion's Weekend will be July 9, 10, and 11, 2010

Friday, July 9th

Major reunion class mixers (classes ending in "0" or "5")

Saturday, July 10th

- Annual Alumni Flag Football Classic
- All Alumni family picnic at the Grace Center
- Major reunion class dinners

Sunday, July 11th

- 8:45 AM Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Parent, Family and Alumni brunch at St. Mary's High School

For more information and for major reunion class contact information, please visit the "Alumni" section of www.smhscs.org.

Development

Fall Golf Classic Is A Success

It was a beautiful sunny September day as 106 golfers made a shotgun start at Kissing Camels Club for St. Mary's 33rd annual golf tournament. The day's events culminated with dinner at the Garden of the Gods club. This successful event, which raised approximately \$30,000 for the school, was made possible by the support of major tournament sponsors Roy Clennan of Freedom Financial Services, and Steve Calandrella of Bargain Book Warehouse. Other sponsors included Murphy Construction (**Chuck Murphy '54**), and Kibbeh LLC (Phil Eyen) which sponsored the dinner, and the O'Donnell Insurance Agency (**Mark O'Donnell '75**), and Sierra Commercial Real Estate (**Mark O'Donnell, Jr. '00**) which sponsored the Hole-in-One contests. Additional supporters included 30 tee and supporting sponsors, and 33 gift donors listed below.

For the second year in a row, First Place was awarded to the Becker, Cafasso, Delich, and Hettich team. Compass Bank was the best Business Team, and the Stapleton foursome took home the prize for Best Family Team. The Longest Drive winner was Mike Cafasso, and Miguel Colocho won the Closest to the Pin award. Marian Gonzalez took home both of these prizes in the ladies division. Make plans to join us next year! Contact Judy McCarty at mccjj@comcast.net or 527-0068.



Randy Geving, Jerry Tafolla, and Steve Calandrella enjoy a day of golf.

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February 1-5	Catholic Schools Week
February 21	Open House
March 17	Grandparents' and Volunteers' Mass
April 3	Alumni Basketball Classic
April 17	125th Anniversary Gala
May 24	Graduation
July 9-11	Reunions Weekend

Please contact Matt Walter, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, by email at mwalter@smhscs.org for more details about any of these events.

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