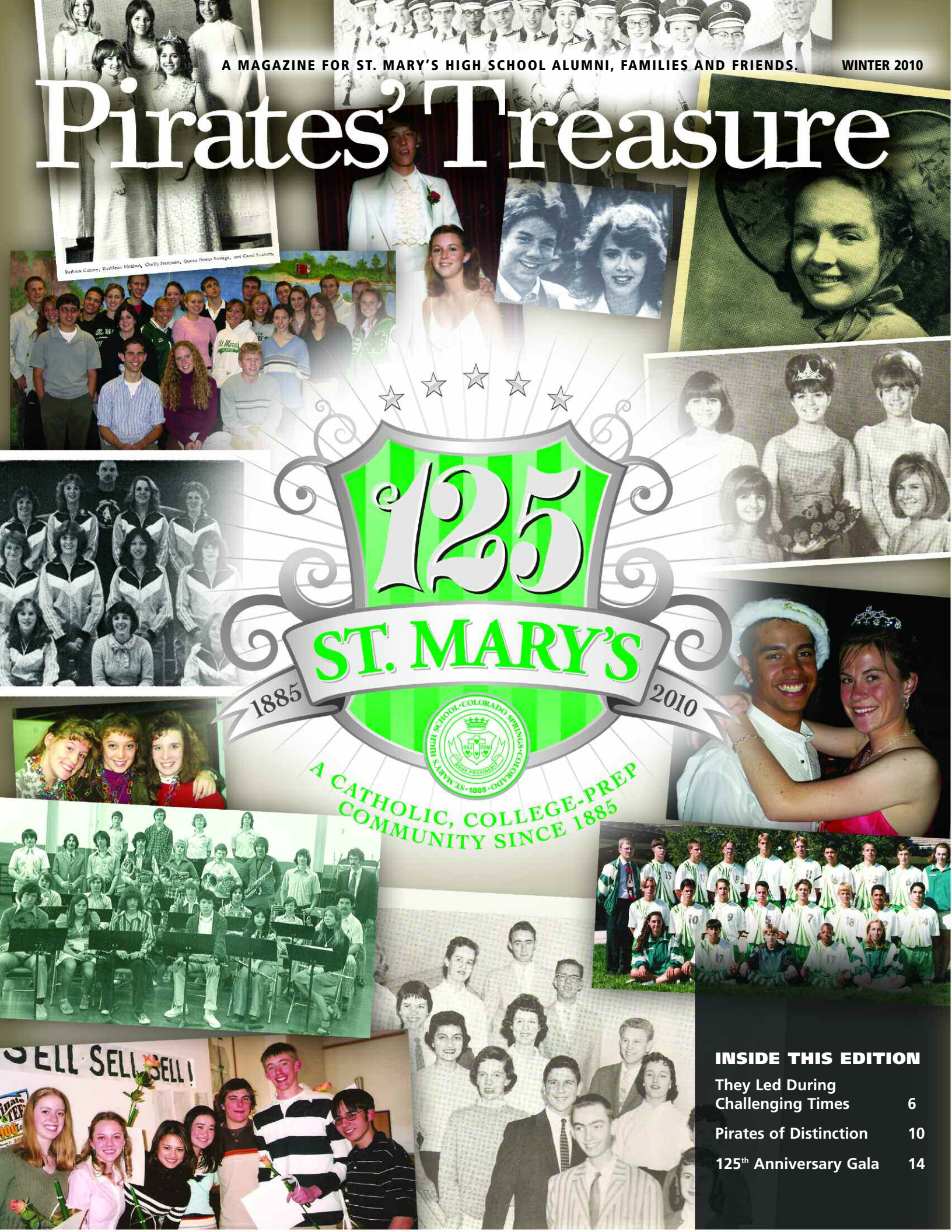


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Corrections: In the Fall 2009 edition the picture of Mary Pico Salazar and 1st Lieutenant Edward Salazar was inadvertently place next to Andres Pico's class notes.

Father Greg Kelly has four siblings.

From the Chairman

Excellence can be obtained if you:...care more than others think is wise;...risk more than others think is safe;...dream more than others think is practical;...expect more than others think is possible. — Anonymous

The extraordinary people highlighted in this issue share in addition to their past dedication to St. Mary's High School an unwavering commitment to excellence. We owe them a continued commitment.

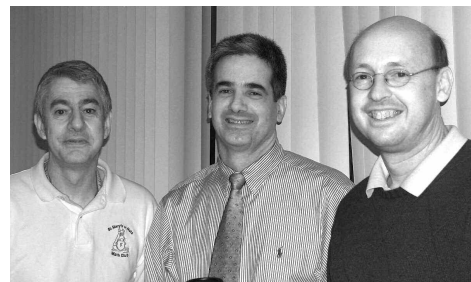
The past two years have brought remarkable changes, all with the goal of attaining ever greater levels of excellence at SMHS. John McCord has stepped into the vocation of Principal during a difficult transition period, when he could have remained more than content as a part-time teacher. Luckily for us, Mr. McCord *cared more than others thought was wise* committing to excellence. Our Board of Directors voted to approve the recommendation of the Transition Committee to adopt and implement the President-Principal model, *risking more than many others thought was safe*, all in the pursuit of excellence. We appointed a visionary leader as President, one with boundless energy, contagious enthusiasm, and passion for St. Mary's. More importantly, Deacon Dave Camous *dreams more than others think is practical* and believes in this as a path to excellence. Our faculty leads the way in our collective commitment to this goal by continuing to *expect more than our students think is possible*. Our students, in turn, recognize no academic limits. Taken as one, the foundation has been established for boundless success over the next 125 years.

SMHS has an enviable 16 to 1 student/ faculty ratio and a record of admission and scholarships to many top tier colleges. Indeed, 96% of our graduates go on to college. Our 2009 graduates averaged over \$60,000 per student in scholarships. We have such diverse successes as our first Rhodes Scholar, the captain of the Boston College Track and Field team, and the Editor of the Loyola University Newspaper. All of this has been achieved while remaining an *academic community modeled on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ*. Excellence has been achieved; excellence will expand and thrive in the future. We will remain true to our vision and mission just as those principals highlighted would have insisted upon. We have been able to limit our tuition increase next year to just 5%, keeping us \$800 less per year than comparable private schools. Our reputation as the best value in secondary education in all of Colorado has been forged in steel.

Let us collectively continue to care, risk, dream, and expect more than anyone thinks is wise, safe, practical or possible. We owe continuing excellence to the memory of those who have dedicated themselves to St. Mary's over the past 125 years. The future of St. Mary's has never appeared brighter. The leadership model has been adopted and the leader of that model will soon be seated, thus positioning us for unbridled future advancement.

Thank you all for your continuing support and prayers.

Joe Slavoski
Board Chair



Math department chair Doug James (left) visits with Joe Slavoski and Steve Hadfield (right) at the faculty and staff appreciation breakfast hosted by the board.

From the Principal

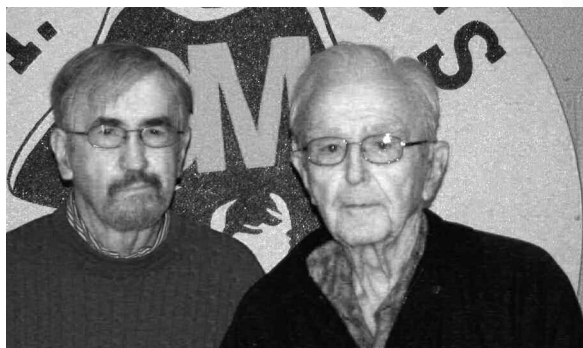
Wow! St. Mary's High School is 125 years old! As I try to contemplate that fact, I am overwhelmed. The school was founded nine years after Colorado gained statehood and just 20 years after Abraham Lincoln was President and the Civil War ended. I often think about the first principal. What were her problems? Electricity—no, running water—no, indoor plumbing—no, automobiles and school busses—no, I am sure that the small group of Sisters were far more concerned about staying warm and providing food for themselves and the local community. In spite of the hardships, they did a terrific job establishing Loretto Academy, now St. Mary's High School, as a center of Catholic education in Colorado Springs.

I also know that for 125 years St. Mary's principals have worked hard to continue the sisters' great traditions and demonstrate to the youth of Colorado Springs the great joy of being Catholic. One of the pleasures I have enjoyed in my years at SMHS is wearing St. Mary's clothing and continually encountering alums or their parents who are everywhere in Colorado Springs. We have a proud tradition, and each year St. Mary's students and alums raise the bar of excellence higher.

Celebrating our 125th anniversary gives us a great opportunity to reflect on our very proud history and the people from all walks of life who made it possible. We will do just that at our 125th Anniversary Gala on April 17, 2010, at the Broadmoor. If you have not registered to attend, I invite you to do so at www.smhscs.org/gala. Jeannie Ahrens, an alum parent and former staff member, has completed a book about the school's history, and it will be available for sale at the gala. She has researched for several years, and it will be a great addition to the histories of the Pikes Peak region. It's heartening to see what an important role our school has played in the region's development.

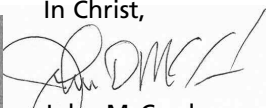
The 125 celebration is also the perfect time to begin planning the school's next 125 years. I know as administrators we often get caught up with what's happening today and don't spend nearly enough time planning tomorrow. But that is changing with our move to the President/Principal model of governance. Planning for the future — what we will look like in ten years, twenty years — will be a major topic for the new administrators. I know it is difficult to do this during these hard economic times but, we must be ready to move as the economy improves. And it will improve.

My hope for the new administration and board is that we can continue the traditions established by the Sisters of Loretto, providing an outstanding education, leading by example in our faith, and managing our resources in a highly effective manner. The future looks extremely bright. I pray that the second 125 years will be filled with as many successes as the first.



John McCord and Bob Zecha '42 taught together in St. Mary's math department during the 1990's.

In Christ,


John McCord
Principal

SMHS Website

It is easy to contact St. Mary's High School through the website. Just go to www.smhscs.org. Information and pictures for class notes may be posted by going to the alumni tab, which is in the upper right corner. Check out Pirate sports and activities by browsing the site. Don't miss information about the 125th anniversary gala at www.smhscs.org/gala!

You can find St. Mary's High School on Facebook, too. Become a fan by going to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-Springs-CO/St-Marys-School/58877258635>. You can also Google "St. Mary's High School Colorado Springs+Facebook. To follow St. Mary's on Twitter, go to <http://twitter.com/SMHSColorado>. Check it out!



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We continue celebrating St. Mary's 125th anniversary in this issue, highlighting people who have led the school during challenging times.

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On Campus

Perfectly 800

Seniors **Amy Klopfenstein** and **Will Wheeler** scored a perfect 800 on the English portion of the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Senior **Matt Bucher** scored a perfect 800 on the math portion.

Klopfenstein has played on the SMHS softball and soccer teams all four years. She is co-editor of the school paper and a member of NHS and NSHS. Last summer she interned at the *Catholic Herald*. Klopfenstein has not yet selected a college.



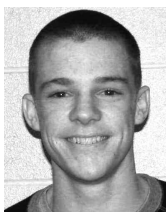
Klopfenstein '10

Wheeler is a member of the forensics team. He competes in extemporaneous speaking, congressional debate, and public forum debate, and hopes to debate in college. He is secretary of the senior class. Wheeler is considering a political science major, but has not yet decided where he will attend college.



Wheeler '10

Bucher qualified for the state golf tournament this year, and he is captain of the baseball team. He has been a student ambassador for four years, and he is treasurer of the senior class. He has not decided where he will attend college.



Bucher '10

SNHS Members Writing is Published

Fiction or non-fiction essays by seniors **Katie Raskob**, **Michelle Salazar-Lopez**, **Lily Donelson**, **John Ernster**, **Mary Ward**, **Angelina Dichiera**, and **Teresa Reilly** and juniors **Michelle Bailey**, **Megan Kangiser**, and **Matt Kloenne** were published in *Albricias Magazine*, the Spanish National Honor Society publication for its 1,800 high school chapters.

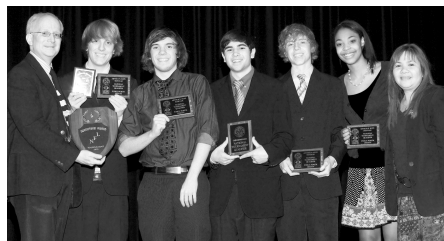


Photo by Michael Chamberlain

Forensics National Qualifiers: (from left) Coach **Dave Camous**, **Will Wheeler**, **Ethan Wackerman**, **Brendan Camous**, **Cameron Hickert**, **Rosie Wayne**, Assistant Coach **Rosie Camous** look forward to going to **Kansas City** in June.

Forensics Members Qualify for National Tournament

Five St. Mary's Forensics team members qualified for the National Forensics Tournament which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri. **Ethan Wackerman '10** and **Will Wheeler '10** won first place and **Cameron Hickert '12** and **Rosie Wayne '12** won second place in Public Forum Debate at the National Qualifying Meet in Pueblo, so both debate teams will be going to Nationals in June to represent the Southern Colorado District. **Brendan Camous '11** earned a trip to Nationals, too, by winning first place in Humor. For the second consecutive year the SMHS team won the Colorado Grande NFL District Championship. Capping the team's successful season, fifteen members qualified for the state forensics tournament.

Fourteenth Successful Baby Food Drive

The St. Mary's National Honor Society baby food drive, which began in 1996, collected over 7,000 jars of baby food this year for the Life Support Center. The Center distributes the food to needy families. Since the baby food drive's inception, NHS has given the Life Support Center more than 80,000 jars of baby food.



Photo by Amy Klopfenstein

NHS officers (from left) **Matt Bucher**, **Sarah Palma**, **Katie Boone**, and **Brogan Barr** led this year's successful baby food drive.

NAHS Donates Easter Baskets for Seventh Year

The SMHS National Art Honor Society is again assembling Easter Baskets that will be distributed to children through Partners In Housing. Since NAHS started this community service project in 2003, over 800 Easter Baskets filled with goodies donated by the student body have been given to Partners In Housing clients.

Pi-Rats Add to Their Record

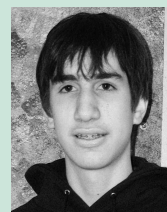
Juniors **Renata Bucher** and **Peter Rottenborn**, sophomore **William Palma**, and freshman **Stephen Murphy** were finalists at the University of Northern Colorado's annual math contest. Of the 1541 contestants, these four SMHS competitors were among the 263 finalists.



Bucher '11



Rottenborn '11



Palma '12



Murphy '13

Photos by Elizabeth Easton

Sports

Winter Sports Summary

BOYS BASKETBALL

Season Record: 12-12

League Record: 9-5

Tri-Peaks League

6th place

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Season Record: 21-3

League Record: 13-1

(Tri-Peaks East Champions)

Tri-Peaks League

2nd Place

Regional Tournament

1st Place

3A State Tournament

5th Place (Consolation Champions)

SWIMMING

Season Record: 4-4

Independent League

4th place

4A State

16th out of 49 teams

Individual State Results

Brogan Barr '12:

100 Freestyle: 7th place

200 Freestyle: 14th place

Tenley Barr '11:

100 Breaststroke: 7th place

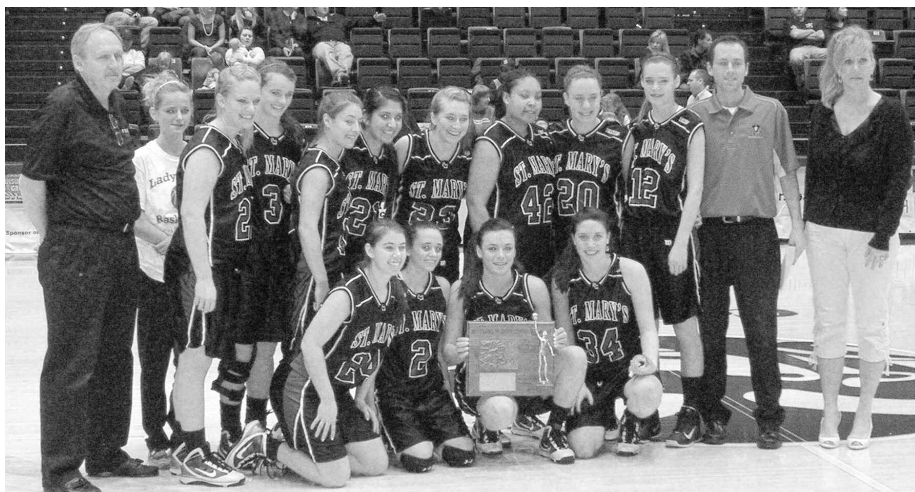
200 Individual Medley: 13th place

Tenley Barr '11, Brogan Barr '10, Heather Black '12 and Meghan Harder '13 placed 12th in the 200 Freestyle Relay and 16th in the 400 Freestyle Relay



Senior Signs On With Vanderbilt

Senior Kara Slavoski (center) with from left Ed Latimer, athletic director, her parents Hope and Joe Slavoski and track coach Deb Hellman, signed a letter of intent to attend Vanderbilt University. Slavoski has been a standout cross country and track athlete during her career at SMHS and holds the school sophomore and junior records for 5000 meters in cross country. Slavoski has been selected to the All-League First track team three times and has been lauded as a Gazette Peak Performer three times in track and two times in cross country. A stress fracture cut short her cross country season last fall. At Vanderbilt she will run both cross country and track. Slavoski plans to major in pre-med or bio medical engineering.



Coach Mike Burkett '71 and the Lady Pirates basketball team earned a trip to the "elite eight."

Photo by Bill Raskob

They Led During Challenging Times

Throughout St. Mary's 125 year history, it has been fortunate to have many outstanding leaders. In this issue we feature three who led during challenging times. **Monsignor William Kelly** came to St. Mary's as a newly ordained priest when the country was in the depths of a depression. His twenty-eight year tenure spanned World War II, the Korean War, the country's entrance into the atomic age, and the rock 'n roll era. A man of integrity, wit, and wisdom, he left an indelible impression on the school and the students fortunate enough to know him. **Sister Aline Dalton**, a strict disciplinarian, was principal as the country elected its first Catholic president and the hippie free-love culture swept the nation. She was one of the last Sisters of Loretto to be principal of St. Mary's. **Andrew Middlemist** was at the helm as the faculty make-up changed from nuns and priests to mostly lay teachers. He was also the steadying hand when the school became an independent Catholic school rather than a diocesan entity. His experience and assurance helped the school weather those rocky times. He was also on board when the school moved from its downtown location to its current campus and enrollment doubled from the school's first days as an independent Catholic school.

Monsignor William Kelly

In 1932 fresh from his ordination at St. Thomas Seminary, Father William Kelly arrived in Colorado Springs as an associate priest and a member of St. Mary's High School staff. It was the beginning of a twenty-eight year relationship marked by mutual respect and admiration. Father's Kelly's intellect, wit, musical talent, and wisdom left a lasting impression on the students fortunate to attend SMHS during his tenure.

Two years after his arrival, when Monsignor Kipp, the senior priest, appointed Father Kelly superintendent of schools, the country was in the depths of a depression and war loomed on the horizon. But in this challenging time, St. Mary's students, all of whom Father Kelly knew by name, were nurtured academically and spiritually on their journey towards adulthood. Except for yearly home visits, Monsignor Kipp left all school duties

to Father Kelly, who became a monsignor in a few years.

"The times were difficult," said **Betty Jo McCracken Ehn '42** of her years at St. Mary's, "but Monsignor Kelly kept us together with faith and hope. He took an interest in every student, especially the ones who were shy or not the most popular. Serving them was his way of serving God."

"Ours was a close-knit class without any cliques," remembers **Bob Zecha '42**, "and Monsignor Kelly encouraged that caring attitude. If a few kids were in trouble, we all took a share of the blame. He wanted us to look out for each other." Students who misbehaved were required to serve a Saturday morning detention, three hours of sitting quietly and listening to classical music.

Monsignor Kelly enjoyed a lifelong friendship and partnership with the chief of police, IB "Dad" Bruce. If a policeman caught a St. Mary's student doing something wrong, Chief Bruce called Monsignor Kelly to come get the miscreant. Monsignor Kelly would take the offender to the nearby Village Inn restaurant, buy him a meal, and counsel him for as many hours as needed to help him see the error of his ways.

Bill Damast '53 remembers Monsignor Kelly fondly. "He got me a date to the senior prom because I didn't want to go. And he caught us playing cards in the basement of the church while he was praying upstairs." (Saturday morning detention)

Mickey Elliot '63 has never forgotten Monsignor Kelly's compassion when his father died in 1956 at a St. Mary's hockey game at the Broadmoor Ice Rink. "It was Monsignor Kelly who provided comfort to my brother and me. With gentle words he told my brother and me that Dad was in heaven and he and St. Mary's would take care of us. And he did. I was eleven years old and my brother Dick was twelve. Years later, Monsignor Kelly always asked me how my mom was doing, and told me how proud he was to have known and worked with my dad (Harry R. Elliott), and what fine boys we turned out to be."

Monsignor Kelly was a talented musician, and loved the performing arts. For **Harv '52** and **Marilyn '52 Weber Morgan**, and most SMHS students during Kelly's tenure, the yearly operettas were a lasting legacy. "Monsignor Kelly would make an annual 'pilgrimage' to

"He was direct and sugar coated nothing."

— **Bob Zecha '42**

New York to observe the current Broadway plays. He would then decide which one he wished to put on with his fledgling thespians at St. Mary's High and commence to 'direct' us into a semblance of a decent performance," Harv Morgan recalled.



Monsignor Kelly was a talented musician and enjoyed accompanying his students when they rehearsed for the school's operettas.

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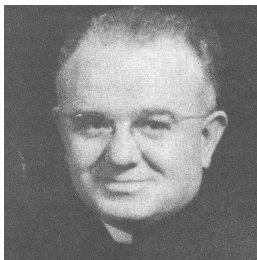
"Everyone was involved in the operettas in some way—acting, dancing building sets, or working backstage," Bob Zecha explained, "and we performed at the Fine Arts Center. It was a highlight of the year." Monsignor Kelly directed, accompanied musical numbers on the piano, and relished the production.

Teresa Trujillo DeSousa '56 has fond memories of the operettas, too. "I was lucky enough to be a tango dancer in one production." She also recalls that Monsignor Kelly admonished freshman girls that there were no Lana Turners here; therefore, there would be no pullover sweaters.

Monsignor Kelly's senior religion class lecture about the "birds and the bees" was legendary. He had no qualms about tackling controversial subjects. "We sat silently, looking straight ahead, making no eye contact," Bob Zecha laughed. "He was direct and sugar coated nothing."

After World War II ended, Monsignor Kelly guided the school through the changing social landscape. He was the public face of St. Mary's and affectionately called the "Bishop of Colorado Springs" before Colorado Springs became its own diocese. Plans for an addition to the school that had been scraped in 1941 because of the war were resurrected as enrollment swelled to 600. Of course, the cost had increased, and Julie Penrose, a close friend of Monsignor Kelly who had already donated \$125,000 for the addition, donated another

\$125,000 so the project could be completed. On a trip to Rome accompanied by Monsignor Kelly, Mrs. Penrose also purchased several statuary for the school, one of which still resides in St. Mary's High School foyer today.



Monsignor Kelly imbued the class he taught with humor. He often brought a *Reader's Digest* to class and read the jokes to his students.

On June 5, 1960, within days of Father Kipp's death, Monsignor William Kelly suffered a heart attack and died at age 54, devastating the school and community. For nearly three decades during depression, war, and the beginning of the atomic age, Monsignor Kelly had been the heart and soul of St. Mary's.

Sister Aline Dalton **Celebrating a Life Well Lived** *By David Gorman '64*

As St. Mary's High School celebrates its 125th Anniversary year, it is important to reflect both on the institution itself as well as the faculty and staff, both past and present, who have been so instrumental in the growth and success that St. Mary's has enjoyed over these many years. It is these individuals who deserve to be honored for the important role they have played, and continue to play, in the lives of so many students and graduates.

One such individual is Sister Aline Dalton, Principal of St. Mary's High School from 1959 to 1964. For those of us who attended St. Mary's during those years, Sister Aline represented a positive authority figure who was able to be both strict and supportive at the same time—an often difficult balance to achieve. Through her personal efforts, patience, sincere concern, and strong leadership, Sister Aline set a positive course for a decade of students who could not possibly have immediately understood the impact that she would ultimately have on their lives. I am one of those students.

For the majority of my classmates, those years represented a critical time of meaningful personal development, an affirmation of individual capabilities, and an opportunity to begin charting the course they would follow for the rest of their lives. In my case, I remember just wanting to somehow get through to the end. For reasons which I would only fully comprehend much later, I entered that experience with very low expectations of my own capa-



When Sister Aline was principal, nuns were reevaluating their role in the church and society. Soon after that many nuns chose to wear regular street clothes rather than traditional habits.



bilities and with no real direction on where I wanted to go or how I would get there.

In too many other situations, this lack of motivation and poor level of achievement would have relegated me to that unspoken group of students who "just cannot be helped." Fortunately for me and many other students, Sister Aline would not give up. She was strict in her discipline, consistent in her approach, and unwavering in the confidence she demonstrated in us. In truth, she had more confidence in us than we had in ourselves.

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— David Gorman '64**

Eddy Varrone '64 recently related to me the time which Sister Aline spent "negotiating" chores for him to complete in order to resolve fines and demerits which he had justifiably received. "Sister Aline was a great inspiration to me during my senior year," Eddy remembers. "She told me it was 'too late to start studying now,' but that I could still make something of my life if I would just apply myself to getting a college degree. She recommended I start out at a community college, which I did. I was so appreciative for those words of encouragement."

For Dick Pfalmer '64 Sister Aline was one of the people who helped form the person he became. One of her lessons was that "we are all equal, but not the same." In 2004 Pfalmer saw Sister Aline in Denver. He was surprised to learn that sometimes he and his classmates

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had done things that were so funny, she had to go into her office and close the door so they wouldn't see her laughing. Pfalmer spent his share of time speaking to Sister Aline in her office due to infractions in class. He was surprised to realize she wasn't as tall as he remembered her being when she was handing out punishments.

Today Sister Aline is retired and resides at the Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx, KY. She recently celebrated her 70th Jubilee as a Sister of Loretto. During the celebration, which was held December 8, 2009, Sister Aline renewed her vows before the entire community and was watched over by several of her family members. I spoke with her following that event and asked her about her recollections of the years she spent at St. Mary's.

Fortunately, she does not dwell on the challenges that some of us created for her and the staff during those years. Instead she recalls her time at St. Mary's as very important to her own personal and spiritual development, and especially appreciates the leadership she and others received from Monsignor Kelly during that time. She related that the Monsignor assigned her the responsibilities of Principal without letting her know he was about to do so. She recalls being "flabbergasted" by the news and very appreciative of the confidence he placed in her.

Given the significant role that Sister Aline played in so many lives, I think it is fair to say that we all owe her and Monsignor Kelly a debt of gratitude.

Andrew Middlemist

When entering Principal Andy Middlemist's office, a visitor's eyes were drawn to the sign that hung behind his desk: *Is it best for kids?* That was Andy Middlemist's guiding tenet.

"His style was all about kids," said Kristen Rigdon, former SMHS admissions director. "He didn't just know students' names, he talked with them about what they were doing and what was of interest to them." Middlemist was usually in the halls as classes changed, in the Cove during lunch, and at most athletic and school events. He understood the pulse of the school.

Andrea Silva '02, Middlemist's granddaughter, says that he still asks about her classmates and enjoys news about them. Middlemist's daughter **Sandi**

Stockton '80 confirms that he doesn't forget students who left the halls of St. Mary's long ago. "He remembers students from thirty years ago," she said.

Middlemist was known for his quiet, calm demeanor. "[We students] learned that a quiet resolve is more effective than a tirade when dealing with the unruliness of life, regardless of the provocation. That man could squelch the loudest ruffian with a look, and the tensest of conflicts by wordlessly walking into the center," recalls **Jeanette Kelly White '81**.

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— Jeanette Kelly White '81

SMHS teachers, including Rigdon and Kathy Hanshew, knew they could count on Middlemist's even temperament as they dealt with problems large and small. "He was very supportive," Hanshew said. "He was low key and didn't get upset. And he was always willing to do whatever needed to be done whether it was sweeping floors or driving a van."

Middlemist's ability to schedule classes was almost mythical. Before computers, he did all the scheduling by hand. "I recall walking into his office where he had half-dozen eight-foot tables covered with over 1,000 note cards, each representing one student and one class," said **Mark O'Donnell '75**. Middlemist patiently arranged and rearranged cards until every student was placed in desired classes and teachers' schedules were filled, a process that took days to complete. Somehow he always managed to get kids into the classes they wanted. Even after the school acquired a computer system and scheduling software, Middlemist often did some hand scheduling so a student could have a class the computer rejected. It always came back to that question: *Is it best for this kid?*

Middlemist's humor and sense of playfulness were also a part of his leadership. **JoAnn Lickar '79** fondly recalls getting in trouble when she accepted **Coco Comer '79's** dare to use her squirt gun on a teacher walking down the stairs. The teacher told her to go get Mr. Middlemist. She explained to him what happened and they went back to

the classroom where she apologized. "As we walked back to the main building through the breeze way, Mr. M gave me a good squirting with my squirt gun. It was hilarious."

When his granddaughter Andrea was at SMHS, Middlemist usually smiled as they passed in the hallway and said something silly to make her laugh. "I have only good memories of my grandfather as my principal."

That Middlemist is a man of faith is evident to all who know him. "The Gold Standard, he embodies the moral and ethical lessons of Christian life by the way he lives them. As a result, we, the student body, learned to develop and affirm our values via his example," White explained. Middlemist, taught them to be respectful and open-minded by treating them with respect and honoring their perspectives. His endless hours of dedicated work for the school also taught them to work hard and dedicate themselves to their education.

"Andy is a hardworking Christ-centered man who led by example," science department chairman Hanshew said. "He was wonderful to work for." Middlemist always felt that teachers didn't work for him but rather with him. It was a partnership to make the school a good place for kids.

Rigdon concurred. "He was not just a school principal, he was a Catholic school principal. His faith was quietly evident every day."

Andy Middlemist held several roles at St. Mary's High School during his twenty-five year tenure—coach, business manager, teacher, athletic director, assistant principal and principal. His myriad contributions to St. Mary's High School's success are significant, but not always widely recognized.

Middlemist first came to SMHS as the business manager and basketball



Four of Andy and Genia Middlemist's children, Sandi, Steve, Scott, and Sean, graduated from St. Mary's. Oldest daughter Shari graduated from Benet Hill.

coach. However, he was destined to be the principal. Three times when a principal had to leave, he was tapped to take over. But he didn't want the job permanently until he had his administrative certificate, which he earned by attending summer school for four years.

Looking back he believes his mother first taught him how to be a principal. She was the only woman on the Antinito school board in southern Colorado. At dinner she talked about the issues and problems of the local school, which was so poor that nuns were invited to teach there. Young Andy absorbed much knowledge he would use later.

After getting his business degree from CU, Middlemist worked as an accountant and manager in California until his mother persuaded him to return to Antinito to be the school's business manager and basketball coach. He worked there for ten years before he accepted the job at St. Mary's and moved his family—wife Genia and five children—to Colorado Springs.

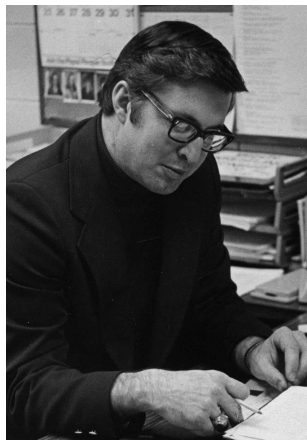
Middlemist recalls his first years as the SMHS business manager working with the nuns who ran the school. "My first job was making them understand they had to collect tuition so we had money to run the school. They didn't want to turn any kid away. Fortunately, I had worked with nuns in Antinito and understood how to deal with them."

Middlemist served several stints as principal, between 1975 and 2000, each

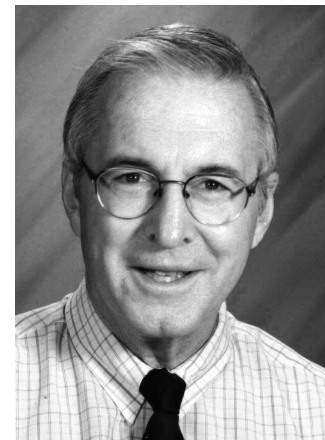
with its own challenges. The first major change was in the 1970s when the nuns, who had been the main teachers, left and were replaced by lay teachers. It was a cultural and fiscal shift that required understanding and adjustment from students and parents.

Perhaps none of the changes, however, was more difficult than the first years following the school's 1987 change from diocesan to independent school. Parents were concerned about stability when the new independent school was formed. Middlemist phoned every family to assure them, and nearly 150 students made up the first independent student body. He was the glue that held the school together.

"Andy provided academic knowledge and offered assistance in the arena of personnel and staffing for the Committee of Catholic Secondary Education," O'Donnell said of those years after 1987. "He put St. Mary's High School ahead of personal goals." Money was tight and the future unsure as the new board traveled the unfamiliar road as a small independent Catholic school. Middlemist was a steadfast partner, serving in whatever



Andy Middlemist led St. Mary's High School into the computer age and established the school's first computer lab.



way the board needed. He and Leo Smentowski '54 worked tirelessly with the board to keep the school afloat financially.

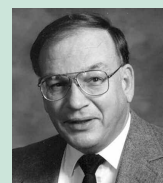
"I think my role at St. Mary's over the years was being a bridge between the old and the new," Middlemist said.

In 1992 when the downtown building was no longer available, Andy agreed to become principal once again and helped the school make a smooth transition to its current home on Yampa. Under his guidance, enrollment grew, the school became more financially stable, a new chapel, classrooms, Cove, and gymnasium were added to the Yampa campus as enrollment grew to over 300.

Two stalwart St. Mary's High School supporters, Leo Smentowski '54 and Tom Kelly, passed away last month. Much of school's success today can be traced backed to the expertise and leadership these two men provided the school.

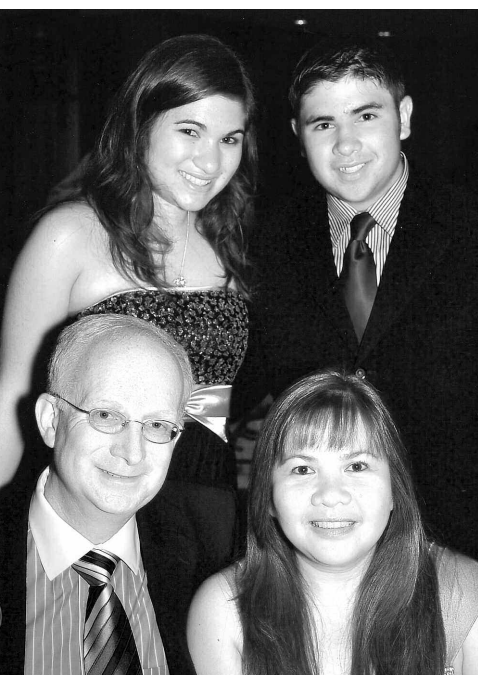
Leo Smentowski '54 exemplified the spirit of St. Mary's High School that sustained the school through difficult times. When the diocese announced that St. Mary's High School would close, Leo was one of the people who refused to let that happen. As an alum and a parent of alums, he was passionate about keeping St. Mary's High School open so that future generations of young people could benefit from a strong education in a spiritual environment. He, along with Dr. Bill Ciccone, **John '71** and **Mark O'Donnell '73**, Walter Paul, Dr. Al Ernster, Jack Johnston, Sister Valerie Usinger, and countless other parents, alumni, and friends of the school, worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork necessary to keep SMHS open and upon which SMHS has continued to grow.

Tom Kelly, along with Leo and others, was an instrumental part of St. Mary's High School's transition from a Diocesan school to an independent Catholic school. Kelly served on the school board and was president of the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation board where his financial expertise and generous support were vital to ensuring the school's survival. Quiet, unassuming, and behind-the-scenes, Kelly was not one for the spotlight, but he did gracefully allow the school to recognize his tremendous contributions to St. Mary's and the greater Catholic community by accepting the Marian Award in 2009. In his acceptance speech, Tom encouraged all in attendance to have the courage to make the tough choices in life that lead to Christ.



Camous Will Become SMHS President

The new president of St. Mary's High School brings to the job knowledge of the school from several vantage points. Dave Camous is a St. Mary's parent, the coach of the school's successful forensics team, a Deacon of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, and a former board member.



Dave and Rosie Camous and their children Danielle and Brendan enjoyed a Disney Cruise to celebrate Danielle's graduation.

parish director of Our Lady of the Pines Church in Black Forest since shortly after his ordination. He believes each of these positions has given him experience that will help him in his new job as president of SMHS.

"I bring with me to my new role the same things I have brought to each of my jobs and ministries: passion, creativity, and a desire for excellence. I realized in my early 30s that my career needed to be about more than collecting a paycheck. So, I have intentionally sought out opportunities that allowed me to serve what I feel is my life's mission – to help people and organizations achieve their greatest potential," Camous explained.

*"He brings ... a wonderful
enthusiasm and energy."*

*– Steve Hadfield, Chair of
President Search Committee*

Camous, who has a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management Information Systems, has had a varied career. For sixteen years at Hewlett Packard he developed software for their international development and internal use. As a consultant for The Disney Company he worked with their Imagineer program, and at Dell Computers he developed employee training programs.

In 2003 Camous was ordained as a Catholic deacon and has served as the

Steve Hadfield, board member and chairman of the search committee thinks Camous will be an outstanding president. "He brings an exceptional dedication to the school and the Catholic faith, combined with a wonderful enthusiasm and energy which will surely lift the school to even higher levels of achievement," Hadfield told the *Catholic Herald*.

Camous plans to continue as the St. Mary's forensics coach and will continue to rely heavily on his two assistant coaches, Rick Champion and his wife Rosie.

Camous and his wife Rosie, who works for the Diocese of Colorado Springs at the Catholic Pastoral Center, and are the parents of **Danielle**, '09, a freshman at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and **Brendan**, '11.

Camous will assume the duties of St. Mary's president on July 1, 2010, after he ends his service to the diocese.

SCHOOL LEADERS

1885:	Sr. Columba Gallavan
1888:	Mother Catherine Conner
1902-1932:	Msgr. Godfrey Raber, Dir., Supt.
1902:	Sr. Eustatia, Mother Superior
1924:	Sr. Fabe, Directress
1926:	Sr. Mary Gregory, Directress
1930:	Sr. Mary Gregory, Principal
1932-1960:	Msgr. William Kelly, Supt.
1952:	Sr. M. Dominica, Principal
1954:	Sr. Mary Charlene, Principal
1959:	Sr. Mary Aline Dalton, Principal
1960-1969:	Msgr. Hoffman, Supt.
1965:	Sr. Patrick Marie, Principal
1969-1973:	Fr. David Costello, Supt.
1973:	Fr. Edmund Olley, Principal and Supt.
1975:	Andrew Middlemist, Principal
1978:	Mr. Chambers, Director
1979:	Fr. Milton Adamson, Principal
1984:	Andrew Middlemist, Principal
1985:	Dr. William Wallisch, President Andrew Middlemist, Principal
1986:	Steve Wesley, Principal
1987:	Pat Holligan, Principal
1989:	Tom Falgien, Principal
1990:	Sr. Clarissa Tenbrink, Principal
1992:	Andrew Middlemist, Principal
2000:	Patricia Beckert, Principal
2008:	John McCord, Principal
2010:	Deacon Dave Camous, President

Remembering Father Rawley Myers

He stood on the sidelines as the Pirate football team gathered around him for a pre-game prayer, and when they took the field, he stood near the bench cheering them on. He stood before students, faculty, staff, and parents in St. Leo's chapel at 7 a.m. offering mass and a story-filled homily containing a bit of wisdom for the day. He sat quietly in a school office on reconciliation days hearing students' confessions. He walked slowly through the school halls acknowledging the greetings of a student body that loved him. He loved to quote G. K. Chesterton, whom he called "a gifted writer of spiritual health and wisdom." Father Rawley Myers made St. Mary's a better place, and his death left a hole in the heart of the school. The following is a compilation of remembrances and tributes from throughout the SMHS community.

Matt Bloise, Father Myers great-nephew

Father Rawley Myers passed peacefully the day before Thanksgiving, in a small two-room apartment on Kiowa Street. Surrounded by liquor stores and seedy bars and dilapidated housing, it was an inauspicious home for a priest, who surely could have found a welcome room in any house in the diocese, but the simplicity and austerity of his two rooms suited him well. Holed away with his books and religious leaflets and his ever-present thoughts of his faith, he was perfectly insulated from the sordid world outside his door. This living arrangement, a small fortress of piety awash in sin and suffering, was so very similar to how he saw the world and the place for Jesus in it. I liked to think he enjoyed his neighborhood for exactly that reason—it was a more honest rep-

resentation of the world as it really was, and it reminded him exactly why he was still in it.

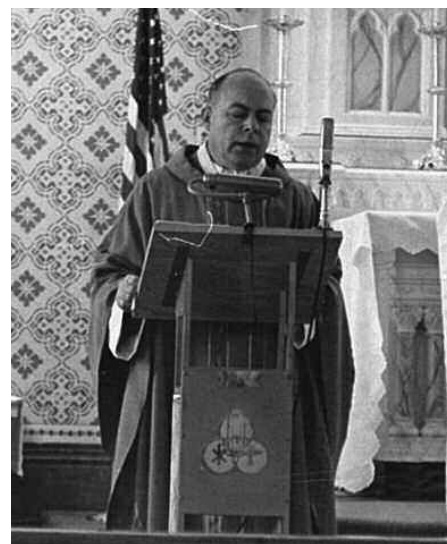
I knew my great-uncle Rawl, the uncle of my mother, as an auxiliary grandfather figure. My first memory of him is when he took my siblings and me a water park while my parents presumably enjoyed a brief moment of sanity.

I would later come to know him as the man who gave me and my cousins a quarter for correctly answering questions, such as who is buried in Grant's tomb. At my mother's family gatherings he was always sat on her plush blue sofa, a glass of Scotch nestled securely in his hand. We all always spent at least a few minutes with him, trying to coax out hints about what he was up to. If we were lucky, he told us about a new book he was writing, or a program on Catholic TV that he had seen. He drove a beat-up two-door sedan, which attracted its own unique smell that I have never encountered before or since, and later traded it in for a newer but equally humble model. The smell transferred with him.

*"He was happy to be
a simple believer."*

— Matt Bloise

My older brother had the distinction of being his sole employee as the envelope-stuffer and label-putter-oner for his monthly magazine *Star*. When the job passed to me, I had the chance to know Uncle Rawl better. I learned that he admired Abraham Lincoln, deplored most pop culture, and rel-



Father Myers laced his sermons with interesting stories and shared his personal relationship with Jesus.

ished World War II history, and the works of Willa Cather and Flannery O'Connor.

Looking back, I'm most amazed at what he didn't tell us—that he corresponded with William F. Buckley Jr. and Clarence Thomas, had written several unpublished novels scattered in his office and apartment that I found later, or that he met and interviewed John F. Kennedy.

During the course of a genealogical interview with him, I encountered first-hand his gift for Irish stubbornness, not even able to discover a favorite color. I don't think he considered these things, precisely because he was not interested in the superficial. They were a distraction from his larger concern, which filled his life as it did his cramped quarters on Kiowa Street. It is a rare man, even for a priest, who can so singularly devote himself to one task without interruption, or can say that they hurt no one in their 85 years of life, but he was such a man. He was happy to be a simple believer, trying to reflect a light in a lost world, and I don't think he could ever consider himself to be anything else.

JoAnn Lickar '79

When I was a freshman at St. Mary's in 1976, Carol Barros and I decided to attend Saturday evening mass. We were wearing shorts and flip

"To know Christ is a thrilling adventure." G. T. Chesterson

Pirates of Distinction

Remembering Father Rawley Myers, *continued from previous page*

flops, so we decided to sit in the last row at St. Mary's. Father Myers asked us to carry the host to the altar. We were absolutely shocked, and told him that we couldn't do that dressed as we were. Father Myers told us he didn't care how we came to mass dressed as long as we came. We were tickled pink, however, our mothers weren't happy.

Elen Gorrell '83

When I attended SMHS, we had a great hockey team mostly due to our exchange students from Canada and Sweden. They loved Father Myers praying "Lord, please send us more foreigners for our hockey team." They still talk about it!

Terry Leeper '88

For as long as I can remember—37 years—Father Myers was part of the Leeper family. My brother Mark and I celebrated the Mass with him as altar boys on countless Saturday nights. He baptized Mark and Jon. An untold number of lunches at The Depot were always a joy and never to be missed. And he was always a stalwart supporter of St. Mary's High School and its students. There was never a day without his wit, warmth, and a story to share.

**"Father had two loves
in his life: Jesus and
Pirate football."**

— Bob Dolan

Star Magazine, a wonderful monthly publication he produced, celebrated 33 years last month. His days spent at Leeper's Litho working on it are legendary, and any customer walking in the door could easily be forgiven (pun intended) for thinking him a member of our staff. Its thirty-three year longevity can only be credited to his dedication and love of the written word. Each issue was an "all-hands" effort by the my family—dark-

room preparation, plates and press-work, folding, collating, stapling, trimming and boxing, and we are proud to have been part of it.

Before my father's death in October, Fr. Myers quipped that the Blessed Mother Mary needed Clint to print her story. Unspoken was the knowledge that the Blessed Mother needed Fr. Myers to tell her story. And tell her story he did. Never has there been a man of God quite like Fr. Myers whose love of Mary and the Saints was reflected in everything he wrote or said. We are all truly richer for having known him.

Bob Dolan, former SMHS Theology teacher

I had only been in Colorado a week and was just starting to teach at St. Mary's in 1996 when I first saw Father Myers at the annual St. Mary's picnic. I thought, Who is this priest that looks three years younger than God?

During the Mass he said, "I'm supposed to say a prayer here but I think there's entirely too much praying going on around here so I'm gonna talk about the Pirate football team." Yes, Father had two loves in his life: Jesus and Pirate football. He was at every game and rode on the bus with the team and they loved his company.

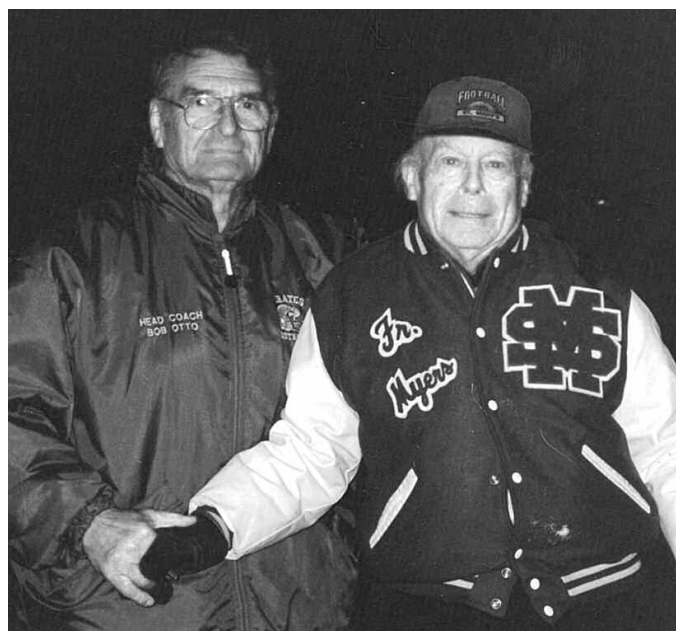
Father and I had many interesting exchanges over the years. I will say we agreed on almost nothing when it came to Theology. In fact he wrote an annual letter to the principal saying, "Tell Mr. Dolan to stop teaching about Moses and talk to the students about Jesus." Father couldn't accept that any subject was better than Jesus, and we did agree on that.

Father's constant advice to teen agers was turn off the TV and their ipods and read about Jesus....the only

good music was Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman, anyway. Yes, it was very clear that the only thing that really mattered to him was Jesus. I have never met anyone as fiercely single minded in his devotion to the Lord as Father Myers. He wrote an essay which was read at his funeral about the day he would die. He said that what he looked forward to most about that day was that Jesus would say his name and that no one else could ever say his name like Jesus.

At the end of every Mass he said in St. Leo's Chapel all the students and teachers would say "Thank you Father." And so "Thank you, Father"....and thank you, Jesus, for giving us Father Rawley Myers...a saint among us.

Mark Leeper (left) and Terry Leeper were faithful altar boys for Father Myers at St. Mary's Saturday evening mass.



Coach Bob Otto (left) could always count on Father Myers' prayers for the players and his presence on the sidelines.

Class Notes

1940s-1960s

Betty Jo McCracken Ehn '42 lives in a retirement home in Greeley, CO. She tutors high school students, stays in touch with Northern Colorado University organizations, helps with the Guadeloupe group and Catholic Charities, and attends mass regularly at Our Lady of Peace Church.

Kathleen Moss Munson '62 and her husband Stan live in Atchison, Kansas. Kathleen teaches third grade at Atchison Catholic Elementary School and Stan is a retired banker. She plans to retire this spring and enjoy some traveling. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Kathleen still appreciates the education she received from the Loretta nuns at the downtown St. Mary's.

David J. Rocque '68, who retired after 33 years with Brevard County Fire and Rescue, is now the Fire Rescue District Chief of emergency medical services and paramedics in Cocoa, Florida.

1970s

Kevin Beckwith '72 and his wife Sandy live in Salt Lake City, UT. They have four adult children and two grandchildren. Kevin is the Campus Center Director at Park University, an extended campus located on Hill AFB.

Janet Reiser '73 is running for Alaska State Senate

Ralph Hawkins '75 lives in Oklahoma City and is four years away from retiring from the Air Force. He stays in touch SMHS classmates from '75 **Nick Barrett, Mark**

Ballard, Gilbert Souza, Dennis Giananngeli, Al Quintana, Rob Clagget, Pat Weber, and Cindy Deluke.

Darleen Kuhn Kroll '77 lives in Highlands Ranch with her husband Chuck and daughters Samantha, a CSU student who plays club field hockey, and Haley, a Mountain Vista High School freshman, who is on the varsity field hockey team. Darleen is a pharmaceutical representative for Pfizer, volunteers for Southern Horizons, and recently built a house in Juaraz, Mexico with St. Mark Parish.

1980s

Jeanette Kelly White '81 and her husband Doug live in Manhattan Beach, CA. She has two teenaged stepsons. Jeanette owns J's Spot Tutoring, a tutoring/educational consulting company. Her company's name comes from her high school nickname Spot, which classmates gave her because of her freckles. She decided to put an old embarrassing name to good use.

Debbie Williams Held '83 lives in Monument and works for United Healthcare in the Physician Contracting department. She and her husband have three daughters.

Darrin Weis '86 has moved back to Colorado Springs.

Lisa Mahew Davis '87 and her husband Whit welcomed a daughter Julia Anne on November 3, 2009.

Patrick T. O'Rourke '88 was named one of the seven "lawyers of the year" by *Law Week Colorado* publication.

Terry Leeper '88 retired from the USN in March, 2009 after 20 years of service in Naval Intelligence. He now works as a Middle East intelligence analyst for The Garrett Group, Inc. supporting the United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base. He and his family live in Omaha.



1990s

Wendy Young '92 has lived in Houston, TX since 2001. She recently joined GE Water & Process Technologies which provides water treatment to industrial facilities.

Colleen Carroll Campbell '92

gave birth to twins John Patrick and Maryrose Therese on September 14, 2009. She and her husband live in St. Louis, Missouri, where she continues her work as an op-ed columnist for the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and host of "Faith and Culture," a television and radio show that airs internationally on EWTN, the world's largest religious media network.



Anne Renninger Hund '94 and her husband Andy welcomed their third son Finnegan John on January 4, 2010. He joins brothers Charlie and Henry.

Reana Robitaille Robbins '98 lives in Denver where she is a technical writer for the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. She and her husband have a daughter Sophie born June 11, 2009.

2000s

Kendra Negley Klein '02 and her husband Joshua, a retail manager, live in Colorado Springs. They have a three-year old daughter Theanna and a son Deklan born August 12, 2009. Kendra is a bookkeeper at Independent Records.

Andrea Silva '02 lives in Denver and works for East Denver Family to Family, a non-profit dedicated to providing community support for families and preventing child abuse.

Rudi Molet '04 is a second year special education teacher at Westside Middle School in Omaha, NE. She also coaches volleyball and girls basketball.

Molly Ross Pautzke '04 and her husband Tyler have two sons, five-year old Nathan and Connor who was born November 24, 2009.

Leighann Darneal Mertins '04 and her husband Brett are both teachers and coaches in Irvine, CA.

Charley Ryder '04 lives in Phoenix, AZ, where he is a teacher in the Teach for America program.

Jacob Gelsinger '06 lives in Colorado Springs. He attends UCCS and is majoring in mechanical engineering. He also works at Jack Quinn's, an Irish Pub.

Casey Ritt '07 has been selected as one of the Colgate University volleyball team captains for the 2010 season. For the second consecutive year she was named an all-Patriot League honoree. Casey is a junior in Pre law with a major in political science.

Rachel Broerman '07 was invited to try out for the USA Women's National Volleyball Team at the Olympic Training Center

Matthew Gladin '09 will leave for USA basic training in July after he graduates from tech school. He will be in a paramedic unit as a full EMT and paramedic.

Former Faculty

Pam and Tom Roanhaus both teach at Oaks Christian School in California. Pam taught art at SMHS and Tom taught business and coached basketball. Pam is teaching art and Tom is the middle school athletic director and varsity basketball coach. Their daughter is a sophomore at Oaks Christian and their son Darrick is in eighth grade.

Gretchen Thomas, former SMHS English teacher, retired from District 20. She works at the Westie Rescue Center and volunteers at the Sacred Heart food pantry. Gretchen has also taken up watercolor painting. She and her husband have two daughters and two grandchildren.

In Memoriam

James Alfred Kelly '57 passed away January, 2010 in Newport Beach, CA. He was known as "Killer Kelly" on the St. Mary's basketball team. After graduation he served four years in the USA 101st Airborne Division. He graduated from Colorado State University and was a stockbroker in Vancouver, WA, and Newport Beach, CA, where he had his own television show *Ask the Options Expert*.

Robert (Bob) William DeMasters '50 passed away January, 2010 in Colorado Springs. After graduation he attended Colorado College. Bob retired from the US Postal Service.

Joan Shields Jones Buco '64 passed away October 30, 2009.

Claudia Saunders '66 passed away December 2, 2009.

David Christopher White '65 passed away February 5, 2010 in Hawaii. He lived in Colorado Springs. In high school he lettered in football and baseball. He graduated from CSU and earned an MBA from DU. He was a Construction Project Manager and a Navy veteran of two Vietnam tours.

Frank Flood, SMHS football coach during the late 1950s passed away February 23, 2010. He also coached football, track, and boxing at Colorado College. Coach Flood mentored coaches Chuck Herring and Ed Kintz, who started their coaching careers at St. Mary's. He is the grandfather of **Kendra Flood '06** and **Katelyn Flood '08**.

From the Archives



Can anyone identify the acolytes in this photo from the 1949 dedication of the new elementary school building for St. Mary's? If so, please send an email to alumni@smhscs.org with the information.

Reunions Weekend 2010 — July 9-11, 2010

Friday, July 9th

- Major Reunion Classes gather on their own in the evening (visit www.smhscs.org/reunions for details)

Saturday, July 10th

- 11am to 2pm: Family Picnic for all Alumni at the Grace Center
- Major Reunion Classes gather on their own in the evening (visit www.smhscs.org/reunions for details)

Sunday, July 11th

- 8:45am: Mass for all classes at the Cathedral
- 10:30am to noon: Alumni Brunch at the school for all Alumni, Alumni Parents and their families

Class of 1950 – 60th: need contact

Class of 1955 – 55th: need contact

Class of 1960 – 50th: contact Jeannie King Turano at 516-804-0271 or jturano@optonline.net (NOTE: The dates for the Class of 1960 reunion are September 11-12, 2010)

Class of 1955 – 45th: need contact

Class of 1970 – 40th: contact Betty Faricy '70 at 719-576-2357 or eafaricy@faricy.com

Class of 1975 – 35th: need contact

Class of 1980 – 30th: contact Brian Murphy '80 at 719-930-4147 or bjmanpac@aol.com

Class of 1985 – 25th: contact Tim Fogle '85 at 719-339-8540 or timothyfogle@aol.com

Class of 1990 – 20th: contact Lanny Whiteside Deroeck '90 at 719-440-2697 or lwhiteside@comcast.net

Class of 1995 – 15th: need contact

Class of 2000 – 10th: need contact

Class of 2005 – 5th: need contact

If you are interested in helping organize or being a contact for your class reunion, please contact Director of Development and Alumni Relations Matt Walter at 719-635-7540, ext. 38 or mwalter@smhscs.org. For more information or for Major Reunion Class details, visit www.smhscs.org/reunions.



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May 23	Baccalaureate Mass
May 24	Graduation
May 27	Last Day of School

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