

Aspire

Fall 2003

University of Saint Mary • Leavenworth, KS





C'58



C'53

Come home and celebrate the spirit of Saint Mary.



C'83

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Alumni Reunion 2003

Jane Ellen Liebert, '97



C'78



To say the least, Alumni Reunion Weekend was a huge success with more than 200 alumni, spouses, and family members returning to the beautiful campus of Saint Mary June 27 - 29.

We are fortunate to have so many alumni anxious to return home to reminisce with former classmates, meet current faculty and staff, and have a grand ol' time. All areas were represented such as the Academy, Junior College, Nursing, and College.

Events included a special story telling and story sharing session with S. Barbara Sellers, an ice cream social with the Sisters of Charity, the traditional banquet, class photos, and a glorious Sunday Mass and liturgy in Annunciation Chapel.

Thank you to all the alumni for making a special effort to be here. So many traveled from across the nation and

across the continent. For this we consider ourselves very lucky to have so many strong alumni supporters.

Plans are underway for next year's Alumni Reunion Weekend. If you are a member of the following classes, 2004 is your anniversary year:

1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999



Painting Saint Mary with Service

Steve Shepard, C'96 and Jane Steger, C'92

The spirit of Saint Mary was alive on the weekend of July 25 - 27 as 65 alumni converged on the campus for

a weekend of reconnecting and service. The weekend started with a cookout and mixer on Friday the 25th. Old friends were greeted with smiles and hugs as they arrived for the weekend of service. Laughs and stories were flowing throughout the evening as classes from 1988 to the present prepared for a day of painting.

The following morning the group set out to paint fourth floor Maria Hall. In a short eight-hour window all rooms and the hallway were painted. That evening a cookout celebrated the accomplishments of the group.



Ben Blumenberg, C'97, Mike McNally, C'98 and Bryan Denham, C'99

The reunion ended Sunday morning with Mass. At lunch on Sunday afternoon a simple question was posed: "Should this be a yearly event?" Without hesitation the group affirmed what everyone was thinking- "YES it

should." Our plans for next year are simple—we want 100 alumni back and we will paint two floors.

Look for more information on next year's Service Reunion in months to come.



Michelle Friend, C'94 and Joe Contrucci, C'94



Sunny Summers, C'01



Fall 2003

Dear Alumni & Friends,

What began in the Ewing Cottage on the corner of Kickapoo and 6th Street in March of 1859 has continually evolved and changed to meet the needs of the time. As we changed and carried the educational mission forward, so too did our name change. Originally incorporated in 1868 as Saint Mary's Female Academy, we became Mount Saint Mary's Academy in 1870, Saint Mary's Academy in 1892, Saint Mary Junior College in 1923, and Saint Mary College in 1930 with the opening of Berchmans Hall.

Now over 144 years later, the founding mission of the Sisters of Charity is poised for another name change. We now have 943 students on three campuses: the main Leavenworth campus, Donnelly College in Wyandotte County and the Center for Graduate and Continuing Education in Johnson County. I suppose one could say we have a fourth campus, cyberspace, as our Master of Arts in Teaching is located on the Internet with students spread across the country. We offer 22 undergraduate degrees and five masters degrees. Thus, we have what is known in higher education as a Carnegie One rating. In short, it says we have more than enough students who graduate with masters degrees to be a university.

In respect of our tradition and our alums, we have retained the name Saint Mary. We are now officially the University of Saint Mary. The excellent teaching and student focus that has marked our 144-year tradition continues. The acceptance rate to medical school for our science majors is 95%. Our teacher education program continues to graduate some of the finest teachers in the area. Most are employed before they walk across the stage. The good news about the University of Saint Mary must be getting out because our freshman class is the largest we have had in years.

Our faculty and students are excited about this new step forward. It marks the beginning of a new era for us. Pray for us that we might steward our founding mission with the same pioneering spirit that the SCL's brought with them to Leavenworth.

Sincerely,

Diane Steele, SCL
President

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Alumni Connection to the University

Dear Friends,

Being connected to Saint Mary is a precious gift. Whenever I meet another alum, we have an instant understanding. We share a spirit formed by contact with the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. We believe in values of service, life-long learning, and the importance of character in daily life choices. We choose to make the world better in whatever spheres of influence we find ourselves. Saint Mary alumni do make a difference.

In recent years we've seen many exciting changes taking place; some we alumni wholeheartedly approve, others we may question. The key is to be involved, to ask questions, to seek to understand the needs of Saint Mary as it is today, providing education to today's young women and men. For the past five years I've been associated with the National Alumni Board. Our purpose is to strengthen the bonds among Saint Mary alums, provide opportunities for spiritual growth, keep alums connected to Saint Mary, and

provide support for the mission and objectives of Saint Mary as well as the Sisters of Charity.

Alumni have been instrumental in planning events such as WomanSpirit and SpireFest. We have "resurrected" the tradition of providing treats on St. Nicholas Day to resident students. We have collaborated with the Institutional Advancement office to celebrate Reunions, inaugurate a Homecoming event, provide service through the first Alumni Service Weekend and the Spire Volunteer Corps. The leadership that S. Diane Steele is providing as President is exciting and challenging. We need more from our alums!

Many of us found a home here, grew up and became leaders in our communities. Others stayed a short while or took daytime or evening classes. Whatever our connection to Saint Mary, our lives were changed forever. On behalf of the National Alumni Board of Saint Mary, I invite you to read through this issue of the *Aspire* and become more aware of what is happening at today's Saint Mary.

Mary E. Kallman C'79, C'97
NAB President

Major Gifts & Legacies

One hundred years from now, no one will remember what house you lived in, what car you drove, maybe not even what you did for a living. What they will remember is the legacy you left for generations to come.

Let me share with you some of the recent special gifts to the University of Saint Mary, gifts that leave a legacy and make a difference, some given now and some deferred for the future.

The Class of 1962

This past spring **Mary Jo Brazil Guinan** and **Marlene Casey Trenkle**, of the Class of 1962, invited their classmates to make a gift in memory of their three deceased classmates, Julie Cooper Mudrone, Fran Robey Stumpff, and Bobbie Fattor Weishaar. Nineteen members made a total gift of nearly \$2,000. To acknowledge this gift a decorative bench, with an appropriate plaque memorializing their classmates, will be placed in the brick patio planned for this fall outside Xavier Hall. Class of 1962, thank you for this legacy and for making a difference.

Endowed Named Scholarships (ENS)

The following major gifts promote the mission of Saint Mary and memorialize a loved one:

- Bob and Rita Mika established their second scholarship in memory of their daughter, **Katherine, "Katie" Mika History ENS**, recognizing her interest in history.
- The Goppert Foundation established the **Goppert ENS** memorializing the philanthropic work of Clarence H. Goppert.
- Leon & Margaret Wesner established the **Sister Marie Owen ENS** in memory Margaret's great aunt.
- Richard and Mary Ruth Coulter established the **Heather Coulter ENS** in memory of their daughter, Heather. **Heather, C'01**, was

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National Alumni Board

Pictured from back, left: Mary Kallman, Sheila Rice, Mike McNally, Shawn Moore, S. Mary Beth Minges, Mary Hunt Birdwell, Joe Contrucci, Judy Helmert Collins. Second from back, left: Angela DeWilde Kennedy, Marina Garcia O'Sullivan, Marlene Casey Trenkle, Michele Kobus, Judy Francis Bellome, Michelle Friend. Second from front, left: Jeff Walker, Daynen Mansanti Lalicker, Peggy Mathews Lorenz, Tiffany Arrington, Shirley Canaday McGeary. Front, from left: Marilyn Alstrom, Peg King Hardy, Ellen Kearns McCarthy.

Success = Leadership, Learning & Embracing Faith

Leadership. Habits of learning. Embracing faith in a secular environment. These are traits **Carolyn Boettcher Parmer, C'84**, credits for her success, and she traces them back to her family and upbringing in Montana and her education at Saint Mary.

Carolyn joined Edward Jones in 1998 and is responsible for Trust Services. She was recently chosen from more than 29,000 associates across the globe to join the firm's 236 principals.

After receiving her degree in English from Saint Mary, Carolyn graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1987. She speaks fondly of her Saint Mary education and the Sisters of Charity. As a result of her liberal arts education and many leadership opportunities, Carolyn was ready for her professional responsibilities. She was well prepared by a broad base of knowledge and a life long habit of learning, as well as the strong communication skills developed at Saint Mary. She also tells of her parents instilling the desire to be involved and be a leader.

Carolyn has built a life and career on this strong foundation. Her focus on associate and leadership development matches the philosophy of Edward Jones, which was ranked No. 1 by Fortune magazine of the "100 Best Companies to Work For." She and her husband, David, who is an Investment Representative for Edward Jones, are active in their Eureka, Missouri parish, Sacred Heart. Carolyn helped develop the adult education program, leads a women's Bible study and is a member of the Liturgy Commission. Now Carolyn brings those skills to Saint Mary's Board of Trustees where she is Chair of the Investment Committee and a member of the Finance Committee.



Carolyn Boettcher Parmer, C'84

Attending Saint Mary was a life-long dream and Carolyn maintains close ties to Sisters Sue Miller, Marie Brinkman and Barbara Sellers. Carolyn frequently brings her seven-year-old daughter, Katie, to Saint Mary. She talks of the bond Katie formed with Sister Rose Tomlin, sitting beside Sister Rose as she played at the reunions. Now in her third year of studying piano, Katie prays for Sister Rose's help before her recitals.

Carolyn emphasizes that you can be faith-centered in a business environment. She and her husband are delighted with the Catholic community they have found in suburban St. Louis and the business home they have found with Edward Jones. Even Katie says that she wants to work at Edward Jones when she grows up and her mother believes Saint Mary is a good place to start.



Meet New Staff Members— Institutional Advancement

From left to right: Carolyn Addington, Marketing Associate; Sarah Jennings, Alumni Director; Sarah Lammers, Annual Development/Special Events Coordinator; and Abby Coffin, Administrative Assistant.

Jean Praechter Ameduri, Quilt Missionary

Jean Praechter Ameduri graduated from Saint Mary College in 1969. Since her college days, she has taken her passion for quilting worldwide to share her talents with others. In 1999, Jean founded the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis. She set off for Russia with quilting supplies including fabric, spools of thread, rotary cutters, books, needles, six brand-new sewing machines, an array of knowledge, and a mission. Russia is burdened with economic deprivation so most quilters lacked even common supplies. Ameduri helped the Russian quilters develop a love for the craft, a desire for friendship and a way to make extra income for their families.



Jean Praechter Ameduri, C'69

Jean Ameduri's Russia trip was so successful that she took another trip to South Africa in June 2002. Jean worked with four indigent South African quilt clubs in impoverished communities. Grace Nobili, a quilt educator who assisted Jean with three of these quilt groups, states, "The main aim with all these groups is to teach them skills that can empower them to make items to sell to make a bit of income and also to share what they are learning with others and, in that way, promote the craft." Jean Ameduri is a true missionary through her kindness, generosity and goodwill.

2nd Annual Homecoming

Past
Present

FUTURE

Saturday • October 25, 2003



10:30 am - 11:30 am	Registration/Campus Tours Mead Hall, 1st floor outside Bookstore
10:30 am - 1:00 pm	Bookstore open, Mead Hall, 1st floor
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Tailgate Lunch, Circle Drive \$7 per person
12:00 pm	Saint Mary vs. Kansas Wesleyan Women's Soccer Game Followed by Men's Soccer Game at 2:00 pm Free admission
1:30 pm	Football Game, Saint Mary vs. Tabor College Graham Field, Lansing High School \$5 Adult; \$2 Students 12 & up; Free under 12 (purchase tickets separately at the gate on game day)
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Buffet Dinner & Registration "University of Saint Mary" Unveiling Walnut Room—\$20 per person <i>Chicken picatta w/ lemon caper sauce, brisket, twice baked potatoes, asparagus w/ hollandaise sauce, salad, rolls, and creme brulee</i>
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Alumni Art Exhibit Opening Night – Free Admission Location TBA due to construction

----- **Homecoming 2003 • Registration Form** -----

Please detach and return this form with payment by **October 10** to: Institutional Advancement, University of Saint Mary, 4100 South Fourth Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048. If you have questions, **contact Sarah Jennings, Alumni Director, at 913-758-6130 or email at JenningsS@stmary.edu.**

First, Maiden, & Last Name: _____

Class: Academy _____ Jr. College _____ College _____ Nursing _____

Address + City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Guest's Name/Class Years, if applicable: _____

Pre-game Tailgate: _____ Number Attending (\$7 each) Buffet Dinner/ Name Unveiling: _____ Number Attending (\$20 each)

Total Payment: \$ _____

Form of Payment: Personal Check enclosed (payable to University of Saint Mary)
 Please charge (circle one): MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Name on Card: _____ Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____



‘It’s Just Right’

to benefit the University
simply by grocery shopping

Here’s an opportunity to help raise money for the **University of Saint Mary** that’s **“JUST RIGHT.”**

It’s called the Price Chopper Xtra Helpings Community Rewards Program. Once you register, all you have to do is use your Price Chopper Shopper card now through May 31. Ball’s Price Chopper (owned by Fred Ball) will donate 1% of your purchases to the **University of Saint Mary**.

If you already have a Chopper card, you can register in one of two ways:

- Fill out a registration form at Price Chopper and present it to a checker
- Visit **mypricechopper.com** and register on-line. This is the fastest!!

If you don’t have a Price Chopper card, go to your local Price Chopper Service Desk. Enroll for a card, and then ask for an Xtra Helpings registration form.

Register as soon as possible to help raise money for the **University of Saint Mary**. You make a contribution every time you shop at a Price Chopper store in the Kansas City metro area. It’s that easy!

Please share this information with your friends and family. The more people who sign up, the more money the **University of Saint Mary** earns.

If you have any questions, please, call **Sarah Jennings, Alumni Director, at (913) 758-6130.**

We need 25 actively shopping members to qualify for the donation. So, use your card a lot. If you already have a Price Chopper card and would like your 1% to go to **University of Saint Mary**, register at **mypricechopper.com** and click on Xtra Helpings.

The program runs from September through the end of May.



Helen Mottin Brosnahan, A'21— celebrating her 70th birthday.

Happy 100th Birthday

On October 28, 2003 **Helen Mottin Brosnahan**, a 1921 graduate of Saint Mary Academy celebrates her 100th birthday. Helen's family lived in the Easton, Kansas area, yet her parents selected Saint Mary Academy for Helen and her four sisters. All boarded at the Academy and graduated; **Katherine**, A'19, **Helen**, A'21, **Margaret**, A'23, **Grace**, A'25 and **Blanche**, A'29, JC'31. Currently Helen lives in Overland Park, Kansas and Grace Mottin O'Brennan lives in Spearman, Texas.

In 1924 Helen married Earl Brosnahan, who with his brother and father ran their third generation heavy construction company, Brosnahan Brothers. They lived in Kansas City, Missouri, raised their family of two daughters and four sons and were active members of St. Peter's parish. When their oldest daughter, Sammie, finished grade school she entered Saint Mary Academy graduating in 1943 and then attended Saint Mary College, the University of Arizona and obtained a BA in English at the University of Texas in El Paso. **Sammie Brosnahan Criswell**, now retired after working

thirty years as an elementary school counselor and teacher, recalls her years at Saint Mary as "memorable, memorable years; I loved it." She is now retired having worked for thirty years as an elementary school counselor and teacher.

As her mother Helen celebrates her 100th birthday, Sammie shared these reflections. "As an elementary school counselor I realize how important one's parents are, and I was very fortunate." My mother often said that all she ever wanted to do in life was to raise her children. Her children and the home were the center of her life. My mother sewed beautifully, played the piano, baked for many church bake sales and passed on to her children the value of education. One memory Sammie shared is that her mother took Latin for four years at the Academy and won the Latin Medal. And later in life, at the age of 65, Helen took classes at Johnson County Community College. She passed on the value of education as each of her six children have at least a Bachelor's degree and several advanced degrees. As Helen celebrates her 100th birthday, we rejoice with her and her family.

Saint Mary Through the Generations . . .

We would like to showcase students who represent an ongoing family tradition at Saint Mary. If you have a grandchild, son, daughter, niece or nephew who is attending the University of Saint Mary at this time, please call or email and let us know! **Abby Coffin, (800) 752-7043 ext. 6 or email to coffina@stmary.edu**

Legacies

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enrolled in our graduate school when she was tragically killed.

- A portion of a bequest from **Marie Gaiser**, JC'32 established the **Marie A. Gaiser ENS**. Marie worked for the Leavenworth schools for 43 years as a teacher and librarian. She left one-third of her estate, \$103,332.00, to Saint Mary.

Bequests

The University of Saint Mary continues to be the grateful recipient of bequests from alumni and friends who have a passion for our mission. Recent bequests include \$87.83, the residual of a retirement fund; \$1,500, designated in a will; \$58,000, life insurance beneficiary; \$103,332.00, a percentage of an estate. All of these alumni had a common intention, to set aside a portion of their estate for Saint Mary and to give something back. They all left a legacy of sharing.

Deferred Gifts

The Saint Mary Legacy Society welcomes new members: **Grace Buzaljko**, C'44; **Larry & Joan Olden Brake**, C'54; **Raymond & Carolyn Konert Roettger**, C'68; **Jim & Paula Sheehan Finn**, C'71; **LaVon Fugit**; and **C.H. & Rosemary Nichols**. Their estate plans include a deferred gift to the University. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our future.

How do I leave a gift for the University of Saint Mary?

The most common way is through your will or trust. Many people set aside a certain dollar amount. Others leave a percentage of their estate or any assets left over after family needs are met. Some leave their car, home, paid-up life insurance policy or other financial investments such as their IRA. The proper wording to name Saint Mary is: "to the University of Saint Mary, a Kansas not-for-profit corporation located in Leavenworth, Kansas". For more information contact **Len Bronec, Planned Giving Director, 913-758-6131 or 1-800-752-7043 Ext. 6.**

CLASS NOTES

1943 Margaret Flynn Unger - Kansas City, MO - has a granddaughter who graduated from UVA and is looking to go to film school.

1945 Patricia O'Brien Walsh's - Kansas City, MO - daughter, Veronica Walsh, was featured in the Kansas City Star article The Kindness of Kansas Citians on April 26, 2003. Veronica works as a cardiac nurse at Children's Mercy Hospital. One of her patients entered the Kindest Kansas Citians Essay Contest sponsored by STOP Violence! to share how wonderful it is to have Veronica as a nurse and constant support. She also organizes Camp Systole, an annual weeklong summer camp for children with heart problems.

1951 Armelda Phillips Sassano - Helena, MT - and her husband, Michael, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2003.

1961 Elizabeth Williams Wunder - Topeka, KS - was named outstanding employee in 2002. Elizabeth works as an Administrative Assistant at Washburn University in Topeka, KS.

1963 Jean Marie Hiesberger - Kansas City, MO - had her newest book hit the shelves, Fostering Leadership Skills in Ministry by Liguori Press. Recently she wrote some of the materials for the Renew International Small Group Faith Sharing Booklet, Healing the Body of Christ, which some bishops requested in response to the recent scandals. It is for use in parishes. She spoke at the NCEA Convention in St. Louis in April and was asked to write an article for the Journal for Seminary Rectors on priestly formation. She entitled it How Shall You Lead Us? She also does staff development days and retreats for several Boards of Directors for religious and not-for-profit groups.

1967 Kathleen Kenney - Doswell, VA - was presented a Peace Award from Virginians Against Domestic Violence for all her work in the area of domestic violence. A few weeks later, the Richmond Free Press (Jan. 2-4 edition) selected Kathleen as Personality of the Week and featured her in a special article. Kathleen has also led a justice and peace delegation to Haiti. The Richmond Diocese, her employer, is twinned with the Diocese of Hinche in the Upper Plateau. In May 2003, she joined forces with Catholic Relief Services for another delegation with the Diocesan Directors to Benin, Africa. She still loves being married to her husband, Dave.

1985 Julie Arauza DeGraffenreid - Phoenix, AZ - and family moved into a new home. Julie's husband, Jim, is working to complete his Ph.D. at the University of Arizona while Julie works part-time at the school her daughter, Mary, attends.

1990 Tammy L. Meneghini - Stalker - Lincoln, NE - is teaching in the Fine and Performing Arts Department at Creighton University, as well as directing for a professional theatre company in Lincoln. She is putting together a cabaret, This Place Called Love, about the transitions in her life and discovered that it began at Saint Mary College with a friendship that never went away. She presented it as a benefit performance for the American Cancer Society. Tammy is married to **Tim Stalker**, C'90.

2001 Damian Torres-Botello - Kansas City, MO - has performed in four productions in the Kansas City area and is currently working on a Masters in Theatre Education at Avila University.

Christmas Brunch

The Greater Kansas City Alumni Council is pleased to invite you to a Christmas Brunch on December 13 at Figlio's Tower on the Plaza at 11:00 am. Lunch begins at noon. For more information, contact **Shirley McGeary at 913-722-5431.**

ALUMNI NEWS

Judy got promoted?

Tom got a new job?

Carolyn got married?

Please send all alumni news items, such as a marriage, birth, death, new job, promotion, award, additional degree, etc., to the attention of: Sarah Jennings, Alumni Director, at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048, 913-758-6130 or JenningsS@stmary.edu. Please remember to include your class year, current address and phone number.

Bookstore Hours

Be sure to check out all the new University of Saint Mary items in the bookstore!
Hours: Monday – Friday,
8:30am – 4:00pm.

IN MEMORIAM



1927 Virginia Goddard Hegarty - Easton, KS - passed away on August 3, 2003.

1929 Dorothy Baker Brayton - Belton, MO - died on August 1, 2003.

1935 Helen Ronan May - Mesa, AZ - passed away January 15, 2003.

Lucille T. O'Brien Schottler - Peoria, AZ - died December 18, 2002. She was born July 17, 1915 in Emporia. She married Martin R. Schottler July 3, 1937. Mrs. Schottler and her husband owned and operated a clothing store, Schottler's Apparel, in downtown Emporia until their retirement in 1970. They moved to Bella Vista, AK and then to Sun City, AZ in 1977.

1939 Virginia Waddell Staley Walch - Kansas City, MO - died August 11, 2003. Three of her daughters attended SMC, **Beth Staley Brown (C'64)**, **Cathie Staley Vesce (C'66)**, and **Virginia Ann Staley Messmer (C'67)** and one niece, **Margaret Waddell (C'85)**.

1945 Audrey McHale Duckers - Kansas City, KS - died on August 7, 2003. Audrey was a very active alum. She was past president of our National Alumni Association, member of the Legacy Society and attended events here on campus such as her grandson, **Steve Duckers' (C'03)**, graduation last spring. Two of her sisters were also alumni, **Dolores McHale Pennington (C'47)**, who lives in Springfield, MO, and **Muriel McHale Drummond (C'50)** who is deceased. Audrey and her husband had been married nearly 58 years.

1946 Mary Jeanne du Chanois Kovich - Olathe, KS - passed away on July 27, 2003. She received her Bachelor of Science degree with Cum Laude honors in nursing education in January 1946. She practiced and taught nursing for many years at Providence Hospital in Kansas City, KS and, at the time of her retirement in 1982, she was the Director of the Social Services Department. She is survived by her daughters, Mary T. Edwards and Anne Marie Groszek of Leawood, KS, Helen McGoldrick of Roeland Park, KS, and a son, Nicholas Kovich of Devon, PA.

1947 Joseph W. Donohue, first cousin of **Sister Mary Edwin DeCoursey** and **Margaret Donohue**, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2003.

1949 Mary Regina (Gina) Hodes Chollet - Kansas City, MO - passed away on March 17, 2003 at her home following a brief illness. Regina was born on September 25, 1931 in Kansas City, MO. She attended St. Peter's Grade School, Bishop Hogan High School, and one year of college at Saint Mary. She married Thomas M. Chollet on November 4, 1950. Regina was employed as the archivist for the

UMKC Medical School, where she had worked since the founding in 1971. She is survived by her six children and eleven grandchildren.

1952 Colleen Brown Greenan - Lacey, WA - passed away March 16, 2003.

Danette Stefani Quinn - Tacoma, WA - died on Saturday, July 12, 2003. Danette is the sister of **Sister Mary Kathleen Stefani** and **Sister Daniel Stefani**. She is survived by her husband and children.

1954 Jim Stein, husband of Pat Long Stein - Mesa, AZ - died Saturday, April 12, 2003.

1972 Louis "Frenchie" Bourdeau, Jr., husband of **Elleen Reichert Bourdeau** - Leavenworth, KS - died on July 16, 2003.

Friends Jeanne Collins Thompson - Kansas City, MO - died on July 19, 2003. She was the wife of Byron Thompson. Byron Thompson was formerly on our Board of Trustees and was co-chair of the capital campaign for our facilities at the Center for Graduate and Continuing Education. He is owner of Country Club Bank and its related banks such as the MidAmerican Bank in Leavenworth. Jeanne regarded her husband, 11 children, their spouses and her 41 grandchildren as God's greatest blessing and her greatest source of joy.



University of Saint Mary
SPIREFEST
SCHOLARSHIP 500



The Hon. Ernie Johnson, **Mayor Carol Marinovich, C'72** and S. Diane Steele.

Over 525 guests joined together for the University of Saint Mary's second annual event - SpireFest "Scholarship 500". Held at the Kansas Speedway on June 7th, guests enjoyed bidding on some fun and unique auction items, racing remote control NASCAR type cars and visiting with old and new friends. After dinner, Sister Diane introduced and thanked our very own alum, **Carol Marinovich, C'72**, Mayor for the Unified Government of WyCo./KCK, who served as our Honorary Chair.

Danny Zeck & Rusty Eck Ford, Lincoln, Mercury families. (Presenting Sponsors)



Dr. Judith Vogelsang, C'74, with guests.

The SpireFest "Scholarship 500" raised more than \$80,000 for annual scholarships - helping to make it financially possible for young students to receive a Saint Mary education.



Rita & Bob Mika with guests.

Plans are already underway for our third annual SpireFest. If you are interested in helping to organize this fun event, just give **Sarah Lammers, Special Events Coordinator**, a call at (913) 758- 6126.



Guests enjoying remote control cars.

Becky Pollmiller, C'84, & Brian Pollmiller with guests.



Guests enjoying dancing to the beat of the Son Venezuela band.

*Celebrate . . . Mind
Body
Spirit*

WomanSpirit Provides a Break for Busy Women

You have deadlines to meet at work, your son is sick, you have bills to pay and somewhere in there, you were supposed to take that walk today. When is there time for YOU? The University of Saint Mary brings you WomanSpirit, an annual energizing conference just for women, which focuses on the celebration of mind, body and spirit. The conference provides a break from busy, daily routines of family and/or career with the goal of returning refreshed and reinvigorated.

Presenters from the Greater Kansas City area discuss topics of interest to women such as life changes, relationships, spiritual development, risk taking, finances and healthy lifestyle habits. The conference also includes a keynote speaker, closing speaker and a series of exhibitors of interest to women. WomanSpirit 2003 will be held on Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, on the University of Saint Mary campus. (Lunch is provided.)

Watch your mail for registration information or **call Sarah Lammers, Annual Development/Special Events Coordinator, at (913) 758-6126.**

WomanSpirit
2003

Save the Date! • October 18, 2003

William Dunn, Sr., Receives Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters



Pictured, from left to right: William Dunn, Sr.; **S. Diane Steele**, SCL C'83, University of Saint Mary President; and **Mary Alice Bramming**, C'65, current Board of Trustees Chair.

After receiving an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, on May 18, 2003, during the University of Saint Mary's commencement, Dunn told the Class of 2003 they, "cannot live in a vacuum. We have an obligation to give our time, talent and treasure to enhance the quality of life."

While he has been a leading businessman with J.E. Dunn Industries, Inc., for decades, William Dunn has made charity a priority. Much of that charity has been bestowed on the University of Saint Mary and the Sisters of Charity.

"He made the decision when he became chairperson of the company, that 10 percent of the profit would go to charity," said Sister Diane Steele, president of the University. "The work they do is impressive. He's really a wonderful man."

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