



Squirrel Scoop

Camp Catch a Rainbow (ACS): by Betsy Torres

Did You Know?

- The founder of MBC was also the creator of Mother's Day!? So fathers owe something to MBC too ;)

Class Donations To Date:

19 gifts totaling
\$2,025.00

5.6% participation

Please visit www.mbc.edu/giving to make a tax-deductible donation to help fund our class reunion.

Three years ago I had a conversation with Victoria Tenbroeck (MBC '05) about her work with the American Cancer Society and her volunteer work with Camp Ukandu out of Portland, OR. She raved about how much fun she had volunteering as a camp counselor for a week with kids who have battled cancer. It sounded like so much fun I decided I wanted to do it as well. From June 18th-24th, 2001 I was at "Camp Catch a Rainbow" in Jackson, MI volunteering as a camp counselor. I had seven 11 year old girls, three counselors (including my-

self), one nurse, and one YMCA staffer in my cabin. It was truly one of the best weeks of my life and I don't even know if words could begin to explain it. The 11 year olds were resilient and did things I never thought they would be able to. Before I went to camp I had images of little bald kids walking around with tubes sticking out of them. This was NOT the case. Our camp had kids ages 7-15 and although there were some that were currently going through chemotherapy or radiation treatments, most of the kids looked

"normal". All the activities were typical camp activities such as: rock climbing, high/low rope courses, team building, canoeing, swimming, pellet range, archery, horseback riding, and arts & crafts. We even had a field day that involved me being dunked in a dunk-tank. I actually didn't mind it; it was so much fun. The camp is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, so there is no cost to the children or volunteers other than travel to get there.

Their biggest fundraiser is Relay for Life. Having participated in Relay for Life myself in the past, it was nice to see where the money went and see the kids be kids. No one is judged; all are accepted for who they are and got to enjoy themselves. It was worth the experience and I hope to continue to go back for years to come.

Feel free to contact me if interested in volunteering to go to camp, or donating to the American Cancer Society. It was AMAZING!

Class Officer Positions Available:

Class Gift Chair: Provides leadership and direction in support of class Annual Fund gift including reunion giving. She recruits committee members to assist in cultivating, soliciting, and stewarding Annual Fund gifts. Together with other committee members, she will solicit donors from the class through calls, email, letters and visits.

Social Chair:

Provides leadership and directions for the Class Hospitality Suite (Class HQ). She may recruit members to assist planning hospitality arrangements, decorations, yearbooks, displays and other activities at the Class HQ.

Interested? Contact Angie Faber, or Besty Torres



Mark your calendars!!
Our 10 year reunion will be
April 3-6, 2014!!

Juggling Work, Personal Life/Family and Community involvement - by Jordan Armstrong Denton

If you're like most people, you wear a lot of hats — manager, employee, wife, parent, community member, friend, etc. And to handle all of these competing responsibilities, you've probably refined the delicate art of "juggling." Despite how we sometimes feel, I truly believe that balance is not an impossible dream, but rather a possible state that requires thinking and evaluating one's life, setting goals, and accepting necessary tradeoffs. And it's a very, very personal thing. For me to find the "right balance," I had to ask myself some "tough" questions: Why do I do what we do? Whom am I trying to please? What do I truly want? How is my lifestyle conducive to my goals? What have I sacrificed? What can I sacrifice? By asking myself these questions, it

provides an exercise in "thinking" my life, and an opportunity to contemplate its many aspects, rewards, and problems. Personally, I work 50-60 hour work weeks at a demanding job, try to be the "ideal" wife that keeps the house spotless and keeps food on the table for my husband who works more hours than I do, try to be the best "doggie mom" to my 2 dogs, which involves long walks for their exercise & trips to the dog park, try to be a good friend to my girlfriends here in Cincinnati while also trying to keep in touch with my best girlfriends from Baldwin, try to fit in exercise, and try to volunteer in my Community when I can. Using the aforementioned technique, I still have to

juggle all of these things, but I'm at peace with my decisions and choices even when I have to let some things slide. As a daily example, if my husband and I are having a great conversation and lasts all evening when I had planned to clean the house – so be it. Because having that relationship and friendship with my husband is more important, I am willing to sacrifice a clean house for the night knowing that I am going to have to give up something else the next day in order to clean it. Maybe the dogs will have to forego a trip to the dog park, maybe we'll have to order dinner in instead of me cooking. Another thing I struggle with is volunteering as much as I'd like in my community. So, I've started giving

up holidays or vacation days where I would normally just relax and started volunteering on those days. I once took 2 weeks of up holidays or vacation days where I would normally just relax and started volunteering on those days. I once took 2 weeks off of work in the summer to travel to Guatemala to build houses for Habitat for Humanity. The feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction by helping build those houses for people in need was much warmer than any beach could have gotten me. This past Thanksgiving, instead of traveling home my husband and I spent the day volunteering at a local food shelter. Without using my "vacation days," I would not have been able to give back – but it was totally worth it. **So, what are you juggling?**

MBC Move-in Memory By: Jenny Carman Lovell

When asked to share a Mary Baldwin move-in day memory, I thought, "Yeah, right! That was 11 years ago!" But the more I reminisced, and looked at pictures, the more those wonderful days started to present themselves.

I was one of the few lucky freshman that actually met their roommate before move-in day. Jordan Armstrong Denton and I were first introduced at the VWIL orientation, and we had an instant connection. We immediately decided to room together, and over the summer of 2000 played "pen pals" which allowed us to get to know each other well. We even talked about how to

decorate and coordinate our room! (Something very few roomies get to do as freshmen) She also knew that I had a steady boyfriend (now husband), which is where my move-in day memory begins...

I remember Jordan walking into our room after a long day of unpacking suitcases, setting up computers, and pinning up Abercrombie posters (you're welcome Woodson girls!) to tell me we had a hall meeting with our RA, Leah Griffith. Leah instructed us each to bring one item to the meeting that described us, sort of like a "show and tell". I grabbed the closest thing to my heart at the time and made my way down the

hall. Once there, I met a wonderful group of girls (both VWIL and Traditional; 3 of which were bridesmaids in my wedding!). In an effort to get to know one another better, each girl gave a little background then talked about the object they brought. (Little did I know mine would give me a nickname) Before going away to college, my boyfriend Conrad, made a mold of one of his hands for me to keep and remember him by (he has the biggest hands and I absolutely love them!) After showing this to the group, I was referred to as "The Hand", which I lovingly accepted.

My roommate Jordan told me what she thought when I popped out a mold of my boyfriend's hand, "Yeah right, like that will last." Well, I am happy to report that both the roommate and the boyfriend have lasted! :)



On October 26, 2010, I lost my big brother after a long bout with Ewing Sarcoma, a very rare juvenile and adolescent bone cancer. He was the oldest of us three, and left behind my family as well as his wife of 5 years (together for 11 years), Heather. When I say he was the best big brother in the world, I am not exaggerating. He could make us laugh so hard we couldn't breathe anymore, he was so patient with us, and would drop whatever he was doing and help us if

Charity : Sarcoma Cancer by Sarah Hatfield Nichols

we needed it. Ben touched so many lives, and I am thankful to have known him and have had him be such a huge part of my life. He made my two parents into a family, and without all the love they shared with him he couldn't have known how to give Emily and I so much love. His battle with Sarcoma lasted 4 years, the most difficult, yet they were also, strangely, some of the most

wonderful 4 years of our life as a family. We bonded together and became a closer family unit through our many hours waiting for the doctors, going through chemo, waiting for Ben to get out of surgery, and the last moment that the five of us spent together.

I will miss my brother every day of my life, and not a day goes by without my family feeling the pain of being in-

complete. However, we must go on with our lives. Ben would be furious if he saw us stopping our lives in order to mourn the loss of his. I am able to go on, with the wonderful support I have received from the Mary Baldwin community, friends and family.

If interested, please contribute to Ewing Sarcoma research in Ben Hatfield's name at: sarcomacancer.org

Presidents' Corner

Holy cow where did the summer go? We blinked and it was already mid July. Crazyness I tell you. If your summer is going anything like ours then I am sure it consists of anything from any number of activities. Your class officers alone have been volunteering, wedding planning, getting married, going to weddings and engagement parties, moving, traveling, raising kids, and getting new jobs (and that's just the tip of the iceberg)! We hope all of you are having a wonderful summer and doing everything you enjoy. We would love to hear how things are going in your lives. Please take a moment to go to our Facebook page

(MBC Oh-Four) and give us a snippet into your lives. Hope you all are having a wonderful summer and are staying safe and cool during this heat.

Cheers,

Angie & Betsy



5 year Reunion Survey

The Oh-Four class officers are hard at work to make our 10-year reunion the best it can be!! To help us plan the next reunion, we want to know what you thought of the 5-year reunion. Please help by filling out a short survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RBCCG55>

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