MESSAGE from the CHAIR ~

After 8 years as chair, it is time for me to step aside and let someone else take their turn leading the department. Dr. Virginia McGovern will become chair of the department for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond. I know I leave the program in incredibly capable hands. Dr. McGovern has tremendous enthusiasm and passion for her work as a teacher, scholar, mentor, and leader. I look forward to her leadership, as well as returning to full time teaching, research, and service.

I am grateful for the support I have received from all of the faculty, staff, and student assistants. A special thank you is in order for Dr. Martin Malone. He hired and mentored me. I learned what I know about being department chair from watching and emulating him. To the extent that I’ve done a good job, most of the credit should go to him. To the extent I’ve fallen short, the blame is all mine.

I took over the role of department chair from Dr. Marty Malone in July, 2004. Since that time, the department has grown and changed in important ways: Criminal Justice became its own major instead of a concentration in sociology, many new courses have been added, we joined the School of Education and Human Services, some faculty left and others were hired and promoted, and enrollments have steadily increased.

The department has enjoyed many successes over the years, including seeing our graduates go on to excellent graduate and professional programs; our graduates and alumni getting jobs in the public and private sectors; the faculty and students hosting annual lecture series/service programs/other events; and the department earning a positive and well-deserved reputation on and off campus.

The biggest reason for all of this success is the quality of our students, alumni, and faculty. I am honored to have had the pleasure of knowing, working with, and teaching so many of you. As you may
remembers me saying, "Your success is our success!" Thanks for making us all look good.

Please continue to support the department and its many efforts, to spread the word about the work we do, and to let us know what you are doing in your lives and careers. Wishing you all the best,

-- Dr. Tim Wolfe

MESSAGE from the INCOMING CHAIR

What? You want me to be chair? Are you CRAZY?

Admittedly, this was my first reaction when Dr. Tim Wolfe first asked me if I would like to take over as chair of the Sociology/Criminal Justice department. Being chair at the Mount doesn't bring with it any huge monetary rewards like it does at major division one research institutions. At those Ivory Towers, the chair is hired as a chair—someone with a huge salary, who earns every penny of it by going to endless meetings and dealing with academic divas—yes, there is such a thing—have you met Dr. Malone? At the Mount, the department chair position is one which every member of the department has to take a turn. It's considered a service to the community. That generally applies to smaller departments though. In the bigger departments, while it is still considered an expected service, there is a bit of competition for the position and, on occasion, blood has been spilled. In our department, there are three tenured members—myself, Dr. Wolfe, and Dr. Malone. Chairs must be tenured. Both Wolfe and Malone have taken their turn at the chair position, each having served for 8 and 9 years respectively. Now, it's my turn.

I know I'm in good hands when it comes to examples to follow though. Both Wolfe and Malone are capable, generous individuals who guided me through the tenure process and have helped me become a better scholar, teacher, and colleague. We have some important changes coming up with the implementation of the new core and a new major that will be assigned to our department—Human Services. But I've learned well and hopefully will be able to make it a smooth transition for everyone involved.

I'm also looking forward to abusing the power I will be given. I plan on instituting new rules immediately including a "drop and give me twenty" component when faculty do not turn in forms on time. And there will be no more department meetings—ever. Seriously, though, I am as proud as punch to have been asked to be chair and to be working in what our students call "the best department on campus." I hope to be able to maintain that reputation with my colleagues and our students. Here we go!

~ Dr. Virginia McGovern

RECENT EVENTS

7th ANNUAL CSI CHALLENGE
Challenging Students’ Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills
The Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) at Mount St. Mary’s University hosted the 7th annual CSI Challenge on Saturday, March 24, 2012. The CJSA worked for months in preparation for the event with Project Co-Managers Brandy Guy, Leah Perdue, Madeleine Stross and Michael Hall coordinating the logistics to ensure this year’s event would be another great success.

The CSI Challenge (co-hosted by the Frederick Police Department) was established to encourage educational pursuits in the career fields of forensic science and criminal investigation. Students participating in this event were afforded an opportunity to demonstrate their critical thinking and problem solving capabilities via a mock crime scene. Teams, consisting of three students each, demonstrated their skills in crime scene processing, evidence collection and preservation, case preparation, and investigative presentation that was judged by practicing professionals. This year over 65 students participated including invited Universities from Canada, Maryland as well as the Mount. Criminal Justice Program Director, Professor Joseph J. Vince, Jr. added; “Our ability to provide students with opportunities to interact and learn in real-world settings with practicing professionals supplements our classroom learning. Students need to be challenged with complex exercises that mirror real-life scenarios found in today’s law enforcement world.”

DELANEY DINNER & INDUCTION

In order to maintain a close bond with the pioneers of the Criminal Justice program and the Mount Mission, the CJSA initiated The Order of St. Michael. The Archangel Michael has long been identified by the Catholic Church as a defender of the faith and Prince of the Heavenly Host who protects those that warrior against the powers of the devil. The Mount’s Order of St. Michael is a confraternity of members devoted to achieving and maintaining the highest of ethical standards and morals in the field of Criminal Justice. Membership is open to Mount graduates whose careers are in the field of Criminal Justice, law, intelligence, or other affiliated vocations, and those practicing professionals who the University’s Criminal Justice Student Association elects to honor for their service to our nation.

At this year’s second Delaney Dinner, Mr. Daniel Rosenblatt was inducted into the Order and honored for his service to law enforcement and our nation. Specifically, he was recognized for his devotion to achieving and maintaining the highest of ethical standards and morals in the field of Criminal Justice. Mr. Rosenblatt truly exemplifies everything that the Order of St. Michael embodies.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PANEL DISCUSSION

Mount students fervently took notes during a lecture following the Delaney Dinner designed to teach undergraduates about careers in criminal justice. Students gathered for a lecture in the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center sponsored by the university’s Criminal Justice Student Association. The panelists, Daniel N. Rosenblatt, executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, served as this year’s honoree and a guest speaker, Gregory Campbell, a Deputy Chief Postal for the U.S. Postal Service, and Jack Ellis, a retired postal inspector and current Fraud Investigator for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in New York City, conducted the one-hour forum.
After brief introductions, Criminal Justice Student Association member Matt Millea moderated the event and posed tough questions to the panel prepared by students. One wanted to know how criminal justice leaders are working to reduce the number of officers killed in the line of duty. The question brought attention to the number of illegal firearms in circulation. "The greatest threat to the United States is the number of firearms we have in this country," Rosenblatt said of illegal weapons. "Almost every crime at some point will go back and touch the mail," Campbell said as he explained his U.S. Postal Inspection duties to students.

The forum wrapped up with messages of encouragement to students pursuing a career in criminal justice. All who attended agreed that the panel members were not only informative but inspiring.

### SOCIOLGY CLUB

**Sociology Studies Spies**

In March, the Sociology Club took a group of 12 students to the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. They also took advantage of the Centennial National Cherry Blossom Festival. It was a great day and they all had a blast learning about spies!

If you are interested in joining the Soc Club, please contact Dr. Wolfe (Faculty Advisor), via wolfe@msmary.edu

### ESS CONFERENCE

**Mount Professors and Students Attend Conference in NYC**

Over winter break, Mount seniors Jessica Corun and Brittany Mason, Mount junior Rachele Hill, and Mount professors Drs. Malone and McGovern attended the 82nd Annual Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) meeting in NYC. Drs. Malone and McGovern held a roundtable discussion on "Drug Abusing Medical Professionals," and Corun, Hill, and Mason revealed their research during the poster sessions. Corun's was titled "Hide and Seek: Reasons behind the Hide Interaction on Facebook." Hill's was titled "Evaluation of a
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On Thursday, March 8 Professor Tim Wolfe was a panelist for a program on the Occupy Wall Street movement and corporate social responsibility. The panel was organized by the Richard J. Bolte, Jr. School of Business. Other panelists included Professor Mike Towle from the Department of Political Science and two recent college graduates who are part of the OWS movement in the Washington, D.C. area. Wolfe's main points included the following:

1. Income inequality is a serious and growing problem in the U.S. and around the world. The OWS protestors are right to focus on the problems associated with extreme economic and social inequality.

2. The OWS movement has already had an important impact on the national dialogue about income inequality and a political system that benefits the haves and have mores at the expense of everybody else.

3. The movement is unlikely to attract more followers unless a clear and coherent message and set of policy demands is generated. Pointing out the problems between the 1% and 99% is not enough to lead to social change.

On Monday, March 12 Dr. Wolfe was part of a 3-person panel that reflected on the life and legacy of Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States. The other panelists were Dr. John Larrivee from Economics and Dr. Tim Sullivan from History. Wolfe spoke about his experiences growing up while Ronald Reagan was President. Wolfe commented on the inspiration he drew as a young enlisted soldier during the presidency of Ronald Reagan. Wolfe also discussed some of the fallout and social problems that can be traced to the policies of the Reagan administration (e.g., the impact on minorities of Reagan's war on drugs).

Dr. Martin Malone and Ms. Chianti Blackmon did a powerpoint and video presentation on how women are presented in the media on March 12 in the Mount Café. There was a small audience but a very lively discussion.

Professors Joseph Vince, Director of Criminal Justice Programs and Dr. Elizabeth Monahan, Director of the Mount's Center for Excellence in Catholic School Education and School of Education are in partnership with St. John's Catholic Prep, Frederick, Maryland to develop a program aimed at encouraging high schools students to pursue mathematics, science, and intelligence analysis in their university studies through in order to better serve the nation's future requirements for highly qualified citizens in these fields as well as Homeland Security. It is envisioned that this program will be brought to other high schools as well as Community Colleges.