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Dear Mount Magazine

■ I thoroughly enjoyed reading the latest edition of *Mount Magazine*. I was transported back to my days at this wonderful institution, and the photos truly captured the essence of the Mount.

Imagine my surprise when I stumbled upon the mention of my book, *Loudoun County: Blending Tradition with Innovation!* I had no idea that it would be featured in your magazine and want to extend my sincerest gratitude.

I have enjoyed a successful career as a freelance writer and have expanded into public relations and magazine writing as well. It was the encouragement and commitment of my teachers at the Mount and the infectious "can do" spirit of the students, faculty and administration that helped me to pursue my dream of becoming a writer.

Each time I travel from my home in Leesburg, Virginia to New Jersey to visit relatives, I pass the Mount and reminisce about the good old days. Now my 8 1/2-year-old son has his sights set on the Mount!

Julie Roarty Johnson C'83

■ In regards to your issue of Spring 2001, in which you listed the "Mount Traditions," where did you get that information? Or do you only research the newly graduated? Where is the mention of "Fitzgerald's," which Mounties from my time—'68 to '72—are most familiar? As for "The Palms," any Mountie from my time—see dates above—will tell you it was off limits to Mounties, except for us from the Seminary, due, I suppose, to our "Higher Calling." What about "The Ott House?" You missed all the local places, where the "real Mount Traditions" are to be found! It's very nice to have all these articles, but a bit of research for those of us who remember the "Old Mount" is truly in order! Thank you for your time.

Rev. Richard V. Tartaglia, S'72

■ I was just reading the latest Magazine issue and wanted to echo the comments of one of the letter writers. Denny Doyle writes that it was "the finest Mount publication." I thought it was the best yet issue of *Mount Magazine*. The writing was very good and the visual presentation was great. I have not gotten past the Karen Stohr article (which is wonderful and will be given to our prospects in our search this year), but the entire magazine looks very impressive. The layout and photography just grabs one's attention and the focusing on traditions at the college is a smart one. So please pass on my kudos to those responsible for this fine work! GREAT JOB DONE!

Trudy Conway
Philosophy Department
Chair

■ It has taken me a long time to send my congratulations on a great job you did with *Mount Magazine*. The college has never had anything like it and it is so needed.

We all see and envy the products of Fordham and other schools and wondered if the day would ever come that the Mount could do as well. You've done it, and I, for one, am pleased and sorry I didn't say so before this. Rereading it again recently, I was reminded of how well you reached out to the different Mount communities, which are, after all, just one.

When any school addresses things just to the alumni, for example, or just the student body, it misses the chance to feed the curiosities inherent in other aspects of THE community. You did a fine job of blending, and I compliment you.

Phil McDonnell C'43

■ **Library Ghost was the Real Thing** (Appearing in the *Frederick News Post,* June 27, 2001)

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for writing the article about Msgr. Phillips' retirement ("Monsignor says farewell to Mount," June 22).

I am one of about 20 family members to have attended the Mount. The Mount is a special and loved place for my family and many others because of people like Msgr. Phillips. I am sad to hear of his departure from the Mount, although I'm sure not as sad as Msgr. Phillips is.

I also have a humorous anecdote about Msgr. Phillips. My sister Jennifer graduated from the Mount a few years ago. One night while she was studying in the Mount library, Msgr. Phillips walked by. My sister did not think much of it at the time, but as she was walking out of the library that night she noticed the picture of Msgr. Phillips on the wall.

She immediately ran back to her dorm to call my dad, explaining that she had just seen the ghost of Msgr. Phillips in the library. After he finished laughing, my dad explained to her that while Msgr. Phillips was very old, he was not yet dead and that had actually been the real Msgr. Phillips who had walked by.

My sister was embarrassed. She knew the Monsignor as a Mount legend, but did not know that he was still alive and roaming the halls of the College.

Joe Dowd, C'92 ▲

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Commencement 2001

This spring faculty, staff, administration and Mount students were busy preparing for the end of another academic year. With Honors Convocation, honorary degrees, awards and finally Commencement, the Mount was an exciting place to be. Mount St. Mary's celebrated its 193rd commencement on Sunday, May 20. Knott Arena was standing room only for this joyous event, which was the culmination of years of hard work and dedication for 393 individuals and their families. associate dean for academic services, Stan Werne conferred a total of 300 undergraduate degrees: 108 bachelor of arts and 192 bachelor of science. For the first time the Mount's Accelerated Studies program saw 10 adult learners walk across the stage to receive their degrees!

The Mount also conferred 79 graduate-level degrees: 21 master of divinity; seven master of art; 51 master of business and 14 master of education. ▲

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■ **Alice McDermott**
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

Alice McDermott, award-winning author and 2001 commencement speaker, received the honorary Mount degree of doctor of humane letters. McDermott is the author of four novels, the latest of which, *Charming Billy*, won the National Book Award and was a *New York Times* bestseller. Several of her other books have also garnered a number of honors including two nominations for the Pulitzer Prize. McDermott's writing appears in many popular magazines such as the *New Yorker, Redbook, Ms* and *Commonweal*.

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■ **Reverend David W. Shaum**
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

Rev. David W. Shaum, a graduate of both the college and the seminary and a member of the Mount faculty for nearly half a century, was awarded with the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters. Fr. Shaum has always considered his priestly and his teaching vocations as primary, but he has never hesitated to serve his beloved Mount as an administrator—as secretary of the college council, treasurer of the college, chair of both the fine arts and the education departments and dean of academic affairs. An accomplished music director, Fr. Shaum's performers have made recordings, appeared on radio and television, and entertained President Dwight David Eisenhower, Senator Robert Kennedy, and Pope John Paul II, among countless others.

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■ **M. Christopher Williams**
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

It is a Mount tradition every year at commencement to honor an outstanding high school teacher for his or her role in shaping the lives of Mount students. This year, M. Christopher Williams, a history teacher at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md., was nominated by several former students to receive the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters. Williams was honored not only for being a quality teacher and mentor, but also for his commitment to serving others which has taken him to all corners of the globe in volunteer humanitarian efforts.

Brother and Sister Graduate Together

Graduation in any family is a big event. Every graduation—high school, college, even kindergarten—marks the end of one episode of life for the graduate and the beginning of another filled with new opportunities and challenges. And, of course, for the parents and grandparents it is a chance to reminisce and to try to figure out where all the years went. Mount St. Mary's 193rd commemencement was an especially important occasion for the Ditsky family as Josh, a Mount employee in the admissions office, and his younger sister Amanda walked across the same stage to receive their respective degrees, a master of education for Josh and a B.A. in English for Amanda.

Both Ditskys are natives of Reading, Pa. Josh graduated from Holy Name High School, a small Catholic school in Reading, in 1986, Amanda from Wyomissing High School in 1997. Josh continued on to LaSalle University in Philadelphia where he majored in communications and minored in English. A decade later he was back in college, this time with his baby sister. What was it like to be at the same school as Amanda? "It was a lot of fun," Josh says. "It was great to hear her experiences and watch her grow. It was also interesting that for the first time I became known as Amanda's brother instead of her being Josh's sister."

Amanda echoed Josh's sentiments, "It was fun. At first I was a little skeptical but it was nice to have somebody there when I was freaking out about school, and to help do the laundry. I felt really proud at graduation. We had never attended school together until college, and to be able to graduate together was really special."

Josh had been working part-time on his M.Ed. for the last seven years, balancing work and school. He recently completed his student teaching assignment at Whittier Elementary School in Frederick. Amanda's impending graduation was a motivating factor in his rushing to complete his requirements in seven years, he says. "It was exciting [to graduate] together. She sat just two or three rows ahead of me."

The family connection runs even deeper at the Mount. Not only did they graduate together, but Josh also served as Amanda's admissions counselor. In fact, he even read her application! Although Josh swears he didn't try to influence his sister's college decision, she eventually settled upon the Mount and quickly made an impact. During her freshman and sophomore years she was one of the main driving forces behind the college starting an equestrian team. She excelled academically, becoming a regular on the dean's list and graduating *summa cum laude*. She was a member of the Honors program, participated in Mount theatre and cheerleading, and studied abroad two semesters, one in London, one in Florence. Her plans for the future include an apprenticeship with the Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia, whose board president, Jack Graham, is also a Mount alum, graduating in the class of 1957. ▲

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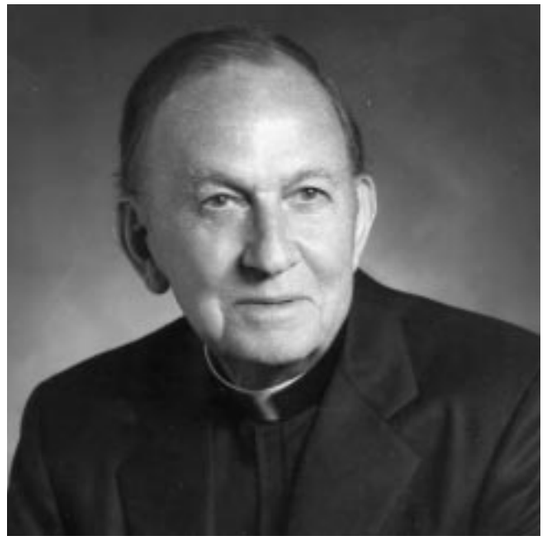
seniorbarbeque

■ On Friday, May 18, the national alumni association sponsored the annual Senior BBQ. The event, traditionally held at President Houston's residence, was moved to the SUB in the wake of inclement weather. This did not deter attendance, and seniors were welcomed by President Houston, national alumni association President Dr. Frank Merolla, campus administrators and faculty. Many seniors had just returned from Beach Week, but made time for the event, showing off their tans and recalling the week's adventures.

Legend Retires...But Legacy Remains



On Thursday, June 21, at the request of William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, Monsignor Hugh Phillips, 94, retired from his long-time position as chaplain of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes. Msgr. Phillips leaves the Mount after eight decades of distinguished service and will take up residence at Carroll Manor, a residential care facility of Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Raymond Harris, college chaplain and director of campus ministry, has been named interim chaplain until a permanent successor has been chosen. Msgr. Phillips has been named *chaplain emeritus* for the Grotto by Cardinal Keeler, undoubtedly providing the next chaplain with invaluable advice from his long and distinguished tenure in Emmitsburg. Many thousands of people have visited the Grotto in Emmitsburg to pray, reflect and attend Mass as a direct result of Msgr. Phillips' tireless work.

Msgr. Phillips was born February 23, 1907 in Washington, D.C., which was then within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Both parents died shortly after "Hughie's" birth, leaving him an orphan. Many times Msgr. prayed that he could attend Mount St. Mary's Elementary School and "find a home." In 1921 his prayers were answered when he enrolled in the 7th grade at the old elementary school at the Mount. High school, college and seminary followed and in 1935 he was ordained. Msgr. "Hughie," as he was affectionately known across campus, served the Mount community in a number of ways, leading to his role as college president from 1967-1971. In his many leadership roles at the Mount, he was responsible for numerous initiatives that shape the character of the college, seminary and grotto today. Msgr. Phillips lived at the Mount for fully 40 percent of its history, but even his longevity fails to do justice to his legacy. He truly has touched every corner of this mountainside, and the Mount owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude to his dedication, leadership and life of service. ▲

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE
320 Cathedral Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21201

June 21, 2001

Rev. Monsignor Hugh J. Phillips
Mount Saint Mary's College
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727

Dear Monsignor Hugh,

May the Lord continue to bless you as you assume a new role as Chaplain Emeritus of our beloved Grotto at Mount Saint Mary's, Emmitsburg.

The Lord God has blessed you, with more than 94 years of life and a strong spirit of faith, with an attachment to Mount Saint Mary's that began when you were very young, and with a special relationship to this Archdiocese from the time you entered the seminary there.

In 1929, Archbishop Michael J. Curley accepted you as a candidate for the priesthood and in 1935 Bishop John M. McNamara ordained you a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. You were soon back at Mount Saint Mary's and then at The Catholic University, for studies in library science.

Your years of teaching at the Mount saw you assume the chaplaincy of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1958, honored by Pope Paul VI as a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor in 1965, and President of our beloved Mount from 1967 to 1971.

Under your leadership, the Grotto continued to flourish and thousands came to pray. In 1987, the nearby Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton honored you with their Founders' Award and in 1995 Mount Saint Mary's awarded you an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

More recently, President George R. Houston of Mount Saint Mary's approached me with the request that your statue be erected on the grounds. It was my joy immediately to approve the suggestion, which celebrates the extraordinary example of deep faith and devotion you have given to all who have come to know you through the years.

For you, our Blessed Lady is a dear friend with whom you speak. All of us must be grateful for your prayers and for your outstanding priestly example. Your preaching and your counsel have led so many to a deeper faith in the power of prayer and to a more profound knowledge of the power of Mary's intercession.

Now as Chaplain Emeritus of the Grotto, you still have a work to do. Your prayers for the Mount, for this Archdiocese, for all whom you have touched through your ministry, remain important. When significant events occur at the Grotto, please God, you will be there.

May the Great Good Shepherd continue to bless you and use you as his instrument of reconciliation and peace, and may his Holy Mother pray for you and all of us.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

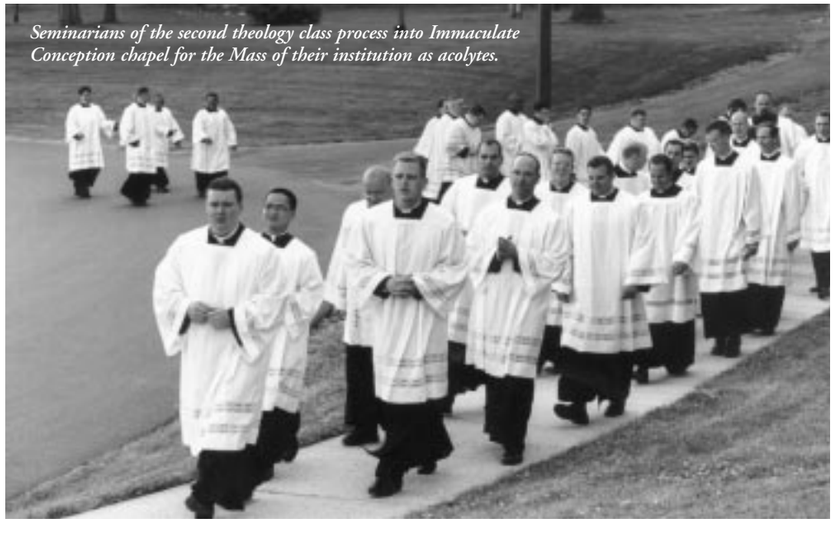
Cardinal William H. Keeler
Archbishop of Baltimore

Courtesy of *The Catholic Review*

Institution of Acolytes

On May 11, the Most Reverend Daniel Hart, Bishop of Norwich, instituted the seminarians in the class of second theology into the ministry of acolyte. Acolytes assist priests and deacons in carrying out their ministry, and as special ministers they give holy communion to the faithful at the liturgy and to the sick.

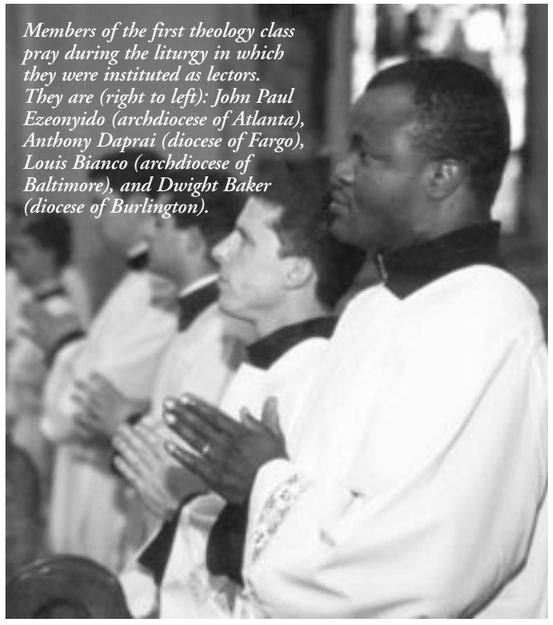
Below Bishop Hart presents the chalice to seminarian John Caulfield of the Archdiocese of Washington, newly instituted acolyte, as he says: "Take this vessel with wine for the celebration of the eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and his Church."



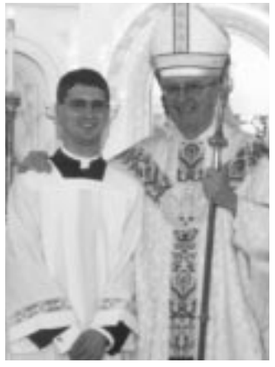
Seminarians of the second theology class process into Immaculate Conception chapel for the Mass of their institution as acolytes.

Institution of Lectors

On April 27, the Most Reverend Vincent DePaul Breen, Bishop of Metuchen, instituted the seminarians in the class of first theology into the ministry of lector. Lectors proclaim the word of God in the liturgical assembly, instruct children and adults in the faith, and prepare them to receive the sacraments worthily.



Members of the first theology class pray during the liturgy in which they were instituted as lectors. They are (right to left): John Paul Ezeonyido (archdiocese of Atlanta), Anthony Daprai (diocese of Fargo), Louis Bianco (archdiocese of Baltimore), and Dwight Baker (diocese of Burlington).

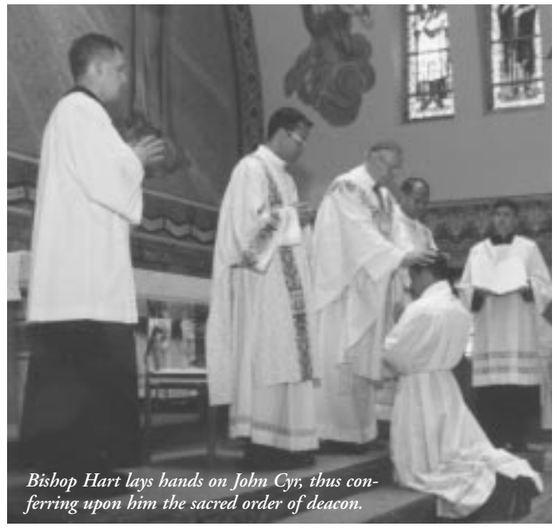


Above Bishop Breen with seminarian Matthew Bergschneider of the Diocese of Rockford, newly instituted lector, after the ceremony.

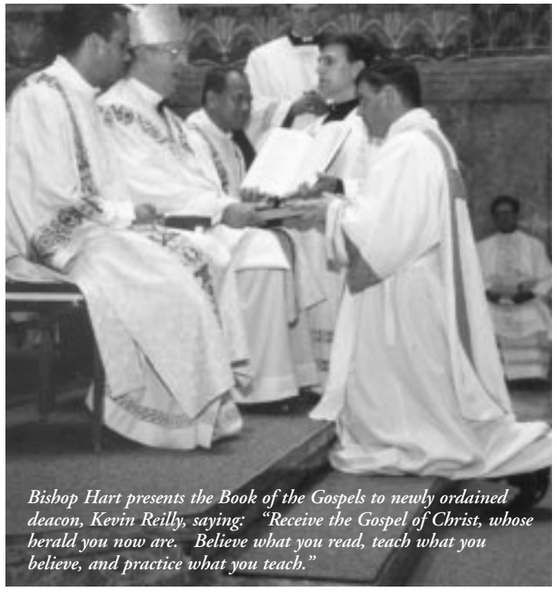
Ordination of Deacons

On May 12, the Most Reverend Daniel Hart, Bishop of Norwich, ordained four seminarians from the class of third theology to the diaconate.

Newly ordained deacon Joseph Peek is vested with the stole and dalmatic by his brother, Fr. Kevin Peek, S'98.



Bishop Hart lays hands on John Cyr, thus conferring upon him the sacred order of deacon.



Bishop Hart presents the Book of the Gospels to newly ordained deacon, Kevin Reilly, saying: "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."

Above: Bishop Hart with newly ordained deacons (left to right): John Shramko (Archdiocese of Atlanta), Joseph Peek (Archdiocese of Atlanta), Kevin Reilly (Diocese of Norwich), and John Cyr (Diocese of Peoria).

Right: Newly ordained Deacon John Shramko is congratulated by President George Houston at the reception after the diaconate ceremony.

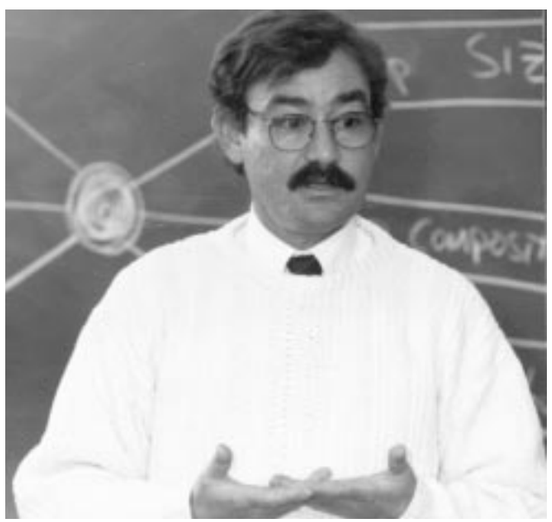
Dr. Emilio Rodriguez
A Journey of Learning

"God I love this stuff," explained Dr. Emilio Rodriguez, associate professor of government and international studies, when asked about his 11 years as a Mount professor. "I feel that I have found a true home and community of fellow travelers on that journey of learning."

On April 29, Rodriguez's love for teaching was rewarded by grateful students and faculty when he was presented with the John W. Richards Award for excellence in teaching. The award, presented annually at the Honors Convocation and named in memory of former faculty member John Richards, recognizes professors that are the "true embodiment of the Mount." Students submit essays to a selection committee nominating the faculty member who best fits the award's criteria. This year, students explained their nominee as a "passionate, devoted teacher who inspires students to not only learn, but to apply what they're learning."

Dr. Emilio Rodriguez is certainly that. His humbleness in accepting the award is a confirmation of his character. When asked how he felt when he received the honor, Rodriguez explained that he "was deeply moved by [the student's] recognition and the recognition granted by others in the selection process. It was an affirmation that our focus on forming individuals, in spite of the fact that we might not always give papers back on time, is still valid in the 21st century."

Rodriguez has come a long way since his arrival on the mountain in 1990. From his promotion to associate professor in 1995 to his dialysis treatment and subsequent transplant operations in 1998-99, Rodriguez has always been grateful for the support offered by the Mount community. However, his message has always remained the same. "Learning should be fun. It should occur both inside the classroom and outside those cinder block walls."



Learning is not the only journey that Rodriguez has embarked on. He is currently teaching abroad in Costa Rica for the summer, with a small group of Mount students and faculty. In addition to this, Rodriguez has served for the past seven years as the faculty moderator for the college delegation to the Annual Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation. Known by students and alumni as "Driguez," he is committed to forming strong relationships with his students in both the academic world and outside of the classroom. He has even been known to open his home to students.

"He is a wonderful man who cares about his students," reflects Mary Saynuk, C'01, "I have learned a lot from him and I thank him for his unique and interesting approaches to teaching."

But Rodriguez feels he is the lucky one. "I have become a better teacher because of the students with whom I work…I have found their curiosity and energy to be invigorating."

Those who have been privileged enough to know or work with Rodriguez all agree he was an ideal recipient of the Richards Award. His devotion to his students and colleagues, and to the mission of the Mount, exceeds the parameters of his job description. ▲

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■ During his eleven-year tenure as a professor of government and international studies, Rodriguez has served on many committees. Here are just a few:

- Co-Chair of the UAC for two years during the core revision process
- Freshman Seminar
- Non-West program
- Member of the committee organized to design the new Modern Civilization portion of the core
- International Affairs Organization
- CID
- Honors Program
- Study abroad program in Costa Rica
- Latin American Association

Denny Doyle, C'63
National Alumni Association President

Mount's Board of Trustees as an *ex officio* member. ▲

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Above: Doyle gives his first speech as the newly-elected National Alumni President.

Fifty states. 30 foreign countries. 13,000 alumni of the college, seminary and prep school. One leader. The national alumni association of Mount St. Mary's College announced at the annual Alumni Banquet that Dennis M. Doyle, of Timonium, MD has been elected to serve as president of the national alumni association.

Doyle succeeds Dr. Frank Merolla, fellow classmate from the class of 1963, as president. No stranger to the Mount community, Doyle's new post as president is the pinnacle in a series of volunteer efforts for our community. Throughout the years he has served the Mount community in various faculties including: chairman of the Annual Fund Campaign from 1999-2001, chairman of the 2001 Baltimore/Washington Coach Jim Phelan Testimonial Dinner, member of the Baltimore Area "Connections" Campaign committee, and a member of the Baltimore Area College Class of 1963 Scholarship Committee.

After graduating from the Mount, he received professional credits at Johns Hopkins University, University of Virginia and University of New Hampshire.

He spent 20 years in the financial services industry including sales, marketing and operational responsibilities. In 1990 he retired as president and CEO of a Baltimore-based insurance and financial services company. He is currently a member of the Stewart-Locke-Doyle Group, a real estate team marketing properties in the Baltimore area for O'Conor Piper Flynn ERA and president of Blakefield Associates LLC., a real estate investment company.

Doyle is also active and loyal within his community serving on several civic associations including: Maryland Mortgage Bankers Association–director, Neighborhood Housing Services of Maryland–board chairman, Interfaith Housing Corporation–board chairman, Towson Golf and Country Club–board president and Notre Dame Preparatory School–trustee.

As part of his new responsibilities, Doyle will sit on the

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■ **New National Alumni Association Officers**

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Robert K. Dunn, C'71, Montgomery, MD

Kelly A. McLaughlin, C'90, New York, NY

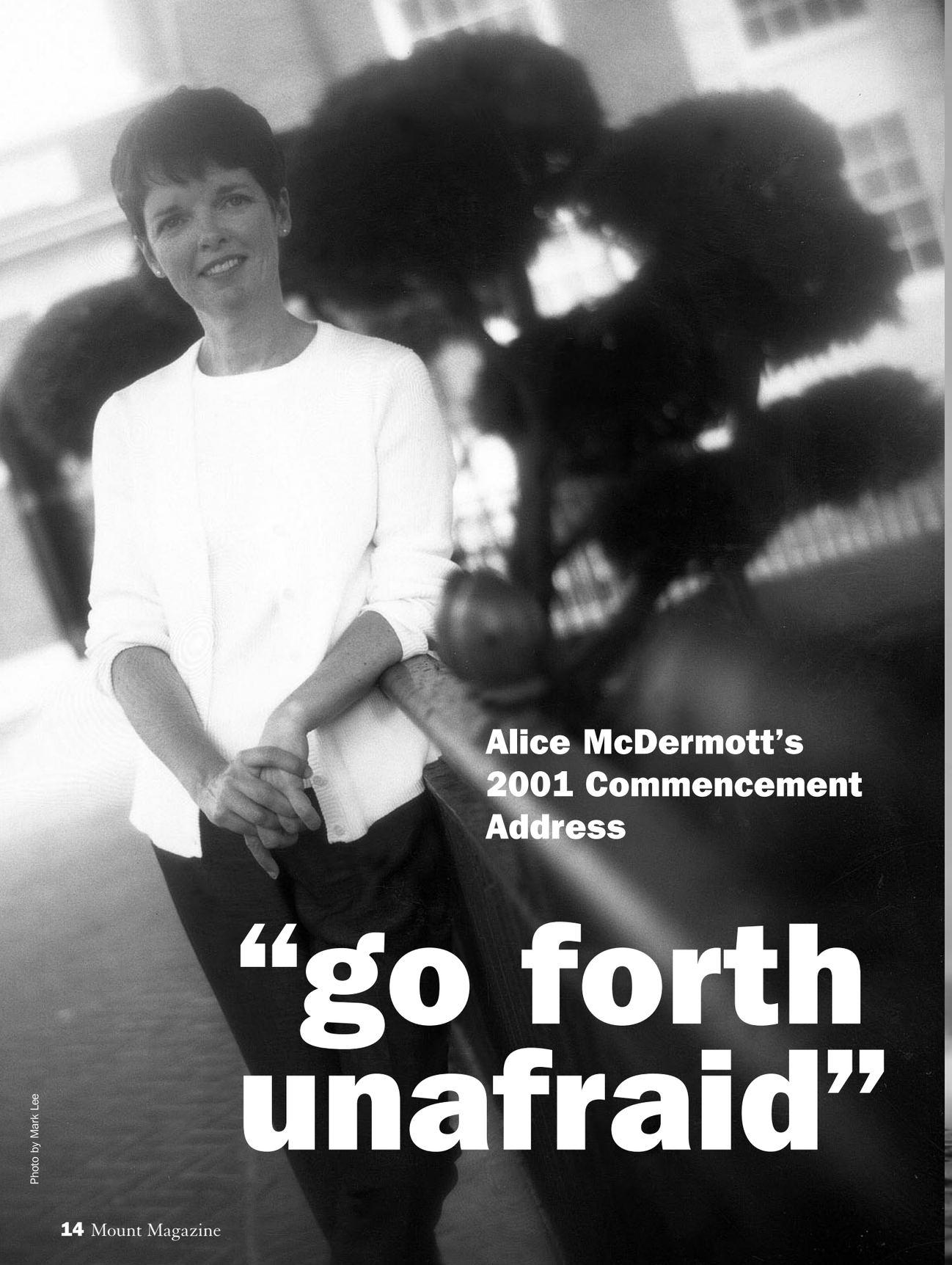
Donald P. Quinn, C'61, Lewes, DE

summer reading

Books touch our hearts and minds for very different, and personal, reasons. Sometimes we can relate to the dilemmas and feelings of the protagonist in a novel because the environment or situations are familiar to our own. Other times, the very "differentness" of the world between the pages gives us delight by allowing us to take a vacation from reality. Even reading for a specific cause – to learn a new skill or to delve into another time in history – can illuminate and enrich us like no other pastime. In all reading, there is the potential for a unique sense of satisfaction that can't come to us through any other vehicle.

As Alice McDermott pointed out for the Mount's class of 2001 (see following pages), books are a luxury, and we should search in our reading for that "pleasure sensation," the spine-tingling enjoyment of literature. When you think about reading just for the sheer pleasure of it, there is no time like summer for spending some quality time with a good book.

In case you haven't found that perfect summer read yet, we asked readers of *Mount Magazine* (staff and alumni) to share what they've read and enjoyed the most in the last year. What follows is their "recommended reading list," and we hope you enjoy their input. Then go find a comfy chair and a few hours of peace and read a book – for the sheer pleasure of it. ▲



Alice McDermott's 2001 Commencement Address

"go forth unafraid"

Photo by Mark Lee

my thanks to President George Houston and the Board of Trustees and the community of Mount St. Mary's for honoring me with this doctorate. My thanks and heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2001.

When I told my literary agent that I would be speaking to you today, she advised me that every commencement address should consist of only three words, "Go forth, unafraid." No doubt this is very good advice, both for you and for me, but I am the mother of teenagers, and the opportunity to speak to this many people who are compelled at least to pretend to listen is far too good for me to pass up with just three words.

Of course, I am well aware of the irony of my standing before you at this moment. I am a writer of novels addressing you today when surely you must count among your many causes for self-satisfaction the fact that you have completed your last required reading list. I am a hawker of books when the Mount St. Mary's brochure itself says, "At the Mount, we teach students that a true education is much more than what's contained in the pages of a book." I am a professional storyteller, a creator of made-up dilemmas and made-up solutions, while the first line of your soon-to-be alma mater's mission statement calls Mount St. Mary's "an institution of higher education dedicated to liberal learning in the pursuit of truth."

"I am a professional storyteller, a creator of made-up dilemmas and made-up solutions..."

So in the interest of full disclosure, let me make it clear that I stand before you on this, your day of days, as a novelist, a pusher of books, a professional liar, to make one more case, before you go forth unafraid on your life's great adventure, for required reading, for books, for the passionate pursuit of truth through literature.

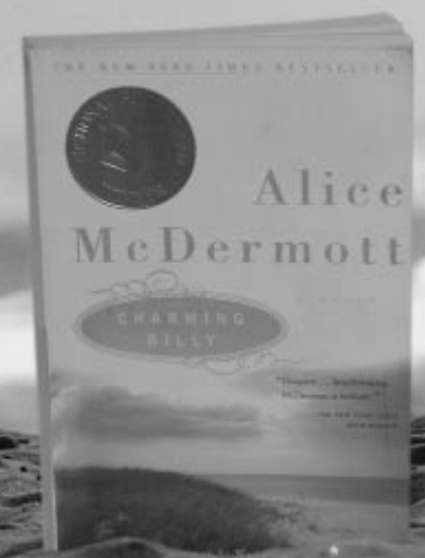
No doubt you have heard this pitch before. Perhaps you had one of those mothers who read Proust to you while you were still en utero, or a father who stocked your nursery shelves with the classics, hoping you'd absorb *A Tale of Two Cities* by osmoses before your first birthday. Surely many of you remember learning as a child the disappointing heft and shape of a brightly wrapped birthday present that was, unfortunately, a book, or your first encounter with an aggressive librarian, or a reading-obsessed aunt, or a platitudinous teacher who could not say enough about the educational powers, the enlightening powers, the career-building and mind opening and life-skill enhancing powers—even the health benefits—of great literature.

My guess is that you never really believed it. Certainly, you didn't believe it as you waded through the duller bits of *Treasure Island* or *Pride and Prejudice*, as you scratched your head over Faulkner or Shakespeare or Kafka, or scratched the assignment over Borges or Beckett or Finnegan's Wake—career building, mind-opening, life skills enhancing—this?

My guess is that even the most avid readers among you, the English majors, the followers of Oprah and the *New York Times* book review, would have to admit that when your last required reading list hit the recycle bin, you lost your most practical and compelling reason to read

Charming Billy by Alice McDermott

The Philadelphia Inquirer called it an "astoundingly beautiful novel about the persistence of love, the perseverance of grief, and all-but-unbearable loneliness, as well as faith, loyalty and redemption." *Charming Billy* is a lyrical and sad story featuring a middle-class Irish Catholic family who live in Long Island and the effects of a lie come undone.



"The New York Times *proclaimed it 'magical'."*

“Here’s the truth of the matter...there is no compelling reason to read great literature...”

great literature—that is, because it’s going to be on the exam.

Here’s the truth of the matter, with apologies to your Proust-reading mothers and bookshelf building fathers, there is no practical or compelling reason to read great literature.

W.H. Auden said it about poetry, but it’s true of literature in general, novels in particular as well. “Poetry” Auden said “makes nothing happen.”

…It survives in the valley of its saying, he wrote, where executives would never want to tamper; it flows south from ranches of isolation and the busy grief’s, Raw towns that we believe and die in; it survives.

A way of happening, a mouth.

Imagine if you will a world in which, during the next 10 years, not a single person reads a single 19th century English novel. Not a single person, not a single novel—the library shelves on which they are contained remain undisturbed, the single copy of each in every bookstore does not have to be restocked, Amazon receives no orders, college courses featuring 19th century English novels go under-enrolled and so are quickly dropped from the curriculum by bottom-line-savvy administrators. High school reading lists remain, for the most part, comfortably unchanged—students can always rent the video of *Mansfield Park*, or *Oliver*.

Imagine the world at the end of these 10 years and no doubt you will find that it looks much the same as the world today. In other words, if not a single person reads a single 19th century English novel over the next 10 years, it won’t make any difference. More pertinent still, if you don’t read a single 19th century English novel over the next 10 years, over the next lifetime, it will make no difference.

Poetry, literature, makes nothing happen, and the reading of a great novel has no practical application – it will not sure our careers, or our marriages, or our retirement, it will certainly not help us to get elected to any high office. It will not even make us better people – for surely if it did, our English departments would all be havens of civility and sanity and enlightened fellow feeling.

No, the pitch I want to make for books today, if it is to be an honest pitch, has to begin with the admission that the reading of great literature is a luxury, and as with most luxuries, the only benefit accrued is pleasure. Just as we don’t go to art museums solely to figure out what to hang over our couch, or to concert halls because we need to find some background music for Saturday’s dinner party, we should not go to literature for personal gain, for self-help or self-analysis or for a more entertaining version of current events that can be found in newspapers or history books. We should go to novels only for the pleasure novels provide.

In his lectures on literature, the great writer Vladimir Nabokov claims that the authentic instrument with which to judge a work of literature is not the head (what we can learn from it) or the heart (how well we can identify with its characters), but the spine. For it is in the spine that the readers will feel what he calls “the tell-tale tingle”, that indicates a reader’s encounter with an inspired work of art. A tell-tale tingle, a shiver of appreciation, a pleasure response, if you will.

It is the pleasure we feel when we encounter unencumbered, unbiased, unpaid for by a major corporation, truth—that poor, battered, worn-out and well-nigh meaningless word. The pleasure we feel when we encounter not a truism, not a platitude, not an opinion supported by the latest government statistics, not a true fact, or a “true for you but not for me” or “true for today but not for tomorrow,” but a moment of clarity and grace when the reader’s mind and the writer’s mind, in perfect communion, in the silence that is reading, recognize together what we have always known about ourselves, about one another, about the texture of our thoughts, about our common experience of this brief life.

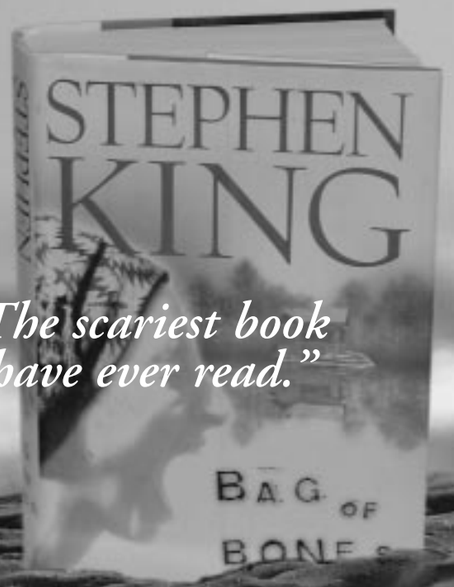
The pleasure of reading literature, the luxury of reading literature, is derived from those moments of clarity and grace, those moments of observation and vision. And more, because a literary masterpiece, like a visual masterpiece, is more than the sum of its parts, there is the pleasure, too,

“We should go to novels only for the pleasure novels provide.”

Bag of Bones by Stephen King

By far Stephen King’s most gripping and unforgettable novel --- a tale of grief and lost love’s enduring bonds, of haunting secrets of the past, and of an innocent child caught in the crossfire.

Frank DeLuca, vice president of institutional advancement

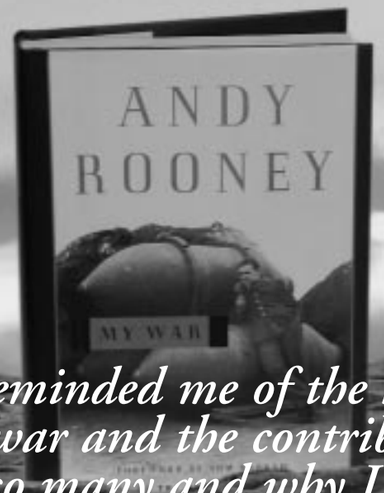


“The scariest book I have ever read.”

My War by Andy Rooney

This is an excellent book about Rooney's experiences as a reporter with the "Stars and Stripes" during World War II. My late father was a radio operator with the Seventh Armor Division during the Battle of the Buldge. Many times, when I think I've had a bad day, I think of my dad, during the Christmas ’44, when his unit was trapped at St. Vith in Belgium.

Phil McGlade, director of alumni relations

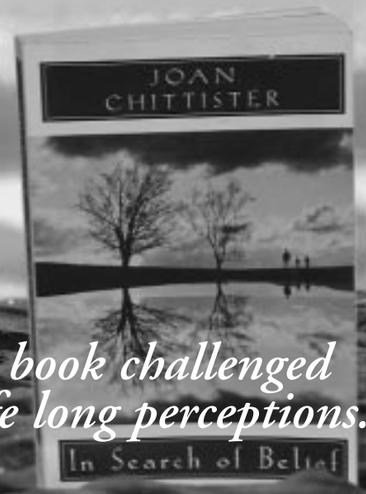


“Reminded me of the horrors of war and the contributions of so many and why I've been so fortunate as an American.”

In Search of Belief by Joan Chittister

Thanks to Joan Chittister, I now have a new understanding and a greater appreciation for the Apostle’s Creed.

Tom Kiniry, director of public safety

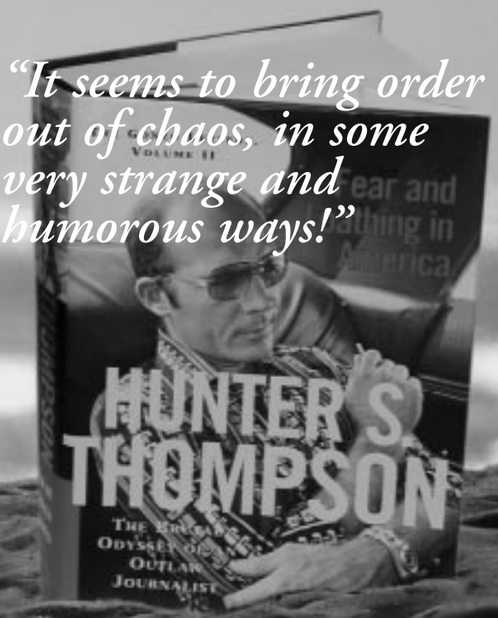


“This book challenged my life long perceptions.”

Fear and Loathing in America by Hunter S. Thompson

This book is a compilation of journal entries, articles and letters to friends, family, literary and political figures written primarily in the 70s. It’s definitely an exercise for the brain to keep up with Thompson’s train of thought.

Anne Sluck, assistant director of alumni relations



“It seems to bring order out of chaos, in some very strange and humorous ways!”

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of recognizing the inner weave, the persistent meaningfulness, the precision and order of a poem or a play or a novel.

Life is chaos, of course, full of the arbitrary, the accidental. Literature imposes order—it may be a recognizable order, it may be an order we have to struggle to discover, but it is there, always, in great literature, never in life. A horse that stumbles in the first act of a play portends the death of its rider in the third. A rain puddle described in the first paragraph leaves an after image in the mind's eye that becomes, 200 pages later, a man's salvation. A gesture, a half-spoken phrase, a candle reflected in a window, a light across a bay, a child cutting pictures out of a catalogue, each, in literature, an essential part of the whole so that when we come to the end of a work and look back over it and recognize the rightness of each detail, the precision of its structure, the inner weave, the order, the art of the thing, we feel that appreciative shiver in the spine.

And yet, to admit that the reading of literature provides no practical benefit, to say that it is only a luxury and a pleasure, is not to admit that it is valueless. Put aside all the decadent images those two words evoke, luxury and pleasure—images from Madonna videos and the Trump Palace and other dens of iniquity—and you will find that life is full of valuable moments that are mere luxury and pleasure. Some, you could argue, have hidden, practical benefits: it is a luxury and a pleasure, we might say, to be healthy, to be warm and dry, to love someone; but others, no less valuable, offer no benefit at all—it is a luxury and a pleasure to take the time to study the face of a child, or the details of a sunset, to listen to the rhythm of the ocean, to have a long conversation with an old friend.

Wait Til Next Year

by Doris Kearns Goodwin

When I received this book as a Christmas gift, I tore through its pages with gleeful delight. Goodwin paints an envocative and nostalgic picture of small-town life, of growing up Catholic, and of forming the roots of a love for the American pastime that has made her a fan for life.

The title is the mantra of the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1950s, but it could be echoed hopefully now by fans of the Boston Red Sox and the Chicago Cubs—or anyone who looks to the future for another chance. In fact, "wait until next year" evokes the buoyant tone of that period in American history—that whatever isn't right now will be better soon—it served to remind me personally that that's a pretty good way to look at life.

April D. Nolan, director of communications

On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft by Stephen King

King reminded me of why I wanted to become a writer and what skills it takes to be successful. Both memoir and advice this is a must-read for anyone who seeks to be a writer or anyone who professes to be a writer.

Nancy Gregg Poss, associate director of marketing and public relations

"I don't know how I didn't discover this enchanting autobiography before."

"This book gave me focus again for my own writing."

"...the pleasure literature provides is indeed part of some grander scheme of nature."

We're all familiar with the biological value of the pleasure response—the way nature lures us into eating well and seeking shelter and propagating the species by making it pleasing for us to do so—but isn't it possible that these moments of seemingly less-directed pleasure have their larger intentions as well, that the pleasure art provides, that literature provides, is indeed part of some grander scheme of nature. Or, better yet, some grander scheme of our Creator.

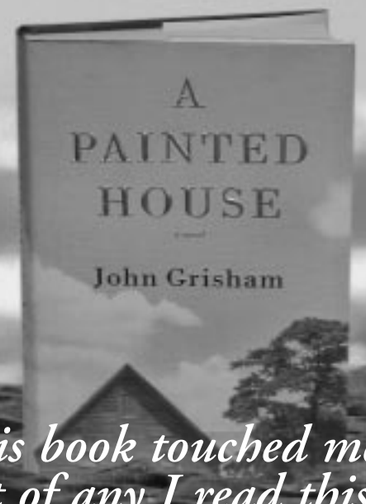
Recently, my son was relating a discussion he'd had in his sophomore English class regarding who actually wrote Shakespeare's plays. Was it Shakespeare himself, that middle class and mostly uneducated actor, or some smarter nobleman who only borrowed Shakespeare's name, or perhaps some consortium of playwrights and actors and smart noblemen. "Who do you think Shakespeare was?," he asked me, and because it was a school night and there was still homework to be done and clothes to fold and an 8-year-old to get into bed, I responded, without much thought. I said, "I think he was an angel."

I knew by my son's sudden silence that I had actually gotten his attention. "Are

A Painted House by John Grisham

In a very un-Grisham-like manner, the author explores the trials and tribulations of a family trying to make a living farming cotton in Arkansas in the 50s. The book played to my ancestral farming roots and to my current struggles with small-scale agriculture at Tranquility Farm in Howard County. As the characters in *A Painted House* bond together to make a success of the farm while pitted against floods and nature, I am reminded of the constant threats to my own growing season and the importance of being prepared for the unexpected. The book is a metaphor for life, especially farm life, and accents the special place of family.

Linda Martinak, assistant dean for continuing studies



"This book touched me the most of any I read this year."

The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling

Rowling draws readers in with her strong sense of humor, character and place. These books combine suspenses with humor and wisdom. This series was awesome…great lessons to be learned about friendship.

Kelli Maze, production coordinator

"A bit of fantasy so real that even adults think maybe it could happen on some levels."

“You should read literature because it is so pleasant to feel that tell-tale tingle in your spine”

you serious?” he asked. It was only then I realized that I probably was.

When we stop worrying about what literature can do for us – and you can now stop worrying if it will be on the test—when we recognize that the reading of literature is a luxury and a pleasure, then we can begin to understand that it is also a gift.

If there is one refrain, one prayer, one cry to heaven that sounds across the entire history of humankind, across continents and cultures and civilizations and creeds, it is our persistent and perpetual cry for meaning – the meaning of our brief time here on earth, the meaning of our suffering and our sorrow, our joy, our love for one another, our lives and our deaths. Across the history of humankind, it is a prayer that has not gone unanswered, and it should be a source of great pleasure for us, a source as well of wonder and gratitude and awe, that the answer to our cry has come to us, and continues to come to us, not in platitudes and truisms and easy-to-follow directives, but in the complex, diverse, ever-expanding, ever-enduring beauty and truth of Shakespeare’s plays and Yeat’s poetry and Chekov’s stories and Woolf’s novels, and in all the great plays and poetry and stories and novels that have been written and continue to be written. It should be a source of our unending delight that the reply to our cry for meaning, which is so often voiced through art, or music, or literature, returns to us in kind… That the pleasure we feel when truth comes to us through literature proves beyond all doubt that we have been blessed by our Creator with the need for truth, just as surely as we have been provided by nature with the need for sustenance and shelter and offspring.

As Christians we believe in the written account of a single man’s life that has changed forever the fate of the world and of each individual soul. We recognize the truth of this story, the way it orders the chaos, the way the logic of its inner weave binds us forever to our belief in the value of each individual life because the story itself depends so entirely on the value of one individual life, of Christ’s life. We believe in this as God’s greatest gift to us.

It is my opinion that the literature of the world is a variation on this theme. The literature of the world confirms the value of the individual, of each specific life, not only because it gives value to each character in a story, but because it assumes the value of each reader for whom the story has been written, of each mind the story will encounter through the ages. Literature confirms our worth because it assumes our mutual need for the communion of minds – the writer’s mind and the reader’s mind – it assumes the life of the spirit, the inner life, and it assumes our God given desire for truth.

So, here’s the pitch: You should read literature because it is a gift from the divine.

“look for those spine tingling moments…find them, cherish them, they are gifts, they are answered prayers”

You should read literature because it is a great luxury and a pleasure to take notice of the world, the face of a child, the details of a sunset, it is a great luxury and a pleasure to discover order in the chaos, to recognize the richness of our individual lives and minds. You should read literature because it is so pleasant to feel that telltale tingle in your spine.

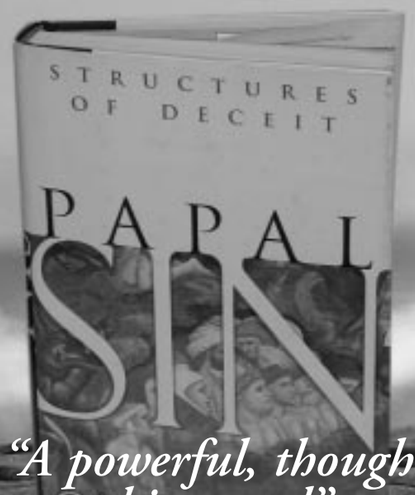
And here’s my advice: As you go off on your great adventure, look for those spine tingling moments, those moments of luxury and pleasure that make no claim to benefit – find them in literature or in art or in music, in science, or mathematics, in observation or in thought – but find them, cherish them, they are gifts, they are answered prayers.

They may even make it possible for you to go forth, unafraid. ▲

Papal Sin: Structures of Deceit by Garry Wills

In *Papal Sin* Wills writes an assured, acutely insightful—and occasionally stinging—critique of the Catholic Church and its hierarchy from the 19th century to the present.

George R. Houston, Jr., president



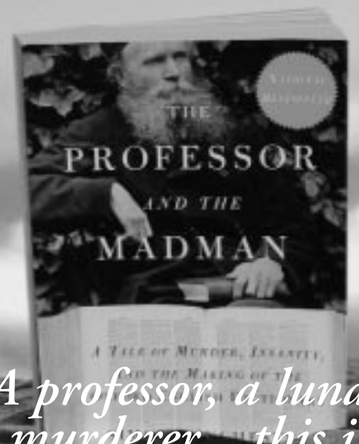
“A powerful, thought-provoking read”

The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity & the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary

by Simon Winchester

This non-fiction book was about how the Oxford English Dictionary emereged out of the scholarly heroism of Professor James Murray and an American expatriate and Civil War veteran, Dr. William Minor. Minor was a murderer and certified lunatic!

Frank DeLuca, vice president of institutional advancement



“A professor, a lunatic, a murderer…this is not a plot from a Mount performance.”

A Prayer for Owen Meany

by John Irving

This wonderful novel takes the reader through the lives of two best friends. It reminds us of how to be a kid. The adventures these characters go through are both comical and dramatic at the same time.

Laura Boesler, assistant director of financial aid

“This is a great story of how the human spirit can conquer all.”

Flags Fly Honoring Alumni

While passing Bradley Hall, did you ever wonder what the flags flying on the flagpole with the dates on them signify? What makes those two years so special? The answer is simple. The flags represent the two reunion classes who "captured the flag" with outstanding donations to the Mount Annual Fund during their reunion year. One represents the largest contribution made, while the other signifies the highest participation rate. "The tradition of 'capturing the flag' began five years ago with this year's competition being among the fiercest," commented Mount Board Chair and Connections Campaign Chair John Walsh. "Class agents worked diligently throughout the weeks leading up to Alumni Reunion Weekend attempting to increase their class's standing, and alumni continued to make contributions even today! Our Annual Fund continues to be a critical element in strengthening the Mount for the new millennium and keeping us in the top tier of liberal arts colleges in the Northeast."

$27,085 was this year's largest gift! Congratulations to the class of 1966 for securing this significant contribution. In addition in honor of their 35th reunion, the class presented the Mount with $36,059 designated for the construction of the new McGowan Student Center, which will be the hub of campus. The classes of 1976 and 1996 were also acknowledged for exceeding their dollar goals!

Not only did the class of 1956 win the "loudest in attendance award" at the banquet, but they will also see their flag waving above campus in the coming year. The class boasted a nearly 51% participation rate, the highest of any reunion class. This surpassed their original goal of 50%, and secured their flag on the pole. Others classes recognized for exceeding participation goals were classes of 1956, 1961, 1991 and 1996.

Several classes were honored during reunion weekend for founding or increasing their scholarship funds. One class that shines is the class of 1951. In 1996, at their 45th reunion, they established a scholarship fund. One year later it totaled $27,000. Today, under the leadership of Harry Quinn, John Green, Gene Bogatko and Art Cody, the class of 1951 scholarship totals over $116,000. Also honored on the occasion of their 40th reunion was the class of 1961 whom raised over $100,000 for a scholarship to be awarded annually. The award will be given to students who have demonstrated service to the Church and community, active leadership in high school or church activities, and strong academic achievement. This year's recipient is Lauren Elizabeth O'Brien, daughter of Tim, C'77, and Michelle O'Brien.

As another fiscal year draws to a close, it is quite evident that the Mount Annual Fund continues on a path of success. Over the past few years, it has grown from $500,00 to over $1.2 million this year. Among the many other doors financial support opens, the Annual Fund provides for faculty support, library resources, and athletic equipment. As we welcome a new freshman class to campus in the fall, we will be reminded that many of the young men and women would not have been able to attend the Mount, without a scholarship from the Annual Fund, a scholarship that you helped make possible. ▲

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■ **Special thanks to the class agents who helped make this year's annual fund a great success!**

John McMullen C'55
Stephen Weber C'62
Ed Abrams C'64
Norbert Kraich C'64
John Devlin C'65
James McAveney C'66
Bart Dixon C'67
Thomas Pruitt C'69
John Gallagher C'70
Robert Dunn C'71
Joseph Kulick C'71
Frank Lidinsky C'72
Thomas Ignudo C'73
Joseph Molinaro C'74
Joseph Letnaunchyn C'75
Arthur Irving C'76
Ed Egan C'77
Tom Gallagher C'78
Marianne Mulligan C'79
Tim Dec C'80
Mary Adams C'81
William Frank C'82
W. Paul Jones C'83
William McNamara C'84
Mary Kruft C'85
Carl Francioli C'86
James Lighthizer C'88
Lorraine Knepple C'89
Jerry Dowd C'90
Tim Farrell C'91
Richard Kane C'92
Karen Daugherty C'93
Bridget Kelly C'94
Jennifer Firlie C'95
Joseph Verch C'96
James Hughes C'97
Steven Wheeler C'98
Patricia Zupko C'99
Anne Stocker C'00
Fr. Daniel Mode, S'92
Tim & Laura Hanlon, current parent chairs
Marv & Donna Stocker, past parent chairs

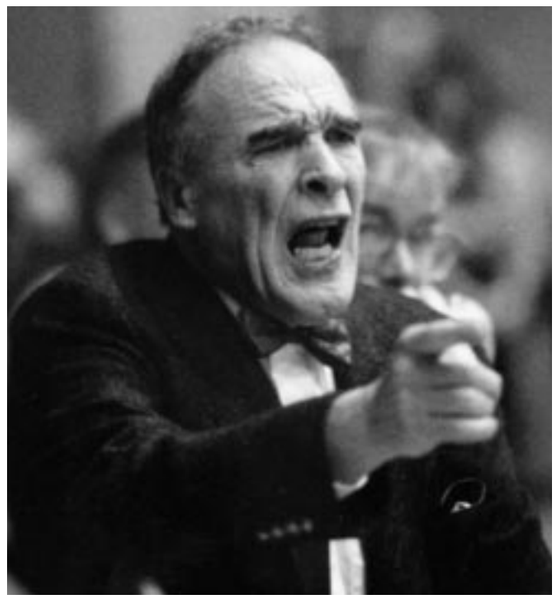
Baltimore Washington Phelan Event

After the tremendous success of the "Jim Phelan in Philadelphia" last fall, the effort to honor the coaching legend through an endowed chair is coming to the Baltimore/Washington area September 29, 2001. The black-tie optional event will pay homage to Jim Phelan through celebrity guests, fan and friend testimonials and a celebration of basketball.

The tribute will take place at the Marriott Inner Harbor in Baltimore. Some of those attending include Gary Williams, head coach of the University of Maryland final-four team; Clarence "Big House" Gaines, one of the few legends in college basketball to have coached more games than Jim Phelan.

The James Phelan Chair is one of the few named coaching positions in NCAA athletics. Created to honor the man, the coach and the athletic tradition of the Mount, the chair will secure increased funding for future basketball coaches at the Mount while it enhances the prestige and visibility of Mount sports.

Businesses and individuals can support the chair through sponsorship of the event at various levels: Corporate Underwriter ($10,000), Corporate Sponsor ($5,000), and Friends ($1,000). A limited number of individual tickets are also available for $150 each. Contact the office of institutional advancement for more information at 301-447-5361.



Above: Bronze "bowtie" statue presented to Phelan at the Philadelphia event.

About the fundraising for the Chair

In order to fully fund the coaching chair, the Mount must raise $1 million. All gifts will be placed in permanent endowment fund, and the earnings from the fund will be used to support the basketball coaching position. The lead gift for the chair came from a former basketball manager -- $100,000. Donors who make commitment of $10,000 will receive a Jim Phelan statuette. Gifts of cash, securities, and credit cards can be used to fulfill the pledge, which can be paid off over five years. Contact the office of institutional advancement, 301-447-5361, to make a pledge or for more information. ▲

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■ **Alumna Named Director of the Annual Fund**

After a seven-month search, the Mount has appointed Mount alumna Maureen Carmichael "PuttPutt" Plant, C'82, as the director of the annual fund.

Plant joins the Mount's office of development with several years of experience in annual giving, development and administration. For the past two years she has served as development associate for the YMCA of Frederick County. In this position, she was responsible for the annual scholarship fundraising campaign, managing the donor database, and coordination of special events. She also was involved in the development of a capital campaign case brief, as well as coordinating volunteer efforts.

Plant resides in Frederick with her husband Jim, C'81, and their four children; Elizabeth, 16, Michael, 14, John, 12 and Katie, 7.

June 1-3, 2001

The threat of rain didn't keep Mounties from attending this year's alumni reunion weekend. After an early evening deluge, the skies finally cleared up Friday night, leading way to a beautiful sunny day for the festival on Saturday. Alumni of all ages gathered with family and friends to reminisce, swap stories and see all the changes on the Mount's campus. A changing of the guard occurred at the annual Saturday night alumni banquet as Dr. Frank Merolla, C'63, stepped down after two terms as national alumni association president (see article on p. 27) and Denny Doyle, C'63, assumed the role (see article on p. 11). The annual banquet and awards ceremony, followed by a Sunday morning alumni Mass, marked the close of another memorable reunion weekend. ▲

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■ Three generations of Muldowneys: Tom, C'51, celebrating his 50th reunion, John, C'68, and Kate, C'02.

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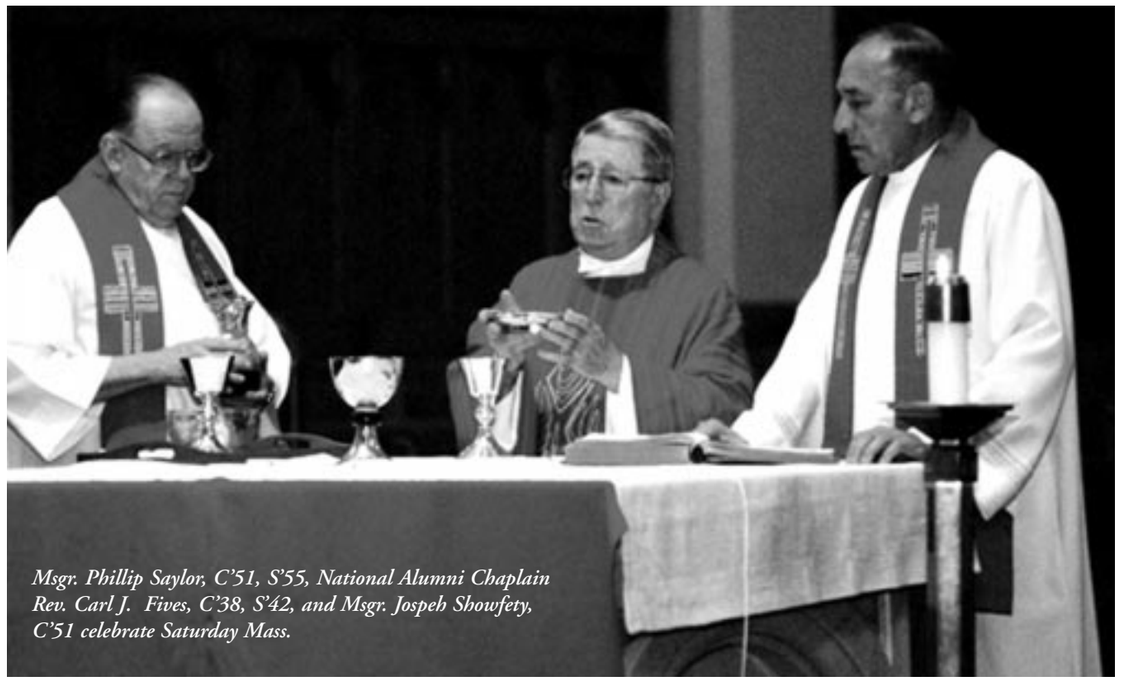
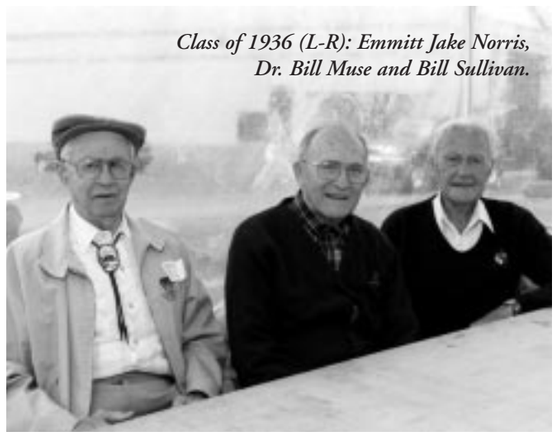


Msgr. Phillip Saylor, C'51, S'55, National Alumni Chaplain Rev. Carl J. Fives, C'38, S'42, and Msgr. Jospeh Showfety, C'51 celebrate Saturday Mass.

Class of 1936 (L-R): Emmitt Jake Norris, Dr. Bill Muse and Bill Sullivan.



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■ (L-R): Dr. Frank Merolla, Sister Ann Bernadette McCafferty OSF and President George Houston.

At left (L-R): John Walsh, C'58, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Jennifer Walsh Scanlon, C'91, and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Frank DeLuca.

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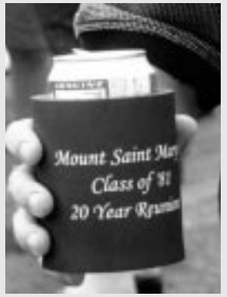
■ **Class of 1981 Huggie.**

The class of 1981 celebrated their 20th reunion in appropriate summer style. Shown below: the commemorative huggie.



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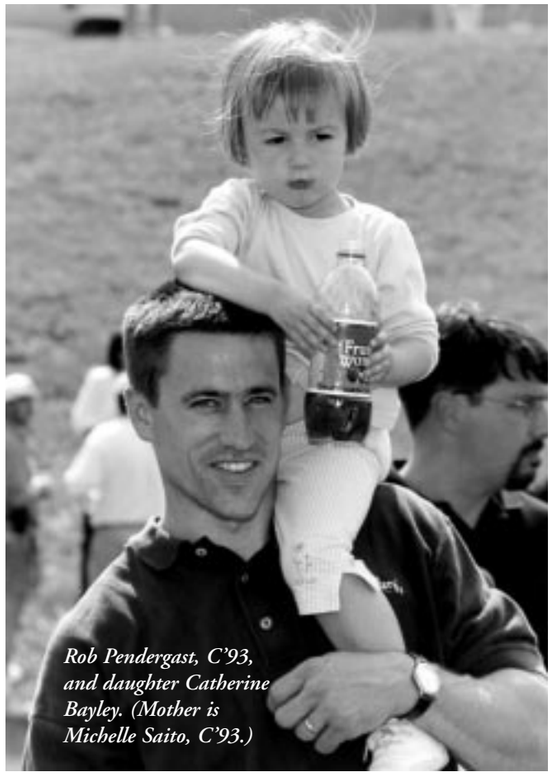
■ (L-R): Dr. Frank Merolla, Mrs. Ruth Richards, wife of the late Dr. John Richards, *professor emeritus* of chemistry, and President George Houston.



Rob Pendergast, C'93, and daughter Catherine Bayley. (Mother is Michelle Saito, C'93.)

Thank You, Frank Merolla

Mount St. Mary's would like to extend its sincerest appreciation to Dr. Frank Merolla who has just completed his four year term (June 1997 - June 2001) as national alumni president. Dr. Merolla's list of accomplishments is long and very impressive. Some of the achievements of his tenure include awarding alumni chapter status to Atlanta and Boston, renaming the alumni scholarships to the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship, presenting resolutions conferring honorary national alumni association memberships, revising the alumni constitution, doubling the association's "Connections" campaign pledge from $75,000 to $150,000, transferring the Alumni Master Card Program to MBNA America and assisting in the construction of an alumni web page. A new honor, the Bishop James E. Walsh Award, was presented for the first time during Dr. Merolla's term and a dialogue was opened with the officers of the St. Joseph College alumni association. Dr. Merolla also reached out to the younger members of the Mount family by promoting the Philadelphia Boat House Row Party as a regional event for young alumni and by corresponding with the senior class officers.

Perhaps the most significant achievement that occurred under Dr. Merolla's watch was the increases in alumni chapter activity and attendance, including an increase in community service events in response to Dr. Merolla's challenge that each alumni chapter schedule at least one event per year for community service. From 1997 - 2001, there were 125 chapter/regional events with attendance of approximately 7,500. Dr. Merolla was very visible in these flurry of activities, appearing at 75 out of 125 chapter/regional events in his four years. Dr. Merolla also promoted greater initiative for other officers, inviting the vice presidents and key administrators to make presentations at leader's meetings.

The Mount community is greatly indebted to Dr. Merolla for his tremendous service over the years. Prior to serving as national alumni president, Dr. Merolla held the positions of national alumni vice president, president and founder of the Lower Hudson Alumni Chapter and chairman of the national alumni achievement committee, the Alumni's public relations committee and the alumni scholarship committee. The Mount is also thankful for Dr. Merolla and his wife, Mary Beth's, generosity in donating to the Mount's Annual Fund over the years. In short, Dr. Merolla has played a large role in helping Mount St. Mary's to continue its long tradition of academic excellence and service to the Church and to society.

Dr. Merolla, we salute you and we wish you the best. ▲

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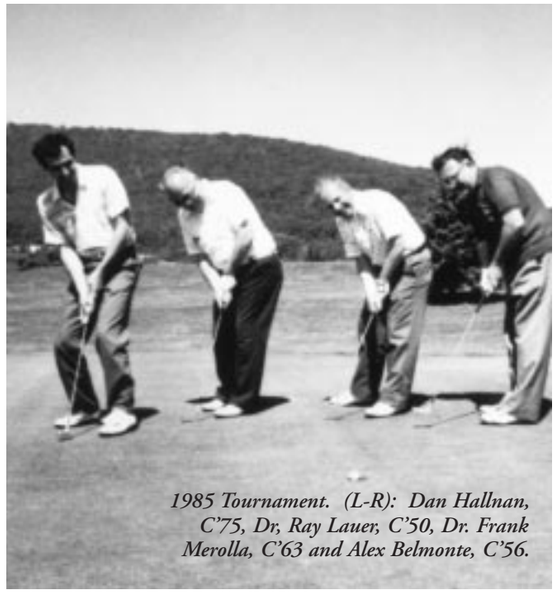
■ For more than 10 years, the Alumni Scholarship has been one of Dr. Merolla's highest priorities as an alumni leader. He is pictured here (1999) with other alumni leaders presenting a check from the "Connections Campaign" to President Houston.

25th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

1987: Lt. Joe Anderson, C'85



1985 Tournament. (L-R): Dan Hallnan, C'75, Dr, Ray Lauer, C'50, Dr. Frank Merolla, C'63 and Alex Belmonte, C'56.

All proceeds from the annual golf tournament benefit the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship program. Since 1989, more than $45,000 has been raised.

(See p. 28 for this year's recipients!)

Fr. Fives, 1939.

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■ **Service Awards:**
1989- Phil McGlade;
1990- Frank Merolla;
1991- Alex Belmonte;
1992- George Gelles;
1993- Steve Rockwood;
1994- Dan Hallinan;
1995- Jim Phelan; **1996**- Marty Conroy; **1997**- Joe Sokol; **1999**- Carl Fives;
2001- Woody Stoner;
2002- Barnes and Noble

The Mount's annual alumni golf tournament recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. First held in 1977 at Carroll Valley Golf Course, tournament players have witnessed their share of once-in-a-lifetime moments! From late President Dr. John J. "Doc" Dillon's first drive, to the holes in one of Bill McDevitt, C'68, and Phil Dolan, C'80, this tournament is a long-standing tradition held in conjunction with the Mount's annual alumni reunion weekend. The event location has changed twice (from Carroll Valley Golf Course 1976-1990 to Mountain View Golf Course 1991-present) as did the format (from calloway to scramble), but the nature of the game has endured. Competition, camaraderie and the excitement of being named winner bring approximately 70 Mount golfers together each year. ▲

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winningteams

A Flight
First Place
Tom "Woody" Stoner, C'62
Bob Phelan, C'90
Jim Phelan
Bernie Yannetti, C'81

Second Place
Steve Gostovich, C'92
Dan Smith, C'91
Rob Pendergist, C'93
Scott Thompson

B Flight
First Place *(pictured L-R)*
Frank Ciurlino, C'81
Dave Conaghan, C'81
Dennis Dempsey, C'81
Lee Rutland, C'80

Second Place
Ken Chodnicki, C'82
Matt Muller, C'82
Mike Neumann, C'82
Tom Rogers, C'82

C Flight
First Place
George Gelles, C'64
Steve Rockwood
Steve Falke
John Kwiatkowski

Second Place
Hugh Farrell, C'73
Mike McCullum, C'73
Chris Glass, C'88
Bob Glass, C'83

Closest to the Pin
Par 3 Hole #12 – Mike Casey, C'76
Par 4 Hole #5 – Dave Ache

B Flight

centralpachapter

■ On Thursday, May 10, the Central Pa. Chapter held an after work social at the Gingerbread Man Riverside, in Wormleysburg, Pa. On hand to join the alumni were President George Houston, Dr. Frank Merolla (national alumni president), Phil McGlade (director of alumni relations), and Anne Sluck (assistant director of alumni relations).

1950s

Dr. Terrence J. Thomas, C'55, retired from his surgical practice in February 2001. He and his wife, Joan, are now working as volunteers for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Williamsburg, Va.

Frank J. Hogan, C'57, was a 2001 American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Award of Merit winner. Hogan, a cement consultant based in Delmar, NY, was given the award for his service in developing test methods and performance standards, and directing research studies in his field. The Award of Merit is the highest ASTM honor given to an individual for committee work.

1960s

The Reverend W. Gregg Elliott, C'60, was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Miami, Ok., in June.

Jack Bransfield, C'63, is serving as president and chief executive officer of Roslyn Savings Bank in Roslyn, NY.

R. Donald Leedy, C'66, has been appointed a member of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees. Leedy currently serves as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, Pa. His volunteer activities include serving as past president and board member of Community Nursing Services, board member of Memorial Health Alliance Hospital System, and member of a United Way panel that evaluates agencies requesting funding. Leedy and his wife, Martha, reside in Moorestown, Pa.

1970s

Dr. Michael J. McGovern, C'70, has been named vice president of academic affairs for College Misericordia in Dallas, Pa. McGovern will serve as the chief academic officer of the college and will be responsible for bringing about the planning, development, implementation and assessment of the college's academic program and support services. McGovern has served in the field of higher education for more than 25 years; as a faculty member, division chair and administrator. He will be leaving his position as vice president of academic affairs at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, NY, where he was acting president in 1998.

David Dalia C'79, has recently joined the New York office of Arthur J. Gallagher Intermediaries as vice president of operations. Dalia currently resides in Montville, NJ, with his wife and three children and serves on the local library board of trustees.

brutémedal

■ President George Houston and Dr. Frank Merolla with Bruté Medal recipient Dr. Bill Meredith at the reunion banquet.

honoraryalumnus

■ President George Houston is made an honorary member of the national alumni association. Dr. Frank Merolla is at left at the reunion banquet.

washingtonchapter

■ On Wednesday, May 23, D.C. area alumni gathered for an informal networking social at Whitlow's on Wilson in Arlington, Va. The event brought together both young and established alumni in the area, and provided them with the opportunity to mingle in a casual but career-oriented setting.

1980s

Mike Berens, C'82, and his wife, Patrice, welcomed a daughter, Emma Grace on May 26, 2001.

Tamara Bream, C'85, has been promoted to chief financial officer at HB Associates, an executive search and management consulting firm in Villanova, Pa. For the past three years, Bream held the position of controller for HB Associates and provided advisory services to the firm's clients. Prior to working at HB Associates, Bream was assistant controller at Comcast Cellular Communications and controller of Pennsylvania Aviation from 1992-1996.

Eric Campbell, C'85, was featured as a guest lecturer at the Civil War Heritage Days celebration in Gettysburg, Pa. His lecture, "A Grand Terrible Drama: The Civil War Experiences of Charles Wellington Reed," was featured during the July 3 festivities marking the 138th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Mark Damato, C'89, has been accepted into the International Executive MBA program at the McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University.

Jim Rowe, C'81, recently resigned from his position as boys' basketball coach at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, Pa. He leaves Bishop McDevitt with a record of 276-155, and a team that won District 3-AAA championships in 1986 and 1989. Rowe cited health and family commitments in his decision to resign as coach. During his years at the Mount, Rowe was a member of the 1981 men's basketball team, playing in the NCAA Division II finals in Springfield, Ma. Rowe is also a member of the Mount Hall of Fame.

Jim Sullivan, C'82, and his wife, Kathleen, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Katherine Helen, on May 14, 2001.

In August, 2000, Jennifer Helm Malfitano, C'83, and her husband, Vinnie, travelled to China to bring home their new daughter, Rose Qingfeng Malfitano, then 9 months old. Rose was welcomed by her siblings—Rollie, Emily, and Hannah. Jennifer is a professor at Delaware County Community College, and resides in Wenonah, NJ with her family.

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■ Former national alumni president Dr. Frank Merolla, C'63, and Vice President Sue Janowiak, C'81, with Bishop James Walsh Award recipient Don Quinn, C'61 at the reunion banquet.

dubois medal

■ President George Houston and Dr. Frank Merolla with DuBois Medal co-recipients Dr. Bill, C'66, and Kathy Magee, co-founders of Operation Smile at the reunion banquet.

golftournament

■ The 1st Annual Alumni Reunion Classes Golf Tournament held June 1, at Mountain View Golf Course was very successful and attracted 79 players. Despite threatening weather, the foursome of John Laughlin, C'86, Jim Laughlin, C'89, Mike Sheehan, C'89, and Larry Howley, C'88, took top honors with a score of 12 under par. The threesome of Mike O'Grady, C'76, Joe Sokol, C'76, and Bill Stoner finished in second place. Closest to the pin honors went to outgoing alumni president Frank Merolla, C'63, and longest drive prize went to Bill Stoner.

The highlight of the tournament was a raffle that featured four green fees for three foursomes to Myrtle Beach, SC, a set of King Cobra clone irons and a set of Olemar clone woods and many other items donated by the participants. From the chairman a very deserving "thank you" to all. The guest of honor for the initial outing was Prof. Bill Meredith, Bruté Medal recipient and former Mount professor.

The tournament is planned for next year featuring the reunion classes that end in 2 and 7. All Mount constituents, guests and this year's participants are welcome.

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■ **2001 Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship Recipients**

Joseph J. Jones, C'02, of Friendsville, Pa. is a philosophy major, plans to attend graduate school, and teach at the college/university level. He is the son of Alfred and Deborah Jones. (Not in photo.)

Sabina Kaniowski, C'02, of Baltimore, Md. is an International Studies major with a concentration in business, and hopes to pursue a career in international business. She is the daughter of Stefan and Krystyna Kaniowski.

Thea Lind, C'02, of Boonsboro, Md. is an English and theater major, plans to attend graduate school, and is aspiring to become a theater critic. She is the daughter of Daniel and Geri Lind.

Cheryl Sullivan, C'02, of Fork River, NJ, is a business major with a concentration in marketing, plans to attend law school or pursue an MBA. She is the daughter of Terry Sullivan.

Shina Warner, C'02, of Vineland, NJ, is an accounting major, and will pursue a career as a certified public accountant with a national accounting firm. She is the daughter of Leon and Keiko Warner. (Not in photo.)

(L-R): Dr. Frank Merolla, Thea Lind, C'02, Sabina Kaniowski, C'02, Rev. Carl J. Fives, C'38, S'42, Cheryl Sullivan, C'02.

The Reverend John Kemper, S'83, a priest from the Diocese of Harrisburg, was recently named vice president for administrative affairs at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Tx. He was ordained a priest in 1983, and served as an assistant pastor at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill, Pa.

Patrick Allocco, C'83, was recently named partner at Republican Advertising in New York City. Patrick resides in Convent Station, NJ, with his wife, Abigail, and son, Patrick.

Marie Keegin, MBA'86, has been appointed director of the Frederick County Office of Economic Development (OED) in Frederick, Md. Prior to this appointment, Keegin served as the suburban Maryland regional manager for the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, and director of the Frederick County Job Training Agency. In her new capacity at the OED, Keegin will be faced with several issues that are critical to Frederick County's development, including attracting new companies and supporting the county's threatened agricultural industry.

1990s

Malia Blom, C'97, and Jim Byrge were married on July 21, 2001 at St. Dominic's Church in Washington, DC.

Blom will be attending the Catholic University of America School of Law as a second-year student during the 2001-2002 academic year. She is currently serving as a legal aide with the U.S. Army at the Pentagon.

Melissa DiVincenzo, C'98, received a juris doctor degree (*magna cum laude*) from the Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, on May 25, 2001.

Christopher Corwin, C'90, and wife, Jill, welcomed a daughter, Madison Marie, on April 30, 2001.

Kate (Rafferty) and Michael Keimig (both C'91) celebrated the birth of their second son on March 5, 2001. Brennan Joseph was welcomed home by his big brother Evan Michael, 3. Doting alumnae aunts are Eileen Rafferty C'83, Mariclare Rafferty C'86 and Tricia Rafferty, C'88. Michael is an underwriting associate with The Chubb Group in Dallas, TX.

The Reverend Brian Butch, S'92, is now pastor of Holy Innocents Parish in Neptune, Fl. He formerly served as a deacon at St. John Parish in Lakehurst.

Christine O'Connor, C'92, has joined Cassidy and Associates in Washington, D.C., as a lobbyist. She specializes in education, health care and environmental issues, drawing on her experience as former legislative director for Congressman William F. Goodling (R-PA). She has also worked as a volunteer for the Republican Party, in the Bush-Cheney presidential campaign in Arlington, Va., and as a member of the Bush-Cheney Florida Recount Team in Palm Beach County.

Christina M. Simpson, C'93, assistant D.A. for Adams County, Pa., was featured as a guest speaker at the Mount's annual Law Lecture series on April 4, 2001. The lecture's topic was "The Legal Aspects of Date Rape and Date Rape Drugs." Simpson fielded questions from students and related her legal experiences with this controversial social issue. She earned her law degree from the Dickinson School of Law in 1995, and during her undergraduate years at the Mount, she was awarded the Reverend Carl J. Fives National Alumni Scholarship.

David K. McCay, C'95, of Framingham has been named an associate of the Worcester-based law firm Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie & Lougee, LLP., as of May 29, 2001.

Affiliated with Mirick O'Connell since his tenure there as a summer associate in 1999, McCay received his J.D. from Boston College Law School in May of 2000.

Stephanie Bracciale, C'96, married Scott McClure on March 31, 2001. She is a training specialist at Allfirst Financial in Baltimore, and resides in Lutherville, Md.

2000

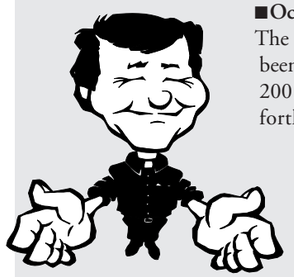
The Reverend Alexander Agudelo, S'00, was ordained on May 18, 2001, in West Palm Beach, Fl. Agudelo was the first Colombian man to be ordained in the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Jessica Guarducci, C'00, has been accepted at Seton Hall Law School, and will be attending as a first year student this fall. ▲

upcomingevents

■ **August 19:** The Baltimore Chapter will hold its 27th Annual Crab Feast at Ocean Pride Restaurant, Lutherville, Md. RSVP details to be announced.

■ **September 15:** The national alumni association will be hosting the 8th Annual Orioles Bull Pen Party and game at Camden Yards. The Orioles will be playing against the Boston Red Sox. The party begins at 11:45 a.m., and game time is at 1:15 p.m. Cost per person is $28. For questions and ticket information, contact the alumni relations office at 301-447-5362.



■ **October 2-3/Priest Reunion:** The 2001 Priest Reunion has been scheduled for October 2-3, 2001. More information will be forthcoming. For immediate questions, please contact Phil McGlade in the alumni relations office at 301-447-5362 or mcglade@msmary.edu

■ **October 28:** Join fellow Mountaineers to cheer on the Ravens at this year's Tailgate Party and game on Sunday, October 28, 2001. The party, hosted by the Baltimore Chapter, will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the game against the Jacksonville Jaguars at 1:00 p.m. Cost per person is $60. Tickets sell out quickly, so contact Dave Gabor, C'90, at 410-879-2322, for more information.

For updated information on all alumni events, check the Alumni section of the Mount web page:

www.msmary.edu/alumniandfriends

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