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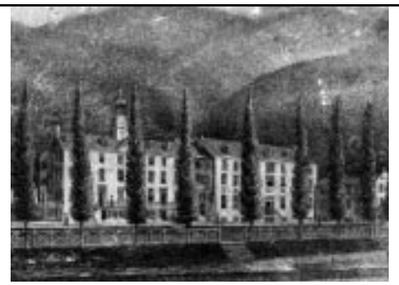

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Mount St. Mary's College & Seminary

Not Just for 18 Year Olds Anymore

Jim, 28, doesn't have much leave time and can only fit MBA classes into his schedule after normal business hours. Ellen, 35, has her hands full during the week with her kids and her daycare business and can only work on her bachelor's degree on the weekends.

Jim and Ellen are precisely the "nontraditional" students for whom the Mount has established the new Division of Continuing Studies. These students have very different needs from the full-time, 18- to 24-year-old crowd.

"Nontraditional learners comprise the fastest-growing population among college students, both nationally and at Mount St. Mary's," explained Mount President George R. Houston Jr.

Carol Hinds, college provost, said that expansion of the nontraditional programs — and of the Mount's learning center in Frederick — have necessitated the need for the new institutional division.

Linda Martinak has been named dean of the Division of Continuing Studies, which is based in Frederick at the Mount St. Mary's Continuing Studies Center. The college opened its Frederick site on Spectrum Drive as the base for its accelerated business programs in October 1999.

Programs in the new division include the accelerated Master of Business Administration and the accelerated Bachelor of Science program in business; the Bachelor of Science in elementary education, weekend program; and the Public Sector Information Management graduate certificate. The college will also offer some Master of Education courses at the Frederick location.

"By basing all of our nontraditional programs in Frederick, under the administration of Dr. Martinak, the Mount is better able to serve these particular students and to have an ever-increasing presence in Frederick County and the surrounding area," Houston noted.

Most classes are held in the evenings or on the weekend, and some are offered in Emmitsburg, Westminster and Hagerstown as well as Frederick.

"Since the nature of nontraditional learners, their specific needs and their unique learning styles are common factors, it seemed logical to place these programs under the auspices of one centralized division," Martinak said. "We should be able to offer better service to our students and streamline the flow of communications among the various Mount offices that administer to their needs."

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Dean of the Division of Continuing Studies Linda Martinak (far right) with students at the Mount's Westminster, Md., site

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The Mount Remembers William F. Sheahan

The Mount community was saddened by the death of Bill Sheahan, former Mount women's basketball coach from 1981-98. Sheahan, 63, of Gettysburg, Pa., died September 7 as the result of a traffic accident in Salisbury, Md.

"Coach Sheahan was an accomplished and dedicated basketball coach," said Chappy Menninger, the Mount's athletic director. "It is a great loss to the athletic community, and Bill will be sorely missed."

Sheahan posted a record of 372-104 at the Mount and retired after 17 years with one of the highest winning percentages in NCAA college history. He was inducted into the Mount St. Mary's College Sports Hall of Fame in 1999. He also ran the Mason-Dixon Basketball Camp at the Mount for 27 years.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, H. Patricia Gladmon Sheahan, and his four children: Deborah L. Davidson of Kensington, Pa., Brian M. Sheahan of Lutherville, Md., Kerry C. Sheahan of Gettysburg, Pa., and Dr. Timothy P. Sheahan of McKnightstown, Pa. ▲

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September 11 Remembered

The Mount St. Mary's community marked the one-year anniversary of September 11 in prayer for peace, justice and healing – reflecting on the good demonstrated on campus, across the nation and around the world during the past year, and honoring the Mount's five alumni tragically lost in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center:

Anthony Gallagher, C'83
Kevin James Murphy, C'83
Andrew J. Alameno, C'86
Elizabeth Claire Logler, C'91
James F. Murphy IV, C'93

The day began with moments of silent prayer as the bells of Immaculate Conception Chapel rang during the times planes crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in southwestern Pennsylvania. Before a special Mass at noon, members of the Mount community prayed the Rosary, remembering those who have died, those who grieve and those who were affected by the attacks in any way.

Following a brief prayer service, an evening candlelight procession led students and seminarians from the chapel to the steps of Patriot Hall – named in memory of the five alumni lost. Inside Patriot Hall, a display honored the deceased and a book of remembrance was provided for those desiring to express their feelings in print. ▲

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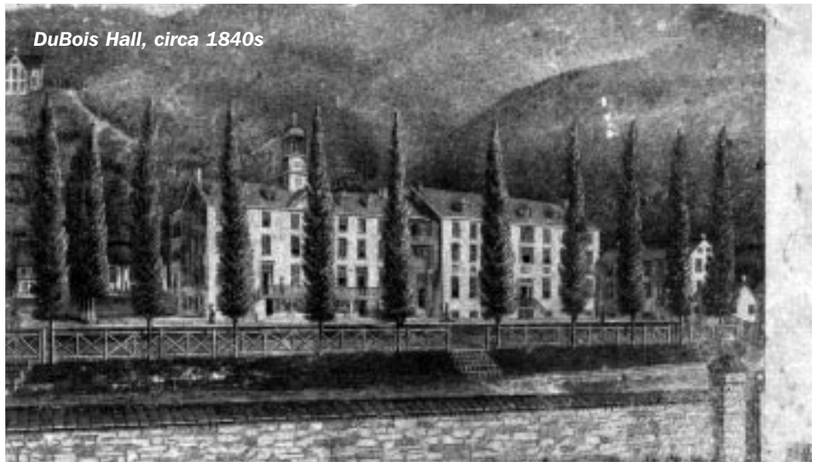
Below: Candlelight prayer service held outside Immaculate Conception Chapel

Courtesy of the Frederick News-Post. Photo by Skip Lawrence

Almost One Hundred Sixty Years Ago: A Visit to the Mount



DuBois Hall, circa 1840s

Mount St. Mary's Archives and Dept. of Special Collections

Imagine yourself a visitor to the Mount in the fall of 1843. Your carriage brings you up the dusty main avenue that climbs the mountain behind the College Building (later Dubois Hall), passing a row of log cabins where McCaffrey Hall will one day stand. The new Study Hall Building, as it is being called, is under construction next to the College Building.

This new building will be a four-story structure in Doric style, at a projected cost of $12,000. The Study Hall Building, which will be christened "Bruté Hall" in 1908, will house the library, classrooms, faculty rooms and dormitories, replacing log cabins and the wooden structure called the "White House." It is young President McCaffrey's plan to have ample space for the nearly 200 collegians as well as private rooms in the College Building for the 30 seminarians. The buildings are surrounded by the forests of ancient trees in which the students love to hike and hunt.

To the right as you ride onto campus are new washrooms built above the springs that provide the shivering students with even colder water in the early morning. Hidden behind the trees, where Purcell Hall will be built in just a few years, are the new privies, part of McCaffrey's development plan for the institution. Between these amenities, a path leads up the mountain to the Church on the Hill, where the students are expected to attend Mass on Sundays.

At "Echo Field," named for the echoes produced there, the kitchen gardens are in full production. This year the council members have freed as many of their slaves as the law permits, but some of the others who are there as tuition payment are laboring in the gardens. The council priests agree slavery is an abomination. However, because a number of the slaves are in fact indentured to the college, and ownership is still held by someone else, freeing them is a legal maze that the council finds itself unable to unravel.

You have been invited to attend an afternoon class. The teacher, seated on a high stool behind a high desk, lectures in a stern and even tone. The students are not expected to ask questions during class. Occasionally, the teacher asks a question and points to a squirming student who had best know the answer or expect points that might land him in the jug. The jug, feared by all, is a small room where the miscreant remains in dark and silence for an hour or more until he is duly repentant. Fortunately, today there are no wrong answers, and when the hand bell is finally rung, the students pour out of the classroom into the clear afternoon air.

Following the class period, you are escorted past a new carriage house (on the site of the future Pangborn Hall) and down to the playing field. You are startled to see the students playing a game that looks remarkably like baseball. They are playing Townball, hitting a ball slightly smaller than a softball with round sticks, and running clockwise around four "hideouts," five-foot poles to which the runner must cling when not running. Home base, "the Fort," is a large square occupied by all the players of the team that is up to bat. The game continues until one team has 100 completed runs or 100 outs — which can continue over several days!

After an exhausting two hours of cheering, it is time for you to leave this beloved college, now in its third decade, and return by carriage to Baltimore. Be careful crossing the Monocacy. No bridges have yet been built across it and fording it may be a wet experience. Enjoy the trip! ▲

By Father Daniel Nusbaum
College Historian

Board Reaffirms Commitment to Division I Athletics

The Board of Trustees reaffirmed its commitment to NCAA Division I athletics at its regular meeting, October 14.

The decision came on the heels of a report presented at the meeting by a campus task force – charged with studying the costs and benefits of the college's Division I participation. President George R. Houston Jr. appointed the task force, which included faculty members and administrators, in January of 2002. It was chaired by Provost Carol Hinds.

The task force met more than 25 times, and its work included a study of the history of Division I at the Mount and an accompanying cost/benefit analysis. Meetings included athletic department personnel and other campus individuals, while additional research entailed surveying Mount students, faculty, administration and staff, and alumni.

"I applaud the work of the task force on its thoroughness and objectivity," said Houston. "They were not asked to make a recommendation, yet they provided several options for the board to consider in shaping the future of the athletic program."

Additionally, the board has asked the college to submit, by its meeting in March of 2003, a review of the Mount's athletic program philosophy.

A passage in the 31-page report read: "The institution and the athletic department need to work toward common goals … and determine what benefits it wants from its athletic program."

"We look forward to working with the board and having many, many more years of success at the Division I level," said Harold "Chappy" Menninger, director of athletics. "We are appreciative of the board's commitment to staying at Division I and stand ready to explore additional ways to ensure that the Mount's athletic program is successful and viable."

Mount St. Mary's became a Division I member in 1986 and competes in 18 men's and women's sports. The Mount has excelled on the playing fields and in the classroom through the years – including earning three consecutive Northeastern Conference "Commissioner's Cups" in the mid-1990s, as well as ranking in the top five nationally for graduation rates among student athletes. ▲

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"The committee was not asked to make a recommendation, yet they provided several options to consider in shaping the future of the athletic program."

crabfeast

■ The Mount's annual Crab Feast was so popular this year, the Maryland crab might need to be put on the endangered species list!

More than 250 students, members of the faculty and administration devoured 30 bushels of crabs and enough pizza to feed a small army on September 7. Held in the campus quad, the feast is one of the year's major events sponsored by the Campus Activities Board (CAB). "This was a great kickoff event," said Sean Adams, assistant director of student involvement. "This year's feast was a success both from its level of organization and its campuswide participation."

And last but not least, it was a lot of fun … right down to the last claw!

Special Investigations

What does it take to become an FBI special agent? Amy Rhodes, C'92, can tell you.

"The Mount has an incredible sense of family, of community. All my experiences there, educationally and emotionally, prepared me for what I do today."

As you may have guessed, it's not simple. After meeting age and educational requirements (to apply, one must be between the ages of 23 and 37 and have at least an undergraduate degree), one must undergo a long series of written exams, panel interviews and background checks, as well as a polygraph exam and a physical assessment. "It took months!" says Rhodes, a special agent in New Jersey since 1996.

Once through the application process, it's on to the FBI Academy for 16 weeks of classroom work in federal law and investigative techniques, physical fitness and defensive tactics training, and firearms training. Then, and only then, is one assigned to a regional office.

Rhodes adds, grinning, "I enjoyed the training … but there were so many candidates and it was such a long process that I felt a great sense of accomplishment just getting here!" The accomplishment is even more impressive when one considers that less than 15 percent of FBI agents are women. Rhodes, with characteristic modesty, doesn't dwell on this fact. "And I've never felt that I was getting or not getting a task because I'm a woman."

Glamorous? No. Satisfying? Yes!

A member of the FBI's White Collar Crime Unit, Rhodes is assigned to the Healthcare Fraud and Public Corruption Squad. "It's very challenging because the suspects are generally smart individuals who can afford to hire big-name defense attorneys."

Challenging, perhaps, but not glamorous. "People say, 'Oh, your job must be so exciting!' But it's actually very document intensive, and I don't go undercover," she explains. Each in-the-field interview is preceded by authorization paperwork, followed by writing reports and analyzing documents. Agents work in teams, conducting interviews with a second agent as a witness. A 10-hour day is the minimum, "but we rarely need to work on weekends," adds Rhodes, who loves her job and doesn't seem to mind the long hours. Investigations can take several months or years, but she notes, quite genuinely, that it's all

Amy Rhodes (third from right) with several of her friends at this summer's Mount reunion

worth it when she sees wrongdoers prosecuted.

Besides handling their assigned case loads, agents are on call at any time for national crises. Again, Rhodes doesn't mind. "If there's a kidnapping or something major happens, you want to be there!"

The events of last fall are a case in point. Rhodes recalls that for months after September 11, everyone in her office worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week, investigating the many players in the event who had connections to New Jersey.

"I lost a good friend and lots of acquaintances in the World Trade Center," Rhodes says. "Being involved in the investigations afterward made it a little easier because at least I was able to do something. It was inspiring in a way — the greatest collective law enforcement effort I've ever seen. Any rivalries among different agencies or petty complaints were set aside. We all shared the feeling that every little thing we could do to contribute was paramount."

Rhodes still felt the need to do more, however. She's always loved working with children, so she decided to volunteer at bereavement camps that were opening for children who lost a family member or caregiver in the September 11 attacks. Rhodes is now a Big Buddy, assigned as a special friend to one child during each weekend or week-long session. Since some children repeat Comfort Zone Camp, Rhodes has been paired with the same Little Buddy for three sessions now. They share typical camp activities — arts and crafts, songs, obstacle courses — augmented by "healing circle" time led by a grief therapist.

"If there's a kidnapping or something major happens, you want to be there!"

"I volunteered because I wanted to help these kids, but they've given me so much!" Rhodes remarks. "They're so brave, so honest and open as they really try to encourage one another. You can see a difference in just one weekend, as shy children become quite expressive. So many of them show wisdom far beyond their years."

From the Mount to the FBI

Just how did this Mount alumna decide to join the FBI? "My college friends sometimes laugh and say, 'When we met you freshman year, you wanted to be an FBI agent!' I guess I've always been inquisitive, always asking, 'Why?' By the end of high school, I knew I wanted to be involved in law, particularly conducting investigations."

Rhodes also knew she wanted to attend a smaller school with a strong liberal arts orientation. Her high school track coach in New Jersey recommended Mount St. Mary's College, and Rhodes loved what she saw when she visited. She double majored in Spanish and sociology, with a concentration in criminal justice.

"My liberal arts education has been valuable in both my career and volunteer work," Rhodes notes. "While the FBI is particularly interested in candidates with degrees in computer science, engineering and foreign languages, they're also looking for well-rounded people with a diverse educational background and a history of community involvement.

"The Mount has an incredible sense of family, of community. All my experiences there, educationally and emotionally, prepared me for what I do today. I loved my time at the Mount!" she says. She continues to get together with many of her good friends from college, and says that her undergraduate advisor and teacher, Father Jim Delaney, was one of the most influential people in her adult life. "He was very easy to talk to, a real friend. He validated my desire to join the FBI as a good career choice and made sure I was doing the right things to get there."

After graduation, Rhodes worked as a criminal investigator for the state of New Jersey. She was assigned to the Narcotics Unit of the Attorney General's Office, where she investigated pharmaceutical drug diversion. She also volunteered in a transitional home for mothers and children – all excellent preparation for her current position.

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■ **Amy Rhodes, C'92**
Special Agent, FBI

At the Mount:

- Sociology and Spanish double major
- Secretary of the Class of 1992
- Member of the Hearing and Appeals Committee
- Intramural softball and basketball team member
- Member of the Spanish and Sociology clubs

Looking to the Future

As for the future, Rhodes would like to combine her love of the law with her love for children and work in the FBI's Crimes Against Children Unit. America's youngest and most vulnerable will certainly be safer with Amy Rhodes on their side! ▲

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Technology at the Seminary

Thursday morning, Medical Ethics. Father J. Daniel Mindling uses a PowerPoint presentation to display diagrams and key points as he teaches. In the background, one can hear quiet tapping sounds as several seminarians type their class notes into their laptop computers.

Technology is making teaching — and learning — easier in many ways at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Some of the technological additions include a fully networked computer lab and wireless classroom, a portable LCD projector and interactive whiteboard for PowerPoint and web presentations, and ports for laptops or PCs in all classrooms and student rooms.

"With the portable projector and Smart Board, professors can show enlarged charts and diagrams in interactive, full-color display," explains Fr. Mindling. Professors can write notes on the display and visit different websites just by touching the Smart Board, allowing the lesson to flow without interruption. "I hope I'm not only teaching students how to find resources on the web, but also demonstrating a multimedia teaching technique they can use in their own ministries," he adds.

Professor Sherry Steeley, who teaches English as a Second Language at the seminary, is also implementing technology to assist her students. "This summer, we dedicated a classroom to language learning, with a computer lab and extensive hardware and software," she notes. Interaction via the web promotes extensive writing practice with immediate feedback. Some of this fall's entering seminarians even took a Test of English as a Foreign Language writing assessment online. In addition, Professor Steeley plans to use LCD projection capabilities to provide more collaborative class instruction.

Like many other Mount students, seminarians are using the Mount's networking technology to access syllabi and class notes, communicate with professors online, conduct research easily and access required readings through the library's electronic reserve system (no more time wasted waiting for the one copy everyone has to read by Monday!).

Fr. Mindling notes, "Students expect a high level of technology. It truly does seem to liven the class and facilitate learning." ▲

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Laptops are a common sight in Mount Seminary classrooms

Destination: Querétaro, Mexico

First Seminary Summer Language Program in Mexico

Fully one-third of Catholics in the United States, statisticians tell us, are of Hispanic origin. And if babies continue to be born at the current rate and in the current proportions, by the year 2030 more than half of American Catholics will be saying "Padre Nuestro" instead of "Our Father" in their daily prayers.

These facts being known, and the ineluctable conclusions having been drawn, an intrepid group of Mount seminarians (Lou Bianco, Anthony Co, Andrew Heinz, Kyle Ingels, Mark Miller, John Morley, Martino Nguyen, Deacon Brad Niggel, Matthew Nolan, June Ramos, Drew Royals and Thomas Warren), accompanied by one seminarian from St. Charles Borromeo (Matt Prohaska), one priest (Father Damien Cook of Omaha, Neb., a Mount Seminary graduate), one permanent deacon (the Rev. Mr. Adrian Straley of Tuscaloosa, Ala.) and one medievalist (yours truly!), set out for a terra that for most of them was incognita, and for some of them unpronounceable: the city of Santiago de Querétaro, in the very geographic center of Mexico.

The bulk of the expedition arrived in Querétaro on June 1, 2002, with stragglers drifting in over the next few days. For the next two months the seminarians worked hard to make themselves as proficient as possible in the language spoken in the past by such saints as Dominic de Guzmán, Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa de Ávila, Peter Claver, Martín de Porres, Rose of Lima and Anthony Mary Claret, and in the present by the largest group of Catholics in the world.

They lived and ate their meals with local families, and for three hours each day took classes in the Organización Lingüística de Español (OLÉ). Every evening they met at one or another of the stunningly beautiful churches in the city, after which they repaired to a local hostelry or café for convivial conversation.

This was the unbroken routine of their days. But that routine was enlivened by many special occasions!

On June 13, they celebrated the feast of St. Anthony of Padua with a Mass in the church dedicated by His Excellency don Mario Gasperín y Gasperín, bishop of Querétaro, followed by a dazzlingly gorgeous and shockingly dangerous fireworks display.

On July 4, they conducted a Blessing of the School ceremony, much to the satisfaction of the OLÉ's staff and the edification of the other students at the school, who especially admired the group's singing of the Salve Regina. On July 7, they saw the image of Our Lady of Mount Carmel process through the streets, led by indigenous dancers in colorful costumes and accompanied by a Mariachi band. After Mass on the feast of Nuestra Señora del Carmen on July 16, celebrated by the bishop in the filled-to-bursting Carmelite church, the group was invited to the home of Father Cook's host family for a pizza party and a ceremony of investiture with the brown Carmelite scapular.

The group was given a tour of the Franciscan friary and seminary of the Holy Cross, and on another occasion, to be fair, of the Dominican church and friary. The editor of the diocesan newspaper, don Jaime Septién, invited the group to the curial offices to hear a most interesting talk on the Mexican Catholic character as approached through poetry. And Father Prisciliano Rodríguez talked to the group about Aztec imagery on the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

As part of the effort to become acquainted with Mexican culture, the group made four excursions out of Querétaro. One was to the improbably massive Mexico City, where we saw the Cathedral, the National Palace with its anticlerical murals, the Villa de Guadalupe and the pyramids of Teotihuacán. Another was to the nearby picturesque city of Guanahuato. A third was to the Marian shrines of Pueblito, Schönstadt and Soriano. And the longest trip was to the five 18th-century Franciscan mission churches in the Sierra Gorda. This trip was particularly noteworthy for the visit with the Catalan friar Fr. Francisco Miracle, OFM Cap., who told us of his pioneering early years in the mission, and for the spectacular mountain scenery we drove through to get there, on a road so serpentine and nausea-inducing that more than one traveler came to consider the prospect of the van's rolling down the mountain and coming to a permanent stop as a consummation devoutly to be wished.

In addition to these excursions, the group enjoyed a delicious meal and a refreshing swim at the ranch El Derramadero near the village of Colón. We had three other memorable communal meals, one at a restaurant across from the theater in which the infamous Constitution of 1917 was voted into law, the others at the two most beautiful hotels in the world (ask anyone). And the excellent bishop Gasperín invited us to his house for an amiable meeting.

The goal of the participants in the Querétaro program was to improve their language skills while becoming acquainted with Mexican culture and continuing their formation. That goal was accomplished, I believe, and it is safe to say, si Dios quiere, 15 more seminarians from Mount St. Mary's will arrive in Querétaro in June of 2003 with the intention of having as pleasant and edifying of an experience as the first group. ▲

By Charles Merrill, Ph.D.
Seminary Foreign Language Faculty

Introducing the Office of Seminary Development and Summer Programs!

Mount St. Mary's Seminary opened its office of seminary development and summer programs July 1. Staffed by Sherry Trocino, director, and Susie Nield, administrative assistant, the office is responsible for all seminary fundraising, including the Seminary Annual Fund and the Priests for the 3rd Millennium Endowment Fund. In addition, the office is responsible for the seminary planned giving program, which features membership in the Chinquapin Society, Mount St. Mary's legacy society.

From early 2000 to July of this year, Trocino worked in the Mount St. Mary's development office as a fundraiser for both the college and the seminary. "I found that I had a special place in my heart for my work at the seminary," she said. "Having an office dedicated to only the seminary will help develop relationships with alumni and friends, and help get the message out to the Catholic community at large about the great work we do here." Trocino will also visit alumni and plan Rector's Receptions.

"Last year the Seminary Annual Fund had a strong year," she said. "But this is only a good beginning if we are to keep pace with our peer seminaries and maintain the strong programs for which the Mount is known." This year's Seminary Annual Fund goal is $130,000.

Check out the website at www.msmary.edu/seminary for development news ("Giving to the Seminary") and retreat schedules ("Events").

Sherry Trocino, director, and Susie Nield, administrative assistant

If you would like to make a gift to the seminary or register for a summer retreat, contact the development office at 301-447-5017, or by e-mail at semdev@msmary.edu.

The 2001-02 Seminary Annual Fund played a crucial role in supporting seminary faculty and programs.

Goal: $87,200
Actual: $114,000 ▲

Tim and Fred's Big Adventure

In April of 2001, Mount St. Mary's College Provost Carol Hinds polled faculty members for their suggestions for new majors. By early summer, a faculty committee that included Tim Stanton and Fred Portier began work on a proposal for a major in information systems. Course offerings will begin in 2003.

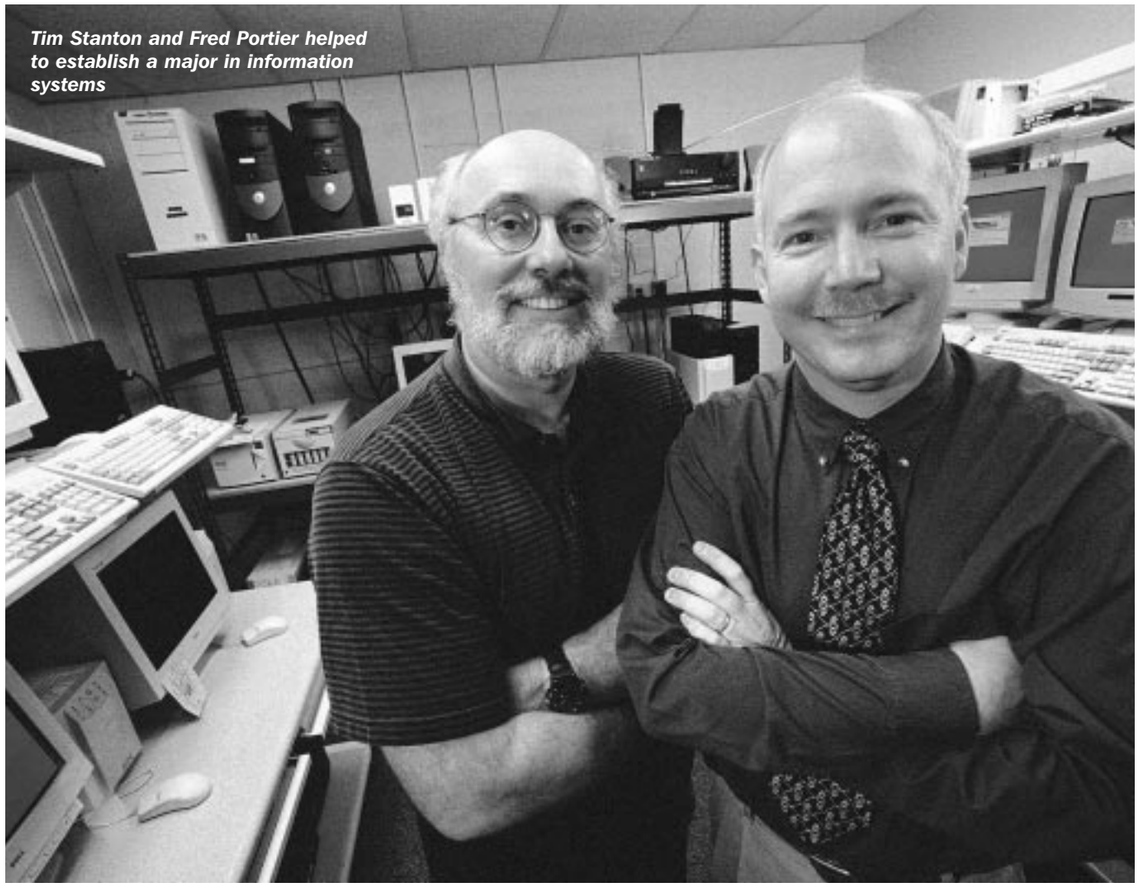
"It was kind of happenstance … things just fell into place," remarked Timothy Stanton, Ph.D., reflecting on his recent move to the department of information systems, after teaching economics at the Mount for 12 years.

Stanton, originally interested in taking just a class or two in information systems (IS) to learn more about its relation to economics and systems analysis, will complete a master's program in the field at the University of Maryland's Baltimore campus this winter and begin teaching a series of courses next fall.

Fred Portier, Ph.D., associate professor of math and computer science, joked that he has been through this before. It was Portier who laid the groundwork for the Mount's adoption of the computer science major in 1996. "The college is stronger when the students have more options," he believes.

Stanton and Portier are two of the key players in the development of the new information systems major to be incorporated into the Mount's curriculum as early as next semester.

Attracted to the offerings of a small, liberal arts college, Stanton and Portier joined the Mount faculty in 1989. "The school is small enough that you get to interact with colleagues from different disciplines … it's enlightening," said Stanton. "I knew I was coming to an exciting, intellectually stimulating institution with a lot of academic activity."



Tim Stanton and Fred Portier helped to establish a major in information systems

Prior to coming to the Mount, Portier taught math and computer science at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. With a focus on teaching as a priority over research, he left the large university for the small liberal arts college. "I enjoy the close interaction with students … I really enjoy teaching … and here, I get to teach," said Portier. "At institutions more concerned about faculty as publishers, it gets in the way of teaching or working closely with students."

"The college is stronger when the students have more options."

While Stanton comes from a business-related background and Portier, a computational background, they both feel that a major in IS will build on the strengths many of the Mount's academic departments already have.

Stanton became interested in the field as it related to research in the areas of business and economics. He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Kentucky in 1988 and, as a student, became interested in studying the ways of viewing organizations as systems and finding methods for making them better.

"Increasingly in the business world, the view is, and needs to be, that our organization is basically a system. This is the way we need to view businesses in the future if we want them to be successful," he said.

After switching over from the field of chemistry, Portier received a Ph.D. in mathematical sciences from Clemson University. For Portier, math and science are in the genes. His oldest brother studied math and is now a professor at the University of Florida. His second oldest brother, now a marine microbiologist at Louisiana State University, studied science. His third oldest brother studied math and is currently a biostatistician at the National Institution for Environmental Health Science.

Then came Fred!

With high expectations for information systems as an extension of the arm for computational sciences, Portier believes it will draw students to the college who otherwise wouldn't come here, and will introduce greater flexibility in computational areas.

"The major was designed so that it would share common courses with math and computer science the first year of study," Portier said.

The information systems program will also be offered as a minor.

"The trend will be for business majors to have an emphasis on systems analysis," Stanton said. "An IS minor will provide that at the Mount." ▲

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■ **An adventuresome committee:**

Tim Stanton, associate professor of economics; **Fred Portier,** associate professor of math and computer science; **Bobby Flack,** director of information technology; **Bruce Yelovich,** systems librarian; and **Scott Weiss,** associate professor of math and computer science

The committee's proposal was approved by the college in the winter of 2002 and approved by the state of Maryland in July.

Mount Grants Sabbaticals to Five Professors

Mount St. Mary's has granted sabbatical leave for five professors.

Stephen Whitman, Ph.D., professor of history, is conducting research this fall for a projected book manuscript. It is a follow-up to his first book, *The Price of Freedom: Slavery and Manumission in Baltimore and Early National Maryland,* published by the University of Kentucky Press and winner of The Maryland Historical Society Book Award in 1997. Whitman's goal is to assess how African Americans' experiences of work, faith and culture transcended white political and cultural boundaries.

Martin Malone, Ph.D., professor of sociology, is continuing a previous investigation of the sociology of body image. He is especially interested in the role of dieting, body-building, exercise, tanning, tattooing and piercing as features of self preservation in face-to-face interaction. Malone hopes to produce two articles and perhaps a book from his research.

William Forgang, Ph.D., professor of business, accounting and economics, is conducting research for a book complementing his first book, *Competitive Strategy and Leadership,* published by Rowman & Littlefield. The new book will contain case studies to be used for the application of decision-making techniques and practices.

David Bushman, Ph.D., associate professor of biology and science department chairperson, is studying the feeding habits of the corn earworm. His goal is to obtain the fundamental information necessary to design environmentally friendly insecticides.

Carmen Schmersahl, Ph.D., professor of rhetoric and communications, is conducting research to study the use of biographies of women for the moral formation of girls in the United States and Britain from 1850-1950. ▲

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Mount Women's Basketball Ranked Nationally for Academics

The Mount St. Mary's women's basketball team was awarded academic honor roll honors for the 2001-02 season by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

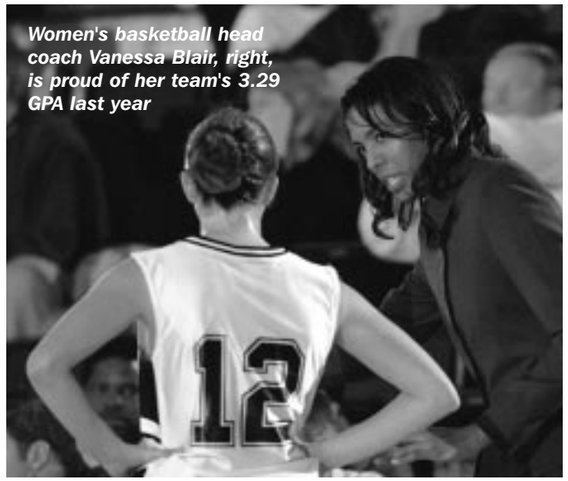
Each year the WBCA, founded in 1981, recognizes the nation's highest team grade point averages based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member coaches.

"I am extremely proud of the dedication that our ladies have toward their academics," said head women's basketball coach Vanessa Blair. "They consistently embody the epitome of a student athlete. They compete not only on the court but in the classroom as well."

Last year's squad combined for a 3.292 GPA during the 2001-02 academic school year, earning "Top 25" honors for Division I. Graduated senior Katie Walton set one of the team's best grade point averages with a 3.87 GPA in her final year at the Mount. The English major won the Sheridan Award – given annually to the top female and male senior scholar-athlete at the Mount — during last year's senior awards banquet.

Out of the 25 Division I awards, the Mount captured 16th place, with four other Northeast Conference schools (Long Island, Robert Morris, St. Francis University and Sacred Heart) garnering Top 25 honors.

"What is equally impressive is the NEC is represented by five schools in the Division I Top 25 category, showing the dedication to both athletics and academics by the Northeast Conference and the institutions that make up the conference," said Blair. ▲



Women's basketball head coach Vanessa Blair, right, is proud of her team's 3.29 GPA last year

New Sports Personnel

The Mount St. Mary's athletic department has added a number of new faces to this year's staff.

Among those you'll see roaming Knott Arena and the surrounding fields will be **Chris Hallatt, C'01,** assistant women's soccer coach; **Tom Gosselin, C'91,** and **Chris Stack, C'02,** assistant men's soccer coaches; Jason Anderson, assistant cross country coach; **Morgan Lisby, C'02,** assistant track and field coach; Shana Gary, assistant softball coach; **Tom Dryer, C'02, Bryan Cole, C'01,** and **Nick DeFelice, C'01,** assistant men's lacrosse coaches; Leslie Hunt, women's lacrosse coach; Milan Brown, associate head men's basketball coach; and Christine Vish, the assistant director of recreation services. ▲

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Brian Cole is one of three assistant coaches for men's lacrosse. Cole owns multiple Mount records as a face-off specialist and recently signed to play for the Colorado professional indoor lacrosse team this season.

Hoops Preview

Men's

To say the Mount's men's basketball team struggled last season would be an understatement. A repeat of last year's aberration is unlikely and, though the doubters have voiced their opinions otherwise, the Mountaineers will be much improved from a year ago.

Head coach Jim Phelan begins his unprecedented 49th season at the helm of the basketball program. No one in the college ranks has coached as long. The legendary Phog Allen, who coached 48 years at five different schools, including Kansas, now moves from the top of the list to just behind "Mr. Bowtie."

"I don't feel any different about the start of this season than any other year here at the Mount," said Phelan. "Perhaps the only difference now and then is that I'm not out there playing against the team any more."

The playing skills may be gone, but the coaching victories continue as he returns as the winningest active coach in the nation with 819 wins. His record of 19 20-win seasons is tied for eighth with Duke's Mike Krzyzewski among active Division I coaches. The 2002-03 team will be striving for that 20th 20-win season with a host of new faces.

One new face that should be familiar to many of the Mount faithful is associate head coach Milan Brown.

Brown returns to the Mount after two seasons as an assistant coach on Rick Boyage's staff at the College of William & Mary, where he developed the reputation as a tremendous recruiter and a hard worker.

"Milan brings a number of qualities to our program that our basketball team is already benefitting from after only a few months back on campus," said Phelan.

This year's freshman class has taken the Mount back into familiar territory – the Catholic leagues. Freshman guards Landy Thompson (Archbishop Spalding) and Chris Sumner (Gonzaga) were All-Stars in the Baltimore and Washington Catholic leagues, respectively. Throw in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference leading scorer, Charles Cook, from Bishop McNamara, and the Mount has a foundation for winning for years to come.

"The big difference between this year and last is the speed and shooting ability we brought in with this year's freshman class," said Phelan.

With the graduation of starting guards Jerry Lloyd and Esmond Marvray, look for Sumner and Thompson to get a number of minutes on the floor, if not a starting role. Cook, a 6-5, 160-pound three-point shooting small forward, will look to increase his playing time by increasing his weight on his slender frame.

The final piece of the freshman puzzle is 6-7 power forward Kiel Butler (Laurinburg Institute). A nationally ranked prep-school athlete, Butler brings some added rebounding and bulk on the boards.

Returning as the "chairman of the boards" is junior Pat Atangana, who is healthy and ready to go after off-season knee surgery. Even with nagging injuries to his knees last season, he still led the Mount in rebounding with 8.4 per game, the first Mountaineer to average more than eight boards a game in 15 years.

Joining Atangana up front is senior Angel Rivera, junior Nick Dodson and sophomores Jason Epps and Jason Carbone. Rivera led the team in blocked shots and was second in rebounding with 5.7 per game. Dodson, a transfer from Howard who sat out last year, will be the inside presence the Mount missed last season. At 6-10, with a prodigious wing span, he brings shot-blocking skills and a deterrent for opponents who wish to drive the lane.

Returning in the backcourt will be the Mount's leading scorer from a year ago, junior

"Chairman of the boards," junior Pat Atangana

men's schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 12	(EXHIBITION)	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	at North Carolina State (Fox Sports South)	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	at George Washington (at Red Auerbach Tournament)	8 p.m.
Nov. 30	vs. Bucknell or Columbia (at Red Auerbach Tournament)	6/8 p.m.
Dec. 2	**NEW HAMPSHIRE**	**7:30 p.m.**
Dec. 5	at UMBC* (Comcast SportsNet)	tba
Dec. 7	at Duquesne	2 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Loyola	2 p.m.
Dec. 30	**NAVY**	**7:30 p.m.**
Jan. 5	at Texas	1 p.m. (CST)
Jan. 7	at Baylor	7 p.m. (CST)
Jan. 11	at St. Francis University*	7 p.m.^
Jan. 13	at Robert Morris*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	**LONG ISLAND***	**7:30 p.m.^**
Jan. 20	**ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE***	**7:30 p.m.**
Jan. 23	at Long Island* (Cablevision)	8 p.m.^
Jan. 25	at St. Francis College*	4:30 p.m.^
Feb. 1	**MONMOUTH***	**7:30 p.m.^**
Feb. 3	**FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON***	**7:30 p.m.**
Feb. 6	at Quinnipiac*	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Central Connecticut State* (MSG Network)	12 p.m.^
Feb. 11	**UMBC*** (Comcast SportsNet)	**tba**
Feb. 13	**ROBERT MORRIS***	**7:30 p.m.**
Feb. 15	**ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY* (Homecoming)**	**7:30 p.m.^**
Feb. 20	at Wagner*	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Sacred Heart*	7:30 p.m.^
Feb. 27	**QUINNIPIAC***	**7:30 p.m.**
March 1	**CENTRAL CONN. STATE***	**7:30 p.m.^**
March 8	NEC Tournament Quarterfinals @ Wagner	12/2:30 p.m. 5:30/8 p.m.
March 9	NEC Tournament Semifinals @ Wagner	4/6:30 p.m.
March 12	NEC Championship Game	7:30 p.m.

Home games in bold and all CAPS

*** Northeast Conference Game**
^ Doubleheader w/Mount women's basketball team

Jamion Christian. Christian had a breakout season as a sophomore, scoring 20 or more points four times and leading the team in scoring on 12 occasions. Look for him to be a big part of a three guard offense that will run and apply pressure defense at every occasion.

Also returning at guard is senior Michael Bajornas, and juniors Koki Adasi and Donte Alexander. Alexander has spent the summer adjusting to his move to the point while Adasi and Bajornas bring size to the guard position.

The season opens with a "tester" at North Carolina State, followed by a trip to the Red Auerbach Tournament in Washington, D.C. The home opener is December 5 against New Hampshire.

Women's

The equation of adding an exceptional recruiting class to an already experienced group of returning veterans equals endless possibilities.

For the 2002-03 Mount St. Mary's women's basketball team, the goals are no different than in years past, but the potential and possibility of reaching those goals are only increased by the mixture of 11 returning players and four talented newcomers.

"Our goals don't change from year to year," said head women's basketball coach Vanessa Blair. "We come into every season with the idea of winning the whole thing (Northeast Conference) and making it to the NCAA Tournament."

The optimism surrounding this year's women's basketball squad comes from the added depth along with the capability to look to three returning juniors, Beth Foster, Myriam Baccouche and Adrienne Harris, for guidance and leadership.

"We have three returning juniors, who will be our tri-captains, who led the team in almost every category last year, and we hope to see their leadership continue to be a positive for this team," said Blair.

The Mount will rely on Foster, who averaged 15.8 points per game last year and played in 24 of the Mount's 28 games while being hampered by injuries. Keeping Foster healthy and on the court for the Mount will be a key to the success of this year's team.

"Beth led the league in double-doubles last year and is our go to player," said Blair. "The biggest thing for us is keeping her healthy all season."

Baccouche will continue to be the Mount's biggest outside threat, netting 74 three-point field goals in 2001-02. Baccouche finished second on the team in scoring average last year with 12.6 points per game.

Harris, the Mount's third returning junior, played in all 28 games last year while dishing out 43 assists. Harris, third to Baccouche and Foster, averaged 8.3 points per game. Her versatility to play the number one and two spots on the floor will prove to be useful for the Mount.

Among the Mount's new faces on the women's basketball team will be Lilka Adams (New York, N.Y./A. Philip Randolph), Samira Rashid (Richmond, Va./Thomas Jefferson), Sacha Simms (Norristown, Pa./Norristown) and Brooke Blain (Washington, D.C./Fairmont Heights).

"We brought in four outstanding players who we hope will make an immediate impact on the current team," said Blair.

Adams recently finished a tremendous senior year, averaging 17 points and 12 rebounds per game, earning her second team all-city by the *New York Daily News*. Her ability to score and pull down rebounds in the post will give the Mount more of an inside threat.

"We have never really had a true center here, and we have that this year in Lilka Adams," said Blair. "We are looking for her to step in and be a big part right away. She is 6-2, athletic, and gets up and down the floor. We are looking for her to score and be a big defensive player for us, a real rebounding machine."

In addition to Adams adding depth to the post, the Mount's other three freshmen will help bulk up the backcourt. Simms along with Blain, who averaged 14 points per game her senior year, will compete for time at the three guard spot. Rashid comes to the Mount with speed and good ball handling skills and is a player that Blair "expects to see great things out of."

The Mount will open the season with three home games, starting with West Virginia on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., followed by Richmond on Nov 26 and Canisius on Dec. 1. In the conference, the Mount will have to face some tough opponents that include Long Island, Sacred Heart and last year's conference champion and NCAA Tournament participant, St. Francis (Pa.).

"We have some challenges early at home with West Virginia and Richmond and then some tough road contests when we travel through Virginia at the end of the year," said Blair. "With the team we're putting on the floor, those non-conference games should make us ready for the NEC part of our schedule and another run for the league title." ▲

women's schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 29	**Blue & White Scrimmage**	**4:15 p.m.**
Nov. 9	**MI Express (exhibition)**	**7 p.m.**
Nov. 22	**WEST VIRGINIA**	**7 p.m.**
Nov. 26	**RICHMOND**	**7 p.m.**
Dec. 1	**CANISIUS**	**3 p.m.**
Dec. 7	at Coppin State	2 p.m.
Dec. 14	at UMBC*	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Rider	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	**BUFFALO**	**3 p.m.**
Dec. 28	at Radford	7 p.m.
Dec. 30	at Virginia Commonwealth	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Towson	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Robert Morris*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	at St. Francis University*	4 p.m.
Jan. 16	**ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE***	**7 p.m.**
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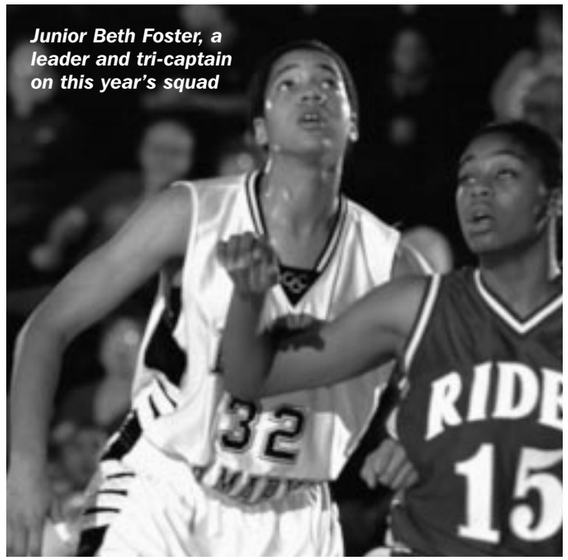


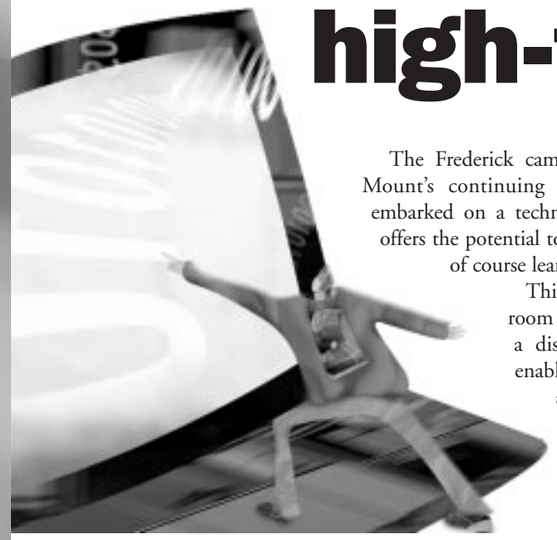
Junior Beth Foster, a leader and tri-captain on this year's squad

In a year of stunning technological advances on campus, Mount students, faculty and administrators are experiencing a new and exciting world. From wireless Internet access to laying groundwork for a forthcoming major in information systems, the Mount is focused on bringing technology to the frontlines. Here are a few examples!

Developments, enhancements and new technologies change life and learning at the Mount

the times, they are a-changin'

By Matt Lane



high-tech learning

The Frederick campus, which houses the Mount's continuing studies programs, has embarked on a technological adventure that offers the potential to greatly change the face of course learning.

This semester, a new classroom at the facility introduced a distance-learning program enabling students at as many as four different locations (including Carroll County and Frederick community colleges) to experience the same class simultaneously.

The program is designed not only to make learning more convenient for commuting students, offering a variety of locations for the same course, but also to benefit the instructors, who will be able to reduce the number of classes in their schedules. "We're going from three to 10 classrooms …I think a lot of people are ready for that!" said Linda Martinak, dean of continuing studies.

learning made more convenient for commuting students

look, mom, no wires!

The Mount is in its first year of offering a student laptop purchasing program to incoming freshmen. In conjunction with the Mount's wireless network, and a partnership with Dell Computers, the program gives students the mobility to operate their Internet-accessible laptops in classrooms and dormitories throughout campus. In addition, the dining, café and student areas of the McGowan Center are served by the wireless network – allowing students to quickly check e-mail or surf the web.

In its initial year, more than 40 percent of the incoming Class of 2006 took advantage of this program. In 2003, the Mount plans to extend the purchasing program to the sophomore (2005) class.

"The program has exceeded our expectations for student participation," said Bobby Flack, director of information technology. "The response has been tremendous."

Last year, the Mount's Frederick campus adopted the wireless system and received 10 laptop computers for classroom use and a storage cart equipped with charging docks – one of three bought for the Mount.

"Now we can teach statistics with the use of the computer," said Linda Martinak, dean of continuing studies. "Quantitative Methods and MBA courses use them. Instructors can also load software directly on to the laptops for lesson plans."

Flack said it is the Mount's four-year goal that all classrooms will be equipped with wireless networking capabilities and projectors, and all students and faculty will have the option to purchase compatible laptop computers.

laptop purchasing program for incoming freshmen

technology and administration

The offices of institutional research and planning, admissions and the registrar all rely heavily on computer generated survey research. In the past, this information has been input and extracted through an integrated software system called TEAMS 2000.

"My office couldn't function without this technology," said Linda Junker, director of institutional research and planning. "It would take days to do what we do in a matter of minutes." The office of institutional research and planning is responsible for producing and analyzing much of the reporting information used by the college.

The Mount is currently in the process of upgrading the software system to a more versatile program called "TEAMS Elite." This new system is much easier to learn and comfortable to use and will make data extraction nearly trouble-free.

Additionally, the Mount has been accepted for membership in the Technology Council of Maryland (TCM).

TCM is an educational consortium of high-technology firms, federal laboratories, education institutions and business support firms that collectively form Maryland's technology community. Technology industry sectors include bioscience, information technologies, telecommunications, aerospace, electronics and engineering.

"From providing a legislative voice on technology issues to providing a link among business, government and educational institutions, the TCM is a powerful, collective voice for technology in our state," said Bobby Flack, director of information technology.

Membership in the TCM provides unique opportunities for the Mount to participate more fully in several areas, including biotechnology (through the Maryland Bioscience Alliance), information technology (through the Maryland Information Technologies Network), regional networks (such as the Frederick County Network), and numerous forums and networking events.

"We can also open doors for our undergraduate students for internships and employment while promoting our outstanding accelerated adult and graduate programs," said Flack.

staying ahead of the technology curve is always important — especially in the areas of administrative services

MOUNTCards do a lot more!

This year, the MOUNTCard functions as much more than a student identification card. Students can use it as a debit card in the dining hall, Mount Café, athletic center, media center, public safety building, wellness center, the ARCC and campus bookstore.

These new "smart cards" come equipped with built-in microchips, allowing students to add purchasing money to the card at the MOUNTCard office. To ensure student safety, the card also acts as a key, permitting students to access their individual housing buildings via a proxy reader.

Within the next few months, the Mount will extend the card's function to campus vending machines and laundry services. Additionally, students will be able to check balances online and make deposits by credit card.

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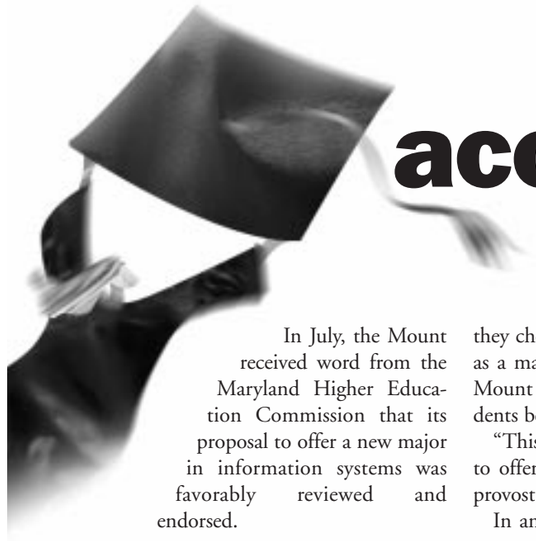

a "major" accomplishment

In July, the Mount received word from the Maryland Higher Education Commission that its proposal to offer a new major in information systems was favorably reviewed and endorsed.

Mount students will have plenty of new options — whether they choose to study information systems as a major, minor or elective course. The Mount plans to offer the program to students beginning in 2003.

"This is a wonderful program to be able to offer our students," said Carol Hinds, provost.

In an age of rapidly growing computer technology, new offerings in the computing areas will serve students well with additional avenues of study. "The college is stronger when students have more options," said Fred Portier, chair of the math and computer science departments.

information systems as a major, minor or elective course

Technology FLASHBACK

In the mid-70s, Bill O'Toole, associate professor of math and computer science, came across an advertisement in *Popular Science* magazine. "You can build this computer from a kit," the advertisement read, "…for only $349." In 1976, O'Toole requested the $349 to be included in his budget to build the computer he remembers fondly as the "Altair."

The Altair 8800 measured seven inches tall, 16 inches long and 18 inches deep. It was designed with a maximum speed of only two mega-hertz and came equipped with only 64K of hard-drive space. In comparison, the first personal computers released several years later had 10 times the available hard-drive space.

Soon after its creation, O'Toole was incorporating the use of the Altair 8800 into his course curriculum. He created his own software, enabling his math students to check individual test scores by logging on to it. "I was convinced that students would really gain a lot from having that hands-on experience," he remarks. A few years later, students used the Altair in the science department after O'Toole constructed a device linking it to a gas chromatograph, testing the chemical compositions of compounds.

The Altair has long since been retired from the classroom and now resides at O'Toole's Emmitsburg home. Now in his 37th year at the Mount, O'Toole continues to dabble in technology — writing, and teaching about, a computer language he has created. "I enjoy teaching it," he says. "Of course, I'm responsible for any bugs or errors, but the software seems to be bug-free, so it hasn't been a problem!" ▲

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Bill O'Toole, 1970, with the high-tech "Altair"

Mount Races Dragon Boat for Catholic Charities

Colin Ward, C'94, was a vocal member of the Mount team!

Mount St. Mary's alumni were a team to be reckoned with at the Catholic Charities' Dragon Boat Races September 14.

The charity race, which brought together more than 700 paddlers from 30 diverse businesses and organizations, took place under sunny skies at Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

The Mount team was formed under the leadership of the National Alumni Association's Baltimore Chapter. They paddled to raise money and awareness for the Center for Family Services, a Catholic Charities program that provides counseling and adoption planning services. More than $300,000 was raised by Catholic Charities during the event — with funds distributed to its programs in Maryland — assisting more than 160,000 people.

Dragon boat racing is a sport that has been enjoyed for more than 2,400 years, and it is one of the fastest-growing water sports today. The canoe-like dragon boats hold 20 paddlers, a drummer and steersman, and have colorful dragon heads and tails on each end.

The Mount's team and supporters were judged on team spirit — including tent decorating, the design of their drummer's hat and a team chant for the race. **Stephanie Lopez, C'00,** served as team coordinator, recruiting more than 30 paddlers and volunteers for the race day program. ▲

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■ **Team members from the Mount included:**

Rob Weed, Adam Burch, Dave Gabor, Mike Zinzi, Bill Birrane, Kevin Ortuglio, Brian Melody, Tim Murray, Amanda Kenney, Jen Firlie, Stephanie Lopez, Kelly Stewart, Ellen Murray, Megan Dyer, Aimie Zinzi, Joanne McShally, Melissa Harps, Christine Troha, Rick Kidwell, Colin Ward, Mark Heimerl, Chris Sipes, Erin Sipes, Sarah Cunningham, TerriAnn Ortugilio, Anthony Llardi, Deanna Zalega, Frank Bonano, Nicki Trumpler and Amy Hubbard

Institutional Advancement

Staff Changes

Welcome the following new staff members in the office of institutional advancement:

Matt Burger

Matt is coordinator of development research. He is a graduate of Western Maryland College and prior to coming to the Mount, enjoyed a career in teaching and as a legislative intern in Washington and Annapolis.

Matt Lane

Matt is the associate director of marketing and public relations. He is the former communications associate and spokesman for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, where he managed and coordinated communications efforts for Cardinal William H. Keeler and the Archdiocese through local, national and international media relations. He also assisted the Archdiocese's Division of Catholic Schools, implementing public relations strategies aimed at increasing enrollment.

Peter Mannix, C'01

Peter is the assistant director of the annual fund and has a strong commitment to the Mount. As a student, he spent four years working in the annual fund office, and since graduation had worked in the communications office as staff writer.

Joe Molinaro, C'74

Joe is the director of gift planning and comes to the Mount with more than 25 years' experience in financial planning, portfolio management, accounting, auditing and tax consulting. He was admitted to practice in Maryland as a CPA in 1979 and received an MS in taxation from the University of Baltimore in 1983. Joe and his wife, **Mary, C'74,** have been active volunteers for the Mount, most recently serving as members of the President's Council.

Barb Ruppert

Barb is an editorial and marketing consultant and will do much of the writing for Mount publications.

Katie Sherman, C'01

Katie joined the Mount as the new assistant director of alumni relations, replacing **Anne Sluck, C'97.**

Mark Vandergrift

Mark has been appointed director of sports information.

He served as the sports information director, and assistant athletic director for media relations, at Niagara University in Niagara Falls, N.Y., since 1996.

Mark has extensive experience with post-season play — serving in the past as the media coordinator for the MAAC softball tournament, the College Hockey America tournament and the NCAA basketball tournament.

Mark and his wife, Dana, have three children: Anthony (10), Matthew (3) and Lindsey (21 months). ▲

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■ **The Mount would like to thank our alumni and friends who have generously agreed to support our mission. These are the new members of the Chinquapin Society. This legacy program was established to honor those who include the Mount in their wills and other estate plans.**

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1930s

Edward E. Judge Sr., C'31, of Westminster, Md., passed away March 20 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center in Emmitsburg, at the age of 92. He is survived by his daughter Mary J. Wineke and sons Edward E. Judge Jr., James J. Judge, Daniel P. Judge and Peter A. Judge. He had 17 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

Monsignor Joe Parks, C'35, former basketball player for the Mount, plays golf every Wednesday with attorney **Jack Barry, C'35.** While playing June 5, Monsignor Parks had a hole in one on a 150-yard, par three. The two have been friends for more than 70 years.

golftournament

■ **Reunion Classes Golf Tournament**

Joe Perreault, C'67; Denny Doyle, C'63, national alumni president; **Jim Martin, C'67;** and **Don Guinan, C'67,** were the winning foursome at the Reunion Classes Golf Tournament, held during the Mount's Alumni Reunion Weekend in May. Second place went to **John Laughlin, C'86, Jim Laughlin, C'90, John Leahy, C'87,** and **Larry Howley, C'88,** who won the initial tourney in 2001.

Honored players included legendary Mount coaches Jim Phelan and Jim Deegan.

Raffle prizes included four rounds of golf in Myrtle Beach, S.C., a set of woods, a set of irons, golf wear, wine and beer.

Through the tournament, $2,500 was given to the Rev. Carl J. Fives National Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Next year's tournament will be held June 6, 2003, at Mountain View Golf Club in Fairfield, Pa. The tournament will mainly celebrate classes ending in '3' and '8'; however, it is open to all alumni families and friends.

1960s

Michael McCafferty, C'64, of Del Mar, Calif., has been working in San Diego to start up a new community bank. He is now the founder and chairman of the Technology Committee for Landmark National Bank, which is a federally chartered community bank.

Mike Yura, C'67, is now the director of the Forensic Identification Program at West Virginia University. Yura began his work at WVU in 1971 as an assistant professor in counseling psychology. His wife, Catherine, is the director of WVU's Counseling Center. The couple have three children: Jonathan, Christopher and Lauren.

1970s

Capt. Stephen J. Bury, C'72, (USN retired) has begun a new career with the Camber Corporation as an information systems program manager. He supports the assistant secretary of the army, acquisition, logistics and technology in research and laboratory management.

Greg Letnaunchyn, C'72, began working for the Milton Hershey School in August. The school is the largest pre-K-12 boarding school for boys and girls in the United States. It was established in 1909 by Milton and Catherine Hershey to educate children in financial need.

Larry Brogan, C'74, is a retired major in army intelligence and has recently published *The Delta Zone,* a 205-page spy-thriller.

Jeff Hardy, C'75, started a new career working in the counter-terrorism section of the FBI. His daughter, Marina, is a junior at the Mount.

Kevin Murray, M.D., C'75, originally from Hagerstown Md., has recently taken a job as the only thoracic surgeon in Frederick, Md. Prior to this he was at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in Las Vegas, Nev., working as the chief of cardiothoracic surgery.

Robert A. Pastoor, Ed.D., C'76, has completed his doctoral studies at the University of Montana and earned his Ed.D. in educational leadership, higher education and technology leadership in May of 2002. He is currently the vice president for student affairs at the University of San Diego. He and his wife, **Ann Marie Lynch, C'84,** reside in San Diego with their three children: Thomas, 11, Tully, 6, and Marijka, 3.

In May, Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick announced the appointment of new pastors to three parishes in the archdiocese, all ordained at Mount St. Mary's Seminary: **Rev. Robert Kosty,** ordained in 1974 and former pastor of Our Lady's Church at Medley's Neck, Md., has been named pastor of St. Catherine of Alexandria in McConchie and

Front: Denny Doyle, Karen Keenan and Madeline Roeltgen. Back: Most Rev. William Lori, George R. Houston Jr., Rev. Robert Cilinski, Joseph Keenan and the Very Rev. Kevin Rhoades

27th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award Presented

The Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary National Alumni Association presented its 27th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award to the late Rev. Msgr. Kenneth W. Roeltgen, rector of the seminary, 1988-97, "For outstanding and dedicated service to his pastoral responsibilities bringing honor to Holy Mother, the Church, and to Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary."

The award was accepted by Mrs. Madeline Roeltgen, Monsignor's mother, at the Alumni Priests' Reunion Banquet, October 2. It marked the first time the award was presented posthumously.

In attendance were Dennis M. Doyle, C'63, national alumni president; Mount President George R. Houston Jr.; Most Rev. William Lori, S'77, bishop of Bridgeport, Conn. (formerly auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.), Karen Keenan, Monsignor Roeltgen's sister; Joseph Keenan, Monsignor Roeltgens brother-in-law; Rev. Robert Cilinski, S'79, national alumni vice president; Rev. Carl J. Fives, C'38, S'42, national alumni chaplain; and the Very Rev. Kevin Rhoades, rector of the seminary.

The John Cardinal McCloskey Award was established in 1976 by the National Alumni Association to honor an alumnus for distinguished service to the Mission of the Church. It is the highest award presented to a Mount alumni priest. ▲

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baltimorechapter

■ **On July 19,** the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, led by **Rob Weed, C'93,** hosted the Inner Harbor Caribbean Party Cruise aboard the Clipper City – the largest tall ship in the United States licensed for public sales and charters. The cruise was a "sellout," with 65 participating.

On August 18, the Baltimore Alumni Chapter also hosted the 29th Annual Crab Feast. It was held at the Ocean Pride Restaurant in Lutherville, Md. Attending were **Denny Doyle, C'63,** national alumni president, **Phil McGlade, C'70,** director of alumni relations, Lynne Robinson, associate director of athletics, and Tom Gravante, men's lacrosse coach. Almost 100 were in attendance!

On September 21, the Baltimore Alumni Chapter hosted its 10th Annual Bullpen Party at Camden Yards in Baltimore. Attending were **Frank DeLuca, C'68,** vice president of institutional advancement, **George Gelles, C'64,** alumni vice president, **Phil McGlade, C'70,** director of alumni relations, and **Katie Sherman, C'01,** assistant director of alumni relations. A special thanks goes to **Joanna Weed McShalley, C'83,** for serving as the coordinator of this event for 10 years.

Amaris Little, C'99, attended the game but she wasn't sitting in the stands … she was on the field! Little is a "ball girl" for the Baltimore Orioles and is currently in dental school at the University of Maryland. She was recently engaged to Jeff Rajaski on the diamond during an Orioles vs. Philadelphia Phillies game in June, and will be married in October 2003.

specialthanks

■ **The Mount would like to thank the following alumni for attending the Career Center's Class of 2003 Senior Open House on August 28:**

Clarice Dionot, C'01, from Abilities Network; **Lori Drega, C'96,** director of the Mount's MBA program; **Michael Hartnett, C'99,** from American Express Financial Advisors; **Anthony Ilardi, C'01,** the Mount's office of admissions; **Peter Mannix, C'01,** assistant director of the Mount's Annual Fund; **Dan Meng, C'89,** from the Montgomery County, Md., police department; **Ellen Murray, C'96,** the Mount's office of admissions; **Patrick Nield, C'89,** from the City of Taneytown, Md; **Corrine Ridenour, C'01,** completing a master's degree in social work at the University of Maryland at Baltimore; **Sam Stone, C'93,** from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, International Affairs; **Ed Stroman, C'99,** from The Choice Program; **Emily Wright, C'97,** a teacher with Carroll County Public Schools; and **Melanie Sichak, C'01,** from Northrop Grumman.

1980s

James M. Savage, C'81, MBA C'85, was recently promoted to assistant vice president of commercial lending at Adams County National Bank.

Dr. Douglas S. Walsh, C'83, recently completed a seven-year tour in Bangkok, Thailand, where he conducted tropical disease clinical research for the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Today, Walsh is chief of dermatology at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta, Ga.

On July 30, 2002, **Joe and Peggy (Nolan) Tripp, C'85,** became the proud parents of Casey Claire Tripp.

John Garrity, C'87, recently received his master's degree from the United States Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration.

David M. Toolan, C'89, has joined the law department of Ashland Inc. and will assume responsibilities for certain APAC legal matters in Atlanta, Ga. A native of Shirt Hills, N.J., Toolan received a law degree from New York University Law School and an MBA from Emory University-Goizueta Business School.

Rev. Robert A. Yohe, S'89, was named an "exceptional priest" by fellow Knights of Columbus member James Staver.

1990s

Christopher Duff, C'89, and Cathy Duff Jordan, C'90, welcomed their son Matthew into their family on May 28, 2002. Matthew has an older brother, Christopher, 2.

Ed Medvid, C'90, and wife Brenda (Nuckels) Medvid, C'90, celebrated the birth of their second child, John Edward, August 5, 2002. They also have a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, 4.

On October 25, 2001, **Joe Pinto, C'90,** his wife, Kristin, and daughter, Abigail, welcomed their son and brother, Joseph James Pinto, into the family.

Charlie and Mary (Gerard) Carlton, C'90, announced the arrival of their third child, Ilyra Aubrey, born August 26, 2002, in Colorado Springs. Ilyra was welcomed home by her two older sisters, Natalia, 3, and Josephine, 2. The family recently moved to Monterey, Calif., where Charlie is studying Russian at the Defense Language Institute.

Christopher Feryo, C'91, lives in Phoenixville, Pa., with his wife Kate, and is the supervisor/funeral director at Bringhurst Funeral Home in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

R. Wayne Barth, C'92, and Kara Carr Barth, C'92, celebrated the birth of their first child, Andrew James, on June 27, 2002. Andrew, godson of **Janice Nason Dills, C'92,** and **Kevin Barth, C'93,** was baptized August 10, 2002, by Father Keith Boisvert at St. John the Evangelist Church in Frederick, Md.

Beth Jowdy, C'93, is working on her Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts.

Joe Catania, C'93, and Kelly (McLaughlin) Catania, C'90, are now the parents of Aidan Joseph Catania, born July 31, 2002.

Erin Kathleen Fennelly was born July 7, 2002, to Tom and **Ann Marie (Becker) Fennelly, C'93.** Erin has an older brother, Sean Thomas, born in 2000.

Mary Anne Donohue Cristodero, C'93, has been accepted into the Nursing Program at the Phillips Beth Israel Nursing School. She is in a two-year program to gain an associate's degree in nursing that will allow her to sit for the R.N. exam.

Dwayne and **Lisa (Nolan) Javier, C'93,** became the parents of Aidan August Nolan Javier on August 5, 2002. They also have a daughter, Julia, 2.

Tom Bligh, C'94, is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Florida State University. Last spring he gave a presentation at The Associated Writing Program's annual conference and was accompanied by Dr. William Heath.

Mary Beth Keating, C'94, was engaged to Lawrence Bevacqua on July 9, 2002. Her brother **Ed, C'96,** will be giving her away at the wedding.

upcomingevents

■ **Winter Homecoming**
Winter Homecoming will be held February 15, 2003. The women's and men's basketball teams will host St. Francis, Pa. The women's team plays at 3 p.m. and the men at 7:30 p.m., in Knott Arena. There will be a post-game social following the men's game in Dillon Field House (ARCC) for the Mount community. Questions? Call the alumni office at 301-447 5362.

■ **May Events:**
16: Senior Class "Send Off" Barbeque

■ **June Events:**
6-8: Alumni Reunion Weekend. Details to be announced … mark your calendar!

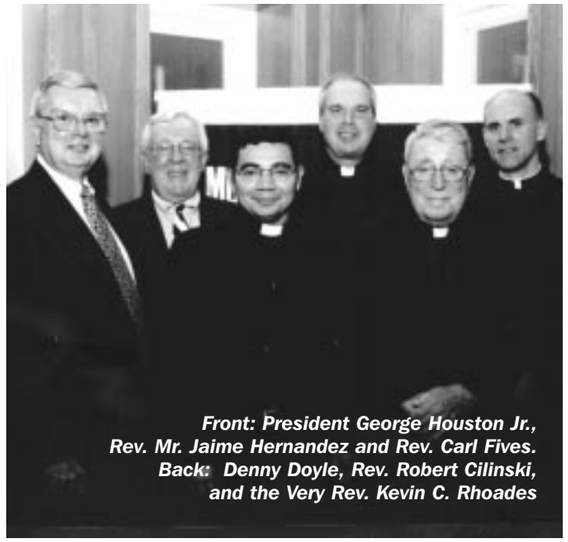
6: Reunion Class Golf Tournament, Mountain View Golf Course, Fairfield, Pa. For more information contact Don Quinn, C'61, at 302-645-7255 or e-mail donquinn@juno.com.

7: **27th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament,** Mountain View Golf Course, Fairfield, Pa. For more information contact the alumni office at 301-447-5262 or e-mail McGlade@msmary.edu.

Kathleen Costlow, C'95, is the vice president and financial advisor for Morgan Stanley and has recently been promoted to branch manager for the Frederick office.

Cynthia Jeanne March, C'95, was married to William Edward Bacon on June 29, 2002, in St. Joseph Church in York, Pa. Cindy's sister, **Melinda March, C'99,** was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids included: **Amy Curran Brewster, C'95, and Moria White Smith, C'95. Kate Benninger, C'95,** was a reader at the Mass. Other Mounties from the class of 1995 who were in attendance included: **Stella Cinoa Joseph, Joyce Drake Jenkins, Jill Lynch, Jennifer Sheehe, Lauren Shukie McHugh and Michael Watson. Eric Jorgensen, C'99,** also attended the wedding. Cindy, who recently passed her Series 7 stockbroker exam, is a senior professional staffing associate in the sales department at Legg Mason in Baltimore, Md. Cindy and her husband reside in Timonium, Md.

Jack McDonald Jr., C'97, and Kristen O'Driscoll, C'97, were married March 17, 2001. Mounties at the wedding included **Kelly McLaughlin Glacken, C'97, and Joe Di Emidio, C'97. Laura Murphy, C'97,** and



Front: President George Houston Jr., Rev. Mr. Jaime Hernandez and Rev. Carl Fives. Back: Denny Doyle, Rev. Robert Cilinski, and the Very Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades

Rev. Carl J. Fives Scholarship

The Rev. Mr. Jaime B. Hernandez was awarded the Reverend Carl J. Fives Scholarship, sponsored by the National Alumni Association. The $2,000 grant was presented at the Alumni Priests' Reunion Banquet, October 2, 2002 – honoring him for his fine academic record and outstanding contributions to the Mount community.

Rev. Mr. Hernandez will be ordained in the spring of 2003 for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. His ministries include hospital visitation, tutoring youth and assisting the needs of the elderly and the Hispanic community. He serves his home parish of St. Martin of Tours in Gaithersburg, Md. He also organized a fund-raising campaign to help earthquake victims in his native country, El Salvador, and assists with food drives at St. Vincent De Paul School in Hanover, Pa. – Diocese of Harrisburg. He currently volunteers with the Mount's office of campus ministry.

In attendance to present the award were **Dennis M. Doyle, C'63;** Mount President George R. Houston Jr.; **Rev. Robert Cilinski, S'79,** national alumni vice president; the Very Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, rector; and **Rev. Carl J. Fives, C'38, S'42,** national alumni chaplain. ▲

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Thank you for showing the Mount you CARE!

Claudia Belcsak were gift bearers. Jack and Kristen reside in Pennsylvania.

Bridget A. Moon, C'97, was married to **Alan J. Pfeiffenberger, C'97,** on May 11, 2002. Bridget works for Omni House Behavioral Health System, in Glen Burnie, Md., as an entitlements coordinator. Alan works for Enterprise Rent a Car as a senior loss control administrator in Linthicum, Md.

Anne H. Sluck, C'97, recently joined the Health Care Association of America (HCAA) as a legislative analyst in the Washington, D.C., office. From October 2000 to August 2002, she served as the assistant director of alumni relations at the Mount. Currently enrolled in the Mount MBA program, she is pursuing a career in government affairs.

Rev. Cliff Bishop, S'98, Diocese of Allentown, is now the new chaplain at the University of Kutztown in Pa.

Melissa Naill, C'99, recently married Shawn DeHass.

Andrew Lobley, C'99, earned his law degree at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Melinda March, C'99, recently took a position with Plant Advertising, Inc., in Baltimore, Md. The agency, located in the historic Power Plant in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, is involved in integrated brand communications. Melinda is an account executive and also serves as a media coordinator. She resides in Baltimore, Md.

Gary P. Palank Jr., C'99, received the degree of Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law in May of 2002. Gary's father, **Dr. Gary Palank Sr., C'70,** and his uncle, **Dr. Edward Palank, C'67,** were present to see him receive his degree. Gary Jr. is employed in the legal department of the accounting firm of KPMG in its Baltimore, Md., office.

2000

Rosemary (Garrett) Tortorella, C'00, and husband, Glen, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Therese Genevieve, December 28, 2001. Therese was baptized in the traditional Latin Rite on January 13, 2002. In attendance were **Jennifer Mongold**, **Michelle Doyle** and **Lanette Battista**, all class of 2000.

Mike Dougherty, C'01, married **Mary Mann, C'01,** this summer.

Tony Sidoti, C'01, a 1997 graduate of Gloucester Catholic High School in New Jersey, recently returned to the school in the position of athletic director.

Susan R. Luchansky, C'01, was married to Jeffrey A. Eyler on June 8, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Mt. Airy, Md. Susan works as a claims representative at State Farm Automobile Insurance Company in Frederick, Md. Jeffrey is a fire fighter in Montgomery County, Md. They live in Walkersville, Md.

Tracy Deuber, C'01, lives in Annapolis, Md., and is a sales consultant for Smith and Nephew Orthopedics, originally based in Memphis, Tn. Tracy sells total joint replacement implants, along with trauma products. The majority of her job is performed in the operating room, guiding technicians and physicians as they put Smith and Nephew products to use in helping patients.

Ronald Lloveras, C'02, works for the federal government in the Defense Contract Audit Agency as an auditor.

Brian Koenig, C'02, is the chief of the department of the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company.

Richard Bradley (Brad) Borchers, C'02, works for Brooks Financial Group in Timonium, Md., as a registered representative. ▲

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