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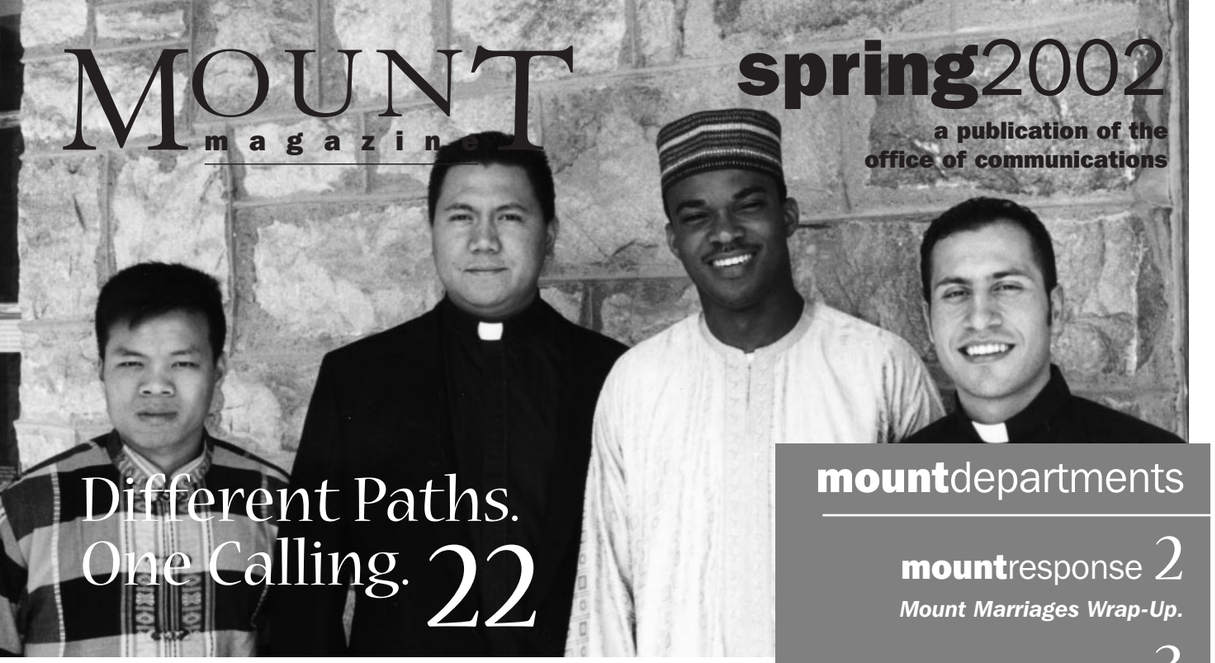

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Dear Mount Magazine

■ I would appreciate it if you would convey to the staff of the *Mount Magazine* my congratulations on the most recent issue.

It is a fine tribute to the Mount's office of communications.

I read with sorrow the news that illness has forced the forthcoming retirement of George Houston. He has done a fine job and will be missed.

Ellen and I have moved into a retirement residence in Redwood City, CA. While we will be traveling less in the future, I hope that I may be able to visit Emmitsburg at some future date.

I was very moved by the ranking given the Mount in the recent *U.S. News & World Report* feature on the impressive record at which it graduates athletes.

Larry McDonnell, C'37

"Mount Marriages"

We received so many responses to our "Mount Marriages" request, that we couldn't possibly print them all. The following are two additional articles that did not print in our Winter '02 issue:

■ I thought I would add our Mount marriage to the many you must be receiving. Dan and I met during March/April of my freshman year (1989) and dated all through our college years. Dan graduated in 1991 and I graduated in 1992. Dan received his MBA from the Mount in 1993. In August of 1994 we were married at the Chapel. It was a special request of Dan's that we be married at the Mount. It was a beautiful day - the high was in the mid 70s (after days of rain and highs in the 90s!). Our families and guests loved the special afternoon at the Mount. Even the ride back down to the McLean, Va. area for the reception has its own legendary stories (involving a few Mount grads). In May of 1997 I graduated from Georgetown Law School and in August of 1999 our daughter, Madeline, was born. Maddie made her first trip to the Mount in 2001 for Dan's 10-year reunion.

Kathleen (Flavin), C'92 and Dan Smith, C'91

■ My father, Joseph Robert Scheerer, graduated from the Mount in the 60s. My mother, Mary Angela (Zappacosta) Scheerer, graduated from St. Joe's in 1969. They were married at St. Mary's in Hagerstown in November 1970.

They were introduced by Joe's brother, Michael Scheerer, a Frostburg grad with a Master's degree from the Mount (and who worked at the Mount and St. Joe's in the late 60s and 70s) and his wife (girlfriend at the time), Kathy (Moran) Scheerer, also a 1969 Joe's grad who was a hometown friend of my mother's.

My husband, James Ryan Thomas ('96), and I ('96) are both Mount grads and were married at Immaculate Conception Chapel on October 24, 1998. Our marriage was celebrated by my father's and uncle's close friend, Mgr. Dennis Tinder - a Mount grad.

Hope this is what you are looking for. It is great to have such traditional connections at a time when it is hard to maintain a community. We have been out of school for five years and have attended several weddings of our classmates at the Mount chapel.

Mary Frances (Scheerer) Thomas ▲

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Margaret Carey Murphy Burke:

First Lady of the Mount

To the reader of *The Story of the Mountain* or any other history of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, including my own history of its first 50 years, the name of Margaret Burke is a surprise, and the title of "First Lady of the Mount" perhaps a bit shocking. I offer it, tongue in cheek, as a correction to a woeful omission from the traditional recounting of our venerable college's history. In May of 2001, Professor Kerby Miller, an historian of Irish and Irish-American history at the University of Missouri, forwarded to our archives a number of letters from the estate of Matthew Carey, a political exile and publisher in Philadelphia in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The letters concerned Carey's sister Margaret, who was born in Dublin around 1770 and apparently emmigrated to Philadelphia with her first husband, Murphy, around 1794. After his death in 1798, she married an Irish sea captain named Burke, who in turn died about 1807. Professor Miller was seeking information on her three sons, Charles Murphy, John Burke and James Burke, who were students here beginning in July of 1809. The discovery of Margaret Burke was a fascinating surprise to me, and once again provided a facet of our history until now unknown.

Sometime in early 1809, Margaret and five of her children, the three boys mentioned above and two daughters, Teresa and Cecilia, arrived at the Mount. Beginning on August 16, 1809, a series of 11 letters, written from the Mount, are in the Carey collection. These continue until June 11, 1810. Between 1810 and 1814, she appears to be conducting a school in town for local children. The last letter, dated September 4, 1815, was from Baltimore—where she lived and taught until her death in 1852.

According to her letters, Margaret was employed by Fr. Dubois as a sort of superintendent of the institution. Fr. Dubois agreed to provide education for her three sons and to have two of her three daughters educated by Mrs. Seton.

Margaret's first letters are full of praise for Fr. Dubois and his educational abilities with her sons. The three boys were living in the college, of course. Charles, who turned out to be not much of a student and ended up running away from the college, is on the books until 1813. John and James, both of whom were apparently good students, remained until August of 1817. Of their later careers we know nothing. Her oldest daughter, Maria Murphy, had joined Mother Seton earlier as one of her first sisters in Baltimore, and died in Emmitsburg on October 15, 1812. Her two younger daughters, Teresa and Cecilia Burke, were educated by the Sisters in Mother Seton's school, but, again, of their later lives, I have no information.

It appears that after June of 1810, she left the Mount and conducted her own school in town. Her letters to her brother during this period indicate that she was having serious financial difficulties, and that may be the reason why she moved after 1814 to Baltimore.

The "White House."

What Margaret's position at the Mount was is not entirely clear. In a letter to her brother, dated May 22, 1810, she says "I am here at present very comfortably and respectably established and have the entire management of all but the school. My word passes as law, Mr. D. is entirely biassed (sic) by my judgment & all the inmates of the establishment behave to me in the most respectful manner…. For this year Mr. D. allows me 70 dollars with a solemn promise of doubling it next year if at the winding up of the year he finds his income here will allow it…."

Apparently at one point, Fr. Dubois even considered having Mrs. Burke conduct a school for local children at the college. Writing to her brother on September 12, 1809, she notes Fr. Dubois had spoken to her about opening such a school, but she concluded that it would be too far from town over rugged roads to have much hope of success, and besides, "…in my opinion there is no comparison in the respectability of the two situations in prospect before me that of the charge of the school or as superintendent of the Seminary. That last is comparatively speaking, high life compared to the other."

Margaret Burke, for a short two years at the very beginning of this institution, was clearly an important part of the establishment. How it is that she was entirely omitted from any history is a matter of debate. But here she was, indeed, and clearly the first lady "administrator" of Mount St. Mary's. ▲

Sources: Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary Archives: Copies of letters from the collection of Matthew Carey, courtesy of Professor Kerby Miller. MSM Archives: Account Ledgers and Class Records, 1809-1817. MSM Archives: Students Cards, 1809-1817.

By Fr. Daniel C. Nusbaum, College Historian

Mount Receives a $50,000 Grant From the Lilly Endowment

Mount St. Mary's has a rich history of academic excellence combined with a deep-rooted spirituality. The Mount's active campus ministry program provides spiritual and theological direction to undergraduate students and seminarians. College life offers students the opportunity to engage in thought-provoking conversation and debate. Outstanding interests and career paths are recognized and defined. Faculty and administration are intricately involved in the exploration of career paths, therefore it is essential that they are knowledgeable in all vocational aspects, including paths for priesthood and careers in lay ministry.

Based on this tradition of excellence and its commitment to graduating spiritual, mature men and women, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary has recently been awarded a $50,000 planning grant from Lilly Endowment. The Programs for Theological Exploration of Vocation grant program invited all accredited, four-year, church related, liberal arts colleges and universities to apply for a planning grant to be used to "create or expand opportunities for students, as well as faculty and administrators, to examine how faith commitments relate to vocational choices, to create opportunities for the consideration of ministry as a possible vocation, and to maintain an institutional environment that fosters such exploration." The Endowment received more than 300 proposals and awarded 50 grants.

The Mount's proposal was based on three broad goals for the exploration of vocation, with 12 specific objectives. The goals are: to expand the foundational vocational exploration on campus, increase lay ministry programs, and address religious vocation exploration. The grant funding will be used to accomplish and expand these objectives while preparing the implementation proposal. Dr. Stanley Werne, dean of academic services and project director, will use the next six months to coordinate three planning retreats for students, faculty, and administration. Each retreat will be a day of reflection on the purpose of vocation throughout our lives and an opportunity to expand on the goals of the proposal.

A five-member team will be delegated to visit other institutions that have successfully implemented theological exploration of vocation programs. These visits will be instrumental in assisting the Mount's long-range plans of establishing additional vocation programs on campus. Mount St. Mary's will also send a three-member team to the National Vocation Directors Council providing the opportunity to meet with peer institutions that have successfully promoted their vocation programs, as well as gain ideas for promoting future campus ministry programs.

To ensure that the Mount is successful in this endeavor, Dr. Werne and the implementation grant committee members will meet monthly with a consultant, drawing on his/her valuable insights and experience on theological exploration of vocation. "The programs that we would like to develop more completely will strengthen and expand what the Mount already does in our curriculum, add to our current academic programs that help students prepare for lay ministry, as well as provide opportunities for students to discern vocations to the priesthood and religious life," commented Mount President George R. Houston, Jr. He added, "The Mount has long been called the 'cradle of bishops' due to the number of graduates who have served as bishops of various dioceses across our country. This grant will not only enable us to further this work, but also strengthen our student's understanding of the meaning and responsibility of vocation."

The awarding of the planning grant by the Endowment has given Mount St. Mary's a wonderful opportunity to prepare a proposal for the execution of a $2 million, five-year program focusing on the exploration of vocations. ▲

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■ **Grant Committee Members include:**

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Dr. Karen Stohr, assistant professor of philosophy

2002 Pride of the Mount Recipients

The Mount community has anticipated 2002 for more than five years. The year 2002 marks the closing of the Connections Campaign and the completion of the long-awaited McGowan Center. This year, the Pride of the Mount Awards are being presented to five distinguished men who have served and exemplified a serious commitment to this program or to the community during the last few years. These men were considered to be "individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to Mount St. Mary's over the years through personal generosity of their resources, time and talent. Awardees respect the very best of American philanthropy and embody the very spirit of the Mount." The recipients were announced on April 20, at the grand opening of Patriot Hall in the McGowan Center. These men include faculty member Dr. Peter Dorsey, and alums Dennis Doyle, C'63, Thomas O'Hara, C'64, Peter O'Malley, C'60, and John Walsh, C'58.

Dr. Peter Dorsey

Peter Dorsey joined the Mount faculty in the fall of 1987 as a graduate from St. Joseph's University and with a Ph.D. in American literature from the University of Pennsylvania. Since then, Dorsey has been a professor committed to his students and colleagues. Not long after he was welcomed into the community, he became an associate professor of English and the coordinator of the American Experience Program. Because of his devotion to the faculty and his students, he was elected as the vice president of the faculty board (1998-99) and was selected as a member of the Commission on College Student Life to improve every aspect of life on campus, including academics, spirituality, and social life.

Along with his enthusiasm for life as a professor, he also has proven his passion for scholarship and writing. Dorsey has been the recipient of grants and fellowships for his books, *Sacred Estrangement: The Rhetoric of Conversion in Modern Autobiography and Common Bondage: The Figuration of Slavery in Antebellum America.*

Dennis Doyle graduated from the Mount in 1963. His education continued as he received professional credits from Johns Hopkins University, the University of Virginia, and the University of New Hampshire. The community is very thankful of Doyle's commitment for Mount St. Mary's. He plays a significant role in many of the organizations in the community. Doyle is a dedicated member of the President's Council, the President of the National Alumni Association, and the former chairman of the Mount Annual Fund Campaign.

Denny Doyle, C'63

Not only has Doyle helped this cause as a member of the Baltimore Area Connections Campaign Committee, but he also chaired the most outstanding event of 2001: The Baltimore/Washington Coach Jim Phelan Testimonial Dinner.

Doyle's love and commitment for the Mount is also reflected in his devotion to Baltimore. He is committed to various causes in the county, including: the Maryland Mortgage Bankers Association, the Neighborhood Housing Services of Maryland, the Interfaith Housing Corporation, and Notre Dame Preparatory School. In 1990, Doyle retired as the president of a Baltimore Insurance and Financial Services company and is currently the president of

Blakefield Associates, LLC.

The Pride of the Mount Award is not the first honor Thomas O'Hara has received from this institution. He was the recipient of the Mount's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1981. O'Hara has also served as vice president of alumni affairs for the National Alumni Association, and currently chairs the Advancement Advisory Committee for the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee.

Following his graduation from the Mount in 1964, O'Hara received a J.D. from Georgetown University and attended New York University Law School. Currently, he is the vice president of public relations for the Governmental Affairs Division at the Prudential Insurance Company of America and members of the American, Washington, D.C., and New Jersey Bar Associations.

Once named "Man of the Year" by *Washingtonian Magazine*, Peter O'Malley has also received many honors from Mount St. Mary's College. O'Malley received the Presidential Medal in 1987, the 28th Annual Bruté Medal in 1992, and the honor of being named the first lay chairman of the Board of Trustees. O'Malley has also received the Annual "Man for All Seasons" Award from the St. Thomas Moore Society of Maryland and an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

O'Malley has accomplished much in his life thus far. Not long after his graduation from the Mount in 1960, he received a degree from the Georgetown Law Center. He was one of the Founding Fathers of Washington, D.C.'s Capital Centre and has served as the president of the NHL's Washington Capitals. He is also the founding member of the law firm O'Malley, Miles, McCarthy, Harrell, and Levin and sat as chair of the Board of Regents for the University of Maryland system.

Even with all of his personal accomplishments, O'Malley has always saved time to serve the Mount community. He founded and contributes to a scholarship in honor of his parents and served as the co-chairman of the Connections Campaign.

The other chairman of this special campaign is John Walsh. Walsh held the chair of the Advancement Committee, became the first chair of the Founder's Club, and is the current chairman of the Board of Trustees. Like O'Malley, Walsh was a recipient of the Annual Brute Medal in 1998.

Walsh graduated from Mount St. Mary's in 1958 and received an MBA from New York University in 1962. Since then, he has become the largest single alumni donor to the Mount. His professional accomplishments include being the president of the Wall Street Utility Group and the vice president of research and partner with Lord, Abbett, and Co. ▲

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Thomas O'Hara, C'64

John Walsh, C'58, Sabina A. Kaniowski, C'02, and Frank DeLuca, C'68

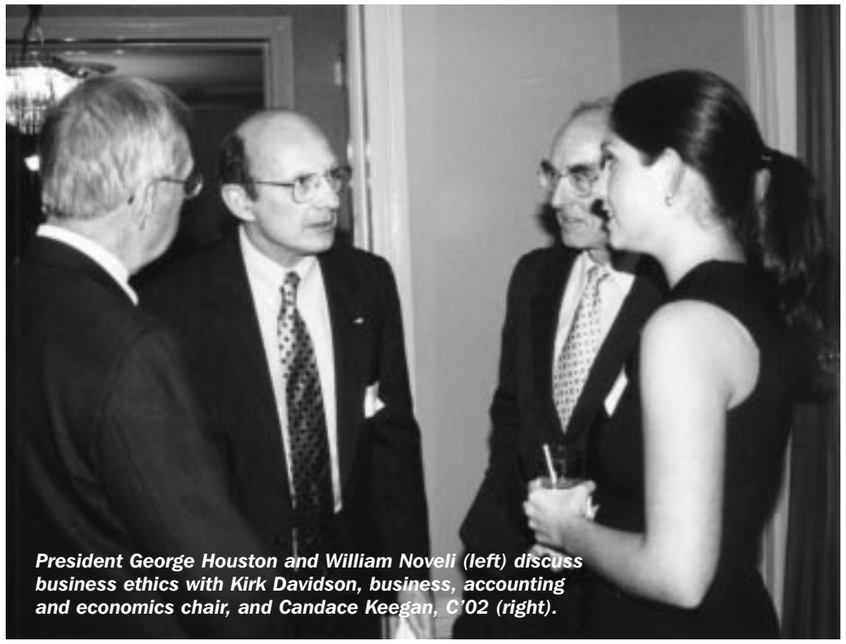
Peter O'Malley, C'60 and Margaret Leubecker, C'02

Second Annual McKenna Lecture in Business and Professional Ethics

On March 19, the Mount hosted its Second Annual McKenna Lecture in Business and Professional Ethics at the Ceresville Mansion in Frederick. This year's lecture featured William D. Novelli, newly appointed executive director of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Novelli comes from a very diverse background of employment, working in both the public and private sectors. He began his professional career marketing for a packaged goods company, but eventually moved to the other side of the business arena, advertising for such non-profit organizations as the Peace Corps and VISTA. He then co-founded one of the largest public relations firms in the world, Porter-Novelli. Upon his retirement from the firm in 1990, Novelli moved into the public service sector, acting as executive vice president for CARE and initiating the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

Speaking to a dining room filled to capacity with Mount MBA students and Frederick area business professionals, Novelli addressed his bold and enthusiastic plan for the future of the AARP. Included in this was a discussion on how the "Baby Boomer" generation will impact the organization in the near future and how it can better represent its 35 million members in policy making and advocacy.



President George Houston and William Noveli (left) discuss business ethics with Kirk Davidson, business, accounting and economics chair, and Candace Keegan, C'02 (right).

"Bill Novelli was the ideal person to speak on business ethics," commented Dr. Kirk Davidson, chair of the Mount's department of business, accounting and economics. "As CEO of the country's largest and most powerful lobbying group, the AARP, he and his organization are influencing how business transactions will be shaped over the next several decades, including the ethical dimension of those transactions."

Established and funded by Matthew McKenna, senior vice president and treasurer of PepsiCo and exiting member of the Mount's Board of Trustees, the lecture series stands to compliment the Mount's highly acclaimed undergraduate business and master of business programs. Its main focus is geared toward "the issues and challenges of ethics within the corporate environment." The series was funded and underwritten so that all proceeds go directly to benefit Mount students from Frederick County. Last year's inaugural lecture featured J. Michael Kelly, chief financial officer of America Online.

"The Mount is grateful to the Frederick community for its enthusiastic interest in the McKenna Lecture Series in Business and Professional Ethics," commented Pam Zusi, executive director of development. "Thanks to their generous support, the Mount has been able to offer more than $22,000 in scholarships to Frederick County students attending the Mount, as well as provide a forum to present and discuss ethical challenging questions that impact the corporate environment."

Future Mount MBA students and business professionals will undoubtedly benefit from this series, as it not only offers financial aid, but firmly supports and enhances the overall goals of the MBA program. ▲

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Weller Receives Sisters of St. Francis Award

Throughout its history, the Mount has been blessed with a very talented faculty, staff, and administration. Whenever possible, the Mount recognizes and commends the efforts of its staff and awards those who especially exemplify the college's mission. John R. "Jack" Weller is one of these employees. On March 21, during a college ecumenical ceremony in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, President George Houston conferred the Sisters of St. Francis Award on him. A reception followed where members of the Mount community were able to personally congratulate Weller on his accomplishment.

The award, established in 1997 and named after the last religious order to serve the Mount community, "honors a Mount employee who embodies the mission of the Mount, both at work- as an example to other employees- and at home." Nominees should also be "guided by high morale standards and a mature faith resulting in compassionate and just engagement with the world, and dedication to the highest standard as a Mount employee." Previous award recipients include Dave Copenhaver, Sharon Ochoa, Professor Robert Karsteter, and George Gelles, C'64.

Weller arrived at the Mount in 1982 when he was hired as the college bus driver. For 11 years, he drove Mount students to and from sporting events and other college sponsored activities. This allowed him to establish many friendships with the students and he soon became a well-known face around campus. He was even known to drive ill students to doctor's appointments or to the hospital.

In 1993, Weller joined the ground services department in the Mount physical plant. Since then, he has become an even more visible member of the community and is well known for his caring greeting, warm smile, and signature hat.

In addition to working for grounds services, Jack is also the chair of the Staff Affairs Committee and a member of the Mount Council. Known for his leadership, he was appointed by President Houston to a special task force on institutional financial issues shortly after the president's arrival in 1994.

Jack Weller and President George Houston

When reflecting on his time at the Mount, Weller explains that he is the lucky one; having great colleagues to work with and loving the relationships he forms with students. He was taken completely by surprise when President Houston called him into his office and told him he was the recipient of the award. Reflecting on this, Weller explained that he thought he was being called into the president's office to discuss an issue facing the Mount Council or an upcoming event. "I am truly flattered that the Mount considers me worthy of receiving this award," commented Weller. "The fact that the college would publicly reward someone for working for them is very humbling and I hope I can continue to meet the high standards of this award." ▲

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■ **The Mount's office of communications recently won big at this year's local advertising federation awards.**

The ADDY, the most prestigious award given by the Greater Frederick Ad Federation, recognizes excellence in creative advertising. This year the Mount took home three statuettes.

Back Row (L-R): Kate Saganish, intern; Peter Mannix, staff writer; Rachel Gaes, intern. Front Row (L-R): Rich Vallaster, web manager; Joe Cliber, director of publications; Nancy Poss, assoc. director of public relations and marketing; Kelli Maze, production coordinator.

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■ **2002 Hall of Fame.** On Saturday, April 13, a Mass, reception and dinner was held in honor of the inductees.

(L-R): Denny Doyle, C'63, national alumni president; Paul Clark, C'54 (Baseball); Kim Rhock, C'90 (Basketball); Thomas "Woody" Stoner, C'62 (Outstanding Service to the Athletic Program); Michelle Dixon, C'87 (Track), and President George Houston. Inductee Knut Gundersen, C'88 (Track) is not pictured.

Alumni Leaders Celebrate Scholarship Success

The Alumni Leaders held their annual winter meeting in Bradley Hall on February 23. The National Alumni Council (elected alumni officials) and chapter leaders gathered in their respective committees to discuss the Alumni Scholarship, Reunion Weekend, and the DuBois and Brute Medals. Committee leaders and chapter representatives also presented reports and updates to the assembled leadership. The meeting's afternoon session featured two guest speakers, Dr. Teresa Rupp (associate professor of history) and Dr. David Rehm (associate professor of philosophy) who discussed the Mount's academic program and Freshman Seminar.

The meeting also took on a celebratory theme, as it was announced that the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship has now surpassed its fundraising goal. After completing the National Alumni Association's initial pledge of $75,000 in two and a half years, the alumni leaders recently increased their pledge to $150,000. By the end of 2001, the leaders reported that expectations had been exceeded, with the Alumni Scholarship enjoying more than $150,000 in revenues.

Five Alumni Scholarship grants will be disbursed this year, totaling $17,000. Five Mount undergraduate students will receive $3,000 each, and one seminarian will receive $2,000. Funds raised for the Alumni Scholarship come from three primary sources: the Mount MBNA credit card, Reunion Golf Tournament and the sale of alumni merchandise. As of December 30, 2001, the alumni endowment total was $339,354. ▲

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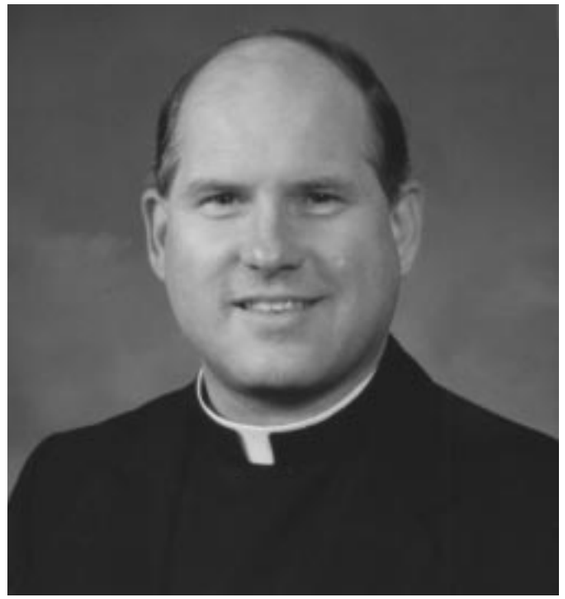
Alumni Leaders at Reunion Weekend 2002

Reverend Msgr. Keneth Roeltgen, Rector at Mount St. Mary's Seminary 1988-97, passed away on April 7. 2002

A Farewell to Monsignor Roeltgen

I had a beautiful experience this past Saturday, one that I think I will always remember. I went to visit Monsignor Roeltgen at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington. Though near death, Monsignor's eyes sparkled with life. He was perfectly alert and we spoke for 15 – 20 minutes. As he clasped my hand, Monsignor spoke of his love for the priesthood and for the Mount. He thanked God for the blessings of his priestly life and described his life as filled with so many joys. Most especially he spoke of the joy he had serving at Mount St. Mary's. He spoke of the wonderful spirit of the Mount, a spirit he was confident would not be extinguished by the clergy scandals so prominent in the news.



Monsignor and I shared and discussed our faith in the resurrection. I noticed how strong his faith was as we talked about the Lord and His love and mercy. He expressed his readiness to pass from this life to the Lord. He even joked about his recent change of assignment. He was supposed to have moved to a new pastorate at Annunciation parish that very day but said that the Lord had changed his assignment. We spoke of this "new assignment" and I asked Monsignor to remember us in prayer at his new assignment.

I asked Monsignor if he would give me a message for our seminarians and he simply said to me: "the Holy Eucharist," the "Blessed Mother" and "the priesthood." He did not have to explain what he meant. I could see in his eyes and in the joyful expression on his face the love and devotion he felt for the Eucharist, the Blessed Mother and the priesthood.

I thanked Monsignor in a personal way for his example to me and for all his support. I thanked him for his faithful ministry through the years, especially at the Mount. I thanked him for his priestly witness to so many of our alumni whom he helped form in the seminary.

This meeting of farewell ended tearfully, yet joyfully, as I knelt by Monsignor's bed for his blessing and as I prayed over him a prayer of commendation to the Lord. Monsignor Ken Roeltgen was one of the most gracious men I have ever met. His priestly life and ministry was a blessing to me and countless others. He was truly "a man of the Eucharist." May Jesus, the great high priest, now grant him a place at His heavenly table! ▲

By Father Kevin C. Rhoades, vice president and rector of the seminary

Cardinal Hickey Honored

His Eminence, James Cardinal Hickey, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, was honored with a citation by the Mount's Board of Trustees, as he joined the seminary community for Mass on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22. President George R. Houston, Jr., Fr. Kevin C. Rhoades, seminary rector, and Daniel F. Curtin, chairman of the newly formed Rector's Council, presented Cardinal Hickey with the citation, which expressed the Mount's deep gratitude to the Cardinal for all his support and guidance of the seminary, from his days as vocation director of the Diocese of Saginaw, through his service as Archbishop of Washington. ▲

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Hispanic Ministry Certificate

Mount St. Mary's Seminary remains focused on meeting the changing needs of the Catholic population in the United States. One way we achieve this goal is by preparing for priesthood men well suited for ministry in dioceses that often have burgeoning Hispanic Catholic populations, with growth rates as high as 80 percent.

A byproduct of this reality within the Church is the creation and implementation of the Mount's Hispanic Ministry Certificate Program. Last spring, nine seminarians enrolled in the program, which integrates language and cultural studies, pastoral field education, and liturgical experience. It is an initiative whose time certainly has come.

"I receive many new requests each year from parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions throughout this region for seminarians with training in Hispanic ministry," noted Fr. Salvatore Lamendola, who coordinates all pastoral field education assignments and teaches within the program. "There has been a steady increase in the number of Hispanic ministry placements, and it's a reflection of developing pastoral necessities within the surrounding dioceses. I always look for ways to increase opportunities in this area of field education."

The field placements are a key component of the certificate program, which is designed to prepare seminarians of non-Hispanic origin for ministry within many diverse communities as effective preachers, teachers, celebrants, counselors, and confessors. Sr. Onellys Villegas, MHSH, teaches a pastoral theory course within the program, which emphasizes the relationship between faith and Hispanic culture, as well as contributions of Hispanic Catholics to the new evangelization.

An obvious fundamental component to the program is

strong proficiency in the Spanish language. The program currently includes two levels of fundamental pastoral Spanish, two levels of advanced pastoral Spanish, as well as a course on preaching in Spanish, which are also offered to seminarians not enrolled in the certificate program.

"The Spanish language courses at the Mount involve members of all the classes, from pre-theology to fourth theology," explains Dr. Charles Merrill a full-time seminary faculty member who teaches these courses. "Being able to converse in Spanish adds greatly to the ministry of the priest in the United States, and also seems to add much to the vitality of the seminary itself, especially as the student body diversifies."

Additional elements of the certificate program include courses in Latin American Church History. Regularly scheduled liturgies celebrated in Spanish offer deacons the opportunity to preach in Spanish and expose the wider seminary community to the richness of the culture. The seminary Spanish choir sings at the Spanish liturgies.

Another exciting development is the establishment by the Mount of an intensive Spanish language program in Querétaro, Mexico. It will be inaugurated this summer with a group of 10-15 seminarians to be engaged in the eight-week immersion program that combines language training with education in Mexican culture, history, liturgy, and prayer.

"The time in Mexico is an incredible opportunity to get the whole picture of Hispanic ministry, and complement the academic work," said Dr. Merrill, who will supervise the summer program. ▲

By John L. Lavorgna, Pre-Theology, Archdiocese of Hartford

Mount Seminarians Installed as Lectors

the Most Reverend Fabian W. Bruskewitz, Bishop of Lincoln, installed 23 Mount seminarians from 15 different dioceses into the ministry of lector on April 19th during Mass in the Mount chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Seminarians at Mount Saint Mary's normally receive this ministry at the end of their first year of theology.

The Church requires that candidates for ordination receive the ministries of lector and acolyte and exercise them for a suitable period of time before their ordination in order to be better disposed for the future service of the word and of the altar. At the Mount, the ministry of acolyte is received at the end of the second year of theology.

The ministry of the lector primarily involves the function of reading the word of God in the liturgical assembly. The newly installed lectors are expected to "meditate assiduously on sacred Scripture" so that they "may more fittingly and perfectly fulfill their functions." At the end of the homily, Bishop Bruskewitz, quoting from the instruction in the ritual, reminded the seminarians to meditate on God's word constantly, "so that each day you will have a deeper love of the Scriptures, and in all you say and do show forth to the world our Savior, Jesus Christ." ▲

Alphabetically: Juan Alberto Abreu, Diocese of Metuchen; Michael Francis Angarola, Diocese of Peoria; Jeffrey Walter Couture, Diocese of Bridgeport; Anthony William Co, Diocese of Peoria; David Craig Deston, Jr., Diocese of Fall River; Darin John Didier, Diocese of Fargo; James Raymond de Anda, Archdiocese of Omaha; Andrew John Heintz, Diocese of Arlington; Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ihemedu, Archdiocese of Hartford; Kyle Thomas Ingels, Archdiocese of Washington; Robert Edward Lacey, Diocese of Sioux Falls; Andres Mendoza, Diocese of Bridgeport; Matthew Worthington Nolan, Archdiocese of Washington, Alfred Ubaka Obiudu, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; Richard Albert O'Donnell, Diocese of Burlington; Edgar Otero-Ruiz, Archdiocese of Atlanta; John Wilson Rodas-Castaneda, Diocese of Bridgeport; James Kenton Seiwert, Diocese of Sioux Falls, Stephen David Solar, Diocese of Ogdensburg; Peter Thaddeus Pineda Sumbillo, Diocese of Rockford; Paul Gerard Wierzbowski, Diocese of Rockford; Thomas Matthew Woods, Archdiocese of Washington; Robert Dwight Wullweber, Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Dr. Timothy Wolfe
Walking a Mile in Another's Shoes

As this issue of Mount Magazine demonstrates, ethnic and cultural diversity at the Mount exists on all levels and far exceeds the perimeters of the classroom. However, our campus diversity is not limited to just ethnicity and culture. Our students, staff, and faculty come from all walks of life and add to the Mount community, their own unique personalities, experiences, perceptions, and opinions. Dr. Tim Wolfe certainly stands out as a member of the faculty whose life has been driven by diversity, so much so that it inspired his career.

"If you open your ears, heart, and mind, you can certainly get a feel for what it is like to be in any other person's shoes," reflected Dr. Tim Wolfe, as he pondered his life work as a sociologist and criminal justice scholar. It is these sentiments that drove a troubled adolescent to become a highly respected Mount faculty member, mentor, and friend to many members of the Mount community. As fate would demonstrate, it was several entanglements with the law and a strong-armed sentence from a local judge that would set Wolfe's destiny in motion.

After appearing in court several times for minor offenses, the local justice was so tired of seeing the adolescent Wolfe in his courtroom, he offered him an ultimatum: either enlist in the U.S. Army or serve out a sentence including jail time. Wolfe chose the Army, a choice that would inevitably change his life in more ways than he ever imagined, as he not only rose to the rank of Sergeant, he inescapably found his calling in life: to explore the field of juvenile delinquency. Furthermore, he met and fell in love with his future wife Doria, a woman who would help steer his life in a successful and happy direction.

Wolfe became particularly interested in juvenile drug dealers after taking a part-time job at a local detention center in Roanoke, Va., to offer variety to the routine Army life. His primary responsibility was to counsel the troubled youth and offer guidance and support when needed. Wolfe became a natural at working with these adolescents as, in a sense, he was once in their shoes. The detainees came to know and trust him and he became more of a mentor than a case worker. The success and achievements of those he counseled influenced and inspired Wolfe to further his criminal justice interests to the Master's Degree level. In 1994, he was awarded an M.S. in Sociology from Virginia Tech and was eventually awarded a Ph.D. in Sociology/ Criminology from the same institution in 1997. Clearly, the once troubled adolescent with not much of a future had turned his life entirely around. "I walked a number of steps down the wrong path," commented Wolfe. "My family, friends, and future wife never gave up on me, thus I feel a moral obligation to never give up on troubled juveniles." Wolfe further explained, "We are called to help those in need much like Christ administered to the poor and underprivileged with a message of mercy and love."

Placing himself in another's shoes took Wolfe one step further during his doctoral research, as he teamed with a childhood friend familiar with the Washington D.C. drug scene to further his research on juvenile drug dealers. Every summer, the team would enter the public housing projects and gather firsthand, the opinions and motiviations of the troubled youth. It took several trips for the juvenile dealers to come to trust the pair, but after a few games of basketball and casual conversation, the

delinquents opened up and began telling their stories. Wolfe soon became a fixture and as trust increased, he was on a first name basis with many of the juvenile dealers. "It was so fascinating to get an insider's view," commented Wolfe. "I believe I was given as good an understanding as a middle class white could be given." This research, although often depressing and a little daunting at times, was certainly the driving force behind the swift confirmation of Wolfe's doctorate.

Yet, with all these accomplishments behind him, Wolfe truly found his calling in life in the summer of 1997. The Mount St. Mary's Department of Sociology had an opening for an assistant professor and Wolfe figured he'd broaden his study to include the classroom. Within a few weeks, he was teaching his first foundations of sociology classes at the Mount, and within a few months, his students and colleagues accepted him as a member of the Mount community.

Likewise, the town of Emmitsburg soon came to appreciate Wolfe and his family. Shortly after his arrival, he became almost legendary to local children while practicing one of his favorite hobbies with his sons, skateboarding. Known to many children of the town as "the skateboarding dad," Wolfe advocated for a safe place for children of the town to skateboard and frequently wrote articles for the town paper asking for help. He organized a group of area children interested in skating and aided them in convincing the Emmitsburg town council to construct a small skate park. The group, led by Wolfe, attended a town council meeting and convinced the mayor and the council to donate materials and manpower to construct the park. As with many facets of his life, Wolfe once again found friendship and trust by placing himself in other's shoes. This time, it was with area children, advocating for the construction of a safe place for them to enjoy their time as children. "Children want to include adults in their world," commented Wolfe. "If you meet them halfway, they'll meet you."

With his fifth academic year rapidly drawing to a close, Dr. Tim Wolfe certainly stands as a living exemplification of the Mount's mission. In the classroom, he is a scholar whose teaching style is appreciated and enjoyed by students of all majors, so much so, that enrollment for his courses often has to be capped. "Doc makes the learning environment relaxing and fun and there is never a dull moment in his class," commented Mount history major and sociology minor, Kathryn Mannix, C'03. "When he walks in the classroom door with a big smile on his face asking how everyone is doing, it just gets the class off to a good start." Known for incorporating current issues facing society with sociological theory, Wolfe doesn't simply teach the material written in the textbook. He allows students to voice their opinions and concerns, all the while encouraging them to think analytically and as a member of a community. Students are often heard commenting on how favorable an environment Wolfe's classes are for learning: enough flexibility for them to be fun, yet structured enough that core principles are thoroughly explained and subsequently learned.

Outside the classroom, members of the Mount community have come to rely on this kind and very humble scholar whenever they're in need. He epitomizes good Christian character and his everyday actions and attitude reflect this. Whether it's planning courses, making future professional decisions, or simply enjoying a lively conversation, Wolfe's door is always open to those in need. "I owe Dr. Wolfe so much," commented senior sociology major, Lizette Chacon. "He truly shows that he cares about each and every one of his students and I am grateful to have gotten to know such a thoughtful professor." "He's a warm and caring man who'd do anything for his students," added Mannix. "I know we would do anything for him."

As a devoted husband, loving father of four boys, and a highly respected and admired member of the Mount community, Wolfe has certainly found his place in this world. His life work stands as a testament to his character and has been an inspiration to future social services professionals. "All it took was one course for the Doc to inspire me to change my major from business to sociology," commented senior sociology major Kevin Bunch. "Dr. Wolfe has certainly been one of the driving forces behind my future plans to enter the profession of social work."

Indisputably, Wolfe has done a great service to the institution as an educator, as a means of inspiration, and most of all as a good friend to many members of the Mount community. His legacy at the Mount is certainly secure, as he has not only demonstrated his commitment to the mission of the college, but his unwavering dedication to the betterment of humanity. ▲

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Luis Grillo, C'70

You're watching television and flipping through the channels when you pause long enough to see Tim Duncan apply his own version of "Hack-a-Shaq" on the Lakers' all-world center in the NBA Playoffs. You wait long enough to see how ugly O'Neal's free throws are going to look before flipping through a couple dozen more channels before resting comfortably on the Bravo channel and its week-long special on Cirque du Solei.

During that brief NBA interlude you may notice a small gentleman, small being a relative term when intermingling with seven-footers, who is without question running the show on the hardwood. No, it's not Kobe or Tony Parker but a Mountaineer dressed in NBA blue and sporting a whistle between his teeth. This is a man living a dream.

This is Louis Grillo, Mount St. Mary's class of 1971.

His story is a familiar one. Talented young basketball player from the inner city goes to the country to learn to play pro ball but instead learns some of life's biggest lessons… then becomes a basketball referee.

Okay, so it's not the Disney Channel but it does have that Mount warm feeling to it.

Grillo came to the Mount in 1966 as a high scoring guard from Archbishop Carroll in Washington D.C. He joined Fred Carter, who entered the Mount the year before, to make one of the best collegiate backcourts in country. Along with Carter and three others, he also formed the Mount's first class of minority students – a fact that didn't bother Grillo as much as the lack of something else.

"No social life," said Grillo. "I was in culture shock. I was at an all-boys school and that first week when the lights went out and I couldn't see anything the only thing running through my mind was that this was not Washington D.C."

He would adjust and become one of the Mount's all-time leading scorers with 1,387 points and a 17.3 points per game average over his three-year career.

"Lou was a super-quick," said Grillo's head coach, Jim Phelan. "He was so quick and explosive that he could take the ball to the basket on anyone. He was also a great defensive player all over the court and he forced a number of turnovers that he turned into points."

Perhaps the one basket that Grillo will never forget is the one that he never had the opportunity to score.

Statesboro, Georgia will go down as the place where Grillo's life would change forever. The Mount was facing Stetson College in the NCAA Southeast Regional and trailed the entire game until taking a one-point lead with 15 seconds left in the contest. With the clock ticking, Bob Sutter would steal the ball and a streaking Grillo would race past him ready for the unopposed fast break lay-up.

The pass would never come.

"Sutter just held the ball," said Phelan. "He had a couple of players to pass it to but for whatever he reason he never did."

Sutter was fouled and went to the free throw line. He missed the shot and Stetson would win the game at the buzzer. Grillo was crushed.

"Coach Phelan looked like he was having a heart attack," said Grillo. "I was so crushed I left the arena and started walking back to the hotel. After a mile or two I realized that I was walking down some really dark country roads in Statesboro, Ga., and this wasn't the place for me to be alone. I called a cab then."

"The Stetson game was the worst loss of his career," said Phelan. "I think he spent the next month on the beach at the Gulf of Mexico."

It would be three weeks in Clearwater, Florida. Instead of flying back to Baltimore with

the team, Grillo cashed in his ticket in Atlanta and flew to Tampa to stay with family. Two months before graduation, he had called it quits and found solace on the beach.

"That first week I bought a bottle of rum and a coke and spent a week on the beach," said Grillo.

By the time he got back to the Mount his chances of graduation in the spring had passed. Undaunted, he went to the bank and borrowed the money to pay for his final year of classes. He would get his diploma in the mail.

His hopes of playing professional basketball remained and when the Virginia Squires drafted him in the 9th round he was ready to fulfill his dream. Memorial Day weekend he married Stephanie at St. Luke's Church in the District and two day's later he went to Richmond for the Squires first day of training camp.

Again, timing was not in Grillo's favor. Virginia's no. 1 pick in the draft that year was a highflying junior out of the University of Massachusetts.

"My best man had gone to school at Springfield College and he was telling me at the wedding, wait till you see this guy play," said Grillo.

Julius Erving would rewrite how the game of basketball was played. Grillo was cut by Thursday.

A conversation with Carter that night, who was getting ready for his third season with the NBA's Baltimore Bullets, led Grillo to an all-night bus ride to Cleveland. The Cavaliers had a tryout camp. Bill Fitch, the Cavs head coach at the time, told Grillo to go home.

"So I came home," said Grillo. "Now married and without a job, I went back to Archbishop Carroll and my high school coach. He handed me a sheet of paper and told me to take this exam. I passed and I've been a basketball referee ever since."

The next 30 years would be a quick rise through the ranks. By the early 80's he could be found on the hardwood making calls in the ACC, the Southeast Conference and Atlantic 10.

In 1983 he found himself back where the journey began as the Mount's Director of Minority Affairs. Over the next three years he would make what he felt was a difference on the Mount campus claiming his proudest moment came from the events surrounding the 1984 Black History Month celebration when the Catholic African-American Bishop attended the celebration.

"We were celebrating the diversity of Catholicism," commented Grillo.

Twenty years after Coach Phelan called him to play basketball, Grillo found him again at his doorstep looking for help. On July 1, 1986, Grillo became the Mount's first full-time Assistant Athletic Director.

1986 will also go down as Grillo's first visit to the NCAA Tournament.

"Every amateur referee wants to officiate a Final Four game but I was just happy to get my first tournament game," remembered Grillo. "I was sent west to Long Beach State."

The next year he was sent to Salt Lake City. Salt Lake would turn out to be the first step in a dream come true.

"After each round of games the NCAA gets together in a meeting and decides which officials will advance to the next round of games," said Grillo. "This is normally a quick meeting but after Salt Lake they were still talking three hours into the session. The other officials kept tell me, 'Kid, we think you screwed up the meeting.'"

Grillo would advance to the Regional in Seattle and then the call came for the trip to New Orleans. He would officiate the first semifinal of the Final Four in Superdome.

"It was a big time thrill," said Grillo. "I can still remember seeing James Brown the broadcaster, a DeMatha guy at his first Final Four and me a Carroll guy at my first Final Four and we both walked out onto the floor and embraced."

Perhaps the most significant event of that game for Grillo was the fight that broke out between Providence and Syracuse. With Grillo in the middle, the brawl was quickly contained and a reputation was built.

"Other NBA officials call me the fight doctor," chuckles Grillo. "I'm from city basketball and you had to learn to anticipate a fight and be ready for it. Over the years I've become pretty good at keeping the victim from retaliating which keeps NBA fights from getting into bench-clearing brawls."

"Lou was a tough, hard-nosed player at the Mount and he's the same way as an NBA referee," said teammate Fred Carter. "He gained a lot of respect with the way he handled fights and in the NBA's eyes he showed he had the ability to control the game."

In 1988, the NBA moved from a two-man to a three-man officiating crew. The NBA was bouncing around Grillo's name. By that fall he was no longer the Mount's first Assistant Athletic Director but a full-fledged NBA referee.

He's been there ever since. But his heart is never far from the Mount. He was back on campus this past spring to welcome the latest class of inductees into the Mount Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed on him in 1981.

"I'm wedded to the Mount," said Grillo. "The Mount has been a wonderful place for me. As a student it forced me to grow up and I'll forever be in its debt."

Thirty-six years ago Louis Grillo hoped to grow up to be a professional basketball player. He exceeded those hopes and continues to live his dream as one of the Mount's finest. ▲

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A Kenyan Tradition
Still Running at the Mount

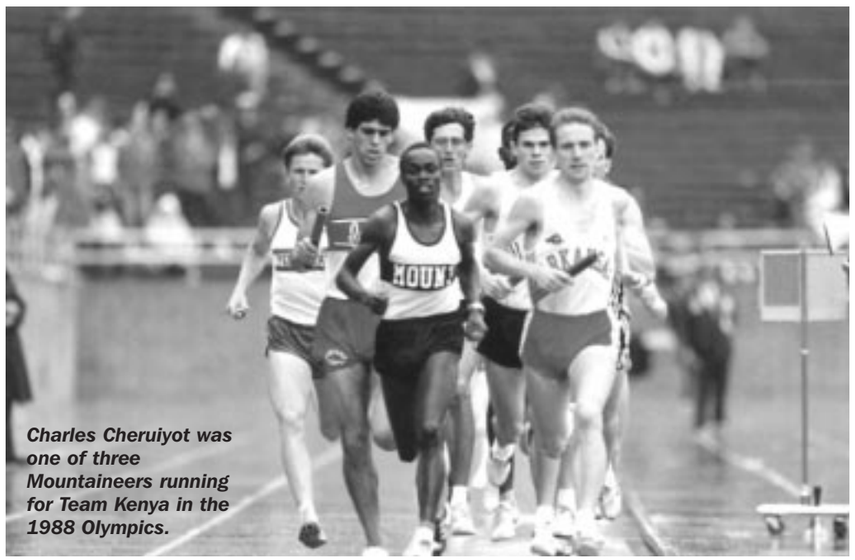
The Mount St. Mary's track team has had its share of success over the years. With 100 All Americans, 28 National Champions, 10 Olympians, and 10 NEC Team Championships, one may wonder where all this talent comes from. After taking a closer look at these statistics the origin of the talent becomes clearer but still puzzling. Thirty-three of the All Americans, 12 of the National Champions and half of the Olympians are all natives of Kenya.

A steady stream of Kenyan runners has flowed to the Mount since 1985. Actually, the first Kenyan to hit campus was not a runner but a future United Nations Security Council president, Njuguna Mahugu, who graduated in 1970 and went on to become the Kenyan Ambassador at the UN.

Kenyan running began with the Cheruiyot brothers, Kip and Charles, twins from Kabarnet, Kenya. This was not their first visit to the United States as they were already competitors in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, Calif. In just their first year here, they were both named to the NCAA II Cross Country All-America team. That was just the beginning of the brother's collegiate success. They went on to rack up a total of nine National Championships, 17 All-America titles, and eight school records. In 1987 they led the team to a second place finish in the NCAA II Indoor Championship with Charles placing first in the 5,000-meter and Kip placing first while breaking the NCAA record in the 1,500-meter, which he still holds today.

But how did they find Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD; a small, catholic school thousands of miles from their hometown?

They both attended St. Patrick's Roman Catholic School in Iten, Kenya, a school connected with MSM through the Irish Catholic Brothers. The brothers had planned to attend the University of Richmond, but when the track program was cancelled, they were steered toward the Mount. Back home, their friend and classmate, Peter Rono, was still a student at St. Pat's and followed the brothers here the following year.



Charles Cheruiyot was one of three Mountaineers running for Team Kenya in the 1988 Olympics.

After his first year here, placing second in both the indoor and cross-country championships, in addition to being named All-America in the Indoor 800-meter, outdoor 1,500-meter, and cross country, Rono once again followed the Cheriuyots and was named to the 1988 Kenyan Olympic team along with the brothers. Although Charles competed in the 5,000-meter, Kip and Peter would face each other in the 1,500-meter. Despite Kip's previous personal records in the 1,500-meter, Rono went ahead to win the gold in the 1988 Seoul Games, while Kip finished seventh.

"More than anything, our international athletes have provided us excellence in track & field and have helped us meet the challenge provided by the Catholic Ex Corde Ecclesiae," said long time track and field head coach Jim Deegan. "Since we opened the doors to these athletes they in return have been able to help us open doors to elite Division I meets. Because of the catholic mission of the school we have been able to accomplish feats at the Division I level that many other schools can't approach."

Rono returned to the Mount with the gold and continued to aid in the team's success. He helped lead the team to a cross-country NEC team championship in 1989 along with Kip, who was the individual champion. In 1991, he was named the League's Most Outstanding Performer and lead the team to an NEC Outdoor Track and Field championship and a second place finish in the indoor championship, a great conclusion to his career at the Mount.

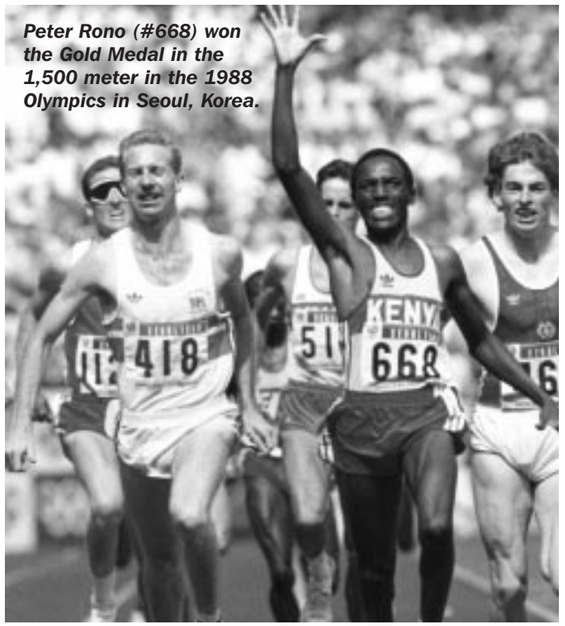
"I had never been to the

United States before so when I chose the Mount I came here in part to be with my friends," said Rono. "With all that I accomplished in my four years, I couldn't have made a better choice of schools. I don't think I could have accomplished all that I did if I had gone to another school."

Rono, now a consultant for New Balance Running Shoes, enjoyed his experience so much at the Mount that he returned to earn his Master's degree.

But that was in no way the end of the Kenyan era at Mount St. Mary's. The following year Bernard Kitur of Rono's hometown, Kasperbet, enrolled at the Mount—he helped lead the team to first place finishes in the NEC Outdoor Track and Field Championship and Cross-Country Championship in the 1995-96 season. Not only was he a member of the championship team, he was also the cross-country individual champion in 1994 and 1995. Although Kitur was the lone Kenyan during his tenure here at Mount St. Mary's, the following year the Kenyan talent continued to find it's way to the Mount.

Daniel Kinyua and Steve Ondieki joined the team and once again helped the Mount to successful seasons. In his first outdoor season here, Kinyua was named a Division I All-America in the 1,500-meter run as well as aiding the team in their NEC Outdoor Track and Field title. The Mount cross-country team, with the additions of Kinyua and Ondieki, continued their winning streak in both the 1997 and 1998 seasons. Kinyua was the individual champion both seasons as well as gaining a position on the cross-country All-America team. The indoor seasons were just as successfulas they placed first in the NEC Indoor Championships with Kinyua named most valuable player in 1998. The outdoor season left the Mount just short of the Triple Crown with a second place finish in the NEC. Ondieki still holds the school record for the 10,000-meter that he ran that season. An additional boost of power to the 1998-99 season was another Kenyan native, Festus Kiprono. Kiprono was a member of both the cross-country and indoor championship teams along with Kinyua and Ondieki. He also attended St. Patrick's Roman Catholic School where the legendary Mountaineers' Rono and the Cheruiyot twins attended, continuing the tradition of St. Pat's here at the Mount.



Peter Rono (#668) won the Gold Medal in the 1,500 meter in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea.

Cleophus Koros, a native of Kapsabet, Kenya, hometown of both Rono and Kitur, is the most recent Kenyan addition to the Mount St. Mary's track team. The renowned gold medallist, Peter Rono, who suggested the school to Cleo as well as encouragement from recent Mount graduate Kiprono, guided him to the Mount. Cleo seems to be enjoying his first year here despite some minor adjustments. "The difference in weather is hard to get used to but I enjoy the roads here, they're much better to run on." As Cleo adjusts to the conditions here in the U.S. he is beginning to find his nitch and make his place on the Mount St. Mary's track team. If he has half of the success of the previous contributions from Kenya we should be seeing great things in the future for Mount track. ▲

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■ **Courtney Martinez-Connor, Mount St. Mary's first year women's lacrosse head coach, is no stranger to national publicity.** She became the first Mountaineer women's head coach to ever grace the cover of a national monthly publication. *U.S. Lacrosse* chose Martinez-Connor for the cover of its Lacrosse Magazine as one of the up-and-coming young head coaches in the collegiate lacrosse world.

Martinez-Connor began coaching at the Mount this season after being a part of five national championships as a defensive stalwart for the University of Maryland. She was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of last year's NCAA Tournament and is looking to take the Mountaineers to the NCAA Tournament through the automatic bid system by winning the NEC Tournament in a couple of weeks.

Image courtesy of *U.S. Lacrosse.*

NEC Honors Mount Scholar Athletes

The Mount St. Mary's winter athletic teams had 14 scholar-athletes named to the Northeast Conference winter honor roll. The NEC winter honor roll recognized scholar-athletes from each of its 12 member institutions. The award winners must have earned a minimum of 60 semester hours, maintained a minimum cumulative grade-point-average of 3.20 and participated with distinction as a member of a varsity team.

Senior women's basketball player Katie Walton (Hamilton, Ontario / Cathedral) earned the Mount's highest cumulative GPA with a 3.87. She is an English major and averaged 4.6 points and 1.8 assists per game this season. Junior biology major Michelle Rafeedie (Germantown, Md. / Seneca Valley), a member of the women's indoor track squad, posted her team's highest GPA with a 3.73 and junior Russell Potee (Arnold, Md. / Mount St. Joseph's) earned the men's indoor track team's highest GPA with a 3.47 as a mathematics major.

The other representatives of the women's basketball team were: Myriam Baccouche (Fairfax, Va. / Robinson) with a 3.35 GPA, Adrienne Harris (Richmond, Va. / Largo[Md.]) posted a 3.57, Lauren Kokotajlo (Hamilton Square, N.J. / Peddie) earned a 3.52, and Jess Lilly (Williamsburg, Pa. / Williamsburg) posted a 3.70.

The women's indoor track team representatives were: Melanie Bender (Fallston, Md. / Fallston) with a 3.61, Brynn Dutcher (Kensington, Md. / Walter Johnson) earned a 3.61, Anna Kalema (Silver Spring, Md. / Wheaton) had a 3.49, Kari McCarty (Hagerstown, Md. / North Hagerstown) posted a 3.68 and Melissa Phelan (Wantagh, N.Y. / St. Anthony) earned a 3.29.

Marco Binion (Washington, D.C. / Wilson) posted a 3.26 and Shawn Day (Frederick, Md. / Gov. Thomas Johnson) earned a 3.33 to round out the representatives of the men's indoor track team. ▲

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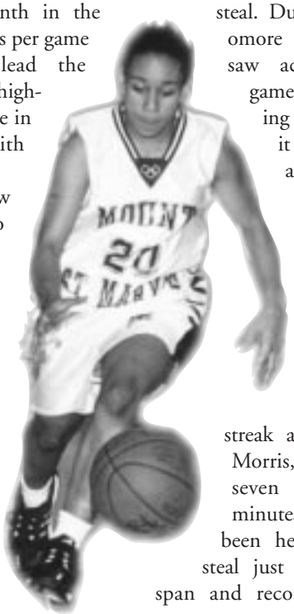
Fobbs: NEC Defensive Player of the Year

Kiana Fobbs capped off her improbable basketball career at the Mount by earning the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year award. Fobbs, a senior finance major, had 110 steals on the season to rank third all-time in single-season history and moved up to ninth on the Mount's career steals list with 204. She was the only player on this year's team to have started every game, and dating back to last season she graduates having started 47 consecutive games. All this, after being a freshman walk-on and starting just four times in her career prior to this 47-game streak.

Earlier this season on Dec. 19, 2001 at Richmond she posted nine thefts, good enough for the second-highest single-game total in Mount history and ranked her seventh in the country this season with the most steals in a single game. She completed the season ranked ninth in the country in steals per game and helped lead the Mount to the highest steals average in the NEC with 12.3.

"I don't know why I get so many steals," Fobbs said. "I think maybe it is anticipation, I try to think ahead of the person I am playing. When we play a team or watch films, I try and notice the tendencies of the people I will be guarding."



As a freshman, Kiana logged just 24 minutes for the entire season and recorded just one steal. During her sophomore campaign she saw action in 13 games while starting two games but it was not until a third of the way into her junior season that she began to make her mark on the court. In her first game of the streak against Robert Morris, she racked up seven steals in 29 minutes and has since been held without a steal just once in that span and recorded four or more steals in a game 28 times.

She was the team's leading rebounder from the backcourt with 4.3 rebounds per game and led the team in assists with 3.4 per game. What she brought to the court every game could not only be measured in her statistics, but also in how much enthusiasm and heart she showed every time she was on the floor.

Her recognition as the NEC's top defensive player is wholly justified. She has played a part in not only maintaining the pride of the Mount women's basketball program, but also helping the aura of the program continue to grow. She takes with her this tremendous honor but she leaves the basketball program, and the Mount itself, a better place than when she arrived in the fall of 1998. ▲

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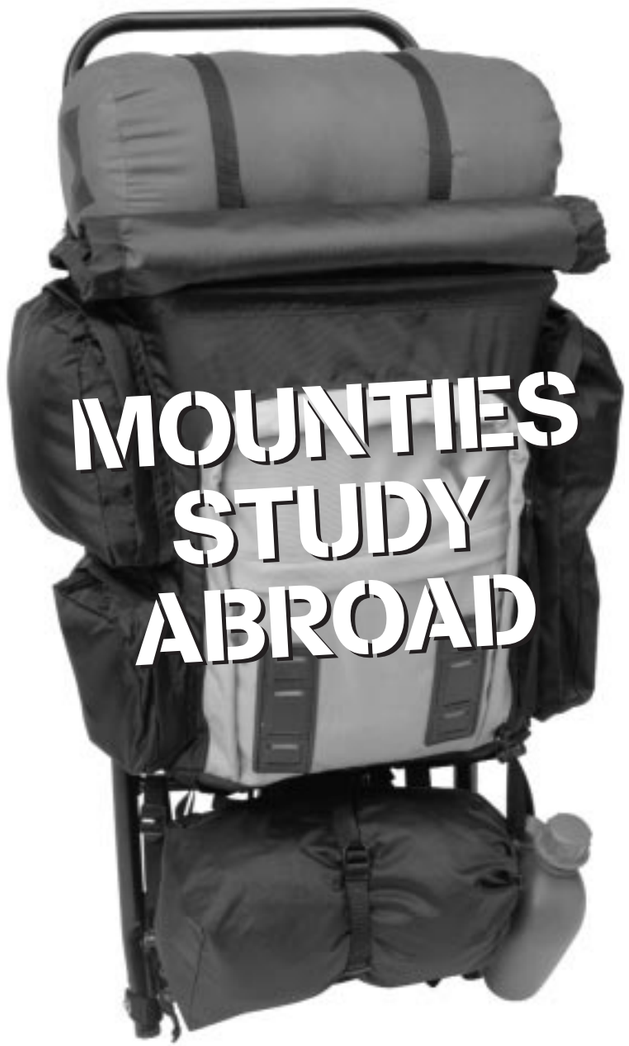
Taking Diversity to an International Level



Although the Mount prides itself on promoting diversity on campus, the scope of that diversity is not limited to its Emmitsburg home. For more than a decade, Mounties of all majors have participated in semester long programs abroad in London, Dublin and Florence. Under the strong leadership of faculty mentors, an average of 40 to 50 students a year are given the chance to immerse themselves in another culture, providing far more opportunities than if they were simply tourists.

Dr. Robert Ducharme of the department of English led the first semester abroad program to London in 1991 with much success. Since then, professors Bob Kalas, Sue Goliber, Mike Towle, and Sr. Patsy McDonald are among the many who have led groups on international excursions. In April, Dr. Steve Whitman of the department of history and several students concluded a semester study in Florence.

The study abroad program certainly complements the Mount's acclaimed core curriculum, so much that students are often heard saying they wished they "had paid more attention in western civilization class!" The program is essentially "a transplanted Mount," allowing students to study in another country while still accumulating credits toward a Mount degree. Multidisciplinary in nature, the program encourages students from all majors to participate and explore their own discipline in a foreign setting. However, there is a set curriculum of courses students study, which supports and enhances the overall goals of the program and its specific focus on cultural awareness and diversity. Focusing specifically on the life and culture of the region, these courses cover topics such as cooking, sports, local issues, the use of English and the role of the church in the region. Also included in these courses is a survey of regional history. Additionally, students planning on traveling to Florence are required to study the Italian language prior to their departure.

The housing arrangements for the study abroad programs certainly augment the program's goal of plunging students into the local culture. Whether it's staying in family sponsored homes in Dublin, an apartment complex in Florence, or a choice of one of the two in London, Mount students are certainly made to feel physically part of the region's culture. They are given the satisfaction of adapting to an unfamiliar environment while learning and appreciating another ethnicity.

Besides the noted cultural and language differences, diversity applies to the study abroad program in a less apparent way. Being exposed to a different perspective on America and its political actions and history is certainly one of the bedrock principals of the program. For the group traveling to Dublin in the fall of '01, this could not be more true. As Americans learned of the horrific news of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, Dr. Bob Kalas and his group of Mount travelers found themselves far from home during a time when support from family and friends was much needed. However, the group soon took comfort in the overwhelming care and support of the Irish people. "They were extremely affectionate and kept asking what they could do," commented Kalas. Amidst all the tragedy and mourning, the student travelers were exposed to another culture's opinion of an international catastrophe and left more educated in how the United States is viewed from the outside. "Students certainly realize that we don't work like the rest of the world," commented Kalas. "This ultimately leads to a more sophisticated and mature sense of oneself."

Since the creation of the program, the American Institute of Foreign Study has worked in conjunction with the Mount, producing and implementing a program comparable to the mission of the Mount. The institute makes all the local arrangements and offers resources and support to the group as needed, but essentially grants the college and students full autonomy over the curriculum and agenda, especially travel. The Dublin group alone traveled to cities in France, Italy, Germany, Scotland, and England. On average, the institute strives to incorporate five or six cities a semester into the program, but the opportunities don't end there. Every Friday, students and faculty members travel to European destinations of their choice.

Last semester, the Dublin group was exposed to a variety of Irish culture through these excursions. Kilkenny Castle, Galaway, the Aran Islands, and sites containing the ruins of medieval abbeys and churches such as Clonmacnois were among the destinations the Dublin group toured. They also attended several plays in Dublin.

While studying abroad in London, senior Rachel Gaes was presented with an extraordinary opportunity to experience a multicultural interchange. By shear chance, she was jogging past a local church and noticed an advertisement for an eight-week course on contemporary Christianity and decided to enroll. "My group included young adults, ages 20-24, from South Africa, Vietnam, China, and the U.S., as well as native Londoners," explained Gaes. "It is this aspect of my semester in London that I am most thankful for." The group met every Wednesday for a talk led by a guest speaker followed by discussion and socialization. "I consider my semester in London to be, by far, the highlight of my career as a Mount student."

Professors and classmates of the travelers undoubtedly recognize positive changes in the students upon their return. Most noticeably, travelers are often excited and very eager to show pictures of and discuss their experiences. "I've certainly seen significant changes in the student's maturity, self-reliance, and overall appreciation for western art and culture," commented Kalas. "Studying abroad is a wonderful experience that should be part of every college student's life."

With another semester already planned for the Spring of 2003 in London, and the possible future addition of a fourth destination, the foreign study program has certainly become an integral part of the Mount's curriculum. The chance to study abroad within the context of the Mount's curriculum is an opportunity that will continuously be offered to future students. For many, it is an experience like none other and a pinnacle moment of their college experience. ▲

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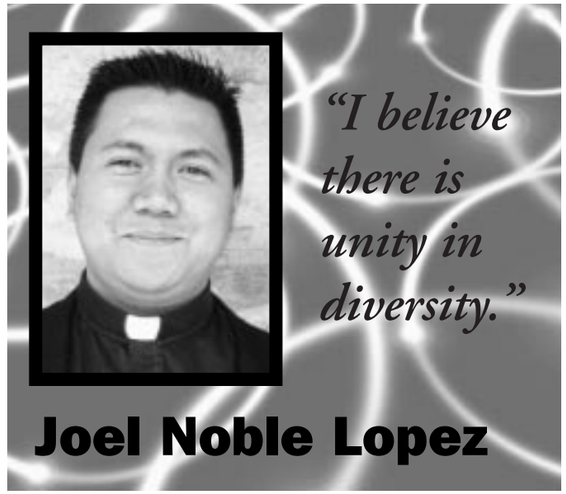
"Londoners" Rachel Gaes, C'02 and Margaret Rahaim, C'02

Different Paths. One Calling.

Four men from four diverse backgrounds ... joined together by a calling to serve God. Four Mount St. Mary's seminarians: Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ihemedu from Nigeria, Joel Noble Lopez of the Philippines; Rene Mauricio Pulgarin-Zapata from Columbia, and Doan (Abraham) Dang Ha from Vietnam, have found a kinship in their home away from home.

For each, the journey to America was the product of a desire to preach God's word, and the knowledge of a need for diversity in the priesthood. Their decisions were filled with courage and faith, their stories reflect adjustments made in customs and traditions.



A third-year theology student studying for the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois, **Joel Noble Lopez's** native land of the Philippines is considered the center of Catholicism in Asia – where shopping malls host Sunday Mass … where each day, at 3 p.m., the Divine Mercy Prayer is broadcast across the nation.

Joel was raised in a typical middle-class household. His parents, along with his brother and sister, would recite the Rosary each night before bed. Throughout his childhood, his spirit of service and commitment to God and his people grew through various church related functions. Upon graduation from high school and seeking a way to repay God for all his goodness, Lopez realized the ultimate payment would be to offer himself totally to God – and enter the seminary in the Philippines.

Three years later, Joel left to hold a traditional job. Armed with a teaching certificate and following his completion of the Civil Service Professional Examination, he worked for three years with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) interpreting psychological tests, administering pre-departure orientations to natives going abroad for employment, and interviewing candidates.

Soon after, Joel came to the United States to visit with his parents. His intent was to return to the Philippines and, eventually, to the seminary, but he learned of the need for a Filipino priest in the Rockford Diocese. After thoughtful prayer and reflection, Joel decided to remain in the United States. "This clearly showed me that sometimes our own will and plan does not correspond with God's," Joel said. "We really need to pray hard so we can listen to God better and know His divine will, so that we will have the courage to say, 'Yes Lord, may your will be done in my life.' "

Joel says being here is a dream come true.

"I came to the United States not to impose my culture on anyone, for I believe strongly that there is no culture better than another," reflected Joel. "Every culture is a gift to one another. The skin colors and ethnic backgrounds of the people are living and concrete examples of the universality of the Catholic Church. I believe that there is unity in diversity if Christ, the unifying Savior, is present."

Doan (Abraham) Dang Ha is a fourth-year theology seminarian, studying for the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The 10th of 12 children, Ha was born in Vietnam, prior to the fall of Saigon. Miraculously, his parents and siblings survived the Vietnam War, but there were obstacles to overcome in their journey to freedom.

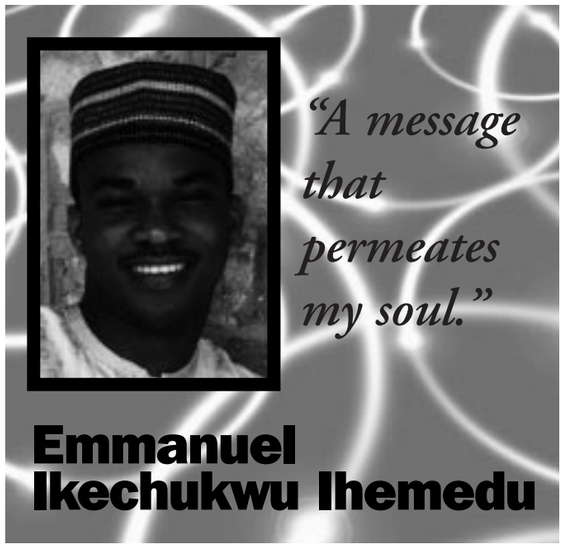
For many years his parents sought a way for his family to escape from Vietnam, yet the consequence of a family being caught was too great to chance. At 14, Abraham and his 17-year-old brother adventurously escaped Vietnam in a small boat with 66 others and landed on the shores of the Philippine Islands – where they were placed in a refugee camp. "… very much like a jail," recalls Abraham. For almost five years he lived at the camp, singing in the choir, attending school, and learning English. It was during this stay that Abraham's life would change as a result of working with American missionary priests. Inspired by these men – who had left a country of wealth to help thousands of Vietnamese refugees – Ha decided he also would seek a lifetime of service to God.

Abraham's dream began to take shape in 1990 when he arrived in the United States, a land he describes as: "Great Freedom." Determined to be successful in his new life, Abraham flourished and graduated from an American high school. "The American culture is unique because it embraces not only one culture, but many, different cultures from around the world," Ha said. He then entered Saint Charles Borremeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa., beginning his path toward the priesthood. Later, Abraham requested to be transferred to Mount St. Mary's.

For Abraham, each challenge comes with an achievement to be appreciated. More than a decade after traveling to the United States, he still struggles with the English language – and fears he always will. But that does not stop his determination and resolve. He believes the Mount offers an opportunity for many cultures to come together. "I ask other seminarians to appreciate who I am and

what culture I come from. If I appreciate their culture and background, they will appreciate mine."

Abraham feels that the increase in the Vietnamese population in the U.S. Catholic Church will only make the church more beautiful and abundant in the ways of worship. "The Catholic Church is a universal church, not specific to any one ethnic, nation, and cultural group. She is for every ethnic, nation, language and culture. The church will always be united."



Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ihemedu is in his first year at the Mount seminary, studying theology for the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut. He considers himself to be "tri-cultural," being raised the majority of his life in his native country of Nigeria, followed by a period of time in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and now the United States.

Raised Catholic, he attended Mass daily with his parents and siblings. Emmanuel says that he was called to this lifestyle, "It is a message that permeates my soul, to the souls of men who choose to give their lives to God."

After spending several years in a seminary in Nigeria, he expressed an interest to his spiritual director to live in a community environment. His request was accepted and Emmanuel was sent to live with the Marians of the Immaculate Conception in Argentina. It was during this year-long period that he found himself questioning his reasons for committing his life to God. He left the community and lived life outside of the seminary for two years – teaching business, English and Spanish in Bun'eos Aires, Aregentina and spending a lot of time in reflection. Alone in a country where his culture was barely represented, he realized that the missing element was his vocation and decided to recommit himself to a lifetime of complete service to God.

"I realized that you can do and be anything while serving God. Priests embody all kinds of vocations. In Christ you find a doctor – healer, a lawyer – defender. I knew that this was my calling," said Emmanuel.

That was six years ago. Emmanuel initially came to the Mount campus as a senior in college. At first he felt isolated, not quite a college student … not yet a member of the seminary. In time things improved and he found the Mount campus to be a friendly and welcoming place.

Emmanuel credits the seminary for fostering an environment where each nationality is represented and included. Monthly dinners highlighting foreign cultures unite the house and act as an educational tool for the men to experience another culture, even if only temporarily. "It is a joy for me to see the number of men studying their vocation," he says. The hope and courage of these men is infectious," he stated. They may not look like my family from Nigeria, but they are my family."

Rene Mauricio Pulgarin-Zapata is a third-year theology seminarian, studying for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia. Raised Catholic, he says he knew he had a calling to be a priest or missionary most of his life.

Two years after initiating the process, Rene entered the seminary in Columbia.

It was also during this time that he met a priest from Atlanta who explained the shortage of Hispanic priests in America and asked if he would be interested. After prayer and reflection he decided: "to come to the United States because God called."

Rene arrived in Tampa, Florida, not knowing a word of English – and his host family knew no Spanish. For eight months he attended an ESL (English as a second language) program at the University of Tampa. Initially, he struggled with his new language, but after a few weeks in a class created especially for him and one other man, he admits the: "Holy Spirit helped me pass!"

During this period, Rene felt frustrated that he couldn't pray the Lord's Prayer when he attended Mass. But in time, he learned the language and within eight months established a home in Atlanta. Faced with a choice of seminaries to attend, he joined the vocations director from Atlanta on a trip to the Mount. He recalls the visit vividly because it was the first time he had seen snow. "It felt like home when I came here," reflects Rene. With a lot of help and guidance from Fr. Rhoades, who Rene calls "a good, holy man," he began his studies.

But not without obstacles.

During his first assignment as a CCD teacher in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, he quickly learned that the children could not understand him. He met with the parents, who equally could not understand his English, and told them: "Be holy and they will learn to be patient with me." By the end of his assignment, children were requesting his class and they were indeed learning.

At the Mount, programs have been established for the increasing interest in Hispanic Ministry, and more and more Anglo seminarians are attending Hispanic Masses – placing the shoe on the other foot. "I realize there are people everywhere who need me, not just the Hispanic community," stated Rene. "This country needs more faith. It's exciting to be a part of it." ▲

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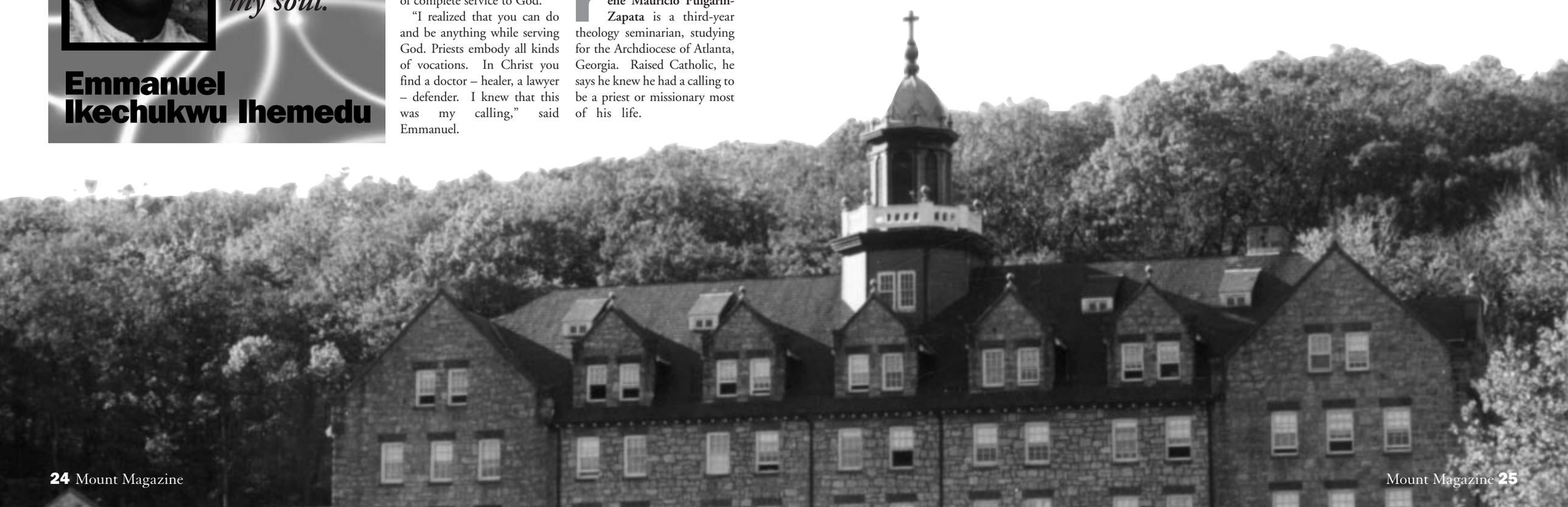

The celebration of campus diversity and cultural awareness is certainly not a difficult task at the Mount. As the visage of the Mount continuously becomes more diverse with each incoming class, much pride and satisfaction is taken in all ethnic and cultural groups on our campus. This diversity is surely celebrated, and without a doubt, an indispensable contributor to the uniqueness and beauty of the Mount.

Center for Intercultural Development

Embracing the Cultures of All Mount Students

Perhaps the heart of the Mount's diversity, the Center for Intercultural Development (CID), was created to present students with an entirely different way of viewing diversity. The center's mission is clear: to promote, foster, affirm, and support the diversity of the Mount. An entirely redesigned version of the former office of multicultural affairs, the center celebrates and embraces the ethnicities and cultures of all students, not just those of minority decent, and definitively represents the college's commitment to diversity. The CID reflects the multiple identities of the students of the Mount, their races, genders, nationalities and sexual orientations. Oftentimes, centers for multicultural affairs offers support and promotion of minority races, but leave the majority feeling as if they have no culture. The CID strives to break down this stigma and truly reflect what diversity is all about by providing programs that foster an appreciation for and sharing of all cultures, while recognizing and advocating the cultures of our international and U.S. minority students.

Additionally, the center offers a multitude of resources to our U.S. minority and international students, so much so, the retention rate of minority students has notably increased since the center's founding in 1999. Furthermore, there has been a considerable increase in minorities assuming leadership roles. Currently, more than one-third of the Mount's residence life staff are of minority descent. Indisputably, these increases can also be directly attributed to the support and guidance offered by the center.

Opening students eyes to campus diversity can often be a difficult task and is a challenge from small college campuses to the floors of the United States Congress. The CID believes that early education is the key. Incoming freshman now participate in a mandatory intercultural development workshop during their orientation at which issues involving campus diversity are discussed.

Furthermore, the center boasts a diverse group of volunteer peer educators that help to foster diversity outside the classroom and into the surrounding communities. The program is so successful, the center for intercultural development and the wellness center received a joint $10,000 grant for the exposition of diversity through community service. The group travels to Frederick every other Sunday to assist the Frederick Family First Program in its endeavor to support and empower single minority parents and underprivileged children.

The ultimate goal of this program is to assist these families in their efforts to better their economic and personal development. The peer educators pride themselves on their work and influence over the program. They assist in the formation of self-esteem workshops, provide childcare, and have implemented child and teen support programs. "The Mount peer educators have been wonderful to our families and a tremendous help to our program," commented Rosalind Munyiri-Wilson of the Frederick Families First program. "The collaboration between the Mount and our program has been wonderful- our children and teens have truly bonded with the peer educators and look forward to seeing and interacting with them." Munyiri- Wilson further explained that the program actually lost numbers when the peer educators were not present for a time last year due to scheduling conflicts. "We sorely missed the students and were overjoyed when they returned," explained Munyiri-Wilson.

Through their efforts of helping the underprivileged of Frederick County, the peer educators are not only exposed to ethnic diversity, but also the broad range of economic diversity in the surrounding community. "Being a volunteer peer educator has given me the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life," commented Louie-Anne Watkins, C'02, and a senior member of the group. "I have learned a lot about myself through helping the women of the Frederick Family First Program change their lives."

The center is certainly all encompassing, as it is not limited to just students. Faculty, staff, administrators and alumni are all included in its endeavors. Minority alumni receive "The Mosaic Times," a quarterly publication that discusses the achievements and events of the center.

The multitude of programs the center holds in a semester is astounding. From comedy shows to musical events, dances to cultural celebrations, the center always offers students fun and entertaining activities that showcase the diversity of our world. The center strives to celebrate a multitude of ethnic holidays throughout the duration of the year. Most of the programs take place in the Purcell Intercultural Center at which students can hang out with their classmates and enjoy a cup of coffee or borrow a movie from the extensive video library.

In January, the center hosted a grandiose celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with more than 100 Mount community members participating in the events. With "Martin Luther King for the New Millennium" as its guiding theme, the weeklong celebration incorporated lectures by distinguished members of the Mount faculty with performances of song, music, and poetry by Mount students, alums, and seminarians. The

Abu the Musical Wizard conducted a flute making workshop in Purcell.

CID also welcomed visitors from off campus to offer their insights into the life of Dr. King. Among those invited to speak were local African American historians Lord Nikkens, William Lee, and George Dredden as well as the renowned Artistic Director of the African American Drama Company of San Francisco, Phillip Walker. The week certainly left the students of the Mount enriched with appreciation and admiration for the life and work of one of our nation's greatest advocates of diversity.

Diverse in its own right, the leadership of the center combines familiar faculty faces and a dedicated administrative director. Paulett McIntosh, assistant dean of students and director of intercultural development, has devoted her life's mission to fostering an inspirational environment of diversity for students. A native of Jamaica, McIntosh is well known on campus for her charismatic and sincere character. She is a friend to many Mount students and readily available when they want to chat or even just hang out. Her dedication to campus diversity is clear, and she truly embodies the goals and ideals of the Mount's mission. "Diversity is central to education," reflected McIntosh. "As an institution of higher learning, it is imperative that we continue to create opportunities for learning and interacting across communities of diverse cultural groups both in curricular programs and outside the classroom."

Also included in the leadership of the center for intercultural development is Professor of Sociology and Department Chair, Marty Malone. Since his arrival at the Mount in 1985, Malone has been a strong advocate of campus diversity, urging faculty and administration to celebrate the Mount's ethnic and cultural differences, both in the classroom and in co-curricular activities. He currently serves as the faculty director of curriculum programs and research for the center and has conducted much research in the area of campus diversity including a Campus Climate Assessment. "Mount St. Mary's College has a duty to educate students to live in a diverse world and the CID is part of the institutional framework making that happen," reflected Malone. "By combining the academic and student life sides of the campus, we hope to increase our ability to make all of us- students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni- see diversity as a benefit, something to be developed and nurtured, as a valuable contribution to our education and working lives."

The center is also very fortunate to have one of the Mount's most diverse professors, Dr. Trudy Conway, professor of philosophy and department chair, serving as the international student advisor. Conway is certainly no stranger to diverse environments. Prior to joining the Mount faculty in 1979, she studied in Vienna as an undergraduate student and later taught at an Iranian university. As associate dean of undergraduate studies, Conway established the Florence and London study abroad programs. She is well known for her interaction and sincere appreciation and admiration for the Mount's community of international students.

As the Mount prepares for its bicentennial celebration, it is quite evident that cultural and ethnic diversity have taken their prominent places in what President Houston calls "this old house." "During my four years at the Mount, I've learned more about myself through being exposed to other cultures," commented Senior Class President Maria Berberabe. "Not only has the Mount faculty educated me as a student, they've taught me to become more aware of the diversity that surrounds all of us."

The Mount has certainly been blessed with a diverse population, which continues to develop and evolve with each passing year. The center for intercultural development certainly stands as a testament to the future of diversity at the Mount: ethnicity represented and celebrated, ideas shared and taught and traditions solidified for future students of the Mount. ▲

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Diversity Peer Educators at the Frederick Family First Agency.

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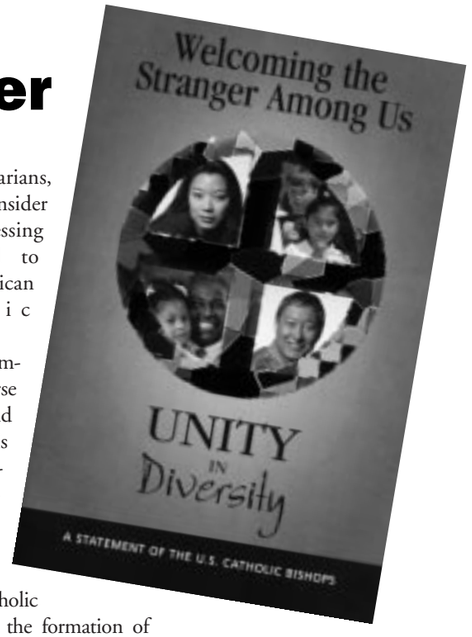
■ **In its short three years, the CID has sponsored numerous programs. Some examples of past programs include:**

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
- Women's History Month
- Black History Month
- South African Drama Troupe
- Intercultural Internship Fair
- Contemporary Indian Dance
- Native American Pow-Wows
- Small Group Discussions
- Literary Presentations
- Chinese Dragon Dance
- Cultural Art Exhibits
- Reggae Concerts
- Comedy Shows
- Cultural Plays
- Persian Night
- Jazz Concerts
- Multicultural Lectures
- Ski Trips

Welcoming the Stranger



As Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary enters the twenty-first century, it stands as an institution of higher education in a more diverse America than ever before. With growing minority populations in both the college and seminary, the Mount is graced with students and seminarians of all backgrounds and cultures. Likewise the Church as a whole has recently seen an immense rise in diversity within parishes. This growth can be noted from the pews of churches across the country, to the classrooms of colleges and seminaries such as the Mount. In an attempt to encourage the welcoming of this new population, the U.S. Catholic Bishops issued a statement in November 2000, entitled "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us."

From the earliest Catholic settlements in the original thirteen colonies to the Western European emigration of the early twentieth century, the American Catholic Church has always been a church of immigrants. More recently, the American Catholic Church has experienced a tremendous influx of groups from regions such as Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, the Pacific Islands, the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe, and the former nations of Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union. Many of these immigrants bring with them their own traditions and practices and seek parishes in which they can preserve these aspects of their cultural identity here in the United States. Yet, many find parishes heavily in favor of "old world" immigrant populations, such as Italian, Irish, and German. "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us" addresses this issue, and the larger challenges facing a very diverse Catholic Church. The all-encompassing document combines praise and criticism for the recent efforts of the church to welcome these groups, while offering goals to be set and strategies to reach them. "At present our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is conducting workshops around the country in support of this document, so full of meaning to us now," commented His Eminence, William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, Chancellor of the Seminary, and ex officio member of the Mount's Board of Trustees. "Last Thursday at the workshop in the Baltimore area, I was happy to see the major offices of the Archdiocese represented as we tried to work together to make sure we are a welcoming community of faith."

The Mount has certainly taken steps that strongly reflect the encouragements of the U.S. Catholic Bishops in both the college and seminary. Boasting its most diverse group of seminarians in its history, Mount St. Mary's Seminary is striving to educate the priests of tomorrow to work and function in very diverse parishes. "As priests we must be ready and willing to serve all those who are entrusted to our pastoral care, including those of diverse backgrounds and those who speak different languages," commented Fr. Kevin Rhoades, vice president and rector of the seminary. "All one needs to do is look at our seminary student body to see the diversity of cultures and the presence of immigrant seminarians, whom I consider a true blessing to us and to the American Catholic Church."

The welcoming of diverse traditions and languages is also quite evident in seminary programs. In their report, the U.S. Catholic Bishops urge the formation of masses and programs at which immigrant parishioners can practice their faith in native tongues. The Hispanic ministry program in the seminary builds on this recommendation by not only encouraging seminarians of non-Hispanic decent to be proficient in Spanish, but to learn the customs and traditions of the Hispanic culture. "I am very impressed that so many of our seminarians already recognize the great need for multiculturalism and bilingualism in the Church and are preparing to serve God's people in their dioceses by studying Spanish and taking courses in Hispanic culture."

Likewise, the college certainly "welcomes the stranger" and has come a long way since graduating its first minority student, John Williams, in 1965. The extensive center for intercultural development not only celebrates the diversity of our campus, but offers U.S. minority and international students a place to feel at home and proud of their ethnicity. Inside the classroom, the Mount's highly acclaimed core curriculum parallels the U.S. Bishops' statement by encouraging a universal appreciation for and a broad understanding of all cultures. "We ought to be open to many peoples in the hope that we might understand more deeply the wonder and richness of human life," commented Professor of Theology, Dr. David McCarthy. "This wonder is one of the goals of our liberal arts education."

As it prepares for its bicentennial celebration, the Mount has certainly set a precedent for increasing diversity on campuses of small Catholic colleges and seminaries. Much like the Catholic Church, our college and seminary were founded by immigrants, and this portion of our heritage certainly has not been forgotten. One of the bedrock goals of the Board of Trustees is to increase campus diversity and the recruitment of U.S. minority and international students. Undoubtedly, this will result in a more diverse community of learning where are cultures are welcomed and celebrated. ▲

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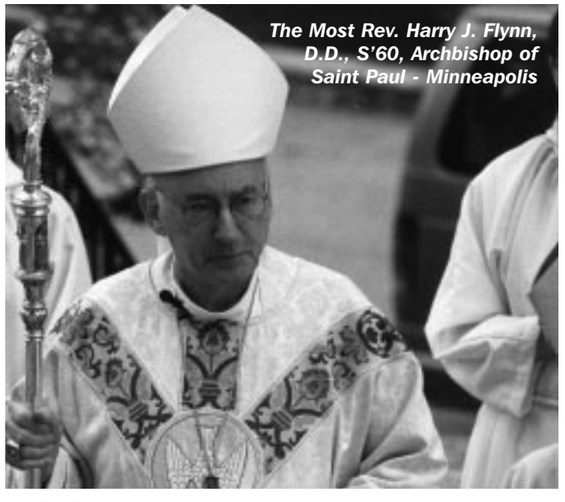
"Igniting the Spark" Celebration



The Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, D.D., S'60, Archbishop of Saint Paul - Minneapolis

Board of Trustees Chair, John Walsh "ignites the spark" to begin the evening's program.

Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary welcomed more than 400 individuals to celebrate the completion of the *Connections Campaign* on April 20, 2002. The campaign was indeed a success, raising $37.9 million over five years—making it the paramount fundraising effort in the school's nearly 200-year history.

The evening began with Mass in the Immaculate Conception Chapel celebrated by the Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, and concluded with a black-tie gala event recognizing leading campaign donors. Devoted alumni, faculty, administrators and students participated in a ceremony that reflected how campaign contributions "ignited the spark" for a promising Mount future. ▲

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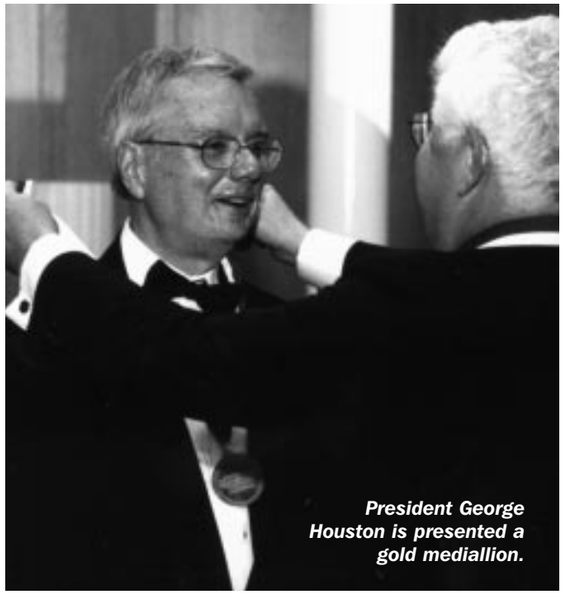
■ Patriot Hall stands as one of the most striking tributes to the success of the *Connections Campaign*. The result of a generous gift from the Class of 1968, the hall boasts impressive mountainside views, state-of-the-art audio/visual technology, vaulted atrium and food court style dining. The combined seating of both college and seminary dining rooms tops around 800.

The "Igniting the Spark" celebration was the facilities' inaugural event with an anticipated dedication slated for fall of 2002.



President George Houston is presented a gold mediallion.

Mandy L. McAteer, C'03 passes the "spark" to a table of guests.

Guests stroll from Mass to the brand new Patriot Hall.

Luke Spannagel, S'03

Ashante M. Bratcher, C'03

Frank DeLuca, C'68, emcee and vice president of institutional advancement.

baltimorechapter

■ **The Baltimore Chapter held an after-work happy hour at Little Havana, Baltimore, Md., on February 21.** Rob Weed, C'93, coordinated the event with the help of Dave Gabor, C'90. Gabor also arranged a Mount "Afternoon at the Theater" on April 27. This year's event was at the Mechanic Theater in Baltimore, featuring the off-Broadway production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

1930s

Several members of the Class of 1935 met recently for lunch at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City. Frank O'Brien, John Barry and their families met with Msgr. Joseph K. Parks to catch up and share recollections of their days at the Mount. The attendees reported that they are looking forward to their 70th class reunion in 2005!

1950s

Bob Musser, C'55, has retired following a 45-year career in labor relations. He and his wife, Carolyn, now reside in Canadian Lakes, Mich.

1960s

Dr. Frank Delmonico, C'66, was recently a guest on ABC's "Nightline." He was discussing ethical questions related to transplants and the sale of human organs. Dr. Delmonico is employed at Harvard Medical School and resides in Wellesley, Mass., with his wife, Janice.

Dr. Edward Palank, C'67, was featured in the January-February issue of *The Physician Executive*, in an article highlighting his unique career as a doctor and golf enthusiast. A cardiologist and golfer, Palank authored *The Golf Doc,* a book that celebrates golf as an opportunity to improve the health of the heart. Palank currently serves as president of Edward A. Palank, MD, Inc., as a cardiologist at Southwest Florida Heart Group in Naples, Fla., as a moderator on the Golf Channel, as a medical adviser for Golf Digest, as a teaching fellow and board member at ACPE, and as a consultant to Medtronic-Physio Control.

Mike Schorn, C'68, was elected as vice president of the city council for the city of Reading, Pa. Council members selected Schorn for this position in January 2002.

Paul D'Amato, C'69, was elected to the New Jersey State Assembly for the Second District (Atlantic County) in November 2001. Prior to his service in the State Assembly, D'Amato was mayor of Linwood, N.J., from 2000-02.

1970s

Peter ("Hugger") Wilson, C'71, is currently serving as regional vice president for sales at Metropolitan Trucking, Inc., in Paterson, N.J. He also is the father of Wendy, C'00, and Laura, C'02.

Bob Wassman, C'72, is retiring this year after 30 years of teaching in Montgomery County Public Schools. After his retirement from the school system, he will be a reading teacher at Washington Jesuit Academy, which opens in September 2002. He will have the opportunity to work with disadvantaged students with high academic potential in the Washington, D.C., area. Bob's daughter, Jennifer, is currently finishing her sophomore year at the Mount.

Jack Suchy, C'73, is serving as a police captain with the City of Norwalk, Conn., department of police service. He is the command officer in charge of approximately 130 uniformed police officers. Jack led a group of 15 officers from Norwalk to New York City just hours after the September 11th tragedy. The group assisted the NYPD for 24 hours and received the "WTC" pin to wear on their uniforms as a thankful gesture for their assistance. Jack and his wife, Liz, have two children, and reside in Wilton, Conn.

Roger Diehl, C'77, is employed as a premier agent at Prudential Financial, and recently completed studies to become a certified long term care specialist. He is now studying to become a registered investment advisor and chartered financial consultant. Diehl's youngest son, Jason, graduated from the Mount in 2001.

Thomas Harrington, C'78, is serving as special agent in charge of the F.B.I.'s Philadelphia Division. Harrington is temporarily heading the division as a search is conducted for a new office chief.

1980s

Robinson (R.J.) Binau, C'80, has accepted a position with the State of Wisconsin's Department of Administration, Division of Executive Budget and Finance. He and his family previously lived in the Annapolis, Md., area.

Susan O'Malley, C'83, president of the Washington Wizards, is currently serving as a visiting course instructor at Georgetown University. O'Malley will share her expertise this semester in sports marketing. Her success in the sports business has been widely reported, and 2002 will mark her 13th season at the helm of the business operations of Washington Sports and Entertainment.

Karla Green Nabors, C'84, is now employed at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md., in developmental education.

Christopher Schiavo, C'84, is publishing a book this summer about philosophy, titled, *The Shepherd and the Knucklehead – Where We Celebrate the Duality in Man.* Xlibris Corporation will publish the book.

centralpachapter

■ **On Wednesday, May 8,** the Central Pa Chapter hosted a "Meet the Presidents" reception at Gingerbread Man Riverside in Wormleysburg, Pa.

President George Houston welcomed Harrisburg area alumni to this annual spring event, and was joined by Phil McGlade, C'70, director of alumni relations, and Anne Sluck, C'97, assistant director of alumni relations.

John Ford, C'84, coordinated the event for the chapter.

Rev. Patrick Smith, C'85, was the celebrant at the Mount's College Mass on January 20, 2002, observing the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Smith serves as pastor at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Washington, D.C.

Patricia (Wig) Holden, C'85, and Gregory Holden, C'85, welcomed their second child, Alexander Mark, in August 2000. Patricia is now associated with Post & Schell, in Philadelphia, Pa., where she practices law as part of their professional liability group. Gregory is a chemist who works as the operations manager at EPR Industries.

Kimberly (Schultze) Wong, C'86, and her husband, Martin, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Melissa Anne, on December 18, 2001. She joins brothers, Sean and Patrick.

Theresa McAuliffe, C'88, married Stephen Barczy, Jr., on September 8, 2001. The wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church in Rockville, Md., and was followed by a reception at the Marriott, University of Maryland. Mountaineers in attendance from the Class of 1988 included: Joe Ferlise, Willis Gunther Ferlise, Tracey (DiGiovanni) Coleman, (bridesmaid), Joe Diventi. Others in attendance included: Jennifer Gibbons, C'89 (bridesmaid), Patrick McAuliffe, Jr., C'80, Mary and John Kane, C'84, Loretta Kane, C'89, Tom Whelan, C'80, Joseph Horning, Jr., C'53, and Charles O'Donnell, C'56. The couple followed their celebration with a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, and now reside in Olney, Md.

1990s

Several Mounties were in attendance at the baptism of Lyla Hart Kline, daughter of Amy Gregg Kline, C'90, and her husband, Fred. The Rev. Rick Hilgartner, C'90, performed the ceremony on the Feast of the Epiphany. In attendance were: Christine Tamberino Huber, (godmother), C'93, Susan Kline, (aunt), C'89, Edwin Gregg, (grandfather), C'66, and Mary Ellsworth, C'90. Amy & Fred also have a three-year-old daughter, Amelia Catherine.

Scott Linzey, C'90, and Kathleen Sheridan Linzey, C'90, welcomed their second set of twins, Emma Catherine and Jack William on November 2, 2001.

Robert P. Hill, II, C'92, married Chulsey Landry on October 6, 2001. Mount graduates in attendance included: Jeff Hall, C'92, Dexter Nutall, C'91, and Cliff Warren, C'90.

Michele (Pinto) Case, C'93, and her husband, Joel, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Emily Catherine, on October 23, 2001.

Beth Jowdy, C'93, has been accepted into the doctorate program in sports management at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Tom Taylor, C'93, and his wife, Amy, welcomed a daughter, Emerson "Emma" Katherine, on February 5, 2002.

Lisa Davis, C'94, and her husband, Rodney, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Celina Rose, on January 28, 2001.

Christopher Heagy, C'96, was recently honored by the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association. Heagy received an award from the Association for his May 24, 2001, story "Seniors in Spring:

delawarechapter

■ **The Delaware Chapter hosted a tailgate party at Winterthur's annual Point-to-Point Race on Sunday, May 5.** Alumni came together on the Winterthur estate grounds to enjoy a beautiful sunny day, exciting horse races, people watching and good company!

(L-R): Marian Giorgi, C'85, Joe Giorgi, C'85, Jack Graham, C'57, Kara Nolte, C'91, Anne Sluck, C'97, assistant director of alumni relations, Ellen Callahan, C'81, Harry Benjamin, C'98, Pat McGinn, C'98 and Kevin Foley, C'85.

ladymountaineers

■ **1982 Women's Basketball Team Returns:**

On February 2, 2002, the National Alumni Association honored the 1982 Lady Mountaineer basketball team. Players, coaches and staff were reunited to commemorate the 20th anniversary of their exciting and memorable trip to the NCAA Division II Women's Final Four Tournament in Springfield, Mass. A reception and dinner was held at the President Houston's residence to commemorate their return for the anniversary.

Front row (L-R): Shari Delaney, C'95, Susie Rowlyk Beccaria, C'95, Vera Feldbusch, C'00, Diane Deegan Bittle, C'79 and Beth Jowdy, C'93. Back row (L-R): Dr. Carol Hinds, Lynne Phelan Robinson, C'79, Susan Janowiak, C'81, Denise Kenney, C'79, Meghan Gardiner, C'99, Kia Williams, C'01, Deanna Butters, C'01, Mary Lawrence Melvin, C'84, Kelly Roche Hughes, C'82, Becky Lovett, C'81, Amy Hart, former trainer and George Gelles, C'64, national alumni vice president.

Johnnies Talk Their Way Out of College," which was featured in Bay Weekly. The honor was awarded on March 1, 2002, at the Press Association's Editorial Conference in Washington, D.C.

Catherine Finnerty, C'97, recently announced her engagement to Victor Cretella. An April 13, 2002, wedding is planned. Catherine is currently employed at Morgan Stanley in Baltimore, Md.

Kevin Murphy, C'97, has announced his engagement to Colleen McMahon. Their wedding will take place on November 9, 2002, in Lancaster, Pa. Kevin is a senior accountant at KPMG, and resides in Narberth, Pa.

Amy (Whelan) Neely, C'97, and her husband, Brian, welcomed a daughter, Emma Rose, on November 21, 2001.

Dana M. Pirone, C'97, recently earned her Ph.D in Tumor Biology from Georgetown University. Dana has accepted a post-doctoral research position at Johns Hopkins University in the biomedical engineering department.

Steven Reynolds, MBA '97, has been promoted to senior associate at Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, in Hagerstown, Md.

Sarah Thompson, C'97, and Todd Cunningham, C'96, were married on December 14, 2001 at Sts. Philip & James Church in Baltimore, Md. Bridesmaids included: Aimie (Thompson) Zinzi, Christy (Dougherty) Raftovich, Alejandra (Chili) Matus-Aguirre & and Kerry (O'Connell) Kelly, all C'97. Groomsmen included: Mike Zinzi & Justin Polun, both C'94, Mike Baynes & Mark Heimerl, both C'97 and Jason Polun, C'96.

Other Mounties in attendance included: Jen (Dowd) Lynch, Kristin Supik, Morgane Swift, Carolyn (Palme) Perkins, Todd Perkins, Deanna Czech, Scott Szleiga, Helen (Haenn) Davidson, Kim Hartman, Jim Hughes, Chris Zaneski, Megan Dyer, Erin (Kelly) Sipes, Mike Post, all C'97, Chris Sipes, Joe Verch, Tara (Smith) Verch, Mike Soistman, Becky (Mann) Polun, all C'96, Colin Ward, C'94, Chad Wollenweber, C'93, Hollie Edwards and

Nick D'Alessio, C'01
Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship Recipient

Nunzio (Nick) D'Alessio, C'01, is a Mount graduate and alumni scholar with a very promising future in academia. D'Alessio is presently at Yale University Divinity School, where he is completing his first year of studies in a two-year program in philosophical theology. His academic interests are largely interdisciplinary, focused on the intersections of philosophy, theology, and music. His long-range goal is to earn a Ph.D and teach at the college/university level.

D'Alessio's work is focused on the historical periods of the Middle Ages and the 19th and 20th centuries. His interest in musical history is centered within Britain, including the 16th and 17th centuries and early 20th century work of Ralph Vaughan Williams. Yale's program provides an environment where his interests and course work can dovetail. He has been able to combine his research in different areas to paint a broader cultural overview including geographical, musical, and historical elements.

The education and interdisciplinary exposure that D'Alessio received at the Mount offered him unique guidance for the academic challenges ahead. He explained that as an undergraduate, he learned to "think in terms of broader questions; to see the whole without losing sight of the particulars." In his new course work, he attempts to offer answers to questions that continue to loom over scholars in the Western tradition: questions of identity, knowledge, the value of artistic expression, and the force of religious beliefs in culture. He feels that one of the greatest challenges he faces is that of being true to oneself and living up to beliefs and convictions, and notes that the most inspiring, challenging and also disturbing tales in human history are usually rooted in people and cultures trying to achieve that goal.

D'Alessio offered a quote from philosopher David Hume to express his view: "Be a philosopher, but amidst all your philosophy still be a person." To this quote, he added, "Substitute whatever you will for 'philosophy,' and I still think old Hume's right!" ▲

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■ **Delaware Beach Party**

An Alumni Beach Picnic is being planned for August 10, 2002, and our alumni representatives in the area are now seeking out interested participants and co-planners. The picnic will be held at Cape Henlopen State Park in Rehoboth Beach, Del. ***To inquire about the beach picnic or add your name and address to the list of alumni in the Delaware Seashore area, please forward your contact information to the following alumni representatives: Dr. Frank Merolla, C'63, at (302) 644-0813, or Don Quinn, C'61, at donquinn@juno.com***

■ **Dragon Boat Races**

On September 14, 2002, the Mount will be competing in the annual Catholic Charities Dragon Boat Race at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. Md. The Mount will join 39 other teams made up of local businesses and community organizations, each sponsoring a Catholic Charities program. The Baltimore Chapter is now actively recruiting alumni and friends to participate in this exciting event. Training will begin in July. ***To join the Mount's Dragon Boat Race team, contact Dave Gabor, C'90, at (410) 879-2322.***

■ **Orioles Bull Pen Party**

The Tenth Annual Orioles Bull Pen Party, sponsored by the National Alumni Association, will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. The game will be against the Boston Red Sox and starts at 7:05 p.m. The Bull Pen Party and Game is open to Mount alumni, parents, students and families. The cost per person is $28, which includes food and beer at the Bull Pen Party, a Bull Pen pass, and a game ticket. Reservation deadline is July 1, 2002. ***For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (301) 447-5362.***

floridachapter

■ **On Tuesday, February 26, 2002,** the Florida Chapter hosted a "Meet the President" reception at The Westin Cypress Creek in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. President George R. Houston, George Gelles, C'64, national alumni vice president, and Phil McGlade, C'70, director of alumni relations, were on hand to greet Florida alumni and discuss ongoing projects at the college. Ray Asmar, C'78, chapter president, coordinated this year's event.

nymetrochapter

■ **On Thursday, March 14, 2002,** Mount alumni joined the families and friends of graduates lost in the September 11th tragedy. A Mass of Remembrance, celebrated by Msgr. Joseph K. Parks, C'35, was held at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, and was followed by a reception at O'Reilly's Pub. Almost 70 alumni, family and community members were in attendance, sharing memories, paying their respects and learning more about the Mount's efforts to memorialize the alumni who were lost.

In his homily, Msgr. Parks thanked the Mount community for its presence and support during this difficult time, and reminded the participants that Mary, the college's namesake, is also known as the Queen of Peace—a fitting inspiration for Mounties in a time of grieving, war and uncertainty.

pennmarchapter

■ **On Thursday, April 25,** a Spring Social was held at Jennifer's Restaurant in Frederick, Md. Thirty Mount alumni from the Penn-Mar area were joined by Denny Doyle, C'63, national alumni president, Phil McGlade, C'70, director of alumni relations, and David Karn, C'97, assistant director of the Mount MBA program. The proprietor of Jennifer's Restaurant, Jennifer Dougherty, C'83, recently won the Frederick mayoral election.

Allyson Dennis, both C'98. Fr. Tom Mullelly, C'74, presided. Sarah and Todd now reside in Glyndon, Md.

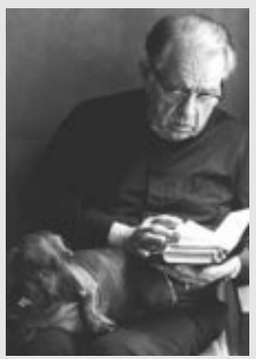
Melissa DiVincenzo, C'98, has announced her engagement to Eric Hohman. Melissa recently received her JD from Dickinson School of Law, and is now employed at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell in Wilmington, De. An October 2002 wedding is being planned.

bishopbegley

■ **The Most Reverend Michael J. Begley, Bishop of Charlotte, passed away on February 9 in High Point, NC, at the age of 92.**

Bishop Begley was a graduate of both Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, receiving his degrees in 1930 and 1934, respectively.

Born March 12, 1909 in Mattineague, Ma, Bishop Begley was first ordained in the Diocese of Raleigh on May 26, 1934. He was appointed as first Bishop of Charlotte by Pope Paul VI in 1971, and ordained on January 12, 1972. He served as Bishop of Charlotte for 12 years, retiring in 1984. While in the Diocese of Raleigh, he served at St. Mary in Wilmington, Immaculate Conception in Carolina Beach and St. Therese in Wrightsville Beach. Begley was also superintendent of the Catholic Orphanage at Nazareth from 1952 to 1955.



A funeral Mass was held at St. Gabriel's Church in Charlotte on February 15, 2002, followed by burial at Belmont Abbey.

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■ **Men's Lacrosse Coach honored by the National Alumni Association**

The Mount's Men's Lacrosse Coach, Tom Gravante, was honored by the National Alumni Association for his exemplary personal courage, and for leading the team to the 2001 MAAC Championship. Gravante, who successfully underwent cancer treatment in 2001 while coaching his victorious team, was presented with a plaque during half time at a basketball game on January 16.

(L-R): George Houston, Mount president; Denny Doyle, C'63, national alumni president; Tom Gravante; Nicole Gravante; George Gelles, C'64, national alumni vice president.

Jimi Thoelen, C'98, announced his engagement to Tanya Santomarco. The wedding took place on April 13, 2002 at St. Gabriel's Church in Saddle River, N.J.

2000

Megan Williams, C'00, recently married Christofer Doll. The marriage took place in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, with Fr. Jerry Francik as celebrant. The couple honeymooned in Ireland and now reside in Thurmont, Md.

2001

Katie Hopkins C'01 and Michael Marino of Baltimore, Md. recently announced their engagement on January 13, 2002. The happy couple has set an April 26, 2003 wedding date.

Kate Stattel, C'01, is one of 24 secondary school teachers chosen for the NEH Summer Institute for School Teachers. The Institute is held at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Md., and hosts teachers of Latin in middle and secondary schools. ▲