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THOMAS H. POWELL
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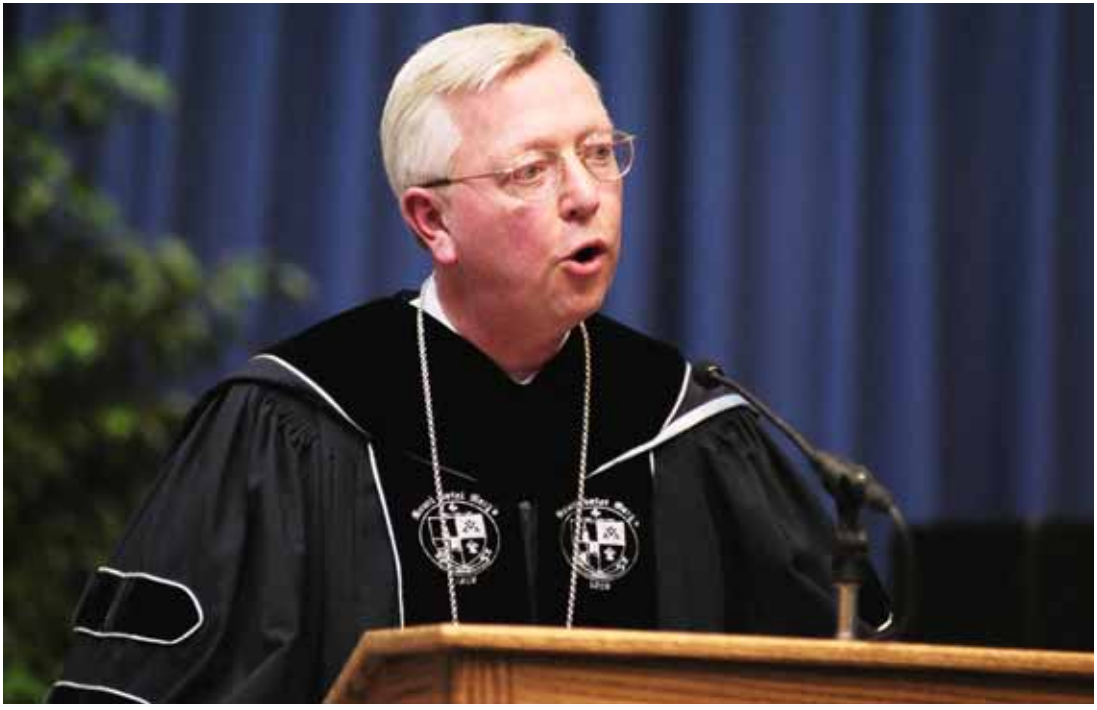

editor's MESSAGE

Above, left to right:
Fawn R. O'Hara, director of publications; David Musil, assistant director of sports information; Kate Charuhas, associate director of marketing and public relations; Trevor James, website manager; and Leslie Ludwig, administrative assistant.

In the office of communications, it's known, quite simply, as an "A-Team Activation Alert!"

Sometimes it means a brainstorming session is in order. Other times, the call is sounded because we need the advice of our colleagues on a project we're trying to complete, or we play a good, ol' fashioned game of "What if we did it this way …?" All of it comes in handy during the summer and fall months—typically the busiest times of the year for communications personnel on college campuses.

For our office, it certainly was the case this year—even more noteworthy considering we made it through "busy season" with many new staff members. Since June, our office has welcomed Associate Director of Marketing and Public Relations **Kate Charuhas**, Website Manager **Trevor James**, Administrative Assistant **Leslie Ludwig**, Assistant Director of Sports Information **David Musil**, and Director of Publications **Fawn O'Hara**.

And, boy, have they hit the ground running!

David joined our sports information team from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. Designing and writing media guides, coordinating media requests with coaching staffs, attending contests into the wee hours and sacrificing weekends are all in a week's work for David.

Kate came to the Mount from a public relations/advertising agency in Richmond, Va. While she's chiefly responsible for relationships with the local, regional and national media, Kate is also developing new advertising and marketing campaigns for many campus departments and programs.

Trevor, our own "Mr. T," came from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and convinced all of us, virtually overnight, to look at the Mount's website and communicating electronically in a new way. The new Mount Annual Fund website and the development of "e-newsletters" for admissions and institutional audiences debuted this fall, with more on the way. Also on the horizon for Trevor are ways to integrate streaming video and other applications into the Mount's web presence.

Leslie joined us from just upstairs in Bradley Hall—the development office. Her work this fall assisting with the presidential inaugural logistics for hundreds of out-of-town guests, delegates and dignitaries was staggering. Her cheerful manner and "whatever-it-takes" attitude has rubbed off on all of us.

Finally, although she won't admit it, the new look of this magazine—which debuted last issue to rave reviews—is chiefly the result of Fawn's vision and design sense. In a few short months, Fawn, who came to the Mount from Goucher College in Baltimore, Md., has guided the Mount's publications program to new heights. Her attention to detail and creative energy is apparent in jobs big and small.

It is an honor to work with such a talented group of communications professionals. An "A-Team," if ever there was one.

It is my pleasure to introduce them to you here.

Enjoy!

Duffy Ross
Editor

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In a photo on p.32 of the Summer 2003 issue of Mount Magazine, **Capt. Bryan Fencl, C'98**, (U.S. Army) was misidentified as **Capt. John Rotante, C'97**, (U.S. Army). Fencl was recently awarded the Army Commendation medal for his job as the DISCOM S4 and his actions in Turkey.

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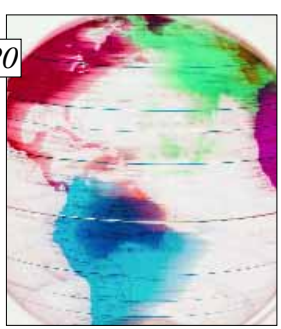

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Find out more about a few of the faculty and staff members who bring an international perspective to the Mount!

By Barb Ruppert

ISABEL'S ARRIVAL *Doesn't Faze the Mount*

In the end, she was nothing more than a big bag of wind!

Hurricane Isabel slammed into the mid-Atlantic in early October—wreaking havoc up and down the east coast. The late season storm forced the Mount to take the necessary emergency precautions—including figuring out a way to keep its resident students fed without having to venture out into the storm.

ENTER THE MOUNT COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY LINE!

In preparation for Isabel, the Mount community prepared bags containing breakfast and lunch items for almost 1,300 resident students and seminarians. Faculty, administrators, staff and students assisted in the operation to put the bags together. One professor even brought his class over to Patriot Hall to help.

"There was a lot of laughter and camaraderie as well as an opportunity for people to meet and interact with Mount employees they had never met before," said Meg McKeon, acting dean of student development. "Isabel was not as big a deal as we feared but the good will and humor of the community would have gotten us through anything! I was on campus most of the night interacting with students and riding around. Several groups of students even played football in the rain and had a great time!"

McKeon said around midnight, when it was clear the Mount was going to be spared the worst, but too treacherous for her to drive home, she went to the Sleep Inn Hotel in Emmitsburg for the night.

"At about 2 a.m., I awoke to find that Emmitsburg had lost power and was dark," McKeon said. "I looked out my hotel window and saw all the lights on at the Mount. I experienced a warm sense of well being and pride to be part of such a community. The spirit here at the Mount is unique and a gift we should all nurture and cherish."

Making THE GRADE

For the eighth consecutive year, Mount St. Mary's College has been named one of the nation's best colleges by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

Mount St. Mary's improved its ranking over last year to 26th in the Best Master's Universities—Northern Region category, in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" magazine and guidebook. There are 165 colleges/universities in the Master's-North category, ranked among four tiers. The Mount has been ranked "Best" in the top tier since 1995.

Ranking criteria used by *U.S. News & World Report* include: academic reputation among peer institutions; student retention rates; faculty resources; graduation rate performance; and alumni giving.

The Mount is also featured in *Princeton Review's* new publication "The Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges." The Mount is one of 98 top schools in six states featured in this publication.

The Mount's freshman class this fall numbered 401—the first time in school history that back-to-back freshman classes have topped 400. Other interesting facts regarding the class of 2007, the 199th in school history, include:

- Average SAT score was 1088, an increase of eight points over last year.
- Average financial assistance award was more than $15,300.
- Twenty states are represented, as well as Germany and Trinidad. Fifty-three percent of the class hails from Maryland, followed by Pennsylvania (18 percent) and New Jersey (13 percent).
- Business, accounting and economics are the most popular majors for the class of 2007, followed by education and science.
- The most popular name for males is "Christopher," with 11. "Ashley" leads the females, with seven.

"MOUNT SOUTH" OPENS
Meeting and Conference Center

CONVENIENT LOCATION | NATURAL LIGHTING AND BREAK-OUT ROOMS | LAPTOP COMPUTERS | MARYLAND INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING NETWORK (MIDLN) | LOUNGE WITH LAPTOP BAR

Mount St. Mary's College has opened its Continuing Studies site in Frederick, Md., for use as a meeting and conference center for area companies and organizations.

Richard Glover has joined the Mount team as its corporate relations coordinator. Glover is the contact person for any group or organization wishing to rent all or part of the 16,000-square-foot space for training seminars, conferences, business meetings, presentations and continuing education programs.

The site is available for use Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"There seems to be a lot of interest in off-site training space from area companies and organizations," Glover said. "Sometimes it is difficult to find quality, convenient and user friendly space at a reasonable cost. Everyone who comes in for a tour or a visit walks away impressed with the facility."

The site is located at 5350 Spectrum Drive in the 270 Technology Park, adjacent to Francis Scott Key Mall and located in the corridor between Interstate Rts. 270 and 70.

There are nine rooms for a multitude of learning activities. All are designed and equipped for groups, teams and break-outs with multimedia equipment and laptop computers that provide a variety of presentation opportunities.

The center is also one of more than 125 sites throughout Maryland equipped with a state-of-the-art interactive video distance-learning classroom. This is a fully interactive room incorporating real-time audio and video communications for internet conferencing and seminars.

In addition to the meeting space, there is a spacious lounge with eating facilities. Catering service can be easily arranged through the center and there is ample, convenient free parking.

In the evenings and on Saturdays, the center is used for classes in the college's accelerated Master of Business Administration program; accelerated undergraduate degree programs in business and criminal justice; and master's and undergraduate degree programs in education.

For further information, contact Glover at 301-682-4806, toll free 877-982-2329 or email rglover@msmary.edu.

MOTHER TERESA & THE MOUNT *A Heartfelt Connection*

The Mount Community Joyfully Remembers Her Two Visits to Campus

By John L. Lavorgna

THE SIMPLE PATH

The fruit of silence is Prayer.
The fruit of prayer is Faith.
The fruit of faith is Love.
The fruit of love is Service.
The fruit of service is Peace.

THESE WORDS, USUALLY IMPRINTED ON A PLAIN PIECE OF CARDSTOCK, COMPRISED WHAT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA WOULD OFFER AS HER "BUSINESS CARD" TO THOSE SHE ENCOUNTERED WHILE COURAGEOUSLY MINISTERING TO THOSE IN NEED.

Father Harry Flynn, former rector, with Mother Teresa during her 1975 visit to the Mount.

The message illuminates the mission of Mother Teresa, one that absolutely resounded to the depths of her soul: to bring the light and love of Jesus Christ to the poorest of the poor.

It was a mission that twice brought this diminutive nun to Mount St. Mary's to share her message of hope.

Mother Teresa, who founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 and passed away on September 5, 1997, was recently beatified by Pope John Paul II—recognizing the validity of an assertion already believed by millions throughout the world: she was indeed a living saint who sought out the face of Christ in the downtrodden.

This legacy was celebrated at the Mount on October 19, the day of the beatification, with a special liturgy.

"Mother Teresa shows us the great joy of loving one another as Jesus has loved us," said the Very Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, rector, who regularly celebrated Mass for the Missionaries of Charity at their convent in Rome during his years of graduate study. Fr. Rhoades also had the pleasure of conversing privately with Mother Teresa on several occasions. "Upon meeting her, one just knew that she was close to Jesus Christ."

Her warm personality was coupled with a natural simplicity, but she also radiated a sense of the supernatural. "In each of those quiet moments together with Mother Teresa, I felt strongly that I was in the presence of a saint," remarked Fr. Rhoades.

To this day, he treasures a prayer card kept in his Bible given to him personally by Mother Teresa. "The image is of our suffering Lord, and the inscription reads 'I looked for one that would comfort me, and I found none.' She herself annotated the card and wrote to me 'Be the One.' Mother Teresa exhorts priests to manifest the special love we are called to have for those sharing in the suffering of Christ."

The visits of Mother Teresa to campus undoubtedly rank high on anyone's list of memorable moments for the Mount community.

"She arrived in Emmitsburg wearing the same gray sweater she wore when she received the Nobel Peace Prize," remembered the Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, who was serving as rector during Mother Teresa's first visit on October 27, 1975. "When she arrived in our chapel, her message was very simple. She said that if the seminarians wanted to see Christ in

"This great witness of the Gospel of love, whom we now call 'Blessed Teresa,' teaches us that we must all be witnesses of Christ's compassion and love to our families, to our neighbors, and to the world in which we live."

—The Very Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades

the poor then they should see Him more deeply in the Eucharist. "I thought it was a great grace for our seminary. It was a great grace for me."

Today, the influence of Mother Teresa upon the Mount is enormous, and rightly so. She always made prayer and her love for Jesus the foundational lynchpin of her ministry, knowing that they are the essential elements of Christian service. "We do all in Jesus' name," said Mother Teresa during her address on her return visit in 1995, while describing the work of her congregation.

"Mother Teresa teaches us how to be contemplative in action, and how to be devoted to the Eucharist and to the Blessed Mother, and to live in accordance with the Gospel, through our intimacy with Christ. This closeness to Jesus is what motivated her work," explained Fr. Rhoades.

Through weekly field education assignments at the Gift of Peace (a homeless shelter and AIDS hospice in Washington, D.C., run by the Missionaries of Charity), seminarians have the opportunity to encounter and share the love of Jesus through serving those who cannot care for themselves.

During her first visit in 1975, Mother Teresa came with gratitude and the knowledge that we can join her in doing something beautiful for God.

"I am very happy to be here because I know that after I go back this [seminary] will become like a powerhouse of prayer for us, that we may not spoil God's work, the work that has been as a gift of God, that has been entrusted to the Missionaries of Charity, to be a witness of love and compassion, of Christ in the world," she said.

John L. Lavorgna is a Second Theology seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Mother Teresa addresses the seminary community in St. Bernard's Chapel during her 1995 visit.

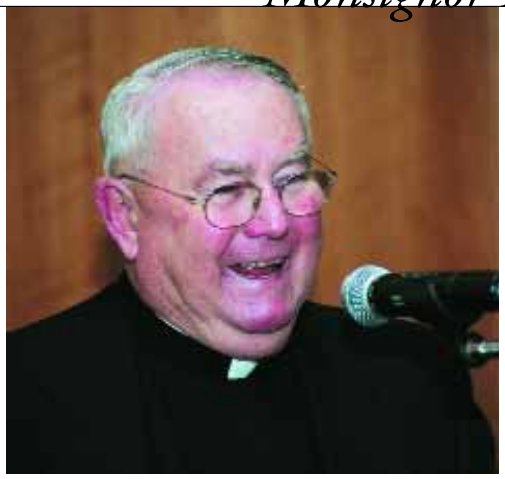
Grotto Prints AVAILABLE

Beautiful lithograph prints of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, located on the Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary campus, are available for purchase.

The 24 X 18 four-color prints are signed by the artist, Harry Lamar Richardson, and are suitable for framing. Cost is $50, which includes shipping and handling. This limited edition print makes a great holiday gift!

For more information contact George Gelles at (301) 447-5330 or by email at ggelles@msmary.edu.

Monsignor Beattie

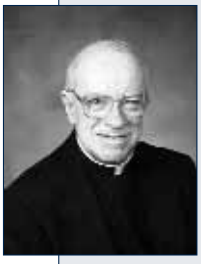


RECEIVES McCLOSKEY AWARD

Monsignor James T. Beattie, C'57, S'61, received the 28th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award from the National Alumni Association at the Priests' Alumni Reunion in October.

Ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., in 1961, Monsignor Beattie has been pastor of St. Camillus Church and St. Catherine Laboure Church in Silver Spring. He has also served as a four-term member of the Priests' Senate, the director of the Southeast Catholic Center, ordinary confessor for the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph and Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul, and chaplain of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Monsignor Beattie is a member of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and was elevated by His Holiness Pope John Paul II to the rank of Reverend Monsignor in May 1991. He is currently pastor of St. Bartholomew Church in Bethesda, Md.



Remembering
MONSIGNOR SATTERFIELD

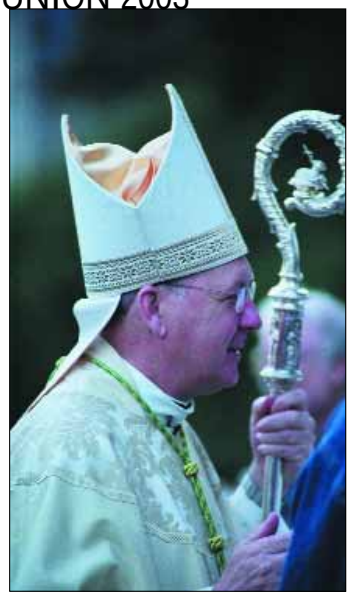
Monsignor Carroll E. Satterfield, who taught at the Mount from 1965 to 1996, died peacefully at his home on July 26. He was 74 years old.

Carroll Eugene Satterfield was born in Baltimore on May 2, 1929. After attending St. Charles College, he was appointed to the Pontifical North American College for philosophical and theological studies. He earned degrees from the Gregorian University and received priestly ordination on December 8, 1954.

After assisting several parishes in Baltimore, Monsignor Satterfield returned to Rome to obtain a doctorate in sacred theology. In 1957, Archbishop Keough assigned him as assistant pastor of St. Bernardine Church, Baltimore. While there, Monsignor Satterfield began teaching moral and dogmatic theology part time at the College of Notre Dame. He was appointed chaplain to the college in 1964 and soon after began teaching at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

In more than 30 years of teaching theology, Monsignor gained the respect of his peers and students for both his theological competence and his effectiveness as a teacher. He will be remembered for the significant role he played in the formation of generations of Mount seminarians.

Priests' Alumni REUNION 2003



Scenes from the Seminary Alumni Reunion Mass on October 1, 2003, celebrated in Immaculate Conception chapel by the Most Rev. Kevin Farrell, auxiliary bishop of Washington, D.C., and from the banquet that followed in Patriot Hall.

A Calling Observed

The Rev. Mike Figler, S'98,

traveled halfway around the world,

only to realize his place was at home.

By Barb Ruppert

A simple story of faith and vocation: A young Catholic man decides to become a priest, goes to the Mount and then settles into parish life in his home state of New Jersey.

Well, as with most things in life, moments of clarity shine through layers of questions and complexities. And a simple, silent answer can get lost unless we take time to listen.

The Beginning

Baseball and football in high school. Political science, philosophy and pre-law studies at Rutgers University, heavily interspersed with his fraternity's busy social scene. Was faith a part of Mike Figler's world then? Yes, "but I was a Lone Ranger. It was more of a private conviction than a profound experience," recalls Figler.

Then, in 1990, college graduation. And, looking back, the question: When did the calling begin? Perhaps it began with a restlessness, a feeling that he wanted to travel and needed to do something "important" before starting his career … an impulse that prompted him to contact the Catholic chaplain at Rutgers to look into missionary opportunities.

Around the World …

The journey is as full of contrasts as is Figler, who can discuss theological matters in clear, earnest tones one moment and then quickly flash his infectious smile as he recalls a joke the next.

Fall of 1990 found him beginning 13 months of service in a Catholic mission in Japan. In his work supporting schools and radio for the few Catholics in the country

"A job is what you do. A vocation is who you are."

Presidential Inaugural Address

Thomas H. Powell

Twenty-Fourth President of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary

Delivered Friday, October 24, 2003

"Leading Mount St. Mary's into our third century is a daunting task and one that I accept recognizing I will need the support of many to help us collectively achieve new levels of distinction and pride."

Faith Discovery Leadership Community Faith Discovery Leadership Community

Chairman O'Hara; Your Eminence, Cardinal Keeler; Senator Sarbanes; members of the board of trustees; alumni; colleagues; students and friends, it is with a great deal of humility and a sense of obligation that I accept the honor and challenge as the 24th President of this prestigious college and seminary. Today, I am honored by the presence of my family, friends and so many current and former colleagues. Everyone should know how much I appreciate the warmth shown to me by everyone here today.

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Our story

As we prepare to begin our third century, it is important for us to focus for a minute on our early beginnings. In 1791, Fr. John DuBois escaped a new form of tyranny in France for the promise of America. Landing in Virginia, he was sheltered by Patrick Henry and James Monroe. In 1808, with courage and faith, in the then wilderness of Maryland, he founded our college. In 1808, Thomas Jefferson sat in the White House. In 1808, our country was still learning about Lewis and Clarke's Voyage of Discovery, while Fr. DuBois was taking us on a voyage of faith, discovery, leadership and community.

For nearly 200 years, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary has stood as a beacon of excellence throughout the founding and development of our nation. For nearly 200 years we have been teaching students to live lives as educated and virtuous citizens. We were here as witnesses to our nation's growth.

Our story is a uniquely American story … it is the story of the Catholic Church in America. Our story is a proud story of courage, conviction and tenacity. It is a love story. We should tell it often.

A time to be bold

Consider, for a moment, how we have benefited from Fr. DuBois' vision, courage, self-confidence and hard work. We are all heirs to his vision and labor. We are all successors to his calling and we share in his legacy.

How do we repay this debt?

We must accept the responsibility to carry on his work—in a contemporary manner—in unselfish service to God, our country, our students and each other.

Since receiving my appointment, 10 months ago, I have listened to you, our many constituencies—voice your opinions about the college and seminary and where we are headed. Everyone is cheering for our continued success. Collectively, we are being asked to continue our proud traditions, to teach students in a rigorous, thoughtful manner, to prepare priests to serve our parishes, to be a symbol of hope, and to serve as a catalyst for social justice.

You have told me, in no uncertain terms, that now, as we prepare for our third century, it is our time to be bold ... to be courageous, to be distinctive. Now is the time for us to focus our energies and resources to further our reputation as a nationally recognized program of academic excellence and innovation.

We cannot afford to be timid with our dreams. To be bold is to take risks, but in this risk lies great reward. Let all of us demand of each other to be bold in our dreams and aspirations. The time is now … the responsibility is ours.

Below, left to right: Thomas H. Powell with former Mount President George R. Houston, Jr.; Maryland Senator Paul S. Sarbanes; faculty procession.

Four Simple words

As I reflect on the mission and history of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, I use four simple words to describe our calling and our promise.

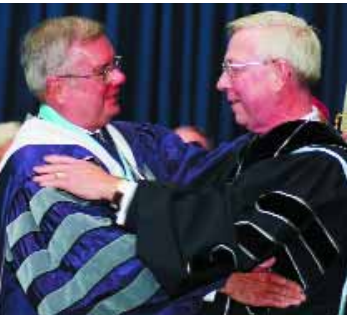
Faith, Discovery, Leadership and Community

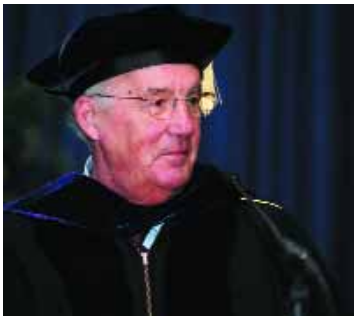
Faith is our first calling. We are proud to be a Catholic college and have the courage to be Catholic in all we say and do. We are called to be actively involved … not passive in our faith. Our faith must be perceptively present and effectively operative in all areas of our campus and daily lives. Our mission requires us to help our students, faculty, staff and alumni with their continual faith journey. This commitment to our faith requires us to have a deep respect and love for others of different faiths and to serve others in a manner that reaffirms human dignity and respect.

Our second calling is *discovery* – Personal discovery is the primary goal of higher education. Through the liberal arts, students learn to respond to an ever-changing world and help shape the future with creative solutions to our challenges. Discovery at the Mount is founded on our common quest to pursue truth and understand God's creation. This discovery process is a lifelong endeavor—nurtured and reinforced at the Mount.

Our third calling is *leadership* – Since our founding we have prepared leaders: leaders for the Church, our nation, our communities, the professions and most importantly, leaders for social justice. We prepare leaders who are professionally competent, and who are virtuous, possessed with discerning spirits and good hearts. At the Mount we teach students in an environment where value-centered leadership is evident and expected all the time, by everyone.

Our fourth calling is *community* - We serve as a beacon of what a community can and should be. We are a college community where we speak and listen carefully to each other, where we prize our interpersonal relationships, where accomplishments are celebrated and where integrity and truth are our hallmarks.





These are not just words for us at the Mount. These words have faces—the faces of our students. Let me introduce a few of our students who exemplify Faith, Discovery, Leadership and Community.

Megan Wertner lives an active life of faith as she pursues her academic career. Whether on the golf course, campus ministry, in the classroom, or through the band, Megan is recognized as a compassionate, diligent student. Our Honors Program and Catholic environment attracted her to the Mount. Her example of being active in her faith, while she is active on the campus inspires all of us.

Deacon Martino Nguyen is completing his final year of preparation for the priesthood. Growing up in his native Vietnam, it was not unusual for his family to walk through the jungle and swim across a lake to attend Mass. Deacon Martino talked of being a priest since he was a child. On three separate occasions, he was imprisoned for practicing his Catholic faith. His strong faith has brought him here, to our mountainside. His dream is to serve as a missionary after serving as a priest for the diocese of Savannah.

Eileen Grobe discovered herself through her courses. A transfer student, Eileen works full-time, attends school full-time, and is successful at both. Eileen, the Mount salutes you for the paths you have taken to be the first in your family to complete your degree.

Alba Alvarez followed her dream to the Mount. Born in Venezuela and raised in Florida, Alba sought a college in the Washington, D.C. area so that she could be a part of the political process. Her strong faith and self-confidence directed her to the Mount, where she is thriving both academically and personally.

Cadet Anne Thompson is someone whose example teaches us about personal discovery. After high school, Anne served our nation by enlisting in the Army. Two years later, she enrolled at the Mount and now, through the ROTC and working on her degree and her commission, she is not only learning about herself but also discovering new ways to serve our country.

Junior Lauren Smarkanic exemplifies leadership at the Mount. She is a biology-nursing enrolled in our unique program with Johns Hopkins University. In addition to serving as President of the Mount's Honors Program, Lauren is a member of the choir, volunteers at St. Catherine's Nursing Home, and is a Mount ambassador. Lauren told me she will always be grateful to the Mount for the opportunities she has been given in developing her leadership skills so that she can better serve others.

Morgan Lisby earned his undergraduate degree from the Mount in 2002 and is now completing his master's degree while also working as a graduate assistant on campus. While an undergraduate, Morgan demonstrated his strong leadership skills both in the classroom and as student-athlete-leader on our track team.

Deacon Dan White has been a part of the Mount's seminary community for the past five years. After completing his undergraduate degree at St. Lawrence University and working in Washington, D.C., Deacon Dan answered his call to serve God and the Catholic Church through the priesthood. Since responding to that call, he has helped advance our community by serving as chair of Mount 2000, writing for the Seminary Newsletter, and other regular house responsibilities.

Dan Tedesco helps to lead the Mount's Wellness Community. A Wellness Resident Assistant for three years, Dan serves as a mentor for new students and beginning RA's. Dan serves the community as a role model, as a scholar, and as a guiding light in residential life.

… Nine outstanding students who are the face of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary today. They provide all of us with reason for pride and our hope for the future.

"These are not just words for us at the Mount. These words have faces—the faces of our students."

Megan Wertner ❧ Deacon Martino Nguyen ❧ Eileen Grobe ❧ Alba Alvarez ❧ Cadet A

A tribute to our faculty

With us today is one of the finest liberal arts faculty in the country. We are a great college and seminary because we have a superior faculty. I have been fortunate to see first-hand examples of their skill and dedication to excellence. I have heard many moving stories from our alumni that demonstrate how our faculty has influenced generations of students. Many have told me that who they are today is a direct result of the teaching of our faculty—who have taught them to live lives of virtue and service. Our faculty is our great blessing and Mount St. Mary's strength.

As I begin this new journey, I recognize the faculty's primary role as stewards of our academic program. I salute you and pledge my support to help you meet your solemn responsibilities to ensure that the Mount continues to be an educational institution of high quality and integrity.

Building a college of distinction

Fr. DuBois had a vision for the college in light of the world to come: future generations. We can do no less. It is the future generations for whom we hold our ideals, and to whom we bear a grave responsibility.

So how do we meet this responsibility?

There has never been a more important time to reassert our calling as a Catholic college focused on liberal education. Our church and our country need leaders and citizens who are apprenticed to a lifelong search which is inspired by the Holy Spirit, that is touched by beauty, guided by faith and reason, tempered by justice, girded by simplicity, awakened by discovery, and informed by a firm set of virtues that are practiced in their daily lives.

Catholic colleges, like Mount St. Mary's, reinforce the fundamental nature of learning: that is, joining together in exploration, in wonder and in our journey of faith, discovery, leadership and community. It is through a firm commitment to our faith and a liberal education that we teach our students to put their lives in the larger context of the human experience. At the Mount, we teach students to think clearly, argue with passion and conviction, respond to a changing world and to live a life of purpose. As Marshall Gregory, Professor of English at Butler University, recently noted:

"Liberal education is the pursuit of human excellence … (Liberal education) is more ethical than intellectual. It focuses on the development of individuals as moral agents, and it teaches students how to reflect both analytically and evaluatively on the fact that the choices we make turn us into the persons we become."

Catholic colleges focusing on liberal education are the world's hope for reasserting our human similarities and our common quest for understanding, peace, justice and love.

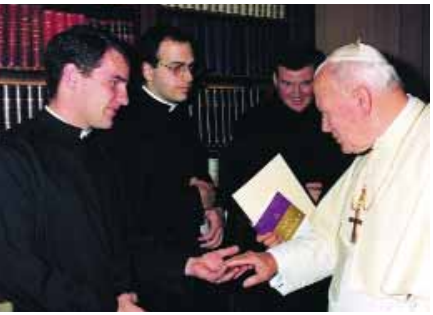
Virtues

At a time when our moral compasses are spinning out of control, we must continue to concentrate on helping students to live lives of virtue. Our nation and the world are crying out for all of us in higher education to return to an unequivocal commitment to teaching virtues.

At Mount St. Mary's, *we will lead a renaissance of teaching virtues.* Our students will leave our campus with a firm set of virtues including reverence, integrity, humility, civility, compassion, courage, loyalty, responsibility, stewardship and self-forgetfulness. And *we will do this by supporting teaching where character is inseparable from intellect and academic excellence is entwined with moral formation.*

nne Thompson ❧ Junior Lauren Smarkanic ❧ Morgan Lisby ❧ Deacon Dan White ❧ Dan Tedesco

Being a priest may entail sacrifice. "But so does being a parent. And like being a parent, you do your best and leave the rest to God."



Many of the Mount's fourth-year seminarians enjoyed an audience with Pope John Paul II during Christmas of 1997. Shown are (l. to r.) Figler with classmates Angelo Carusi and Jay Toborowsky.

(only one percent of the population), he helped with Bible studies and English classes. He also met several other young volunteers from the United States and experienced a large fellowship in faith for the first time. He began to pray each day, and to realize, perhaps, he was meant to go to seminary instead of law school.

"It took awhile for me to understand that I shouldn't be concerned with what people would think," he remembers. "I knew my college friends would be surprised. But I knew I should be more concerned with what God thinks."

As Figler's roommate in Japan related his experiences touring the United States with NET USA (National Evangelization Teams), Figler also began to wonder what he was doing in Japan when he could use his gifts at home. "In retrospect, going abroad was necessary so I could get away from everything familiar and analyze who I was and what was important to me," explains Figler. "It was like a yearlong retreat. I then applied to join NET USA so that I could continue to grow in faith and learn more before making my decision."

... And Back Again

Two years of traveling throughout the United States, leading teen retreats and staying with host families from all walks of life, confirmed Figler's desire to become a priest. He also decided, sight unseen, that Mount St. Mary's Seminary was where he wanted to study. Why? Because every time he met a dynamic priest, Figler asked where the man had gone to seminary. "And the number one answer was the Mount—throughout the nation!"

Upon finishing his NET USA term, he made the first major sacrifice his calling demanded. Figler explains, "I love to explore new places, and the last thing I wanted to do was move right back home. But Trenton needed priests and I felt a responsibility to serve the diocese I'd grown up in. I knew it was the right decision when—before I could even figure out how to ask the vocations director if I could choose Mount St. Mary's Seminary—he said that he planned to send me to the Mount."

Living the Call

In four years at the Mount, Figler discovered dedicated faculty members and true friendships enriched by the spirit of Christianity. "Everything about it was good!" he exclaims. "I can't praise it enough."

His formation sustained him through his first pastoral assignment, during which he was also finishing the thesis for his second master's degree. Sent to Trenton's largest parish in 1998, the newly ordained Rev. Figler received files for 27 weddings on his first day—to fit in alongside his duties as chaplain to the high school and grade school and assisting in religious education and hospital ministries for the parish's 6,700 families. He credits his survival to extensive lay involvement and the solid foundations laid in his parish by earlier Mount St. Mary's Seminary graduates. His parents, older siblings and nieces and nephews were also a source of strength.

During his work in Japan with Good Shepherd mission in 1990, Figler taught English to schoolchildren and adults.

Figler is now an associate priest at St. Raphael's and resists being pigeon-holed as solely a minister to the young. While kids relate well to "Father Fig," he also enjoys working with the many older adults in the parish. "It sounds simplistic, but I like people—of all types."

Yes, a simple answer. Yet one that reflects all it means to respond to a quiet call.

One of the 1992-93 NET USA teams who led retreats for high school students. Figler is fourth from left.

The Class of '98: Where Are They Now?

Figler is quick to note that all of his classmates' stories are inspiring. In five short years, 25 priests from the class of 1998 have served countless parishioners in 19 dioceses. Just a few of the positions they hold beyond their important work in individual parishes:

- The Rev. Aaron Brodeski, director of vocations, Diocese of Rockford, Ill.
- The Rev. Bailey Clemens, founder of Internet radio station OMEGARock.org
- The Rev. McLean Cummings, missionary in Saint Petersburg, Russia
- The Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, director of liturgy at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.
- The Rev. Michael Makara, secretary to the bishop, Diocese of Metuchen, N.J.
- The Rev. Jonathan Toborowsky, radio show host, Metuchen, N.J.

If anything will help us transform our world in the spirit of the Gospels, and allow us to live in peace and love, it will be a focus on the virtues that educated people need to exhibit. Of course, the best way to teach these is through our example and by having students live in a community where virtues are tangibly present and practiced everyday.

From competence to commitment

Ernest Boyer noted that it is not acceptable for colleges just to be havens of collegiate competence. Rather, he urged us to teach students to move from their private interests to serve others. Our task is to instill in our students a habit for acting for justice and a conviction that values the dignity of every human being. Our task is to help students move from competence to commitment. At the Mount, we have a moral obligation to extend our college in service to others. We are called to act on our faith and the privilege of our education by:

- Assisting the poor
- Mentoring troubled children
- Including people with disabilities in our daily lives
- Keeping company with those who are sick and lonely
- Championing the rights of those who are oppressed
- Working for social justice in our local communities

In service we recognize a powerful truth: We need each other. St. Ignatius reminded us that we are all companions and that we must care for each other. God's very nature is communal, social and just. One of my heroes, Albert Schweitzer, urged all of us to sacrifice a part of our own lives in service to others. We are called to reach out to others and to build relationships of love and justice.

Our Seminary

From our founding to today, Mount St. Mary's has prepared priests and church leaders for the Catholic Church. Our seminary is one of the finest in the nation. It is so because of the work of our strong and caring Rector, Fr. Kevin Rhoades, and his faculty. It enjoys a national reputation as a seminary of excellence because of its deliberate program of priestly formation founded on four pillars, human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral formation. Our seminary is dedicated and committed to forming priests in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, men who will be shepherds after the heart of Christ. As a source of our pride, we are all called to action to help preserve and reinforce our Seminary's strength and distinction.

Conclusion

Chairman O'Hara, members of the board of trustees, thank you for allowing me to be a part of the history of Mount St. Mary's and giving me this exciting responsibility. I promise to serve the Mount with a firm commitment to our Catholic faith, with vigor, hard work, an open mind, a sense of humor and always with deep affection and great humility. Please know that I will always strive to be worthy of your trust and respect. I will make my decisions as your president in a manner that will allow us to continue forging a great college worthy of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

As we collectively build a college of distinction for a third century, let us pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on us.

May the Peace of God be with you always.

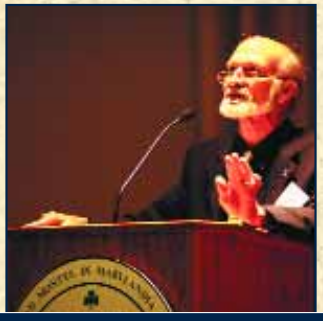
Thank you.

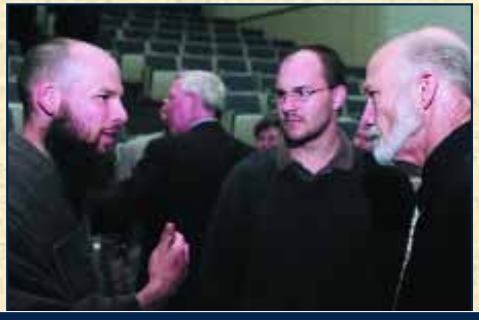
Below, left to right: Class representatives; Thomas G. O'Hara, Board of Trustees chair; Mount St. Mary's Chorale.

Scenes from Inaugural Week

Powell and students plot strategy for the Inaugural Scavenger Challenge that kicked off the week's events. The Mount community pitched in to spruce up the campus pre-inauguration.

President and Mrs. Powell, and Father Harris take time for some photos during their Residence Hall Tour which was followed by an Ice Cream Social.





Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University professor, lectures on Deitrich Bonhoeffer, leading to dialogue about truth and politics. A Mount family at the student-planned Inaugural Quad Fest.

His Eminence, William Cardinal Keeler, blesses President Powell during the Inaugural Mass. Guests catch up over lunch before the official Inaugural Ceremony.

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Editor's Note: On a warm October afternoon over a plate of chocolate chip cookies, seven members of the Mount community—representing faculty, administrators, students and seminarians—met to discuss politics and the issues confronting America today. What follows is an edited transcript of the spirited and lively 90-minute session.

Let's start with some really old news. Who really won the 2000 Presidential election?

Birge: (Laughing) You mean selection?

LaLonde: I guess we know your answer!

Larrivee: The country is still very divided and once you throw in the Electoral College with an incredibly tight race like that, you're just begging for a situation which, no matter who wins, three years later somebody's going to question its legitimacy. I can imagine that had it gone the other way, the same number of people would say Bush should have won.

LaLonde: Oh, I think it's sad. People are so polarized on this issue and the presidency and you've got a situation where people really hated Clinton with such amazing passion and now you have people really hating Bush with such amazing passion—which we didn't have with George Bush, Sr. We didn't have that kind of hatred towards him and I wonder if we'll ever have a presidency again where, although we might not all agree, we aren't so jaded that it's all about politics.

Towle: The question is a funny one because I think it's clear Bush won the election—even with all the actual ballots cast, figuring out the chads and the pregnant chads and the dimpled chads and the hanging chads—I think Bush comes out a couple hundred votes ahead. One of the things I wish would have come out of this mess are a few more guarantees before the next election. There were a number of electoral reforms I expected out of that election, yet we haven't completely seen them yet. I think it's critical.

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Let's move to 2003! The most recent news is Arnold Schwarzenegger's rise to the Governorship of the State of California. Was the campaign against Gray Davis, in your eyes, really precedent setting, was it extending democracy, and was it opening the door for more chaos down the road?

LaLonde: I don't think it's an anomaly. I think people were upset over what's going on in California, and were looking for somebody to blame for the economic fiscal crisis that many states are going through. For the most part, people in other states don't have the option to act at the ballot box right now. If people had access to that kind of quick democracy, I wonder what would it look like elsewhere. What troubles me are people looking for quick solutions.

Ingels: It's definitely a characteristic of the short-term attention span most Americans seem to have. Next week, most Americans won't even be thinking about California. I definitely agree that we have a "I want it right now mentality," but economic policy takes a long time to take effect and most Americans don't want to hear that. They want everything right away.

I THINK ONE OF THE MISSIONS WE HAVE AS A CATHOLIC INSTITUTION IS TO REFLECT AND QUESTION THE DOMINANT PEOPLE OF SOCIETY—*LaLonde*

CS 101

A roundtable discussion with Mount faculty, administrators and students on Arnold Schwarzenegger, the 2004 presidential race, the war on terror, and the Hillary Clinton factor

In 1992, Bill Clinton used the question: "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?" to drive home his position on the economy. Do you feel better off today than you did three years ago before George W. Bush took office?

LaLonde: I graduated from the University of Michigan in 1991 and some of my friends went to work on Wall Street while I went to graduate school. I felt stupid during a lot of the 90s, because they were doing so well and making so much money. Right now, I'm feeling a little better about my choice—a sort of perverse pleasure in other people's misfortune. I'm kidding, really, but the stable career choice I made doesn't seem as crazy as it did in the late 90s.

Towle: But they're still making more than we are!

LaLonde: Oh, yes! I never had a greater expectation for making more money! But it was really interesting, after I came out of graduate school in the spring of 1999, I got a job in business consulting and corporate America couldn't get enough people out of University of Virginia. I mean, students were getting offers for $60,000 a year! Four years later, I have a friend who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UVA with an economics degree and she found a job as an administrative assistant. It's a classic example of just how crazy things were one way and how much they've fallen so rapidly.

Towle: One of the things I think is interesting is the income disparity in business today. I think the numbers on the income of a CEO, compared to the average worker, has gone up from something like 40 times the average worker to 400 times the average worker. I'll defer to Professor LaLonde on this, but going back to the 1890s, there were some very serious social problems that resulted from situations like this. Even later, Teddy Roosevelt and a lot of early reformers tried to protect democracy by preventing a certain group of people from having so much control over society. Today, I'm worried that the monetary elite we've created does not seem to be reinvesting in our society. We have a small group of very, very, very wealthy who can control all sorts of outcomes through their wealth.

LaLonde: Going back to what Kyle was saying about media cycles and short memories … here we have all of these scandals like Enron, Tyco and WorldCom, and the shouting that we need to have corporate reform, yet nothing really substantively has changed.

Towle: Like the head of the New York Stock Exchange (Richard Grasso) recently getting a buyout for $140 million!

LaLonde: Yes, exactly. I hope our political leaders begin to get a dose of reality soon, because, to me, it is hard to believe that anyone could justify this rarified world where making $140 million seems completely reasonable—that it's just part of the corporate equation.

Birge: Isn't the underlying issue here the problem with capitalism, so that in order for somebody to be on top, there's got to be somebody underneath?

LaLonde: I think one of the missions we have as a Catholic institution is to reflect and question the dominant people of society—which is so wealth oriented. Should our mission be to create reflective people who stand apart from that model? I find it kind of sad that there isn't more active reflection on wealth and capitalism?

Larrivee: Henge, do you want to speak up!

Sedghi: Well, in my economics class with Dr. Larrivee, we have studied those things. I have a lot of business major roommates and they're currently writing their ethics papers on Enron. They understand what happened is wrong but after a certain point, they feel, as students, that there isn't a lot they can do about it. Somebody with a whole lot of money will still be able to control corporate America. We may know better, but that doesn't mean we're going to necessarily act better.

ISN'T THE UNDERLYING ISSUE HERE THE PROBLEM WITH CAPITALISM, SO THAT IN ORDER FOR SOMEBODY TO BE ON TOP, THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMEBODY UNDERNEATH?—*Birge*

Henge, as you get close to entering the job market, how do you feel? What's going through your mind today?

Sedghi: Politely?

Yes. This is a family magazine!

Sedghi: The phrase I can't stand is: "It's whom you know, not what you know." It's so clear in my mind right now because I don't know anything about computers yet my uncle wants to give me a job working for a computer company. Because I'll have a liberal arts degree, he says he can teach me what I'll need to know, because the Mount has taught me everything else.

Birge: He's right!

Sedghi: I know. So, in that respect, I'm glad I chose to go here. For students specializing in one program at larger universities, I feel very sorry for them. I don't think they're going to get hired right away while I can think of a lot of jobs I could perform. If I went to a huge university where it was a matter of my skill alone, I don't know that I would be feeling as confident.

Let's move on to foreign affairs and American foreign policy. Do you believe removing Saddam Hussein from power was worth the potential loss of American lives? And have your opinions of the war with Iraq changed in its aftermath?

Birge: Was it worth it? Loss of life is never worth anything.

LaLonde: I don't quite agree with that.

Birge: I don't see how one can be a practicing Christian ...

LaLonde: What about Rwanda? You wouldn't have been willing to send in troops to Rwanda to kill a 1,000 people to save a million? We had complete evidence, yet we had no political willingness to take a step into that situation. I think sometimes war is the answer because you have to meet that equation. There are times when aggression has to be met. I don't think we needed to take the actions that we made in Iraq, butt I don't think you can say that aggression is never necessary. History has proven otherwise.

Ingels: One interesting thing that struck me during the war was why so many people were clamoring to go into African nations, yet we seem to have forgotten about the tens of thousands of people that Saddam Hussein murdered. I mean brutally murdered. I'm not saying it was right or wrong or good or bad. I just find it interesting when I you look at the media debate.

Towle: If we set aside the question of whether we should have gone in or whether it was right or wrong, there still is the question of how we did it. Something I fault President Bush for is that he didn't go into Iraq the way he went into Afghanistan, where he was reluctantly patient—at a time when there was great reason not to be. President Bush built a coalition of many different countries, including countries I never would have believed would go along, like Pakistan. He organized an effort against the Taliban and then removed it. In Iraq, it was almost the exact opposite. There was no patience. He kept saying: "We can't drag this on for months." Well, we dragged it on for 12 years. If it had been part of a multinational contingency, which included, perhaps, some Muslim or Arab nations, we would have had more legitimacy there. We wouldn't have been in the embarrassing situation before the United Nations, where, after ignoring them completely and not using them, we have to go to them and ask them for support in the reconstruction.

WE SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN MURDERED—*Ingles*

Does it bother you that weapons of mass destruction have not been found in large quantities in Iraq?

Birge: I'm grateful to God there wasn't.

LaLonde: One of the reasons why it matters is because it was used as a strong justification for the war and if the evidence looks weaker and weaker I find that troubling—just the lack of looking at evidence and offering counter arguments. It is something we spend time teaching in a liberal arts college—the importance of weighing evidence to make an informed decision.

Towle: I suspect there were people who earnestly believed weapons of mass destruction existed in Iraq and that there are people who still seem to believe there are. You still hear people say we're going to find them.

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IN SOCIAL JUSTICE, I THINK STUDENTS WANT WHAT'S BEST FOR THE PEOPLE—*Sedghi*

Do you think students today are more conservative, more liberal, or somewhere in between?

Sedghi: I think it depends on what you're talking about. I think if you're talking about economics, then students want to make just as much money as the next everyone else, but in social justice, I think students want what's best for the people, so I think it depends on the issue.

Ingels: I would guess that first question you get when you tell somebody you're going to be a college professor, or a nun or a priest, or do a year of service somewhere is: "Why would you want to do that, you're not going to make any money." And that disconnect between not just social justice but, also, moral and economic problems is a scary thing. And, unfortunately, I think it's getting worse with college students today rather than better.

Robinson: And I think it goes back to their frame of reference, where students come from. I find that many students, when you talk about being conservative or liberal, are a reflection of what their parents are, as well as the impressions students have from their classes. I believe professors and the classes students take can actually define their thought processes, to a certain degree.

Towle: Wow! We do have an impact.

LaLonde: (Laughing) We do brainwash!

I BELIEVE PROFESSORS AND THE CLASSES STUDENTS TAKE CAN ACTUALLY DEFINE THEIR THOUGHT PROCESSES, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE.—*Robinson*

Let's play a little word association with the candidates running for president from the Democrat Party ... starting with Carol Moseley Braun.

Towle: Why?

Why do this?

Towle: No, that's my answer for Carol Moseley Braun—why!

LaLonde: That's mine, too. Why?

Wesley Clark?

Ingels: Novelty.

Towle: Potential.

LaLonde: Scary.

Howard Dean?

Robinson: Stretching.

John Edwards?

Robinson: Absolutely no chance.

Richard Gephardt?

Birge: How many times has he run now?

John Kerry?

LaLonde: The cookie cutter candidate. Such a senator!

Dennis Kucinich?

LaLonde: Crazy!

Larrivee: Sellout. He was totally pro-life and he totally turned around when the subject of partial birth abortion came up. He totally sold out. He was pro-life in Ohio and in Congress, but as soon as he became a national candidate, he was told to shut up.

Joe Lieberman?

LaLonde: Too liberal.

Birge: Most like Bush.

Towle: I don't think he has the charisma.

Sedghi: And his religion would be an issue.

The Rev. Al Sharpton?

Larrivee: Refreshing and entertaining.

Towle: There is something refreshing about him but I don't want him to be president.

So who wins the 2004 election?

Towle: As a political scientist, I would caution people to never predict an election this far out. I do have a few general observations. Bush is vulnerable, but there would have to be a strong candidate running against him. So far, none of the Democrats are emerging as strong candidates, though there are several with potential. Bush has far more money to run with than any of the potential Democrats, and this is important in terms of organization. On the other hand, the economic recovery is slow, but there is actually a recovery. If I had to give odds right now, I'd guess I'd give him a 65 percent chance of reelection, but I also know that I'll be calculating things differently in a few months.

What issues will you look at to help you define who to vote for in the 2004 presidential election?

Robinson: Health care and taxes.

Birge: Health care and balancing the budget.

LaLonde: National security and health care.

Towle: Fiscal policy, national security and health care.

Ingels: Definitely national security, homeland defense and fiscal policy but also character of the individual. It's something most Americans leave out of the debate.

Larrivee: National security and the appointment of judges across the board, but especially the Supreme Court.

Sedghi: Homeland security and health care benefits.

One last question. Hillary Clinton. 2004, 2008 or never?

Towle: I have absolutely no idea about Hillary. I don't see any chance that she would run in 2004. It's too late for that, I think. 2008 is possible; she'd be 61 years old, and that would still be considered a normal age for a presidential candidate. But I have no sense of this at all.

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A Long, Long way from home

Find out more about a few of the faculty and staff members who bring an international perspective to the Mount!

By Barb Ruppert

Students in Costa Rica; Lozano and husband, Alberto, ready to tour the rainforest canopy.

Diana Rodriguez-Lozano

Associate Professor of Foreign Languages

Quick and vivacious, Diana Rodriguez-Lozano fondly reminisces about the color and beauty of her favorite cities (Buenos Aires and Guanajuato, Mexico) and notes that "everyone knows I hate cold weather!" But she loves the Mount enough to brave the winters and has energized students since 1989 with insights gained from a childhood spent in several Latin American countries.

After earning her master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Maryland, she welcomed the chance to create a Latin American Studies program at the Mount, where the small class sizes would enable her to work closely with students.

"Learning the culture is critical when learning a language," Lozano notes. "I also try to bring practical aspects into all of my classes."

Lozano's true joy lies in opening the world to her students through study abroad. She created a summer program in Seville, Spain; a summer program in Costa Rica with fellow professor Emilio Rodriguez; and a fall break service program in Peru with Director of Community Service Learning Melissa Main. Coordinating the trips is a job in itself, but it's worth it to her. "Studying abroad is incredibly important. The only way to really learn about another culture is to live it, to be part of it, which you can't do as a tourist. And when students are accepted and welcomed abroad, it opens their minds. We all have so much to learn from each other."

Christopher Blake in his office; Blake misses the cosmopolitan French cafés of London.

Christopher Blake

Professor of Education, Department Chair and Director of Teacher Education

Born and raised in London, Christopher Blake spent eight years at Oxford University and then returned to London to earn his doctorate and teach. He arrived at the Mount in 2000 after rising to faculty leadership and administrative posts at Towson University.

The Mount fit his philosophy of education perfectly. "A college with a religious identity constantly reminds us that what we do is in a larger service," he explains. "We're not just educating students to be productive citizens. Democracy is fragile, especially now, and its survival rests on educating students to be ethical human beings who realize their impact on others."

Blake is clearly dedicated to his work on teacher preparation and values education. But he also delights in city life, watches British comedy and loves to travel. When asked what he misses most about home, he nostalgically speaks of cosmopolitan London's French cafés and Indian restaurants. "But we have a beautiful house in the woods just minutes from the Mount, and my boys [ages 8 and 9] are happy to grow up here while regularly visiting the UK."

Blake teaches nontraditional students in both the Weekend College and graduate programs and says he enjoys the Mount's success in reaching multiple audiences. "Many new students come from commercial and other business backgrounds, wanting to do something different with their lives. We have an excellent teaching team in the education department, and our programs are growing quickly."

Paulett McIntosh

Assistant Dean of Student Development and Director of Intercultural Development

Serving as a crisis manager, advising the Gospel Choir, implementing retention programs for the Mount's U.S. minority and international students, and bringing multicultural events to campus are all in a day's work for Paulett McIntosh. She moved to the United States from Jamaica to go to college, and she's stayed in college life ever since.

McIntosh, who's been at the Mount for four years, has worked in student affairs since her undergraduate studies at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. She adds, "When I moved to Framingham State College in Massachusetts to earn my master's degree, I realized that my calling was to work on predominantly white campuses to promote diversity and to serve as a mentor to minority students.

"Growing up in Jamaica, I never saw my skin color as a hindrance to my success because my parents always told us having a good education was very important—that if we worked hard, we could succeed."

McIntosh explains that she likes the Mount because her position combines work in both student and academic affairs. The faculty and administrators with whom she works are truly committed to broadly addressing issues of diversity. "Plus, at the Mount I can share my culture in all its richness, including my Christianity."

And whether it's sending money home to put her siblings through college or spending long hours to create a new program, McIntosh supports her convictions with her actions—generously and joyfully.

McIntosh's mother and younger siblings, pictured soon after she left Jamaica in 1986; McIntosh at the Mount

One of the photos McGrath brought to the Mount: Hundreds of Newfoundlanders, refusing to abandon their homes, towed them to new sites during a forced government relocation program in the 1950s and 60s.

Sean McGrath

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

"Teaching is a performance art. You cannot be boring!" comments Sean McGrath, who learned this lesson well when he began his teaching career at the high school level. He joined the Mount this fall after teaching at universities in Newfoundland and Toronto.

McGrath, who earned his master's and doctorate in philosophy from the University of Toronto and has a master's degree in theology, specializes in the Catholic intellectual tradition and will soon have a book published on Heidegger. He was drawn to the Mount by its strong Catholic identity and genuine core curriculum. "It's not a crash course. Students read primary texts," he enthuses.

When asked about his family home of Newfoundland, he evokes images of the wilderness and the sea. "It's an enormous island with a unique culture born of hardship and isolation—it was its own country until 1949. It is a magical place. I miss the huge horizon."

McGrath is busy exploring his new home, though, and preparing to introduce it to his fiancée, also from Canada. And, of course, he is busy teaching a subject he obviously loves.

"Philosophy is one of the last holdouts against utilitarian education—college as a career center. I want to impress upon my students that knowledge for its own sake is important." He laughs softly. "It's not what you can do with philosophy, but what it can do with you!"

From left to right: Mary Hamel, Charles A. Beitz, Tim Vermeulen, Elizabeth Holtry and William Collinge.

Mount faculty develop and share their knowledge locally, nationally and internationally. For a complete list of faculty activities through spring 2003, visit *www.msmary.edu.*

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Rosie Bolen: "Environmental Enrichment for Lions and Tigers in Zoos via Stimulus Objects," with Jill VanMetter, M. Dana Harriger, Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences, Harrisburg, Pa., April, 2003.

Kirk Davidson: Panelist, "Integrating Ethics into the Principles of Marketing Course," American Marketing Association, Orlando, February, 2003.

Patricia Farrell: "Special Education Internships in Professional Development Schools," with Susan Collins and Margaret Hogan, Eastern Educational Research Conference, Hilton Head, S.C., February-March, 2003.

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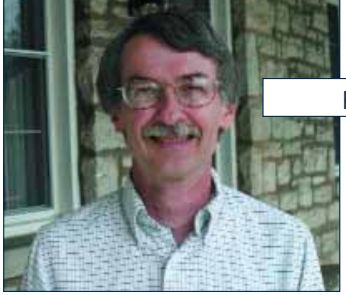

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Charles A. Beitz: Reviewer, "The Journal of Power and Ethics," Editorial Board, May, 2003.

William Collinge: Resource person, discussion, "The Next Christianity," Philip Jenkins, Theological Commission, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ, Harrisburg, Pa., March, 2003.

Stacey Brown-Hobbs: Program developer, "Rising to Readiness Threes" and "Rising to Readiness Fours," St. John's Christian Preschool, Thurmont, Md., 2003.

Karen Keely: Panel organizer and chair, "Race Radical?: Reassessing Pauline Hopkins," Annual Meeting of the Modern Language Association, New York, December, 2002.

Andrew Rosenfeld: Guest lecturer, University of Seville, Spain, music education class, "Performance Style in American Spirituals," March, 2003.

Michael Towle: Panelist, "Presidential Communication and Persuasion," 2003 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Mary Kate Birge: President, Baltimore-Washington Region branch of the Catholic Biblical Association, 2003.

Kurt Blaugher: Host, Executive Committee of the Theatre as a Liberal Art, Association for Theatre in Higher Education, January-February, 2003.

Mentor, Leadership Institute of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, July 2003.

Jack Campbell: Facilitator, Contributions of Faculty, Eastern Educational Research Association, February, 2003.

Danny Miles: National Science Foundation review panel, Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement proposals, Washington, D.C., January, 2003.

Michael Miller: Reviewer/Panelist, American Association of University Women Education Foundation International Fellowship competition, Washington, D.C., March, 2003.

Carmen Schmersahl: Middle States Visiting Team, Keystone College, Spring, 2003.

Steven White: Peer Reviewer, McGraw-Hill Publishers.

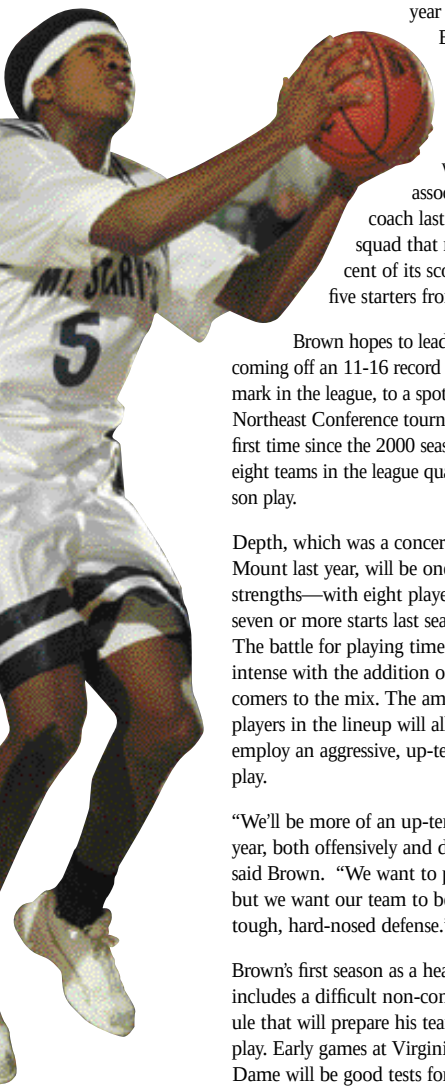
Tim Wolfe: "Land Use in Frederick County: A Comparative Study," sponsored by Frederick County Office of Economic Development, findings presented to Frederick County Commissioners.

AWARDS

Rick C. Brocato: "Governor's Citation," distinguished contributions as a Lead Examiner, Governor's Performance Excellence Assessment Program, the State of Maryland, October, 2003.

Marcia J. McKinley: Instructional Resource Award, Division of Teaching Psychology, American Psychological Association, for *Using Mock Trials to Teach Introduction to Psychology.*

MEN'S BASKETBALL …
A New Era Begins!



A new era of Mount basketball begins this year as Milan Brown takes over for the legendary Jim Phelan. Brown, who was the team's associate head coach last year, inherits a squad that returns 95 percent of its scoring and all five starters from a year ago.

Brown hopes to lead the Mount, coming off an 11-16 record and a 6-12 mark in the league, to a spot in the Northeast Conference tournament for the first time since the 2000 season. The top eight teams in the league qualify for postseason play.

Depth, which was a concern for the Mount last year, will be one of the team's strengths—with eight players who made seven or more starts last season returning. The battle for playing time should be intense with the addition of three newcomers to the mix. The amount of quality players in the lineup will allow Brown to employ an aggressive, up-tempo style of play.

"We'll be more of an up-tempo team this year, both offensively and defensively," said Brown. "We want to push the ball, but we want our team to be known for its tough, hard-nosed defense."

Brown's first season as a head coach includes a difficult non-conference schedule that will prepare his team for NEC play. Early games at Virginia and Notre Dame will be good tests for the team. The non-conference schedule also includes national power Maryland in early January.

Guard play is crucial in the NEC, and the Mount has plenty of weapons available in the backcourt. Sophomores Landy Thompson, a NEC All-Rookie selection last year, and Chris Sumner started all 27 games as freshmen. Seniors Jamion Christian, Koki Adasi and Donte Alexander provide veteran leadership, while transfer Antonio Johnson should make a push for minutes. Sophomore walk-on Josh Dittmar also returns.

The Mount also has several key returnees in the frontcourt. Sophomore Charles Cook (7.8 ppg), and freshman Mychal Kearse should see action at the small forward spot. Sophomore Kiel Butler, senior Pat Atangana and junior Jason Carbone return at the power forward spot, with freshman Gus Durr battling for time there as well. In the post, senior Nick Dodson and junior Jason Epps return at the center spot.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL …
Looking to Win it All!

With the Mount preparing to set sail on the 2003-04 women's basketball season, the goals are no different from previous years as head coach Vanessa Blair sets out to win what she calls, "the whole thing:" a Northeast Conference regular season title, the NEC tournament and an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

In order to accomplish that task, the Mount did some retooling in the off-season, addressing needs and bringing in five freshmen for the season.

"Our needs are not to bring in another 20-point scorer because we have very offensive-minded players, especially in Adrienne Harris, Beth Foster and Myriam Baccouche," said Blair.

The Mount, which has led the conference in scoring the past two seasons, will follow the lead of Harris, Foster and Baccouche—all within striking distance of reaching the 1,000-point plateau early in their senior years.

"Our senior class is eager and ready to finish what they were brought here to do, meaning they are ready to take that next step and win a championship," commented Blair. "We have had a couple of down seasons, and with the core of players that led us last year, and the addition of five young ladies who all bring some strong qualities of defense, we should be able to turn the ship around."

The backcourt, with Harris and Baccouche as the top returnees, has the capability to make a lot of things happen on offense and defense. As the Mount's conductor on offense, Harris returns for her senior year needing 65 points to reach the Mount's exclusive 1,000-point club. Harris has strong ball handling skills and sees the court very well, averaging 3.7 assists per game last season.

Last season, Baccouche became the Mount's all-time leader in three-point field goals made and averaged 14.0 ppg, third best on the team. She needs 102 points to break the 1,000-point barrier.

In the post area, the Mount will offer a much bigger presence, especially on the defensive end, with three newcomers all standing 6′ 3″ tall or better—enabling the Mount to shuffle its lineup and allow Blair to move players to their more natural position. The squad will look to two-time NEC All-conference selection Beth Foster for guidance at she returns for her senior year. Foster needs just 35 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau. She averaged 16.0 points and a team-high 9.3 rebounds, while registering 14 double-doubles.

A FEW QUESTIONS WITH *Coach Brown*

For the first time in 50 years, there is a new head coach on the bench of the Mount's men's basketball team. Milan Brown takes over for the legendary Jim Phelan and expectations are high. Sports Information Director Mark Vandergrift sat down with the new coach to get his thoughts on the 2003-04 season.

What are your expectations heading into the season?
I'm excited about the season. We definitely can build on the momentum generated last year. It's always exciting when you have a young team.

What was it like to be part of coach Jim Phelan's staff?
It was a great experience to be on coach Phelan's staff. Not only was I able to learn a great deal from him, but he also let me learn on my own. He never pigeon-holed me into doing things a certain way, and he let his staff express their opinions.

Who are some of the major influences on your coaching career?
Definitely my college coaches at Howard University had a great influence on me. The head coach, Butch Beard, and the assistant coach, Jerry Eaves, were pro players. Butch won an NBA title as a player with Golden State, while Jerry won an NCAA title at Louisville. Obviously, coach Phelan had a great influence on my career, as did my father, Charles, who was a college football coach at Hampton. All of these individuals have helped me grow both as a coach and as a person.

Were sports a major part of your family growing up?
I definitely come from a sports-oriented background. My father coached high school and college football. My middle brother, Morocco, is with the Chicago Bears as an assistant pro personnel director. He was a middle linebacker at North Carolina State and made it to the final cut with the Pittsburgh Steelers. After he was cut, he jumped over to the administrative side, working with the Washington Redskins for two years before moving to Chicago.

My youngest brother, Marseilles, works with NBA Entertainment. He played two years at Richmond and two years at Hampton, and went to the NCAA Tournament at each school. When Morocco and Marseilles were in high school, I got the chance to coach them in basketball, which was a unique experience. My high school coach, Revis Conrad, knew I wanted to be a college coach, and he was the one who got me started on my career path. He let me handle a variety of things as his assistant, which allowed me to build a foundation for my coaching career.

What are your recruiting philosophies?
We are trying to hone in on Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia as our core recruiting area. There are a lot of good players in those states. We are not in the position to recruit on the national scale, but if we take care of those four states, we'll be all right. We will definitely go outside of these areas if a prospective student-athlete shows a genuine interest in the Mount, but in general, we want to focus on the local area.

What kind of adjustments have you had to make from being an assistant head coach to the head coach?
I think I've signed my name more since being named head coach than I ever have in my life. The biggest adjustment has been the switch from making suggestions to being the one who makes the decisions. One of the things I enjoy most about coaching is creating individual workouts to help the student-athletes develop their game. However, with a lot more to take care of from the head coaching standpoint, I have had to let my assistants take that over, and that's been a big adjustment for me as well.

What do you expect your style of play to be?
We'll be applying pressure both offensively and defensively, which will make us more of an up-tempo team. I like to play transition ball, but to do that, you have to make stops on the defensive end. If we can get stops, we'll be able to run. The challenge for our players will be how quickly they can play while limiting our turnovers.

What's your take on the Northeast Conference?
The NEC has always been an extremely competitive league. It's difficult in this league to predict who will come out on top at the end of the year. Every night you have a chance to win in this league, but you know it will be a dog fight.

You were a point guard at Howard University. How has that helped you in your coaching career?
Playing the point was a great asset in my coaching career. When you play the point, you are in a position of looking at the other nine players on the court, both on the offensive and defensive end. It is the hardest position in basketball because you have so many responsibilities on the court. Playing the point helped build a background for me to build upon as a coach.

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"Peg and Wally were very humble and unassuming people. They always had a dream to do something for the students of the college and seminary."
—Frank DeLuca, vice president for advancement.

CATCHING UP WITH … *Thomas G. O'Hara, C'64*

Chairman, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary Board of Trustees

Bio: Lives in McLean, Va., with wife, Patti. Married for 37 years. Four children: Kelly, Kevin, Courtney and Erin. Two grandchildren: Parker, six months; and Ryan, four months.

Occupation: Retired from Prudential Insurance in Washington, D.C., in 2000. Vice president of public affairs/government relations from 1988-2000.

Why the Mount? As a student, I was always active on campus. I was the student manager of the men's basketball team when we won the national championship in 1962. I just stayed active through the years with alumni reunions and other special events.

Goals for the Board of Trustees? When I became board chairman in March, I stated three goals … to have a successful presidential transition; to begin laying the groundwork for an exciting bicentennial celebration in 2008; and to put a process in place in relation to recruiting, training and retention of trustees. We're well on our way!

Motto I live by: I have two, actually … *"Most of life is just showing up,"* which, for me, means being there for people and staying active in things that truly matter, and *"Let go. Let God,"* for my spiritual life.

MOUNT RECEIVES GIFT *from the Opekuns*

The Mount recently received a gift of $813,000 from the estate of Margaret "Peg" Opekun, to be divided equally between the college and seminary.

Mrs. Opekun, who died in September of 2002, worked at the Mount for more than 40 years as a secretary in several offices, including the president's. She retired in 1969.

"Peg kept the love of the Mount alive in her heart for many years, long after her retirement," says Frank DeLuca, vice president for advancement at the Mount. "The significant size of her gift reflects an enormous capacity for demonstrating her deep feelings for the Mount. For those who knew her, the gift comes as no surprise. In many ways, it came about because of the great friendships she enjoyed with her colleagues at all levels, from fellow secretaries to the college's presidents. She would have wanted each of them to know that they too share in this gift."

Peg's husband, Walter "Wally" Opekun, also worked at the Mount until his retirement in 1975. Wally served as director of maintenance and as a coach for the basketball, football and baseball teams. Both Peg and Wally were inducted into the Mount's National Alumni Association for their combined 73 years of service to the college, its students, parents, faculty, administration and friends. Wally died in 1997.

30TH ANNUAL *Beach Gathering* OF THE CLASS OF 1961

Look how it's grown since we began with seven couples in 1974 at Luke Fannon's house in Brigantine, N.J.

Top:
Couch, left to right: Pat Savage, Jeannie Peterson, Mary Christopher, Pat Walsh, with Pat Roth in front, Elaine Vadas and Elizabeth Granelli. Standing left to right: Joyce McGreevy, Mary Beth Merolla, Taphy Harcsar, Mary T. Gaffney, Judy Gallagher, Sandy Bruther and Kay Quinn. Some wives were absent for grandmotherly duties.

Bottom:
Couch, left to right: Pete Gallagher, Mike Shaw, Jack Walsh with Frank Merolla in front, Dick Christopher, Mike Granelli, Don Quinn and John Roth. Rear, l to r: Joe Healy, Luke Fannon, Bill Bruther, Tom Courtney, Gerry McGreevy, Pete Moore, Gene Harcsar, Tom Gaffney, Mickey Scanlon, Chuck Vadas, Larry Peterson, with Jim Gay, Emmett Sullivan and Gerry Savage behind. Missing: Bill Blandford.

1961

William "Doc" Blandford, C'61, coaches women's soccer for the Camp Springs Soccer Club of Maryland. Recent team accomplishments include the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association Women's Over 40 Veteran's Cup Champions in 2002, the SoccerDome Indoor Winter Session I Champions (Open-Division-undefeated) 2003, and the SoccerDome Indoor Winter Session II Champions (Open-Division-undefeated) 2003.

1969

Raymond A. Kuthy, DDS, MPH, C'69, became the 48th president of the American Board of Dental Public Health at its annual meeting, which was held April 25-28, 2003, in Milwaukee, Wis. He is professor and chair, department of preventive and community dentistry, at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

Dr. Kuthy received his dental degree from Temple University, his M.P.H. from the University of Minnesota, and was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Services Research Fellow at Harvard University. He has received the American Association of Public Health Dentistry's President's Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors.

1970

George E. Borst, C'70, president and CEO of Toyota Financial Services (TFS) since 2000, has been appointed a director of the Toyota Financial Services Corporation (TFSC) board as of June 2003. The board, based in Japan, oversees 27 affiliates around the world.

Mr. Borst joined Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc. in 1985 and was appointed group vice president in 1993. In 1997, he was named director of Toyota Motor Credit Corporation board and, later that year, executive vice president. Prior to joining Toyota, Mr. Borst had a 15-year career with the Chevrolet Division of General Motors in various management positions.

1977

William R. Talley Jr., C'77, has recently been promoted to executive vice president and CFO of Frederick County Bank. Mr. Talley has 26 years of progressive financial management experience in both public and private accounting.

1979

Beth (Lynch) Comstock, C'79, was married to Greg Comstock on May 25, 2003, at Shenandoah Crossing in Gordonsville, Va. Mr. Comstock is originally from Richmond. After honeymooning in Kentucky and Tennessee, Beth and Greg relocated to Denton, Texas, where Mr. Comstock accepted a position with the Red Angus Association of America as the marketing director. Mrs. Comstock is employed as a registered nurse at Denton Regional Medical Center.

REUNION CLASSES *Golf Tournament*

The 3rd Annual Reunion Classes Golf Tournament was held on June 6 at the Mountain View Golf Club with 109 participants. The tournament raised $4,500 for the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship program, bringing the total raised to more than $10,000 in three years.

The winning foursome, with a score of 57, was **Mike Sheehan, C'89, John Laughlin, C'86, Jim Laughlin, C'90, and Larry Howley, C'88 (pictured, l to r)**. In second place were **Ted Lavin, C'93, Joe Lopresti, C'93, and Pat O'Brien, C'93**, with a round of 60. Third place honors went to **Mike Gruiffre, C'83, Kevin Carragher, C'83, Phil Greene, C'83, and Mike Ostronic, C'83**, with a score of 62. Individual honors were won by Larry Howley, for the longest drive, and Joe Lopresti, closest to the pin. **John Walsh, C'58**, outgoing Board of Trustees chair, was the guest of honor. **Get ready for next year's tournament on Friday, June 4, 2004!**

Right:
Members of the class of 1983 gathered around the plaque in front of Patriot Hall to remember their lost classmates Tony Gallagher and Kevin Murphy.

1983

Members of the class of 1983 (above) gathered around the plaque in front of Patriot Hall to remember their lost classmates **Tony Gallagher, C'83**, and **Kevin Murphy, C'83**. The plaque was made in remembrance of those lost in the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Carrie Gallagher, Tony's widow, is pictured second from the left. Others include, l to r: **Tricia Lawler, C'83, Frank McShalley, C'85, Joanne (Weed) McShalley, C'83**, Barb Ford (wife of **John Ford, C'83**) and **Diane (Loiello) Palmieri, C'83**.

Jeff White, C'83, is now the athletic director at Reading High, his high school alma mater, in Reading, Pa. While attending the Mount, Jeff was an All American and won the NCAA Division II national title in the 400 at 45.7. Later he won a gold medal at the Pan Am Games as a member of the 1600 relay team and was an alternate on the 1984 U.S. Olympic team. He is also a member of the Mount's Hall of Fame.

A group from the class of 1983 got together in Lincroft, N.J., this past June because they were unable to make their 20th reunion. Pictured are: **Mike Chrepta, C'83, Frank Barnes, C'83, Pat Allocco, C'83, Mark Fleming, C'83, and Bob Pastoor, C'76.**

1985

Michael Ludwig, C'85, and his wife, Nancy, celebrated the birth of their first child, Brendan Dennis, on Dec. 20, 2002.

1988

On Nov. 17, 2001, **Jane Purkis, C'88**, married Peter Kearney in Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Hoboken, N.J. Mount alumni in the wedding party were: **Raymond Purkis III, C'87, Daniel Purkis, C'93, and Eileen (Riordan) Whitney, C'88.** Other Mount alumni in attendance were: **Raymond Purkis Jr., C'63, and Mary Ellen (Gill) Purkis SJC, C'63** (bride's parents). Also in attendance were: **Raymond Amato, C'63, Michael Callahan, C'63, Thomas Tracey, C'62, Vincent Oliveri, C'54, Joyce (Thornton) Barry, C'88, Dedie Jones Campbell, C'88, Jean Carter Duncan, C'88, Kathy Gill McDermott, C'88, Kathy (Mulligan) McElroy, C'88, Patrick McElroy, C'86, Jaqui Martin, C'88, Terris (McGreevey) Garbarini, C'88, Bo Keane, C'92, Sue (Jankulow) Keane, C'92, Camille (Andora) Galin, C'92, Jennifer (Rusnak) Kelly, C'95, Bill Kelly, C'94, Joan Rusnak, C'97, Jane Rusnak, C'01, Brad Glass, C'00, and Jill Rusnak, C'02.** Jane and Peter are residing in Madison, N.J.

1989

Christopher and Pamela (Gormas) Conti, C'89, announce the birth of Zachary Alan on May 1, 2003. Zachary joins his brother, Derek. The Contis live in Clayton, N.C.

Julie (Wright) Hyland, C'89, and husband, Tom, announce the birth of Blayze Thomas Hyland on July 14, 2003.

1990

Bill and Colleen (McGee) Dowd, C'90, announce the birth of Ryan William Dowd, born April 30, 2003. He joins his big sister, Morgan, age 5.

Cristin (McCarthy) Krokosz, C'90, and her husband, Matthew, welcomed their second child, Jessica Carey, on July 23, 2003. They have another daughter, Carly Marie, 20 months. Jessica is the eleventh grandchild for **Robert P. McCarthy, C'51.**

1992

Janice (Nason) Dills, C'92, and her husband, Jimmy, welcomed Mia Nicole into the world on June 27, 2003. Mia joins her big brother Connor.

1993

Kara Lee (Krum) Baker, C'93, was married to Robert Erin Baker on Aug. 24, 2003. Kara is a senior staff accountant at Spirent Communications in Rockville, and Robert is a technical specialist at Spirent.

Jennifer (Tracey) Eby, C'93, and husband Doug celebrated the birth of their son, Owen Henry, on July 3, 2003. Owen joins big sister Olivia, who is 3.

1994

Bridget (Daul) Kelly, C'94, and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their third child, Liam Broderick Kelly. Liam joins MaryKate, 6½, and Conor, 3½. Liam's godmother is **Kerry (Foley) McDevitt, C'94.**

Raising Awareness ABOUT MS

Melissa (Doherty) Gemelli, C'90, has been asked by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to join the 2003 MS Corporate Achievers Class program. This program honors professionals who have made an outstanding contribution to the business, civic and cultural betterment of the community. Its purpose is to raise awareness about the disease and the society.

Gemelli knows firsthand about the programs and services provided by the National MS Society—she has been living with the disease for five years. Diagnosed four months before her wedding, Gemelli says, "I knew absolutely nothing about the disease and its prog ression, medications or other treatment. I immediately began researching the disease and visited the society's website. There, I found the information I needed. I also joined a Newly Diagnosed Group Program sponsored by the society."

Despite the unpredictable nature of the disease, Gemelli continues to live life to the fullest. "With the support of my husband, parents, sisters, family and friends, and the National MS Society's programs, I learned to thrive despite my disease. I decided I would not give up what I wanted from life just because of MS. Once I made this decision, I realized there were some skills I could learn from MS, mainly patience and prioritizing. On August 17, 2002, we welcomed twins Brendan and Meghan into our lives."

Laura McGinley, C'94, married Francisco Ponce at the Mount's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on May 24, 2003. Celebrating the ceremony was former Mount chaplain Rev. Keith Boisvert. The reception took place at the Carriage House Inn and ended after a few rounds at the Ott House Pub. Mounties in attendance were: **Sarah McGinley, D.O., C'99, Inga Rohe, C'94, Maria Gloria (Ponce) de Bakker, C'93, Kristen (Lindquist) Onofrey, C'94, Leanna Rahll, C'94, Carrie (Hackett) Slavinski, C'93, John Breslin, C'92, Jen (Hagan) Breslin, C'93, Jessica Plumeri, C'94, Maria "Maruki" Soto, C'95, John Gonano, C'95, Chris and Susie (Oakey) Gearhart, both C'95, and Sebastian Ponce, C'03**.

Laura is currently the office manager for Kissinger McLarty Associates, a D.C. international strategic advisory firm headed by Dr. Henry Kissinger and Mack McLarty, Clinton's former chief of staff and special envoy to the Americas. Francisco is an insurance agent with American Income Life. The couple resides in Gaithersburg, Md.

Melba Shelly Yedinak, C'94, passed the CPA examination in May 2003. She is employed at Corporate Office Properties Trust in Columbia, Md.

1995

Liz Cavanagh, C'95, married Drew Kaliski on June 21, 2003, in Darien, Conn. Liz is currently a manager of production for the YES TV Network in N.Y. Her husband is a feature producer for ABC Sports, where the couple met. Mount alumni in attendance from the **class of '95** included: **Meg Gleeson, Regan Feinblatt, Debbie Ferri, Jenn Defeo, Jen Firlie, Christine Lembo, Terri Kirwan, Lauren Duryea, Shannyn (Mundie) Hyland, Kristen (Hazel) Stevenson, James Stevenson, Kristin Brandt, Nicole (Conreur) Davison and Agatha Depman**.

1996

Jenn (Whalen) Luciani, C'96, and husband Rob celebrated the birth of their daughter, Lauren June, on May 30, 2003.

Joe and Tara (Smith) Verch, C'96, announce the birth of their son, Patrick William, on July 29, 2003.

1997

Anne E. Boyle, C'97, received her M.A. in communication from the University of Maryland in 2001 and is now vice president at Sutton Group, a Washington, D.C.-based social marketing firm.

Kelly (Crean) Holter, C'97, and her husband, Richard, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, on June 10, 2002.

John Kelly, C'97, and Katie (Sullivan) Kelly, C'98, celebrated the birth of their son, John Patrick, on June 24, 2003. In addition, John received his MBA from Suffolk University in June.

Beth Ann (French) Miller, C'97, and Erik Miller, C'96, MBA'02, announce the birth of Patrick Thomas, born April 26, 2003. He has a big sister, Mikaela (3), and big brother, Ethan (1½).

Tom O'Hara, C'97, and his wife, Eileen, proudly announce the birth of their third child, Aidan Timothy, on April 10, 2003. Aidan was welcomed home by older brothers Patrick Lynch (4) and Brendan Thomas (2½). Tom was recently promoted to regional director of training and development for the Charmer-Sunbelt Corporation, one of the nation's leading wholesalers of fine wines and spirits. Tom and his family live in New York City.

Mike and Lori (Hagood) Rice, C'97, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Manning Rice. Matt was born on June 30, 2003.

Capt. Mark Wimmer, C'97, (cousin of **Pat McGinn, C'98**) returned home after being deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Mark is a pre-operative nurse with five years of military service.

THANKS TO ALUMNI WHO *CARE!*

A special thanks to the following CARE members who represented the Mount this fall at area college fairs:

Joe Dowd, C'66 | **Jerry Dowd, C'90** | **Stella Cinoa Barry, C'95** | **Ed Kenny, C'78** | **Kelly McLaughlin Catania, C'99**

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1998

Robert J. Antonetti Jr., C'98, married Jacqueline I. Lao on June 7, 2003. Robert graduated from the University of Maryland Law School in May 2001 and works as an attorney at the law firm of Shipley & Horne, PA. The couple resides in Bowie, Md.

Virginia Marie (Prevas) Beckett, C'98, now manages the First Strike Program for the Humane Society of the United States.

Carol (Dickenson) Pepe, C'98, was married to **Richard Pepe, C'99**, on Oct. 13, 2002, at Sacred Heart Church in Vineland, N.J. Mount alumni in attendance were: **Jennifer Klimes, C'98, Adam Phippen, C'99, Jayar Ostman, C'99, John Vivalo, C'99, Frank Bonanno, C'99, and Laura Carpenter, C'00**. The couple now resides in Vineland, N.J.

1999

A.J. Benchoff, C'99, is currently seeking the Ward 3 seat on Borough Council in Waynesboro, Pa. He is virtually assured of winning the seat in the November election, since he won both the Republican and Democratic elections in the primary.

Brian Ferguson, C'99, has returned home from Iraq. Before leaving he was awarded the Bronze Star. The recommendation for the award stated in part that his was "exceptionally meritorious service while engaged in ground Combat operations against regular and irregular forces of the Iraqi Republican Guard. Captain Ferguson's performance of duty as the Battalion Fire Direction Officer was nothing short of inspirational, putting himself with the lead elements of the battalion in order to command and control the fires of the battalion. He did so without regard for his personal safety, and was instrumental in the battalion's successful accomplishment of its mission.…"

Brian will be reporting to Fort Knox, Ky., to attend the Armor Captain's Career Course.

Dr. Sarah McGinley, C'99, earned her D.O. from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine upon graduation in June 2003. She will continue her medical training at Broward General Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale, where she will pursue a career in family practice/sports medicine.

Jennifer Whelan, C'99, began working for The Benson Capitol Co. in Feb. 2003, where she does internal auditing. She plans to get her CPA certification in the next year.

2000

Guy S. Roman, C'00, has received an appointment to the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, as a special agent. He is in the FLETC program in Artesia, N.M., and will be assigned to Washington, D.C., in October 2003 after completion of training.

Sarah (Schaffner) Schrott, C'00, was married to Harry Edmond "Bo" Schrott on Jan. 4, 2003, at Saint Mary's Church in Annapolis, Md.

2001

Martha Ciske, C'01, has been interning for the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology in Washington, D.C. Her work was also recently published by the University of Virginia Journal of Law and Technology.

Ace Custodio, C'01, and Chantelle (McCullum) Custodio, C'03, were married on Aug. 9, 2003, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Raymond Harris officiated. The ceremony was followed by a reception in Patriot Hall and fireworks. Alumni in the wedding were: **Veronica Allende, C'03, Carlina Garzione, C'03, David Packard, C'01, and Arne Custodio, C'97**. Guests included: **Victoria Emanuele, C'03, Graham Davids, C'03, Meghan Bolden, C'04, Angela Osterburg, C'03, Reid Shaklee, C'03, Meredith Pirone, C'03, Michael Cordisco, C'03, Michael Morgan, C'01, Joel Redman, C'01, Robert Balgac, C'00, MBA '02**, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Towle (professor and chair, political science), Dr. and Mrs. Emelio Rodriguez (professor, political science), Dr. Kristen Urban (professor, political science), Dr. Andrew Rosenfeld (professor, music, who also directed music and played piano at the ceremony), Dr. and Mrs. John Donovan (professor, philosophy), Sister Anne Higgens, and Dr. and Mrs. Einolf (professor, economics).

Ace is a senior network administrator for Plexus Scientific Corporation in D.C./Northern Virginia and operates a technology solutions company located in Columbia, Md. He is a Microsoft certified systems engineer, Microsoft certified systems administrator and Microsoft certified professional. Chantelle is attending the University of Maryland School of Law to pursue a career in civil litigation or corporate law.

Nick D'Alessio, C'01, was recently granted admission to the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, where he will complete interdisciplinary theological studies with an MAR in 2004. In September 2002, he presented a paper on "Rogationtide in Medieval Chartres" at the Medieval/Renaissance Studies conference held annually at the University of Virginia, Wise. He also presented a paper this September entitled, "To Rekindle a Memory: On the Cultural Poetics of Martyrdom," which focuses on how historians study the phenomenon of Christian martyrdom, with specific reference to how the music of William Byrd dealt with the subject. Nick is preparing a variety of studies for publication, including his work on Rogationtide and a study on rhetoric of common good. In addition, he is co-authoring an article on the Easter Dramatic Chartres.

Cindy DeSirant, C'01, joined AcctCite Inc., Frederick, as a staff accountant and consultant in the business service department.

Mike and Christine (Fee) Dougherty, C'01, were married April 26, 2003, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. James Donohue married the couple. Bridesmaids included **Ashley Rusk, C'01, and Laura Burdette, C'01**. Groomsmen included **Michael Dougherty, C'01, Ryan Brazell, C'00, and Matt Combs, C'01**.

In attendance were: **Jake Backover, C'02, Johanna Bonewitz, C'00, Michelle Coates, C'02, Dennis Molloy, C'02, Mary (Mann) Dougherty, C'00, Wil Bazela, C'01, Paul Chubb, C'01, James Costello, C'02, Matt Hill, C'01, Tim Keogh, C'01, Joe Malone, C'02, Brian (Pumpkin) Melody, C'99, Bill Kozmaczewski, C'00, Julia Baum, C'00, Bill McGowan, C'01, Megan Molloy, C'00, Ian Monigle, C'01, Lacey Morley, C'00, Erin O'Connor, C'01, and Tim Foltyn, C'01**. The couple lives in Sicklerville, N.J.

Matthew and Stephanie (Dowart) O'Mara, C'01, were married at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on June 28, 2003. Alumni in attendance were **JoAnna Miller, C'01, Katie Foss, C'01, and Vanessa Laurenzi, C'01**.

Sarah Wassner, C'01, is working as the assistant to the editor-in-chief of *National Geographic Kids Magazine*. She is living in Washington, D.C., and is pursuing a master's degree in nonfiction writing at Johns Hopkins University.

2003

Brian Santo, C'03, former Bishop McDevitt High School (PA) pitcher whom Detroit selected in the 43rd round of June's amateur draft, was 4-0 with a 2.20 ERA in 23 relief appearances for short-season Class A Oneonta.

BEST IN THE NATION *and Going for the Gold*

Edited by Katie Sherman, C'01

Rebeccah Wassner, C'97, with just one solid year of triathlon experience to her name, is now a national triathlon champion.

Wassner traveled to Shreveport, La., on Sept. 20, 2003, to compete as part of the largest field ever assembled at the USA Triathlon National Age Group Championships. Easily outdistancing her closest competitor by a whopping 42 seconds, Wassner won the race—which involved a 1.5k swim, 40k bike race and 10k run—in 2:08:43. Approximately 1,250 triathletes were in the race, which was the only qualifier for the 2004 International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Triathlon Championships in Madeira Island, Portugal.

Although she had placed an impressive third at the USA Triathlon Worlds Qualifier, Wassner entered the Shreveport race with no expectation to win. But after gaining a solid lead on the swim leg, she could tell the victory was in her grasp. After losing her lead on the bike, Wassner—a multiple Northeast Conference track champion and school record holder while at the Mount—relied on her quick feet to reel in the competition one by one, and kicked it home in what would be one of the fastest running splits of the day.

"I had to work hard in the run to catch the other girls, but once I got to mile four, I knew I had it. This is the first time I've ever competed in a triathlon with so many other talented athletes, so the victory was a huge thrill," Wassner says.

The USA Triathlon victory marks Wassner's second age-group national championship of the year. This summer she won the 1500m Freestyle at the US Masters Swimming Championships in Rutgers, N.J. Next, she'll travel to Queenstown, New Zealand, in December to test herself against the world's best at the 2003 ITU World Triathlon Championships.

Though Wassner is currently eligible to be a professional triathlete, she's holding on to her amateur status for the time being. However, she's hoping that these latest feats will propel her into the professional triathlon circuit, perhaps as early as next summer.

"I first wanted to prove to myself—and to others—that I have the skills necessary to compete at such a high caliber. I'm already looking ahead to the Olympic Trials [next year], and I think I have a good shot at making them as a pro," Wassner explains.

Wassner has already achieved major accolades in the three-sport challenge this year, including winning the Long Island Gold Coast Triathlon in June and capturing her age-group (25-29) title at the New York City Triathlon in August, where she was the second female finisher overall. Last winter, Wassner traveled to Australia on a training trip and finished sixth at the Australian National Sprint Championships in Coffs Harbour, New South Wales. While in Australia, Wassner trained with fellow Mount alum and triathlete **Tim Kitching, C'00**, and his wife, **Heather (Moul), C'98**.

Wassner, formerly of Gaithersburg, Md., and now a resident of New York City, is a certified public accountant and spends her days handling the finances for Amy's Bread, an artisan bakery in the city. She is currently sponsored by Claritin.

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REV. CARL J. FIVES *Scholarship Recipient*

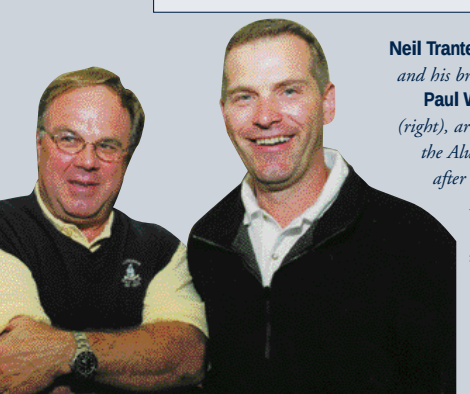
The Rev. Mr. Peter J. Sheehan, S'04, received the Rev. Carl J. Fives Scholarship from the National Alumni Association at the Priests' Alumni Reunion in October. Sheehan will be ordained in the spring for the Diocese of Providence.

Before coming to the Mount, Sheehan received his degree from the University of Rhode Island. He was also a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. At the Mount, he is an academic representative for the class of 2004; the transportation chair for Mount 2000 and Beyond; the chair of Deacon Video Production 2003, Deacon Night; the chair of the Church Vocations Awareness Night; a member of the campus ministry team; and a master of ceremonies at the seminary.

Sheehan's deacon assignments have included Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Middletown, Pa., and St. Phillip's Church in Greenville, R.I.

National Alumni
GOLF TOURNAMENT

27th Annual Rained Out!

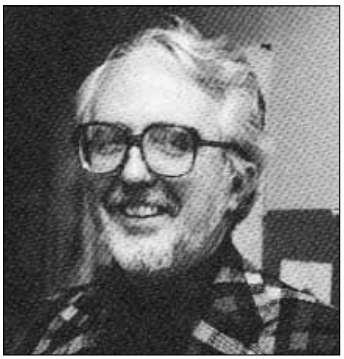


Neil Tranter, C'87 *(left), and his brother-in-law,* **Paul Whalen, C'84** *(right), arrived early to the Alumni Festival after the National Alumni Golf Tournament was canceled.*

Bad news: for the first time in the event's history, the alumni golf tournament was canceled due to torrential rain and unplayable course conditions. The tournament was to be held at the Mountain View Golf Club in nearby Fairfield, Pa. Jim "Bow Tie" Phelan, legendary Mount basketball coach and guest of honor, was going to hit the ceremonial first ball.

Good news: $8,150 was generated for the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship program. At the tournament luncheon, 115 golfers returned their greens and cart fees for the scholarship endowment fund, which has received $60,223 in tournament proceeds since 1989.

Mark your calendars for the 28th tournament, scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2004!



Lew McAllister's photo from the 1985 Pridwin yearbook.

MUSIC PROFESSOR *Lew McAllister*

The Mount was sad to learn of the death of professor emeritus of music **Lewis William McAllister.** Lew, a resident of Pleasant Valley, Md., died Aug. 13, 2003, at the age of 73.

A veteran of the 304 Signal Corps, U.S. Army, during the Korean Conflict, Lew earned a master's degree in music and taught at the Mount for 22 years. He composed the music for Mount St. Mary's 175th year anniversary and composed music for and sang during the canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton. He also composed country and western music with Bill Paterson and all of the music for the Lost Caravan Children's Theatre.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Nancy Black McClary McAllister, and daughters and sons-in-law Katy and Paul Danckaert and Molly and Ted Ziegler.

Peter F. Roche, C'43, died on Sept. 7, 2003. Peter was a Eucharistic minister for 10 years, a volunteer at Fair Oaks Hospital for 18 years and a member of the Knights of Columbus for 24 years. He held a government position for the Army for 45 years.

June through Sept. 2003

1930s
Hugo A. Iacovetti, P'30
The Rev. Msgr. John Wieckowski, S'38

1940s
N. Joseph Lee Jr., C'43
John A. Serio, C'43
William M. Holls, C'47
Dr. Jacob H. Cohen, C'49

1950s
William Green, C'50
John D. Kelly, C'50
Albert J. Schuck, C'50
Thomas Shovlin, C'50
Norman L. Cresci, C'51
George Philip Yuska, C'51
John B. Lloyd, C'54
Andrew Mihalik, C'58

1960s
James Joseph Murphy, C'60
Andrew J. Davidyock Jr., C'62

1970s
Michael V. McCollum Sr., C'73

1980s
John Schwartz, C'86

ALUMNUS *James Keelty Jr.*

James S. Keelty Jr., Mount St. Mary's Prep '29, died on Aug. 26, 2003, at the age of 91, at his home in Mays Chapel, Md. He is remembered for his generosity, leadership and strong faith. The Keelty Building on campus was dedicated to James, who was a 1980 Bruté Medal recipient and was the Mount's first vice-chair of the Board of Trustees in 1968.

Jim earned his law degree in 1934 and was chair and president of the homebuilding firm James Keelty & Co., founded by his Irish-born father. He built homes in the Baltimore area and is credited with introducing the row house to Baltimore County in a suburbanized form. He was also an owner and president of the Baltimore Orioles from 1955-1959, having been one of a group of investors who bought the St. Louis Browns American League baseball franchise and moved it to Baltimore.

Jim was chair of the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal in the early 1950s and in 1957 became the first recipient of the Baltimore Archdiocesan Holy Name Award. He was honored by Pope Pius XII as a Knight of St. Gregory and in 1965 was elevated to the rank of commander in the papal order by Pope Paul VI.

He is survived by five sons, **James Keelty III, C'64**, Brian M. Keelty and **Michael J. Keelty, C'74**, all of Baltimore, Kevin C. Keelty of Washington and Patrick J. Keelty of Snowmass, Colo.; three daughters, Louise T. Keelty, Bernardine K. Wyatt and **Maureen K. Suelau, C'77**, all of Baltimore; and grandchildren, including **Steven, C'91, and Christopher, C'98.**

THE BALTIMORE CHAPTER

On Aug. 17, 2003, the chapter hosted its 30th Annual Baltimore Alumni Crab Feast at the Ocean Pride Restaurant in Lutherville, Md. **Rob Herb, C'78**, presented the Inaugural Chapter Scholarship to **Lauren O'Brien, C'05**. Lauren attended the event with her parents, **Tim O'Brien, C'77**, and wife Michelle of Fallston, Md. Lauren went to Fallston High School and is a rhetoric and communications major, with plans to enter into journalism or law-related fields after graduation. Special guests for the event were Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell and the National Alumni Association president, **Pat Goles, C'64**.

On Sept. 20, the chapter hosted its 11th Annual Oriole's Bull Penn Party, with 225 alumni and students in attendance. Also attending were Dr. and Mrs. Powell and Pat Goles and his wife, Chrystie. The Orioles beat Toronto 2-1.

On Sept. 28, the chapter hosted its 5th Annual Raven's Game and Tailgate Party. Nearly 130 alumni were in attendance, as well as Dr. and Mrs. Powell. The Chiefs beat the Ravens 17-10.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

On Aug. 25, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter hosted a BBQ and a night with the Harrisburg Senators. The Senators played against the Bowie Bay Sox. In attendance were chapter president **John Ford, C'84**, and Barbra Ford; chapter secretary **Jeanmarie (Staufenberg) Kline, C'90**; president of the National Alumni Association, **Pat Goles, C'64**, and Chrystie Goles; and executive vice president of the National Alumni Association, **George Gelles, C'64**. Others in attendance from the Mount were the director of the Career Center, Terri Gelles; the director and assistant director of alumni relations, **Phil McGlade, C'70**, and **Katie Sherman, C'01**; Mike Hardisky (athletic department); and Dr. Steve White (history professor).

❶ FIRST KUWAIT CITY CHAPTER MEETING

Capt. Patrick L. Nield, C'89, U.S. Army National Guard, and **Maj. Desiree Morasco, C'88**, U.S. Army, 28th Personal Services Battalion, are both deployed in Kuwait and met up earlier this fall. Desiree was pictured and quoted in their unit's (111th EN GP) newsletter.

❷ THE WASHINGTON, D.C., CHAPTER

On June 26, 2003, the chapter met up at "Caddies" in Bethesda, Md. More than 40 alumni were in attendance and enjoyed camaraderie, appetizers and drinks. Pictured, l to r: **Meg Leubecher, C'02, Kevin Davis, C'01, Pat Whitty, C'03, Withers Davis, C'00, Pat Conley, C'02, and Anthony Solazzo C'01.**

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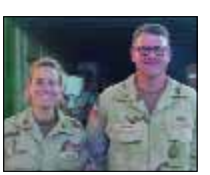

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THE MOUNT'S FIRST LAY PRESIDENT: *Dr. John Dillon, 1971-77*

Remembering a past leader whose tenure saw the Mount transformed

Dr. John J. "Doc" Dillon came to Mount St. Mary's to teach English in 1940 and became faculty advisor of The Mountain Echo, moderator of the debating team, assistant boxing coach and editor of the first alumni magazine. He was also public relations director and, until 1968, director of athletics—all while remaining active in academic circles and the local community.

Warm, approachable and informal, Dillon maintained a calm and reassuring presence of mind in a volatile time. His fairness brought him to the attention of the new Board of Trustees, which had just taken over governance of the institution from the Council of Priests. He was named the first lay executive vice president of the school in 1969 and the first lay president in 1971.

During his tenure, the Mount transformed itself from an all-male school to a co-ed institution. MBA and nursing degree completion programs were established, and enrollment swelled from 800 to 1,300.

Alumni awarded Dillon the Simon Bruté medal, and he was inducted posthumously into the Mount Sports Hall of Fame in 1985, only the second school president to be awarded this honor.

Images and text are from a recent presidential exhibit at the Mount produced by the Mount St. Mary's Archives & Department of Special Collections.

The Mountain Echo

BOYCOTT BACKS RIGHTS DEMANDS

Classes Halted, Wheeley Leads Government And Student Body In Rights Movement; Board Of Trustees Decision Awaited . . . Phillips Orders Immediate Dispersion

Mount students boycotted classes in 1969 to protest the dress code and other policies.

"With unfathomable pride the editors of Pridwin '70 dedicate this publication to Dr. John J. Dillon, Jr. … Dr. Dillon has shown himself to be a man of conviction, who is not moved by the title of his position, but by the awesome responsibility of it."

1940 *Dr. Dillon was chair of the English department from 1940-68.* 1950 1960 1970

The Mount's first resident female students were admitted in 1972.

Can a War Marriage Last?

DEPENDS ON WHOM YOU ASK … AND WHOM YOU KNOW

By Capt. John F. Barry, C'35, Attorney and Counselor at Law

It was April 1945. Capt. John J. Barry and 1st Lt. Eleanore Larson were en route from Holandia, New Guinea, to Brisbane, Australia, to be married.

On April 18, 1945, the couple arrived at Brisbane after a long cold flight. They secured a marriage license and two witnesses, and Capt. John and Lt. Nola presented themselves before the Rev. Patrick J. McGoldrick, pastor of St. Stephen's Cathedral. A request to be married was proffered to this son of Ireland's sod. The couple anxiously awaited his reply.

It came to them like a bullet. **"This is a war marriage, and I'll have none of it—I will not marry you—go elsewhere,"** was his answer. The atmosphere became only grimmer when the Rev. McGoldrick was informed that Lt. Larson was not a Catholic.

It became necessary to put up or shut up. So the litany of Capt. John's Catholic credentials began. Both eight years of primary school education at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parochial School and six years as an altar boy fell on deaf ears. Four years of secondary Catholic education by the Vincentian Fathers at St. John's Prep, Brooklyn, did not even put a dent in this good priest's papal armor.

But the mention of Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., silenced him. He quietly asked, "Did you know, or were you known to, a certain Father James Veale?"

"Of course! He was my history professor!" was John's reply.

Capt. John F. Barry, C'35, *and wife Eleanore—married 58 years, thanks to the Mount.*

The Rev. McGoldrick was softened by John's knowledge of Mount St. Mary's College and a Father James Veale connection. The couple then went on to explain that they had three years of courtship and family approval in letters. And then came the good news …

"Come over tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock and I will marry you two outside of the altar rail," was the Father's reply.

After the ceremony on April 19, 1945, and a rather healthy stipend for his assistance, they parted with thanks as he commented, **"I don't think this marriage will ever last."**

After 58 years of marriage, five children, fourteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren, the couple often smiles at the Rev. McGoldrick's closing prediction.

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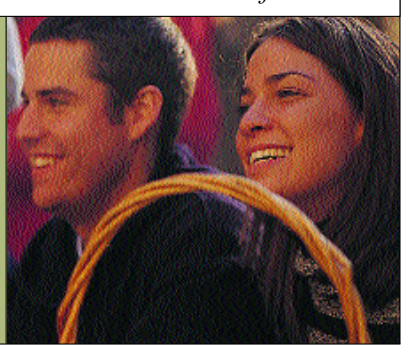

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For details on chapter events, visit www.msmary.edu/alumnifriends/html/alumnievents.htm

DECEMBER 2003

Sunday, December 7
Mount Chorale Advent Concert, 4:30 p.m., Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

JANUARY 2004

Tuesday, January 27
Art Exhibit Opening—Andy Shaw, 6 p.m., Flynn Hall

FEBRUARY 2004

Thursday, February 5
Lilly Grant Vocations Speaker Bishop Bennett, 6 p.m., Knott Auditorium

Saturday, February 7
Winter Homecoming

Wednesday, February 18
Simon Gabriel Bruté Student Art Show, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Gallery

MARCH 2004

Thursday, March 25—Saturday, March 27
Mount Theatre Mainstage Comedy: "How the Other Half Loves"

APRIL 2004

Thursday, April 1—Saturday, April 3
Mount Theatre Mainstage Comedy: "How the Other Half Loves"

Saturday, April 24
Hall of Fame Dinner

JUNE 2004

Friday, June 4—Sunday, June 6
Alumni Reunion Weekend
- Friday: Reunion Class Golf Tournament
- Saturday: National Alumni Golf Tournament

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- Sponsor an internship or speak to a class or organization
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