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One of America's oldest Catholic colleges is now its *newest*

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DO *you* REMEMBER THE FEELING?

You know. The feeling you have in the pit of your stomach when you are rounding that last curve on Route 15, and the next thing you see is Mount St. Mary's. The feeling that tells you you're home.

Mount St. Mary's has served her students well for almost 200 years. Our glorious past is chronicled in the history books. *Our very bright future is yet to be determined.*

I am blessed to see our beautiful, mountainside home every day, and, trust me, the feeling never goes away! I am writing to you for the first time as Director of Alumni Relations at Mount St. Mary's University. Wow! I have not felt as excited or as sure that I am in the right place since I returned to the Mount three years ago as Director of Annual Giving. I must say that following Phil McGlade in this position is an honor. Phil has dedicated his career to the Mount and continues his service as Executive Director of Advancement Programs. He is a devoted Mountie, my friend and my mentor.

Mount St. Mary's University is the Mount. The spirit and pride of our students and alumni is what makes this institution great. Mount St. Mary's has served her students well for almost 200 years. Our glorious past is chronicled in the history books. Our very bright future is yet to be determined.

I look forward to working with National Alumni Association President Pat Goles, C'64, our alumni leadership, and meeting many of you for the first time. Whether you remember Mount Football or a favorite faculty member, I know the most important thing we have in common is that something about the Mount. I will work to develop alumni programs—bringing all Mounties together as a community—to celebrate our faith, our education, our experience … our Mount.

Return to campus for reunion and homecoming. Get involved in your local alumni chapter. Join CARE—the Coordinated Alumni Recruitment Effort, supporting the Mount's Admissions Office and the Alumni Office by volunteering in or near your hometown. And, please stay in touch with your comments and ideas.

The next time you are in Emmitsburg, please stop by the Mount's alumni office. We'd love to see you and talk about what is new with you and your ideas for our future.

Maureen Carmichael Plant, C'82
Director of Alumni Relations

Note: Maureen Carmichael Plant, C'82, became the Mount's director of alumni relations in July. Previously, she was director of the Mount Annual Fund.

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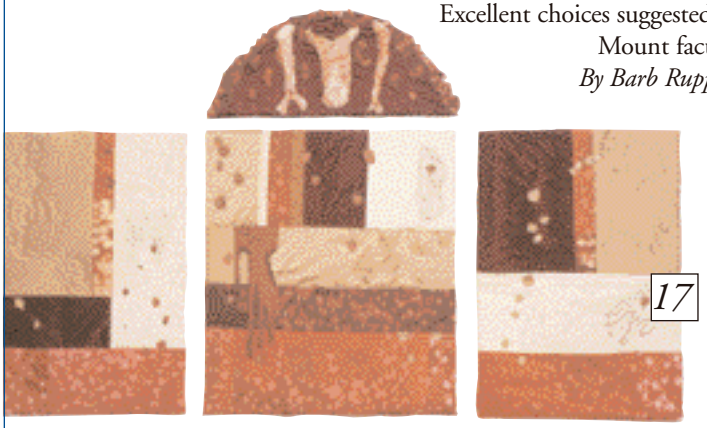

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- A Class Notes section photo caption was incorrect. The caption should have read: "Members of the class of 1987 met on campus the weekend of Nov. 1 to remember their classmate, John Schwartz, who passed away in September 2003."
- Also in Class Notes, Agnus Berenato was incorrectly identified as C'77. She is from the class of 1980.
- The scrapbook pictured on page 29 was put together by Denis J. Mahony, C'17, and is on loan to the Archives from his son, Bill Mahony, C'56.
- The quote on page 13 should have referred to "Father Shaum."

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IT'S ALL ABOUT *"U"*

In a unanimous vote of the board of trustees, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary officially became Mount St. Mary's University on June 7.

"We are a university by any measure. ..."

—Thomas H. Powell, president

"As we prepare for our third century of service, I believe this designation change will serve us well," said Mount President Thomas H. Powell. "We are a university by any measure. The percentage of our faculty with terminal degrees (89 percent) exceeds recognized standards. We are fully engaged in graduate programs, and our three main components: the college, the seminary and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, will benefit greatly from a name that better unifies us as one.

"Additionally, we compete for students and faculty in a market in which many colleges are changing their designations to 'university.' If we are to stay competitive, we must do the same," Powell added.

Mount St. Mary's offers five postgraduate degrees and has four campuses. Graduate students make up 27 percent, or nearly 1/3, of the student body. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching already classifies Mount St. Mary's as a Master's I College/ University, which is defined as "an institution, typically offering a wide range of baccalaureate programs, that is committed to graduate education through the master's degree."

The Mount's 1,400-acre campus is home to more than 1,400 undergraduate students, as well as Mount St. Mary's Seminary—the second-largest seminary in the country—preparing more than 150 men for the priesthood; and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, America's oldest replica of the Lourdes shrine in France. The mountain shrine attracts hundreds of thousands of pilgrims each year from all over the world.

To support the change in designation, the Mount will develop new institutional logo and identity programs—including those for athletics—that will debut in the coming months. The Mount will also undertake an aggressive marketing, advertising and branding campaign to capitalize on the excitement surrounding its change to "university" status.

Mount St. Mary's is exempt under a charter granted by the Maryland General Assembly from Maryland Higher Education Commission approval of institutional name changes.

MOUNT STUDENT RECEIVES *National Security Scholarship*

by Joshua Smeltzer, C'04

Jen Martin, C'05, *expects to put her classroom experience to work in the field.*

The Independent College Fund of Maryland (I-Fund) recently awarded another Mount St. Mary's student with its National Security Scholarship. Rising senior **Jennifer Martin** of Cascade, Md., received a $10,000 award from the fund and a summer position as an intern in the defense industry.

Martin follows a line of previous Mount students to have earned the scholarship. Last year juniors Wade Danner and Jennifer Woss were selected.

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must possess a 3.0 GPA and have completed 30 credit hours. The selection process includes an interview with participating companies, a polygraph test and a background check. Once recipients are selected, companies then make competing bids for students.

Martin, an information systems major and a student aid in the Information Technology Office, currently has offers from Lockheed Martin and the Information Assurance Organization. She favors Lockheed Martin's bid, which would provide a stipend and the opportunity for a position with the company after her graduation in May of 2005. The internship is located in Annapolis.

"I expect to put my classroom experience to work in the field, meet people and decide what I would like to do after graduation," said Martin.

Companies involved with the National Security Scholarship are all organizations that provide services for the NSA in one capacity or another, like cryptology or analysis of intelligence.

Father Redmond HONORED AT GOLDEN JUBILEE

Rev. Paul V. Redmond celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a priest June 12 with an on campus Mass and dinner reception.

Fr. Redmond came to the Mount in 1955, a year after his ordination from the Diocese of Albany. He served the Mount in a variety of capacities over the years—as dean of freshmen; vice president; and philosophy department chairman. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in 1981 and awarded the status of Professor Emeritus in 1992.

Twelve priests concelebrated the mass, including the Most Rev. William Newman, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Rev. J. Thomas Connery, C'59, S'63 provided the homily, which included remembrances of Fr. Redmond as a young faculty member. Guests from as far away as Puerto Rico joined the celebration.

"For 50 years, Fr. Redmond has lived a life devoted to the Mount and his Church. Over the course of decades, he has touched the lives of thousands of students, colleagues and friends. The generations of alums who return to visit him, and the countless invitations he receives to preside at their weddings and children's baptisms, are a testament to their deep affection for him."

—Phil McGlade, *executive director of advancement programs*

Forgang ON CORPORATE STRATEGY

Economics professor William Forgang, Ph.D., has published Strategy-Specific Decision Making, A Guide for Executing Competitive Strategy *(M.E. Sharpe Inc.).*

The textbook is praised for its unique focus on implementing competitive strategy through all levels of an organization.

Reviewer Alan R. Duncan of Duncan & Associates Inc. notes that the text is "a practical book that provides business decision makers and students a manifesto for developing strategies and making decisions in today's dynamic and changing business environments. Professor Forgang's unique approach provides a realistic simulation framework for learning, evaluating and testing today's business practices."

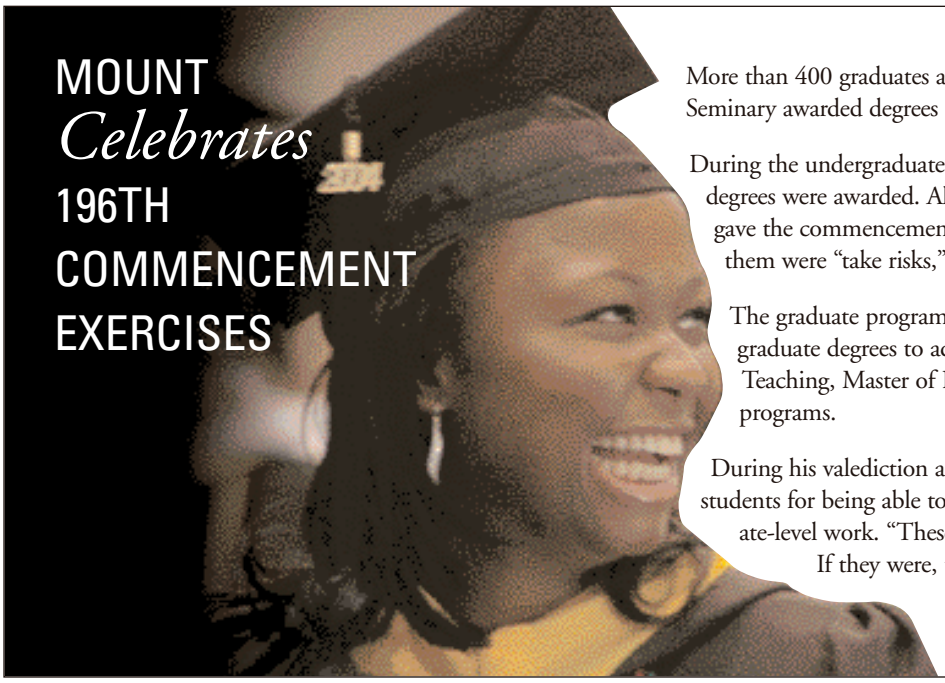
SPENDING THE EVENING IN *"Shantytown"*

More than 70 members of the Mount community turned out on a cold and rainy spring evening to participate in HabiFest 2004—a national event raising awareness about the plight of the homeless. Participants built a "Shantytown," constructing houses out of cardboard boxes and plastic tarp. Sponsors donated money for the sleep-out event, with proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity in Frederick County. More than $2,000 was collected.

Top: *Tom Kiniry, director of public safety, dry in his yellow rain slicker, stands by his not-so-dry Public Safety Shanty.*

Bottom, left to right: *Freshmen Liz Shaffer and Nicole Lien check for leaks in their shanty.*

MOUNT *Celebrates* 196TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



More than 400 graduates and their families celebrated as Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary awarded degrees during its 196th Commencement Exercises, held in May.

During the undergraduate commencement exercises held May 23, 368 undergraduate degrees were awarded. Alberto R. Gonzalez, counsel to President George W. Bush, gave the commencement address, offering 10 "lessons" for post-college life. Among them were "take risks," "nurture your faith" and "love your family."

The graduate program exercises, held May 19, included the awarding of 74 graduate degrees to adult students in Master of Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Theology programs.

During his valediction address, Mount President Thomas H. Powell congratulated students for being able to juggle family and professional responsibilities with graduate-level work. "These programs aren't easy. But they are not supposed to be easy. If they were, there would be more of you!" he said.

One is never too young to start dreaming about being a Mount grad!

HONORARY *Degrees*, PRESIDENT'S *Medals* AND OTHER *Honors*

President Thomas H. Powell conferred the highest academic honor, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, on **John Cominsky, C' 90**, *and* **John Walsh, C'58**.

Walsh received a bachelor's degree from the Mount in 1958. A retired senior vice president and partner with Lord, Abbett & Co., Walsh is currently serving his third term on the Mount's Board of Trustees. He served as chair of the Connections Campaign, Mount St. Mary's largest comprehensive campaign, and generously contributed his time, talent and resources. He is the largest single alumni donor to Mount St. Mary's.

In 1994, Cominsky began his teaching career at his alma mater, Trinity High School, in Camp Hill, Pa. Twice named "Teacher of the Year," "Mr. C" teaches American history and Christian morality. Beyond the classroom, he is immersed in the lives of Trinity students—serving as yearbook moderator, National Honor Society advisor and Mock Trial coach. He was named co-chair of Trinity's Middle States Accreditation team, and last year added assistant football coach to his list of co-curricular activities.

Dr. Powell presented President's Medals to **Mary and Thomas Holmes, C'68, Marie and Caswell Holloway, Ella and Erwin Straw, and Monsignor F. Dennis Tinder, C'64, S'68**.

The president also conferred the title of College Professor on **Carol L. Hinds, Ph.D.**, and the title of Professor Emeritus on **John J. Dropp, Ph.D.**, professor of biology.

Top, left to right: *President Thomas H. Powell, John Cominsky, C' 90, John Walsh, C'58, and Thomas O'Hara, Chair, Board of Trustees.*
Above: *President's Medal recipients Mary and Thomas Holmes, C'68, Monsignor F. Dennis Tinder, C'64, S'68, Caswell Holloway, and Ella and Erwin Straw with President Thomas H. Powell.*

ON THE ROAD TO THE *Priesthood*

Seminarians are instituted into the ministries of lector and acolyte and ordained as deacons at different stages of their priestly formation. At the Mount, seminarians ordinarily are instituted as lectors at the end of their first year of theology, instituted as acolytes at the end of their second year of theology, and ordained as deacons at the end of their third year of theology.

Below left:
Archbishop Curtiss installs Atlanta seminarian Gustavo O'Campo into the ministry of lector.

Below right:
Archbishop Curtiss and Fr. Kevin Rhoades with newly instituted lectors.

Above left:
Bishop Daniel Jenky, Fr. J. Wilfrid Parent (left) and Fr. Kevin Rhoades (right) with newly instituted acolytes.

Above right:
Dr. and Mrs. Powell with Joshua Kibler, Archdiocese of Omaha, newly installed acolyte.

Above left:
Deacons Terry Dodge, Michael Angarola and Anthony Co with Bishop Jenky.

Above right:
Deacon Michael Angarola assists Bishop Jenky at the altar during diaconate ordination Mass.

INSTITUTION OF LECTORS

Most Reverend Elden Curtiss, archbishop of Omaha, celebrated Mass with the institution of lectors at the Mount on April 23. He exhorted the seminarians: "In proclaiming God's word to others, accept it yourselves in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Meditate on it constantly, so that each day you will have a deeper love of the Scriptures, and in all you say and do show forth to the world our Savior, Jesus Christ."

INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTES

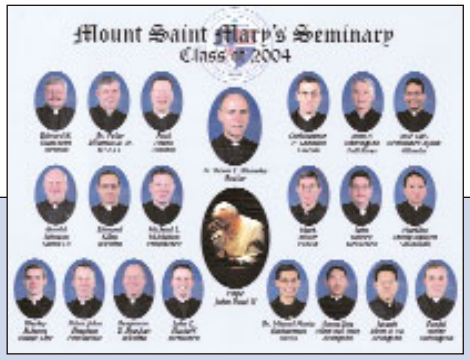
Most Reverend Daniel Jenky, bishop of Peoria, celebrated Mass with the institution of acolytes at the Mount on May 14, the feast of Saint Matthias. He exhorted the seminarians: "In performing your ministry bear in mind that, as you share the one bread with your brothers and sisters, so you form one body with them. Show a sincere love for Christ's Mystical Body, God's holy people, and especially for the weak and the sick."

DIACONATE

Bishop Daniel Jenky also celebrated Mass and ordained three men of the third theology class to the diaconate on May 15: Michael Angarola, Anthony Co and Terry Dodge. The other men of the third theology class returned to their home dioceses to be ordained deacons. Bishop Jenky exhorted the candidates: "As a deacon you will serve Jesus Christ, who was known among his disciples as the one who served others. Do the will of God generously. Serve God and mankind in love and joy."

Father Kevin C. Rhoades, seminary rector, expressed gratitude for the blessings of the past academic year. He remarked that the end of the year celebrations of the ministries of lector and acolyte as well as the diaconate ordination were joyful celebrations highlighting the purpose of the seminary formation program: to prepare men to be worthy ministers of the word and of the altar, faithful and loving servants of Christ and His Church.

May they excel in every virtue:
in love that is sincere,
in concern for the sick and the poor,
in unassuming authority,
in self-discipline,
and in holiness of life.



DEACON NIGHT

"Deacon Night," the traditional farewell ceremony for those completing their priestly formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, took place Friday, May 7. The seminary class consisted of twenty men from fifteen dioceses. The celebration began with a Mass celebrated by Father Kevin C. Rhoades, seminary rector, in the glass chapel at the Mount Grotto.

In his homily, Father Rhoades reminded the deacons, soon to become priests, that there are many serious and urgent needs which confront the Church and the world today and that "now, perhaps more than ever, the Church and the world need shepherds after the heart of Christ." He spoke of this time in which they go forth to be ordained as "the age of the new evangelization" and called them to be "the new evangelizers, men of pastoral charity, and faithful witnesses of the Gospel."

The Deacon Night celebration, hosted by the third theology class, continued with a banquet. Each deacon was presented with a gift of the priest's stole for the celebration of the sacrament of Penance. The deacon class presented the seminary with the gift of a class composite picture (above).

To view the above class photo larger, visit our website at
www.msmary.edu/seminary/html/events.htm

A Change of *Heart*

On June 7, one of America's oldest Catholic colleges became its *newest*

For one loyal Mountie, the decision was personal.

By Frank DeLuca, C'68, S'73, Vice President for Advancement

Well, we are a university now. Try it on for size. How does it feel?

Does it fit? Does it resonate? Were you for or against it? At cocktail parties or on job interviews, will you be proud to say you graduated from Mount St. Mary's University? Will the Mount remain small? Will it lose some of its personal, friendly, community feel? Will the faculty still know the names of the students? Whatever happened to the seminary?

Over the past nine months, I have been involved in changing the designation of the Mount from "College and Seminary" to "University." One of the first things President Powell asked me to do was be the "point person" and lead the charge. I was honored by the assignment and appreciated the confidence the president placed in me. But I felt a great deal of angst and was ambivalent in my feelings about the change. After all, I graduated from the college and the seminary. I love and am proud of both. My class ring, my diploma and my sacred t-shirts and sweatshirts say The Mount or Mount St. Mary's College. I have spent a fortune at the bookstore and now I have to replenish the whole lot.

In my head, I knew the reasons for the change were solid and compelling. The Mount was having a huge problem with its image and identity. The name "College and Seminary" was not working. It was confusing alumni, both of the college and the seminary; it was scaring off prospective college students; and it was sending mixed and unclear messages to the general public. Questions arose: Who were we? What were we about? Who knew us?

More than 100 colleges, many like the Mount, have changed their designation from college to university in the last 10 years. Eight of the 11 schools in our Northeast Conference are universities. There are two other Mount St. Mary's Colleges in the United States, one in Los Angeles and the other in New York, and we were all being confused with each other. Many community colleges are dropping "community" from their name, further blurring the distinction.

Although the Mount is built on a liberal arts college tradition, the Carnegie Foundation, which nationally certifies the classification of all institutions of higher learning, has for years classified the Mount as a "Private Masters I" school—that is, a school that offers graduate degrees. The Mount is not the school I graduated from in 1968. It is not the school it was 10 years ago or even yesterday. Today, the Mount is located on four campus sites, offering five graduate degrees and with 27 percent of all Mount students in the graduate program. The Mount's core curriculum is

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renowned in the education marketplace. The seminary is nationally accredited and is the second largest seminary in the country. The Mount's athletic programs are Division I, and they are successful. President Powell has outlined a vision through the decade that is bold and exciting. Why not call ourselves a "university"? The Mount is more than a sleepy little college tucked away in the foothills of the Catoctins. University means takes us seriously. University means we are a player.

In my head, I had accepted and was even championing the change. But my heart, however, was saying something else. It was tugging away at "College." College meant small, meant lifetime friendships and great teachers, meant indelible memories, caring priests, NCAA basketball championships and Olympic champions, Deegan and Phelan, Phillips and Dillon, Archbishop Flynn and Father Fives, the Grotto and the golden statue of Mary, the Ott House and the Rathskeller, Memorial Gym and the ARCC, the Terrace and the Fountain. The Mount, "where everyone knows your name." The Mount, "the biggest small college in America." You can run into alumni, wearing Mount t-shirts, even at the Great Wall of China, a gym in San Diego, and any beach resort on the East Coast. Our memories and experience say "College."

Change is hard. It was hard when Mount leaders in the 1960s decided to create a lay board of trustees. It was hard in the '70s when the Mount went co-ed. It was hard in the '80s when President Wickenheiser moved Mount athletics into Division I. It was hard and risky for President Houston to commit to the largest comprehensive campaign in the Mount's history. But sometimes you take a risk and you change. If you don't, you can slip back. You wonder where the courage is. You wonder about missing the opportunity. Again, in my head, the bicentennial is right around the corner. What better time to change.

In the end, accepting university was more than "in my head." It was personal. And wrestling with the change was hard. I had many a sleepless night. But then I realized, over and above all the compelling and solid reasons, that the Mount was going to be the Mount. College or university, big or small, the Mount will be the Mount. Same difference, period, exclamation point!

And then there is Mount spirit. It begins and ends with Mount spirit. When you walk on campus as a student or seminarian, you don't just enter the place; something takes hold of you. The holy ground, well, seems holy. You don't just enroll; you are baptized into the Mount. It leaves an indelible mark. You can try to shake it, you can even get mad at

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teachers and the administration for decisions you don't agree with. You can have a broken romance that you can never forget, a rocky friendship that you never can understand, a favorite faculty member who snubs you, or worse, flunks you, and you can be thrown out for no apparent reason … and it's still "got" you. Mount spirit is always forgiving.

I have seen alumni come back on campus after 30 years and, within a few minutes, they remember special friends and priests and heartwrenching memories of classmates who died while at the Mount. I have seen grown men cry as they talk about scoring a winning touchdown in an intramural game. There is something about the Mount. I cannot ever adequately capture it. I don't think anyone can. But I know what we call it: "Mount spirit." The beloved Father Forker couldn't define it, either, but he got the essence just right. Father said, "For those who went here, no explanation is needed; for those who didn't, no explanation is possible."

Mount spirit. When Mounties speak the name of the Mount, they smile. There are some alumni who don't set foot on campus until their 50th reunion, and yet they have read everything about the Mount and follow everything that has gone on. There are alumni who read the Mount webpage before they read the newspaper in the morning. There are alumni who call each other on the phone every day; there are alumni who still wear their freshman year "beanies" when they return for reunions. And—ask George Gelles—there are alumni in their 20s who have already inquired about a burial spot. As Jay Leno said, the Mount is a school that "enrolls you for the afterlife." It all begins and ends with Mount spirit.

This spirit embraces you as soon as you hear the bells of Mary's campanile chime. It never lets you go. It presses harder with every party you attend, friendship you make, professor who inspires you and priest who blesses you. Every year the spirit grows fonder and stronger. The lure is always there, like a holy wind, calling you back to what Msgr. Phillips calls your "Mountain home." When Mount alumni see each other after a long time, they don't just shake hands; they embrace, call out, whoop it up. Mount spirit knows how to have a good time.

Mount St. Mary's University—a big change. Mount spirit—unchangeable.

My class ring? I am still going to wear it, college and all, and wear it proudly. And I am going to order a new diploma that says Mount St. Mary's University. I am going to display it proudly, too.

I am there now, in my head and in the heart. There is no turning back.

The spirit is moving me.

THE MOUNT'S PILGRIMS

An intrepid pilgrim takes a tour of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes with its chaplain, Father Jack Lombardi.

By Trevor Dionne James

At a quiet place nestled high on the mountainside–where whispered questions are faithfully answered–one thought lingers.

Why?

Why do close to a quarter-million people from all walks of life and professions–Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and nonbelievers alike–make a pilgrimage to the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes every year?

Carol Spoonhour, the Grotto's administrative assistant, says, quite simply: "To get their priorities straight and continue their spiritual journey. The Grotto is like a sponge—this place pulls people in, from all backgrounds and faiths, and soaks them up. The Grotto and the Blessed Mother are food to these pilgrims."

On an unseasonably warm spring afternoon, Spoonhour's metaphor is clearly visible. Cars, vans and tour buses fill the Grotto's parking lot. Visitors walk to and from the Chapel of Saint Mary on the Hill (the "Glass Chapel") and eat picnic lunches at the foot of Pangborn Memorial Campanile, the famed bell tower on which the spectacular 25-foot, gold-leafed bronze figure of the Virgin Mary stands in watch over the Mount campus. A group of children play Frisbee on the lawn under the tower, and volunteers are busy weeding borders, pruning trees and preparing for the coming cicada invasion.

FROM DIRT TRAILS TO PAVEMENT

"Historically, Father DuBois and Mother Seton would have walked along this dirt path up into the woods."

Father John "Jack" Lombardi, chaplain of the Grotto, begins a tour of the pilgrim's way at the head of Corpus Christi Lane, the paved footpath serving as the main entrance to the mountainside shrine. Each year thousands of Hispanic, Portuguese, Asian and African-American Catholics from dioceses throughout the mid-Atlantic launch processions from this spot. "Corpus Christi Lane was a dirt trail for many years," says Father Lombardi. "Historically, Father DuBois and Mother Seton would have walked along this dirt path up into the woods."

The Grotto hosts the annual Vietnamese Catholic Community of the Mid-Eastern States pilgrimage (this year on September 4). For more than 20 years this group, formed originally as a small gathering of Vietnamese boat people and now numbering in the thousands, has visited the Grotto. Before beginning their procession to the Grotto cave, in native costume, the pilgrims honor the Blessed Mother with a colorful display of festive dance and songs in their native language.

"The pilgrims arrange by diocese and start walking to the Grotto along this path," says Father Lombardi. "Along the way they contemplate and pray the 12 Stations of the Cross," he continues, pointing out the stone-encased copper Stations that border the path. The Stations are one of the many sacramentals, sacred signs that Catholics believe help them receive God's graces, encountered at the Grotto.

Father Lombardi identifies surrounding foliage: "That big tree is a poplar … and that's a pear. Those bright red and pink bushes are azaleas—just bloomed." With the early spring rain, the greenery lining the path is dense, and wildlife is abundant. A yellow-winged swallowtail butterfly flutters past. Dragonflies, sparrows, finches and a northern cardinal fly quickly across the path searching for seeds, berries and insects. Father Lombardi greets visitors as they pass by with a friendly, "Hello. Welcome to the Grotto. Peace. Enjoy your visit." Though he is not fluent in Spanish or French, he greets visitors in their native language.

STADIUM SEATING

"Kneeling on hard cement is a testament to the pilgrims' patience and faith."

Approaching the Grotto cave, Father Lombardi points out 41 rows of wooden benches built into a cement foundation and arranged, stadium-style, on the hillside above the cave. "The benches can hold up to 1,000 visitors. This is where they sit and kneel during a pilgrimage Mass. Kneeling on hard cement is a testament to the pilgrims' patience and faith," he notes.

After Mass, pilgrims enter the Grotto cave, offer prayer intentions written on pieces of paper, light votive candles in memory of loved ones, offer roses to the Blessed Mother, and kneel to pray in front of the Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette statues. The cave becomes a bustle of silent activity.

THE GROTTO'S "WALDEN"

"Jesus is present inside the chapel surrounded by the beauty of the Grotto and its woods– reminding us of our responsibility to treat our fellow human beings and our environment with love, respect and dignity."

Leaving the Grotto cave area, Father Lombardi proceeds to the Corpus Christi Chapel, a favorite Grotto destination for pilgrims. The stone chapel, built in 1905, seats only four people but pilgrims frequently line up outside its doors, waiting to pray in front of the Holy Eucharist.

The natural landscape of the Grotto and the simplicity of this chapel in particular call to mind Thoreau's cabin in the woods at the famed Walden Pond in Concord, Mass. "Jesus is present inside the chapel surrounded by the beauty of the Grotto and its woods—reminding us of our responsibility to treat our fellow human beings and our environment with love, respect and dignity," says Father Lombardi. On this day, the chapel is full of pilgrims, praying and adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Father Jack remarks that one of the pilgrims, a student at the Mount, visits the chapel almost every day to pray.

SPRING WATER

"Still, one can certainly believe that special favors or graces may occur by using the water."

Leaving the chapel, one comes upon a short path to the Grotto reservoir, a pool of water eight feet deep. The clear pool is littered with coins and dollar bills deposited by pilgrims while saying prayers. Walking around the pool, pilgrims wait their turn as a woman patiently fills 10, one-gallon jugs with water. She lifts the jugs into a metal grocery cart to transport back to her car.

The source of the water lies above the Grotto, nestled in the Catoctin Mountains. Before it proceeds from the faucet, the water is filtered for bacterial impurities by ultraviolet rays (according to Maryland state law). Father Lombardi reminds visitors that the water is a sacramental, and "only holy water if a priest blesses it." Some pilgrims drink the water on the spot; splash it over their face and arms; or pour it on a wound.

"Some claim the water has induced 'miracles' … but none of these miracles has been documented or proven," says Father Lombardi. "Still, one can certainly believe that special favors or graces may occur by using the water."

The woman collecting jugs full of water this day certainly believes the Grotto water would deepen her faith.

Just as the Grotto, in all of its natural splendor, nourishes the spirit of so many of its pilgrims.

FATHER JACK LOMBARDI

Planning the Grotto's Future

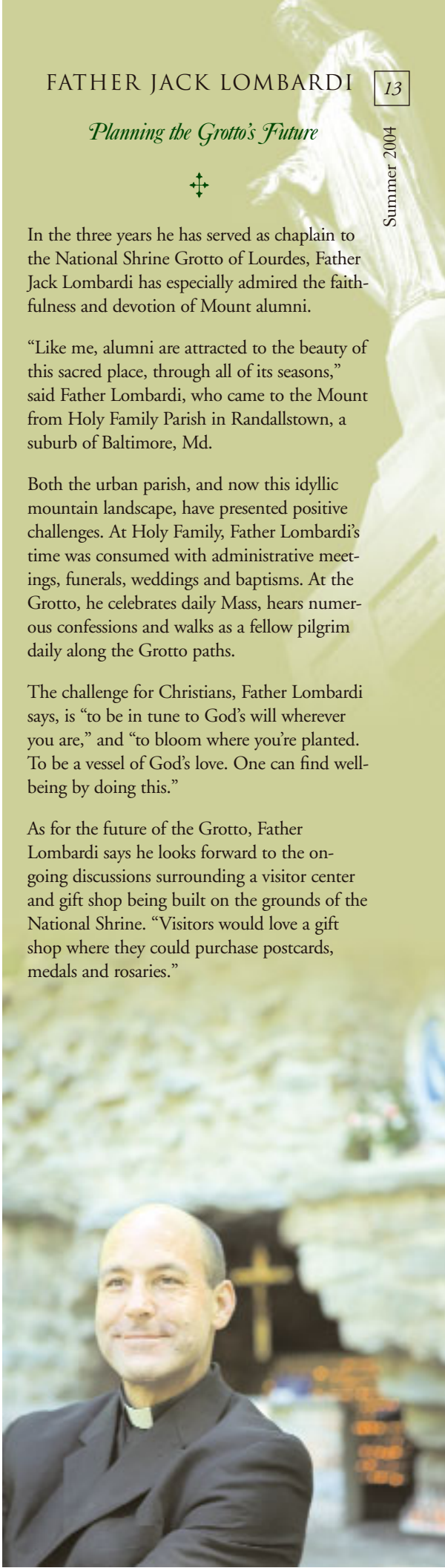
In the three years he has served as chaplain to the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Father Jack Lombardi has especially admired the faithfulness and devotion of Mount alumni.

"Like me, alumni are attracted to the beauty of this sacred place, through all of its seasons," said Father Lombardi, who came to the Mount from Holy Family Parish in Randallstown, a suburb of Baltimore, Md.

Both the urban parish, and now this idyllic mountain landscape, have presented positive challenges. At Holy Family, Father Lombardi's time was consumed with administrative meetings, funerals, weddings and baptisms. At the Grotto, he celebrates daily Mass, hears numerous confessions and walks as a fellow pilgrim daily along the Grotto paths.

The challenge for Christians, Father Lombardi says, is "to be in tune to God's will wherever you are," and "to bloom where you're planted. To be a vessel of God's love. One can find well-being by doing this."

As for the future of the Grotto, Father Lombardi says he looks forward to the ongoing discussions surrounding a visitor center and gift shop being built on the grounds of the National Shrine. "Visitors would love a gift shop where they could purchase postcards, medals and rosaries."



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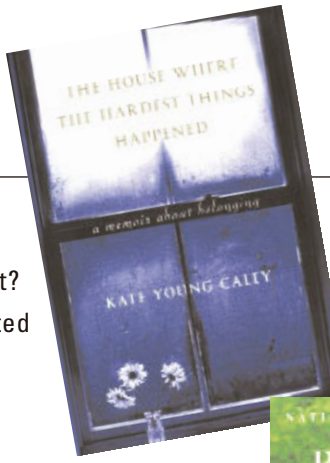


Remember how delicious it felt to get out of school each summer and read just what you wanted to read, just because you felt like reading it? Relive that pleasure this summer with some excellent choices suggested by Mount faculty. No tests, no papers, no grades—just ideas for challenging your mind, refreshing your spirit and relaxing.

We'd be happy to forward an email to a favorite professor, thanking him or her for the great suggestion! **themagazine@msmary.edu**

LITERATURE

Life of Pi
by Yann Martel
"About a young Indian boy marooned on a lifeboat with a tiger. It's funny, thoughtful, imaginative, well-written, indescribable."
—Carmen Schmersahl, Professor of Rhetoric and Communications

Bel Canto
by Ann Patchett
"In South America a group of rebels takes control of the birthday party of a wealthy Japanese businessman. The group's extended captivity becomes a unique interlude of unexpected relationships. The characters are fascinating and the ending is quite unexpected."
—Connie Monroe, Assistant Professor of Education

From Sr. Anne Higgins, Pastoral Associate, Campus Ministry:

Atonement
by Ian McEwan

The Secret Life of Bees
by Sue Monk Kidd

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
by Mark Haddon

Death of a Red Heroine
by Qiu Xiaolong

My Dream of You
by Nuala O'Faolain

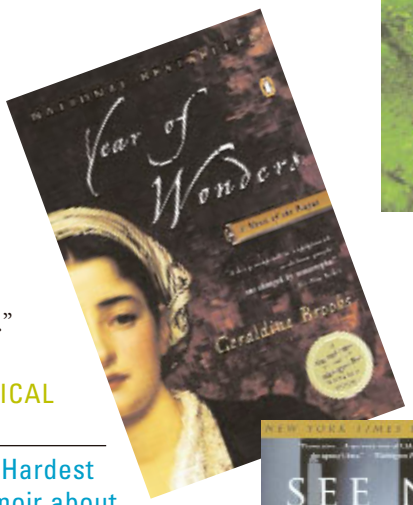
Lost Light
by Michael Connolly

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency
by Alexander McCall Smith
—Sue Goliber, College Distinguished Teaching Professor

Cien años de soledad (One Hundred Years of Solitude)
by Gabriel García Márquez
"The best novel in the world."
—Diana Rodriguez-Lozano, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages

The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse
by Louise Erdrich
"The story of Father Damien Modeste, who serves the Ojibwe people on the reservation at Little No Horse. As he nears his death, he remembers his long and strange life among the Indians and reveals a startling secret."
—Robert Ducharme, Professor of English

Prodigal Summer
by Barbara Kingsolver
"The Women in Science group enjoyed reading this novel, which follows the lives of three individuals during a summer in rural Tennessee. Nonscientists will enjoy the storytelling of Kingsolver, and scientists will appreciate her background in biology and attention to detail."
—Patricia Kreke, Associate Professor of Chemistry



From English professor Karen Keely's student Jennifer Brown:

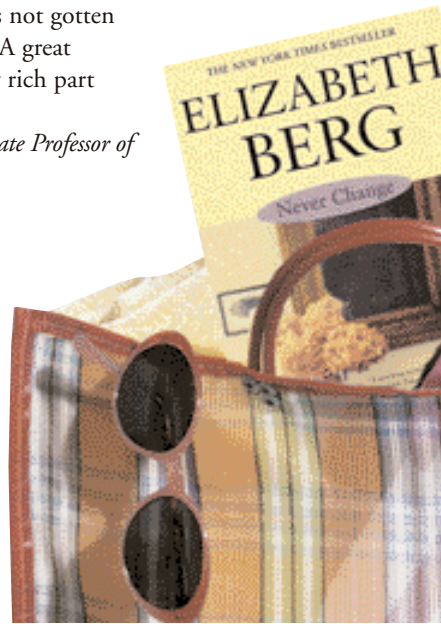
The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter
by Carson McCullers
"Complex and well crafted."

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL FICTION

The House Where the Hardest Things Happen: A Memoir about Belonging
by Kate Young Caley
"Very moving."
—Sue Goliber, College Distinguished Teaching Professor

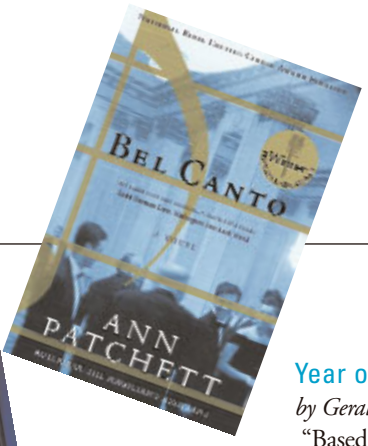
John Adams
by David McCullough
"A beautifully written, painstakingly researched biography about one of our 'founding fathers' who has not gotten the attention he deserves. A great reminder of a wonderfully rich part of our history."
—D. Kirk Davidson, Associate Professor of Business

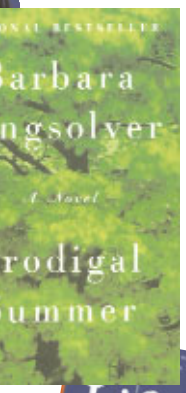
Founding Mothers
by Cokie Roberts
"It includes one of my favorite heroines of all time—Abigail Adams."
—Linda Martinak, Dean, Division of Continuing Studies

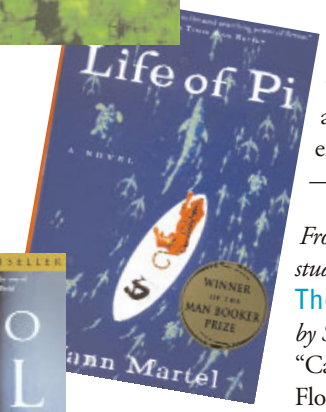


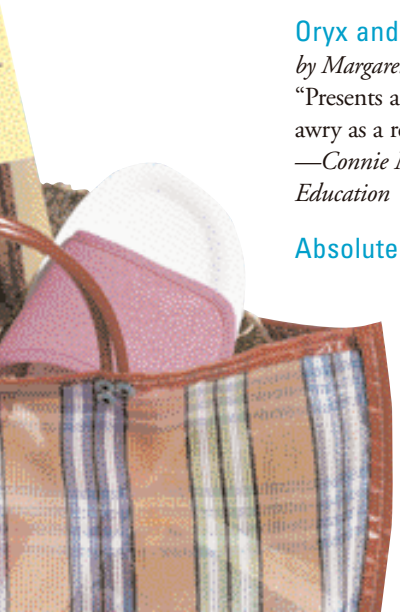
reading

By Barb Ruppert









Year of Wonders
by Geraldine Brooks
"Based on the true story of an English village that quarantined itself during the Plague of the seventeenth century. Wondrous."
—Carmen Schmersahl, Professor of Rhetoric and Communications

Quicksilver
by Neal Stephenson
"A novel set in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Europe about the scientific revolution and the beginnings of capitalism. Peopled with most of the founding members of the Royal Society, as well as Louis XIV, William and Mary, and a cast of thousands. Long, but entertaining and fast moving."
—Martin Malone, Professor of Sociology

From professor Martin Malone's student Kathryn Califano:
The Birth of Venus
by Sarah Dunant
"Captures the beauty and liveliness of Florence during the Renaissance."

SCI FI AND THRILLERS

The Speed of Dark
by Elizabeth Moon
"A remarkable book that won the Nebula Award for Best Novel of 2003."
—Robert Keefer, Associate Professor of Psychology

Oryx and Crake
by Margaret Atwood
"Presents a disturbing future that has gone awry as a result of biological engineering."
—Connie Monroe, Assistant Professor of Education

Absolute Friends
by John Le Carré
—D. Kirk Davidson, Associate Professor of Business

CURRENT EVENTS

Aging with Grace
by David Snowdon
"My Adult Development class reads this each year. It's the fascinating story of a group of nuns who donated their brains to Alzheimer's research."
—Marcia McKinley, Assistant Professor of Psychology

See No Evil
by Robert Baer
"Deals with the bombings in Lebanon, hostage taking and the reign of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, as well as why the CIA is inadequate in gathering intelligence about the Middle East."
—William Heath, Professor of English

Also from William Heath:
Charlie Wilson's War
by George Crile
"Tells how a Congressman from Texas managed to get massive federal funding, and ultimately Stinger missiles, to the 'freedom fighters' resisting the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which contributed to the fall of the Soviet Empire."

Jesus in Beijing
by David Aikman
"Must be read with a certain amount of critical thought because of the author's habit of equating orthodoxy with evangelical Protestantism and Christianity with capitalism. It interested me because I'm working on a biography of a female missionary to China and have been invited to speak at the University of Beijing."
—Sue Goliber, College Distinguished Teaching Professor

ESSAYS AND INSPIRATION

Bernard Darwin on Golf
edited by Jeff Silverman
"Darwin (1876-1961), grandson of that famous Charles Darwin, had an amazing gift for wringing wonderful, enduring, uncontestable truths about golf and human nature out of the small and seemingly irrelevant. This is a collection of many of his articles published in the London Times and several magazines."
—Michael Sollenberger, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages

The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember
by Fred Rogers
"This little book provides a privileged glimpse into the life and reflections of a wise and gentle man, who for so many years welcomed children into his television Neighborhood."
—Chris Weber, Adjunct Faculty, Theology Department

Never Change
by Elizabeth Berg
—Connie Monroe, Assistant Professor of Education

The Servant: A Simple Story About the True Essence of Leadership
by James C. Hunter
"From the book jacket: 'In this absorbing tale, you watch the timeless principles of servant leadership unfold through the story of John Daily, a businessman whose outwardly successful life is spiraling out of control.' Unsettling, and invites you to take a deep look inside yourself."
—Charles Beitz, Professor of Management

Personal Vocation: God Calls Everyone by Name
coauthored by Germain Grisez and Russell Shaw
"A short book on service, vocation and the work of redemption. … While commanding everyone to choose what is good rather than what is bad, God commands no one to choose what is better rather than what is good. Instead, he extends an invitation."
—Germain Grisez, Bishop Harry J. Flynn Professor of Christian Ethics

COLUMBUS RE*discovered*

MOUNT PROFESSOR CHARLES MERRILL TO BE FEATURED IN DOCUMENTARY

By Kate Charuhas

Clockwise from top left: *Men under the impression that the discoverer of America was Italian dressed in 15th-century garb for a Columbus parade; Neve Cunningham, camera man for the Columbus shoot, filming in Seville; Ecclesiastical ruins near where the Italians say Columbus lived in Genoa; Dr Charles Merrill, happy to be in Spain.*

Most of us are familiar with Christopher Columbus' famous travels that resulted in the discovery of the "New World." But many of us are not as familiar with the journey the explorer has taken after his death.

Columbus requested burial on the Caribbean island that is now the Dominican Republic, but was instead buried in the Castilian city Valladolid, where he died in 1506. Several years later, his remains were moved to Seville's Carthusian monastery. Then, in 1537, his bones were exhumed and buried with his son Diego, where he had originally requested.

Two centuries later, the Spanish government moved his bones to Havana, Cuba. When Spain was later ousted from Cuba, the Spaniards returned his remains to Seville, where they were buried in the cathedral there.

As early as the late 19th century, however, the Dominican Republic was claiming that the wrong remains were taken to Cuba, and that Columbus' final resting spot is still in Santo Domingo.

Now, in the 21st century, Atlantic Productions, a British company specializing in historical pieces, is filming a documentary that follows a team of Spanish, German and Italian scientists as they use DNA analysis to determine where Columbus is actually buried. Tests will be conducted on the remains in Seville, as well as those of his brother Diego and son Hernando.

DNA testing will also be used to try to determine whether Columbus was Spanish or Italian by birth by comparing his DNA to that of the Spanish king who is rumored to be his father. This is where Mount classics professor Charles Merrill steps in. Atlantic Productions contacted him in March of 2004 to be part of the taping because of his extensive research into Columbus' origins. According to Merrill, "most major histories state that Columbus was a Genoese trader born in Italy," who later moved to Castile via Portugal, before offering his service to Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand. But Merrill, and a growing number of scholars, believe that Columbus was a Catalonian, born in Tarroja, Spain. Merrill has conducted extensive research on this theory since first coming across the subject during doctoral research. He has since spent a sabbatical in the Spanish town and studied the name Columbus, concluding that the name was of Catalonian origin. Among Merrill's other findings are that most of Columbus' close friends and associates were Catalonians and that the explorer never corresponded in Italian.

Why, then, did Columbus become known as Genoese? Columbus himself was vague about his past. His son wrote in the late 16th century that "Father wanted to leave his early years in obscurity." His nationality is also never mentioned in official court documents. Merrill believes that it better suited Columbus' purposes for political reasons to be thought of as from Genoa. In the mid-fifteenth century, the Catalonians had revolted against King Ferdinand's father, and the man Merrill believes to have been Columbus' father was part of that revolution.

Also, when Columbus claimed the New World, he claimed it for Queen Isabella and Castile. At the time, Catalonia and Castile were separate parts of Spain, and a Catalonian claiming the New World might have sparked another revolution.

Whatever the DNA tests reveal, Merrill was happy to take part on the journey. "What was supposed to be a simple interview turned into a two-week trip through Spain and Italy!"

The test results will be announced when the documentary airs later this year. Stay tuned—we'll keep you posted.

The art of life

By Barb Ruppert

"'Beauty is truth, truth beauty,'—that is all Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know."

—JOHN KEATS

In brushstrokes on canvas, melodies echoing through Knott Auditorium, a well-rehearsed theatrical gesture or expression, students and faculty at the Mount reflect life through the prism of art. Performers and artists number far more than the 35 fine arts majors and minors when one includes the education major who is refining her printmaking skills, the chemistry professor whose day includes piano lessons in Flynn Hall, the business student who is also in the Jazz Workshop, the sociology student who's in the Chorale ...

Come. Celebrate the accomplishments of those who gave voice to our longings, our questions, our spirit and our experience of beauty throughout the last academic year.

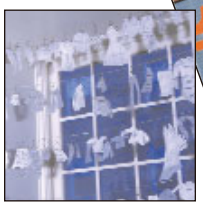
Chad Smith '06

Self-portrait narrative from a trip to Ireland

Kim Najem '06

Best in Show in 2004 Mount Student Art Exhibition

Senior **Loren Coffey** of Lusby, Md., directed August Strindberg's *The Father* as part of her senior project in theatre. A double major in fine arts and English, Coffey combined her study of the beginnings of modern theatre with her performance experience to create a new focus for the 1887 work.



Lighted Corners, the Mount's literary and arts magazine, has won 14 national awards in 17 years. Last semester's faculty advisor was English professor William Heath. The editor-in-chief was Jennifer Brown, C'04, and the cover art was created by Jane Unger, C'04.

Jane also created the works at left, including a self portrait.

"Climbing Trees with Den"
Eleanor Kelley C'05
Reprinted from *Lighted Corners*, Vol. 24 Spring 2004

Climbing that gigantic
Pine tree that stood tall
And mighty in our side yard
We used to think
We would touch heaven
If we could just reach
The top. Sap-smeared
And pine-scented we mounted
Higher each day.
I always looked down at you
And laughed, because I was
Less afraid to grab
The peak cone. You were
Always more cautious
And protective. You would
Beg me to steer clear
Of the highest, weakest branches
That tangled my hair
And threatened my balance
As I swayed with the wind.
I always had the better view
But you had the shorter fall.

Full-Time Visual and Performing Arts Faculty

DR. KURT E. BLAUGHER, Chair
Ph.D. Northwestern University; M.A. University of Pittsburgh; B.A. Washington and Jefferson College
Recent Professional Activities: Mentor, Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) Leadership Institute; adjudicator for the Mercersburg Academy Declamation Competition; national chair, ATHE Theatre as a Liberal Art focus group

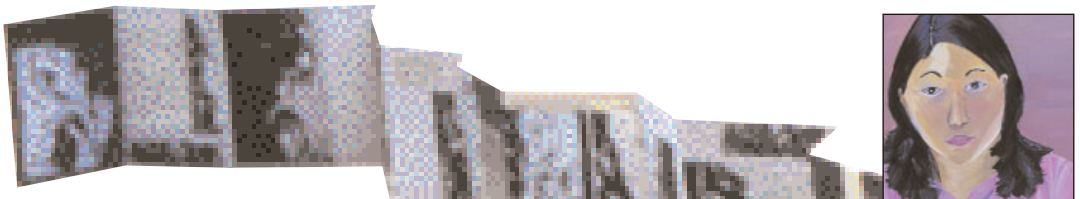
PROF. ELIZABETH HOLTRY
M.F.A. University of Cincinnati; B.A. University of Maryland, College Park
Areas of Interest: Painting, mixed media, fiber arts, contemporary art, gender issues

PROF. BARRY LONG
M.M. Eastman School of Music; B.M. Berklee College of Music
Recent Professional Studies: Completing doctoral degree in jazz studies at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y.

DR. ANDREW B. ROSENFELD
D.M.A. University of Cincinnati; M.Mu. University of Illinois; B.A. Hamilton College
Areas of Interest: Choral conducting, voice, Mediterranean folk music—recently conducted research in Italy and Spain

PROF. TIMOTHY P. VERMEULEN
M.F.A. University of Illinois; B.A. Calvin College
Recent Painting Exhibitions: "Articulating the Intangible," McLean Project for the Arts, Va.; "To Be Continued ...," Signal 66 Gallery, Washington, D.C.

In addition to the above, the department includes 10 adjunct faculty members.



Cheryl Felsentreger '04

Self portrait (inset). Linoleum cut relief prints from senior project exploring perceptions of women. "Many Americans are likely to agree with the opinion that veiled females are sexual prisoners, while denying that the sexualized depiction of women in the media does the same thing."

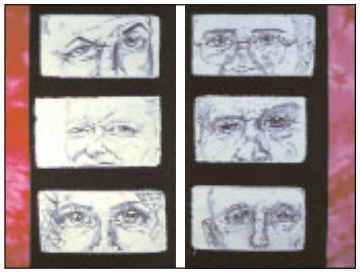
"Jim Witt [designer and technical director] and I decided to set our production of *Twelfth Night* in the 1920s—a time of celebration and merriment, when 'seize the day' was the motto for a generation. It's the same with Shakespeare's play—almost all of these characters are living for the moment."—Director Kurt Blaugher, chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department

A concert in May showcased the Jazz Workshop, Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble, which premiered a new work written for the group by its director, Nathan Brewster. The growing ensembles, under the direction of Professors Brewster and Barry Long, comprise Mount students from across the country.

Mount St. Mary's Chorale Advent Concert at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The Chorale toured in Spain in 2003.

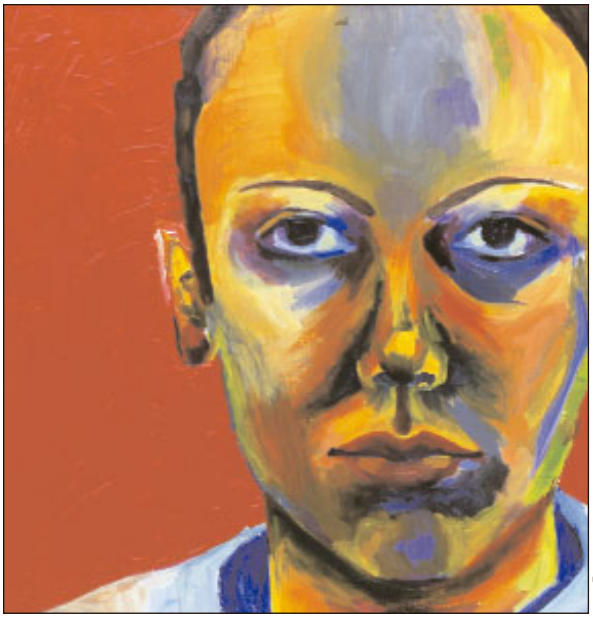
Mount Arts at a Glance

- Fine arts major and minor, with concentrations in art, music and theatre as well as teacher certification
- Mount St. Mary's Chorale
- Mount Wind Ensemble
- Mount Jazz Workshop
- Mount Percussion Ensemble
- Mount Theatre
- Art Club
- Annual student art shows
- "Lighted Corners" literary and arts magazine
- Exhibits, lectures and concerts by visiting artists and musicians
- Gospel Choir, Dance Team, Social Dance Club and other extracurricular activities sponsored by various campus groups



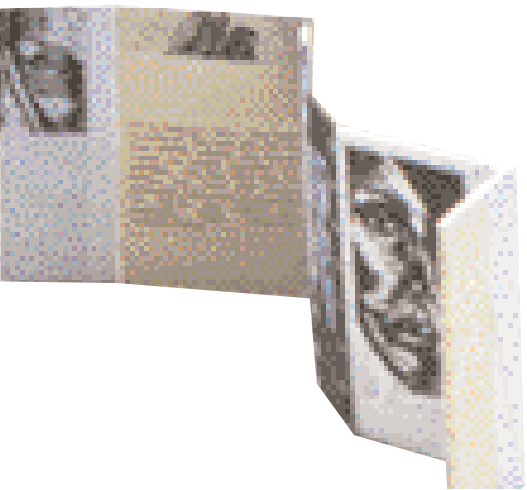
Meghan O'Connor '04

Charcoal and graphite drawings on hand-discharged canvas from senior project, "Looking into the Soul" (top). "I love the art of the human face and figure because they are the visible part of human emotion." Figure study that won Best in Show in the 2003 Mount Student Art Exhibition.



Tara Lowder '06

Self portrait and (silhouetted at right) mixed-media work using natural materials



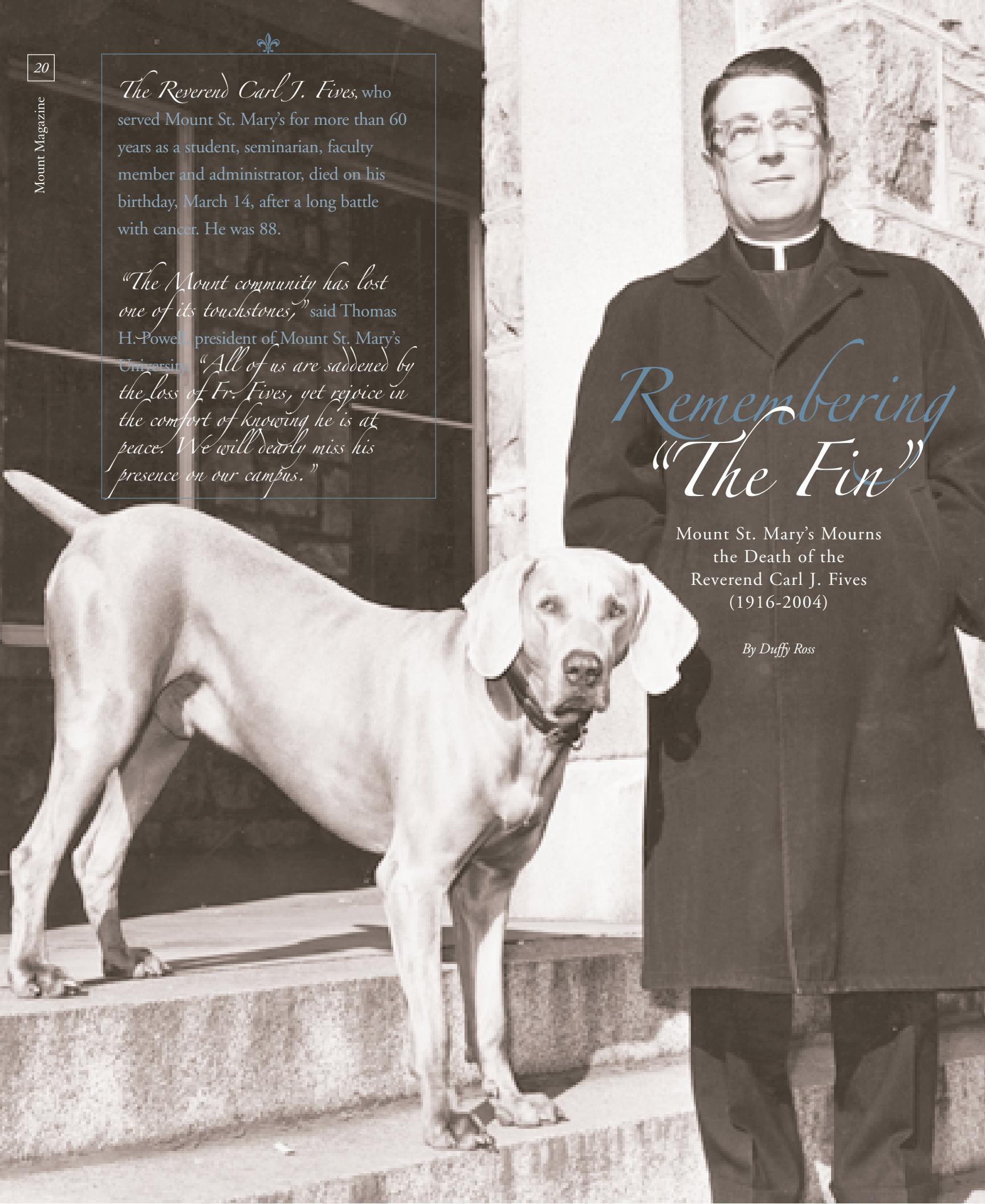
Remembering "The Fin"

Mount St. Mary's Mourns the Death of the Reverend Carl J. Fives (1916-2004)

By Duffy Ross

The Reverend Carl J. Fives, who served Mount St. Mary's for more than 60 years as a student, seminarian, faculty member and administrator, died on his birthday, March 14, after a long battle with cancer. He was 88.

"The Mount community has lost one of its touchstones," said Thomas H. Powell, president of Mount St. Mary's University. *"All of us are saddened by the loss of Fr. Fives, yet rejoice in the comfort of knowing he is at peace. We will dearly miss his presence on our campus."*



Born and raised in Honesdale, Pa., Fr. Fives graduated from Mount St. Mary's College in 1938 and the Mount Seminary in 1942. He was ordained on May 30, 1942, for the Diocese of Scranton by (Mount alumnus) Bishop William J. Hafey, in St. Peter's Cathedral, and returned immediately to Mount St. Mary's.

For nearly half a century, Fr. Fives, known affectionately on campus as "The Fin," served as a Mount faculty member in philosophy, theology and mathematics, and as an administrator. He was academic dean twice, treasurer for a decade, vice president and executive vice president. Additionally, during World War II, he coordinated the U.S. Navy's V-5 and V-12 flight training programs on campus.

In 1975, Fr. Fives received the Bruté Medal, the highest honor conferred on a graduate by the Mount's National Alumni Association. He served the National Alumni Association as its executive secretary for many years, as well as its chaplain until his death. He received several alumni chapter awards, including Connecticut (1976), Harrisburg/York (1985), Delaware (1985) and Philadelphia (1987).

At the Alumni Reunion banquet in 1998, the Alumni Endowed Scholarships were renamed the Reverend Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship Program—recognizing his more than six decades of outstanding and tireless service to the Mount.

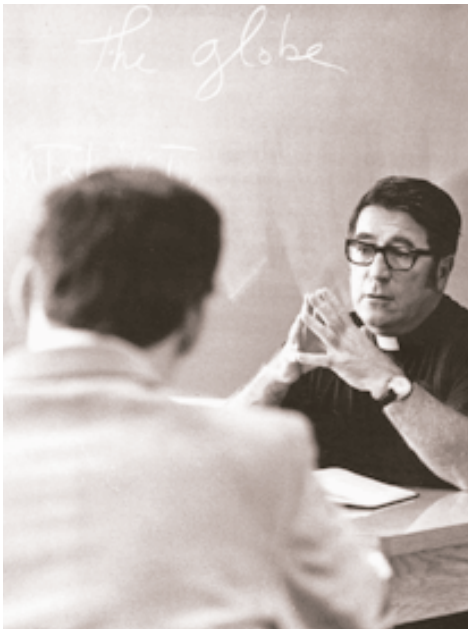
In 1999, Mount St. Mary's awarded Fr. Fives with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Alumni Remembrances ...

For generations of students and graduates, Father Fives served as a wonderful priest, friend, educator and administrator—but always with the deepest respect and love for each and every one with whom he came in contact. As a student, I was privileged to know him as a teacher of logic and to live on his floor in Pangborn Hall, where his living room became our senior lounge. Father Fives made us feel at home by allowing us to sit in his living room and watch television—at a time when we were not allowed to have televisions in our rooms. In later years, as president of the National Alumni Association, I became even more aware of his impact on generations of alumni, who often made it a point to visit with him whenever they returned to campus or to visit with him at various alumni chapter events around the country. May he rest in peace.
—Daniel Curtin, C'64

Memorial gifts can be made to the Reverend Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship Program, in care of the Mount St. Mary's Alumni Office, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

Eileen Steckel Bevenour, C'89



To me, Father Fives was not only my teacher, spiritual counselor and friend, he was the grandfather I never had. Over the past 18 years he stood by my side through the ups and downs of my life. His unconditional love was truly beautiful. I am very blessed to have had Father Fives in my life. He is the reason my faith is as strong as it is today. I miss him so much! Father Fives was my angel on earth and now he is my angel in heaven. I take great comfort in knowing that he is watching over me and my children. I am happy that he is at peace in heaven.

Fr. Fives graduated from Mount St. Mary's College in 1938 and the Mount Seminary in 1942

Alumni Remembrances …

As an incoming freshman in the fall of 1969, I had the privilege of being one of Father Fives' students. The course was entitled "Logic" and little did I know that this class would later be the foundation for my career in information technology. As I progressed through the course, I struggled with the material and felt that I was on a path for failure unless something drastically changed. Something did drastically change, Father Fives. With his support, guidance and help, he provided the encouragement and time that I needed to better understand the material and ultimately excel in the course. Thank you Father Fives for your encouragement, help and support. May God bless you and keep you …
—William J. Torelli Jr., C'73

As sophomores, my roommates and I were feeling our oats one weekend and went out for a case of beer. As we unloaded it from our trunk, Fr. Fives was coming across the parking lot with his dog. He was so quiet that we had no idea that he was watching us. He ambled up to the car and quietly asked us to follow him. He led us to his room in Pangborn Hall (which was brand new then). He instructed us to leave the case of beer and were told he would be in touch with us later in the week.

We figured that our days at the Mount were numbered.

About a week later, we received a phone call on the dorm phone and were told to report to his room at our earliest convenience. By this time, we had started to pack and had discussed at great length what we would tell our parents. We knew that this was the end of our college days and that that case of beer was the beginning of a tough, terrible life—facing who knows what—away from the Mount.

When we arrived at his room, Fr. Fives smiled benignly and said (pointing to the case of empties on the floor by the door), "I think those belong to you. …"

The case of empty beer bottles (Natty Boh, I believe) left hastily with three greatly relieved, and much wiser, sophomores. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.
—Ed Sutton, '64

Rick Horn, C'76

I knew Father Fives as both a priest and a professor. My years at the Mount were totally enriched by the number of clergy on the faculty in those days and Father Fives was such a big part of the Mount community then and ever since. He resided in Pangborn Hall during my Mount years and he was a quiet member of the first floor for men. When we would have a party in Pangborn in my junior and senior years he would always make an appearance before quietly returning to his residence. It's fitting he was buried on the feast day of St. Joseph. Eternal rest grant unto Father Fives, oh Lord.

Alumni Remembrances ...

I remember that April day in 1968 like it was yesterday. I was losing the battle against "spring fever" in my Constitutional History class when Father Fives suddenly appeared in the classroom and asked for me by name. My trivial fears of some academic shortcoming were soon replaced by the numbness of shock when Father Fives told me in the hallway that my mother was seriously ill at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore. He wanted me to come to his office and call my family, after which he suggested I join him in a brief prayer for my Mom.

He took care of everything that afternoon; including pulling my roommate from class to drive me down to Baltimore. My mother died that night and the next day the wake and funeral arrangements were interrupted by the news of the slaying of Martin Luther King Jr. My classmates were able to pay their respects at the funeral home only because of a Maryland State Police escort—quietly worked out behind the scenes by Father Fives.

I will never forget his kindness and consolation during that time.
—Bo Blair, C'68

I had great admiration for Fr. Fives and enjoyed seeing him at many Mount basketball games. While I was a student, I used to go over to Fr. Fives' apartment and watch Monday Night Football with him. He was very much like a grandfather figure for me on campus and I found it very reassuring to be in his company. We would always talk sports, but his interests were very broad and he could discuss any topic. I am proud to be from the same diocese as such a good man.
—Fr. Jeff Walsh, S'94, Spiritual Director, St. Pius X Seminary, Dalton, Pa.

Andrea Bogart, C'03

When I first set foot on the Mount campus, I realized I was in for a challenge, with basketball and a full academic schedule to boot. At that time, I wondered if I had the internal strength to handle those challenges. I then met Father Fives—a short man, with the mightiest pillar for support. My fondest earliest memories of Father Fives were when he would travel with our team as well as come to our home games. As time went on, I grew closer to him and my relationship with Father Fives flourished. Father Fives was part of my Mount family. I am sure he is in a better place today and that his suffering has past, but his good heart and enduring legacy will live with me for many years to come.

more than six decades of outstanding and tireless service to the Mount

Campano NAMED NEC STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Naomi Campano, a dual-sport athlete in women's lacrosse and soccer, earned the 2004 Northeast Conference Student-Athlete of the Year award, in voting by the members of the NEC Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

The award is based on a combination of academics, athletics, community service and a personal statement by each of the nominees.

"This award is the highest academic achievement a student-athlete can reach," said Harold P. Menninger, the Mount's director of intercollegiate athletics. "Naomi has worked hard for this honor and we are extremely proud of her for reaching this premier goal."

Campano, a 2004 graduate with a 3.98 grade-point average, immersed herself in a wide variety of campus-related activities in her four years at the Mount—serving as president of the George Henry Miles Honor Program, vice president of the International Affairs Organization, president of the 2003 European Council at the Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation Consortium and a member of the Senior Class Honors Council. She also held positions on the school's SAAC and Campus Activity Board, and was a volunteer for the Mount 2000 & Beyond Retreat.

Among Campano's numerous community service initiatives were organizing and directing a campuswide winter clothing drive as well as serving as a volunteer at the East Side Youth Center in Allentown, Pa., and as a youth soccer coach.

Though a four-year starter on the women's soccer team, it is in lacrosse where Campano left her mark. She was tabbed NEC Player of the Year and NEC Tournament Most Valuable Player after leading the Mountaineers to their first conference regular season and tournament titles in 2004. Campano led the league and ranked third nationally in save percentage (.562) and finished second in the NEC in saves per game (11.25) and third in goals against average (9.07). Her strong play also catapulted the Mount to a 12-7 win over Manhattan in an NCAA Play-In match and the program's first berth in the NCAA Tournament. A two-time all-league performer, she concluded her career as the Mount's all-time leader in saves (595), minutes (3,288) and wins (31).

"It is great that Naomi has been recognized for her hard work on and off the field," said head coach Courtney Martinez-Connor. "This is a great accomplishment for the Mount and its student-athletes."

SPRING *Wrap Up*

Senior **Jay Duffy** *led the team with 34 points (18G, 16A).*

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Mount men's lacrosse team kept one streak alive, but saw another fall in the 2004 season. The Mount won its final four Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference games, but it was not enough to overcome a slow start as the team did not qualify for the MAAC Tournament for the first time in school history.

A 5-3 conference record, however, helped the Mount to its ninth straight MAAC regular season winning record.

Leading the way this season was senior **Jay Duffy** and sophomore attackmen **Jason Werner** and **Matt Warner**. Duffy led the team with 34 points (18G, 16A) while Werner had a team-high 27 goals, including a seven-goal effort in the regular season finale vs. St. Joseph's. Warner was second on the team in goals (21) and points (33).

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

After advancing to the Northeast Conference championship game last season, the Mount St. Mary's women's lacrosse squad took the next step in 2004. The Mount finished the season with a program-best 15-5 mark and won the team's first regular season and tournament titles.

Despite winning the NEC, the Mount had to beat Manhattan in a NCAA play-in game to qualify for the NCAA Division I tournament. The team traveled to the University of Virginia in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Freshman **Casey Paris** and sophomore **Kirby Day** each found the twine, but the second-seeded Cavaliers advanced with a 19-2 win.

Senior **Naomi Campano** earned NEC Player of the Year honors and head coach Courtney Martinez Connor won Coach of the Year, for the best season in the Mount's nine-year history of women's lacrosse. **Erin LaMotte**, senior **Kim Keene** and sophomore **Jen Davison** each received All-NEC first-team selections while **Day and Leeann Robustelli** picked up an All-NEC second-team nod.

BASEBALL

Head coach Scott Thomson led the Mount baseball team to a school-record 25 wins while just missing a spot in the Northeast Conference Tournament. The Mountaineers posted a 25-18 record, shattering the previous mark of 17 wins set during the 2000 and 2002 seasons. It was the best season by a Mount squad since the 1967 team went 13-4 and the first winning season since 1985.

Leading the way this season was NEC Rookie of the Year **Dustin Pease** who broke school single-season records for wins (8), innings pitched (84.2), strikeouts (88) and saves (4). He tied the school mark with 22 appearances while earning Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week honors three times. Senior outfielder **Jason Weszka** led the team in hitting with a .367 average to earn First Team All-NEC honors. With 61 hits this season, he fell four shy of establishing a single-season record at the school. He finishes his career as the all-time program leader with 191 hits, 42 doubles and 174 games played.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Mountaineer men's and women's tennis teams continued their climb up the Northeast Conference ladder with strong showings in the 2003-04 season. Both teams advanced to the semifinals of the NEC Tournament and have strong foundations to build upon next year.

On the men's side, the Mount earned the number three spot in the NEC Tournament and advanced to the semifinals for the first time since the NEC changed the format to a team-flighted event in 1999. In the semifinal round, the Mount (10-14, 5-4 NEC) lost to number two seed Sacred Heart, 4-3, in one of the most exciting matches in recent NEC Tournament history.

On the women's side, the Mount advanced to the NEC semifinals for the first time since 1998. The Mount earned the number four seed and was ousted by eventual champion Quinnipiac, 5-0, in the semifinals. The Mountaineers finished 5-11, 3-3 in the NEC.

MEN'S GOLF

A new coach and several exciting performances have the Mount men's golf team looking forward to next season. The highlight of the year was junior **Andrew Hill** winning the Bucknell University Invitational with back-to-back 69s.

Hill finished second on the team with a 78.8 scoring average, just behind sophomore **Colby Jacobs** (78.6). For his performance at Bucknell, Hill earned NEC Player of the Week honors. He also was the Mount's top finisher at the NEC Championship with a two-day total of 156.

With everyone back for next season, new head coach Erin Brilhart has plenty to look forward to as the men's golf team heads to the top of the NEC standings.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Several outstanding team and individual performances highlighted the 2003-04 women's golf season. Head coach Bud Nason's squad continues to improve on its quest to challenge for the Northeast Conference title.

Sophomore **Shannon Prettyman** became the first Mount women's golfer to earn NEC Player of the Week honors after winning the Dickinson College Invitational with a score of 78. Buoyed by Prettyman's performance, the team shot a school-record one-day total of 337 to capture the team crown as well.

At the NEC Championship, the Mount finished sixth, led by junior **Maria Oristaglio**, who was the top finisher. Oristaglio was named the team's most valuable player.

TRACK & FIELD

The men's and women's outdoor track and field teams had several outstanding individual achievements during the 2004 season. Leading the way was senior **David Hinton**, who won the decathlon at the prestigious Penn Relays—becoming the eighth Mountaineer to win the decathlon at the event.

Hinton also finished second in the decathlon at the IC4A Championships held at Yale University in May. Along with his success in the decathlon, Hinton won the Northeast Conference in the pole vault and qualified for the NCAA Regionals in Florida.

On the women's side, freshman **Mandy Jenkins** excelled at the pole vault, qualifying for the NCAA Regionals. She earned two NEC Rookie of the Week honors on the year. Sophomore **Shannon Norris** earned NEC Track Athlete of the Week honors after an impressive performance in the 100-meter hurdles at the Virginia Commonwealth Ram Invitational.

The men's team finished in sixth place at the NEC Championships, held on campus, while the women's team earned an eighth-place nod.

SOFTBALL

It was a tough season for the Mount softball team this spring. Wins against Virginia Tech, James Madison and Quinnipiac were overshadowed by a 10-game losing streak at the end of the year that took the squad out of conference contention. The Mount finished with a 13-30 overall record and 6-12 in NEC action.

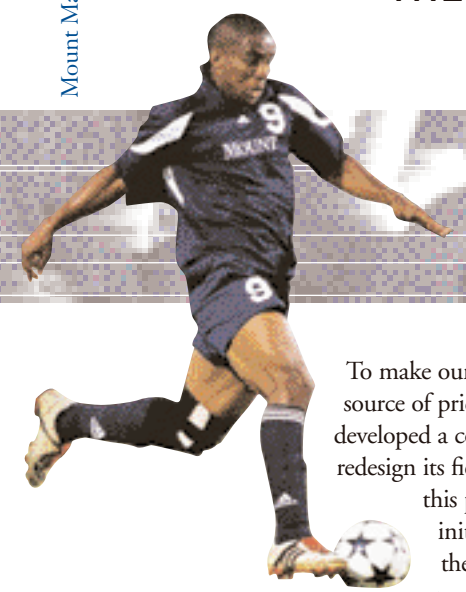
Local product **Sarah Ramsburg** anchored an outfield core with a team-leading .310 batting average, 39 hits, 20 runs and 17 stolen bases—along with two doubles and five RBIs to earn Second-Team All-NEC honors.

Following a stellar freshman campaign, pitcher **Maria Lutz** returned this season to not only lead the team in wins but in runs batted in. A 6-8 record with a 3.25 ERA on the hill included a 3-1 victory against Virginia Tech. In the batter's box, she recorded 16 RBIs along with a .277 batting average, 28 hits, 16 runs scored, nine doubles and a triple.

Above:
Sarah Ramsburg *earned Second-Team All-NEC honors.*

Left:
David Hinton *advanced to the finals in the pole vault at the 2004 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.*

THE HOME FIELD *Advantage!*



our athletes are Division I

our potential is inspiring

our ambitions are great

To make our athletic facilities a source of pride, the Mount has developed a comprehensive plan to redesign its fields. In connection with this project, a $3 million initiative is underway for the construction of an all-purpose, all-weather field and stadium complex.

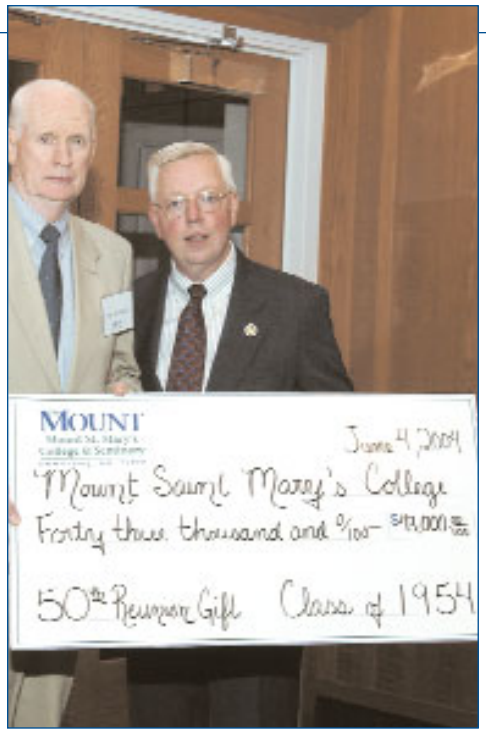
The complex will include configurations for lacrosse and soccer, artificial turf, lighting, seating for 1,000, restrooms and concessions stand, press box, locker and training rooms and parking.

"To be a Division I program we need Division I facilities," said Chappy Menninger, the Mount's executive director of athletics. "Right now our fields are not competitive or safe and several competitors have better fields.

"The Board of Trustees has confirmed the importance of Division I athletics at the Mount," Menninger said. "It is a commitment supported by President Thomas Powell through his support in communicating the importance of athletics to the university community."

In the last two years, the men and women's lacrosse teams have won conference championships and advanced to the NCAA tournament. You can become part of this athletic renaissance by making this project a reality for the Mount's student-athletes.

Fundraising is underway and several naming opportunities are available. For more information contact Frank DeLuca, vice president of advancement at 301-447-5772; or Mike Hardisky, assistant director of athletics at 301-447-5227.



MOUNT ANNUAL FUND GOES *Over the Top! ... Again!*

The classes of 1954 and 1964 surpassed their reunion class competitors with the highest participation rate (55 percent) and largest gift ($55,000), respectively. Their class flags will fly in front of Bradley Hall next year. **Col. Peter Joseph O'Hagan Jr. USMC (Ret.), C'54** *presents the check to President Powell.*

Thanks to the strong leadership of National Chair **Kevin Dowd, C'70**, and Vice Chair **Brian Smith, C'70**, and the hard work and dedication of many volunteers, more than $1.4 million in Annual Fund gifts were raised this fiscal year, surpassing the goal of $1.39 million.

Earlier this year, **Jack Bransfield, C'63**, created a challenge to alumni: all new gifts to the Mount Annual Fund would be matched by $200, up to a total of $100,000. The program was wildly successful, with *more than 700 alumni making new gifts*.

Alumni Reunion Weekend marked the end of a year-long class competition for participation rate and the largest class gift. In the end, *the classes of 1954 and 1964 surpassed their reunion class competitors*

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION *Begins Planning Stage*

"Mount St. Mary's will celebrate its bicentennial in a manner that will enhance the national identity of the university. You will serve as leaders and ambassadors for this effort."

And with those words from Mount President Thomas H. Powell, the Mount St. Mary's University Bicentennial Commission began the planning stages of what promises to be a multi-year celebration encompassing the entire Mount community. Commission members reviewed ideas presented during the brainstorming session in January, developed a committee structure and drafted a mission statement.

"The Mount recognizes the invaluable contributions the commission members will make and appreciates their commitment and continued support," said **Dick Ridgway, C'58**, commission chairman. "This is indeed an extraordinary time in our history and an opportunity to celebrate not only our past, but our future."

In addition to Ridgway, commission members include **Monsignor John Enzler, S'73**, vice chair; **Peggy Tripp, C'85**, vice chair; **Tony Ambush, C'73; Marty Brunk, C'80; Karen Carter, C'60; James Courtney, C'60; Dan Curtin, C'64; Bettie Delaplaine**, former trustee; **Jack Ellis, C'71; Karl Einolf, Ph.D.**, university faculty; **Thomas Holmes, C'68; Kelly Roche Hughes, C'82; Jen Martin, C'05** and current Student Government Association president; **Frank Merolla, D.D.S., C'63; Fr. Dan Mindling**, seminary faculty; **Liz Monahan**, bicentennial director; **Scott Newkam, C'72; Irene Powell**, wife of Mount President Thomas H. Powell; **Marv Stocker**, university parent; and **John Walsh, C'58**.

"The work we complete over the next four years will serve as the catalyst to promote awareness of our strong academic programs, enhance the public's perception of the institution, and highlight our service to the nation and the world," said Monahan.

For more information on the bicentennial contact Monahan at 301-447-4427.

with the highest participation rate (55 percent) and largest gift ($55,000), respectively. Their class flags will fly in front of Bradley Hall next year.

The class of 1964 has also set a goal to raise $1 million by the college's bicentennial in 2008 for a new initiative, the Third Century Scholars Program. At this time, $500,000 has been committed to the program.

This year's faculty, staff and administration campaign boasted a *51 percent participation rate—an all time high*—and with contributions totaling $26,500. Many thanks to the strong leadership of campaign chairs Peter Dorsey, Ph.D., Missy Gladhill and Linda Junker.

Through a new initiative, *nearly 30 percent of the class of 2004 pledged more than $30,000* for the annual fund during the next five years. Additionally, the class gift included the construction of a beach volleyball court for the campus community. **Scott Wilfong, C'72**, and member of the board of trustees, challenged all members of the class by matching the total dollars they raised this fiscal year.

Leading the Senior Class Gift Committee were **Martin Valerio, Jaimee Thoelen, Jeff Thoelen, Monica Salas, Carolyn Laurenzano and Katie Hanley**.

JOIN THE *Bicentennial Pioneers!*

A four-year journey to celebrate the Mount's 200-year history will culminate with a series of grand festivities in 2008. Here's your opportunity to get a jump-start on the excitement!

Members of the Mount community attending the brainstorming session in January initiated support for the celebration of the Mount's historic birthday. To generate the national attention the Mount deserves and support a celebration fitting of such a momentous journey, an opportunity has been created for Mount alumni, parents and friends to share in funding the Bicentennial.

The Mount is seeking the support of $2,008 from 1,000 individuals to help fund the celebration's many projects and programs. These participants, called "Bicentennial Pioneers," will be specially recognized in the years leading up to 2008 and will have their names permanently etched in the campus Founder's Plaza.

Your gift can be payable over four years. For example, $502 per year over four years=$2,008!

For information on this initiative contact Pamela Zusi, executive director of development, at 301-447-5361 or email zusi@msmary.edu.

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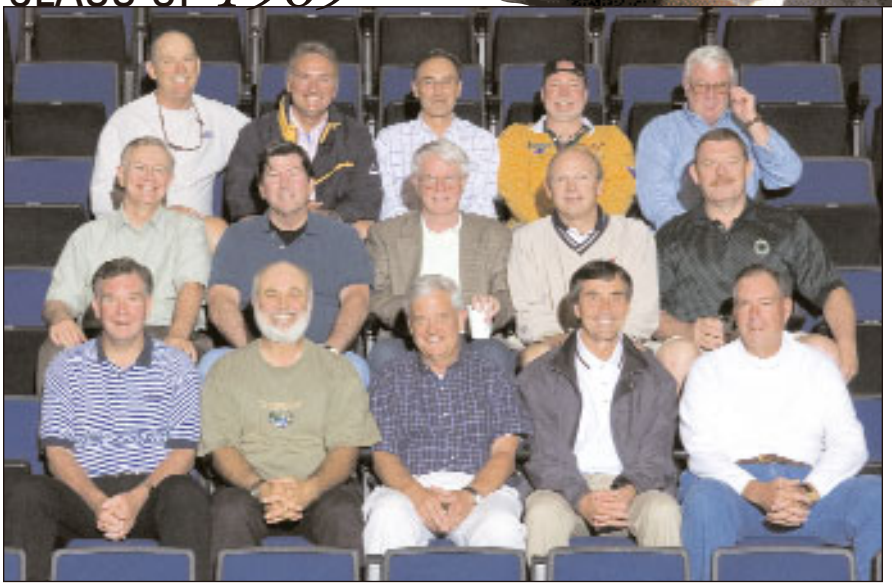

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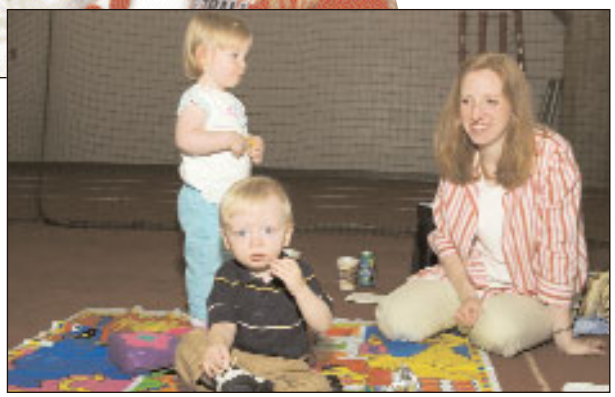

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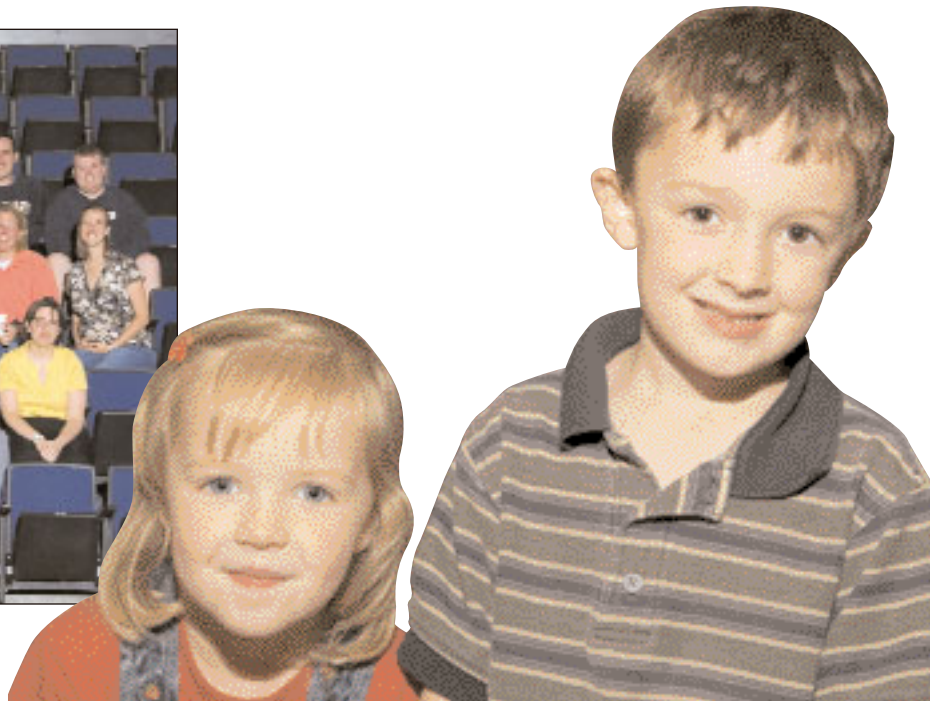

REUNION *Ceremonies* AND *Recognition*

Top row:
President Powell, Pat Goles,C'64, and George Gelles (right), C'64, president and executive vice president, National Alumni Association, present Phil McGlade, C'70, with an award of appreciation for his many years of service as the Alumni Director.

Second row:
Fr. Jack Lombardi at the Rev. Carl J. Fives Memorial Mass, held Saturday, June 5; Pat Goles with the 40th Annual Bruté Medal winner, Dr. Francis L. Delmonico, C'66 and President Powell with the 41st Annual DuBois Medal winner, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick.

Third row:
President Powell gave a special alumni message and update on the Mount. Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick with Dr. Francis L. Delmonico, C'66, Frank DeLuca, C'68 and Tom O'Hara, C'64.

Above:
For the second year in a row, the 28th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament was canceled due to rain. Attendees still got to hang out at the 19th hole, door prizes were awarded, and the alumni recognized coach Jim Phelan, honorary chair for the tournament, with its annual service award.

WE WANT YOUR NEWS!

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1950

John Rossi, C'50, a retired teacher and an avid golfer, was the recipient of one of the Medals of Appreciation that were presented by newly consecrated Archbishop Mansell of Hartford, Conn., at St. Joseph's Cathedral on March 28.

1951

Benedict Johnston, C'51, and his wife, Mary Kathleen, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Feb. 20, 2004. They reside in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

1966

William P. Magee Jr., C'66, D.D.S., M.D., a leading plastic and craniofacial surgeon, founded Operation Smile in 1982 with his wife, Kathleen S. Magee, B.S.N., M.Ed., M.S.W., and serves as the organization's chief executive officer. Operation Smile is a private, not-for-profit volunteer medical services organization providing reconstructive surgery and related healthcare to indigent children and young adults in developing countries and the United States.

Operation Smile was featured on NBC's hit reality show, "The Apprentice," during the two-hour finale on Thursday, April 15. Kwame Jackson's final task was to organize a concert at Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, given by Jessica Simpson, Operation Smile's international youth ambassador.

1969

Bill "Wilbur" Wills, C'69, and his wife, Sue, are in their 27th year of making a living as self-employed actors, presenting portrayals of presidents and their first ladies. Bill says that it all began with his first theatre experience in "The Music Man" at St. Joseph's College in March 1966.

1973

Jude Pohl, C'73, opened the Perry Como Dinner Theatre in Canonsburg, Pa., where Como was born and raised. The first show is called "The Taffetas." Jude is also doing a production of "Temporarily Tartan," a show written by his wife, Shirley, at the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in Sharon, Pa., starring 1950s singing sensations The Four Lads.

1974

Dr. Daniel J. Mancini, C'74, has been the secretary of the Southern New Jersey Chiropractic Society and was recently appointed the chair for continuing education for the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors. In addition, Dr. Mancini has been appointed as a district deputy in the Knights of Columbus in New Jersey, with five councils under his jurisdiction.

1975

Rob Mattaliano, C'75, has been named English department chair at Saint Pius X High School in Pottstown, Pa.

1976

Jack Causa, C'76, was a member of the inaugural class inducted into the Holy Name High School Athletic Hall of Fame in October 2003. He played football, basketball and baseball at Holy Name, earning numerous honors. He attended the Mount on a baseball scholarship, earning All Mason-Dixon Conference honors and graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology. From 1976 through 2002, Jack was assistant football coach for the Holy Name Blue Jays. He also served as head football coach from 1998-2000 and head baseball coach from 1978-87. The school's baseball field and football practice facility are now named the Jack J. Causa Fields.

1978

Alumni from the class of 1978 got together March 10, 2004, at the Cozy in Thurmont. They included **Helen (Burgraff) Reed, Cindi (Lloyd) Muir, Joe Gluth, Dawn (Sherman) Eaton, Belinda (Troupe) Hill, Tess Engelhardt, Donna (Zito) Hanning and Joe Portolano**.

1979

Gary Engelstad, C'79, of Bradley Beach, N.J., is the resident life director of Seabrook, a campus for middle-income people age 62 or better, in Tinton Falls, N.J. Gary has been chosen to take on the added responsibility of Home Health, which provides Seabrook aides to assist residents in their activities of daily living. "This expansion in responsibilities is a true testament to Gary's talent and leadership abilities," says Ben Unkle, executive director, Seabrook. A political science major at the Mount, Gary was on the Vice Presidential Staff for George H. W. Bush and served on the staff of former Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady prior to joining Seabrook.

Bob Flynn, C'79, in February was named coach of the East squad for the prestigious McDonald's All-America boys' basketball game. He led the East in the 27th McDonald's showcase on March 31 in Oklahoma City. He coaches the Cardinal Gibbons Crusaders, who were ranked No. 3 by the *Baltimore Sun* last season.

1980

Kelly Ann (McCleaf) Karwacki, C'80, achieved national board certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. This certification has only been achieved by a small number of teachers in the nation, and requires both portfolio development and extensive reflection of teaching practices. Kelly received her master's degree in teaching from Johns Hopkins University in 1997. She currently teaches family studies at Sparrows Point High School in Edgemere, Md., where she lives with her husband, Dan, and their three children, Jessie (17), Rebecca (15) and Rob (13). She is also an adjunct professor for the Community Colleges of Baltimore County, teaching elementary methods and elementary assessments to potential teachers.

1982

Eugene A. LaCroce, C'82, has taken a new position as the senior counsel at Sovereign Bank in Boston, Mass.

1984

Joseph J. Reedy, C'84, has been promoted to vice president of the property and casualty commercial division of The Loomis Co. in Wyomissing. Previously, he was a senior account executive with the firm and held several positions with Aetna Life and Casualty. He received a bachelor's degree in business finance from the Mount.

Facing the Reality OF AN INCURABLE DISEASE

By Katie Sherman, C'01

Not a day goes by that **Kevin McCarthy, C'87**, a firefighter from "The Big House" NYC, doesn't fear losing his wife, Susan, to the incurable and often fatal disorder of polycystic kidney disease (PKD). Susan was diagnosed with PKD in December 2002.

In the final stages of PKD, the kidneys shut down, causing end-stage kidney failure for which dialysis and transplantation are the only options to prolong life. As the mother of three young children, Susan realizes she may never help her daughter pick out her wedding dress or be there to share the birth of her grandchildren.

So far, Susan is doing well. She feels fine despite the fact that her kidneys have begun to enlarge from the fluid-filled cysts growing on them. To prevent ruptures and infections, she was advised by her physician not to pick up her four-year-old son. And soon, she will not be able to pick up her two-year-old daughter. She admits, "They just don't understand why mommy can't pick them up. It hurts to tell them no."

The McCarthys are attempting to increase awareness of this "forgotten disease," which affects more than 600,000 Americans. It is one of the most common life-threatening genetic diseases, yet few people are aware of what it is and how it affects the human body. This lack of knowledge equates to inadequate funding for research to find treatments and a cure.

At last year's Walk for PKD, the McCarthys and their friends raised more than $2,000 dollars to help fund research. **The family invites Mount alumni to join in the annual Walk for PKD on Sat., Sept. 18, 2004, at the Holtsville Ecology Site in Holtsville, N.Y.** The day promises to be a great family event; the site includes a paved track, playgrounds, a zoo and an old fashioned carousel.

1988

Tara and Tim Hanlon, C'88, had twins on Sept. 9, 2003: Tess Elizabeth and Timothy John, "TJ." The family lives in Bernardsville, N.J.

Army National Guard Maj. Desiree M. Morasco, C'88, in April was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for distinguished service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. She is a unit executive officer with 16 years of military service.

1989

Michael, C'89, and Kristin (Dwyer), C'91, Ganley had twin boys, Patrick and James, on October 26, 2003. They join big sisters Abigail (3) and Claire (2).

Kevin Winterling, C'89, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of biology at Emory & Henry College in southwest Virginia. He received tenure in the fall of 2003. He and his wife, Louann, live in Emory, Va., with their three-year-old daughter and two-year-old son.

1990

Liz, C'90, and Jerry, C'89, French hosted a week-long reunion at their new home in Park City, Utah, in February 2004. This picture was taken at the Canyon Resort, down the block from their 6,500-square-foot house (equipped with a hot tub). The Sweeney clan flew from Coral Springs, Fla., where their three children had never seen snow but skied like pros within their first lesson. The Davenport clan flew from Setauket, Long Island, where it was 11 degrees. Due to such good accommodations, all vowed to return next year.

Top row: **Maryann (Gorman) Sweeney, C'90, Dan Sweeney, C'90**, Megan Sweeney, **Liz (Cantwell) French, C'90, Eileen (McAvoy) Davenport, C'90, Jerry French, C'89**. Bottom row: Matthew Sweeney, Brennan French, Katie Sweeney, Ashley French, Shawn Davenport. Missing from picture: Bill Davenport, Liam Davenport, Connor French

1991

Norine Bastian-Pastore, C'91, and her husband, Jim, announced the arrival of Richard Kolbe on Sept. 13, 2003. **Danielle (Peypoch) Bastian, C'96**, is his godmother.

Robert Mentz, C'91, and wife Kristin announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Marie Mentz, born April 28, 2004. Rob and Kristin live in Columbia, Md.

Kelley (Sullivan) Runyan, C'91, had a boy, Charlie, and a girl, Ellie, in February. They join big brothers Connor (5) and Matthew (4).

TLC's *(Mount)* WEDDING STORY

On March 29, TLC's "A Wedding Story" featured the October wedding of **Amy (Firlie) Jahr, C'91**. The ceremony was held in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The couple's first child is due August 21.

Amy (Firlie) Jahr, immediately in front of **Colleen (Mulherin) Hoffman, C'91**, and **Jennifer Firlie, C'95**, right. First row standing, left to right: 1991 Mount alumni **Mary Kate (Johnston) LoConte, Brooke (Jenkins) Teefey, Pam (Dreyer) Wigmore, Lori (Kurilla) Staub, Beth (DiLuchio) Albano, Joe Albano, Eileen Convery, Joanie (Sprague) Heinze**. Back, left to right: **Gene LoConte, C'91, Cathy (Ely) Walega, C'91,** and Amy's cousin **Ed Firlie, C'66**.

1993

Capt. Shay Coates, C'93, has been selected for promotion to the rank of major in the U.S. Army. He was also selected to attend the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He will attend the college from Aug '04 to June '05. Shay is currently working as the Coalition Forces Land Component Command logistics automation branch chief at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom/ Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and the Horn of Africa. He is married to Tracy Smith and they have two children, Jaelyn (10) and Cameron (6).

Michael Sexton, C'93, and his wife, Jennifer, celebrated the birth of their son, Keegan Michael, on September 15, 2003. The Sexton family resides in San Diego, Calif.

Christina M. Simpson, C'93, and her husband, Philip Trostle, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Michael Simpson Trostle, born on August 12, 2003. Jacob's maternal grandfather is **David E. Simpson, C'69.**

1994

Kevin, C'94, and Tricia (Schofield) Little, MBA'96, are the proud parents of Michael Delaney, born on Feb. 23, 2004. Michael, who joins big sister Erin, was named after the beloved Rev. James T. Delaney. The family resides in Laurel Springs, N.J.

Laura (McGinley) Ponce, C'94, and her husband, Francisco, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Francisco Xavier Ponce McGinley, born April 27, 2004.

Terrence Moore, C'94, and his wife, Fatima, welcomed their second daughter, Daniela Valentina, born on Feb 5. She joined her sister Gabriela, who is five.

Fiona Clare Murphy was born Dec. 21, 2003, to Mount alumni **Dan and Jennifer (Swanhart) Murphy, C'94**. Fiona also attended the bicentennial brainstorming session when she was five weeks old.

Sanjay Wijemanne, C'94, and his wife, Thusharie, were married in 1998 and are the new parents of baby boy Thehan, born on Dec. 21, 2003. Sanjay is the personal banking manager at HSBC and is working on his MBA in Sri Lanka.

1995

Brandi (Blair) Dockett, C'95, and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on March 4, 2004.

Amy Daugherty, C'95, is an editor in the Health and Performances Solutions division of ValueOptions Inc., a behavioral healthcare company in Reston, Va.

Brett Steall, C'95, Melissa (Coruzzi) Steall, C'96, and big brother Benjamin Steall (4), welcomed a new addition to the family, Peter Jack, on Oct. 8, 2003.

1996

Charles and Danielle (Peypoch) Bastian, C'96, celebrated the birth of their first son, Charles Bernard Jr., on March 31, 2004.

Ed Grant, C'96, Christie (Andreone) Grant, C'96, and Jamie Grant (2) are proud to announce the birth of a new family member, Joseph Edward, on Dec. 15, 2003.

Allison McGinn, C'96, married David J. Keefe on August 16, 2003, at St. Patrick's Church in Malvern, Pa. Allison is a first grade teacher at St. Patrick's School and David is a senior sales representative for GlaxoSmith Kline. In May 2002 Allison received her Master in Education degree from West Chester University. Mount alumni in attendance at the wedding included her brother **Patrick McGinn, C'98**; cousin **Mark Wimmer, C'97**; sister **Meredith McGinn, C'04**; and friend **Mary (Becker) Laczkovich, C'96**. Allison and David now reside in West Chester, Pa.

Jennifer (O'Dea) Sprungle, C'96, and her husband, Jim, happily announce the arrival of Clare Ann on Aug. 19, 2003.

Mary (Scheerer) and James Thomas, C'96, announce the birth of their first child, Larson Henry, on Jan. 9, 2004.

NEW MOUNT *Sports Hall of Fame* INDUCTEES

On March 27, four new members were inducted into the Mount St. Mary's Sports Hall of Fame. This year's inductees are **Tracy (Bradson) Fagan, C'89, Charlie Horning, C'93**, (right) **Laurie (Smith) Ernst, C'92**, (unable to attend) and **Rob Pendergist C'93**.

Bradson Fagan was a member of the Mount's women's basketball team from 1985-89; Horning was an attackman on the Mount lacrosse team from 1988-92; Smith Ernst was a multi-even performer on the women's track team from 1988-92; and Pendergist was an outstanding track and field performer for the Mount from 1989-94.

Established in 1971 and sponsored by the National Alumni Association, the Mount St. Mary's Sports Hall of Fame acknowledges past athletes who "have exhibited athletic prowess of an outstanding nature in an intercollegiate sport." Inductees over the past years have included former members of the basketball, football, baseball, cross country, boxing, soccer, track, tennis, lacrosse, decathlon, field hockey, softball and golf teams, as well as coaches and individuals who have contributed to the Mount's athletic program.

Jackie Pitts, C'01, *has recently been appointed director of community outreach for Books and Basketball Inc., a nonprofit organization.*

1997

Andrew Seamus Lynch, son of **Jennifer (Dowd) Lynch, C'97**, and Steve Lynch was born on Dec. 6, 2003.

Patrick, C'97, and Bridget (Conway) Fick, C'96, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Mackenzie Ann and Riley Elizabeth, on Sept. 16, 2003.

Michael Post, C'97, and his wife, Carrie, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on March 15, 2004.

Mike and Kelly (Klein) Smith, C'97, welcomed Mariella Rose into their family on Dec. 19, 2003.

1998

In May, **Moira Gannon, C'98**, received the Academic Excellence Award for the Master of Arts in Interior Design from Marymount University. She co-authored an article, "Children's Art Inspires Renewal," in the Winter 2004 issue of Revista-Harvard's Review of Latin America. The article highlighted her design thesis project, "Using Design Psychology in the Renovation of a Social Service for Hispanic Immigrants."

Tony, C'98, and Monica Wisen, M.Ed.'97, welcomed their third son, Mason Augustus, to the world on Feb. 24, 2004. He joins big brothers Langston and Truman. The family is moving from Seattle to Ithaca, N.Y., so Tony can attend Cornell University Law School.

1999

Tara Bunchalk, C'99, recently graduated from Lehigh University with an M.S. in molecular biology and in August will begin studies for her law degree at the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University. She works with Merck Research Labs in West Point, Pa.

Nicole Trumpler, C'99, was recently named Archbishop Spalding Teacher of the Year. A 1995 graduate of the high school, Ms. Trumpler teaches art, moderates the Art Club, coaches the junior varsity softball team and is a member of two outreach groups. Ms. Trumpler was honored at the Baltimore Archdiocesan Teacher of the Year 2004 Banquet on April 21.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Nicki Trumpler's caliber as one of our teachers. Her enthusiasm and dedication make her a favorite among the students and a valuable leader both in the classroom and beyond," says Principal Kathleen Mahar.

Ms. Trumpler earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts and double majored in rhetoric and communications at the Mount, graduating *cum laude*. She played soccer and softball all four years at the Mount, was named All-Conference in both sports and won several art awards. She was inducted into the Archbishop Spalding High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001 and began her teaching career later that year. She is pursuing a master's degree in education at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

2001

Jackie Pitts, C'01, has recently been appointed director of community outreach for Books and Basketball Inc., a nonprofit organization. The program, which divides participant time equally between small-group athletic coaching and one-on-one tutoring and homework assistance, provides students age 8-18 with an environment that advances their scholastic and

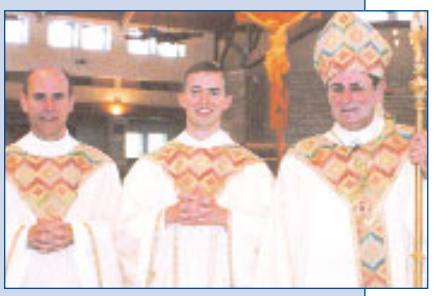
athletic skills while working with strong and dedicated adult role models.

Jackie is also responsible for the design and maintenance of **www.booksandbasketballinc.org**. Her experience working with children includes: four summers as a tennis instructor for the USTA youth camp in Gaithersburg, Md., one semester as the tennis instructor for Montgomery Community College, Md., and two summers as a youth counselor for the International Mountain Camp in Austria. Jackie graduated from the Mount with a Bachelor of Science in business and is presently working on her MBA. She works for SAG Corporation, an economics firm in Annandale, Va., that assists private businesses and government agencies with economic analysis and software development.

Ashley Rusk, C'01, married Bryan Raiford at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 11, 2003. The bridal party included **Megan Eaton, C'00, and Christine (Fee) Williams, C'01**. Other Mount alums attending included: **Ken Burdette, Paul Chubb, Matt Combs, Kelly Daugherty, Tim Foltyn, Rachel Gayes, Matt Hill, Bill McGowan, Erin O'Connor, Giovanna Seminara, Meghan (Zepp) Towers, Michael Williams and Rob Worthing**. The couple resides in Odenton, Md.

2003

Danielle Kuykendall, C'03, teaches middle school science at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg. She lives in Fairfield, Pa., with her husband, Ken, and daughters Kendra (12) and Kelsey (16).

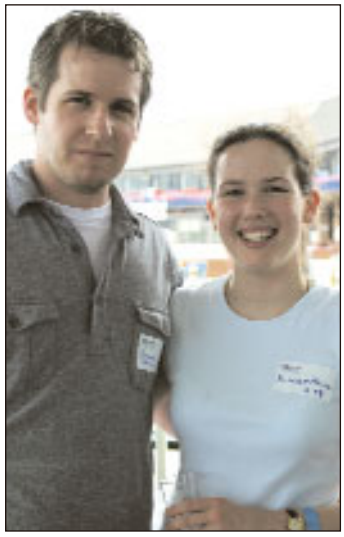


2004

Father Wesley Schawe, S'04, with Father Kevin C. Rhoades, seminary rector, and the Most Rev. Ronald Gilmore, bishop of Dodge City, at Schawe's ordination in Dodge City, Kansas, on May 22, 2004.

Take Me Out TO THE BALLGAME

The Mount St. Mary's National Alumni Association and Frederick Alumni Chapter enjoyed food and fun during the First Annual Frederick Keys Baseball Outing held June 25. After enjoying a summer picnic, alums and Mount staff cheered as the Frederick Keys took on the Potomac Cannons. Although the Keys lost 14-2, Mount spirits could not be dampened! The fun ended with a dazzling fireworks display and many alums looking forward to the Baseball Outing next year.



Clockwise from top left:
Gregory Beckman, C'91 with his six month old son Dominick, Gregory and Patricia Beckman with their oldest son, two year old Patrick; Evelyn Stephenson, C'00, Frederick Chapter president, with her husband Mark; Bryan and Bridget (Owens) Pelino, C'98

From left to right:
Frank Deluca, C'68, with Xavier DeCaire, C'73. President Thomas H. Powell with Don Quinn, C'61. National Alumni Vice President Jim Flynn, C'67, and wife, Paula.

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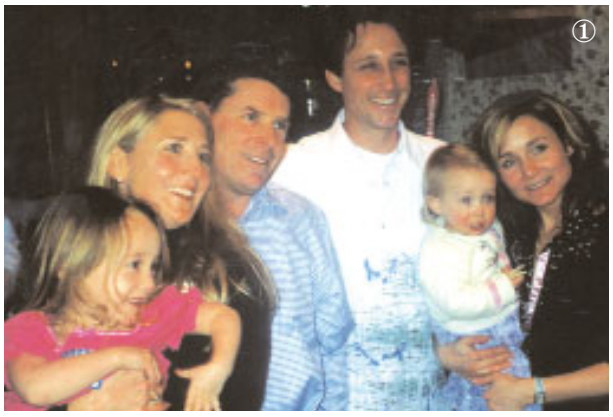
www.msmary.edu/chapterphotos

DELAWARE CHAPTER

Delaware Chapter members enjoyed a Meet the President Reception May 4 at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington.

The chapter also had a great event in early May at the 3rd Annual Mount St. Mary's Point-to-Point Races at Winterthur. Some of the alumni in attendance were **Dan Monagle, C'58**, and wife Mary, **Ellen Callahan, C'81, Kevin Foley, C'85, Chris Feryo, C'91,** and wife Kate, **Pat McGinn, C'98, Erin Callahan, C'01, Mike Goetz, C'88,** and **Terrance Cahill, C'92**.



① *From left: Eileen (Barnes) Hahn, C'89, Tom Barnes, Frank Barnes, C'83, and his wife, Tracy*
❷ *Eileen (Barnes) Hahn, C'89 and Kate (Weigand) King, C'91*
③ *Mike Chrepta, C'83; Mary (McCausland) Terry, C'83; Frank Barnes, C'83; and Pat Allocco, C'83*

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA CHAPTER

The New York Metropolitan Area Alumni Chapter held a reception in Hoboken, N.J., for the first time May 20. The event, hosted by **Karen Imbach, C '90**, attracted approximately 50 alumni and friends who enjoyed a beautiful spring night. Stay tuned for more alumni after-work events in the New York City area!

The chapter also hosted a social on March 7 at the Allendale Grill in Manhattan that was enjoyed by several alumni.

FLORIDA AREA CHAPTER

The Florida Chapter held a Meet the President Reception on Feb. 24 at The Breakers, Palm Beach, in Palm Beach, Fla.

Left to right:
Vilma Diaz Ruiz (mother of Alba Alvarez, C'06) and Katiuska Pardavila (wife of Frank, C'95) with Mrs. Irene Powell

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter hosted a night with the Harrisburg Senators on July 15, including a private barbecue on the upper deck.

FATHER FLANAGAN'S *Return*

Edward J. Flanagan arrived on the Mount St. Mary's campus in 1904, fresh from County Roscommon, Ireland.

He learned to swim that first day a century ago—and very quickly!—after a schoolmate shoved him into the pool.

His second day on campus was equally memorable.

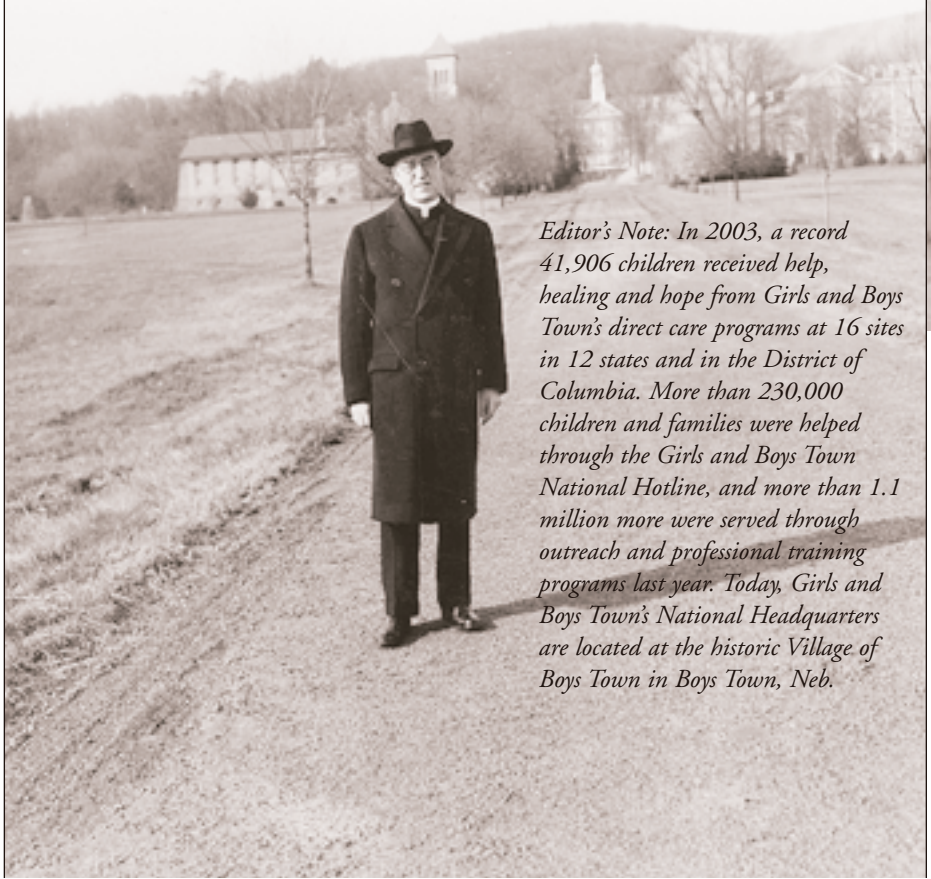
When a schoolmate challenged him to a fight in the gym, the youngster from Ireland proved himself a willing participant. The battle lasted four hours, Fr. Flanagan remembered, and his opponent spent the following week in bed.

"I was in worse shape than he was," Fr. Flanagan recalled. "And the only reason I didn't go to bed was because I was new in this country and too green to know that I should have."

Forty years later, the Rev. Msgr. Flanagan returned to the Mount for a one-day visit to reminisce about his school days and to share his livelihood—that of founding Boys Town (now Girls and Boys Town), in Nebraska, which cares for abused, abandoned, neglected, handicapped or otherwise troubled children.

During his visit to the Mount, Fr. Flanagan met with Rev. Msgr. John L. Sheridan, school president—who accompanied Fr. Flanagan on a tour of the Grotto above the campus; visited the gymnasium where he learned to swim, boxed, and played handball while a student; and toured the seminary's recreational room where he spoke to the seminarians.

Following his visit, Fr. Flanagan traveled to Washington, D.C., where he made visits to the White House to meet with President Harry Truman, and to the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he met with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and U.S. Attorney General Tom Clark.



Editor's Note: In 2003, a record 41,906 children received help, healing and hope from Girls and Boys Town's direct care programs at 16 sites in 12 states and in the District of Columbia. More than 230,000 children and families were helped through the Girls and Boys Town National Hotline, and more than 1.1 million more were served through outreach and professional training programs last year. Today, Girls and Boys Town's National Headquarters are located at the historic Village of Boys Town in Boys Town, Neb.

Top:
While on campus, Fr. Flanagan visited the seminarians in the seminary recreation room.

Middle:
Mount President Rev. Msgr. John L. Sheridan touring the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes with Fr. Flanagan.

Bottom:
Fr. Flanagan with Msgr. John L. Sheridan and Rev. James Burke.

STRIVING FOR *The Best of Both Worlds*

Christopher R.L. Blake, Ph.D.

As the incoming vice president for academic affairs, and the first to hold that privileged responsibility in the *new* Mount St. Mary's University, I am aware this role means living up to two sets of standards for academic leadership that our new designation challenges us with at this wonderful moment in our history.

The Mount is uniquely an institution called to fulfill both the expectations of that noble institution defined historically as the *liberal arts academy*, as well as the contemporary model of the *professional school*. The two traditions are absolutely entwined in our identity and some brief reflection on each is helpful.

Our liberal arts academy, about to reach its 200th birthday, is part of that great Western tradition of learning spanning a millennium and reaching back to its medieval origins in Europe. In the United States, Mount St. Mary's is a primary, stellar example of such an institution, established on monastic and collegial foundations, dedicated to the principle of Western thought and liberal study, and rooted in timeless truth as the basis of all learning. That is surely a history to be proud of, and in case we question whether such a tradition is still needed today, let us proudly note that we stand in the company of renowned institutions from around the globe in upholding this tradition in our core identity, such as Oxford, the Sorbonne, the Gregorian and Yale.

Furthermore, our academic identity is also enlarged by our commitment to another vital tradition of higher learning, captured so well in our designation change to a university. That tradition belongs to professional learning, and equipping our graduates with the knowledge, skills and values to be productive citizens in the workplace of the 21st century.

At a time of rapid cultural and social evolution, the role of higher education could not be more vital. This is a core feature of our university identity and confirms that our academic community has indeed been working like a university for some years. This is evident and reflected so powerfully in our graduate and nontraditional programs and in the large population of education and business students.

The academic challenge for the new Mount St. Mary's University is to nurture both these traditions and to establish an organization and culture where we connect them vibrantly and productively. There is ample scope for growth in our existing majors, as well as a need to develop new programs rooted in both liberal and professional traditions at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In so doing, we will be making the Mount not only a university in title, but also enhancing its university culture and operations.

Our Catholic liberal arts tradition and our commitment to service in the workplace have been hallmarks of what it means to be a Mount graduate for decades. These Mount ambassadors have shown in their public lives the faith, discovery, leadership and commitment to community that are the four pillars of our educational heritage and promise. Now we have an opportunity to move this historic accomplishment to the next level and to be a university excelling at combining the complementary traditions of liberal learning and professional vocation: to unite our face-to-face community with online outreach to the world.

As we approach our third century, our university on the mountainside can look forward with excitement to a re-energized commitment to the traditions of the liberal arts academy and the professional school: this truly will give us and our students the best of both worlds.

Christopher R.L. Blake, Ph.D., began his duties as vice president for academic affairs in July. Previously, he served as a professor of education, director of teacher education and chair of the education department at the Mount.

Submissions for First Person can be made via email to ross@msmary.edu, or in writing to the Mount's office of communications, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

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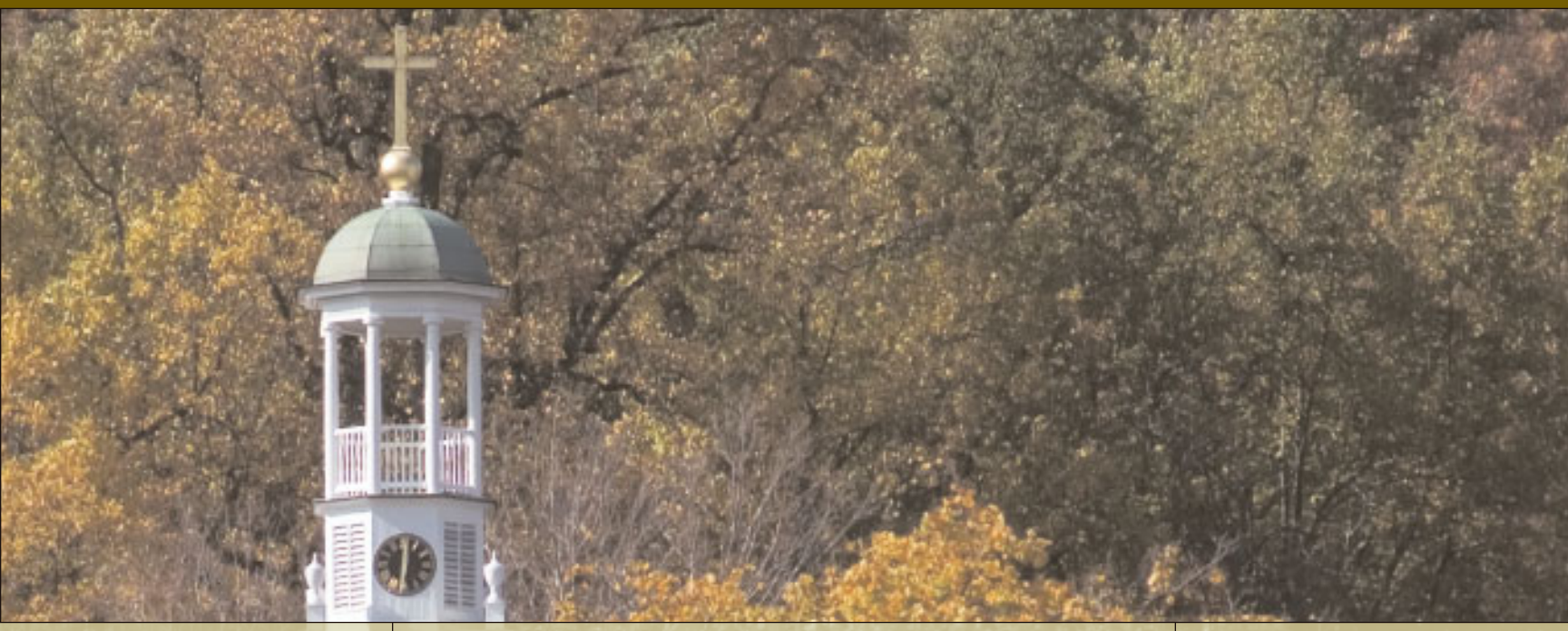
The Bicentennial 1808-2008 Pioneers

We're planning a series of spectacular events to honor our 200th birthday in 2008.



Here's your opportunity to get a jump-start on the excitement!

The Mount is seeking the support of $2,008 from 1,000 individuals to help fund the celebration's many projects and programs. Your gift can be payable over four years. For example, $502 per year over four years=$2,008!

"Bicentennial Pioneers" will be specially recognized leading up to 2008 and will have their names permanently etched in the campus Founder's Plaza.

To become a member of the Bicentennial Pioneers contact Pamela Zusi, executive director of development, at 301-447-5361, or email at zusi@msmary.edu.

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For details on chapter events, visit www.msmary.edu/alumnifriends/html/alumnievents.htm Or call the alumni office, 877-630-6102.

For more on retreats, visit www.msmary.edu/seminary/retreats Or call the seminary, 301-447-5017.

AUGUST 2004

Sunday, August 15
30th Annual Baltimore Chapter Crab Feast, *Ocean Pride Restaurant, Lutherville, Md.*

Friday, August 27
Mass of the Holy Spirit, *Chapel of the Immaculate Conception*

SEPTEMBER 2004

Friday, September 3
Mount Tiki Dance, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7
Lecture, Victor Romero

Friday, September 10
Crab Feast, 3 p.m., *the Quad*

Saturday, September 11
12th Annual Orioles Bullpen Party, Orioles vs. Yankees, Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Contact the Alumni Office ASAP, 877-630-6102.

Thursday, September 16
Lecture and Art Opening, Sherwood/Myers, 6 p.m., *Upper Flynn Hall*

Saturday, September 18
Catholic Charities' Dragon Boat Races—look for the Mount alumni team, thanks to the Baltimore Chapter!

Friday, September 24—Sunday, September 26
FamilyFest
- *9/24* Student Art Show Opening, *Delaplaine Gallery*
- *9/24* Bonfire, featuring Stand, 9:30 p.m., *Echo Field*
- *9/25* Carnival, Dance and Freshman Talent Show

OCTOBER 2004

Tuesday, October 5—Wednesday, October 6
Priests' Alumni Reunion
- *10/5* Priest Reunion Mass, *Chapel of the Immaculate Conception*
- *10/5* Priest Alumni Banquet, 7 p.m.
- *10/6* Priest Alumni Mass, 10 a.m., *Grotto*

Thursday, October 28
Lecture and Art Opening, Meg Rahaim, 6 p.m., *Upper Flynn Hall*

NOVEMBER 2004

Thursday, November 4—Sunday November 7
Mount Theatre, "Crazy for You," *Upper Flynn Hall*

Thursday, November 11—Saturday November 13
Mount Theatre, "Crazy for You," *Upper Flynn Hall*

Left to right:
Class of '97 alums at the 2002 Catholic Charities Dragon Boat Races, Deanna (Czech) Ziliga, Erin (Kelly) Sipes, Aimie (Thompson) Zinsi, Megan Dyer, Sarah (Thompson) Cunningham