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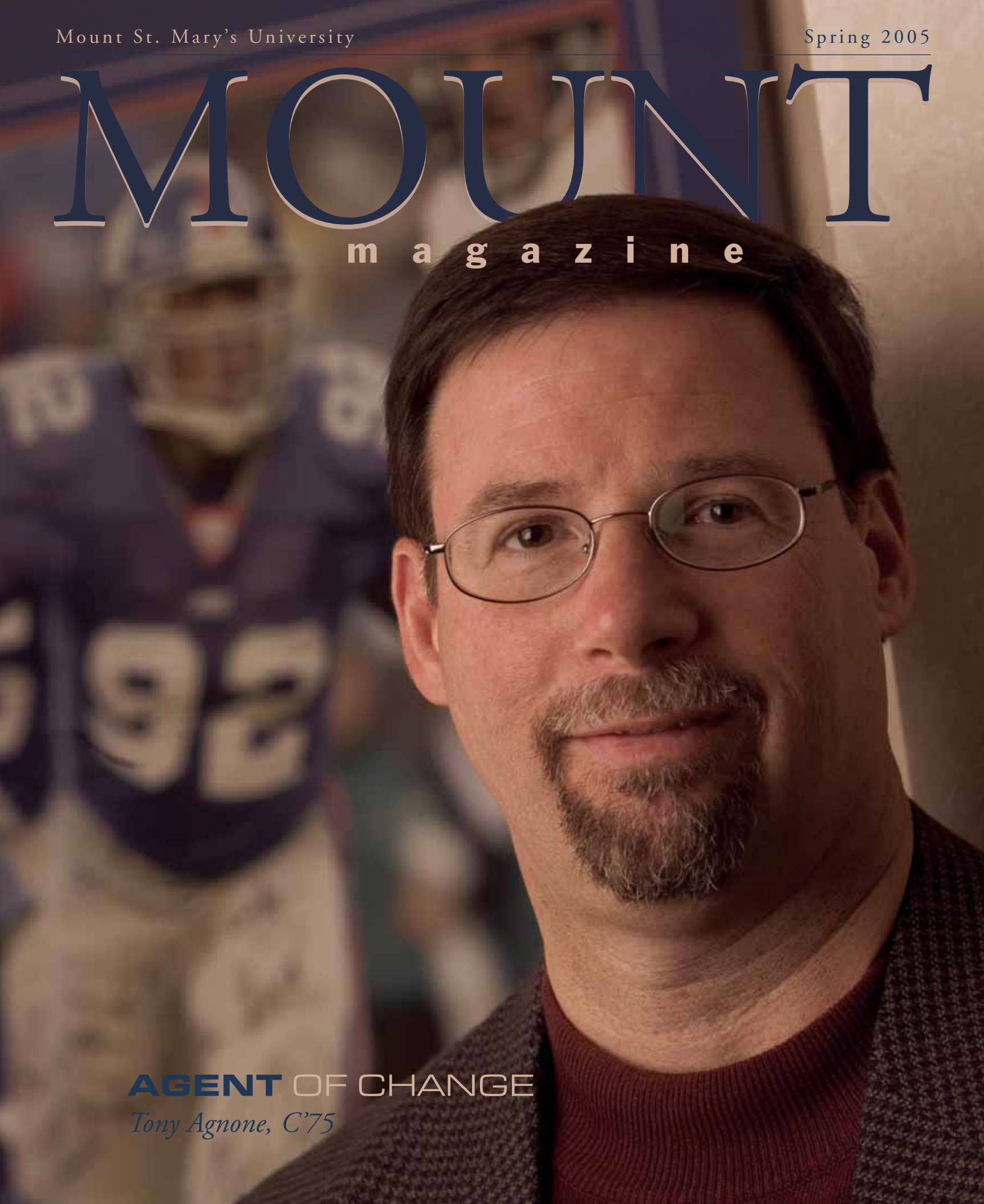


AGENT OF CHANGE

Tony Agnone, C'75

OUR *Catholic* IDENTITY

"Every Catholic university, without ceasing to be a university, has a relationship to the Church that is essential to its institutional identity."

—Pope John Paul II, *Ex corde Ecclesiae*

In August of 1990, Pope John Paul II issued an apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education titled *Ex corde Ecclesiae*—describing what a truly Catholic university is, its mission and its role, and guidelines a Catholic university should follow.

The Holy Father wrote that a Catholic institution of higher learning must search for and communicate the truth, embracing the relationship between faith and reason. He recalled the honored duty of a Catholic university to commit itself to truth and, by doing so, serve humanity and the church by giving witness to the splendor of God and His creation.

The Catholic university, he wrote, is a community "animated by the spirit of Christ," with the success of the university dependent on all members of the community, including faculty, students, administrators, religious and laypeople. The Holy Father added, "Catholic teaching and discipline are to influence all university activities, while the freedom of conscience of each person is to be fully respected. Any official action or commitment of the university is to be in accord with its Catholic identity."

As I write this, the world mourns the death of His Holiness Pope John Paul II. While the world grieves and reflects on the legacy of the Pontiff's 26-year reign as the "Vicar of Christ," it is important to remember how his teachings have impacted the daily life of Mount St. Mary's University, and will carry forward into the future.

On the last day of a weeklong celebration in October 1998 marking his 20 years as pope, John Paul II celebrated an open-air Mass for 75,000 people in St. Peter's Square and wondered aloud whether he'd done a good job. "Have you been a diligent and vigilant master of the church?" he asked himself. "Have you tried to satisfy the expectations of the faithful of the church and also the hunger for truth that we feel in the world outside the church?"

At the Mount, these are questions we ask ourselves everyday.

We are proud to be a Catholic university and have the courage to be Catholic in all we say and do. We are called to be actively involved … not passive in our faith. Our mission requires us to help our students, faculty, staff and alumni with their continual faith journey. This commitment requires us to have a deep respect and love for others of different faiths and to serve others in a manner reaffirming human dignity and respect.

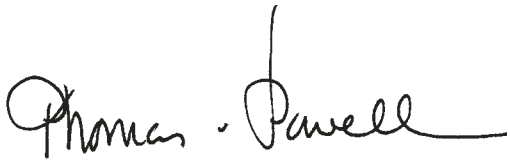
For nearly 200 years, Mount St. Mary's has stood as a beacon of excellence throughout the founding and development of our nation. For nearly 200 years we have been teaching students to live lives as educated and virtuous citizens—rooted in the Catholic tradition.

Catholic universities like Mount St. Mary's reinforce the fundamental nature of learning: that is, joining together in exploration, in wonder and in our journey of faith, discovery, leadership and community. Catholic universities focusing on liberal education are the world's hope for reasserting our human similarities and our common quest for understanding, peace, justice and love.

As John Paul II wrote, there has never been a more important time to reassert our calling as a Catholic university. Our church and our country need leaders and citizens who are apprenticed to a lifelong search inspired by the Holy Spirit, touched by beauty, and guided by faith and reason.

His humanity, love of all and ceaseless efforts to bring the Catholic message to as wide an audience as possible marked John Paul II as one of the dominant and most respected figures of our time.

We owe it to his memory to be faithful stewards of these teachings.



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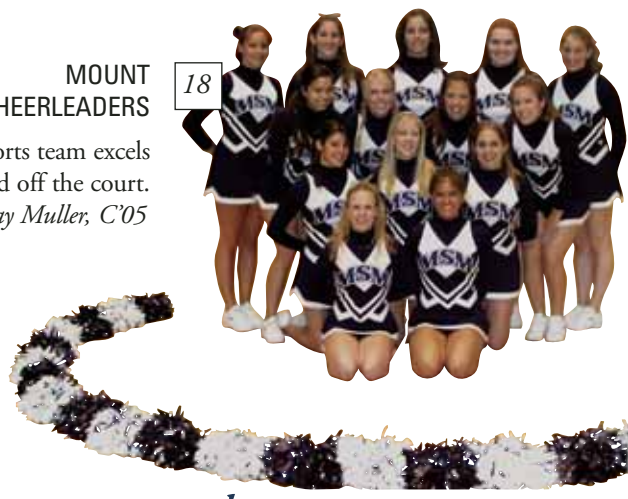

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MOUNT STUDENTS *Create Mentoring Program*

By Assistant Professor of History Kristine LaLonde, Program Director

Imagine that you're 13. Your friend has started hanging out with a new group of friends known for partying and doing drugs. When you express your concerns, she tells you to mind your own business. What do you do?

The problem is one that many teenagers face, but in this case the scenario is part of a role-playing game between middle-school students and their Mount St. Mary's University mentors. As part of the Young Women Leaders Program, 12 Emmitsburg girls and 12 female Mount students come together each week to discuss some of the common issues of adolescence. The program's mission statement underscores its goals of developing "trust, openness and positive growth." At some sessions the girls face a series of scenarios where they apply the decision-making methods they have learned in the program. They grapple with the issues they might face in their lives in a supportive learning environment.

The program was designed by members of a women's history class at the Mount who recognized the need for mentoring during the crucial middle-school years. Funded by the Mount and the Lilly Endowment as part of the Mount's *Callings* program, the sessions encourage the college women to explore their vocations to serve others. Program "Big Sister" and Mount senior Nicole Jackson states, "The program has reinforced for me the need that middle-school girls have for encouragement from adults. Because we're close to their age, it makes it easier for them to open up."

Students have developed their own curriculum and are now in the process of interviewing and training Big Sisters for the next year. Participants anticipate this program will continue to be student-run and become a lasting tradition for Mount women.

Left to right: Nicole Jackson, Laura Robinson, Dr. LaLonde, and Lauren Presti

COMING SOON … *A New Mount Identity!*

The Mount is working with two national marketing and identity firms to assist in positioning the university for future success and growth.

"With our change in designation from 'College and Seminary' to 'University,' this was the perfect opportunity to take a close look at our message, our marketing strategies and our identity—both for athletics and for the institution," said University President Thomas H. Powell.

Working with SME, Inc., of New York City, the Mount is developing new athletic logos and marks, as well as a new mascot. Although the school colors (blue and white) and the "Mountaineers" nickname won't change, discussions continue on what will best represent the Mount as its mascot.

"We're looking for a better alternative to the costumed mascot (shown left) that is not well regarded by students or fans," said Powell. "Like many universities, we will update our image with something fitting our almost 200 years of tradition, in a manner that reflects our Division I and national image."

Work also continues with Stamats, Inc., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to develop a new logo, visual identity and integrated marketing plans for the Mount. The university has received a summary and analysis of existing marketing programs, and over the course of the last few months has begun employing new marketing and advertising strategies to enhance student recruitment.

The Mount is reviewing concepts for institutional logo designs and a graphic identity system, as well as developing the infrastructure for its new website—scheduled to launch this summer.

Magazine Born
IN MOUNT BUSINESS CLASS

January 2005 marked the inaugural issue of *Maryland Life* magazine, Maryland's first statewide magazine since 1992. The seed for the idea was planted in a Mount entrepreneurship class in 2002, where business partners Dan Patrell, Scott Runkles and Ross Peddicord first met.

The class, Entrepreneurship 410, was taught at that time by Frederick entrepreneur John Laughlin and made regional news for Laughlin's offer to provide up to $50,000 of seed money if the new business that sprung from the class proved viable. While the class project didn't evolve into a full-blown business, several students went on to improve or start their own ventures, such as a bookkeeping service, restoration of old homes and the new Maryland Life magazine.

Dan Patrell, president and editor, is the former managing editor of Frederick magazine. Scott Runkles, vice president of finance and operations, was in mortgage investment banking, and Ross Peddicord, vice president of advertising and marketing, was the marketing director for the Mount's Continuing Studies Program. The three publishers are backed by an investor team that includes George B. Delaplaine Jr., president of Great Southern Enterprises and former publisher of the Frederick News-Post, along with several other distinguished leaders in publishing and finance.

The glossy, coffee table-style magazine covers Maryland destinations, lifestyle, history and people, and features the work of writers and photographers from throughout the state. A board of directors representing every county provides editorial direction. Details can be found at www.maryland-life.com.

As for future entrepreneurs, professor Kevin Robinson regularly teaches MBA 534, Entrepreneurship, at the Mount's Continuing Studies Center in Frederick. The next successful venture may be incubating at this very moment …

Mathematical Modeling
TEAM GOES GLOBAL

Front row: Aaron Piper, Fred Portier, Tossa Cromwell
Back Row: Shannon Miller, Jessica Jackson
Not pictured: John McAdams, Ashley Keeney

In February, two teams of Mount students competed against several hundred teams from around the world in the annual Mathematical Contest in Modeling. The competition challenges students to use mathematics to address real problems such as flood and traffic planning. The Mount has competed successfully in this contest for the past 19 years, with two overall wins and numerous meritorious awards.

Read our May e-newsletter, "Around the Mount," to find out how Shannon Miller, John McAdams, Jessica Jackson, Aaron Piper, Ashley Keeney and Tossa Cromwell placed. Not getting "Around the Mount"? Just send your email address to alumninews@msmary.edu.

Outdoor Adventure is climbing to great heights!
The spring semester saw the start of the Outdoor Adventure Program with nine students crawling into the depths and darkness of Whitings Neck Cave. Other trips included canoeing, rafting, rockclimbing and a spring break staff training in the Florida Everglades.

GROWING THE *Mount Community*

By Christina Snook, C'05

Irene Powell, wife of Mount President Thomas H. Powell, is breathing fresh energy into two Mount St. Mary's University outreach initiatives.

In an effort to form a stronger connection between Mount St. Mary's University and its extended family, Mrs. Powell is spearheading efforts with the Mount Family Association and the Community Social Club to better familiarize parents and friends of the Mount with the myriad activities and opportunities present on campus.

The Mount Family Association (MFA) is a re-invigorated version of the university's former Mothers' Guild, created in the 1960s for parents of Mount students. Today, the association facilitates students' transformation into adulthood and independence by including their parents/guardians in campus life.

Mrs. Powell would like the MFA to "support parents and family members by providing information, access and opportunities for involvement." Recognizing that today's parents greatly influence and enhance their child's college experience, she believes the MFA is a medium that lets families "share in the Mount's tradition of excellence and distinction."

The MFA stays in touch with families through a biannual newsletter. Activities also include a Mount-Parent Prayer Memo—linking parents spiritually with the needs of the campus, and an organized welcoming event hosted by parents and alumni for prospective parents and students.

Her efforts with the Community Social Club (CSC) are equally ambitious and her plans to grow the membership and involvement of the CSC should prove fruitful. Created in 1998 to strengthen the community beyond the Mount's gates, the CSC now includes members from local businesses and elected officials, in addition to nearby retirees.

More than 150 members attend plays, concerts and lectures on campus. Mrs. Powell also hosts three, themed socials to showcase the Mount, highlighting the value of having a university in the midst of a community.

Mrs. Powell's efforts promise to strengthen the Mount community—where she "foresees new bridges formed and increased mutual support."

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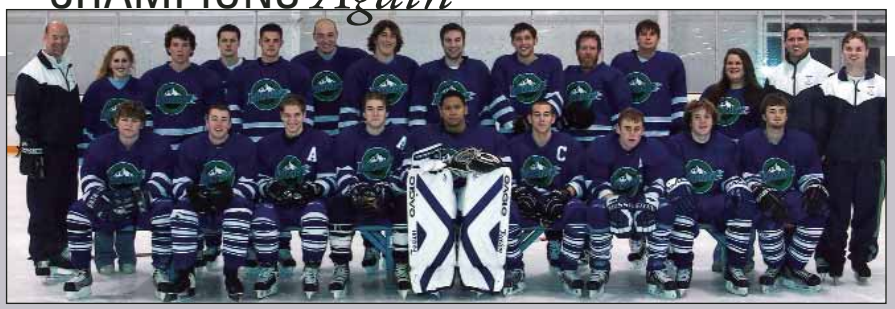
CHAMPIONS *Again*

Who needs the National Hockey League when you have the Mount Club Hockey Team to cheer for!

The Mount earned another Frederick League Championship—finishing as regular season champions with an overall record of 13-4—the fifth year in a row with a winning record in the Frederick League and its third championship—and taking the Championship Game 8-5 over the Blues.

The intercollegiate hockey team, made up of many of the same players, also completed a successful season with a record of 8-7-1. Graduating from the Mount Hockey team are captains Billy Quader, Jordan Coon, and Ryan Arnold, as well as goalie Phil Dancer.



"Winning a championship is very satisfying. You have to have a good team and you have to be healthy and a bit lucky. I thought we really pulled together at the end of the season and played strongly as a team. I am very proud of our players."—Head Coach, the Rev. Jim Donahue

MOUNT *Making News*

The Mount's faculty, administration and students are often contacted by journalists for their expert opinions. The following is just a sampling of some of the stories making news.

CBS Evening News recently interviewed two seminarians and **Fr. Peter Ryan**, professor of moral theology, about Pope John Paul II's influence on the church and priests in particular.

Mount President Thomas H. Powell, Ed.D., appeared on *The Today Show* (NBC) in connection with the show's week-long series, "Autism: The Hidden Epidemic."

Dr. Powell appeared in a taped interview with Today Show co-host Matt Lauer. The segment dealt with how having a child with autism in the family affects siblings.

He is the co-author (along with Peggy Ahrenhold Gallagher, Ph.D.) of *Brothers & Sisters: A Special Part of Exceptional Families* (Brooks Publishing Co.—Second Edition).

Siblings experience a bond unique to their relationship. A brother or sister is usually the first close friend and playmate a child has, and that relationship often outlasts all others. The book explores this affinity from the perspective of siblings with a brother or sister who has a disability.

Dennis Cali, professor of rhetoric and communications, has a fondness for the late Johnny Carson. He often discusses *The Tonight Show's* host in his classes.

The Frederick News Post interviewed Cali about Carson's impact on late night television. According to Cali, Carson perfected the late night monologue. "It was the monologue, the band, the sidekick," Cali said. "He would extend certain segments that were going well, or delay or even reschedule other segments. He made the show his own that way. He would do this little tap dance if a joke didn't go well. [Carson] was very shy, and yet he was so at ease in his interviews. There was something compensatory about the show that freed up his interview persona. The show itself made Carson the person we knew."

The Catholic Review, archdiocesan paper for Baltimore, featured a story on a group of **Mount students** who are members of the Mount's chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty. They are fighting to save the life of a man scheduled to be executed in April for two murders committed 20 years ago. According to Mount junior Jamie Bergin, "I've always been against the death penalty. It's not our job to determine who should live and who should die."

Above: **Scott Weiss** *being filmed in the classroom for an upcoming documentary on the* New York Times *crossword*

A filmmaker based in California is making a documentary about the *New York Times* crossword, the people who create it and the people who solve it—including **Scott Weiss**. Weiss, a professor in the Mount's math and computer science department, has been competing in the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament in Stamford, Conn., for 12 years and finished eleventh out of 478 contestants and second in his solving division in last year's competition. We will keep you posted as to when the documentary airs.

NEW SCIENCE EQUIPMENT

New science equipment donated to the university over the last 12 months through grants from alumni and science faculty has greatly enhanced the level of technology in the school's Department of Science. The machines increase the kind of experimentation and research students can now conduct at the Mount. Biology major Mary Lueben recognizes the importance of the new contributions, saying, "This new equipment ensures students can stay current with new scientific studies."

Karine Posbic and Jon Koren with the autoclave purchased with memorial donations made to the science department in honor of Dr. Joseph P. Atkins, C'62

MOUNT ALUMNUS RETURNS HOME *to Lead Seminary*

"I look forward to returning to formation work, which has always been my first love, and also returning to the seminary that was so influential in my own formation as a priest."

Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs of the Diocese of Peoria, Ill., has been appointed rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary. He joined the Mount on February 7.

His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler of Baltimore, chancellor of the seminary, appointed Msgr. Rohlfs, currently the vicar general for the Peoria diocese, and a 1976 graduate of Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Msgr. Rohlfs replaces the Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, who was ordained in December as the ninth bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.

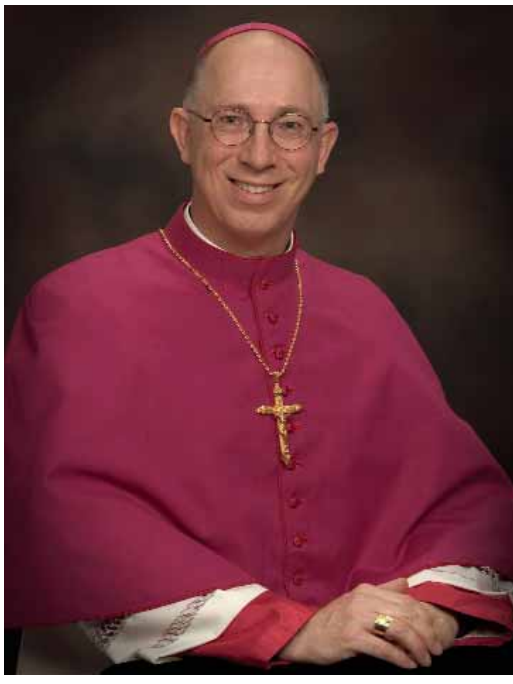
"I am honored by the confidence Cardinal Keeler has shown to me in my appointment as the rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary," said Msgr. Rohlfs. "I look forward to returning to formation work, which has always been my first love, and also returning to the seminary that was so influential in my own formation as a priest. I look forward to working with the faculty of the seminary and the administration of the university upon my arrival."

Msgr. Rohlfs was ordained for the Diocese of Peoria on May 22, 1976. He also holds postgraduate degrees in moral theology from the Angelicum in Rome, Italy. A noted presenter and author, Msgr. Rohlfs has received several honors, including the Prelate of Honor to His Holiness (1993), Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre (1997) and Knight of the Sovereign Military Constantinian Order (1999).

MOUNT ALUMNUS NAMED *Bishop of Wichita*

On Jan. 28, Pope John Paul II announced the appointment of **Monsignor Michael Owen Jackels, S'81**, as the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Wichita, Kan. The diocese includes 91 parishes and almost 117,000 Catholics. Bishop Jackels, who was ordained on April 4, comes to the position after working in Rome for eight years in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

He entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary in 1977 after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from St. Pius X Seminary in Erlanger, Ken. He received his Master of Arts in theology and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb., in 1981. Bishop Jackels' pastoral assignments in the diocese included serving as assistant pastor at the cathedral and the Newman Center at the University of Nebraska, as well as serving as director of Hispanic ministry and diocesan director of religious education. He earned his doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome.



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VICE RECTOR NAMED *Executive Director for Catholic Identity and Mission*

By John R. Johnson, Second Theology, Diocese of Savannah, Georgia

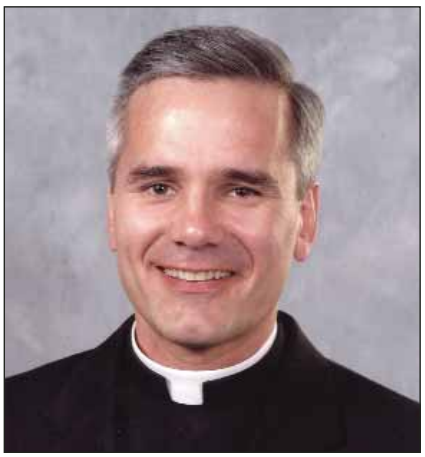
The Rev. J. Wilfrid Parent, vice rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary since June of 2003, was named the executive director for Catholic identity and mission at Mount St. Mary's University, effective Jan. 1, 2005. He continues to hold the position of vice rector for the seminary. Before accepting this promotion, Fr. Parent served the seminary community as acting rector upon Bishop Kevin Rhoades' appointment as the ninth bishop of Harrisburg, Pa., last fall.

In his new position, Fr. Parent will be one of the university's six executive officers. It is part of university president Thomas Powell's plan to fortify the Mount's Catholic identity through an increased collaboration among the seminary, university and National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes. Fr. Parent believes that all of these aspects of the Mount community comprise "a solid Catholic institution." In his new position, he hopes to support the Mount community and encourage all "to imagine ways that we can strengthen our already sound Catholic identity."

Fr. Parent's primary responsibilities through the end of this academic year will be twofold. First, he will continue to work at the seminary as the search for a new vice rector continues. Second, he will develop a detailed job description of the new position and a plan for incorporating it into the life of the Mount community. Ultimately, Fr. Parent says, the new position is about "evangelization, and converting hearts." In addition to these responsibilities, Fr. Parent will spend two days a week as a student, finishing his doctoral studies at the Catholic University of America.

"Trying to be a good Catholic," he relates, "is a lot of fun and a real joy. There is an energy, an inner peace that comes from living the faith that doesn't come from anything else; it is a path to true happiness." Fr. Parent feels privileged to be part of what he feels is a "golden age" of the seminary and university.

Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs, rector of the seminary, expresses his sentiments: "Fr. Parent has all our thanks for a job well done. We wish him well as he enters his new position at the university, and we know that his immense talents and abilities will be put to good use in enhancing the mission and Catholic identity of the Mount we all love."



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ADMISSION TO *Candidacy*

The Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde, bishop of Arlington, celebrated Mass with Admission to Candidacy on Nov. 19, 2004. Twenty-one seminarians of the third theology class were admitted to candidacy. This rite is celebrated when the candidates have reached a maturity of purpose and are shown to have the necessary qualifications to complete their preparation for ordination.

TEN YEARS OF *Mount 2000 and Beyond*

By Gregory Stowe, S'06, and Bryan W. Jerabek, S'08

"WE HAVE COME … TO WORSHIP HIM!" This call-and-response chant of more than 1,500 young adults rocked the ARCC throughout the 10th annual Mount 2000 & Beyond Eucharistic Retreat on Feb. 11-13, 2005.

Mount 2000, as it was first named, began in the fall of 1995. One of the seminarians approached then-rector Monsignor Kenneth Roeltgen to ask about the possibility of bringing to the Mount a popular Eucharistic retreat called Youth 2000. Monsignor Roeltgen enthusiastically endorsed the idea, and third-year seminarian Dan Leary of the Archdiocese of Washington was asked to plan the event. Many young people credit their call to priesthood or religious life to an experience they had at Mount 2000.

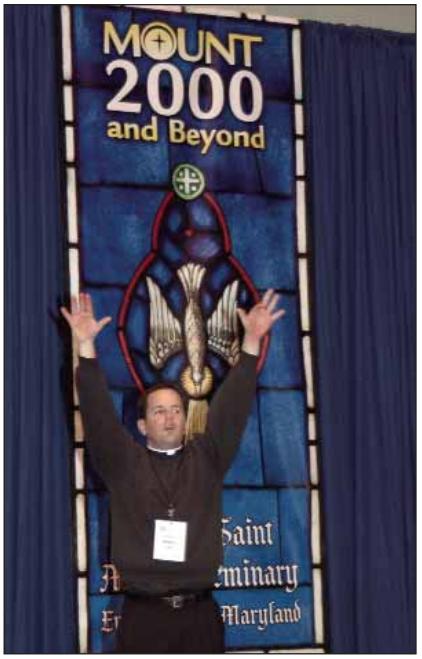
The Rev. Dan Leary, today an associate pastor at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg, Md., brought more than 100 members of his parish's youth group to the 2005 event, now called "Mount 2000 & Beyond." This successful youth retreat is planned and largely executed by seminarians, many of whom make great sacrifices to do so while maintaining their demanding seminary schedules.

"We have come to worship Him!" was the theme for this year's retreat and will be the theme of World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, this summer, which nine members of the Mount community are attending. In celebrating its 10th anniversary, Mount 2000 & Beyond included national speakers Paul George and Jason Evert. Combining compelling stories of Christ's power with engaging humor, Paul challenged participants to grow in their knowledge and love of Christ. Jason combined stand-up humor, thoroughly researched facts and profound spiritual insights in his talk on chastity. He also spoke to hundreds of young people for hours afterwards.

Capping off the retreat was the return of Bishop Kevin Rhoades (bishop of Harrisburg and former seminary rector) for the closing Mass on Sunday. Bishop Rhoades' return was anticipated by Harrisburg area parishioners donning fluorescent yellow t-shirts with the slogan, "On the Rhoade to Heaven with Bishop Kevin!"

Commenting on the success of this year's event, chairman Dennis Schuelkens, S'06, of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, said, "The best thing about being involved with Mount 2000 & Beyond was seeing the profound change in young people over a three-day period, and knowing they had encountered Christ's forgiveness, love and call to holiness."

Schuelkens has passed the baton to Columbus seminarian Joseph Yokum to serve as next year's chairman. And so Mount 2000 and Beyond prepares to enter its second decade of inspiring high school- and college-age participants.



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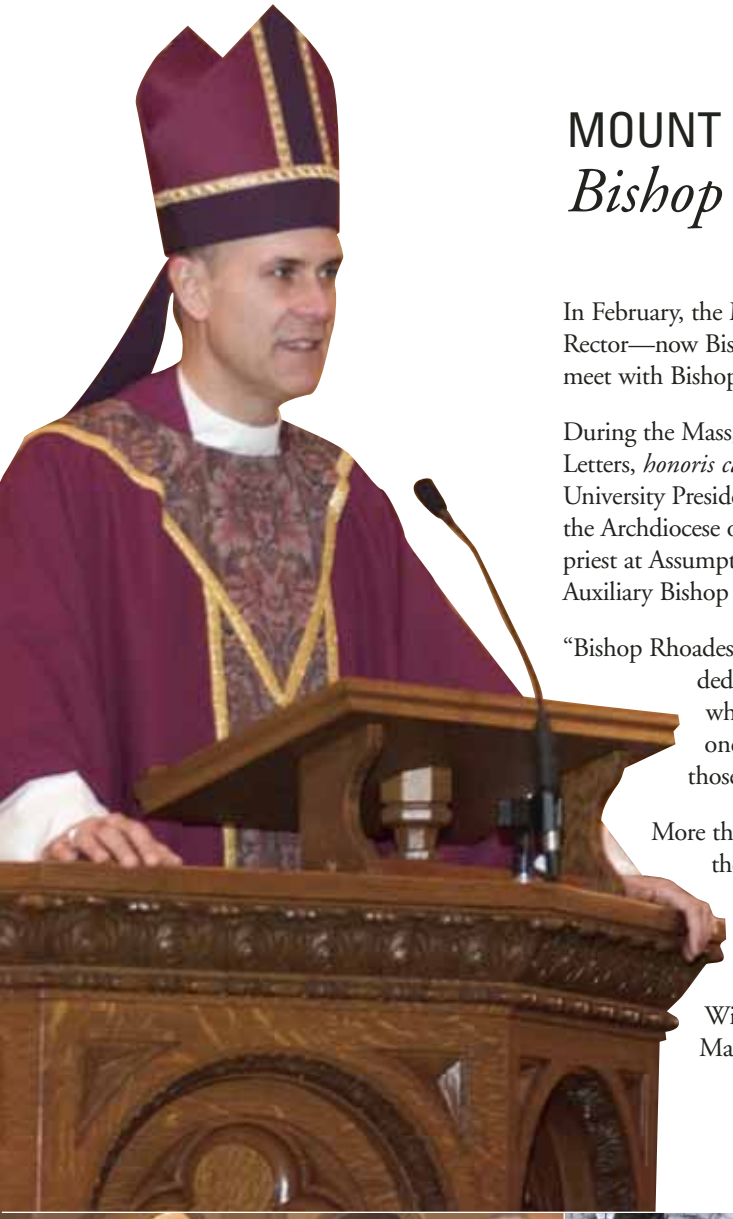


MOUNT CELEBRATES WITH *Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades*

In February, the Mount hosted a Mass and dinner in honor of former Seminary Rector—now Bishop—Kevin C. Rhoades. For many it was the first opportunity to meet with Bishop Rhoades since his ordination as bishop of Harrisburg last October.

During the Mass, Bishop Rhoades was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, by Board of Trustees Chairman Thomas G. O'Hara and University President Thomas H. Powell. In attendance was William Cardinal Keeler of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Ironically, in 1983, Bishop Rhoades was ordained a priest at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lebanon, Pa., by then Auxiliary Bishop Keeler.

"Bishop Rhoades brings to the people of Harrisburg many wonderful gifts: he is a dedicated priest who knows and loves the diocese personally; a pastor who has dealt effectively with the challenges of a modern city parish; and one equipped, culturally and linguistically, to offer spiritual leadership to those coming from Latin America," said Cardinal Keeler.

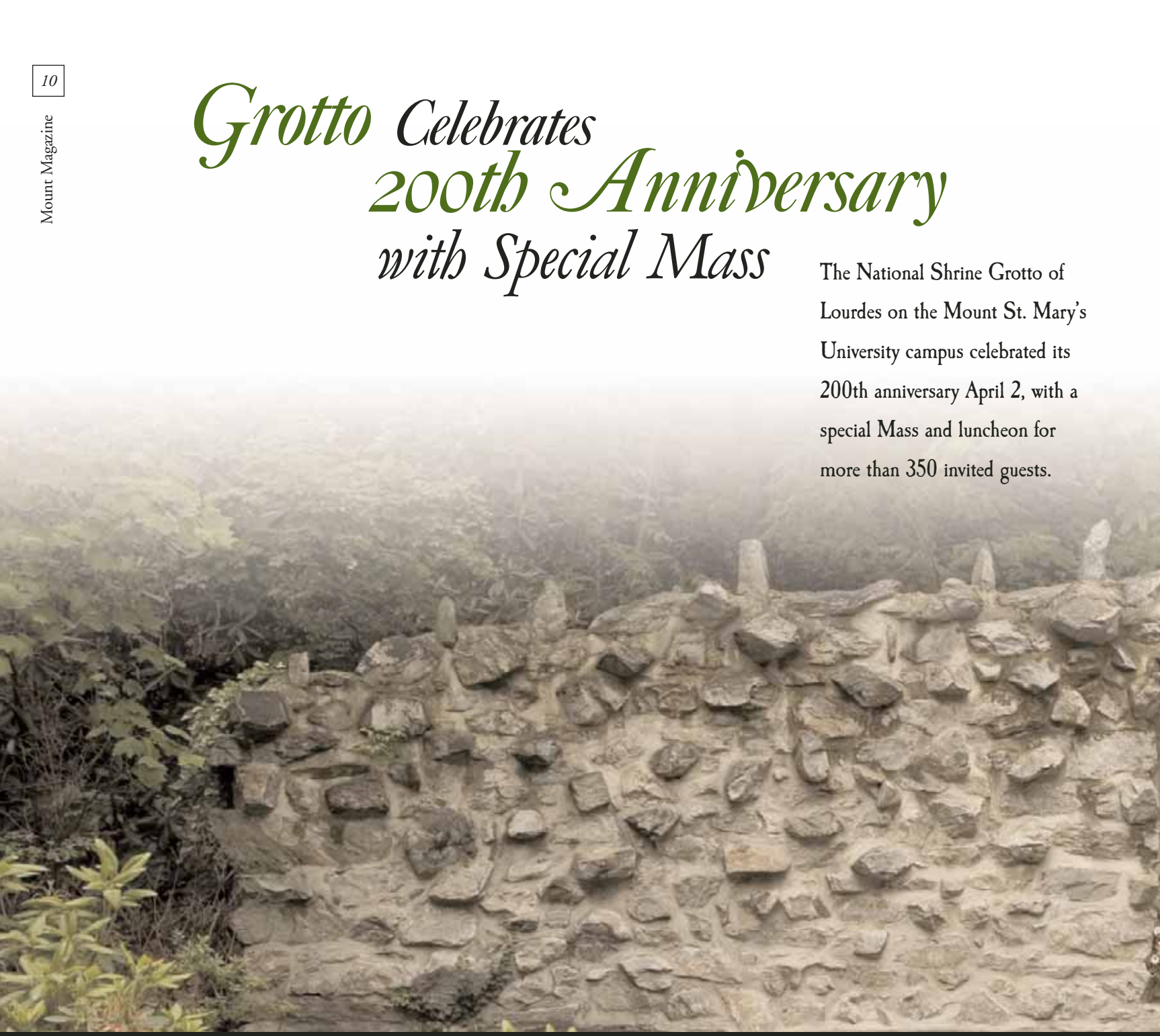
More than 350 friends and family, students, staff and seminarians attended the dinner, with more than $5,000 raised in Bishop Rhoades' honor to support programming within the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Also attending the dinner were his father, Charles Rhoades, who lives in Lebanon, Pa., his younger sister, Robin, and brother-in-law, William McCracken, and their three children, John, Molly and Marykate. They live in Gap, Pa.

Above (left to right): *Board of Trustees Chairman Thomas G. O'Hara and University President Thomas H. Powell award Bishop Rhoades an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters; former Seminary Rector—now Bishop—Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg with Mount seminarians; Mass was celebrated by William Cardinal Keeler of the Archdiocese of Baltimore; Bishop Rhoades with his younger sister, Robin, and brother-in-law, William McCracken, their three children, John, Molly and Marykate, his father, Charles Rhoades, and His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler*

Grotto Celebrates 200th Anniversary with Special Mass

The National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes on the Mount St. Mary's University campus celebrated its 200th anniversary April 2, with a special Mass and luncheon for more than 350 invited guests.



"And He (Jesus) went up a mountain, and began to teach them, saying: Blessed are they who

His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler of the Archdiocese of Baltimore served as the Principal Celebrant. Concelebrants included the Rev. John J. Lombardi, Grotto Chaplain; the Rev. Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary; the Rev. J. Wilfred Parent, the University's Executive Director for Catholic Identity and Mission; and the Rev. Raymond Harris, University Chaplain.

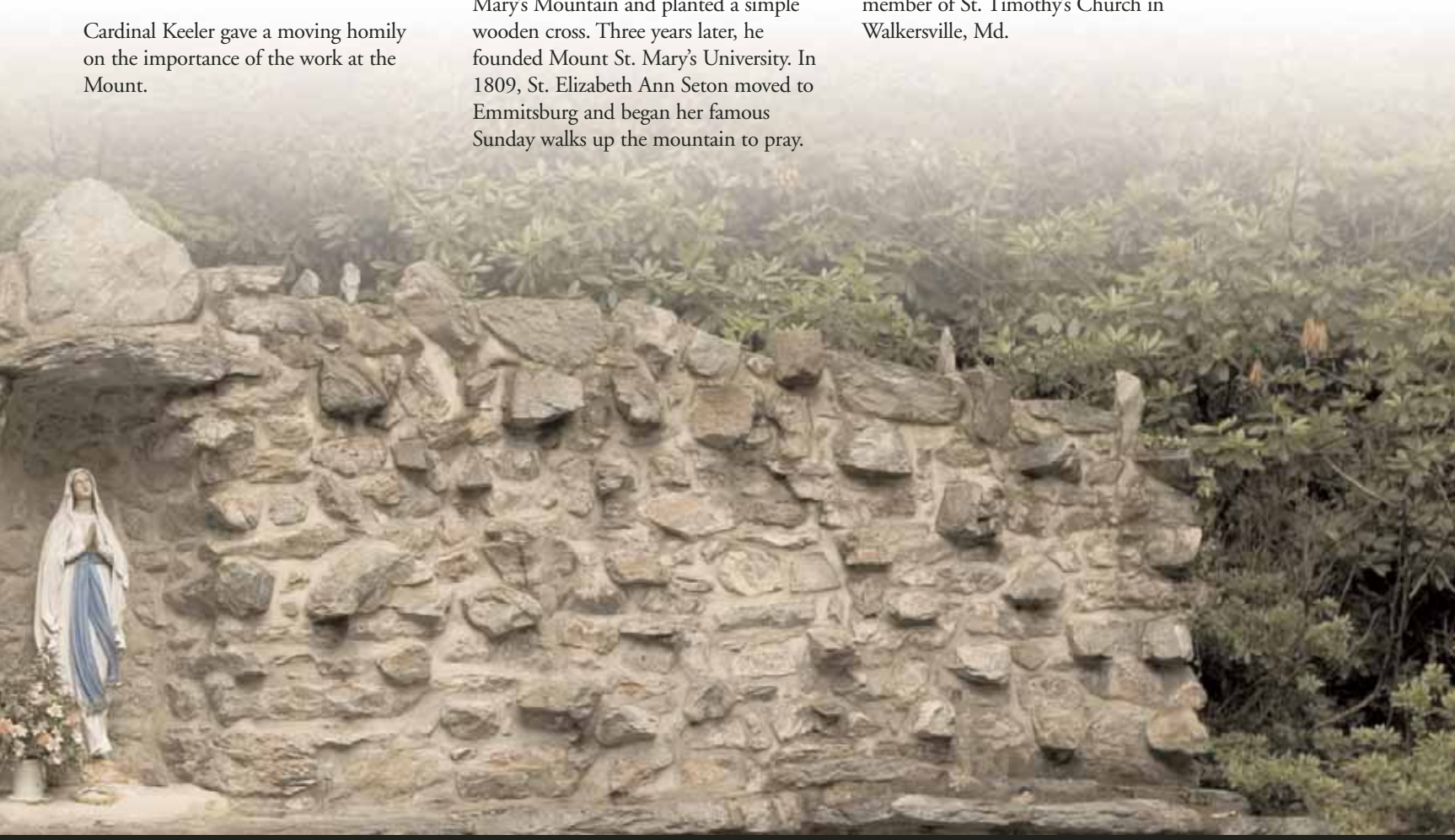
Cardinal Keeler gave a moving homily on the importance of the work at the Mount.

"This is holy ground," Cardinal Keeler said. "This holy mountain has produced saints in the past—God's gifts of holiness, of peace, are here. The church must learn to breathe with both the lung of the east and the lung of the west. We must learn from Mary's faith, from Mary's piety, from her closeness to her son."

In 1805, the Rev. John DuBois climbed Mary's Mountain and planted a simple wooden cross. Three years later, he founded Mount St. Mary's University. In 1809, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton moved to Emmitsburg and began her famous Sunday walks up the mountain to pray.

The Grotto is the oldest replica in the Western Hemisphere of the famous Lourde's grotto in France. More than 150,000 pilgrims visit the Mount's Grotto annually.

At the luncheon, guests were treated to several presentations, including dancers rooted in the cultures of Bolivia and Vietnam, and by bagpiper Colin Singleton, a high school senior and a member of St. Timothy's Church in Walkersville, Md.



hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.'—Matthew 5:1,2,6

AGENT OF CHANGE

Tony, Thanks for your friendship and letting me become part of your family. You showed me the money!

—POSTER SIGNED BY CHAD BRATZKE, FORMER DEFENSIVE END OF THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS, HANGING IN THE OUTER OFFICE OF EASTERN ATHLETIC SERVICES.

In an era of fast times and sleazy ethics, TONY **AGNONE**, '75, became one of the country's most respected sports agents by doing things the right way.

By Duffy Ross

Tony Agnone has seen it all.

In the old days, back in the mid-1970s when professional athletes recruited sports agents rather than the other way around, there was an unmistakable innocence to the business. There were so few agents with expertise that players had little choice but to come looking for them.

Then, in the 1990s, everything changed. It became standard operating procedure for agents, eager to get a player to sign with them, to offer a player "upfront money," or perhaps a shiny new sports car. Health insurance. Marketing campaigns and endorsement deals. Personal trainers and clothing contracts … nothing was too much to entice a fresh recruit into your fold.

The age of the "mega-agent" was on. The 1996 movie "Jerry McGuire," starring Tom Cruise in the lead role, soon followed.

In the movie's opening, McGuire is portrayed as a very successful agent. He has great clients, power, money, beautiful women, and more ... until one night at a conference when he has a revelatory moment. Something happens deep within him that calls into question everything upon which his industry is built. He begins to value people over profit and quality over quantity—completely transforming the way he thinks about his work.

Fortunately, Agnone has never had to endure such an epiphany—although parts of Cruise's character were, indeed, based on his personal experiences, and those of his colleagues in the field.

"Agents in this business have a well-deserved bad reputation," says Agnone, from his Hunt Valley, Md., office. "Many individuals are in it for the money and the glory—the publicity of it all. They quickly lose their focus and get trapped into thinking they are bigger than they are. They forget the very people they are working for."

In 2002, sports agent William "Tank" Black was sentenced to five years in federal prison for swindling almost $12 million from professional players, including $3.1 million of the $5 million signing bonus received by Jacksonville Jaguars running back Fred Taylor.

Agnone shakes his head in disgust at examples such as these.

"Everyone knows there are some agents out there giving players money, drugs and women to persuade them to sign a contract," Agnone notes. "Let's face it, there are people out there who will sign a player, then drop him as soon as he sees a loss in ability. When that happens, the guy's life and career are a mess.

"These are the people who keep telling them yes rather than no," Agnone says. "It's very hard to convince young kids suddenly flush with a great deal of money that their careers are not going to be exactly like people tell them. There will be peaks and valleys. Guaranteed.

"It's my job to calm them down and get them to see the big picture."

Today, Agnone's firm, Eastern Athletic Services, annually ranks among the National Football League's top 10 in player representation. EAS is a full service organization providing pre-draft counseling, combine preparation, contract negotiations, financial, budget and tax planning, marketing and endorsement opportunities. With more than 25 years of experience, EAS is consistently recognized as one of the most powerful and influential agencies in professional football.

Yet it was formed almost by accident.

Agnone graduated from the Mount with a degree in psychology in his back pocket and a desire to teach. "I really thought I'd be a teacher," Agnone recalls. "Someday, I will. I won't do this forever, believe me."

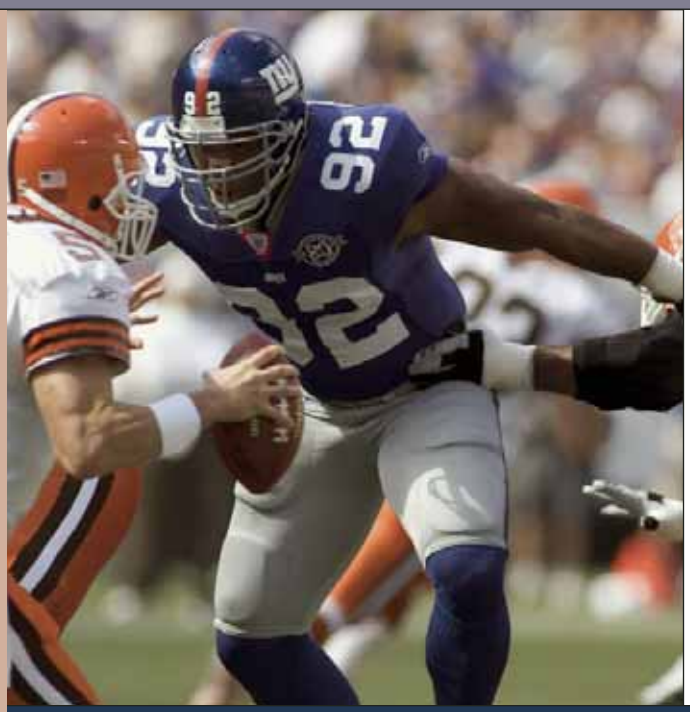
Soon after graduating, however, the law school bug bit, and he was accepted into the University of Baltimore Law School. "After talking it over, my father agreed to pay for my law school education. It was probably my first successful negotiation," Agnone jokes.

Agnone actually escaped the legal profession before he jumped in. After finishing his law degree, Agnone went from classroom to office as an assistant dean at the UB Law School. Soon after, two first-year students—who just happened to be professional football players, asked Agnone to serve as their agent.

Agnone took a chance, had some moderate success and, before long, decided to look for more sports business while staying on for a period of time as an assistant dean at the law school.

"Before I knew it, I had quite a few clients, so in 1983, I decided to give up my paycheck and asked the dean of the law school if I could take a leave of absence," Agnone says.

"I guess I'm still on that leave of absence."



To Tony, Here's to the best friendship in the NFL! Thanks, thanks, thanks a million ($80 million)!

—POSTER SIGNED BY NEW YORK GIANTS DEFENSIVE END MICHAEL STRAHAN

The stable at EAS includes a who's who of NFL players, including Strahan, running back Brian Westbrook of the Philadelphia Eagles, and defensive end John Abraham of the New York Jets

Agnone likens his relationship with players who sign with his firm as an evolution over time … moving from the older and wiser big brother, to the favorite uncle who becomes your confidant, to the father figure who knows best.

"It's not always going to be about the perks, or how many car deals you can get or Chunky Soup commercials will appear on television," Agnone says. "It's about learning how to prepare these individuals for the future—socially and economically. Players coming out of college today are making exceptional amounts of money. I see my role as helping guide them, so when the day comes when their athletic career is over, they will be able to move into society and be successful in whatever they wish to pursue."

While the stable at Eastern Athletic Services includes a who's who of NFL players, including Strahan, running back Brian Westbrook of the Philadelphia Eagles, and linebacker Jamie Sharper of the Houston Texans, Agnone is perhaps most well-known for his much-publicized negotiations in 1994 with several NFL teams over his star free-agent client, quarterback Scott Mitchell—a story that became a four-page feature in *Sports Illustrated*.

Agnone had spent the winter months criss-crossing the country with Mitchell and his wife, Kim, in search of the perfect deal. The goal was simple—and substantial: find a city the Mitchells liked, with a team that would hand Scott the starting job under a contract that would pay him millions annually.

In brief, here is how "Team Mitchell" was scripted with Agnone at the controls …

When the tour started, which included stops in Detroit, Minnesota, New Orleans and Los Angeles, Kim Mitchell would go into the community with a player's wife or a team secretary to explore the housing market; Scott would meet with coaches; while Agnone would begin negotiations with the team general manager.

After days of negotiations, sleepless nights and several substantial offers on the table, the star quarterback called Agnone and told him to nail down the offer from Detroit.

Mitchell signed a three-year, $6 million contract that included a $5 million signing bonus. At the time, it was, by far, the biggest deal Agnone had ever done.

"This is the rush you get in this business," said Agnone.

But before you consider his profession a sports fan's dream job, consider this. Agnone spends roughly 200 days a year on the road.

"When I find myself at a college all-star game during the holidays, and all the guys I wanted to sign have already signed with someone else, I often ask myself what the heck I'm doing," Agnone says. Cell phones have certainly helped, and he admits some folks would pay a good deal of money to know the numbers in his speed dial. He's mastered the art of the "red-eye" flight to get home to his wife, Jaynee, and their three children.

Agnone hasn't forgotten his *alma mater*, either. He is in the final year of serving as the chairman of the Mount's President's Council, has made several significant financial donations to both the university and Mount St. Mary's Seminary, and has served in a lead role for the fundraising effort for the Mount's new lacrosse/soccer stadium—scheduled to break ground this spring.

In recognition of his many efforts, Agnone will be honored with the President's Medal during the Mount's 197th Commencement Exercises in May.

"We have come a long way as a Mount community, but we have a long way to go and I plan on staying involved," says Agnone. "It truly is a great school, but I want to see the Mount really begin to run—not to catch up, but to take the lead. The Mount was so good to me and my family that it came naturally to give something back.

"The smallness, the closeness, the spirit of the campus is something that cannot be duplicated," he says. "Believe me, I have been all over the country and the Mount is one of a kind. There isn't a prettier campus, or a more fun group of students anywhere. We need to recognize this, take a major step forward and be a leader for the 21st century."

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Got a *gardening* Question?

ASK THE GURU!

It's 60° in February and your bulbs are sprouting. Will they die? And your houseplants are covered with mites. Who do you turn to?

Photo Credit Rob Kepner

KATHY QUARLES, C'74, FIELDS ALL KINDS OF QUESTIONS AS HARRISBURG TV CHANNEL 27'S "GARDEN GURU."

ONE OF THE FIRST WOMEN TO ATTEND THE MOUNT WHEN IT BECAME COED, KATHY QUARLES WAS TREASURER OF HER CLASS.

Try **Kathy Quarles, C'74,** who has been offering tips to Pennsylvania gardeners for three years now as the "Garden Guru" on Harrisburg's ABC 27. She covers timely topics during news segments on Thursdays and Saturdays and says she never runs out of ideas. "It's fun! There's always something different to talk about."

Her TV work sprang from her position at Country Market Nursery, where she is now head of retail for the nursery's two locations in Mechanicsburg and Hummelstown, Pa. She began working at Country Market in 1987 when her husband's job took the family to Harrisburg, eventually taking over the Garden Guru segment after the nursery employee who had developed the spot left. Kathy also answers gardening questions on the nursery's website.

While she thoroughly enjoys her TV spot and regular travel to producers and tradeshows throughout the country, Kathy likes working directly with customers best. "I love it when people come in trying to figure out what they want to do in their gardens," she remarks. "I ask all kinds of questions, and it's so rewarding when they have a successful season and bring me back photos. I also love to teach little horticulturalists."

Kathy has always been a people person, and, not surprisingly, says the most important thing she took away from the Mount was friendships that will last forever. She majored in social welfare and in 1998 earned a Master of Public Administration from Penn State as "Plan B" in case she ever got out of gardening. "But I love what I do now!" she notes. "I've been very lucky to be able to make my hobby my career.

"I always gardened when I was home with the kids, and now I'm trying to make my two grandchildren gardeners. I tell people that anyone can garden—and it's great because you can get all your aggressions out in a positive way! It's challenging, yet there's nothing more satisfying."

Try it. It might grow on you!

Container *Gardening*

THE NEWEST TREND

Not much time and not much space? Get some terra cotta planters, or an old watering can or shoes—be creative!—and you can make an instant garden that easily changes with the seasons. Kathy shares some ideas that will give you a year's worth of color.

Feb.-April: Plant pansies, which can stand the cold. Later, put them in the garden.

Summer: Plant annuals for a variety of hues.

Oct.: Plant bulbs about 5-6" down to brighten the containers in spring along with the pansies. Plant mums or decorative cabbages or kale, even grasses to sway in the winter winds.

Christmas: Stick in evergreen or holly branches and tie a bow around each container to show your holiday spirit.

Following *God* WHEREVER HE LEADS

Catch the Rev. Kevin Farmer, C'87, on DVD—or in person as the Mount's new National Alumni Association chaplain.

FATHER KEVIN'S MANY CREDITS INCLUDE A SMALL ROLE IN "LADDER 49," WHERE HE MET ACTOR JOHN TRAVOLTA.

OTHER CREDITS INCLUDE THE ROLE OF ASSOCIATE PRODUCER FOR THE 1993 WORLD YOUTH DAY IN DENVER, WHERE HE MET POPE JOHN PAUL II.

He would never trade the Lord's call for a casting call, but the **Rev. Kevin Farmer, C'87**, admits he was among those eagerly seeking to be extras when the "Ladder 49" film crew came to Baltimore last spring. A chaplain for the Baltimore City Fire Department, he had given up on his efforts to be included in the movie when he was asked to be a technical advisor. "It wasn't glamorous," he explains wryly. "They would call to ask me little questions about Mass."

However, one thing led to another and he eventually shot four scenes for the movie and got to know actor John Travolta. "It all shows the need to put things in God's hands!" he laughs.

Along with his easy good humor, Father Kevin has a way of finding inspiration in all the experiences God brings his way. When asked what John Travolta is like, he decidedly says, "He's one of the nicest, most Christlike people I've ever met. He always stopped to take time for people. He inspired me to do more as a priest by showing me the positive impact we can have by using our position to do good."

Father Kevin—or "Rev Kev" as teenagers call him—was also deeply moved by his role as associate producer of the 1993 World Youth Day in Denver and the 1995 Mass in Camden Yards. "There were so many kids, all so positive, which was especially inspiring in Denver because the press had made so many negative forecasts about the event." He pauses, remembering. "It struck me how much energy the pope radiated—so much goodness from one man. I was just in awe as a brand-new priest to be near our chief shepherd and working with such great kids."

Father Kevin has always enjoyed working with young people, from his time as a resident assistant at the Mount to his four years as director of the O'Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, Md. He is still friends with many of the first years he worked with as an R.A. in Sheridan and has presided at several of their weddings and baptisms.

In January, Father Kevin became the National Alumni Association chaplain. He will preside at Masses during campus alumni events and hopes to work with his friend Father Rick Hilgartner, the Mount's new director of campus ministry, to help create connections between students and alumni. "I can't replace Father Fives, or his position since I don't live on campus. As my role evolves, I'd like to engage priest alumni to minister to the chapters."

Of course, Father Kevin isn't too far from campus; since July he's been pastor of Holy Family Parish in Middletown, Md., about 30 miles from the Mount. And, as usual, he's delighted to be there. "My heart lies in parish ministry. I was hungry to get back to the care of souls in a particular community."

CHEERLEADERS

on and off the court

By Lindsay Muller, C'05

The Mount St. Mary's cheerleaders spread school spirit with their lively routines and enthusiastic attitudes. Their energy is felt at every men's and women's home basketball game, and throughout the course of their season the team performs at both athletic and non-athletic events. When asked to help kick off the bicentennial brainstorming session last January by motivating about 200 alumni and staff members, the team gladly accepted the offer, looking at the event as an opportunity to get people as excited about the Mount as they are. Some of the squad members have gained national experience, cheering in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Pro Bowl and the Hollywood Christmas Parade.

Take a look at a few other fun facts you may want to know about the team. For instance, did you know the Mount cheerleaders were the hostesses of the President's Inaugural Ball?

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President Powell's Inaugural Ball, that is. The Mount cheerleaders are highly respected by President Powell for their hard work. The squad was flattered again when President Powell asked them to be the first sports team to have dinner at his house with him and his wife.

Know of someone interested in cheering at the Mount. Contact Nicole Wells at NWells@email.msmary.edu or Ashley Mauceri at AMMauceri@email.msmary.edu

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The team was personally asked by Bishop Rhoades to cheer for the seminary's Rector's Cup Soccer Tournament this year. The Rector's Cup, an annual weekend soccer tournament held at various seminaries each year, was a good opportunity for the girls to perform as a team for something other than a basketball game.

2 **Commitment and dedication to their team are two essentials for Mount cheerleaders.** Not only must the team be athletic and willing to practice for up to three hours four times a week, but the squad must also work together to choreograph their own routines. Each girl must contribute to this process by either designing or teaching various chants, dances and stunts. This is no problem because more than half of the members of the team are All-American Cheerleaders and almost all of the girls have coached or continue to do so at their local high schools. Four of the girls are experienced gymnasts who work as tumbling instructors for the rest of the squad.

3 **Faith is an important component of the team.** The squad has a team chaplain and often prays together. Some of the cheerleaders serve in Mass as sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and lectors. The team is also involved in retreat planning committees, including "Mountward Bound" for freshmen.

4 **The squad is just as dedicated to their academics as they are to their routines, holding the highest GPA of all other sports teams, 3.4.** Two of the girls belong to the George Henry Miles Honor Society, five belong to their major's national honor societies, and more than half of the team is on the Dean's List. The team's majors range from biology and premed to theology, English, math and fine arts.

5 **The list of on-campus clubs that the team members are involved with is extensive as well.** The Education Club, Circle K, International Student Association, English Club and Mount Ambassadors are only a few. Other clubs the girls participate in are the SGA, SAAC, Mount Students for Life and Peer Mentors.

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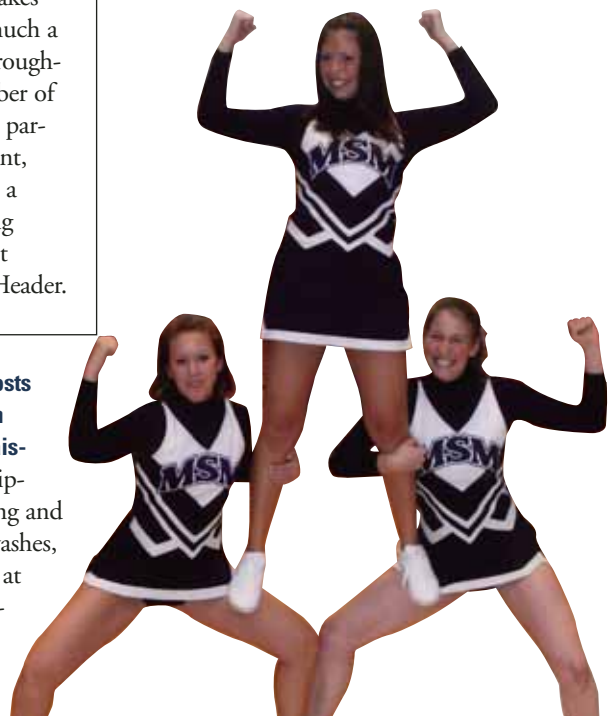
The team prides itself on their close-knit community. Of the 14 members, there are five sets of roommates. The team makes sure the family feeling that is very much a part of their squad is maintained throughout the season by organizing a number of events outside of practice. The team participates in the Wally-Ball tournament, makes practice shirts together, holds a "season kick-off" dinner and bowling party, and makes a pancake breakfast before their Homecoming Double Header.

7 **In order to raise money to cover the costs of uniforms for the new members each year, the squad organizes many fundraisers.** The team also works to buy equipment such as mats to practice stunting and tumbling. Fundraisers include: car washes, selling t-shirts, hosting a cheer clinic at the end of April and holding a stunting and tumbling day camp.

9 **Volunteering and community service are also part of the team's priorities.** As a squad, the girls participate in at least one service project a month, including: Pennies for the Poor, Special Olympics, Mount 2000 & Beyond Eucharistic Retreat and the Catholic Relief Fund rice bowls. Some of the cheerleaders have also participated in Habitat for Humanity and other service trips.

10 **The squad is a great college recruiter.** As the team continues to improve each year, more people are attracted by the cheerleading program and consider the Mount as one of their top choices. Coaches receive countless letters from prospective students who want to come to the Mount to cheer.

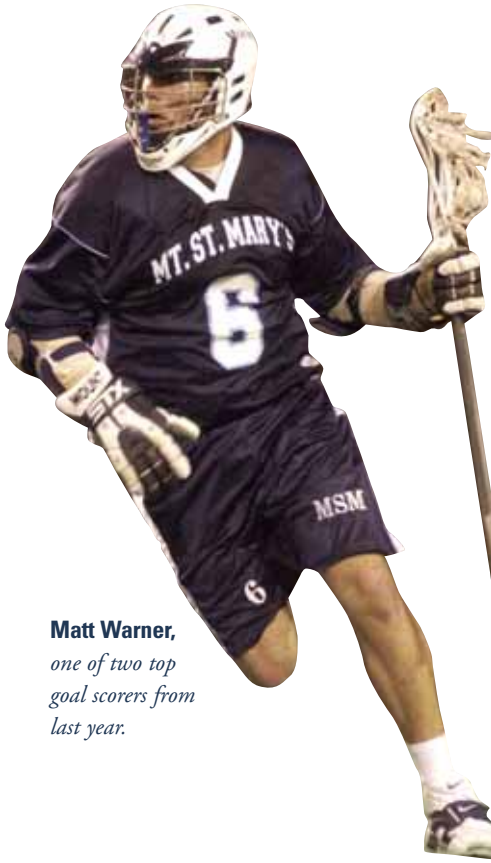


MEN'S LACROSSE … *Back Among the Elite*

The Mount St. Mary's men's lacrosse team heads into the season looking to return to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Tournament. After winning both the regular season and postseason titles to earn the Mount's first-ever NCAA bid in 2003, the Mount dropped to fifth place in the MAAC last year. With a host of key returnees, the Mount has the potential to regain its spot among the MAAC's best teams.

The Mount featured the MAAC's top offense last year with 9.77 goals per game overall, 11.64 per game in conference action. Mount St. Mary's closed the 2004 season with four straight league wins, but it was not enough to overcome a disappointing 1-3 start in league play.

The strength for interim head coach **Nick DeFelice**'s squad will be at the attack position. The Mount returns its top two goal scorers from a year ago in **Matt Warner** and **Jason Werner**. In addition, **Dan Hatton**, who scored 27 goals for the Mount in 2003, returns from injury after recording an assist in two games last season.



Matt Warner, *one of two top goal scorers from last year.*

Above: Coach **Courtney Martinez Connor** *begins her fourth season at the Mount after coming off its best season in program history, advancing to the NCAA tournament for the first time; Left:* **Shannon Prettyman**, *junior, led the Mount in all six competitions in the fall.*

WOMEN'S LACROSSE … *An NEC Repeat?*

Is it easier to win a conference title the first time or come back the next season and do it again? That is the question the 2005 Mount St. Mary's women's lacrosse team looks to answer in their quest to repeat as Northeast Conference (NEC) champions.

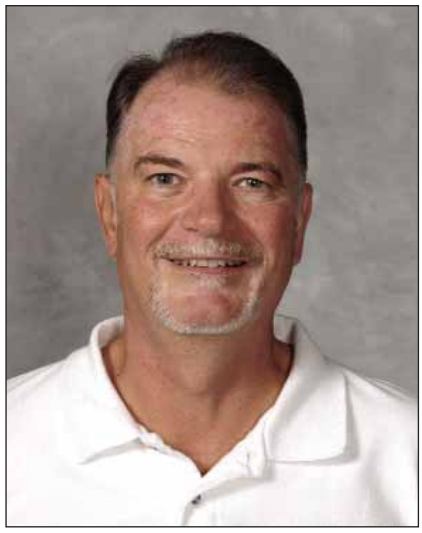
The Mount is coming off its best season in program history with a 15-5 mark while winning the NEC regular season and tournament titles, and advancing to the NCAA tournament for the first time. After a year like 2004, Mount St. Mary's has become the hunted.

"Teams will be looking to knock us off," said Head Coach **Courtney Martinez Connor**, who begins her fourth season at the Mount. "The goal any year is to win the conference, but it's never easy to win the NEC with the quality teams we have in our league."

GOLF … *Swinging for Success*

Junior **Shannon Prettyman** hopes to carry the success she had in the fall season into the spring after leading the Mount in all six competitions. The return of seniors **Maria Oristaglio** and **Rowena Pedrena** (who studied abroad in the fall) should also help the squad move up the NEC ladder. The women hosted the Mount St. Mary's Spring Thing April 8, and the NEC Championships April 18-19, at Spires Clusters in Frederick.

A promising young men's golf team is led by senior **Andrew Hill**, while freshman **Kevin Lynch** is showing signs of a bright future ahead. Hill was one of the squad's top golfers in all four events last fall, while Lynch took the top spot in two competitions. The spring season was highlighted by the Cape May Invitational in Cape May, N.J., April 16-18, hosted by the Mount.



SOFTBALL … *Developing a Winning Attitude*

First-year Coach **Larry Alvis** has a tough task ahead of him heading into the 2005 season. Alvis must make his players believe they can win—which sounds like a basic task—but the last time the Mount posted a winning season was before the program moved to Division I in 1988.

Alvis comes to the Mount after serving as an assistant coach at his alma mater, the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. In his three years with the Retrievers, the squad won the Northeast Conference title in 2002 and advanced to the NEC tournament in 2003, before the university moved to the America East Conference last season. Alvis is excited about his first head coaching opportunity, but knows that his first task is to teach the Mount St. Mary's players a winning attitude.

"I want to make the players believe that they can win," said Alvis. "We need to go into a doubleheader looking for the sweep, but if you lose the first game, then we have to work hard to take the second one."

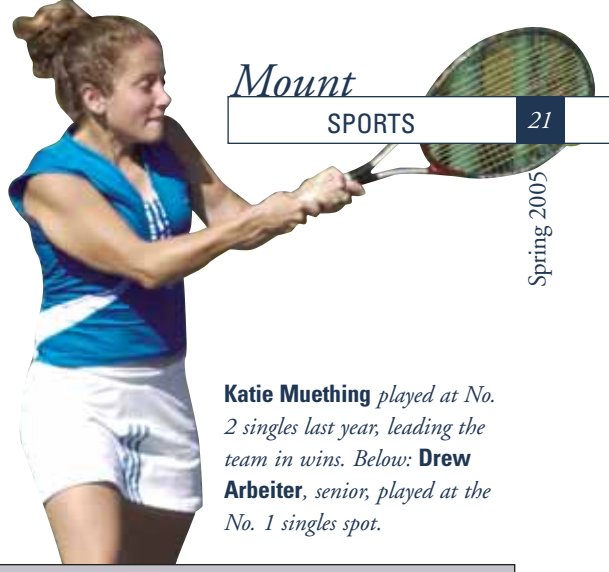
Alvis knows that achieving a conference title this season may be a bit ambitious, so his goal for this campaign is to be in the hunt for a conference tournament berth in the final weekend of play.

BASEBALL … *A Championship in the Making?*

Coming off a school-record 25-win season, the Mount St. Mary's baseball team hopes the 2005 edition will be able to take the next step—a Northeast Conference Championship. The Mount returns seven of its top eight pitchers from last-year's record-setting rotation, and four starters from a lineup ranked 21st in the nation with a .320 team batting average.

Leadership will be a key this year as the Mount had five key players graduate. The graduation of third baseman **Burt Stormes**, outfielders **Jim Jefferson**, **John Di Girolamo** and the Mount's all-time hit leader **Jason Weszka**, leaves plenty of positions up for grabs this year. It also means new players will have to take over leadership roles.

"It will be difficult to replace the five seniors who graduated last year," said Mount Head Coach **Scott Thomson**. "However, with a solid pitching staff, good defense and team speed, we have more depth than we had last year."



Katie Muething *played at No. 2 singles last year, leading the team in wins. Below:* **Drew Arbeiter**, *senior, played at the No. 1 singles spot.*

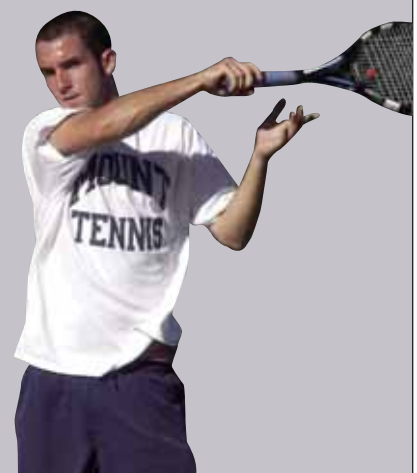
TENNIS … *Experience at the Net*

Head coach **Phil Hammond** begins his Mount coaching career hoping to lead the Mount tennis teams to the Northeast Conference title. Last year, both the men's and women's teams advanced to the NEC semifinals.

Leading the way for the men's team is the senior one-two combination of **Drew Arbeiter** and **Phil Holliday**. Last year, Arbeiter played at the No. 1 singles spot while Holliday led the team in singles wins from the No. 2 position.

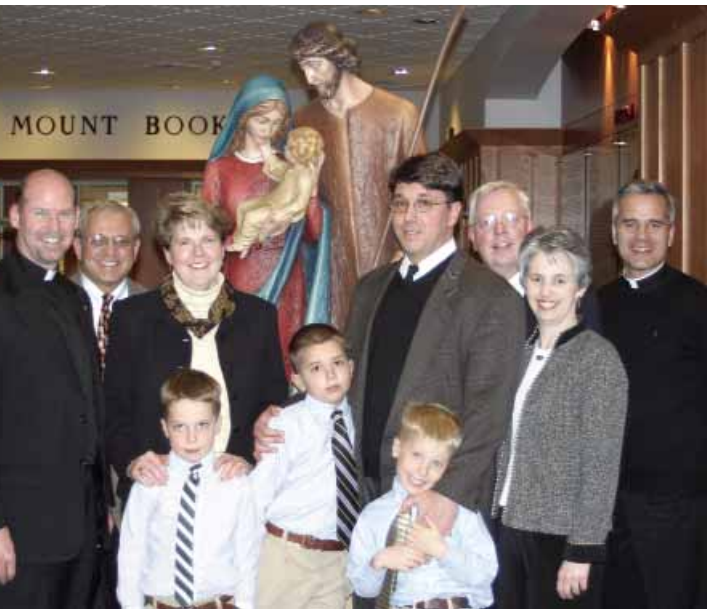
The Mount women will have a young but experienced lineup. Five sophomores and a freshman give Hammond a group of athletes who should be the face of Mount women's tennis for some time.

Jen Iosue, who played at No. 1 singles and doubles last year, is a steady player who should continue to improve. **Katie Muething** played at No. 2 singles last year, leading the team in wins. **Whitney Edmonds**, who played at No. 3 and No. 4 singles last year, will step into the No. 3 spot this year.



New Statues Grace THE MOUNT CAMPUS

Thanks to the generosity of several alumni and friends, the Mount has three new statues on campus.



Left to right: Fr. Jim Donahue, Frank DeLuca, Karen and John Singleton and their three children Michael, Jack and Gus, Dr. Thomas H. Powell and wife Irene, and Fr. Wilfrid Parent

The statues, hand-carved in Ortesi, Italy, by the DEMETZ Company, include The Holy Family (located at the entrance to McGowan Center), donated by John Singleton, C'86, and his wife Karen; Our Lady and Child (in Patriot Hall), donated by George Donahue, C'56; and Our Lady of the Universe (Bradley Hall), donated by Mount friend Donald Hauck.

The Holy Family statue was dedicated in February with the Singletons taking part.

"This statue is an image of The Holy Family. A father, Joseph; a mother, Mary; and a very special child, the baby Jesus," said John Singleton. "My hope is that many Mount students will be inspired by this image, reminding them of the exciting future that lies ahead … a future of family, faith and children."

After graduating from the Mount, Singleton remarked it wasn't long before he was blessed to meet the woman who would become his wife—Karen Evans.

"For the past 11 years, I have been married to Karen, from whom I've learned much about courage, resolve and the power of motherhood," he said. "Together, we have three children—Michael, Jack and Gus. It is a great privilege to be a father, and along with Karen, raise these three fine young men."

Yet Singleton believes there are challenges ahead.

"Today, Catholics are called, more and more, to proclaim our faith in a public way. That means facing challenges. That means taking risks. When we stand up for what's right at a PTA meeting, or write a letter to a newspaper defending our faith, or sponsor a project for our church, we put our names on the line," he said.

"These small acts of courage do not go unnoticed. Jesus commanded us to proclaim his Word to the world. So if you like challenges that are risky, even dangerous; if you want to live life on the edge-of-your-seat; if you want to walk into a room and feel the electricity … take up the Cross … and proclaim his Word," he added.

CLASS OF 1986 ESTABLISHES *American Heroes Scholarship Fund*

The Mount St. Mary's University Class of 1986 has established a scholarship fund in memory of a classmate who died in the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center.

The 296 members of the class hope to raise $50,000, in time for their 20-year reunion in 2006, for the American Heroes Scholarship Fund. The fund was established in memory of Andrew Alameno—a classmate and bond trader at Cantor Fitzgerald—killed inside one of the twin towers in New York City. Alameno was one of five Mount graduates killed in the attacks.

"The idea for the scholarship was inspired by Andy's memory, and it acknowledges the heroism of the men and women who protect our freedom on a daily basis," said classmate John Singleton, chairman of the scholarship committee.

The scholarship will be available to current students and those applying to the Mount whose parents work as police officers, firefighters or in the U.S. armed services. To date, more than $30,000 has been raised.

"This is a great way to say thank you," said Singleton. "When parents are deciding on which school to send their children, they will know the Mount acknowledges those professions. Our class wanted to make a gift to the Mount that would go beyond a normal gift—one that would make a significant difference through the years and not only address our school community but our country."

The Class of 1986 Gift Committee includes Bob Blee, Boyd Bocklet, Paul Cinoa, Monica Crum, Steve DeFoor, John Geoghan, Nancy Lafferty, Tom Leverone, Alice Mahoney, Doug Michie, Rick O'Brien, John Singleton and Mary Orlandino. **For more information on this scholarship contact Pam Zusi, executive director of development, at 301-447-5361.**

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION CONTINUES PLANS

The Bicentennial Commission met on campus in March, with Dick Ridgway, chair of the commission, welcoming the following new members: Tom Butler, director of the Mount's *Callings* program; Ryan Audy, Richard Bolte III and Laura Fenaroli, students from the class of 2008. Mount President Thomas H. Powell announced His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler, the Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, S'60, Carol Horning Woehrle, Bill Meredith, Ph.D., and Jim Phelan will serve as honorary chairs of the Bicentennial Commission.

The goal of the March meeting was to discuss the proposed celebrations and to develop a working budget for each of the committees. The following committees have been established: Civic, Academic, Alumni, Seminary, Grotto, Social, Bicentennial Stamp Card, Athletic, Student Activities, Founder's Plaza, Business and Finance, and University Initiatives. The Bicentennial Commission will submit the budget to the board of trustees for approval in June.

Each of these reports will highlight the work of one committee. For example, the Academic Committee is planning four symposia (one per semester beginning in the spring of 2006) culminating in a two-day conference in the spring of 2008. The theme of the symposia and conference will be "Notes to the Class of 2058: The Challenge of Faith and Culture." This theme will allow the Mount community to reflect on the history of its academic disciplines while considering the challenges that lie ahead in the next 50 years. The connecting tissue of the events will be the investigation of faith and culture in the context of the Mount's Catholic, liberal arts mission.

CATCHING UP WITH … *Mary Anne Kelly, SJC '68*

Bio: I was born in Boston, Mass., to an Army officer and an Army veteran (my mom). We moved around the country and in Panama. I've lived in many places yet find myself back in Arlington, Va., after almost three decades away, living in the same zip code as when I was a child—before zip codes!

Occupation: I was lucky to find an organization I love and whose work is very meaningful—the American Red Cross. In 2000, I was hired at the American Red Cross as a technical writer in their IT department. Shortly after September 11, I started getting very involved in my local Red Cross chapter (Arlington) as a volunteer, mostly in disaster services, but also teaching CPR/first aid classes, working blood drives, and other activities. This year, I was able to take my volunteer experience and turn it into a position in the Disaster Operations Center (DOC) of American Red Cross National Headquarters—which manages the national response to major domestic disasters.

Affiliation with the Mount: My connection to the Mount comes from my first days of college at St. Joseph's, when we were introduced to the men of the Mount when it was an all-male school. A bus would take us to the Mount and drop us off in front of the SUB, now the McGowan Center, and we would walk a gauntlet of Mounties along the walkway into the building. In those days, the women of St. Joe's were not allowed to have cars until senior year so we frequently walked back and forth between the two schools along Annandale Road. Both colleges, and the relationships among the students, were a big part of our college experience—we spent a lot of time over there and they spent a lot of time on our campus.

Why the Mount: I am on the board of the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association, which has remained very active despite the school closing in 1973. When George Houston was president at the Mount, he invited a member of the alumnae association to become a member of the Mount's Board of Trustees. It is wonderful to see, and be a part of, the growth and evolution of the Mount. I have been privileged to participate as a member of the presidential selection committee and to be a part of the Mount's transition to a university. Mount St. Mary's is a special place, filled with memories, history and tradition and we love coming back, and find it reinvigorating.

Last Good Book Read: *A Fine Balance*, by Rohinton Mistry. This is a wonderful book about the resilience of people and how, despite all the hardships thrown at them, they continually find the silver lining in the dark cloud. I recommend it to anyone who, like me, loved *Memoirs of a Geisha*, by Arthur Golden. Both books open a window into a way of life that we don't know about and let us look inside.

My favorite part of spring is: Working in downtown Washington, D.C. It is the opportunity to walk over to the Tidal Basin at lunchtime during the Cherry Blossom Festival to see the trees in bloom. Although there are many cherry trees throughout the Washington area, the ones around the Tidal Basin are really worth the trip!

Motto I live by: Be flexible and take advantage of every opportunity to try something new.

A MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL ALUMNI PRESIDENT PAT GOLES

We are nearing a once-in-a-lifetime event: our 200th birthday!! Alumni participation is more critical for our school than ever. I urge you, please, please, attend an alumni event in your area, a great way to learn about what is happening on campus! Or volunteer through the Career Center mentoring network or admissions programs. Return to campus for Reunion Weekend June 3, 4 and 5. Make a gift to the Mount Annual Fund. And please take this time to vote in our upcoming election. Examine the candidate's credentials and vote accordingly!

Our updated website will be up and running shortly. Visit us at **www.msmary/edu**. Alumni events are updated weekly!

And please send us your email address!

This will ensure you are informed of chapter and campus events. Plus, instead of waiting months for Mount news, you can receive our enewsletter, Around the Mount, which has links to current articles on our website.

Be sure you're part of the exciting things happening at Mount St. Mary's University! Contact Director of Alumni Relations Maureen Plant at alumninews@msmary.edu today.

1954

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Fitzgerald, C'54, S'58, pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Shelton, Conn., retired in June 2004. Monsignor Fitzgerald served as pastor of St. Lawrence for 30 years. He now resides at the Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Residence in Stamford.

1955

Dr. Andrew J. Peters, C'55, retired to University Park, Fla., after 44 years in family practice. In 2002 Dr. Peters was honored with the Teddy Roosevelt Award for Outstanding Community Service by the Hospital Council of New York. Andrew reports that he and his wife, Frances, have 10 wonderful grandchildren.

1957

John Keefe, C'57, has been retired for 10 years from Health and Human Services /Food and Drug Administration. John is a class agent for the class of 1957 and reports that he sees **Chuck DiMeglio, C'57**, quite frequently.

1961

William Bruther, M.D., P.C., C'61, was named in January 2004 as a state-appointed ex-officio member of the CareFirst, Inc. Board of Directors, and is a member of the board's Nominating Committee. He has been an ophthalmologist in Anne Arundel County, Md., for more than 30 years. Dr. Bruther is also on the staff of Anne Arundel Medical Center and previously served on the staffs at Dorchester General Hospital and the University of Maryland Hospital.

Larry Peterson, C'61, and his wife, Jeannie, have moved from California to Surprise, Ariz. The couple notes their door is always open for visitors.

1962

John Connor, C'62, the "people's judge" in Columbus, Ohio, for Franklin County Common Pleas, won the November 2004 election by more than 60,000 votes and will serve six more years. When he retires in 2011, John will have held the seat for 18 years. Since **Paul Martin, C'42**, previously held the seat for at least 18 years, a Mount graduate will have held it for 36 years!

1965

John Fink, C'65, retired in 1995 after 30 years with State Farm Insurance Company. John handled automobile accident, BI-PD claims. John and his wife, Lucy, have two married daughters and three grandchildren, all 20 miles from their home in Owings Mills, Md.

Tom Rosa, C'65, athletic director and longtime Catholic educator, is in his 35th year at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, Del. As the athletic director, Rosa oversees 47 teams and all aspects of the operation. Tom's colleagues praise his commitment to the school and the values it teaches, noting that he has been a steady influence on and off the playing fields. Tom and his wife, Peggy, have three children, Matthew (32), Ellen (30) and Dan (26). All three children graduated from St. Mark's.

1966

Bill Mahon, C'66, celebrated his 25th year in Taiwan on October 16, 2004. He is currently the director of marketing for Tungya Transportation & Terminal Co., Ltd. (Taipei, Taiwan) and, in this capacity, travels extensively throughout China and Southeast Asia.

1968

Robert Smyth, C'68, has been promoted to president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Massachusetts. Bob has more than 30 years of commercial banking experience. He is a strong community leader, serving on the board of directors of Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the board of visitors at Northeastern University and the board of overseers at Children's Hospital Boston. Bob and his wife, Ellen, reside in Boston, Mass.

1970

Ambassador Njuguna M. Mahuga, C'70, a former representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations in New York, was honored in November 2004 by the Brooklyn Heights Enrichment Program Corp. The BHEPC is a nonprofit corporation that supports and enriches children's academic and social needs. Ambassador Mahuga was also Kenyan ambassador to Canada and Australia.

Robert Miller, C'70, and **Timothy Ohm, C'88**, are business partners at Miller, Brown & Associates, P.C. Certified Public Accountants and Advisors in Harrisburg, Pa. One of their employees is **Troy Johnson, C'96.**

1972

Patrick P. O'Carroll Jr., C'72, was sworn in as the Social Security Administration's inspector general on Nov. 29, 2004, after being nominated by President Bush and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. He has a strong record of public service and an extensive background in law enforcement. Prior to this appointment, Patrick had 24 years' experience with the United States Secret Service. Throughout his government career, he received numerous awards for his meritorious service, including the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.

1973

Pete Romeika, C'73, presented a Grand Tour of Vicksburg before the Cape May CWRT at Cape May Court House, N.J.; Lancaster CWRT, Lancaster, Pa.; and the Union Library CWRT, Horsham, Pa., this past year.

Frank Ryan, C'73, has been recalled to active duty by the United States Marine Corps. Frank departed on Dec. 5, 2004, and is serving as the deputy chief, Multinational Force-Iraq for approximately six months.

1974

Rear Adm. William J. Maguire, C'74, retired from the Navy after 30 years of service in March 2004. His awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit and campaign ribbons.

1977

Ed Egan, C'77, and Gerry Timlin opened The Shanachie Irish Pub and Restaurant. The Shanachie is helping to fuel a renaissance in the community of Ambler, Pa., 14 miles outside of Philly. While at the Mount, Ed was one of about half a dozen students who turned the old game room in the Student Union Building into the Rathskeller.

1979

(pictured above)

Melanie Webster Ware, C'85, Meg Gorman Herring, C'79 and **Lynne Phelan Robinson, C'79** at the Coliseum in Rome in July 2004. Meg, Lynne and Melanie all traveled with their children in Italy and Greece. Melanie organized the trip for students, friends and families at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, Md., where she teaches middle school English.

1980

(pictured above)

Alumni from the classes of 1980, 1981 and 1982 met at the Ott House in Emmitsburg, Md., for a mini reunion. Shown (l to r) are: **Jim Plant, C'81; Shawn Fennell, C'82; Gerry Sgrignoli, C'82; Bill Young, C'82; Tom Castaldi, C'82; Paul Brown, C'82; Pete Monahan, C'82; Tim Dec, C'80; Tom Whelan, C'81**.

Mike Milihram, C'80, who has been an army reservist for the last 16 years and is currently serving in the Maryland National Guard, is on his second overseas deployment. He is in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Last year, he and his wife, Kaythe, built a house in Martinsburg, W.Va. They have two sons, Trevor (13) and Cody (11). When stateside, Mike teaches at St. Joseph Parish School in Martinsburg, where he is the middle school social studies teacher.

1981

Jennifer Anderson, C'81, deputy chief of homicide, U.S. Attorney Office, Washington D.C., was nominated by President Bush to be an associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years. Jennifer is a member of the Mount St. Mary's President's Council.

Tom, C'81, and his wife, Tricia (Bier) Looney, C'82, have been living in Wilmington, N.C., for five years with their two sons, John and Dennis. Tom and cofounder Bill Kellett are happy to announce the creation of their firm, NextChannel Partners (nextchannelpartners.com). They plan to open a Washington, D.C., presence for NextChannel due to their high activity level there.

1982

Kenneth Chodnicki, C'82, was named vice president and regional leader of Constellation New Energy's mid-Atlantic office. He has more than 21 years of domestic and international sales experience, including 18 years with IBM. Kenneth, his wife, **Marsha (Jones) Chodnicki, C'83**, and their son, Winston, live in Carrollton, Md.

Shawn Fennell, C'82, and his wife, Lisa, live in Charlotte, N.C., with their two children, Brian (8) and Alison (2). Shawn works for Wachovia Bank.

Mike Neuman, C'82, has been reunited with his long lost class ring! The ring was stolen from Mike's house in Baltimore on a snowy January night in 1986. At the time, he was living with two Mounties, **Ken Chodnicki and Mike Peters, both C'82**. The ring was found, and after almost 20 years, reunited with its grateful owner.

William Young, C'82, and his wife, Kimberly, welcomed son Matthew on July 14, 2004. **Paul Brown, C'82**, is Matthew's godfather. Bill and his family live in Clarks Summit, Pa.

1983

Mark Panetta, CPA, C'83, owns and operates a running specialty shop in Paoli, Pa., and is the chief financial officer of two private companies in the Philadelphia area. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Berwyn, Pa., with their three cats.

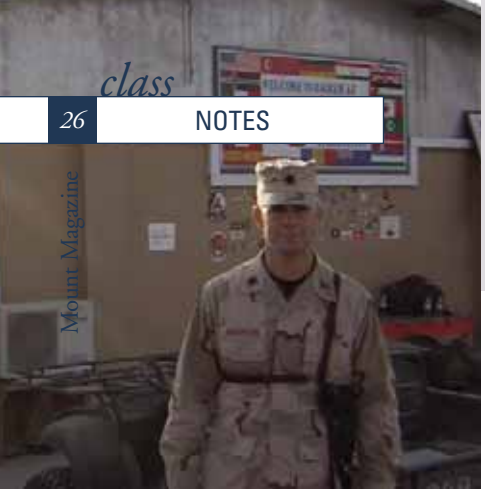
Leo Zanchettin, C'83, has moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where he serves as editor of The Word Among Us magazine. He and his wife, Katie, have three children, Michael (5), Emma (4) and Daniel (18 months).

1984

(pictured above)

John and Lou McCoy, C'84, were named the "Most Alike Twins" in their age category at the 28th annual Twins Days Festival in Twinsburg, Ohio. Born and raised in Berks County, Pa., Lou lives in Mohnton, Pa., and John lives in East Petersburg, Pa. This year was the seventh the McCoys have attended the festival.

Jim Sharp, C'84, the newly appointed chief of juvenile probation in the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, has been working in the juvenile system for the past 14 years. Jim and his wife, Lee Ann, have two children, Ryan (5) and Emma (4).



REMEMBER MOUNT ALUMNI DEPLOYED OVERSEAS

Please remember the many Mount alumni serving in Iraq and other dangerous places around the world. We honor their commitment and pray for their safety.

If you are deployed and wish to be remembered in the Mount's prayer intentions, or if you would like us to remember a family member, please email Alumni Office Director Maureen Plant at **alumninews@msmary.edu**.

1985

(pictured above)

LTC Joe Anderson, C'85, has served in the Army for 20 years. Joe is currently stationed in Kuwait serving his fourth overseas tour. He and his wife, Kathi, have five children and reside in Richmond, Va.

John Lonergan, C'85, is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, where he commands a cavalry squadron. John and his unit are currently deployed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in support of the war on terrorism. Stateside, John is a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles County, Calif., where he is a member of the Hardcore Gang Division, prosecuting gang murder cases. He resides in Los Angeles with his wife, Rebecca, and two children, Samantha and Ian.

V/R, Peter J. Quinn, Lt. Col., NGB, C'85, in July 2003 was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the National Guard and is currently serving as a strategy analyst on the HQDA G-3/5/7 staff. Peter will be celebrating his 20-year reunion in June and looks forward to returning to the Mount with his family.

1988

James P. Lighthizer, C'88, and Douglas Schmidt have left their long-time jobs at CB Richard Ellis Inc. in Baltimore and have launched a new firm called Chesapeake Real Estate Group LLC. Lighthizer was recently named the industrial broker on one of the largest development projects in Baltimore County, Crossroads at 95.

1989

The Rev. Robert Jaskot, C'89, has been appointed chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Father Jaskot has served as secretary to the cardinal and vice-chancellor since July 2002. As chancellor, Father Jaskot will assist in the administration of the archdiocese and serve as a resource for all parishes. He will continue performing the duties of secretary with his new position.

1990

Mary (Gerard) Carlton, C'90, and her husband, Charlie, announce the birth of their fourth child. Charles Alonzo was born on Sept. 28 in Garmisch, Germany. He was welcomed home by proud and excited sisters Natalia (5), Josephine (4) and Ilyra (2). The Carltons are hoping to return to the Washington, D.C., area in June.

Kelly (McLaughlin) Catania, C'90, MBA'96, and her husband, **Joe Catania, C'93**, welcomed daughter Madelyn Mary on Oct. 27, 2004. She joins big brother Aidan Joseph.

James Guglielmo, C'90, and his wife, Stephanie, live in Roswell, Ga., with their three children, Annie (4), Emma (3) and James (6 months). James is a financial consultant for FTI Consulting in Atlanta.

Carolanne (Lowrie) Hunt, C'90, and her husband, Jonathan, celebrated the birth of Scott Alexander in May 2003. Scott joined identical twin sisters Cara and Lauren (5). Carolanne is a stay-at-home mom and teaches piano part time. The family resides in Pennington, N.J.

1991

Michael M. Lloyd, C'91, is a senior associate at Miller & Chevalier Chartered in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, **Lana (Cooper) Lloyd, C'91**, have three children, Matthew, Christopher and Rachel.

(pictured above)

Elizabeth (Wall) Montante, C'91, married Michael Montante on Nov. 8, 2003, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Washington, D.C. Mount alumni in attendance included: **Deirdre and Rich Whitty, C'89; Brian and Marybeth Wall, C'98; Nancy (Folks) Hoban, C'91; Joan (O'Sullivan) Fish, C'91; Colleen (Clark) Karnicki, C'91, and Kerry (Mulholland) Pedone, C'91**. Liz and Michael reside in Alexandria, Va.

1992

The Rev. Robert C. Rogers, MT'91, S'92, has been named pastor of Holy Cross Church Parish in Morgan City, La. The parish is one of the largest in the Diocese Houma-Thibodaux, having both an elementary and a high school. Prior to this assignment he served seven years as pastor of two parishes. He serves on various boards and commissions within the diocese.

Rob Smith, C'92, and brother **Chris Smith, C'95**, sold their company, Arcemus LLC, to Iron Mountain, Inc. Rob is currently working as the vice president of sales for Iron Mountain and Chris is working as director of client services. Rob lives in Leesburg, Va., with his wife, Michelle, and three children, Connor, Jack and Aidan. Chris lives in Arlington, Va., with his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Sadie.

1993

Bill Blose, C'93, and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their fourth child, Julia Grace. Julia joins big brother and sisters Matthew, Claire (3-year-old twins) and Lauren (10 months).

(pictured above)

Mary Anne Cristodero, C'93, and her husband Rich, announce the birth of their daughter Mia Ann on Feb. 5, 2005.

Katie (Pleva) Wineman, C'93, and **Matt Wineman, C'94**, celebrated the newest addition to their family on Sept. 5, 2004. Nathan William joins big brother Jack Joseph (2). The family resides in Eldersburg, Md. Katie works part time as a corporate contracts administrator for a specialty contractor and Matt is an associate at Rosenberg Martin Funk Greenberg LLP in Baltimore.

Left to right: Erin Elizabeth **(Larry, C'96, and Brynn (Callahan) Hooper, C'97)** *with Grace Helen* **(Tim and Marnie (Desciak) Malcarney, C'96)**; *Georgia Ann with big brother Mitchell Lawson* **(Stephanie (Bracciale) McClure, C'96**, *and her husband, Scott)*

Francesca (Boehling) Zabkowski, C'93, and her husband, Michael, welcomed their son, Michael Wayne, on May 5, 2001. Francesca is currently a stay-at-home mom and is starting to pursue her second bachelor's degree in accounting.

1994

John and Holly (Kenendy) Bruggeman, C'94, celebrated the birth of their third child, Colin Edward, on May 11, 2004. He is welcomed by his twin sisters Abigail and Evelyn (3 years old). The family lives in East Fallowfield, Pa.

1995

Karen (Kruppenbacher) Delaney, C'95, and her husband, Paul, welcomed Colin William on Nov. 27, 2004. Karen is a senior analyst at Marsh in Newport Beach, Calif.

Kristin (Brandt) Dwyer, C'95, married Kevin Dwyer on Oct. 16, 2004, at St. Rose Church in Belmar, N.J. The reception was held at The River House in Brielle, N.J. Mount alumni in attendance at the wedding included: **Nicole (Conreur) Davison, Jenn Defeo, Agatha Depman, Lauren Duryea, Jennifer Firlie, Debbie (Ferri) Huber, Regan Feinblatt, Liz (Cavanagh) Kaliski, Terri Kirwan, Christine Lembo and Kristen (Hazel) Stevenson, all C'95**. Kristi and Kevin now reside in Hoboken, N.J.

Shannon (Thompson) Gardiner, C'95, and husband James celebrated the birth of a baby boy, Quinn Jameson, on Oct. 19, 2004. He joins big sister Maryrose.

1996

Chris Heagy, C'96, is in his second year at the University of Baltimore Law School. Chris is currently interning with the ACLU, lobbying the Maryland Senate.

Larry, C'96, and Brynn (Callahan) Hooper, C'97, welcomed daughter Erin Elizabeth on Oct. 14, 2004.

Dianne (VanBelle) Kern, C'96, and her husband, Pete, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Lee, on Dec. 8, 2004. Lizzy joins older brother Peter Michael (2).

Tim and Marnie (Desciak) Malcarney, C'96, welcomed Grace Helen on Jan. 18, 2005.

Stephanie (Bracciale) McClure, C'96, and her husband, Scott, welcomed a new addition to their family, Georgia Ann, on June 15, 2004. She joins big brother Mitchell Lawson (2).

Jason and Becky (Mann) Polun, C'96, celebrated the birth of Matthew Joseph on Jan. 14, 2005. Matthew joins big brothers Jason, Evan and Andrew.

1997

Michael J. Covington, C'97, recently received his Ph.D. from the College of Computing at Georgia Tech. Mounties in attendance at the graduation ceremony included: his sister, **Jennifer Covington, C'05**, and friend **Amy O'Toole, C'98**. Michael is now working as a senior research scientist for Intel Corporation.

Jeffrey (Duane) Wilson, C'97, and his wife, Karen, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Olivia Montine, born Sept. 24, 2004. Olivia weighed in at 7 pounds, 3.5 ounces.

1998

Jennifer (Hyer) Eopechino, C98, graduated in May 2004 from William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J., with a Master of Arts in English, with a writing concentration. Jennifer is currently working at Blessed Sacrament School in Paterson, N.J., as a 5th through 8th grade science and religion teacher. She is pursuing a second master's degree in religious education at Felician College in New Jersey.

Jonathan Jacobs, C'98, married Katherine Alise Flester in October 2002. Jonathan's classmate **Dan Feeser, C'98**, attended the wedding. Jonathan is an art/computer teacher at Pallotti High School. In December 2003, the Jacobs' son Nathaniel Cole was born.

(pictured right)
Brian and Amy (Gallizzo) Kelly, C'98, announce the birth of their son Brendan Thomas on May 27, 2004.

(pictured above)
Heather (Moul) Kitching, C'98, and **Tim Kitching, C'00**, welcomed a baby girl, Hayley Elise, on Sept. 26, 2004. Hayley was born five weeks premature, but her parents note she is doing exceptionally well and already has them wrapped around her precious little finger. Tim has been promoted to a senior accountant with KPMG and has earned his CPA accreditation, and Heather is a senior graphic designer for T. Rowe Price. The Kitchings reside in Baltimore, Md.

Gerben, C'98, and Kimberly (Nassau) Van Dorpe, C'99, announce the birth of their son, Xander, on Oct. 8, 2004. Gerben and Kimberly are currently living in Verviers, Belgium, where Gerben is playing professional basketball. Xander's godparents are **Derek and Mehren (Williams) Landis, C'98**.

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Joe Simmons, C'99, graduated from Princeton University with a Ph.D in social psychology on June 2, 2004. He is now working at Princeton as a postdoctoral research associate.

IN THE WAKE OF THE *Tsunami*

Laura Nuckels, C'97, has been living in Thailand for the past year and a half. She taught English at the American Pacific International School in Chiang Mai, and when her teaching post ended she became a volunteer at a Catholic orphanage in Pattaya City.

When the tsunami hit, Laura volunteered to go to the Thailand Tsunami Disaster Relief Center to help translate so that foreigners could identify their missing. After struggling with the decision to go, Laura became certain that it was what she needed to do. A 13-hour bus ride took her, with a group of students and teachers, to Phangna, a small fishing town that was badly hit by the tsunami. There were more than 2,000 deaths in that area alone.

Laura recalls, "It was really an unbelievable experience. In most cases when a problem arises, I can say, 'It could have been worse.' In this case it really couldn't have gotten much worse." She had prepared herself for seeing bodies. She had thought about how they would look and be organized, but she wasn't prepared for how many bodies there were. "The numbers increased each day."

In the beginning Laura was only one of a handful of foreigners. "I was amazed at how the Thai people handled the situation. Everyone worked so hard. No one was too proud to do a job. There was no judgment or competition. It was just calm chaos. Eventually, the sense of urgency seemed to subside and people realized that this was going to be a slow process." Laura stayed in the town of Takua Pa, located near Phangna, for about a week and a half. She lost track of dates and times. "I know my job was small compared to the families who will be coming to terms with what happened to their loved ones. The whole experience reaffirmed how fragile life really is."

(pictured above)
Anne Stocker, C'00, and **Kevin Kalis, C'99**, were married on Oct. 16, 2004, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Mount. More than 40 Mount alumni were in attendance including Kevin's father, **Jay Kalis, C'69**, Maid of Honor **Jen Stocker, C'98**, Matron of Honor **Deborah Stocker Giles, C'95**, bridesmaids **Julia Baum Melody, C'00, Jennifer Hughes, C'00, Kristy Smith, C'00**, and groomsmen **Ryan Rieger, C'99,** and **Paul O'Hara, C'00**. Other distinguished Mount guests included President Emeritus George Houston, President and Mrs. Thomas Powell, **Frank Deluca, C'68**, and Kerrie Deluca, and Dr. and Mrs. David Rehm. The reception was held a few miles away at The Links of Gettysburg, where guests were treated to a wonderful time, capped off by a 15-minute fireworks show. Annie and Kevin returned from their honeymoon in Bora Bora and are now living in their new home in Ellicott City, Md.

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Theresa (Berrang) Emara, C'00, is working in Annapolis, Md., with Ashbourne Corporate Housing. Theresa and her husband, Hosam, celebrated their third anniversary in February 2005. They currently reside in Crofton, Md.

Megan (Miller) Kowalski, C'00, married J. Michael Kowalski in August 2004. Megan has been working at Merck Pharmaceuticals as a staff biologist in the Pathology Department for almost five years. She is pursuing her master's in biotechnology at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Alexis (Smith) Matava, C'01, and **Robert Matava, C'02**, married on July 17, 2004, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Alexis and Robert reside in Virginia.

Julie Varner, C'01, an employee of the U.S. General Services Administration, has been appointed the new associate director for social concerns with the Maryland Catholic Conference. Julie will be working with legislators, lobbyists and parishioners to advocate programs such as anti-poverty and healthcare efforts. A political science graduate, Julie interned with the MCC while a student. She worked in the education department, supporting lobbying efforts for a state textbook loan program for children in non-public schools. Julie resides in Silver Spring, Md.

Holly Wiggett, C'01, is happy to announce that on December 17 she married Richard Stichel Jr. Maid of honor was **Lisa Warenkiewicz, C'01**, and matron of honor was **Jillian Daisey, C'01**. Holly and Richard are both teachers and spent their New Year's honeymooning in Saint Lucia in the West Indies.

2003

Tracy S. Bemiller, C'03, has been promoted to vice president by BB&T Corporation. Tracy is a business services officer who joined the bank in 2001. She is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Loyola College, serves as vice chairperson of the Frederick County Revolving Loan Fund, and is a member of the National Capital Minority Business Opportunity Committee. Tracy and her husband, Casey, reside in Monrovia and have four children, Erica, Brent, Todd and Tristen.

Nichole LoPresti, C'03, graduated from Villanova University with a master's in political science in December 2004. She is working as the constituent services director for Assemblyman Louis Greenwald in Gibbsboro, N.J.

(pictured above)
Naomi (Campano) Radio, C'04, married Timothy Radio on Nov. 13, 2004, at the Chapel of Saint Mary on the Hill, National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes. Mounties in attendance included: bridesmaid **Kim Keene** and **Shannon Riley, Keli Stevens, Gina Lattanzi, Hayley Howe, Kristen Kane, Addie Lewis, Carolyn Laurenzano, Asrar Buford, Megan Wisby, Jackie Sabur, Nikol Destatte,C'04; Tom Woods, S'05; Greg Stowe, S'06; Erik Christensen, Paul Ascosi, C'05**; and members of the Mount women's lacrosse team.

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(pictured right)
Elizabeth Dixon and Kristine Galiger, both C'04, received highly competitive teaching internships given by the French Ministry of Education to selected American university graduates. They are assisting French high school teachers with the instruction of their English and American culture classes until June 2005. Both Elizabeth and Kristine are living in France. Elizabeth is in the Loire Valley Region just west of Paris and Kristine is in the Franche-Comte region near the Swiss border.

ALUMNI HONORS

DuBois Medal Recipients

The DuBois Medal is awarded to an alumnus/a who has rendered outstanding and meritorious service to the church, state, nation and our fellow citizens. The medal will be awarded to **Matthew F. McHugh, Esq., C'60**, and **Maj. Gen. Anthony Studds, C'60,** at this year's reunion.

Mr. McHugh is currently on the council to the president of the World Bank in Washington, D.C. He is a former member of the U.S. Congress, the House Appropriations Committee and the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families as well as the former acting chairman of the House Ethics Committee. He has been a campus speaker for the Department of Political Science and a member and chairman of the Mount Board of Trustees.

Maj. Gen. Studds is a retired two star general; positions held during his career include commanding general, marine recruit depot, assistant chief of staff and deputy director of operations, U.S. European Command. A decorated Vietnam veteran, he chaired the class of 1960's fortieth reunion and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the 2000 commencement.

Bruté Medal

The Bruté Medal is awarded to an alumnus who has rendered outstanding and meritorious service to the church, state, nation and our fellow citizens. This medal is the highest honor awarded by the National Alumni Association to a Mountaineer. The Bruté Medal will be awarded to **Patrick J. and John J. Rooney, both C'60**. John is the president, Palm Beach Jai Lai Club in Florida, and a member of the Mount Board of Trustees. Pat is the president, West Palm Beach, Fla., Kennel Club. Both are distinguished benefactors to the seminary renovations campaign.

Hall of Fame Inductees

The Sports Hall of Fame annually recognizes former Mount student athletes who "have exhibited athletic prowess of an outstanding nature in an intercollegiate sport." **Don Barry, C'91**, soccer, **Dennis Shuch, C'58**, baseball, and **Dr. L. Ward Clarke, C'54**, baseball, were honored as the newest members of the Mount Hall of Fame on April 16, 2005.

2006 nominations are being accepted for the Hall of Fame and Dubois and Bruté medals. Please visit* www.msmary.edu/alumnifriends *for more information, or contact Maureen Plant, director of alumni relations, at 301-447-4020 or alumninews@msmary.edu.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER

Toys for Tots, December 19, 2004

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

The Connecticut Chapter held its Annual Loyalty Luncheon on December 4, 2004, at the Stony Hill Inn, Bethel, Conn.

Shown (l to r): **Gene Sullivan, C'60**, **Art Haddad, C'72**, *Dr. Powell,* **Walter Robinson, C'63**, **Romas Laskauskas, C'75**

BALTIMORE & WASHINGTON, D.C., CHAPTERS

Baltimore and Washington, D.C., area alumni got together at the Santa Fe Café in College Park, Md., for a social prior to the Mount St. Mary's vs. University of Maryland men's basketball game on January 4, 2005.

Above (l to r): **Pat McAuliffe, C'81**, **Mary Kane, C'84**, **Tom Looney, C'81**, **John Kane, C'84**

WASHINGTON, D.C., CHAPTER

Washington, D.C., area alumni met at McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon in D.C. on December 18, 2004, to support Toys for Tots.

Women at the Mount—THE GROUNDBREAKERS

Over the years both lay and religious women served at the Mount as domestics, housekeepers, cooks and nurses. During the twentieth century, women gradually began to appear as clerks, faculty and summer and day students. Now they are a significant force at the school at every level.

In addition to the seven women who graduated from the Mount in 1973, several other women were groundbreakers, joining the faculty in the 1970s. A few are recognized here.

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❶ **Dr. Carmen Schmersahl** joined the Mount faculty in 1978 in the Department of Rhetoric and Communications. She remarks, "I love being in a small academic community that teaches the whole student and uses the classroom to talk about questions connected with virtue, the spiritual life and social responsibility, not just academic matters. I've loved the chance to develop in new areas—rhetoric and composition, faculty development, curriculum design, academic administration, even stained glass!"

❷ A member of the history department since 1978, **Dr. Sue Goliber** has been named the College Distinguished Teaching Professor. She says of her experience at the Mount, "I love the fact that I can integrate my faith and my teaching and my scholarship; I have felt at home here both spiritually and intellectually from the beginning."

❸ **Dr. Trudy Conway**, who joined the faculty in 1979 in the philosophy department, holds the Monsignor Robert Kline Chair. She notes, "Of all my work at the Mount, I took greatest pleasure in designing and directing our Foreign Study and Honors programs, serving as a staff member of the Center for Intercultural Development and participating in the Freshman Seminar and Non-West programs."

❹ **Dr. Judy R. Johnstone** joined the faculty in 1978 in the education department. She was department chair and director of teacher education from 1986-2000, during which time the department began the M.Ed. program for graduate students and the Weekend College program for elementary education majors. She serves as the secondary education Professional Development Schools coordinator.

❺ **Dr. Mary Hamel** joined the Mount faculty in 1978 in the English department. Of her work as a teacher, she says her role model is Chaucer's Clerk—"Gladly wolde he lerne and gladly wolde he teche"—for the best class, she notes, is where the teacher learns from the students as well as vice versa.

❻ **Sr. Ann Miriam Gallagher, RSM**, joined the Mount in 1979 as the first full-time, tenured woman faculty member of the seminary. A few years ago, she directed the seminary's self-study for its successful national reaccreditation by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. She feels blessed to have been able to serve the church in the area of priestly formation to more than 700 seminarians from around the country.

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Images and text are from a former exhibit produced by Dr. Indrani Mitra of the Mount's English department and the Mount St. Mary's Archives & Department of Special Collections with the assistance of Mount students.

FRIENDS *Forever*

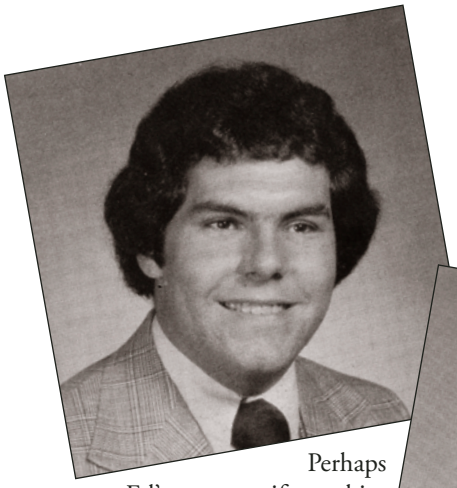
Dennis J. O'Leary, C'76

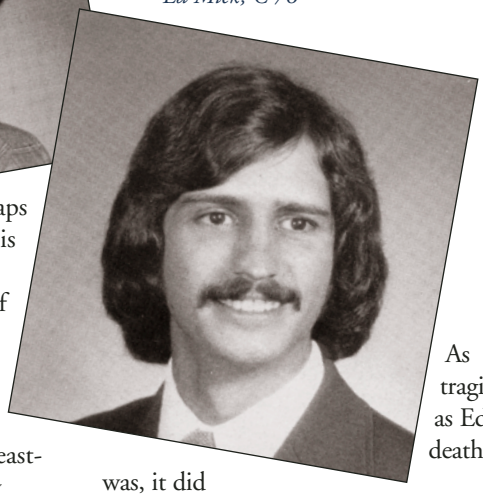
This past autumn, my roommate of four years at the Mount and my friend for life, Ed Mick, passed away. Ed's funeral brought together a dozen or so friends from our era at the Mount and made me realize that of all the gifts I have garnered from my tenure at the Mount, the greatest is friendship.

The thing that also struck me was how randomly it all occurred. Some 30 plus years ago I made the decision to go to the Mount. It easily could have been somewhere else. I can remember meeting for the first time two people that I now shared a room with. We were all first-year math majors and our names ran alphabetically. Had I been pre-med or an English major, Ed and I may never have roomed together.

From that first month it was evident that Ed and I were going to be together for the duration. We had professor Tom Ryan's Calculus I class at 8 a.m. and professor Thomas' Intro to Chemistry at 10 a.m. So we always had this hour in between where we would go to the SUB, have coffee and solve the problems of the world. It was during those morning coffees that Ed and I became friends. I don't think I could have made it through the Mount without him.

For those fortunate to know Ed and call him a friend, there was no better friend. He was very smart and had a sharp, sardonic wit that was laugh out loud funny. His humor was never malicious. Part of the reason we got along so well was that I always got his jokes and he was kind enough to laugh at mine.





Four Years... a seemingly endless dream. Memories enough to fill volumes. ***Friendships that will last beyond a yellowing diploma.*** *A knowledge gained that will surpass any class lecture.—Ed Mick's class note from the 1976 Pridwin*
Left to right: Dennis J. O'Leary, C'76 and Ed Mick, C'76

Perhaps Ed's greatest gift was his capacity to love. He had a heart as big as an ocean. He was the type of person that if you knew him you loved him and he loved you. He would do anything for you.

After graduation Ed went back to eastern Maryland, I went back to New Jersey and we began the rest of our lives. When I got married in July 1977 Ed was my best man. I was his best man in September 1979. He is godfather to my first son, as I am godfather to his first son.

After college Ed also began his lifelong battle with alcoholism. Or perhaps it began while we were in college and neither of us realized it. While Ed ultimately died of cancer, alcohol contributed to his demise. To witness his deterioration through the years was both sad and disheartening. Ed did try numerous times to quit, but in the end just could not.

Despite Ed's ill health, his spirit and soul were unbreakable. He had an inner strength and peace that lives on in the hearts of all those who loved him. Through it all he had his family and friends, including the Mount family.

As tragic as Ed's death was, it did bring our group of friends from the Mount together for the first time in a long time. We made a gift to the Father Fives Scholarship Fund in Ed's memory and are making plans to get together this summer under better circumstances.

About two months after Ed's death, his wife and some of his friends met for a brief memorial up at the Grotto and dinner. Ed would have loved it.

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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Or call the alumni office, 877-630-6102.

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MAY 2005

Thursday, May 5
Sr. Helen Prejean, "The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account," 7 p.m.
Knott Auditorium
An inspiring lecture by the author of "Dead Man Walking."

Sunday, May 8
Mount Wind Ensemble and Jazz Workshop Concert, 3 p.m.
Knott Auditorium

Sunday, May 8
Delaware Chapter Point to Point at *Winterthur, Greenville, Del.*

Friday, May 13
Institution of Acolytes, 7 p.m.
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, May 14
Diaconate Ordination, 10 a.m.
Seton Basilica

Saturday, May 14
Women's Retreat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes
To refresh your spirit on this day retreat, call the Grotto at 301-447-5318 or email grotto@msmary.edu

Wednesday, May 18
Graduate Commencement, 7 p.m., *Knott ARCC*

Saturday, May 21
Baccalaureate Liturgy, 5 p.m.
Knott ARCC

Sunday, May 22
Undergraduate Commencement, 11 a.m., *Knott ARCC*

GET READY FOR YOUR *Class Reunion!*

Friday, June 3-Sunday, June 5
Alumni Reunion Weekend

Friday: **Reunion Class Golf Tournament**
Held at Mountain View G.C. in Fairfield, Pa. It is open to all Mount families and friends in addition to celebrating classes. For more information, please contact Don Quinn, C'61, at 302-645-7255 or donquinn@juno.com

Class Receptions

Saturday: **National Alumni Golf Tournament**

Festival and Bull Roast

Sunday: Mass

JULY 2005

Saturday, July 30
Admissions Summer Open House
Know a high school junior or sophomore who may be interested in the Mount? This is just one of several exciting programs for those beginning their college search. For more, call 800-448-4347 or visit www.msmary.edu/campusvisit

Saturday, July 30
Delaware Chapter Beach Picnic
All Mounties invited!
Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes, Del.