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A LESSON FOR ALL

As a university president, I have been privileged to interact with thousands of parents and high school juniors and seniors as they have embarked on their search for the right university. Over the past few years I have noticed a significant shift of focus for many families—from merely finding a university to prepare for a career to finding a university to prepare for life in an increasingly complex, global society.

Many ask me why, with so many high quality universities available, they should consider a Catholic university for this preparation for life? My response is that Catholic universities are uniquely qualified for life preparation. And a recent sermon by Father Bill Parent, the Mount's Executive Director of Catholic Identity and Mission, is proof positive of the lessons our students receive on a daily basis.

I hope you enjoy Fr. Parent's excerpted message presented here, delivered on December 8, 2005, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception ...

Thomas H. Powell
President

By this point in the semester, with final exams looming next week, just about everyone who has ever been a student has at one time or another wished for a fresh start, a second chance, a no-fail do-over for the whole semester.

Do you think that Adam and Eve wished for a do-over? They had it all: Eden, sin-free lives, what Pope John Paul II called a state of "original blessing." Through bad choices, they lost it all and ended up far from Eden. Imagine doing so badly in a class that I fail not only for myself but for everyone who will ever take that class after me. I had a math course like that once.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is basically our celebration of humanity's do-over, our second chance, our fresh start. Through the grace of God, Mary, our second Eve, was conceived free from original sin, in order to be a fitting Mother of God. Through her son, our second Adam, the possibility of a right relation to God is restored.

This is a special feast day for us as Americans. In 1847—a time when immigrants, many of them Irish Catholic, were streaming into this country seeking a second chance, a fresh start—the bishops of the United States unanimously voted to designate Mary under the title Immaculate Conception as the patroness of the United States. Today immigrants, many of them Hispanic Catholic, continue to seek a fresh start here. The Immaculate Conception is a fitting patroness. As she represents a fresh start for all of humanity, haven't Americans at our best always conceived of this nation as a place where people are free to start over?

Today is also special feast for us as Mounties, because the Immaculate Conception is also our patroness—a fitting one, too. Isn't this also a place where in many ways we find do-overs, second (and third and fourth) chances, fresh starts?

- As a university, we constantly encounter new people and new ideas that give us the opportunity to discover new and deeper understandings of ourselves and the world around us.
- As Catholic, the Mount offers us fresh starts when we need them most, when we are enslaved by our sin. Though none of us was immaculate at conception, through the grace that comes through Church, especially through the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist, in a sense we can become immaculate.
- And as a Catholic university, in a world filled with oppressive philosophies, we offer a perspective that is both ancient and always new. We offer the truth of faith seeking understanding.
- To those who would kill the unborn, or euthanize the sick, or execute criminals, we speak the truth of the dignity of all human life.
- To those who neglect the poor, we speak the truth of a preferential option for the poor.
- To those who would reduce the meaning of life to a matter fulfilling genetically determined sexual desire, we speak the truth of total and free self-giving in committed celibacy or in a communion of love between husband and wife.

Though anything is possible for God, there probably won't be academic do-overs this semester. But God does offer each of us something far more precious: no matter how far away from God and everyone else we may feel, no matter how lost we may be in our sin, through the power of the truth, through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, through the grace of the sacraments, God offers us a fresh start so that like Mary in today's gospel, we may be free in heart, in mind, in our very being, to say "yes" to God's call.

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EXPERIENCIA PATAGÓNICA
from Penguins to Tangueros

Students and professors in the Mount's Spanish and biology programs teamed up over winter break for a two week trip to the Patagonia region of Argentina. The trip began in Puerto Madryn, with excursions to Peninsula Valdes and Punta Tombo to see sea lions, elephant seals, and Magellanic penguins, accompanied by a visit to the Welsh city of Gaiman. From there the group visited El Calafate, the region of the glaciers in the south. Then they flew to Bariloche to see the Andean/western region of Patagonia before ending the trip in Buenos Aires, where they toured the city, visited an estancia, and enjoyed a tango show.

Magellanic penguin (Spheniscus magellanicus) photographed at Punta Tombo

Another trip is being planned for January 2008. Students in the science program will study wildlife conservation and glaciers, and conduct behavioral observations of animals. The Spanish/French program will have a cultural focus while visiting all Patagonian regions and Buenos Aires. The trip, planned for every two years, is open to all Mount students, alumni, their families, and the Mount community.

Those interested in the science program should contact Dr. Rosie Bolen (301-447-5376, bolen@msmary.edu). Those interested in the Spanish program, Dr. Diana Rodriguez-Lozano (301-447-5820 x4826/lozano@msmary.edu).

Clockwise from top:
Lake district in Bariloche—in Parque Nacional Nahuel Huapi; Horse-back riding (gaucho ranch called La Cinacina estancia) (Anne Alvarado in the back, Bonnie Mitchell in the front); Music before the lunch; Music and dance entertainment after the lunch; From the tango dinner and show in Buenos Aires; Boat tour of Perito Moreno glacier (near Calafate)–front row (L to R): Cory Riley, Anne Alvarado, Kristin Brendle, Camille Rosetty, Bonnie Mitchell, Dr. Marco Roman. Back row (L to R): Casey Mae Fleischer, Shane Crowl, Bonnie Dowell, Diane Dixon, Lauren Mackey, Jennifer Auman, Michael "Miguelito" Gilbride. Not pictured: Amy McCormick, Dr. Diana Rodriguez-Lozano, and Dr. Rosie Bolen.

MOUNT HOSTS COLLEGE BOWL—
The varsity sport of the mind

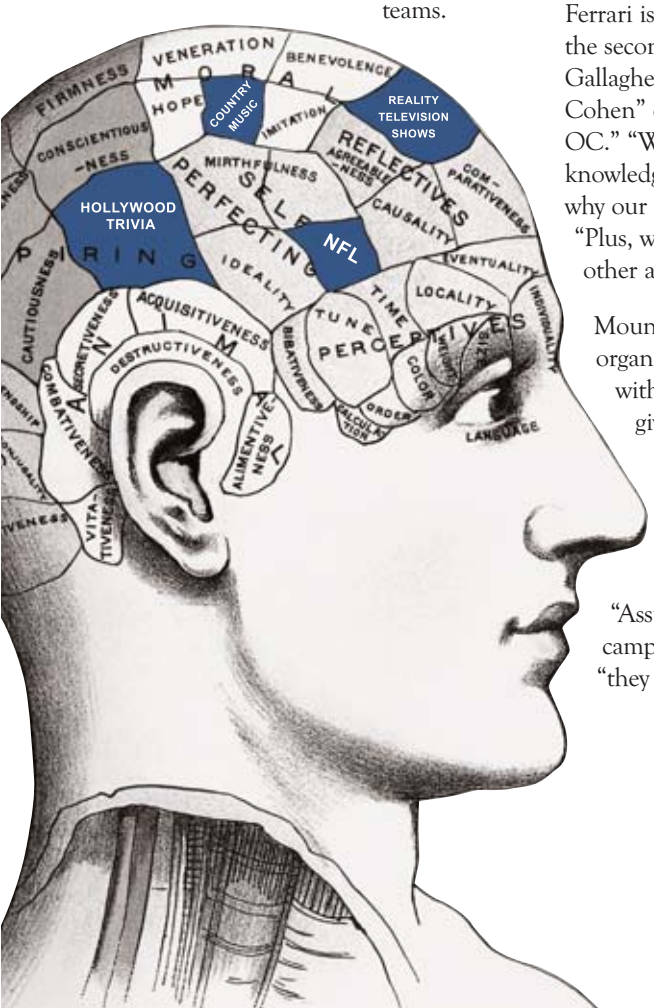
By Casey Hynes, C'07

Fifteen minutes until their match and the Mount's College Bowl team isn't even breaking a sweat.

The four members of the reigning campus champion team are calm, collected and prepared—ready to begin their first match in the regional tournament, hosted by the Mount in February. Teams from 16 area colleges traveled to campus for a shot at the national competition.

College Bowl is a campus trivia contest that originally aired on the NBC radio network in 1953. Sponsored by Good Housekeeping magazine, the game show became part of network television in 1959 and ran on weekends until 1970.

The Mount team did not take home the regional title, but still made a strong showing—placing eighth out of 17 teams.



"I had a great time representing the Mount in the regional tournament," says **Katie Herzog**, a junior majoring in business with a finance concentration and economics. She was joined by fellow juniors **Dan Long**, a political science major; **Nick Ferrari**, a biology major; and **Katie Widdoss**, a secondary education major. Long and Ferrari were members of last year's team.

Collectively, they offered a wide range of knowledge—honing their skills on everything from Hollywood trivia (film buff Ferrari's specialty) to country music (Herzog and Widdoss favor country group "Rascal Flats") to the NFL (Long is a die-hard supporter of the Philadelphia Eagles). Each share a love of trivia and game shows, and bring their own areas of expertise to the competition.

Ferrari is a reality television fanatic and the second cousin of actor Peter Gallagher, better known as "Sandy Cohen" on Fox Television's, "The OC." "We all know different aspects of knowledge and trivia, which is probably why our team is so good," he says. "Plus, we are all heavily involved in other activities beside College Bowl."

Mount Professor Scott Weiss, who organizes the annual event, worked with the team on a weekly basis, giving them topics to research and formulate questions on in order to quiz each other during practices. Weiss is optimistic about next year's tournament prospects. "Assuming they win October's campus tournament," he notes, "they will be the team to beat."

Maryland Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele TO PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Maryland Lieutenant Governor Michael S. Steele will serve as the commencement speaker at this year's ceremony, scheduled for May 21.

In January 2003, Lt. Gov. Steele earned a place in history when he became the first African American elected to statewide office, and the first-ever Republican lieutenant governor in Maryland. As lieutenant governor, Steele serves as a partner, advisor and principal representative for Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.—working with the state's congressional delegation, state and local elected officials to promote and implement the administration's policies and initiatives.

He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Landover Hills, Md., where, in 1998, he was recognized as the Man of the Year.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Mount offers new academic options

BUSINESS

The Maryland Higher Education Commission recently gave the Mount approval to offer its accounting programs in a five-year united Bachelors of Science and Masters of Business Administration degree sequence. Students will now be able to elect a plan to complete both degrees in an integrated program over five years. The united program will prepare students for the CPA examinations, which now require 150 hours of study.

SCIENCE

At its March meeting, the Mount St. Mary's University Board of Trustees approved the proposed new major in environmental sciences. The major will now be submitted to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for final approval.

EDUCATION

In the fall of 2007, the education department plans to begin accepting graduate level students into a certification program in severe and profound disabilities—with a concentration in autism spectrum disorders. Work is underway to develop coursework for the concentration—emphasizing evidence-based practices, individual and cultural differences, and family involvement to help students with severe disabilities reach their full potential.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

The Department of Communication Studies has established three new concentrations in journalism and mass communication, rhetoric and public address, and public relations.

ONLINE CLASSES AVAILABLE

The Mount's Division of Continuing Studies is now offering online courses as part of Regis University's Online Consortium of Independent Colleges and Universities.

The 39-member consortium includes small, private institutions, many of which are faith-based. Regis is a Denver-based Jesuit institution. Classes in Project Management and Team Leadership begin May 8. Future online courses will include criminal justice, arts and humanities, business and communications related topics.

For information, please call 877-982-2329.

SHELTER FROM THE STORM

Twenty-one members of the Mount community spent a week in January in Ocean Springs, Miss., giving aid to Hurricane Katrina victims.

By Melissa Main, Director of Community Service

We'd heard stories of the devastation, but were not sure what to expect.

Each day we received a folder with information about a different family needing help with their home. We often faced the challenge of just finding the house, as many road signs, displaced during the hurricane, have not been replaced.

Splitting our group into two, we helped seven families during the week with a variety of tasks—from ripping down drywall to clearing out two feet of debris left inside the house from the storm. Our tasks were hard, dirty, smelly and life giving. Many families had lost almost everything they owned, so there was much joy when a small token of love was found, like a picture of a granddaughter, or a mother-in law's dishes still in one piece. We realized that nothing should be taken for granted ... all was precious in the eyes of the beholder.

Although the force of Hurricane Katrina affected thousands of people, we were blessed and privileged to be able to make a difference in the lives of these seven families. By sharing tears, laughter and hard work with the community of Ocean Springs, our lives too, are forever changed.

John Wysong cleaning up more than two feet of debris that was left in a house from Hurricane Katrina.

MOUNT PROVOST ACCEPTS *Presidency at Mount Mercy College*

Christopher R. L. Blake, Ph.D., vice president and provost at Mount St. Mary's University, has been appointed the eighth president of Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dr. Blake, 45, was one of four finalists selected following an extensive national search. He succeeds Robert Pearce, Ph.D., who announced more than a year ago his plans to retire after the 2005-06 academic year. Dr. Blake will assume the office on July 1, 2006.

"I am greatly honored and humbled to accept the position of president of Mount Mercy College," said Dr. Blake. "The mission of Mount Mercy College reminds each of us of our commitment to learning and our service to God and humanity. I pledge in this appointment to strive to advance the leadership and service that is essential to that mission and to the college's success."

Mount Mercy College is a 77-year-old, Catholic four-year co-educational college founded by the Sisters of Mercy to provide young women with liberal arts based education. Mount Mercy became co-educational in 1969 and the college continues under the spiritual and intellectual auspices of the Sisters of Mercy—whose commitment is to "serve human needs where they exist." The college offers more than 35 majors in both liberal arts and professional programs—serving 1,500 students.

"Mount Mercy College is very fortunate to have Chris Blake joining its community," said Mount St. Mary's University President Thomas H. Powell. "Dr. Blake's inspired leadership throughout our campus has brought Mount St. Mary's University to new levels of achievement. His academic credentials, along with his relationship with faculty and students alike, are most impressive. He will always be considered a 'Son of the Mount.' "

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— Thomas H. Powell, University President

TRUSTEE EMERITI

Three members of the Mount St. Mary's University Board of Trustees were elevated to "Trustee Emeriti" at the board's March 13 meeting.

John M. Kane, C'84; Mary Anne Kelly, SJC'68; and **Kenneth L. McVearry, C'67**, received the honor for their years of service and leadership advancing the mission of the Mount.

"John, Mary Anne and Ken have served the Mount with distinction," said Thomas G. O'Hara, board chairman. "It has been an honor to serve with them and to watch their leadership in action."

Kane serves as president and CEO of The Kane Company, in Baltimore, Maryland, offering years of experience in a multi-modal transportation environment—providing trucking, distribution, commercial moving and storage, limousine and para-transit busing to customers in the Mid-Atlantic area. He is also chairman of the Maryland Republican Party.

Kelly is a senior associate of disaster operations in the Department of Preparedness and Response for the American Red Cross. She also serves as president of the Frederick Professional Women's Network and is a member of the Board of Trustees for Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County.

McVearry is Executive Vice President of The Charles E. Smith Companies. He also is a member of the Board of Trustees finance committee.

Left to right: *Thomas H. Powell, president; John M. Kane, C'84; Mary Anne Kelly, SJC'68; Kenneth L. McVearry, C'67; and Thomas O'Hara*

A SAMPLING OF *Faculty Achievement*

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Michelle Bower: "The Interplay of Teacher and Student Actions in the Teaching and Learning of Geometric Proof," with T. S. Martin, S.M.S. McCrone, and J. Dindyal, Educational Studies in Mathematics, 60, 2005.

Richard Buck: *Review, Beyond Rawls: An Analysis of the Concept of Political Liberalism*, by Shaun P. Young, Journal of Value Inquiry, Spring, 2005.

William Collinge: Review of Eileen Flynn, *Why Believe?: Foundations of Catholic Theology*, Horizons 32, 2005.

Fr. Jim Donohue: "Christian Funeral Practices in a Changed Time and Culture," with John McFadden, The Ekklesia Project, Pamphlet #13, 2005.

Mike Epstein: Review, *High Resolution Continuum Source AAS*, Applied Spectroscopy, August, 2005.

Joshua Hochschild: "The Rest of Cajetan's Analogy Theory: De Nominum Analogia, Chapters 4-11," International Philosophical Quarterly, September, 2005.

John Larrivee: "The Measuring Progress Paradox and Catching up with the Economy: a Call to Economists, an Opening for Christian Economists," Catholic Social Science Review, forthcoming.

Barry Long: "All Access Spotlight: U2," VH1 Music Studio, lesson plans to accompany VH1/MENC programming, November, 2005.

Mike Miller: "A Joyful Path to Daesin?" New Blackfriars, July, 2005.

Marco D. Roman: Review, *Thresholds of Otherness/Autrement Mêmes: Identity and Alerity in French-Language Literatures*, eds. David Murphy and Aedin Ni Loingsigh, London: Grant & Cutler Ltd, 2002, The French Review, April, 2005.

Andy Rosenfeld: *Hansel and Gretel*, by Engelbert Humperdinck, conductor/ musical director, Center Stage Opera Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November, 2005.

Byron Stay: *The Writing Center Director's Resource Book*, co-edited with Christina Murphy, Erlbaum Press, forthcoming.

Rodica Stoicoiu: "A Foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet: Eschatology and the Paschal Mystery," Liturgical Ministry, Fall, 2005.

Joseph Vince: "Firearms Intelligence-Led Policing," IACP Firearms Interdiction Newsletter, forthcoming.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Michael Barry: "Development and Use of Production Sharing Agreement Law in Uzbekistan's Oil and Natural Gas Sector," Harvard University/ Boston University Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, Fall, 2005.

Christine Blackshaw: "Two Views of the Woman Question: Galdós and Gissing," 55th Mountain Interstate Language Conference, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, October, 2005.

Michelle Bower: "The Mathematics Talk of a Secondary School Teacher of Mathematics and Physics," Proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference of the Mathematics Education Research Group of Australia, Melbourne, Australia, 2005.

Richard Buck: "Can Democracy Respond to the Deliberative Worry?" International Social Philosophy Conference, Troy, New York, July, 2005.

William Collinge: " 'Doing Well a Thing That Is Well Worth Doing': Teaching Dorothy L. Sayers on Work," College Theology Society Annual Convention, Mobile, Alabama, June, 2005.

Kirk Davidson: "Business and Society Issues Facing Wal-Mart: A Cross-Cultural Analysis," Annual Conference of the International Association for Business and Society, Merida, Mexico, 2005.

Mike Epstein: "Teaching Critical Thinking in a Physical Science Class for Non-Science Majors," National Capital Area Skeptics, October, 2005.

Kathleen Guidroz: "Researching Sexuality and Stigma: Challenges to Feminist and Qualitative Methodology," with Michele Berger, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August, 2005.

Tara Horst: "The Whole Person at Work: Recovering the Human in HRD," 54th Annual American Association of Adult & Continuing Education Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2005.

Joshua Hochschild: "Proportionality, Participation and the Alleged Idiosyncrasy of De Veritate 2.11," Third International Conference, Thomas Instituut te Utrecht, "Divine Transcendence and Immanence in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas," Utrecht, Netherlands, December, 2005.

Timothy Wolfe: *Juvenile Justice: A Reference Handbook*, with Donald Shoemaker, ABC-CLIO publisher, November, 2005.

John Larrivee: "Non-Market Work: A Review of and Lessons from the Wisconsin Rural Strategies Project," and "My Friends Get By with a Little Help from Me: Favors in Non-Metropolitan Wisconsin," Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference, Tampa, Florida, August, 2005.

Barry Long: "American Skin: Constructions of Identity in Popular Music," Glory Days: A Bruce Springsteen Symposium, Penn State and Monmouth Universities, Long Branch, New Jersey, September, 2005.

Bill Mattison: "The Rise and Fall of the Person/Sin Distinction: Anger and Matthew 5:22 from Augustine to Aquinas," University of Fribourg, Switzerland, October, 2005.

Christine McCauslin: "C/EBP‰ and CREB Mediate Inducible Expression of NGF in the Central Nervous System," with Victoria Heath, Anna Colangelo, Alessandra Mallei, Italo Mocchetti, Peter Johnson, 2005 Society for Neuroscience meeting, Washington, D.C., 2005.

Barbara Palmer: "Learning to be there, but not there": In-service Teachers' Development as Facilitators of Peer Discussion, with Janice Almasi, National Reading Conference, Miami, Florida, December, 2005.

Marco D. Roman: "Ritual and Exchange in the 'Lai de Lanval,'" 55th Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, Wake Forest, North Carolina, October, 2005.

Andy Rosenfeld: "Muleteer Songs and the Traditional Musical Festivals of the Alpujarras," International Weekend Conference, "The Role of the Donkey (and Mule), Culture of the Mediterranean," Hydra, Greece, October 2005, proceedings forthcoming March, 2006.

Michael G. Sollenberger: "Strato of Lampsakes, the Natural Scientist," Classical Humanities Society of South Jersey, Richard Stockton State College, Pomona, New Jersey, November, 2005.

Rodica Stoiciou: "Eucharist, Source and Summit," Conference on the Eucharist, Diocese of Wheeling- Charleston, Charleston, West Virginia, September, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michael Barry: Editorial work, "Central Eurasian Studies Review." Public Defender work, State of Maryland Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore City Office, Baltimore, Maryland, 2005.

Michelle Bower: Panelist, "What Happens After the Interview? The First Year on the Job," Annual Meeting of the Psychology of Mathematics Education, North American Chapter, Roanoke, Virginia, October, 2005.

Richard Buck: "Tolerance or Civility: Rav Soloveitchik on Confrontation and Community," Limud B'Yachad Adult Education Series, Suburban Orthodox Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, December, 2005.

William Collinge: Organizer and moderator of panel on Bill Portier's "Here Come the Evangelical Catholics?" College Theology Society Annual Convention, Mobile, Alabama, June, 2005.

Mike Epstein: Chair-Elect, Baltimore-Washington Section, Society for Applied Spectroscopy. Reviewer, Journal of Chemical Education.

Carl Glover: Edited 11 books in the "Instant Success in Business" series, Business Group of the Professional Book Division, McGraw-Hill, New York, New York, Summer and Fall, 2005.

Barbara Palmer: Secretary, Maryland Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Bruce Yelovich (Fr. Elias): Ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace Bishop Thomas, Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, Diocese of Oakland and the East. Assigned to St. Mary Orthodox Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Feast of St. James, the Brother of God, October, 2005.

Frank Zarnowski: Led student group that won 1st place in the Regional Federal Challenge and placed 3rd in the National Competition for the Federal Challenge.

AWARDS

Fr. Jim Donohue and Karl Einholf: 2005 Nominees for the U.S. Professor of the Year Award, in recognition of extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching.

TENURE AND PROMOTIONS

Tenure was awarded as well as promotion to Associate Professor:

- **Ms. Elizabeth Holtry**, Associate Professor of Art
- **Dr. Marco Roman**, Full Professor of Foreign Languages
- **Dr. Maureen Oakley**, Associate Professor of Political Sciences
- **Dr. Karen Keely**, Associate Professor of English
- **Dr. Marcia McKinley**, Associate Professor of Psychology

A three-year contract awarded to **Fr. Mark Pilon**, Associate Professor of Systematics

Promoted to Full Professor:

- **Dr. Danny Miles**
- **Dr. Kirk Davidson**

Promoted to University Professor:

- **Dr. Robert Ducharme**
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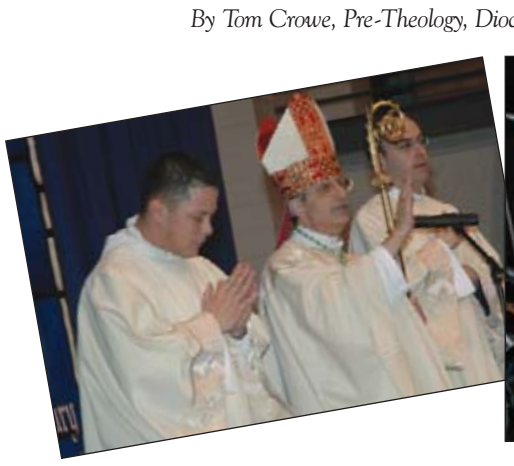
Mount 2000 and Beyond A HUGE SUCCESS

By Tom Crowe, Pre-Theology, Diocese of Arlington



"This is the grandest cathedral on earth because He is here," thundered Burlington's Bishop Salvatore Matano, pointing at the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament was reposed on February 10 during Mount 2000 and Beyond. Two thousand students and their chaperones filled Knott Arena to worship Our Lord in the Eucharist in spite of threats of snowstorms.

Bishop Matano's energetic homily fit well with the up-beat tone of the weekend of Eucharistic adoration and praise. He exhorted the gathered youth to, "Put out into the Deep!" He continued, "You are asked to be the disciples who, in 2006, bring the message of Jesus to your family, your friends, to your schools, neighborhoods and workplaces! The adult community sees in you the hope of the future!"

"Your grace is enough," sang music leader Martin Doman and the gathered throng at the end of Mass. Doman and his band provided rousing praise music throughout the weekend, assisted on electric guitar by **Deacon Greg Thompson** of Arlington. This was Thompson's final Mount 2000 as a seminarian, a significant event since his first Mount 2000 retreat—as a chaperone in 2000—was where he first felt a strong pull toward a priestly vocation. "It was a true gift from the Lord to be able to play at the retreat. I hope to be able to come back in the future to help with Confessions."

Camille DiBlasi, founder and president of Healing the Culture, talked about the love of God manifested in the Eucharist and encouraged the youth to respect themselves. "The success of this conference for young people is that you just light them on fire for Christ. You make (the faith) make sense in their heads so they understand why they're Catholic."

Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Harrisburg celebrated Mass on Saturday morning. Bishop Rhoades, former rector of the Seminary, has attended all 11 Mount 2000 and Beyond retreats.

Matt Smith, who was voted off MTV's "Real World" program because of his controversial advocacy of chastity, talked about his experiences in the proverbial belly of the beast. He has put his experiences in the world of pop culture into practice in his websites that promote smart life decisions, www.lifeteen.com and his new "chastity website for the rest of us," www.NoMoHo.com.

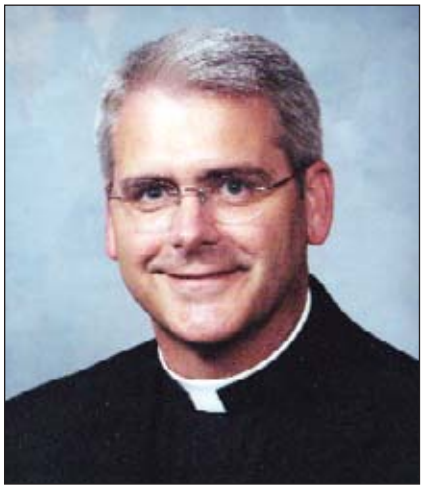
Mount 2000 also had the support of the university's undergraduates, led by senior **Nicole Wells**, and a cadre of student volunteers.

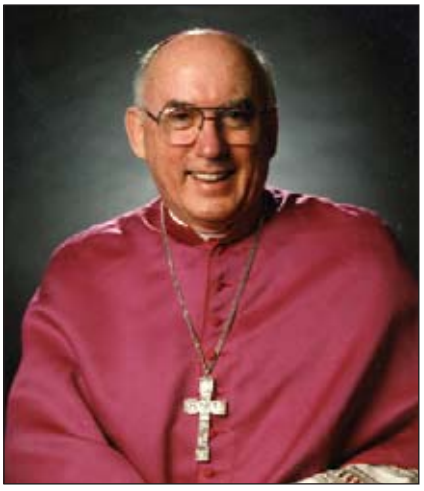
On Saturday afternoon, small games of football, soccer and basketball broke out on Echo Field, defying the snow that began to fall, portending the coming blizzard. By the end of the storm, "Put out into the deep" had a whole new meaning. All tolled, 10 inches of snow fell, hampering movement and giving all involved added opportunities for grace and self-denial. God always gives opportunities to grow in holiness.

Chairman **Joe Yokum** (S'07, Columbus) said this was "one of the largest Mount 2000 retreats that we've had; the glitches were few and far between, the overwhelming support of the seminary students, the college students, the administration, the faculty, and the ARCC staff was wonderful, the spirit of the weekend was phenomenal."

DATES ANNOUNCED FOR *2006 Fall Seminary Alumni Reunion*

October 3-4, 2006





ARCHBISHOP HARRY J. FLYNN TO BE RETREAT MASTER

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, STD, S'76, Rector, has announced that **Archbishop Harry J. Flynn, S'60**, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, will be the Retreat Master for the annual Priests' Alumni Retreat to be held at the seminary, June 19-23. Archbishop Flynn served as faculty member, dean, vice rector and rector from 1965-1979. Ordained for the Diocese of Albany, he also served as bishop of Lafayette, La. For more information about the program, please contact Melissa Crabbs, director of conferences at the Mount (301-447-5330 or crabbs@msmary.edu).

BISHOP PAUL COAKLEY TO VISIT THE MOUNT

Bishop Paul S. Coakley, S'83, Diocese of Salina, Kansas, will be the main celebrant of the traditional Homecoming Mass at the Priests' Alumni Reunion on October 3, 2006.

Bishop Coakley was appointed on October 21, 2004, by the late Pope John Paul II as bishop of Salina and ordained for the diocese on December 28, 2004. He became the 47th Mountaineer priest to be elevated to the bishopric. Bishop Coakley was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Wichita and served from 1998-2002 as director of spiritual formation in the Mount Seminary.

Other reunion highlights will include the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the laying of the McSweeny Hall cornerstone, which took place October 8, 1906; the presentation of the 31st Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award, sponsored by the National Alumni Association; and Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, October 4.

A block of 25 rooms has been reserved at the Sleep Inn-Emmitsburg, located off US Rt. 15, a mile north of the Mount. For reservations, and a special Mount rate, call 301-447-0044 and be sure to mention the Priests' Reunion. For more information about reunion activities, contact Phil McGlade, Office of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu).

Seminary Schedule of Events

MAY

5	Deacon Night

JUNE

19-23	Priests' Retreat—Archbishop Harry J. Flynn, S'60, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis—Retreat Master

AUGUST

16	New men arrive
20	Seminarians arrive
23	Classes begin
25-27	Weekend of Recollection

OCTOBER

3-4	Priests' Alumni Reunion
20-22	Inaugural Seminary Family Weekend—More information to follow

NOVEMBER

17	Candidacy Mass

For additional information, contact the Office of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu)

THE MOUNT TRAVELS TO *Annual March for Life* IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

By Bryan W. Jerabek, Second Theology, Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

On January 23, more than 200 seminarians and students from Mount St. Mary's University traveled to participate in the 33rd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The day began with a Youth Rally and Mass at Washington's MCI Center. A record crowd of more than 22,000 exuberant youth and their parents, teachers and chaperones were in attendance, along with seminarians from the Mount and other seminaries around the country.

More than 100 concelebrating priests assisted, including **Msgr. Steven Rohlfs**, rector, and several others from the Mount. In addition, several bishops were in attendance, including **Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades**, former rector of the Mount, as well as three American cardinals. Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, D.C., celebrated the Mass.

After the Rally and Mass, the seminarians joined more than 100,000 other marchers in the walk from the National Mall to the Supreme Court. It was a cold and gray day with rain showers in the morning, but providentially, all rain ceased for the entire duration of the March. The March for Life trip and other seminary pro-life activities are coordinated by the Seminarians for Life Club, led by **Brian Lorei**.

TO THE HOLY LAND

By Rev. Mr. John L. Lavorgna, Fourth Theology, Archdiocese of Hartford

Through the grace of God, the generosity of others, and the enthusiastic support of a Mount alumnus and the rector, four members of the class of 2006 were offered an incredible opportunity to participate in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 17-28, 2005. **Deacons Lee Jirovsky, John Lavorgna, Dennis Schuelkens**, and **Jamie Workman** were selected by Rector Msgr. Steven Rohlfs to join a group largely composed of parishioners from Saint Veronica's Church in the Diocese of Arlington, Va.

They accompanied and assisted **Father Christopher Buckner, S'80**, who is in residence at the parish and is a veteran of leading such excursions, as well as an expert on the religious history and modern political realities of the Holy Land. The graces of being present at the sites where the mysteries of our faith actually occurred proved to be a tremendous source of grace and prayer that will remain with them through the years ahead.

"Pilgrimage is the right word to use to describe those days, since prayer was the essential element of the experience," noted Deacon Workman. "We took time to meditate on the events of the life of Christ. At the Church of the Nativity, we all reverenced the place of the birth of our Savior and prayed the third joyful mystery together. Then, one of our number spontaneously began to sing 'O Holy Night.' I felt I was right there with Joseph, Mary, and Jesus."

The group spent seven nights in Jerusalem and was able to visit many famous holy sites, including the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, and the stations of the Via Crucis. The trip also included three nights in the northern city of Nazareth, the site of the Annunciation of Our Lord. "The mystery of the Incarnation came about in history at that very spot; at the Basilica there is a sign in Latin that reads 'And the Word Was Made Flesh ... Here,'" explained Deacon Schuelkens. "The love of God was poured out and made manifest in the Blessed Virgin right there, in the ordinary town of Nazareth."

All the deacons agreed that some of the most profound moments came as they served at these privileged altars, often at or near the sites of the most sacred events of salvation history such as the Transfiguration, the Last Supper, and the Resurrection. Such a gift will certainly bear fruit in ministry.

Left to right:
Schuelkens, Workman, Jirovsky and Lavorgna at The Church of the Cenacle (Last Supper).

Frederick Joseph Ziegler III NEW PROFESSOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Frederick Joseph Ziegler III has joined the seminary as its new professor of music ministry. Ziegler is returning to the Mount community after 9 years away – he previously served on the seminary faculty from 1995-1997, when he taught in the areas of Sacred Music, Sacred Music in Liturgy, and vocal training. He also served as an organist and choral director.

Now as music director for the seminary, Ziegler will perform as organist at Morning Prayer and Mass each weekday at 7 a.m., and oversee training, scheduling, and supervising student organists. As vocal music director, he will train, schedule, and supervise cantos and direct the Seminary Choir. Ziegler will also serve as the liturgical planner, selecting music for all liturgies, and as an instructor in sacred music, conducting sacred music workshops and developing an academic instruction program in this field.

Ziegler studied as both an undergraduate and graduate student at Baltimore's Towson University, and did graduate work at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in Westminster. He has been working as an organist and choir director since he was in high school, at various churches including Holy Family Catholic Church in Randallstown, St. Anne's Catholic Church in Hagerstown, and the Presbyterian Moorings Church in Naples, Florida. Ziegler most recently served at Zwingli United Church of Christ in East Berlin, Pa., where he was responsible for adult and youth choirs, hand bell choirs and instrumental and chamber ensembles. He planned, recruited and managed all areas of the church's music department, providing music for worship and other special events.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

The Most Reverend William E. Lori, bishop of Bridgeport, celebrated Mass with Admission to Candidacy at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on November 18.

Among the eighteen seminarians of the third theology class admitted to Candidacy were **Denis Marcel Beauregard** (Brother Andrew) from the Archdiocese of Boston/Franciscans of the Primitive Observance; **Jesse Bolger** and **Michael James Foppiano** from the Archdiocese of Baltimore; **Kevin Michael Butler, John Paul Lovell**, and **Josue Vargas-Lara** from the Diocese of Rockford; **Lawrence Daniel Carney, III** and **Matthew David Marney** from the Diocese of Wichita; **Richard Mario Esposito, Benjamin Paul Holdren**, and **Rafael Rodriguez-Fuentes** from the Diocese of Lincoln; **John Russell Johnson** and **David Alan Koetter** from the Diocese of Savannah; **Paul Dean (Phu Duc) Nguyen** from the Archdiocese of Washington; **Adam Andrew Streitenberger** and **Joseph Thomas Yokum** from the Diocese of Columbus; **Christopher Thomas Vaccaro** from the Diocese of Arlington and **Peter Karl Zorjan** from the Diocese of Peoria.

The rite of admission to candidacy for ordination as deacons and priests is celebrated when the candidates have reached a maturity of purpose and are shown to have the necessary qualifications. During the ceremony, the seminarians are asked about their resolve to complete their preparation for ordination and to prepare themselves in mind and spirit for faithful service to Christ and the Church.

With Love ...

For more than 50 years, the history of Mount St. Mary's University has been intricately entwined with the generosity of Bettie and George Delaplaine. *By Lisa Gregory*

To know Frederick, Maryland, is, quite simply, to know the Delaplaine family.

An ancestor of the Delaplaines was among the first settlers in the area. And, throughout the years, the family has established deep roots within the community—historically, economically, religiously, civically and culturally.

This is especially true with George and Bettie Delaplaine, who, during their 50 years of married life, have greatly impacted the place they call home, and, more importantly, neighboring Mount St. Mary's University. "We've certainly had a great time doing so," says Bettie, with her usual enthusiasm and a twinkle in her blue eyes.

THE FAMILY BUSINESS AND BEYOND

Among the most significant contributions the Delaplaine family has made to the Frederick area is keeping its inhabitants informed. This began in 1880, when George's grandfather, William T. Delaplaine, opened a print shop and, in the ensuing years, started a daily newspaper known today as The Frederick News-Post. "My grandfather saw that literacy in the area was increasing and that a daily newspaper would be feasible," says George.

Years later, at the age of 12, young George, along with his sister, began producing a neighborhood newspaper. In 1949, after serving in the Navy during World War II, graduating from The Johns Hopkins University and taking post-graduate studies at Rutgers University, he began his association with the family business.

His step up the management ladder took him through a succession of positions, ending as editor and publisher, writing a column, and heading the company as president.

At the time he took over as editor and publisher in 1964, he was aware of the linking of the Frederick area with Washington, D.C., through completion of the new super highway, now I-270, between Frederick and the nation's capital. To reach the new audience of transplants from the metropolitan area, George recognized the possibility of cable television in providing both entertainment and news, in competition with the daily newspaper.

A new company, Frederick Cablevision, was formed in 1966, and Great Southern became sole owner three years later. The cable business grew by leaps and bounds, expanding into neighboring Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and the name was changed to GS Communications. By the time the company was sold in 2001, the subscriber count exceeded 120,000 and it ranked 25th nationally in the number of cable system subscribers.

"I saw this as a good opportunity. It was a growth industry," says George, who also held stints as president of the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association and Maryland-Delaware Cable TV Association, now known as Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Telecommunications Association. He has been honored for his work in the industry at the National Cable Center in Denver with the George B. Delaplaine Jr. Visiting News and Information Bureau.

When speaking of his professional accomplishments, he views himself as being "not too smart, just a plodder" but attributes his vision for the future in cable as being spiritually inspired.

Bettie is a bit more enthusiastic. "He's so darn smart," she says, smiling at her husband.

His business associations have included other endeavors as well—serving as vice president and director of the Frederick Brick Works, a company in which his grandfather C.C. Carty was one of the principals, and serving nearly 20 years as a director of F&M Bank. In 1999, George was named Maryland's Master Entrepreneur of the Year. Today, he is president of Great Southern Enterprises, Inc., which invests in a number of venture capital businesses. One of those businesses is Great States Publishing, LLC, which recently reestablished publication of a statewide magazine now known as Maryland Life, where he is chair of the board of managers and writes a regular historical column.

"The word retirement is not in our vocabulary," asserts Bettie.

"He was a heck of a nice man," Bettie says as she admits to being quite taken with a young George right from the start. Right, Bettie's engagement photo

"In our family it is expected. It is part of our culture,"
says George of giving of one's self and one's resources.

THE GIVING GENE

Giving is a family tradition for the Delaplaines, going all the way back to George's grandfather, William T. Delaplaine. During the severe winter of 1895, he spearheaded a collection of food to distribute to the needy. Unfortunately, he contracted pneumonia and died at the age of 35, leaving four young sons who not only would carry on his work at the newspaper, but also his philanthropic endeavors.

"In our family it is expected. It is part of our culture," says George of giving of one's self and one's resources.

In the spirit of this tradition, George and Bettie established the Delaplaine Foundation a few years ago. The $15 million foundation provides grants to more than 60 nonprofit groups in the community—including those in the areas of the arts and sciences, historical preservation, educational advancement, spiritual enlightenment and physical well-being. George serves as the foundation's president, while Bettie serves on the board.

As a result of their generosity, the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine exist today. They provided funds for both by matching state grants of $1 million. The buildings, which house the center and the museum, have direct ties to the family. Under George's guidance, Great Southern donated the old Mountain City Mill property on South Carroll Street to the City of Frederick, enabling the creation and the establishment of the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center. The facility where the museum is located was once the home of George's Carty grandparents. "My mother was born there," says George, who serves on the museum's Board of Directors.

They have been generous with their time and talents as well, serving on countless committees and organizations. George, for example, is a past president of the Frederick Jaycees and the Kiwanis Club of Frederick. He has served with the United Way, Red Cross and Masons. He has also been a member of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee and was its first chairman, and has been a long-time member of the Mid-Maryland Emergency Services Advisory Council, serving twice as chairman. He was the first recipient in Frederick County of the Boy Scout Distinguished Eagle award several years ago.

Working alongside her husband, Bettie spent many years as the director of special events for the News-Post and is renowned for bringing military bands to area stages. She is responsible for more than 70 such concerts in Frederick County. "I just love the music," she says. She is the recipient of the U.S. Air Force Commander's Award as a result. The award is the highest national honor given a civilian by the Air Force Recruiting Services, and the plaque hangs in a place of honor in their home.

She has also served on the boards of the Frederick Community Concert Association, the Frederick Arts Council, the Board of Visitors of the Maryland School for the Deaf, and the Francis Scott Key Memorial Foundation, acting as co-chair of the Francis Scott Key Monument Re-dedication Committee.

"Our livelihood has come from this community," says Bettie. "So, it's very important to give back to the community. This is how we've chosen to live our lives."

George, the gentleman farmer, feeding the cows.

TWO "NON-CATHOLICS" AND THE MOUNT

"You don't have to be Catholic to love the Mount," Bettie has been known to state on more than one occasion. Although devoted Episcopalians—George serves on the vestry of Grace Episcopal Church in New Market and has been a lay reader and chalicist for 40 years—it certainly hasn't hampered the Delaplaines' commitment to the university. They have supported the Mount in numerous ways, as major donors for the Knott ARCC and the seminary and by establishing the Delaplaine Art Gallery and the Delaplaine Professorship for the Humanities. The couple has also provided many other donations impacting the Mount community in more intimate and immediate ways, such as through providing scholarship resources to assist students in need.

"I was extremely grateful for the generosity of the Delaplaines in providing the funding for the professorship and enabling me to have this opportunity," said Trudy Conway, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and the first recipient of the Delaplaine Professorship for the Humanities. "The three-year study was very intellectually stimulating and allowed me to do extensive study in the philosophical area of cross-cultural understanding. It also offered me an invaluable opportunity to broaden my study into a range of other disciplines," Conway added.

George and Bettie began their involvement with the Mount when invited to attend a dinner bringing together civic leaders from Frederick and representatives from the school. "I was impressed," recalls George of what he learned that night about the Mount.

Yet the Delaplaines had long felt the Mount could be better and more thoroughly recognized and utilized by the local community.

"Before, it was just that Catholic school up there," says Bettie. "But, we knew that it could mean so much more to the community." A door had been opened and George and Bettie, not surprisingly, walked right through it.

Bettie would go on to chair the inaugural committee for President George Houston in 1994—thus beginning a relationship that continues today, as Bettie currently serves on the Mount's Bicentennial Committee. Besides chairing the committee for President Houston's inauguration, Bettie has also served as honorary chair of the inauguration of current President Thomas Powell. In fact, she is friends with both presidents and even has nicknames for them, fondly referring to President Houston as Rex and President Powell as Top Cat. She has also served for 16 years on the Mount's Board of Trustees. "I was the token Episcopalian," she says with a chuckle.

Bettie stresses the value of all gifts, large and small. This is true for the Mount as well. For her it is about the details. She remembers attending a campuswide picnic, which President Houston wanted in conjunction with his inauguration, and the lack of proper outdoor grills that were needed for the event.

"I was told they didn't have any because there was no money in the budget for them. The cost for the two was $2,700. I told the food service director to buy them and handed him a check."

Problem solved.

"These are the things that can fall through the cracks," she adds. "That's when I made this great discovery. Here, for $2,700, I provided something that benefited the entire college community. This was a real eye-opener for me."

In recent years, George and Bettie have been honored by the Mount for their support and involvement—each receiving the President's Medal and an honorary degree.

"Our livelihood has come from this community so it's very important to give back," says Bettie on how they've chosen to live their lives.

Photos from their recent trip to Antartica, Bettie in her red parka and George with their son, Ted.

"The word retirement is not in our vocabulary," says Bettie.

"George and Bettie's friendship has been inspirational to everyone at the Mount," said Thomas H. Powell, university president. "Their kindness is clearly evident throughout our campus community. Most importantly, their generosity has allowed us to support our students and faculty in a significant manner."

BETTIE AND GEORGE

Bettie admits to being quite taken with a young George right from the start. "He was a heck of a nice man," she recalls of their early courting days, "So interesting and intelligent." The couple first met when Bettie, who is originally from Virginia, came to Frederick as a recent graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College working as a lab instructor at Hood College. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past August, and have four grown sons and five grandchildren, ages six to 14.

A visitor to the comfortable Delaplaine home is greeted warmly. It is easy to see why Bettie is known far and wide as a most gracious hostess. On a mini-tour of the home, she proudly shows off "George's bath tub," as she calls the recently constructed indoor pool where George swims each morning. A lover of art, Bettie has decorated her house with photographs and original artwork, many items created by friends and family. Son Ted is quite handy with a camera, exhibited by two stunning photos on the wall, one of which is of three smiling children in Tibet.

"He travels quite a bit," says Bettie. George and Bettie accompanied him recently on a trip to Antarctica. Photos from that trip are scattered across the kitchen table as Bettie organizes them into an album. The photos include breathtaking images of glaciers, flocks of penguins and a smiling Bettie in her red parka. She had initially pulled out the photos to share with President Powell and his wife, Irene, during a recent dinner together.

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WEDDING STORY

On Friday, August 12, Bettie changed her last initial from "S" to "J". The day was hot the principals terse, and the sky was filled with Florida's liquid sunshine.

The reception on the Barker lawn following the ceremony at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, was all but rained out.

A happy but somewhat crowded time was had by all as many guests were received and the traditional cake was cut.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

EDITORIAL

Newlyweds always derive much pleasure from doing things together, and we find this especially true in extending our greetings in the Christmas holiday season.

This year we find ourselves in the midst of the Christmas excitement of decorations, gifts and fruit cake. These are but a small part when we consider the true meaning of this holy season.

As good will fills the hearts of the people around the world, we pause to wish each of our friends best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

May 1956 find you with each and every one of your higher ambitions, greater joys, more happiness and good health.

50 years of marriage
50 years impacting Frederick
50 years with the Mount

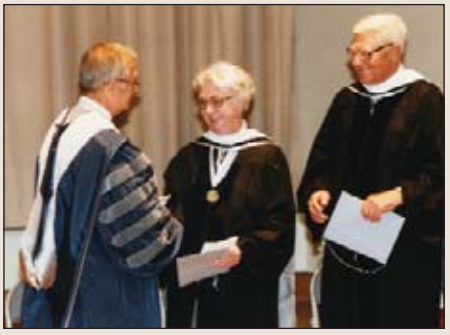
August 12, 1955
Bettie and George were married. Their first Christmas together they printed the Delaplaine Review.

1964
George takes over the Frederick News Post as editor and publisher

1986
Opening of Frederick's Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center

1994
Bettie chairs the inaugural committee for President George Houston

1995
Bettie received the Mount's presidents medal of honor



1997
Bettie and George were awarded an Honorary Doctorates from the Mount and George received the president's medal of honor.

1999
George was named Maryland's Master Entrepreneur of the Year.

2001
Establishment of the Delaplaine Foundation

August 2005
Bettie and George celebrated their 50th anniversary with a trip to the Florida Keys

While waiting for George to return home from the office, Bettie talks enthusiastically about the trip, all the while keeping a watchful eye on the door. Once George arrives home, there is an easy camaraderie between them that comes from five decades of being together.

However, the couple—usually so outgoing and welcoming—become somewhat reserved when talking about their contributions to the community. To them it is in many ways a private matter. When the topic is brought up, they both change the subject politely and subtly.

Not that much needs to be said. Needs have been met.

For the Delaplaines, that is, quite simply, more than enough.

Lisa Gregory is a Taneytown-based freelance writer and a frequent contributor to Mount Magazine.

PLAYING IN THE BIG LEAGUES

A team of Mount economics students finished third nationally in the College Fed Challenge, more than holding their own against the nation's elite colleges and universities.

By Duffy Ross

A six-member team of Mount St. Mary's University economics students finished third in the nation in the Fed Challenge competition, held last November in Washington, D.C.

While finishing third is an extraordinary achievement in its own right, the list of schools that didn't make the finals reads like a who's who in the rarified air of American higher education.

Harvard, Boston College, Cornell, Hamilton, Rutgers, New York University ... all finished out of the running in this year's competition, which featured three economists, including former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, presiding over the national championship at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors Building. Northwestern, the defending national champion, took the title again this year, while SUNY at Geneseo was the runner-up.

Earlier in November, the Mount's six-member team won the 5th District Federal Reserve Branch competition over the likes of the University of Virginia, Lafayette College, Gettysburg College and the University of Richmond.

"I am delighted with this year's team performance. The Mount looks forward each fall semester to the Fed Challenge, since it gives our economics students an important project in which they can display their skills and knowledge," said **Frank Zarnowski, Ph.D.**, professor of economics and moderator for the Mount squad. "To have the opportunity to compete for the national championship, against schools like Northwestern and SUNY at Geneseo, speaks very highly of the quality of our students, and the Mount's economics program."

Team members from the Mount included senior **Jennifer Grim**; juniors **Katherine Herzog, Catherine Muething** and **Philip Bauchan**; and sophomores **Brian Ogle** and **Matt Sanicola**. Mount St. Mary's is the only school to have participated in all nine College Fed Challenge competitions. The Mount won the contest once (1999), and has placed second twice (1997 and 2001).

The competition is sponsored by Moody's Investment Services and netted the Mount team $7,500 in scholarship awards for team members and the Mount's general scholarship fund.

The Baltimore Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond introduced the College Fed Challenge in 1997. The competition asks economics students to undertake research, analyze data about current and near term economic conditions, and make a 20-minute presentation to a panel of Federal Reserve judges—in which they recommend policy for the Federal Reserve—and defend their position.

The College Fed Challenge is intended to help students become more knowledgeable about the Fed and the decision-making process of the Federal Open Market Committee, the Federal Reserve's monetary policy-setting group.

Each team's presentation includes a discussion of current economic and financial conditions, near-term forecast of economic and financial conditions that affect monetary policy, identification of risks that threaten the economic well-being of the country, and a recommendation as to the action the Fed should take with regard to short-term interest rates.

During the question and answer session, judges ask questions about arguments made or data addressed in the team's presentation, how policy-makers might respond to hypothetical economic scenarios, and the Fed's monetary policy-making and implementation process.

And while the competition is held in the fall, in reality, it's a year-round pursuit.

Students start the cycle in the spring semester with meetings and required reading. Over the summer months, students are provided with additional materials to read and asked to follow financial markets and economic news. In the fall, they divide up the economy into smaller slices with each student taking a slice to become an "expert" in that discipline—whether it is financial markets, the macro-economy, or the "international sector."

"We actually have a 'schedule' of presentations, much like an athletic team," Zarnowski said. "We have two formal presentations on campus with our economics faculty in mid October, one presentation at the Merrill Lynch

office in Frederick, Md., to their staff of investment managers in early November, the regional contest at the Federal Reserve Bank in Baltimore, Md., in mid-November and (this year) the national finals at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

"I'd say that the nation's best Fed Challenge program is at Northwestern University," said Zarnowski. "They have been at it for two years and have won two national titles. After Northwestern, I think we have proven that, year in and year out, we have a contending team. Perhaps one could say that we have the nation's second best program. We certainly have some very good students and the faculty at the Mount should not hesitate to match them up with the very best of other renowned schools. Our students can accomplish a good deal."

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS . . .

Members of the Mount's Fed Challenge team describe the experience.

PHILIP BAUCHAN
Junior, Economics Major
Beltsville, Maryland
"What made Fed Challenge so valuable was the greater appreciation I gained for the complexity of economics. It was a humbling experience to try to comprehend so much data and relationships, and then to be so bold as to think I understood enough in order to make a decision in only one area of the economy. I truly came to appreciate the importance of collective decision making."

JENNIFER GRIM
Senior, Economics Major and Team Captain
Mount Airy, Maryland
"Fed Challenge has been the highlight of my Mount career. It has been the one experience allowing me to tie together all of the information learned in my business and economics courses. While it was a lot of work, it provided real world experiences and assisted me in obtaining a job after graduation."

KATIE HERZOG
Junior, Economics Major
Bel Air, Maryland
"Being a member of the Fed Challenge team for the past two years has been an extremely rewarding experience. It's amazing to have the opportunity to represent the Mount on a national stage. Each of us has strengths in different areas, and we really came together to put together a first-rate presentation."

CATHERINE MUETHING
Junior, Economics Major
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
"Representing the Mount at the national Fed Challenge competition was truly an honor. I gained a strong understanding of the workings of the Federal Reserve as well as the condition of our nation's economy. The challenging decisions made by these policy-makers affect unemployment, the stability and competitiveness of the economy, and the future prosperity of the country. Fed Challenge is an excellent and unique opportunity to put ourselves in the shoes of the Federal Reserve."

BRIAN OGLE
Sophomore, Economics Major
Frederick, Maryland
"This role entails looking at all the tools to analyze the U.S. economy, including unemployment rates, social and political impacts, and then multiplying that by 10. Our finish speaks well for the Mount and really puts our new designation of 'university' out there for others to see."

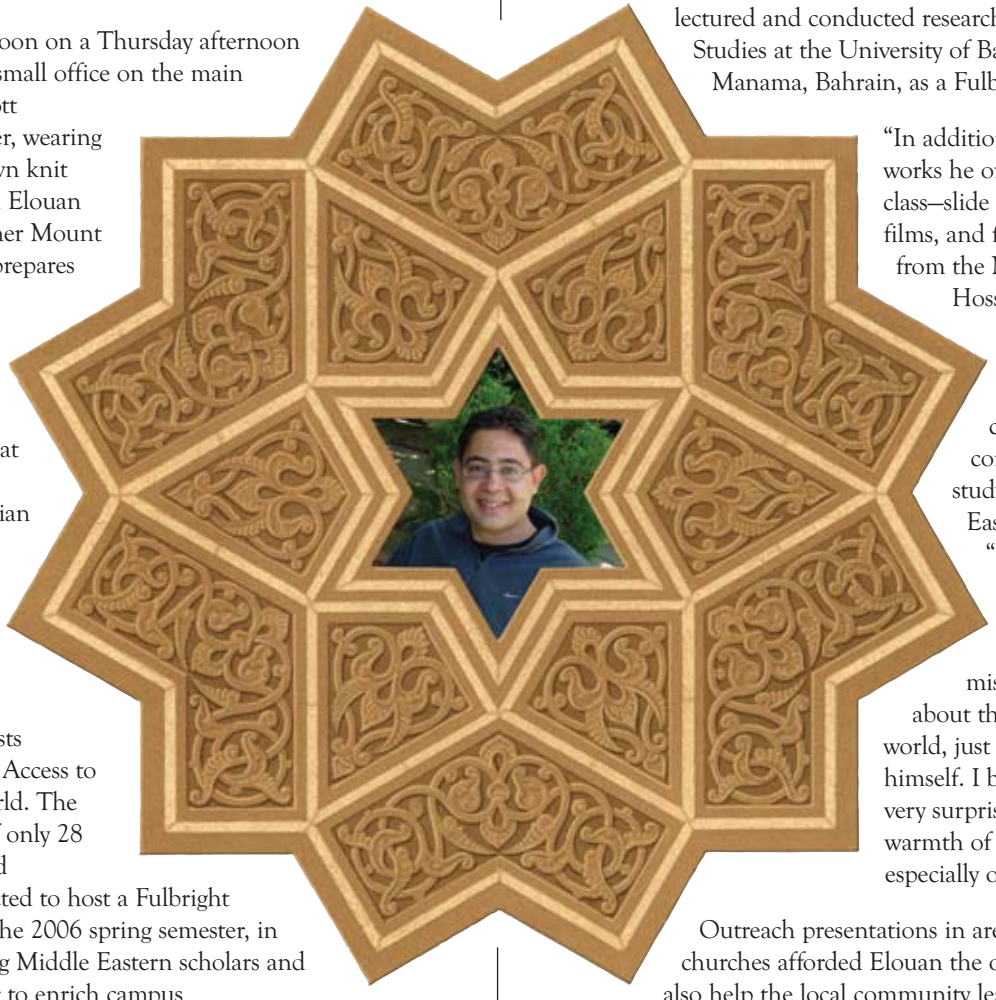
MATT SANICOLA
Freshman, Economics Major
Frederick, Maryland
"The competition has a lot of value because this is real life, it's what people do for a living. Alan Greenspan is one of the most powerful men in the country, so being in his presence and competing at this level above schools like Harvard and Yale means a lot."

Bridging the Cultural Divide
One Film at a Time

Egyptian screenwriter and filmmaker Hossam Elouan came to campus this winter as the Mount's first visiting Fulbright Scholar.

By Casey Hynes, '07

It's just before noon on a Thursday afternoon and sitting in a small office on the main floor of the Knott Academic Center, wearing jeans and a brown knit sweater, Hossam Elouan could be any other Mount professor as he prepares to teach an upcoming class.



In reality, he isn't a professor at all. He's a renowned Egyptian filmmaker and critic who spent six weeks on campus this semester as part of the Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World. The Mount is one of only 28 U.S. colleges and universities selected to host a Fulbright Scholar during the 2006 spring semester, in an effort to bring Middle Eastern scholars and colleges together to enrich campus understanding of those who live in Muslim countries—encouraging students to challenge prevailing stereotypes about Islamic societies and cultures.

While at the Mount, Elouan engaged the student body in an open dialogue about the Middle East, as well as with the development of course work, programs and community outreach. He assisted Mount Professor Kristin Urban's course, Comparative Politics: Middle East, with films and other visual materials to "give vision to the Muslim world" and stimulate discussion on important issues in today's post 9/11 world.

Urban herself is no stranger to the Fulbright Scholar program. In 2004, the political scientist lectured and conducted research in American Studies at the University of Bahrain in Manama, Bahrain, as a Fulbright Scholar.

"In addition to the visual works he offered to the class—slide shows, short films, and feature films, all from the Middle East—Hossam's warmth and sense of humor made the human connection really come alive in our study of the Middle East," Urban said. "I know he changed a lot of misperceptions about that part of the world, just by being himself. I believe he was very surprised by the warmth of our campus and especially of our students."

Outreach presentations in area schools and churches afforded Elouan the opportunity to also help the local community learn more about Muslim culture, including discussions on the Islamic religion, Arab women's issues, the politics of filmmaking and the significance of cinema in everyday life and culture in the Middle East.

"His expertise in film making, approachability and humor enables the listener to better understand the similarities and differences between the two cultures," said Paulett McIntosh, director of the Mount's Center for Intercultural Development. "Hopefully, through this direct access to someone from the Middle East, we are able to transcend barriers of prejudices and negative stereotypes."

Fluent in several languages, and a graduate of the Cairo Film Institute, Elouan was well-suited to immersing the Mount in Middle Eastern culture. He works as a scriptwriter and freelance researcher in Egypt, and several of his pieces on art and film have appeared in noted Arab publications and the Omani cultural magazine Nizwa. He recently served as a visiting Fulbright Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles, and lectures frequently on art in the Middle East.

Elouan was quite enamored with small-town Emmitsburg life. "I found the Mount a great place," he said. "And the open spaces were very relaxing, very inspiring. The contact with people is fantastic." The charm of the local community actually inspired him to begin working on a documentary entitled *Under the Emmitsburg Sky*.

"I would love to give a certain image about this area through people, architecture, and different spiritual aspects," he said. "I want to have these beautiful persons on the screen, and also the beautiful places. The National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes is a beautiful spot to feel the power of the universe. I was there by myself and I thought: 'oh my God, this is all mine for this short time.' That's the amazing thing about this place."

An Emmitsburg documentary may have to wait on another project—Elouan has spent three years writing and working on his dream project, a modern adaptation of Homer's *Odyssey*, set in Cairo. He is also preparing to attend an American film school, either San Francisco State University or the New School University in New York City.

"There are different projects you want to work on," Elouan said, "but sometimes you dream so much that you can't realize all your dreams. To make a movie in the United States or Europe, though—that is a big one."

A Middle Eastern Film and Lecture Series

While at the Mount, Elouan engaged the student body in an open dialogue about the Middle East. Events included those below:

On Boys, Girls, & the Veil (Directed by Yousri Nasrallah, Egypt) A short film that examines gender identity and the dimensions of veiling within the larger context of Egyptian society

A discussion of Islamic religion and Arab women's issues

Door to the Sky (Directed by Farida Ben Lyzaid, Morocco) This film tells the story of a Moroccan woman who returns from Paris to visit her dying father and subsequently begins a quest to preserve her cultural and religious identity.

A discussion of Beyond the Pyramids: Modern Egyptian Architecture

A discussion of the politics of filmmaking and the significance of cinema in everyday life and culture in the Middle East

Salaam Cinema (Directed by Mohsen Makhmalbaf, Iran) This Iranian docudrama is a humorous and heartbreaking story of the power of movies and the tyranny of moviemakers.

The Hossam Elouan File

Favorite movie: A 1929 experimental documentary called *Man With the Movie Camera*. *Favorite American movie:* *Vertigo*, Alfred Hitchcock's 1958 classic. *Favorite place to visit in the U.S.:* San Francisco, and now Emmitsburg. *Favorite music:* Traditional Arab music; Johnny Cash and Natalie Merchant. *What makes you happiest?* Looking at my daughter and seeing her laugh.

SPRING SPORTS

Senior **Matt Warner** *is the preseason Player of the Year.*

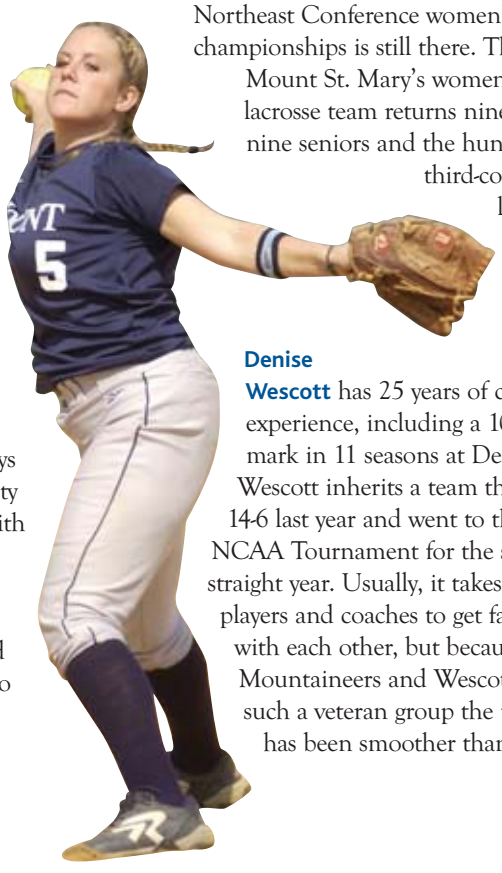
BASEBALL ... *Challenging for a playoff spot*

With a solid lineup and an experienced pitching staff, the 2006 Mount St. Mary's baseball team has high hopes for into the season. In each of the past two seasons, the Mount was eliminated from the Northeast Conference playoffs on the final day of the season. The Mountaineers are hoping this is the season to get past that roadblock and challenge for the conference title.

"Having eight seniors gives us strong leadership," said Mount St. Mary's head coach **Scott Thomson**. "This is the first time since I've been at the Mount where we have eight seniors who contribute to the team success. We also have depth at every position, which will help us achieve our goal of winning the NEC championship."

SOFTBALL ... *Versatility the key*

Last season, the Mount St. Mary's softball team wanted to be in the Northeast Conference playoff chase going into the last weekend. In 2006, head coach **Larry Alvis** looks for the Mountaineers to be in the hunt again, but to have their fate in their own hands at the end of the year.



The squad may have had nearly the same record as in the past, but going into his second season, Alvis says Mount St. Mary's has plenty to build on from 2005. With the core group of players back and a highly touted recruiting class, Alvis' goal might become a reality and take the softball program to new heights.

MEN'S LACROSSE ... *Challenging for a MAAC title*

After falling to Marist in the championship game last year, the 2006 Mount St. Mary's men's lacrosse team looks to challenge for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title this season.

Leading the way for head coach **Tom Gravante** will be senior **Matt Warner.** The preseason Player of the Year according to a poll of league coaches, Warner fueled the Mount offense with a record-breaking season in 2005. The 6-1 attack poured in a school-record 52 goals, helping the Mount average 10.47 goals per game (14th in the nation). Warner's record-breaking year included an eight-goal outburst against St. Joseph's, the NCAA single-game high in 2005.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE ... *New coach and new attitude*

It's a new year, with a new coach and a new attitude, but the continuity of two Northeast Conference women's lacrosse championships is still there. The 2006 Mount St. Mary's women's lacrosse team returns nine starters, nine seniors and the hunger for a third-consecutive league title.

Denise Wescott has 25 years of coaching experience, including a 104-86 mark in 11 seasons at Delaware. Wescott inherits a team that went 14-6 last year and went to the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight year. Usually, it takes time for players and coaches to get familiar with each other, but because the Mountaineers and Wescott are such a veteran group the transition has been smoother than usual.

TRACK AND FIELD ... *A strong nucleus*

The Mount St. Mary's track and field team boasts a a strong nucleus this spring.

Junior **Mandy Jenkins** is the defending outdoor pole vault champion and is coming off her second-straight indoor pole vault first-place finish. Fellow junior **Denise Tetkowski** also had a strong showing at the indoor conference championships, winning the 60-meter hurdles in program-record tim. Junior **Nina Victorin** dominated the shot put and weight throw in the indoor season, taking the gold medal in both events. Senior **Shannon Norris** also had a strong performance at the indoor championships with a second-place standing in the 60-meter hurdles and a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash.

On the men's side, junior **Corey Brown** was named the Outstanding Field Performer at the indoor championships after finishing third in the high jump, long jump and triple jump. Senior **Devin Barry**, who is the defending NEC champion in the 110-meter hurdles, won the 60-meter hurdles for the third-straight year during the indoor season.

WOMEN'S TENNIS ... *Back with more experience*

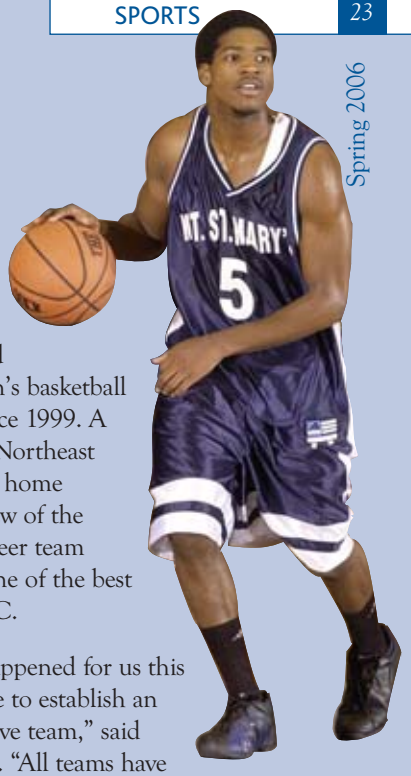
The Mount St. Mary's women's tennis team was young last season, but should compete for the Northeast Conference title. Last year, the Mount lost to the eventual NEC champion Quinnipiac in the NEC semifinals, but the team returns with more experience.

The squad is led by five juniors (**Whitney Edmonds, Jen Iosue, Katie Muething, Christine Pace** and **Alicia Patterson**). Along with these five juniors, head coach **Phil Hammond** also returns sophomore **Ashley Wentzel** and has added a highly touted freshman in **Kaitlin Hallahan**.

Iosue and Muething saw most of the time at No. 1 singles in the fall, respectively, while Hallahan took over the No. 3 singles role. Edmonds, Wentzel played in the 4-5 spots while Pace and Patterson split time at No. 6 singles.

Feshman **Favio Osovio** *is in the No. 2 singles spot.*

BASKETBALL WRAP-UP



MEN'S TENNIS … *Making waves at the net!*

The 2004-05 Mount St. Mary's men's team was an upperclassmen laden squad that advanced to the Northeast Conference title game for the first time in program history. Despite the loss of two players to graduation, head coach **Phil Hammond** has another contender in 2006.

Leading the way is senior **Jeff Lamberton**, who was named to the All-NEC first team at the No. 4 singles last year. Senior **Paul Stuart** earned an All-NEC first-team selection in doubles while fellow senior **Bobby Cozzillo** picked up an All-NEC second-team nod in 2005.

Cozzillo inherits the No. 1 singles spot while freshman **Favio Osovio** is No. 2. Lamberton plays No. 3 singles, freshman **Derek Taylor** is at No. 4 and Stuart is at No. 5 singles. Sophomore **Rob Dupaya** and freshman **Sam Walton** split time in the final singles spot.

MEN'S GOLF … *Loads of potential*

The men's golf team may be a young team but they show great potential for becoming a frontrunner in the conference championship race this spring.

Erin Brilhart looks to finish strong in his second season as head coach. Despite the team's challenging spring schedule, Brilhart has confidence that the team will be fully prepared to make an impact in Florida at the NEC Championship.

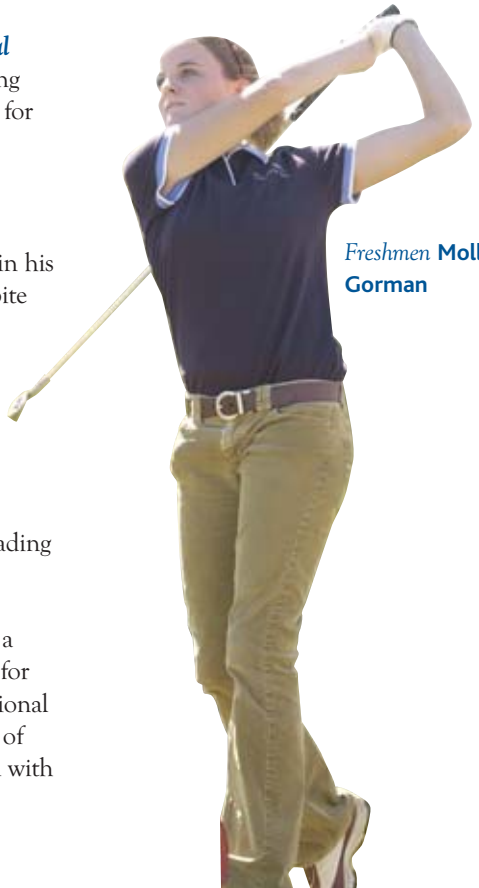
Sophomore **Kevin Farrell** will be leading the men's team this spring. Farrell posted a 60th place finish at the Bucknell Invitational last fall, with a three-round score of 233, and tied for 12th place at the MSM Fall Invitational in October, with a two-round total of 158. Farrell finished the fall season with a 78.2 stroke average per round.

WOMEN'S GOLF … *High expectations*

The women's golf team set high expectations for the spring season.

Head coach **Bud Nason**, now in his eighth year at the Mount, is excited about the season. With the new team motto "prepare to succeed," he is confident that the team will be able to make a strong showing at the NEC Championship in Florida.

Senior **Shannon Prettyman**, who posted the squad's best finish in program history at the NEC Championships last season with a 12th-place standing, returns for her final season as the team's top golfer. With fellow senior **Megan Wertner**, and the emergence of freshmen **Molly Gorman** and **Katie Letsch**, the Mount looks to continue to make strides toward its first NEC championship.



Freshmen **Molly Gorman**

MEN'S BASKETBALL … *A strong NEC season*

A strong second half lifted the Mount St. Mary's men's basketball team to its best season since 1999. A fourth-place finish in the Northeast Conference and hosting a home playoff game were just a few of the highlights for a Mountaineer team that established itself as one of the best defensive units in the NEC.

"The biggest thing that happened for us this season is that we were able to establish an identity as a tough defensive team," said Head Coach **Milan Brown**. "All teams have something to hang their hat on, and for us it was defense. Once we committed to that, we were able to come out with more wins."

The Mount, which finished with a 13-17 overall record and an 11-7 mark in the NEC, held the opposition to 66.5 points per game, its lowest scoring defense since 1981. In addition, the Mount held 14 straight opponents under 70 points, something that hasn't been done at the Mount since 1948.

The Mountaineers' fourth-place finish was its best in NEC play since the 1996-97 season, and the 11 conference wins were the third-most since the school joined the NEC in 1988-89.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL … *Back to basics*

In many ways, the 2005-06 Mount St. Mary's women's basketball team went back to its glory days—relying on both starters and a strong supporting cast.

Senior **Samira Rashid** and sophomore **Tiffany Green** led the squad on the stat sheet, but it seemed like a different player had a stellar game every game. The result was the squad's best overall and conference record since 2001-02 and its highest seeding in the Northeast Conference in five years.

In the Mount's 12 victories, seven different players led the team in scoring. Only four players paced the team in the Mountaineers' nine victories in 2004-05.

Individually, Green was named the NEC Defensive Player of the Year and Gauthier earned a spot on the NEC All-Rookie team. Rashid became the 21st player in program history to reach the 1,000-point plateau and ended her career in 19th place with 1,049 points.

AT THE HELM
Dick Ridgway, C'58

Dick Ridgway, C'58 is serving his alma mater as the chairman of the Bicentennial Commission. With the clock ticking toward 2008, Ridgway shares his thoughts on the 200th birthday celebration and beyond.

WHY DID YOU ACCEPT THE OFFER TO CHAIR THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION?

I am incredibly honored to serve the university in this way. I have a lifelong connection to the Mount. I am a graduate of the class of 1958 and I have continued to serve the Mount over the years through my work on the Board of Trustees as well as through other projects. Now I can give back to the Mount in a unique way and serve the community by helping us get ready for the Bicentennial. This is a great moment—not only for the university—but for all of us. The university is putting tremendous support behind the Bicentennial Commission.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE THE BICENTENNIAL WILL ACHIEVE?

It is important to understand that there is a distinction between the Bicentennial celebration and the Bicentennial campaign. The job of the Bicentennial Commission is to get us ready for the celebration. It is also extremely important to me that the whole community: students, faculty, alumni, board members, and friends of the Mount can play a part in celebrating our 200 years of distinction. Mount St. Mary's University is a unique institution in that it includes the college, the seminary and the grotto. And we can be proud to celebrate it in a unique way. President Powell has shown great leadership in helping us get the campus ready in so many ways for the launch of the Bicentennial in August of 2007. The Bicentennial campaign has a $75 million dollar goal that includes capital projects, endowment, annual unrestricted gifts, and special projects.

TELL US ABOUT THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

These are 40 great people—drawn from alumni, faculty, administrators, students, seminarians and community leaders—helping us make sure that everyone has an opportunity to celebrate and participate in the Bicentennial. Most of the work of the commission is being overseen and managed by the director, Professor Liz Monahan. It is fitting to acknowledge the success Liz has helped engineer and to express my continued gratitude for her leadership as we proceed with our plans. The commission has formed the following committees: academic, alumni, athletic, civic, seminary, grotto, student activity, social, and Founder's Plaza.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITHIN THE COMMISSION?

We don't want the Bicentennial to be just a celebration, as important as that is. It needs to help steer us forward, and provide a platform for future work, activities, and programs in our third century. We have a number of great projects that have a potential impact long after the final fireworks have illuminated the sky. For instance, the academic committee has proposed the development of an academic journal to be published during the Bicentennial and a lecture series that will continue well after the Bicentennial. One of the university initiatives is to film a historic documentary on the history of Mount St. Mary's to be aired on Public Television. The alumni committee is planning events that will reinvigorate our constituencies and bring them back to their mountain home. The Founder's Plaza will serve as a permanent reminder of our history and will be a welcome gathering place for future generations to come.

HOW WILL WE FUND THIS CELEBRATION?

Our Bicentennial Pioneers—gracious donors who have pledged $2,008 for the celebration—will provide funding. Additional resources will come from corporate sponsorships and revenues from some of the treasures available for purchase throughout the Bicentennial. We are grateful for the more than 500 alumni and friends who have supported the celebration, and yes, there is still time to become a Bicentennial Pioneer!

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU ASK THE COMMUNITY TO THINK ABOUT?

The commission is sponsoring a set number of activities and projects, but the Bicentennial must be much bigger than just the events planned by the commission. I would ask every person to participate and make the Bicentennial a wonderful opportunity for celebration and innovation. Many people have shared things they will be doing outside the scope of the Bicentennial Commission and that is fantastic. It is important to recognize the work continuing on our campus on a daily basis and celebrate that as well during our Bicentennial.

WHEN WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL WILL WE HAVE TIME TO DO ANYTHING ELSE?

I'm sure it has to be business as usual—the work of the campus must go on and the Bicentennial should not get in the way of that work. Perhaps the best way to think of it is that the Bicentennial will be the backdrop to a wonderful period of 16 months for those living, working, and associated with the Mount. The formal celebration will be launched in August of 2007 and will come to a close in fall of 2008. I am looking forward with great anticipation to meeting with many, many Mounties during that time.

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For more information on the Bicentennial celebration and upcoming events, visit the Mount's website at www.msmary.edu, or contact Liz Monahan at 301-447-4427.

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In Sean's Memory

SEAN POPPER OVERCAME MANY OBSTACLES IN HIS SHORT LIFE. HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENSURING HIS MEMORY LIVES ON AT THE MOUNT.

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–Denise Popper, C'77

Since the golf tournament's inception, the Foundation has awarded $86,000 in scholarships and other donations to the three schools Sean attended—SS. Philip and James School in Exton, Pa.; Devon Preparatory School in Devon, Pa.; and the Mount.

Very early in life, Sean Popper developed a complex congenital heart disease that would change his life, and the lives of his family and friends, forever.

As a child, he underwent two major open-heart surgeries, 11 cardiac catheterizations, a pacemaker implant and vascular surgery on his legs—multiple congenital heart defects that would debilitate, but not defeat his spirit.

After graduating from high school, Sean enrolled at the Mount, where he is best remembered for his tremendous positive spirit, wonderful sense of humor and his high regard for friendship. In one of his Freshman Seminar papers, he wrote: "I have learned that it is very important for us to continue to live a healthy, prosperous life despite these adversities, no matter how overwhelming they seem. Never underestimate the power of prayer. God has been my guiding light through the tunnel of my life and, for Him, I am grateful."

Sean died in 1999 at the age of 19, during his sophomore year at the Mount. Yet his spirit lives on through the generosity of the Sean Popper Foundation, which has created the Sean Popper Award, given annually to a Mount student who has overcome tremendous obstacles in life, as well as the Sean Popper Scholarship, which will award annually to a deserving student.

Recently, representatives of the Sean Popper Foundation presented a check for $50,000 to Mount St. Mary's University following the Sixth Annual Sean O'Classic charity golf tournament at Kimberton Golf Club in Phoenixville, Pa. The strength of the Foundation is evidenced by the commitment of Sean's parents, **Denise (C'77) and Chris (C'76) Popper**, as well as family friend Jeff O'Donnell.

"The Sean Popper Foundation was founded by a group of people who knew and loved Sean," said Denise Popper. "Their mission is to keep Sean's spirit alive by granting scholarships to deserving students, and we could not feel more honored to be among such a fine group of men and women.

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–From one of Sean's Freshman Seminar papers

"The Foundation is entering its seventh year, and the passion among its members has not waned; in fact, it grows every year," Denise continued. "It speaks volumes about the conviction and character of its members, their dedication and their desire to affect young people in a positive way. They are an integral part in keeping Sean's spirit alive and we, as a family, will be eternally grateful."

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"We are most grateful to the Popper family and the Sean Popper Foundation for their generosity to our university," said Mount President Thomas H. Powell. "His tremendous strength to fight through his illness is a testament to his unshakeable faith and courage. His spirit will be remembered by the Mount family for generations to come."

Despite the daily medications, hospitalizations and surgeries, friends and family members recall Sean always kept an optimistic attitude and positive state of mind.

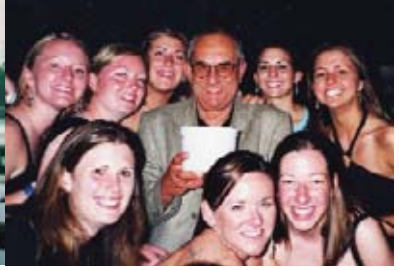
"Sean loved life, and life loved him back," said Robert Schramm, a former English teacher of Sean's. "Sean returned the favor by embracing life and living it with humility, grace and courage. Never did he complain about his condition. Never did he ask for special treatment. Never did he give anything but his very best effort."

Information on the Sean Popper Foundation can be found by visiting www.seanoclassic.org.

"It is people like Sean who make the Mount so special. Everyone became like family and without them, I would not have been able to make it through the year. The people are the best, the brightest and definitely the most caring people I have ever met."

–Hangameh Sedghi, C'04, 2004 recipient of the Sean Popper Award

HANGAMEH SEDGHI, C'04, was the 2004 recipient of the Sean Popper Award. She suffered the loss of both parents during her time at the Mount and, despite the tragedy, was able to return to campus to finish her studies.



1949

Thomas B. Grasberger, C'49, has four children and nine grandchildren, one of whom is a little girl adopted from Russia. Of the four Mounties from Richmond that Thomas came to the Mount with, all are living and see each other quite often. They just celebrated their 60th high school reunion.

1951

William A. Heeke Jr., C'51, and his wife, Mary, have eight children and 16 grandchildren. They recently returned from an October cruise to New England and Canada. ***Photo above.***

1952

Edwin Fernand, M.D., C'52, recently welcomed his 19th grandchild this winter.

Dr. John F. O'Neill, M.D., C'52, is a clinical professor of ophthalmology and pediatrics at Georgetown University School of Medicine and a clinical professor of ophthalmology at The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, in addition to having his private practice. John has also worked to save the sight of children in numerous countries around the world and served as a member of the expert professional review panel for the International Eye Foundation's (IEF) "Seeing Eye" program to expand eye care for children in the developing world. He was awarded the IEF's 2004 Promotion of Peace and Vision Award in November 2004.

1954

Rear Adm. Thomas F. Brown, USN (Ret), C'54, H'00, was the principal speaker at the Northwestern University's Navy Midshipmen's School Reunion. Admiral Brown, who received a Doctorate of Human Letters degree from the Mount in 2000, had a very distinguished career that once included serving as captain of the USS Midway, the ship the reunion was held on. To introduce Admiral Brown at the event was another Mount alumnus and a graduate of Northwestern Navy Midshipmen's School, **Philip A. McDonnell, C'43**.

1955

Richard C. Dulaney, C'55, and seven other members of the class of 1955 got together at Ron Sczerbicki's last July in Pasadena, Md. Shown are, from l to r: **Joe Tague, Dick Dulaney, Joe Dougherty, Bob Flanigan, Ron Sczerbicki, Jack McMullen and Bill Tammaro**. ***Photo above left.***

1957

L.J. (Skip) Hance, C'57, was honored in Washington, D.C., in September as this year's outstanding older worker from Delaware, as part of the Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program. He brought four decades of business and leadership experience to his current position of accounting director for Girls, Inc., of Delaware. He also works part time for a local attorney as a law clerk and courier.

1960

Karl Krause, C'60, and his wife, Baerbel, attended the Mount Reunion in June 2005. They enjoyed their time spent chatting with members of the class of 2004. Shown are, from l to r, back row to front row: **Colleen Moughan, C'04, Eileen Williams, C'04, Hayley Howe, C'04, Karl Krause, C'60, Gina Lattanzi, C'04, Lauren Devito, C'04, Keli Stevens, C'04, Eileen Cox, C'04, and Ryane Dougherty, C'04**. ***Photo above right.***

Daniel H. Murray, C'60, had a successful heart transplant on Aug. 11, 2005. He wants to thank everyone for their prayers.

Robert James Sullivan Jr., C'60, led a group of parishioners from Blessed Mary Sacrament of Harrisonburg, Va., to visit Mount St. Mary's, the Grotto of Lourdes, on Oct. 13, 2005.

Tom Walsh, C'60, is currently retired and living in St. Augustine, Fla. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, fishing, tennis and boating.

1963

Robert August Granrath, C'63, is teaching accounting and business law at Colonia High School in Colonia, N.J.

1965

Robert Diegelmann, C'65, recently received the Faculty Teaching Excellence Award for 2005. He teaches courses in medical and dental biochemistry to medical students as well as to professionals seeking continuing education. In his spare time he teaches EMS personnel how to drive ambulances in emergency conditions.

John McKee, C'65, was recently designated a member of Wachovia Securities Premier Advisors Program. He recently stepped down after 10 years as branch manager of the Greenwich and Mt. Kisco complex to spend more time with his clients. John currently lives in New Fairfield, Conn.

1966

Tim Moriarty, C'66, recently traveled to the West Coast while renewing his British work visa, and met up with **John Kaheny** and **Chris Gannon**, both class of 1966.

1967

Joseph Lee Cutuli, C'67, along with **Jim (Doc) Flynn, Tony Hahn, Olin Malone, William Howard, Ron Montagna, Joe Cutuli** and **William Gounce**, all class of 1967, got together in September 2005 at Jimmy's Crab Shack in Dundalk, Md., to reminisce about old times.

William M. Lavelle, C'67, is now completing his 35th year as a real estate broker and developer. He has two grandchildren, who are four and six years old.

1968

Joseph C. Bremer Jr., C'68, recently formed a tour company named Panama Joe Tours that arranges trips to the Republic of Panama.

Terry P. Detrich, M.D., C'68, is currently a neurologist at the Memorial Hospital in Easton, Md. He was recently elected to the Southern Clinical Neurological Society's Board of Governors. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children and four grandchildren.

John J. Gallagher, C'68, is retired and moving to Lady's Island on the water in Beaufort, S.C.

1969

William (Wilbur) Wills, C'69, and his wife, Sue, are now homeowners in Winter Park, Fla. They have three children, Sgt. Dan Wills, Jennifer and Becky.

1970

Vincent Castanova, C'70, is a distinguished lecturer for the Australian Academy of Sciences. In July 2005 he presented 10 lectures concerning nanotechnology at six institutions throughout Australia.

Jeffrey B. Gill, C'70, retired as deputy chief probation officer for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Va. on June 30, 2005, with more than 30 years of service. He is now teaching part time as well as traveling with his wife, Donna.

Stephen K. Hess, C'70, and his wife, Annie, spent two weeks in Ireland in July 2004. Their first grandchildren, twins Drew and Isabella, were born on June 4, 2004.

John Martellini, C'70, is a practicing veterinarian in Lake Sazy, Fla. He and his wife, Renee, have three children.

John C. McCauley, C'70, has four sons, two granddaughters and one grandson. He recently spent 10 days in Ireland visiting relatives in Donegal.

Brian L. Smith, C'70, was recently appointed senior vice president at The Segal Company in New York. He currently serves as the chair of the Mount Annual Fund, chairman of the President's Council and a member of the Board of Trustees.

1971

Walt Morris, Bob Sarubbi, Tom Burns, Dave Dale and **Ed Ewald**, all members of the class of 1971, traveled to the White Mountains of New Hampshire for the MSM Class of 1971 Alpine Society Octoberfest. They are shown from left to right, with Walt's cousin Ray Coyle on the far left. ***Photo above.***

James H. Tinney, C'71, has three children. His son, Liam, is a freshman at the Mount. His twin daughters attend Towson University and Shenandoah University.

John A. Ward, C'71, has been promoted to president and general manager of M.S. SkinCare Inc. in Dallas, Texas.

1972

H. Fred Bourdon III, C'72, is a professional photographer who worked as Senator Biden's photographer for his 1996 and 2002 senatorial campaigns as well as for Delaware Today Magazines and Party and Society. He also helps run the family bar and package store, Jackson Inn, Inc.

Barry Eugene Heller, C'72, is currently working as a used care salesman at Heller Auto Sales. He and his wife, Anne, reside in Falls Church, Va.

Harry M. Henderson, C'72, currently works from home for IBM. He and his wife, JoAnne, have been married for 35 years and have four grown children and two granddaughters.

Dr. Suzanne Medina, C'72, was recently awarded the California State University – Dominguez Hills Lyle Gibson Distinguished Teaching Award. Recipients of this award are recognized for their ability to communicate the materials of their courses effectively, for their active interest in the progress of students as individuals, and for qualities that lead them to search continually for new and creative ways to present materials and to generate intellectual enthusiasm among students. Medina is currently a professor of graduate education at California State University, Dominguez Hills. She received her Ph.D. in instructional technology from USC's School of Education in 1991.

Robert W. Miller, C'72, holds the position of case management manager at the Roxbury Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, Md. He and his wife, Pamela, have four children, two of whom are Mount graduates: **Robert Miller Jr., C'00, and Caroline Miller, C'02**.

Daniel F. Thomas, C'72, is a "semi-retired" corporate financial executive. He teaches accounting part time at the University of Colorado and at Colorado State University.

Bob Wassmann, C'72, gathered with four other Mounties this summer in Ocean Beach, N.J. Pictured are Bob's son **Andy Wassmann, C'09; Ray "Sneak" Sloan, C'72; Bob; his daughter Jen Wassmann, C'04; and Scott Bollwage, C'72**. ***Photo above.***

1973

Joseph R. Hager, C'73, has retired from the U.S. Army and is a registered school teacher. He is also a Texas state-certified residential real estate appraiser. He and his wife, Sharon, have three children and six grandchildren.

Jane McDonough Milne, C'73, retired in September 2004 after 31 years with the Montgomery County Police and began working for the Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 35. Her family resides in Rockville, Md. She still keeps in touch with **Bill Montanaro, C'73**, and his wife, Roseanne, **Joe Richard, C'74**, and his wife, Jane, and **Paul Pometto, C'74**.

1974

David J. Baczewski, C'74, recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with wife Nancy. They have two children, Lauren and David. They reside in Tinley Park, Ill. David is a director of the Irwin Retina Center at Ingalls Hospital, an administrator of Illinois Retina Associates, and a medical practice consultant.

Jack Buchner, C'74, has been in pastoral ministry at St. Joseph's Church, Cockeysville, Md. He is also an adjunct professor of theology at Loyola College and the College of Notre Dame. He was married in 1978, and has a 21-year-old son who is in his third year at the Naval Academy.

Joe DeNardi, C'74, is an attorney in the Pearl of the Chesapeake. He and his wife, Martha a member of the Mount's Board of Trustees, have three children, one in law school, one in college and one in high school.

Jane Davis Gallagher, C'74, has two grown children, Megan and Jay. She has a granddaughter, Carolyn, who is 4. Jane is currently working as a middle school guidance counselor. She and her husband, **James, C'73**, recently took a trip to Tuscany with Mount friends.

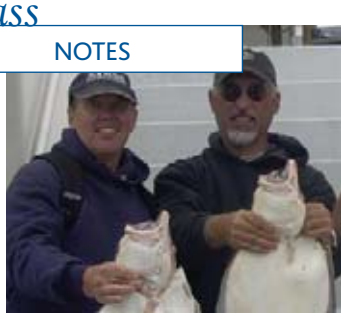
Tom Gallagher, C'74, and his wife, Cindi, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in January 2005. They have two daughters, Katie and Moira.

Walt Gardiner, C'74, is a senior economist with FCA, where he performs global risk analysis. He is also busy with his children's sporting activities. He and his wife, Julie, have four children, Chris, 18, Karly, 15, Vince, 12, and Hugh, 10.

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski, C'74, has been working at a school for children with special needs for the past 26 years. In 2003 Trudie married Rich Glazewski and the couple moved to Pennsylvania.

Bob Halstead, C'74, and his wife, Joan, have three children. He is an environmentalist, community activist, historic preservationist, new urbanist and has a master's in city planning from the Pratt Institute. He won the HUD Best Practices Award and National Preservation Award.

Michael Laginestra, C'74, is vice chairman of CB Richard Ellis and serves on the company's policy committee.



Dan Mancini, C'74, has become very involved with the Knights of Columbus, serving as grand knight of a local council, and is presently in his second year as a district deputy. He has just been reappointed the continuing education chair for the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors.

Harry Neiderer, C'74, and his wife, **Christine Commerford, C'75**, have three girls, Beth, Eileen and Karen. Harry works as an IT manager for Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Christine is a family physician in private practice. They reside in Catonsville, Md.

Chuck Spliedt, C'74, and his wife, Cindy, adopted daughter Angel Marie in fall 2005. Chuck was diagnosed with MS in 2004. The condition has helped him refocus his life more intensely on what he feels is most important – family, health and an enjoyment of everything that life has to offer.

Henry P. Zerella, C'74, and his wife, Gina, reside in Vineland, N.J. They have two children, Karin and Matthew. **Matthew** is a freshman this year at Mount St. Mary's.

1975

Mike Grady, C'75, John Esposito, C'75, Woody Mills, C'75, and Art Taylor, C'74, reunited for a fishing trip on the Gambler out of Point Pleasant, N.J, in September 2005. A good day of reminiscing and fishing was topped off with John winning the pool with a seven pound fluke. ***Photo above.***

Bill Mitchell, C'75, appeared on Dr. Phil on May 10, 2005, to promote his book *The More You Know: Getting the Evidence and Support You Need to Investigate a Troubled Relationship.*

1977

Kate Marshall, C'77, and John Kane, C'84, worked tirelessly on Sept. 5, 2005, to fill a 40-foot truck, provided by Kane, to send to Catholic Charities in Lafayette, La., for the victims of hurricane Katrina. ***Photo above.***

1979

Meg Gorman Herring, C'79, and her husband, Ed, traveled to Europe in July 2005 for their 25th wedding anniversary.

Ralph W. Notto, C'79, recently published a book called *Challenge and Consequence … Forcing Change to eCommerce.*

Caroline M. Petrilla, C'79, is a senior mediator with the State Office of Dispute Settlement (ODS). She has received various commendations including most recently the Union County Human Relations 2005 Special Recognition Award and *Who's Who Among Law Educators*, 2005.

John M. Punderson, C'79, completed his graduate degree in pastoral theology at St. Joseph's College.

Kathleen MacQueeney Ruppert, C'79, is now the co-op coordinator at the Cincinnati State Midwest Culinary Institute, as well as an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati.

1980

Martin Brunk, C'80, and William Gorman Jr., C'79, recently contributed to the integration of American Express Tax & Business Services and RSM McGladrey, now the nation's fifth-largest accounting firm. Both Brunk and Gorman serve as managing directors for the newly merged companies.

The Rev. Edwin J. Wichman, S'80, celebrated his Silver Jubilee as a member of the priesthood. Rev. Wichman was also newly installed as pastor of St. James in Sewickley, Pa.

1982

Juanita Balenger, C'82, became director of the Para-Legal Institute in Fairfax, Va., in October.

Alexandra Bradley, C'82, graduated in June 2005 from Main Line Health at Harcum College in Bryn Mawr, Pa., with an associate's degree in radiologic technology. Alexandra is currently working as a diagnostic technologist at Lankenau Hospital in Wynewood, Pa., and plans to pursue further training in the imaging modalities of mammography and magnetic resonance imaging.

Robert Hetherington, C'82, is shown with the other members of the GDAS Committee, a group dedicated to the planning and implementation of "You Had to Be There," an annual trip, without kids, to stay in touch with old friends. The group recently traveled to the Dominican Republic for their 20th anniversary. From l to r, front row, are: **Marlena (Riehl) Hetherington, C'83, Margaret (McNulty) Cashen, C'85, Kevin Cashen, C'83**; from l to r, back row: **Bob Hetherington, C'82, Dave Vidmar, C'83**, Lynne Vidmar, Kathy Sevy, **Jody Sevy, C'82, Robin (Finizio) Kessler, C'82**. ***Photo above.***

Anne Bold Pryor, C'82, with friend Donna, writes a monthly column for *InSide SCV*, a Los Angeles area monthly publication on interior design-related topics. They have also written a book, *The Naked Wall*, which is set to be released on June 1, 2006. It is an interior design book fashioned to share inspiring ideas about how to dress a naked wall. There are personal stories from Anne and Donna throughout the book.

Pat Sainsott, C'82, works with school groups in the education department at the Maryland Zoo. She worked with **Kendra Matarozza, C'03**, a special events coordinator for the zoo, on the Animal Ambassador Program. ***Photo above.***

Dave Yheln, C'82, is the vice president for hospital operations in Mount Laurel, N.J. He is the father of three children, Andrew, Megan and Colin. **Colin** is a freshman at the Mount this year.

1983

David J. McCauley, C'83, was recently promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army. David is stationed at Sill, Okla., and is scheduled to attend the Naval War College at Newport, RI.

Patrick Francis Sprankle, C'83, and his wife, LeeAnn, recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary.

1984

Oliver John Cejka Jr., MBA'84, became Frederick County's newest district court judge when he was appointed on July 6, 2005, to the Maryland District Court by Gov. Robert Ehrlich.

Mary Deely Kane, C'84, was recently appointed as secretary of state by Maryland governor Robert Ehrlich.

Kevin Daniel Sullivan, C'84, accepted a position at Genworth Financial, located in Richmond, Va.

1985

Lt. Col. Thomas V. Cantwell, C'85, was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Iraq at a ceremony in Chambersburg, Pa. Lt. Col. Cantwell commanded the 324th Military Police Battalion from November 2002 until November 2004. The Army Reserve unit served in Diyala Province, Iraq, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. The Bronze Star is given for meritorious service in military operations against an armed enemy.

Timothy Hodapp, S'85, was named director of public relations and marketing at Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly LLP law firm in Minnesota.

1987

Christopher Kuhn, C'87, recently joined Bayerische Landesbank in New York City as vice president – project finance. Christopher and his wife, **Kristin (DeStefano) Kuhn, C'89**, have three children: Emily Rose (9), Owen (6) and Logan (3). The Kuhns reside in Robbinsville, N.J. Kristin's father, **Thomas DeStefano, C'62**, and brother **Glenn DeStefano, C'92**, are also Mount alumni.

1990

Stephen Burns, C'90, and his wife, Margo, have four children: Henry (9), Maddie (8), Emma (3) and Abby (2). The family resides in a suburb of Chicago and is busy with a grass roots effort to develop the lacrosse program.

Trish Canavan, C'90, her husband, Tim, and their three sons, Ryan (11), Ethan (7) and Liam (5), live in Sasebo, Japan. Tim is in the Navy. The family will be moving to Rhode Island this spring.

Bridget Cohee, C'90, and her husband, Gerry, live in Martinsburg, W.Va., with their daughter, Maggie (10).

Chris Kunish, C'90, and his wife, Jeannie, have two daughters, Brianne and Caitlyn. Chris is still running the Allendale Bar and Grill and Mahwah Bar and Grill. They have recently opened a new establishment, the Manchester Bar and Grill. Ed and Brenda (Nuckels) Medvid, C'90, reside in Reston, Va., with their two children, Catie (7) and John (2). Brenda teaches high school math at Flint High School and Ed is a software engineer at SRA International.

1991

Elizabeth D. Albano, C'91, assistant vice president and assistant controller of Artisan's Bank, has been promoted to vice president and controller within the bank's Finance Division. In her new position, Elizabeth is responsible for general and cost accounting, financial reporting, budget and forecasting. Elizabeth joined the bank in 1991 as a management trainee. She resides in Wilmington, Del.

1992

Jeff Cannon, C'92, and his wife, Gretchen (Baum) Cannon, C'92, have three children, Peyton (6), Kyle (4) and Chase (2). Jeff was recently promoted to supervisory special agent in D.C., joining the Terrorism Financing Operations Section. The Cannons reside in Severna Park, Md.

Andrew Duffy, C'92, was recognized as one of the "Top Young Attorneys in Pennsylvania" in the "Super Lawyers/Rising Stars" section of the *Philadelphia Magazine's* December 2005 issue. He and his wife, Jodie, live in Wynnewood, Pa., with their son Jack (2) and daughter Kaitlin (2 months).

John Fee, C'92, rode in the Tour of Hope 2004. The Bristol-Meyers Squibb Tour of Hope is a nine-day journey across America by a team of 20 people who have been touched by cancer. Pictured are: **Jeff Cannon, C'92, Will Milligan, C'92, John Fee, C'92, Christine (Fee) Williams, C'01, Dave DiLuigi, C'92, Regina (McFadden) DiLuigi, C'92, and Mike Williams, C'01**, congratulating John after his cross-country ride. ***Photo above left.***

Gregg F. Howell, C'92, was recently nominated as Man of the Year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for the National Chapter in Washington, D.C.

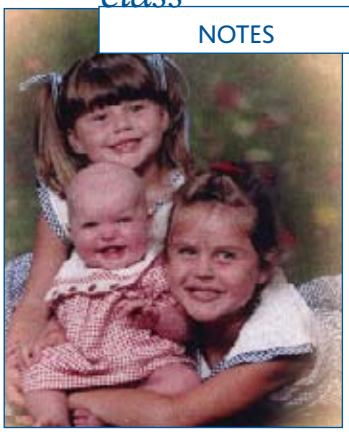
The Rev. Daniel Mode, S'92, met up with **the Rev. Tom Leland, S'99**, in Dohal, Qatar. They are both on active duty for the military as chaplains. Fr. Mode is a Navy chaplain helping out with the Army and serving with the 173rd in Southern Afghanistan, and Fr. Leland is an Army chaplain serving in Qatar. ***Photo above.***

Paul Palmieri, C'92, was recently appointed as a venture partner and mobile entertainment practice leader at Acta Wireless.

1993

Neil Becker, C'93, and his wife, Julie, have three daughters: Emily (6), Monica (4) and Sarah (4 months). ***Photo above right, top.***

Steve Liberace, C'93, recently married and bought a house in Freehold, N.J. He is releasing a CD of original songs; see www.SteveLiberace.com.



Janice Gonzalez-Rodriguez, C'93, and her husband, Luis, are living in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She recently helped **Judi Strike, MBA'05**, with a community service project with youth detention centers in Guayama, Puerto Rico. Janice and her brother, Julio, arranged for some of the youth to attend MSM basketball games at the Mario Morales Coliseum. The Mount provided four basketballs, two soccer balls, men's basketball jerseys and shorts, lacrosse warm-up suits, tee shirts and school supplies. ***Photo above, bottom.***

1994

Maj. Erik Krivda, C'94, received two Bronze Stars for service during the Battle of Fallujah in Iraq. He was also promoted to major at that time. On his return from Iraq, he was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to attend the Army Staff and Command School.

J. Brian Treanor, C'94, was recently named director of divisional communications for the Kean University Division of Institutional Advancement in Union, N.J.

1995

Nicole Conreur-Davison, C'95, received her master's degree in counseling last May from Central Connecticut State University and is now working as a career counselor at Sacred Heart University.

1996

James LaCroce, C'96, received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in Palo Alto, Calif. Dr. LaCroce has accepted a position at the Oakes Children Center in San Francisco.

1997

Paul Chrismer, C'97, recently began working as a financial analyst at Parkway Capital in Hanover, Md. He currently resides in Towson, Md.

Maj. (Dr.) Sam Galvagno, C'97, recently finished a second active duty tour with the United States Air Force. He received the 2004 Command Flight Surgeon of the Year Award and the Meritorious Service Medal. He is currently completing his residency in anesthesiology and critical care medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston.

Timothy Walsh, C'97, is now a partner in two Washington, D.C., bar restaurants, T.S. Mutley's in Adams Morgan and The Town Hall on Wisconsin Avenue.

1998

Ann (Gerrity) Lupo, C'98, received her Master of Arts degree in special education from New Jersey City University in May 2005.

1999

Chris Sakers, C'99, graduated from Loyola College in Maryland with his master's degree in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in secondary mathematics.

2000

Jon Franciose, C'00, signed with Game Day Music to perform studio guitar work for commercial music promoting sports and networking songs. He currently performs with a regional band called Mean Motor Scooter, playing various venues in Maryland, D.C., Virginia and West Virginia.

Jennifer Mongold, C'00, received her MBA from Johns Hopkins University in May 2005.

Colleen Wenthen, C'00, received a dual master's degree in science for elementary education and special education from Long Island University. She currently teaches special education in Lodi, N.J.

2001

The Rev. Fr. Deacon Elijah J. Bremer, C'01, was ordained a deacon on April 7, 2005, at Christ the Saviour Cathedral and Seminary. He was awarded his medical degree in May 2005 at Penn State University. He is currently a seminarian at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, Pa.

Margaret Carey, C'01, was hired as the new women's basketball coach at The Catholic University of America. Carey began her coaching career in 2001 as the top women's basketball assistant coach at Richard Stockton College under head coach Joe Fussner. Carey helped lead the Lady Ospreys to the 2004-05 New Jersey Athletic Conference title and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Paul Joseph Chubb, C'01, graduated with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree on June 5, 2005, from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Catherine Heimerl, C'01, graduated in December 2005 from American University's School for International Service with a Master of Arts degree in international communication. She is currently working as a study abroad advisor in the Office of International Education at Bucknell University.

Julie Varner, C'01, currently serves as associate director for social concerns at the Maryland Catholic Conference in Annapolis, Md.

2003

Tora A. Mahoney, MBA '03, has joined the Business Technology Law Group in Columbia, Md. She was an attorney with Hudson Global Resources in Washington. Mahoney has a law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law with a concentration in estate planning.

Brian Santo, C'03, was named one of the top 100 (#85) AL pitching prospects by Baseball Notebook.

2004

Francis J. Lipscomb, C'04, received a promotion on July 1, 2005, to become a professional growth consultant for Montgomery County Public Schools.

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Chuck Spliedt, C'74, and Cindy Spliedt
Adopted daughter Angel Marie
Fall 2005

❶ Deborah McBride Heppes, C'86, and Paul Heppes
Adopted daughter Clare Diamond Jiao Ling
May 28, 2004

Stephen Kleindienst, C'87, and Pamela Kleindienst
Stephan Edward Jr. and James Daniel
Feb. 18, 2005

Ann (Bamby) Enriquez Bergeron, C'90, and Dan Bergeron
Quentin James
Nov. 23, 2005

Patti (Burns) Berry, C'90, and Bob Berry
Gage Joseph

Kelly McLaughlin Catania, C'90, and Joe Catania, C'93
Adopted Juan Carlos
July 1, 2005

Erin (Daly) Omara, C'90, and Steve Omara, C'90
Katherine Grace

Stephen W. Rogers, C'90, and Jennifer Rogers
Ian Williams
July 7, 2005

Brian Tobin, C'90, and Connie Tobin
Negan Sophia

❷ Colleen Clark Karnicki, C'91, and Eddie Karnicki
Hannah Kathleen
April 10, 2005
Pictured at the baby shower are Carrie Zvech Larking, Colleen Clark Karnicki, Laura Myers Kiley, C'91, Kathleen Clark, C'94, Mary Ann Jones Messanger, Jill Rosato Huey, Timmie Taff, Kara Saab, Melissa Debaugh Mehlam, Sue Swenarton McCool, Sue O'Connell, Mary Ritcey Burger, Kara Nolte, and Lisa Verrone Bonanno with her daughter Danielle, all class of 1991.

Laura Elizabeth Kiley, C'91, and Michael Kiley
Keegan Patrick
May 17, 2005

Carrie (Zuech) Larkin, C'91, and Sean Larkin, C'89
Christopher
Aug. 2005

Kelly Mulholland Pedone, C'91, and Jeff Pedone
Emma Grace
Oct. 8, 2005

❸ Peter and Molly Arbes, C'92
Andrew John and Chloe Sara
Dec. 29, 2005

Douglas Peterson, C'92, and Diane Peterson
Benjamin Carter
April 24, 2005

Mary Beth (Keating) Bevacqua, C'94, and Lawrence Bevacqua
Caitlin Leigh
Nov. 3, 2004

Daniel J. Murphy, C'94, and Jennifer Murphy, C'94
Eleanor Jean
Sept. 11, 2005

Justin Polun, C'94, and Karina Polun
Maximus Victor
March 31, 2005

Karen Kruppenbacher Delaney, C'95, and Paul Delaney
Colin William
Oct. 2004

Shari (DeLaney) Gallagher, C'95, and Kevin Gallagher
Hayden Michael
Dec. 9, 2005

Tara (Gerne) Merola, C'95, and Mike Merola
Taigh James
Sept. 12, 2005

❹ Gino Mevoli, C'95, and Elizabeth Mevoli
Santino Anthony
Dec. 14, 2005

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Rahseena L. Watson Scott, C'95, and Mark Scott
Nina Simone and Mason Steven
Sept. 2005

Jeffrey Stauder, C'95, and Kathleen (Southworth) Stauder, C'95
Madeline Marie
Dec. 8, 2004

Kelly (Kuhnemund) Zilligen, C'95, and Tom Zilligen
Daniel Xavier
April 2005

Colleen Loy Daniels, C'96, and Jeramy Daniels
Noah Edward
Dec. 24, 2003

Christopher Green, C'96, and Gina Green
Claire
Dec. 8, 2005

Edward Keating, C'96, and Sandy Keating
Kara Grace
Oct. 18, 2004

Allison McGinn Keefe, C'96, and David Keefe
Maeve Jacklyn
July 10, 2005

Jennifer and William Malachowski, C'96
Catherine Louise
Aug. 3, 2005

Mary Beth (McDowell) Sembrot, C'96, and Joe Sembrot
Joseph William
Oct. 25, 2005

Kimberly Patrey Sneckenberger, C'96, and Rich Sneckenberger
Mitchell Anthony
March 11, 2005

Danielle Guarino Vaughn, C'96, and Bob Vaughn
Maxwell Robert
July 12, 2005

❺ Steve Casler, C'97, and Christy (Wicks) Casler, C'98
Anna Elisabeth
Oct. 5, 2005

Matthew and Nicole Flynn, C'97
Cassidy Grace
July 8, 2005

Catherine Dawn (Bridges) Coleman, C'98, and Stephen Coleman
Mackenzie
Jan. 2, 2004

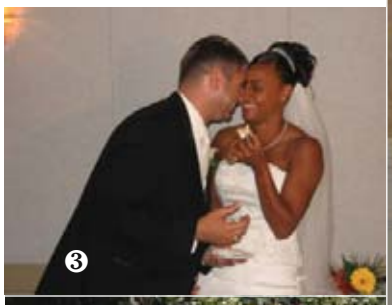
Mary (McNamara) Maguire, C'98, and Brion Maguire
Conall Edward
Sept. 22, 2005

❻ Ken Hofgesang, C'00, and Thea (Maddox) Hofgesang, C'01
Kieran Sean
April 17, 2005

❼ Brian Kearns, C'00, and Meghan (Murphy) Kearns, C'00
Padraig Faelan
June 21, 2005

Rev. Fr. Deacon Elijah J. Bremer, C'01, and Laryssa Bremer
Jonah Alexei
July 17, 2005

Gina (Woods) Mastromarino, C'02, and her husband
Dominick Michael
Nov. 17, 2005



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Frank Miele, C'87, and Amy Dolan
July 9, 2004

Back l to r: **Dan Harrington, C'86**; **Mark Woodruff, C'87**; bride and groom; **Michelle (Hadley) Schweers, C'88; Eileen Cox, C'04**; Seated: **John Law, C'87; Jim Wilson, C'87**

Patrick Quinn Woolford, C'86, and Jacqueline Marie Phillips
June 24, 2005, Philadelphia

Cathie (Holtzer) Boarman, C'90, and Brad Boarman, C'91
Sept. 4, 2005, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Mount

❷ Inga Rohe-Prevett, C'94, and James Prevett
Sept. 10, 2005, Cloisters Castle in Lutherville, Md.

Timothy Polinsky, C'96, and Lisa Neukum
Nov. 27, 2004

Bridget Hanlon, C'98, and Christian Cooper
Dec. 17, 2005, The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia, Pa.

Jill Moretti Whalen, C'99, and George Whalen
Jan. 17, 2004

Ashley Foley Weishaar, C'01, and Joseph Weishaar, C'97
Oct. 1, 2005

Leah (Peiffer) Blayman, C'02, and Timothy Blayman
Sept. 3, 2005

Megan (Lipari) Brown, C'02, and Jimmy Brown
May 28, 2005

Matt Butkera, C'02, and Hannah Vergossen
Nov. 10, 2005

Cynthia Leigh (Stanek) Holsworth, C'02, and Adam Holsworth
March 19, 2005

Colin Kegel, C'02, and Julia Ann Conners
Oct. 22, 2005, Forest Hill, Md.

❸ Chloe (Mathus) Oram, C'02, and Alan J. Oram
Oct. 8, 2005, St. Peter's RC Church in Reading, Pa.

❹ Eric Powers, C'02, and Shauna (Martino) Powers, C'03
May 28, 2005, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Mount

Kelly (Klinger) Soffe, C'02, and Doug Soffe
July 10, 2004

❺ Matthew Watkins, C'02, and Kate (Muldowney) Watkins, C'02
May 21, 2005, Holy Rosary Church in Cherry Hill, N.J.

MOUNT ALUMNUS SUCCUMBS TO CANCER

REMEMBERING FR. DARIN DIDIER, S'05

By Peter J. Sharpe, First Theology, Diocese of Fargo

When God chooses a man to be priest, he also marks out an allotted time of earthly ministry. For **Fr. Darin Didier, S'05**, this span was less than 100 days. Ordained on June 22, 2005, Fr. Didier passed away in Fargo, North Dakota, on September 6, after a long struggle with cancer, at the age of 32.

"His passing came as a shock because the end really happened so quickly. For his cancer to progress so rapidly was a surprise," said Fr. Terry Dodge, a classmate and fellow Fargo ordinand. "What was inspiring was that even though he was sick he still threw himself fully into his work. The Saturday before his death he was celebrating Mass in his parish and he had to stop midway through his homily and go sit down because he was so weak. That's how much he wanted to give himself to do the Lord's work."

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Fr. Didier studied at the University of North Dakota and received a master's degree in physical therapy in 1997. He was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota, and came to Mount St. Mary's in 2000. His studies were interrupted by the onset of non-Hodgkins lymphoma cancer, which forced him to miss the spring 2004 semester. With strong faith and perseverance, Fr. Didier underwent treatment, fulfilled the necessary academic requirements and ultimately was called to Holy Orders.

At the Mount, he was president of the Legion of Mary and served as a chaplain for the university track and field team.

The seminary community celebrated a Memorial Mass for Fr. Didier in Immaculate Conception Chapel on September 12.

Fr. Peter Ryan S.J., seminary professor of moral theology, was one of the Mount's representatives to attend the Requiem Mass in Fargo. "It was the most beautiful funeral I had ever been to. Fr. Didier's parents have a really strong faith. His father walked out of the church giving the victory sign."

Indeed. Requiescat in pace.

In Memoriam

July 1, 2005, through February 28, 2006

1920s
The Rev. Msgr. Thomas Madden, Prep'25, Oct. 24, 2005

1930s
Mr. Thomas W. Fennell, C'33, Oct. 3, 2005
Mr. William S. Stock, C'37, Aug. 7, 2005

1940s
The Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Taggart, C'40, Nov. 10, 2005
The Rev. Charles W. Gerloff, S'45, July 19, 2005
Dr. Steven Oristian, C'47, Nov. 22, 2005
Mr. Harry M. Scrignoli, C'49, Nov. 28, 2005

1950s
Mr. William E. Wunder, C'50, Dec. 26, 2005
Mr. George F. Zverina, C'51, Oct. 21, 2005
Mr. Joseph M. Gough Jr., C'52, Nov. 9, 2005
Mr. Cornelius J. Dougherty, C'54, Dec. 29, 2005
Mr. Joseph E. Dougherty, C'55, Feb. 14, 2006
Mr. Robert M. Murphy, C'56, Jan. 7, 2006
Mr. Wilfred R. Niklaus, C'57, Dec. 22, 2005
Mr. Cicero A. Tennant, C'57, Dec. 26, 2005
Mr. George B. Arnold, C'58, July 24, 2005
The Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Fitzgerald, S'58, Dec. 4, 2005
Mr. Richard A. Pepin, C'58, Dec. 24, 2005

1960s
Dr. Arnold G. McGreevy, C'61, Sept. 10, 2005
Mr. Giles E. Maurey, C'62, Sept. 5, 2005
The Rev. William Q. Simms, S'62, Sept. 30, 2005
Mr. Raymond L. Bosley, C'65, Aug. 21, 2005
Mr. Norris L. Harrison Jr., C'68, Oct. 19, 2005

1970s
Mr. David Thomas Coghlan, C'71, Oct. 2, 2005
The Rev. George E. Golden, S'75, Nov. 13, 2005
Mr. Paul W. Markwood Jr., MBA'77, July 12, 2005

1980s
Mr. David Scott Zocchi, C'82, Dec. 23, 2005

2000s
The Rev. Darin Didier, S'05, Sept. 6, 2005

DAVID SCOTT ZOCCHI, C'82

David Scott Zocchi, C' 82, 45, found peace surrounded in love by his wife **Judy (Mazzeo) Zocchi, C' 80**, as well as his family and friends, on Dec. 23 in his home after a courageous battle with brain cancer. David will always be remembered for his gracious spirit and never-ending strength. **Mr. Paul Dressler, OFM, CAP, C' 82,** gave a powerful homily/eulogy celebrating David' s life. **The Rev. John Dobrosky, C' 79, S' 83**, concelebrated. Other Mounties who attended the services include **Kathy Joyce, C' 82, Pat Mackin, C' 82, Julie Omnibus Mackin, C' 82, Simmonetta Musio, Michael Joyce, C' 82, Anne Mastracci Henig, C' 79, Beth Gannet Gardner, C' 79, Mary Glose Lawler, C' 80, Ray Bogan, C' 79, the Hon. James P. Courtney, C' 60, David Conaghan, C' 81**, and George Meseis (son of **Nadime Mesies, C' 81)**.

CONNECTICUT

ANNUAL LOYALTY LUNCHEON

The Connecticut Chapter held its Annual Loyalty Luncheon on Nov. 26, 2005. The chapter honored Coach Jim Deegan for his many years of service to Mount St. Mary's and the Mount's Track and Field program. Chapter President **Romas Laskauskas** announced Mount St. Mary's senior **Emily Mayer** as the Connecticut Chapter's scholarship recipient. Congratulations, Emily!

Left to right, standing:
Don Quinn, C'61; John McKee, C'65; Coach Deegan; Romas Laskavskas, John Muldoon, C'62; Charlie Shinkus, C'61

Left to right, seated:
Gene Sullivan, C'60; Walt Robinson, C'63

BALTIMORE

◀ TOYS FOR TOTS

The chapter held its annual Christmas party and Toys for Tots toy drive on Dec. 11, 2005, at the Claddagh's Pub in Baltimore. Members of the United States Marine Corps were overwhelmed by the generosity of our alumni. More than 100 new toys were collected for needy children. Chapter President **Stephanie Lopez, C'01**, and the Baltimore Chapter board announced the chapter's plans for the year and welcomed National Alumni President **Pat Goles, C'64**, to this annual event.

FREDERICK

JENNIFER'S RESTAURANT

Jennifer's Restaurant in Frederick was the site for the Frederick Chapter's pre-St. Patrick's Day social held on March 15. Chapter President **Evelyn Stevenson, C'01**, and National Alumni President **Pat Goles, C'64**, discussed new initiatives for the National Alumni Association and the Frederick Chapter.

FLORIDA

CELEBRATING A STEELERS VICTORY!

The Pittsburgh Steelers Super Bowl victory was another reason to celebrate during a recent mid-winter gathering of Mount alumni that included **John Rooney, C'60**, JoAnn Wallace Rooney, **Patrick Rooney, C'60**, and Mount President Thomas H. Powell. The extended Rooney family owns the Steelers franchise.

The gathering took place at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach and included the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament. Participants included **Jerry Bohlinger, C'59**, Maryanne Bohlinger, **Lt. Col. Duncan Bossle, C'62, John Bransfield, C'63, James Donnelly, C'68, Peter O'Malley, C'60, John Rooney, C'60**, JoAnn Rooney, **Patrick Rooney, C'60, Richard Russo, C'60, Sal Salerno, C'63**, Al Shockley, **Erv Straw, C'52, Anthony Stromberg, C'63, Maj. Gen. Tony Studds, C'60, John Toner, C'50**, Meg Toner, President Powell, **Tom O'Hara, C'64, Pat Goles, C'64**, and **George Gelles, C'64**.

Winners of the tournament included John Toner, Tom O'Hara, Jack Bransfield, and JoAnn Rooney. Jack Bransfield had the longest drive, while Sal Salerno had the closest putt.

READING

ALUMNUS HONORED

Scott Hoover, C'77, Reading Chapter president, hosted a social honoring **Ed Kuhn, C'63**, for his unwavering dedication to youth in the Reading area. Ed was honored during half time at the Albright College men's basketball game on Feb 11. Alumni President **Pat Goles, C'64**, attended the game, representing Mount St. Mary's University and the National Alumni Association.

PHILADELPHIA

UNION LEAGUE, THIRD CENTURY CONVERSATION

Chapter President **Pat McGinn, C'98**, and more than 50 Philadelphia chapter alumni, welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Powell, National Alumni President **Pat Goles, C'64,** and his wife, Chrystie, to the Union League in downtown Philadelphia on Feb. 1. Alumni and guests enjoyed participating in an engaging presentation focusing on the Mount's future and plans for the future. Shown, l. to r.: **John Campbell, C'82; Mike Cory, C'82; Susan Janowiak, C'81; Ellen Callahan, C'81**

WASHINGTON, D.C.,

BASKETBALL SOCIAL

Chapter President **Anthony Solazzo** hosted a pregame basketball social on Dec. 7 at Bender Arena on the campus of American University. Board Chairman **Tom O'Hara, C'64**, and many loyal Mount alumni and Mount Club members enjoyed dinner and a pregame update from Coach Milan Brown.

TOYS FOR TOTS

National Alumni Association President **Pat Goles, C'64**, joined **Anthony Solazzo**, Washington, D.C., chapter president, and members of the chapter for their annual Toys for Tots toy drive on Dec. 11 at McFadden's Pub in Washington. Toys were collected for needy children and donated through the United States Marines toy drive.

COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB, THIRD CENTURY CONVERSATION

The chapter welcomed President and Mrs. Powell to the Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Md., on March 16. The Culkin School of Irish Dance entertained alumni during this pre-St. Patrick's Day event. Dr. Powell led an engaging discussion of Third Century Conversation. Plans for the Mount's third century of service were outlined and discussed.

Top two photos, D.C. Chapter Basketball Social at Bender Arena
Chair of the Board of Trustees Tom O'Hara, C'64 and Dennis Molloy, C'65; Mike Hardisky and the Loughry family

Middle photo, D.C. Chapter at McFadden's Pub
Maureen Plant, C'82; Susan Janowiak, C'81, executive VP of NAA; Katier Sherman, C'01; Anthony Solazzo, C'81; Ryan Kiernan, C'04; Cory Lawson, C'04; Pat Goles, C'64, president of NAA

Bottom two photos, D.C. Chaper at Columbia Country Club
Left, Sean Culkin, C'82, Culkin School of Irish Dance, and his students; Bill Ferrand, C'56, Mrs. Irene Powell, Msgr. James Beattie, C'57, S'61

WINTER HOMECOMING

FEBRUARY 4, 2006

More than 150 alumni returned to the Mount to enjoy a day on campus.

The day began with the Alumni Leaders Winter Meeting, where more than 50 alumni volunteers gathered to discuss and plan the year's activities. The traditional Blue & White Alumni Basketball games were played midday, and alumni and students joined together for Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

- Alumni Pre-Game Social
- Mount Men vs. St. Francis, PA
- After the men's game, alumni joined at a post game social to wrap up a full day of fun and activities.

The Lady Mountaineers triumphed over St. Francis, PA - 64-60 and members of the Hall of Fame were honored before the Men's team took on St. Francis. Shown are Front row, Coach James Deegan, **Susan Janowiak, C'81**; **Patrick Goles, Alumni President, C'64**; Coach James Phelan; Back row, **Jack Campbell, C'64**; **Rick Kidwell, C'76**; **Michael Watson, C'95**; **James Stevenson, C'95**; Thomas "Woody" Stoner; **Vanessa Blair, C'91**

MOUNT SPIRIT, *Olympic Dreams*

By Jennifer Harp, Archivist & Records Manager

"Our world today is in need of peace, tolerance and brotherhood. The values of the Olympic Games can deliver these to us. May the Games be held in peace, in the true spirit of the Olympic Truce."

—JACQUES ROGGE, President of the International Olympic Committee

With the close of the Winter Olympic Games in Torino and the approaching warm weather, it is time to turn our attention to China. There, in 2008, thousands of athletes from around the world will be competing in the Summer Olympics. As we prepare for our bicentennial celebration in that same year, *Mount Magazine* would like to look back at our own Olympic history.

Coach Jim Deegan (at the Mount from 1956-2006) created a track team full of champions over the years, leading one newspaper to label the Mount a "Decathlete Factory" – an apt choice of words considering the Mount has been home to 11 Olympic athletes, many of whom competed in the decathlon. Fellow Mountaineers cheered for students like **Bill Motti, 1983-85, Georg Werthner, MBA'87, Carlos O'Connell, C'87**, and **Dave Lishebo, C'88**, during the 1984 and 1988 games. Dave Lishebo finished first in his heat in the 400m preliminaries, 4th in the quarterfinals and 8th in the semifinals.

Also competing in the 1980s was a group of Kenyan runners. Brothers **Charles and Kip Cheruiyot** raced in the 5000m and 1500m, respectively. Of course, the most famous Mount Olympian is undoubtedly **Peter Rono**, who overcame a pool of athletes expected to medal to win the gold at the 1988 games in Seoul.

Several other Mount athletes achieved the honor of finding a place on their nation's team. In 1984, **Trond Skramstad** competed for Norway in the decathlon, earning 7579 points and a 17th place finish. **Fred Owusu**, a member of the 4x400 relay team for Ghana, arrived in Los Angeles only to miss the chance to compete due to a team member's injury. Algerian student **Ahmed Mahour Bacha (1984)** traveled to the games as a coach for several events.

Through these incredible athletes, the Mount demonstrated its strong sense of community both on campus and throughout the world. Each of the 11 Olympians who called the Mount home competed for other nations, including Kenya, Austria, France, Norway and Ireland. As we watch the summer games in 2008, let us remember that the Mount has always been a part of the "true spirit of Olympic Truce."

Top: Charles and Kip Cheruiyot; Bottom: Peter Rono, who overcame a pool of athletes expected to medal to win the gold at the 1988 games in Seoul.

WALKING IN THE RAIN

By Raymond J. Visotski, C'82

"My life is less because they are physically gone, but I am forever grateful because they lived. Whatever meager successes I achieve in life are but a small part of their legacy."

Once a year, I visit the Mount campus—where I studied from 1978 until 1982. As a student, I was active in the local volunteer fire department and ambulance company and, besides that fact, I'm sure my existence there was that of a typical college student. I went through the motions, took the tests and graduated.

After college, I made my way to the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and ultimately became an undertaker. It was several years later that I began understanding the difference between learning wisdom and learning facts.

A recent trip to the Mount brought many things into focus.

Last year around this time, I made the drive from South Carolina to New Jersey for a special family event. My wife and three daughters were not able to take the trip with me, so I left a day early and drove all the way to Maryland—spending the night and most of the following day at the Mount.

Now, late April in South Carolina is really early summer, but when I awoke in Maryland the next morning, it was 38 degrees and raining in the Catoctin Mountains. As I walked around the foggy campus, my mind raced, recalling places, people and events. Walking in the cold rain, there was a moment where I came to the realization that most of the men and women who were preparing to graduate in just a few weeks were born the year I departed from this special mountain. I felt officially old!

There is a very old cemetery on the side of the mountain, just above the campus. This cemetery has been enlarged and developed through the years, but in the old section, there is an area affectionately referred to as "Priests' Row," where the "Men of the Mount" lay buried. Their monuments are testimonies to their wisdom and dedication to the university.

As one of the oldest Catholic institutions in the country, the Mount faculty was, at one time, all priests. They dedicated their lives to the pursuit and teaching of wisdom—not political correctness, social engineering or memorization for exams. They instructed us how to analyze a situation, weigh consequences and make sound decisions with certainty. They stayed and taught until they died—not because they had tenure and could take it easy, but because they understood how important their contributions were. I'm sure they anticipated the future, forseeing a time when their teachings would become diluted with modern thought.

Yet after all these years, I still learn from them. The highlight of my annual trips to the Mount is the time I spend with those buried there. It's difficult to describe, but as I walk that cemetery, I read the names ... Forker, Delaney, O'Neil, Dillon, Kaliss, Byrd, Fives, Kline, Phillips ... and I recall the indelible impact they etched on my being as a man. I think of challenges I face today and wonder what they would offer up as suggestions for me to conquer life's challenges.

My life is less because they are physically gone, but I am forever grateful because they lived. Whatever meager successes I achieve in life are but a small part of their legacy.

Raymond J. Visotski, C'82, is the owner of George Funeral Homes and South Carolina Cremation & Memorial Society. He lives in Aiken, South Carolina.

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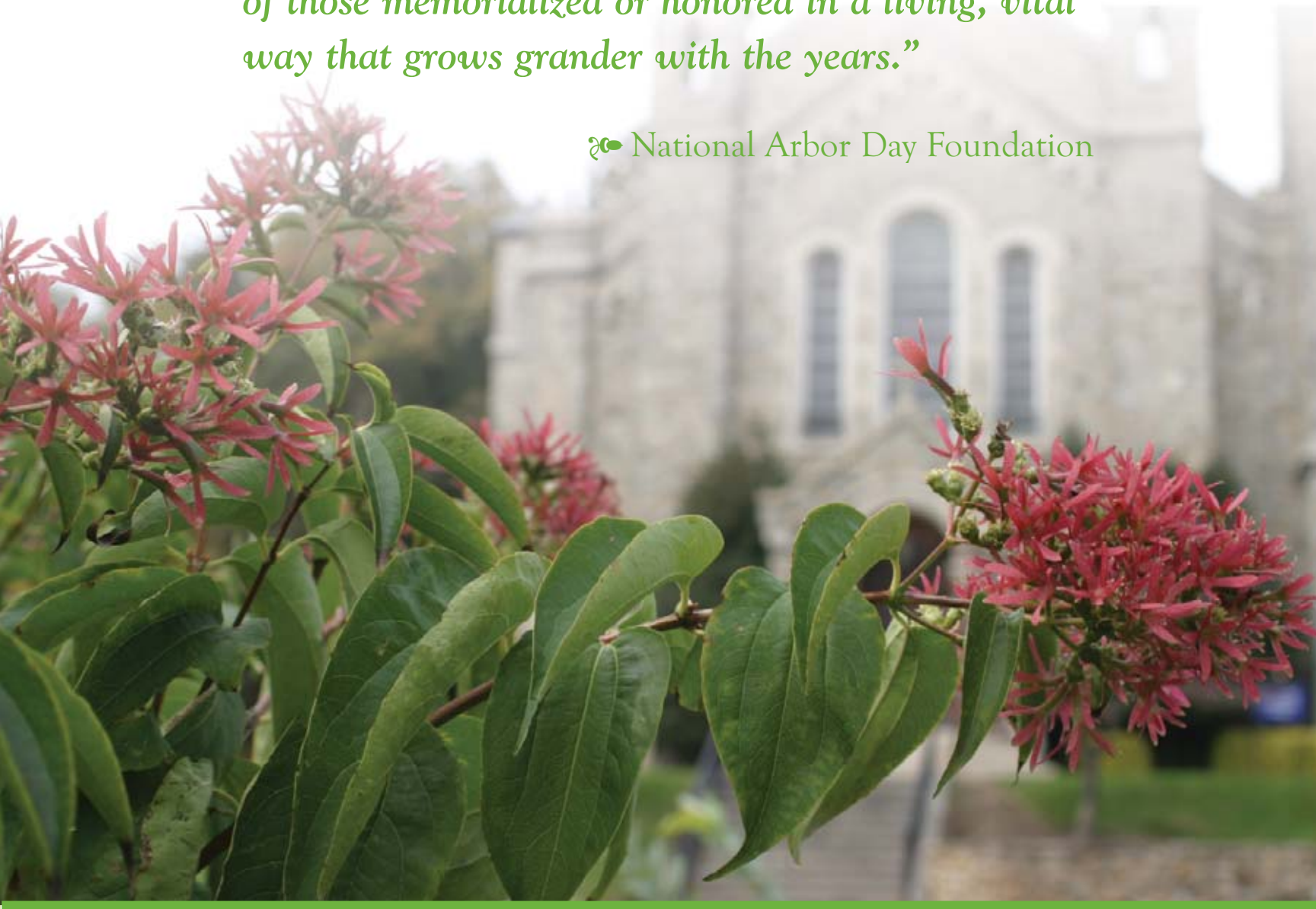

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JUNE

What Would Summer Be Without a Class Reunion?—Register Now!

Friday, June 2-
Sunday, June 4, 2006
Alumni Reunion Weekend

Thursday, June 22
Washington, D.C., Chapter–
Happy Hour

Friday, June 23
Reading Chapter–
Night at the Reading Phillies, Pa.

Sunday, June 25
14th Annual Orioles Bullpen Party, Orioles vs. Washington Nationals, Camden Yards, Baltimore, Md.
Contact alumni office ASAP, 877-630-6102

JULY

Monday, July 10
Admissions Information Session
Presentations, campus tour and lunch with faculty
O'Hara Room, Patriot Hall
800-448-4347

Sunday, July 16
Delaware Chapter–Beach Picnic at Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes, Del.

Wednesday, July 26
Washington, D.C., Chapter–
Happy Hour

Saturday, July 29
Summer Open House
For students beginning the college search process
Knott Auditorium
800-448-4347

AUGUST

Sunday, August 20
33rd Annual Baltimore Chapter Crab Feast, Ocean Pride Restaurant, Lutherville, Md.

Wednesday, August 23
Washington, D.C., Chapter–
Happy Hour

Friday, August 25
Mass of the Holy Spirit, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 9
Catholic Charities' Dragon Boat Races–look for the Mount alumni team, thanks to the Baltimore Chapter!

Saturday, September 16
Baltimore Chapter–Annual Clipper City Cruise, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Md.

Friday, September 22—
Sunday, September 24
FamilyFest

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 3—
Wednesday, October 4
Priest Alumni Reunion

10/3, Priest Reunion Mass, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Paul S. Coakley, S'83, presiding

10/3, Priest Alumni Banquet

10/4, Priest Alumni Mass, Grotto