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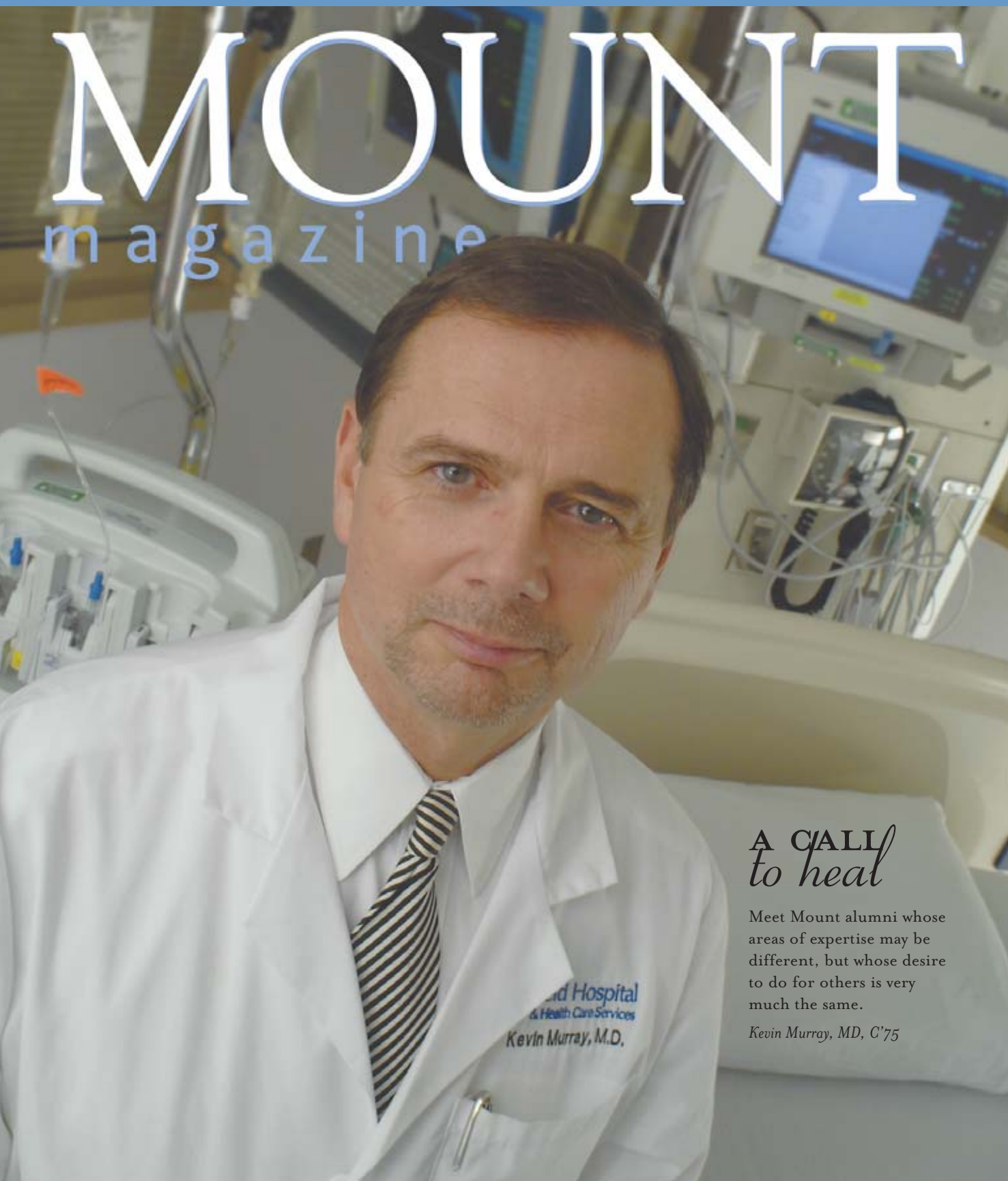


A CALL *to heal*

Meet Mount alumni whose areas of expertise may be different, but whose desire to do for others is very much the same.

Kevin Murray, MD, C'75

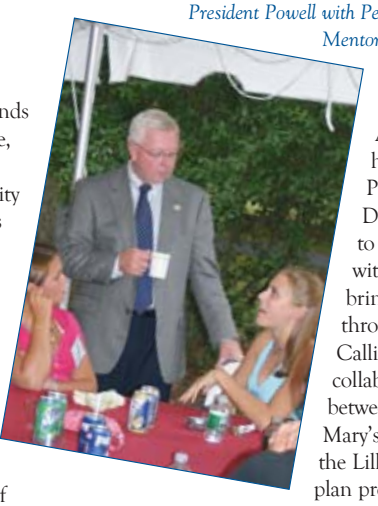
THE CALL TO HEAL

The mission of Mount St. Mary's includes a call to serve and to heal. We live this mission year after year as we graduate men and women "who see and seek to resolve the problems facing humanity" and as we prepare priests to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and shepherd the parishes entrusted to their care.

I am delighted to present to you in this issue a few of our many remarkable alumni who have used their Mount education as the springboard to lives of service in the medical profession. From one of the pioneers of the artificial heart to a world-renowned expert in the field of transplant surgery, you'll meet healers who have touched lives all over the globe. Through this article, we hope to pay tribute to all those who have moved on from the Mount to dedicate their lives to healing, whether they are recognized in the headlines or quietly working to improve the health of those around them.

President Powell with Andy Shaw at Family Weekend Honors Dinner.

We also highlight the wonderful work of our Department of Science, where faculty and students work together on the kind of research opportunities that are excellent preparation for medical, dental, nursing and other graduate programs. I am pleased to announce that Drs. Christine McCauslin and Jen Staiger spearheaded a grant proposal that will bring a DNA sequencer to campus this summer, while Dr. A.J. Russo is using his Class of 1964 Professorship to create a new undergraduate summer research program.



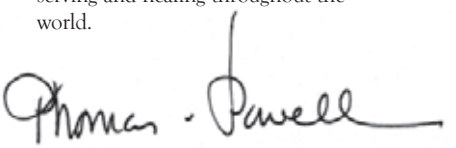
President Powell with Peer Mentors.

Of course, healing extends far beyond physical care, and the Mount has always been a community that refreshes and heals through its warmth and spirituality. In our Bicentennial Update, we present several exciting events that will create many opportunities for our community to renew and strengthen the bonds of friendship we share. Parents will find a new column in the On Campus section highlighting the good work of the Mount Family Association. In this issue, we also welcome Dan Carroll to the Advancement staff as director of gift planning, and we bid a fond farewell to three long-time members of the Mount faculty who are retiring this year.

On the spiritual side, in February, the seminary community extended its hospitality to nearly 1,700 of the region's youth in the Mount 2007 Eucharistic retreat. This year also saw the addition of the five Mysteries of Light to the Grotto's Rosary Walk, enhancing the prayerful atmosphere of this important destination for pilgrims from around the world.

Appropriately, we have asked Callings Program Executive Director Tom Butler to conclude this issue with a reflection on bringing faith to life through healing. The Callings program is a collaborative initiative between Mount St. Mary's University and the Lilly Endowment to plan programs for the theological exploration of vocation. One of its major efforts is the annual Callings Conference, which this spring brought students, faculty and other attendees together to focus on the many facets of healing.

As you read about the achievements of our alumni, students and faculty, I hope you will share my excitement and enthusiasm about the Mount's role in serving and healing throughout the world.



Thomas H. Powell
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Tom and Irene Powell lend dining services a helping hand.
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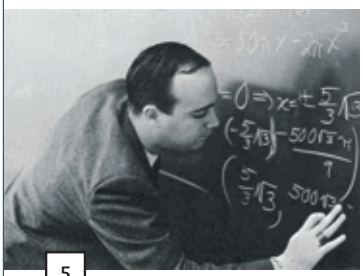

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DAVID REHM APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

In February, President Powell appointed David Rehm as vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Rehm had been serving as the interim vice president for academic affairs. Prior to that, he served two years as dean for academic affairs.

Dr. Rehm is an associate professor of philosophy and works primarily in late ancient Greek philosophy. He came to Mount St. Mary's in 1995 and served as director of the Mount's nationally recognized Freshman Seminar program from 1997-2003. He also cochaired the Mount's reaccreditation process from 2002-05. He received his B.A. from Oberlin College in 1983 and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1994.

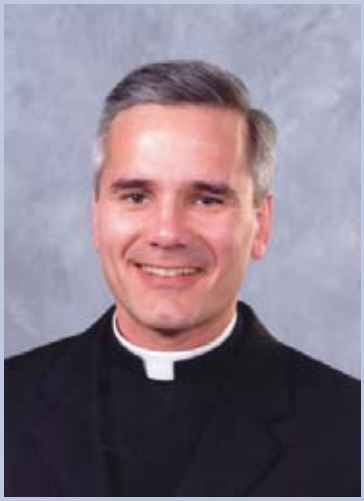
Dr. Rehm has received a number of awards, including the John Richards Award for Teaching Excellence; the First-Year Advocate Award from the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition, a national award honoring his work with first-year college students; and the Honors Program Service Award.

As VPAA, Dr. Rehm will promote communication between the faculty and the administration while overseeing and helping to strengthen the Mount's academic programs.

He remarked, "All of us who love the Mount aim to strengthen it in every way possible. In the academic arena, while this may to some extent involve developing new programs, I believe our greater challenge is to make stronger the already solid academic foundations we have. We need to make sure that programs available for accreditation become accredited. We need to ask how we can strengthen our academic organization so as to help improve quality and innovation. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to lead the institution at this time."

Mount St. Mary's University President Thomas H. Powell noted, "I am very pleased with this appointment and grateful to the search committee for their leadership in vetting the most qualified candidate. Dr. Rehm has proven to be an exemplary professional, and we are fortunate to have him in such a key academic and leadership position. I look forward to continuing a strong, collaborative working relationship with him."

Dr. Rehm is married to Nancy Rehm, a high school teacher in Biglerville, Pa., and they have two children.



FAREWELL TO MONSIGNOR PARENT

Monsignor Bill Parent, executive director for Catholic identity and mission, was called back for pastoral duties in Washington, D.C., last fall. Monsignor Parent served as seminary vice rector and director of formation from 2003-05 before moving to the college side. He was instrumental in maintaining the stability of the seminary during the search for a new rector after the departure of Bishop Kevin Rhoades to Harrisburg.

Before coming to the Mount, Monsignor Parent was the vocations director for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He returns there as pastor of St. Peter's Church in Waldorf, Md. He was also appointed in 2006 as chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI. The Mount wholeheartedly wishes him great joy and peace as he reenters parish ministry.

Mount family Association

GET INVOLVED!

The Mount Family Association is dedicated to meeting the needs of current parents. Our promise is to provide parents with information, access and opportunities for involvement.

There are so many ways for parents to become involved in this community their children will call home as they begin their journey into their adult life. Some take leadership positions, such as Patrick and Ann Marie Dolan, who serve on the President's Council (see below), and Harry Hamill and Marv Stocker, who have cochaired Mount Annual Fund efforts directed to parents. Others join students in service trips abroad or help with internship and career mentoring opportunities.

Simply visiting campus for Family Weekend or other events is an important way to more fully join in the Mount community.

If you have questions or would like to find out more, please contact Irene Q. Powell, Mount Family Association coordinator, at 301-447-3156 or ipowell@msmary.edu.

INTRODUCING OUR PARENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

As members of the Mount St. Mary's President's Council, Patrick J. and Ann Marie Dolan serve as the liaisons between the Mount Family Association and the council. They are the parents of Cara, a Mount senior.

The council advises the president regarding the Mount's strategic planning process and counsels the president on current and long-range issues, goals and challenges. Alumni, parents and friends of the Mount are eligible for membership. Members serve four-year terms.

Our deepest thanks to the Dolans for their support of the Mount and our students!

BICENTENNIAL HALL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Mount broke ground this winter for Bicentennial Hall, scheduled to open in January 2008 as home to 180 students. The hall was designed as a contemporary living and learning environment by architecture firm Ayers Saint Gross, who completed the campus master plan. It will provide the living space needed to accommodate students as the Terrace is renovated.

Noted Mount President Thomas H. Powell, "We're very excited about this project, which will be truly state of the art in terms of design, disability access and safety. A campus planning committee, headed by Executive Vice President Dan Soller, spent a full year gathering student and staff input to ensure the residence hall is just right in every detail, from study spaces to entrances and nearby roadway improvements."

Ann Marie Dolan, third from left, is shown here at the October 2006 council meeting.

CALLINGS PROGRAM FUNDING EXTENDED

On Nov. 16, 2006, the Lilly Endowment awarded Mount St. Mary's University $500,000 in sustainability funding to continue the Callings program through 2011. This grant renewal offers tremendous affirmation to the many people who have invested their time and talent in implementing the goals of the program throughout the university.

The purpose of the Callings program is to: 1) help students examine the relationship between their faith and vocational choices; 2) provide opportunities for young people to explore Christian ministry as their life's work; and 3) enhance the capacity of the school's faculty to teach and mentor students effectively in this arena.

In looking to the future of Callings, the extended funding will help the Mount implement the program's goals in the following ways. Initiatives with Campus Ministry retreats at all levels of student life will emphasize that vocational discernment involves prayer, reflection and spiritual counseling. A Mount Mentoring Program will unite the various leadership groups throughout the university in a common formation experience that emphasizes faith, spirituality and service. Service Learning components will be developed throughout the curriculum, strengthening the link between academics and service. In addition to these initiatives, the Callings program will continue to support efforts that will help students explore the possibility of ministry within the church.

Ultimately, the Callings program acts as a catalyst that nurtures the integration of the university's mission; echoes the words of Jesus, "Come follow me"; and serves as a compass that offers people direction and a sense of purpose.

MOUNT BASEBALL PLAYER WINS 18,000 FREE PIZZAS

When free pizza is on the line, sophomore **Matt Staso**, a utility player for the Mount's baseball team, delivers. At a Wizard's game on January 17, fans watched the Verizon Center's JumboTron as Staso traded in his nosebleed seat for a few minutes of court time to make a three-point shot.

Every home game, the Wizards' organization brings down a fan to attempt a three-pointer. If that fan makes the shot, everyone in the stands gets a coupon for a free Papa John's pizza. Up until that day, no one this season had made the shot yet. At this game, Staso was that fan.

REUNION WEEKEND IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

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Fond Farewells

Retiring this year are three long-time faculty members who advanced Mount academic programs and taught and mentored decades of students. The tributes we offer here provide a glimpse into the countless ways each enriched the Mount community.

Computer Pioneer Dr. Bill O'Toole

By Dr. Fred Portier, Mathematics and Computer Science Professor and Department Chair

Bill O'Toole is retiring from the Mount in May 2007 after serving 40 years as a faculty member. His history with the Mount dates back to 1964 when he transferred to the Mount from Georgetown. After graduating in 1966, he joined the Mount faculty as a lecturer. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1975 after earning his master's degree from the University of Maryland, and served as department chair from 1992-98.

Bill was instrumental in bringing computing and computer science to the Mount. In 1967, the department decided that it was time to introduce courses in computer science. Under Bill's leadership, the college joined a "Seed Program" made available through the National Bureau of Standards (later renamed the National Institute for Standards and Technology). Students and faculty from the college were bused to Gaithersburg once a week for class to learn BASIC programming. Over time, Bill took over teaching this class at the Mount campus.

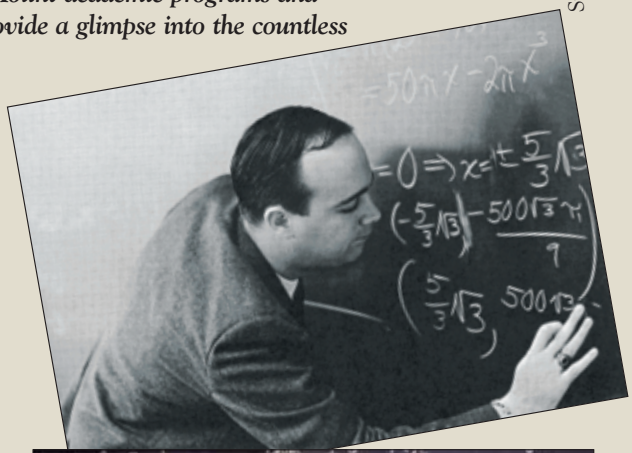
Largely responsible for the introduction of computers on campus, Bill in 1975 built the first academic computer at the Mount, the Altair 8800. This computer was augmented, modified and enhanced by Bill for several years, including the writing of two operating systems. In 1982, Bill led an effort that brought the first Prime computer, a super minicomputer, to campus. Prime computers formed the backbone of central computing from 1982 to 1994.

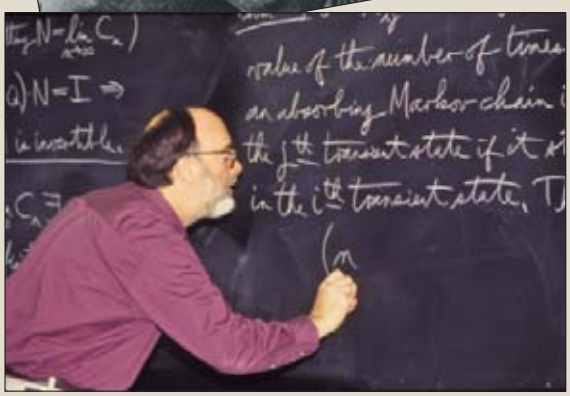
During his career at the Mount, Bill took three sabbaticals. In 1980, he began work on a Ph.D. in computer science at UMBC. His 1988 sabbatical was spent writing a program that taught assembler language. He also presented a paper on the same topic at an international computer conference in Brisbane, Australia. For his 1995 sabbatical he continued improvements to his Assembly Language textbook and served as a tutor on assembly programming at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

He taught every math course ever included in our catalog in 40 years with the exception of the remedial courses. In fact, he has taught courses that are no longer in our catalog, such as Mathematical Logic and Axiomatic Set Theory. His favorite math courses have been those dealing with topology, his major subject in graduate school. Bill, in conjunction with John August, introduced graphing calculators into the calculus sequence starting in the 1980s.

Bill is perhaps best known as the prognosticator and science editor for the J. Gruber's Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack. The 2007 edition marks his 38th year in that role. Over the years, he has given countless interviews for newspapers, magazines, radio and television including "Voice of America" and broadcasts overseas on the Armed Forces Network.

We will miss not only Bill's professional contributions, but his friendly and easygoing manner ... his stories of his many travels ... and his unbelievable memory for names, numbers and general trivia. Best of luck in your next venture, Bill!





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Dr. Nicholas Kierniesky, Father of the Psychology Program

By Dr. Bob Keefer, Associate Professor and Chair, Psychology Department

Dr. Nicholas Kierniesky has retired from the Mount after 35½ years as a member of the faculty.

Nik came to the Mount in 1971, fresh out of graduate school at Tulane University. When he came for his on-campus interview, he had no idea where Emmitsburg was; nor did the taxi driver who drove him from the airport in Baltimore! Luckily, there was a group of Mount alumni who met every week in Emmitsburg's square to share a few beers. They took Nik to a local watering hole, put him up for the night and then drove him to the Mount to meet the legendary Monsignor Kline for his interview.

Nik was hired to help develop the new psychology major. He was the first experimental psychologist, and indeed, the first Ph.D. psychologist in the history of the Mount.

With a new budget for equipment, space in the Science Building was found for a psychology laboratory. In 1980, psychology and sociology were split into separate departments, and Nik became chair of the Department of Psychology. He held this position for 20 years, believed to be a campus record for longevity for a chair. He oversaw the creation of the department as it exists today, growing it to four full-time members by 1987.

When Nik came to the Mount there were no psychology labs at all; now the department enjoys four distinct laboratory spaces, as well as sharing a vivarium with the science department, all developed under Nik's direction. He was the key architect of the separate psychology major and helped establish the Mount chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology.

Nik became very active in undergraduate leadership issues and student research activity, eventually becoming national chair of the Council of Undergraduate Psychology Programs. He, along with Jim Friedrich, developed the Senior Research requirement in 1986, wherein all senior psychology majors become involved with direct research. The requirement remains a central part of the Mount's psychology major, and has resulted in regional and national recognition for Mount student research. For example, in 1990, one of Nik's students, William Howard Franklin, won first prize in the national undergraduate research competition sponsored by the American Psychological Society (now the Association of Psychological Science).

Nik's primary teaching and research interests have been in brain function, learning and research methodology. He has published 17 professional articles and has presented nearly two dozen papers and symposia at national and regional meetings.

In the late 1980s he was a guest researcher at the National Institutes of Neurological Diseases and Strokes, consulting on memory in neurologically impaired patients. From 1997-99 he was the principle investigator for the first National Science Foundation grant to the psychology department, which he used, in part, to improve the equipment available for psychophysiological measurement.

Outside of academics, Nik has a deep interest in travel, planning trips this year to the Pacific Northwest, New Orleans and China. When traveling, Nik also indulges in his love of railroads, riding various sections of track all over the country. Beyond travel, he plans an active retirement in select psychological research activities and investment trading.

He will definitely be missed!

So, Nik, is that the same rat?

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Dr. William Heath, Man of Letters

By Dr. Robert Ducharme, University Professor

In May 2007, with the retirement of Dr. William Heath from the Department of English, the university loses one of its most distinguished faculty members.

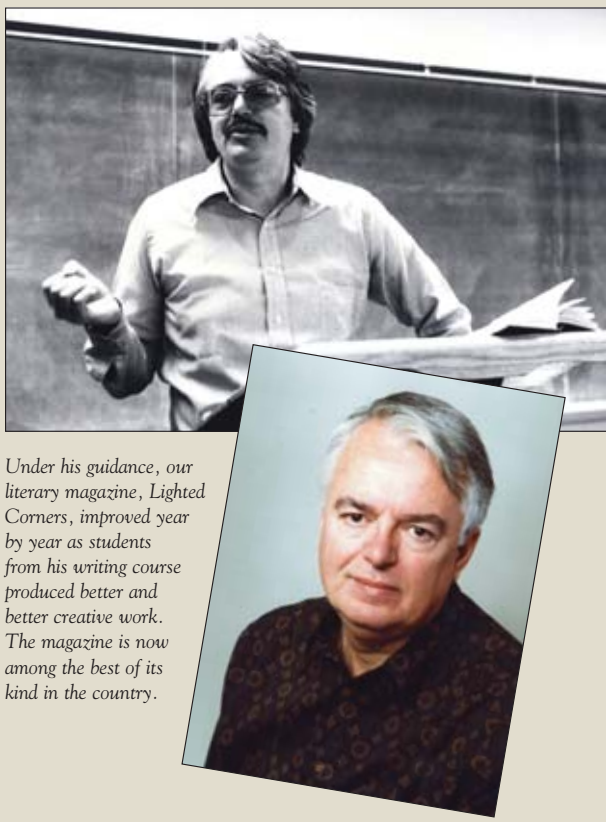
I am happy to take credit for hiring Dr. Heath. A position in American literature had opened up unexpectedly with the untimely death of Professor John Williams in 1980. Dr. Heath was in Spain at the time as a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Seville. His credentials were superb, but we had just initiated a policy that we would not hire anyone before we had seen him teach. Fortunately, I was teaching a summer course that year and Dr. Heath agreed to teach a long class on two Shakespeare tragedies, "Hamlet" and "Othello." The rest of the English department faculty were not available that summer to meet or observe our candidate; so the decision whether to hire was entirely mine. He gave a stellar class, teaching outside of his area of doctoral specialization, but at his ease with Shakespeare—showing a command of the plays and the scholarship. The students were impressed and so was I. We hired him.

We got a bonus, too. Not only was Heath a fine teacher of American literature; he was also a gifted poet. He became advisor to our literary magazine, *Lighted Corners*, and created a course in creative writing. Under his guidance, the magazine improved year by year as students from his writing course produced better and better creative work. Soon winning recognition from outside evaluators, the magazine is now among the best of its kind in the country.

Though Dr. Heath never ceased to be a poet, he soon developed into a novelist. His historical narrative of Freedom Summer in Mississippi (1964) appeared under the title "The Children Bob Moses Led" in 1995 and was immediately cited by The New York Times as a "Notable Book." For more than 10 years, Dr. Heath worked on a more ambitious historical novel, "Blacksnake's Path: The Adventures of Wm. Wells." This book, set in the 1830s, tells the story of a white youth captured by the Miami Indians of Ohio and raised as one of their own. It's a fascinating story, grounded in history but with all the immediacy of a novel.

Any student who takes Dr. Heath's course in American Experience must be impressed by both his knowledge of American history and his storytelling skills. I recall a reading from "Blacksnake's Path" Dr. Heath gave to a packed auditorium of students in the late 1990s. As he read the bear-hunting episode of the young Indian braves, the audience listened in rapt attention. Another occasion I recall was a similar situation in 1985 when Dr. Heath read excerpts from his article on "Huckleberry Finn" (later published in South Carolina Review). The audience rocked with laughter at Heath's and Twain's satirical jibes. Even the title of that article makes me smile: "Tears & Flapdoodle: Sentimentality in Huckleberry Finn."

Even though he is retiring, Dr. Heath is at work on a book about Nathanial Hawthorne; so his scholarly life will continue. But the students will miss his courses, the literary magazine will miss his guidance, and the English department will miss his companionship. He has been a fine example to us of the complete literary man: scholar, teacher, writer. A man of letters, indeed. We wish him well. Ad multos annos!



Under his guidance, our literary magazine, Lighted Corners, improved year by year as students from his writing course produced better and better creative work. The magazine is now among the best of its kind in the country.

"Bill is an English professor and creative writer, but he has an amazingly broad and incredibly deep knowledge of American history. This allowed him to situate literary works into their historical context in an unusually insightful way and made him a superb teacher in our interdisciplinary American Experience program."

—Dr. Peter Dorsey, English Professor and Department Chair

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SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Michael Barry: "Economic Reconstruction Issues in Sri Lanka and Suggested Language for a Future Peace Agreement," pro-bono with Jonathan Cahn of Baker & MacKenzie LLP, Government of Sri Lanka, August, 2006.

William Collinge: "Doing Well a Thing That Is Well Worth Doing': Teaching Dorothy L. Sayers on Work," *Horizons* 33, 2006.

Germain Grisez: "The Doctrine of God and the Ultimate Meaning of Human Life," *The Doctrine of God and Theological Ethics*, ed. Alan J. Torrance and Michael Banner, New York: T & T Clark, 2006.

Brian Henning: "Morality in the Making," *Science and Theology News* 6.10, June, 2006.

Elizabeth Holtry: Solo Exhibition: Paradoxical Beauty and Harshness, Carroll Community College, Westminster, Maryland, 2006.

John Larrivee: "Understanding the Rural Unrecorded Economy: Informal Work and Home Production in Non-Metropolitan Wisconsin," *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, forthcoming.

"Fogel's Call to Catch up with the Economy as an Opening for Christian Economists," *Catholic Social Science Review* 11, 2006.

David McCarthy: "The Gospels Embodied: Lives of Saints and Martyrs," *The Cambridge Companion to the Gospels*, edited by Stephen C. Barton, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Charles Merrill: "A Mariner with Bleeding Eyes," co-authored with Frank C. Arnett, Francesc Albardaner, Philip Mackowiak, *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences*, Volume 332, September, 2006.

Mike Miller: "Alive and Awake in Allah," New Blackfriars, September, 2006.

Doing More with Life: Connecting Christian Higher Education to a Call to Service, Waco, Texas: Baylor University Press, 2007.

Sarah Scott: Review, "Nature's Cruel Stepdames: Murderous Women in the Street Literature of Seventeenth Century England," by Susan C. Staub, *Seventeenth-Century News*, Fall-Winter, 2006.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Michael Barry: "Oil and Gas Investment in Turkmenistan," 2006 Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, University of Michigan, October, 2006.

Dennis Cali: Panelist, "The Rhetoric of John Paul II," National Communication Association, San Antonio, Texas, November, 2006.

William Collinge: "John Dunne's Words about Music," College Theology Society Annual Convention, Regis University, Denver, Colorado, June, 2006.

Kathleen Guidroz: Author meets critic panel, Rape Work by Patricia Yancey Martin, Southern Sociological Society Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April, 2006.

Mary Hamel: "Robert Thornton's Thorns-Once Again," Third Annual Texts and Contexts Conference, Center for Paleographical and Epigraphical Studies, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, September, 2006.

Brian Henning: "Is There an Ethics of Creativity?" 6th International Whitehead Conference, Salzburg, Austria, July, 2006.

Joshua Hochschild: "Mental Language in Aquinas?" Summer Thomistic Institute, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, July, 2006.

John Larrivee: Sixth International Conference on Catholic Social Thought and Management Education: The Good Company: Catholic Social Thought and Corporate Social Responsibility in Dialogue, Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace, Rome, Italy, " How Can the Company Be Good If Its Products Are Bad?" with Kirk Davidson, October, 2006.

Thomas H. Powell: "Different Gifts but the Same Spirit: How We Are Called to Lead," Leadership Conference, Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, October, 2006.

"Fatherhood, Marriage and Family: How We Are Called to Lead as Men," Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference, Archbishop Curley High School, March, 2007.

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oil on canvas
48x48, 2006

Turkey Shoot
oil and fabric on canvas
26x22, 2006

Robert Richman: "Electrolytic Titration," Demo Grand Prix, 19th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, Purdue University, August, 2006.

Susann Samples: "Black is Beautiful and Noble: Belecane in Wolfram's Parzival," XXth Medieval Renaissance Conference, Fall, 2006.

Jeffrey Simmons: "Acid Deposition Across the Appalachian Region," Environmental Symposium, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia, November, 2006.

Joseph Vince: "A Resolution for the Creation of a State-Wide and National Firearm Offender's Registry," International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, October, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michael Barry: Graduated with J.D. degree, American University Washington College of Law, August, 2006.

Charlie Beitz: Lecture: "Impact of National Culture on Japanese Leadership Style," Mount St. Mary's University, Psychology 385—Cross Cultural Human Development Course, Summer, 2006.

Michelle Bower: Host and Site coordinator, Maryland mathematics curriculum specialists, mathematics coaches, mathematics resource teachers, university mathematics educators, Maryland Mathematics Leadership Conference, Mount St. Mary's University, May, 2006.

Dennis Cali: Participant, "Scuola Abba," think tank on the application of the Spirituality of Communion to various disciplines, Rome, Italy, November, 2006.

Trudy Conway: Invited to present as organizer of a model program, "Faith-Based Abolition Programs: Models of Success," National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, 2006.

Fr. Jim Donohue: "The Gospel of Judas," St. Bernadette Parish, Severn, Maryland, October, 2006.

Germain Grisez: "Is Torture Always Wrong," University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana, April, 2006

Brian Henning: Associate Director, Society for the Study of Process Philosophies, 2006.

Joshua Hochschild: Lecturer, Ancient Philosophy, Ralph McInerny Center for Thomistic Studies, Washington, D.C., October, 2006.

Tara Horst: Received Doctor of Education degree in adult education, Pennsylvania State University.

Barry Long: External reviewer, The Arts and Humanities, 2007 Hawaii International Conference, Fall, 2006.

Barbara Martin Palmer: President elect, Maryland Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, 2006.

Thomas H. Powell: Leadership Council member and Leadership Institute Committee chair, Mid-Atlantic Catholic Schools Consortium.

David Rehm: Middle States Reviewer, Albright College, October, 2006.

Susann Samples: Organized and Chaired, "Static and Shifting Landscapes in Medieval Literature, Art, and Thought," Forty-first International Congress on Medieval Studies.

Jeffrey Simmons: "Summer Watershed Workshop for High School Students: The Mindsummer Program," grant proposal submitted to NOAA, with A.J. Russo, Rosie Bolen, October, 2006.

AWARDS

Brian Henning: Findlay book prize from the Metaphysical Society of America for *Ethics of Creativity: Beauty, Morality, and Nature in a Processive Cosmos*; the selection committee considered books published in the last five years and noted that only Henning's book and one other were chosen for Findlay Prizes in the current competition. ➤

The Rev. Daniel Mindling: honored by the Maryland Catholic Conference for drafting a significant resource on Catholic teaching on end of life issues; the booklet was published in January 2007 as an update to the conference's 1993 statement on the subject.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Virginia McGovern: Volunteer Teacher of English to non-native speakers, Gettysburg Police Department and Adams County Prison, 2006.

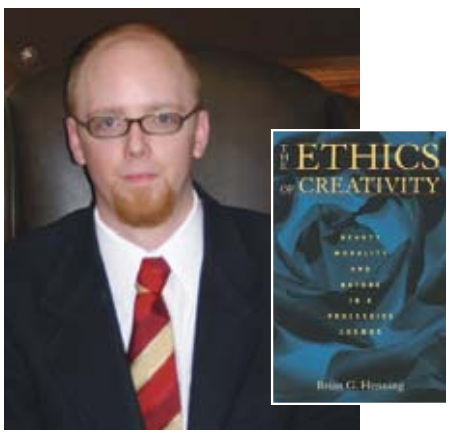
Susann Samples: Vice-Chair and member, Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice, 2006; co-coordinator, ICPJ 2006 Peacemaker Award.

Rodica Stoicoiu: Seminar: Introduction to Catholic Theology, Martinsburg Vicariate, October –November, 2006.

Tim Wolfe: "Disasters: Myths and Realities" St. Catherine's Nursing Center, October, 2006

NEW FACULTY

Jennifer Phillips: assistant professor, psychology; master's and doctoral degrees in medical psychology, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; postdoctoral research fellowship, Tobacco Use and Research Center, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania. ➤



CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL ABROAD!

JOIN US FOR THE BICENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, TUSCANY AND ASSISI

April 6–16, 2008

Join the Mount community in celebrating our Catholic identity by traveling to the seat of our faith. We'll connect not only with the history of the Church (and Western civilization) but with particular ties to the Mount's past.

Highlights: Visits to significant historical sites of Rome; Papal audience; pilgrimage to Assisi; visits to other Tuscan towns; pilgrimage to Livorno, where Mother Seton once lived (a church dedicated to her is built there); Masses at churches such as St. Peter's Basilica, Santa Maria degli Angeli (titular church of Cardinal Keeler), Santa Maria Sopra Minerva (titular church of Cardinal McCloskey, first American cardinal and a Mount alumnus), and the North American College (whose founding rector was a Mount alumnus). Other optional excursions will be available.

Details available fall 2007. If you would like more information sent to you at that time, contact Father Rick Hilgartner, C'90, Campus Ministry, at 301-447-5223 or hilgartner@msmary.edu.

JOIN US FOR EXPLORATION IN COSTA RICA

May 24-June 3, June 14-24 and July 12-22, 2008

Join the Mount community for one of three trips to Costa Rica as part of the Mount's Bicentennial Trips Abroad Program.

Highlights: Visits to the Basílica de los Angeles in Cartago and to Sarchí (the artistic town of Costarican oxcarts painted by hand); coffee tour; La Paz Waterfall Park with a butterly farm; four nights in San José (the capital city of the country); two nights in Tortuguero (the humid forest or "Venice in the jungle," where all transportation is through canals); two nights at the active Volcán Arenal with visit to the hot springs; two nights at an all-inclusive luxury resort.

Price (accommodations, most meals, all entrances to national parks and sites):
- $1,300 per person in double/triple rooms
- $1,650 for single room

Additional costs: airfare; first and last night dinners; exit tax from Costa Rica (approx. $28); museum entrances in San José City; airport transfers

Group airfare will be arranged departing from Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) only. Airport transfers in Costa Rica will be arranged for those flying with the Mount group.

Must apply by June 15, 2007, with $250 deposit (space is limited to 45 persons in each trip). Be sure to indicate which of the three trip dates you prefer.

For more information and an application, contact Dr. Diana Rodríguez-Lozano, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, at costarica@msmary.edu.

The Bicentennial

Visit www.msmary.edu/bicentennial or contact Bicentennial Coordinator Liz Monahan at 301-447-3416 for details on the Mount's bicentennial plans.

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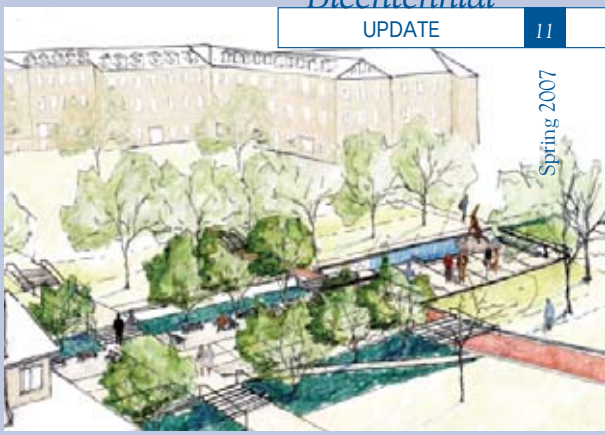
Ryan Audy, **Richard Bolte III** and **Laura Fenaroli**, all members of the class of 2008 and of the Bicentennial Commission, worked under the leadership of Sean Adams, assistant dean and director of campus activities, to design a very special bicentennial ring that will be available for sale to members of the Mount community through 2008.

The ring is available in white or yellow gold, with prices starting at $199. If you are interested in purchasing this commemorative ring, please contact Balfour at 1-866-225-3687.



THE BICENTENNIAL BEGINS!

The Bicentennial Kick-Off will be held on Aug. 22-24, 2007, and will include the unveiling of the Founder's Plaza. Open to all, activities will coincide with the opening of the academic year, Convocation and the Mass of the Holy Spirit and will set the stage for all of the events that will be held throughout the bicentennial. The Founder's Plaza will be a permanent signal of our past as we look forward to our third century of service.

JOIN US IN NEW YORK THIS FALL!

On Oct. 20, 2007, New York City will honor 200 years of Mount St. Mary's University with Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, concelebrated by Mount alumni priests. A Gala Dinner Dance at the New York Athletic Club, overlooking Central Park, will follow the Mass. The Alan Quinn Orchestra will provide the gala's music, including a jazz trio for the cocktail hour and a nine-piece orchestra throughout the event. Plan to visit the Big Apple and take part in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Tickets are $125. Invitations will be mailed this spring.

For hotel information, please contact Laura Michener at michener@msmary.edu or 301-447-6122, ext. 4475.

A FULL SCHEDULE OF BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

The unveiling of our documentary film, concerts, symposia, a Congressional luncheon ... see the back cover of this issue for a complete calendar of events. And be sure to visit **www.msmary.edu/bicentennial** for details and updates.

On Nov. 9, 2006, the Emmy Award-winning filmmaking team of MVI Post and Virginia Wolf Productions came to Mount St. Mary's to reenact scenes from the Civil War for the Mount's historical documentary film. One of the events re-enacted occurred after the Battle of Antietam in September 1862, when 6 of the 7 seniors at the Mount snuck off campus without permission to visit the battlefield. The six are portrayed by Mount students, clockwise from far left, **Kevin McCarthy**, **Daniel Phelan**, **Kevin Lynch**, **Ryan Myers**, **John Digerolamo** *and* **Stephen Mead** *(right foreground). For more on the reenactment and the upcoming film, visit www.msmary.edu/bicentennial.*

1865-1908: An Era of Growth

In the second of four installments in Mount Magazine, we present excerpts from the historic timeline we are placing in Patriot Hall as part of our bicentennial celebrations. This timeline, which begins in 1805, will serve as a permanent visual reminder of our rich history at Mount St. Mary's University, the second oldest Catholic university in the United States.

The years following the Civil War saw a period of incredible growth at the Mount. New buildings were approved, athletics moved from club to intercollegiate status, renovations to the Grotto were undertaken, the Centennial Anniversary celebrated, and a Mountaineer was named the first American cardinal.

1858

1865

LINCOLN ASSASSINATED

At least one Mountaineer is in Ford's Theatre the night of Lincoln's assassination, performing as part of the cast of "My American Cousin."

1868

1878

1881

COLLEGE DECLARES BANKRUPTCY

Following years of debt due to poor real estate deals and plummeting enrollment during the Civil War, the college is forced to declare bankruptcy. It pays off the receivership by 1882.

1871-91

COLLEGE ATHLETICS GO INTERCOLLEGIATE

The first intercollegiate baseball game is played. In 1891, the first intercollegiate football game is played against Gettysburg College.

1875

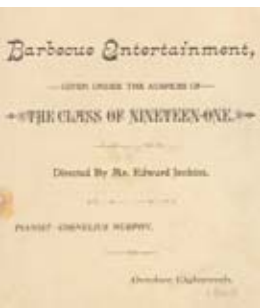
STONE REPLICA OF LOURDES BUILT

With the grotto that Father DuBois dedicated almost 70 years ago in need of repair, Father Watterson builds the stone replica.

1894

BUILDINGS EXPANDED

The college council votes to give the Church on the Hill to the local parish and elongate St. Vincent's, located in what is now Barrett Hall. Two stories are added to McCaffrey Hall.

1888

1870-1900

BARBEQUES

During the late 1800s, an event known as the Barbeque flourishes on campus. It commences with the reading of the Barbeque paper, which pokes fun at students and faculty. Afterward, everyone processes to what is now known as Echo Field, where an ox or calf is roasted. Events during the Barbeque include greased-pig chasing, greased-pole climbing, three-legged races, tug of war, mile races and sometimes a minstrel show. After the festivities, the campus observes three days devoted to spiritual exercises.

1898

1900

WORK STARTS ON ECHO FIELD

Due to the growing popularity of sports, Father Bradley asks permission to create an athletic field and on Nov. 10 the field is dedicated.

1906

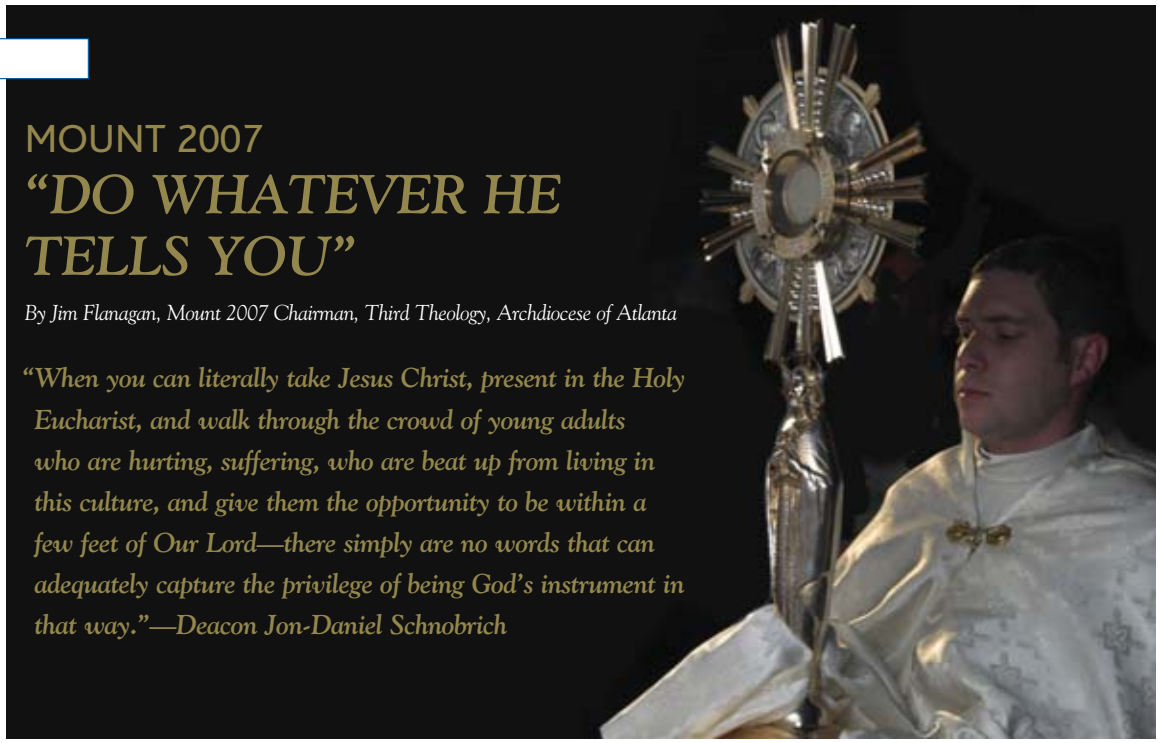
CORNERSTONE LAID FOR THE NEW SEMINARY BUILDING, MCSWEENEY HALL

1908

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

The college celebrates its 100th anniversary. Noted at the time:

"The secret of this is, I suppose, in the noble-hearted faculty which conserves and holds sacred the traditions of the saintly founders of the College. We tender to-day our heartiest congratulations to the Very Reverend Rector and to the faculty. The sister colleges bow in homage today to beautiful Mount St. Mary's, surrounded by her noble band of children, and crowned a queen of colleges with the golden diadem of a century."



MOUNT 2007

"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU"

By Jim Flanagan, Mount 2007 Chairman, Third Theology, Archdiocese of Atlanta

"When you can literally take Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Eucharist, and walk through the crowd of young adults who are hurting, suffering, who are beat up from living in this culture, and give them the opportunity to be within a few feet of Our Lord—there simply are no words that can adequately capture the privilege of being God's instrument in that way."—Deacon Jon-Daniel Schnobrich

The weekend of Feb. 2-4 saw the population of Mount St. Mary's University double in size. The event was Mount 2007—"Do Whatever He Tells You." In its 12th year, this annual retreat hosted by the seminarians brought together nearly 1,700 youth from around the mid-Atlantic region. Some of the participants came from as far away as Lincoln, Neb., and Atlanta, Ga., seeking to draw ever closer to the Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Eucharist, through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.

To set the stage for the weekend, the retreat's title, a quotation from St. John's Gospel, invited the many young men and women to be drawn into a prayer life with God. They heard talks from Sean Dalton, the western regional director for FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), who opened their minds and hearts to the reality that prayer is a dialogue. Jason Evert, a nationally known speaker on the virtue of chastity, challenged the retreatants to embrace a deeper understanding of the meaning of human sexuality and encouraged them to take this idea back into their everyday lives.

Bishop Lori, S'77, from Bridgeport and Bishop Rhoades from Harrisburg were the main celebrants for the Masses on Friday and Saturday, respectively, and Rector Monsignor Rohlfs offered the Mass on Sunday. All of the attendees were treated to vocation talks on the priesthood, religious life and marriage; a solemn Eucharistic procession; and an international rosary. Now that all of the seminarians have recovered from "a job well done," they can take pride in knowing that at the dawn of this third millennium the New Evangelization is well on its way.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SEMINARY ALUMNI EVENTS!

June

18-22 Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat
Retreat Master – Monsignor James J. Mulligan (former seminary dean of studies)

October

2-3 Priest Alumni Reunion
Homecoming Mass Celebrant – Bishop William E. Lori, S'77, Diocese of Bridgeport

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

October

20 New York City Gala—Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral followed by dinner at the New York Athletic Club (Alumni priests are invited to concelebrate.)

June 2008

16-20 Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat
Retreat Master – Archabbot Lambert Reilly, OSB (retired archabbot, St. Meinrad's Abbey)

October 2008

8-9 Priest Alumni Reunion

9 Festival of Mary Lecture

11 Campus Closing Gala

For more information on these events or to make reservations for the summer retreat, please contact Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations Phil McGlade, 301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu.

MONSIGNOR JAMES J. MULLIGAN TO LEAD SEMINARY ALUMNI RETREAT

Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs, STD, S'76, rector, has announced that Monsignor James J. Mulligan will be the retreat master for the annual Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat to be held at the Mount June 18-22, 2007. Monsignor Mulligan served the seminary from 1963-87 as dean of studies and professor of systematic theology, moral theology and homiletics. He is also a highly respected spiritual director, scholar, author and columnist.

TWENTY-FIVE ADMITTED TO CANDIDACY

The Most Rev. Michael O. Jackels, S'81, bishop of Wichita, celebrated Mass with Admission to Candidacy at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., on Nov. 17.

Among the 25 seminarians of the third theology class admitted to candidacy were Anthony Joseph Killian from the Diocese of Arlington; Juan Fernando Areiza, Henry Amingwa Atem, Neil Michael Dhabliwala, James Raymond Flanagan Jr., Timothy Joseph Gallaher, Roberto Herrera-Castafieda and Daniel Patrick Ketter from the Archdiocese of Atlanta; John Christopher Rapisarda from the Archdiocese of Baltimore; Richard Allen Chenault Jr. and Bryan William Jerabek from the Diocese of Birmingham-in-Alabama; Saul Fonseca-Martinez and Jose Elias Mera-Vallejos from the Diocese of Cajamarca; Tri Vinh Truong from the Diocese of Charlotte; Stanley Lisska Dailey from the Diocese of Columbus; William Michael Sylvia from the Diocese of Fall River; Gary Wayne Blake Jr., Geoffrey William Horton, Kevin Mark Lucas and Dustin Paul Schultz from the Diocese of Peoria; Brother Benedict Grant, F.P.O., from the Franciscans of the Primitive Observance; Mariusz Karol Fuks from the Diocese of Savannah; Juan Rafael Esposito-Garcia from the Archdiocese of Washington; Adam John Keiter from the Diocese of Wichita; and Frederick Daniel Fraini III from the Diocese of Worcester.

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.

A CALL

By Lisa Gregory

By the very means of their chosen profession, the physicians profiled here are making a difference in people's lives. These Mount alumni take their commitment very seriously and often feel the need to do even more outside the regular duties of their profession. The areas of expertise may be different, but the desire to do for others—the call to heal—is very much the same.

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Dr. Kevin Murray, C'75

to heal

In many respects, Kevin Murray became a successful heart surgeon because his older brother dared him he couldn't do it. That was the way it was between Kevin and Jim Murray. Both attended the Mount, were very close and very competitive. "He was always my idol," says Murray of Jim, who graduated from the Mount in 1968 with honors in chemistry.

Dr. Murray was focusing on chemistry, too, his first year at the Mount and considering becoming a high school chemistry teacher. His brother, who was pursuing a career in medicine, had other plans for him.

"I was home visiting my parents in Hagerstown, and Jim and I were playing basketball," recalls Dr. Murray. "He asked how the semester was going. I said good enough. He got mad at me and asked, 'Why aren't you going to medical school? Don't you want to? Or is the real reason that you can't do it?"

That challenge proved to be life-changing for Dr. Murray. Today, he is not only a successful heart surgeon, teacher and researcher, but one of the pioneers of the artificial heart, the Jarvik 7.

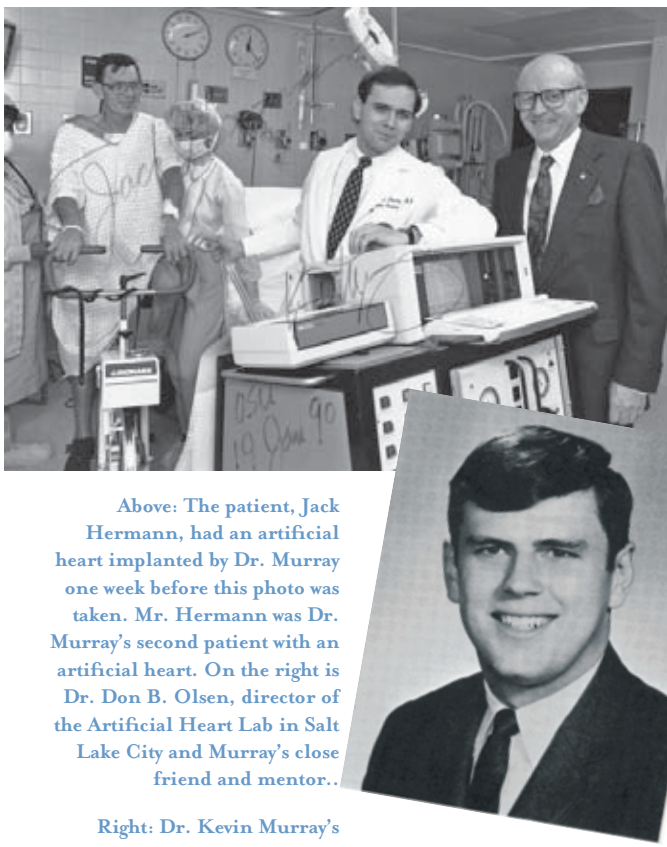
Dr. Murray pursued his new career with gusto. In fact, he was admitted into medical school his junior year at the Mount. "Jim did it in four years, so I decided to do it in three," says Dr. Murray, grinning. He took the MCATs his sophomore year and then applied to the University of Maryland Medical School.

Dr. Murray received his degree with honors from the Mount in 1978 as part of the class of 1975 and upon completing medical school. "There was no hesitation on the part of the Mount. When I said I wanted to go to medical school, the response was, 'Here's how we're going to help you.'"

When it came time for Dr. Murray to focus on his area of specialty, he selected surgery, again thanks to his brother Jim, who was now a doctor with the Air Force. "I remember him saying that he wished he had been a surgeon," says Dr. Murray. "So guess what? I was going to be a surgeon."

He went on to the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics for his internship and residency in general surgery, later followed by cardiothoracic surgery at Yale University. At these institutions he was surrounded by fellow residents, most of whom came with Ivy League educations. "But I was their equal or better, and I owe a debt of gratitude to the Mount for that."

However, as he was discovering his call as a physician, he suffered a great loss. His brother Jim passed away in 1981, due to what is believed to be the result of a heart arrhythmia. "There became this huge hole in my life," he says.



Above: The patient, Jack Hermann, had an artificial heart implanted by Dr. Murray one week before this photo was taken. Mr. Hermann was Dr. Murray's second patient with an artificial heart. On the right is Dr. Don B. Olsen, director of the Artificial Heart Lab in Salt Lake City and Murray's close friend and mentor..

Right: Dr. Kevin Murray's brother, Lt. Col. James M. Murray, MD, C'68, was a doctor in the Air Force.

"You stop the heart, work on it, and start it again. During that time, it is sitting there doing nothing, no pulse. Then the next day when you visit the patient, he or she is sitting in a chair and talking to you. You've held this patient's heart in your hands." But, "I feel that I never saved a life. I believe God saves lives."

The O.R. team after the first artificial heart was implanted by Dr. Murray at Ohio State University. Murray is front center with the surgical instrument in his hands.

He continued his career, though, and during his last year at the University of Chicago became involved with an NIH grant to study calcium metabolism in cells. But walking by a newsstand one day, a headline caught his eye. "There was this picture of an artificial heart and the headline was, 'The Artificial Heart Is Here,'" he says. He read the article and was intrigued.

The major players involved with this research at the time were at such institutions as Harvard and Penn State. Yet Dr. Murray saw promise at the University of Utah and chose to work with their Institute of Bio-Engineering's Division of Artificial Organs.

When he arrived, the group was attempting to find a patient for the Jarvik 7, an artificial heart developed by Robert Jarvik and fellow researchers. In the fall of 1982, Dr. Murray was working with implanting an artificial heart into a cow, when "this man and his wife came through with a physician," he remembers.

"After looking at the cow and all the equipment, the man said, 'This isn't for me.'"

That man was Barney Clark, a Seattle dentist and the first recipient of the artificial heart. Clark changed his mind about the procedure after becoming very ill. At the time, Dr. Murray felt that if the first recipient lived two to three days, "that would be miraculous." Clark lived 112 days.

The media took to the story immediately. The Jarvick 7 made the cover of Time and Newsweek. Murray himself was interviewed by "Good Morning America." When Clark died from secondary complications, the Jarvik 7 still beating strongly in his chest, the press stated that the transplant was not a success. But Dr. Murray sees it differently. Because of Clark's bravery the artificial heart is used today to extend life for patients waiting for a human heart transplant.

"This was a phenomenal moment in history," says Dr. Murray, who plans to attend a 25th anniversary gathering of the team in December.

Dr. Murray went on to teach and practice medicine, remaining a consultant in the field of artificial heart development. He has been director of the artificial heart program at Ohio State, a faculty member at Washington University's School of Medicine and chief of cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Nevada's School of Medicine. More recently, he left the Kaiser Foundation Hospital's Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Hawaii to join Reid Hospital in Indiana.

He remains amazed at what he does in the operating room. "You stop the heart, work on it, and start it again. During that time, it is sitting there doing nothing, no pulse," he says. "Then the next day when you visit the patient, he or she is sitting in a chair and talking to you. You've held this patient's heart in your hands."

But, "I feel that I never saved a life. I believe God saves lives."

Looking back on his own life, he has only one regret. "I wish Jim were here," he says.

Jim is not forgotten. Dr. Murray has seen to that. In fact, there is a room in the science building at the Mount named in honor of Kevin Murray's brother–James Murray, M.D. The older brother who dreamed big enough for both of them.

Giving the gift of sight

Dr. John O'Neill, C'52

During his 45 years as a physician in the field of ophthalmology, Dr. John F. O'Neill has witnessed firsthand the progress made by leaps and bounds in his profession. "When I started in ophthalmology, in 1957, a person having cataract surgery might be confined to bed rest in the hospital for a week to 10 days, often with sandbags holding his or her head completely still," he explains. "Today, one might go to an outpatient center, have the procedure, and in a few hours be back home sitting up and watching television."

Dr. O'Neill has also contributed to this successful progression of technology and treatment, including teaching the next generation of ophthalmologists. In addition to his private practice, he has spent much of his career as a clinical professor of ophthalmology and pediatrics at Georgetown University School of Medicine and until recently also as a clinical professor of ophthalmology at The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Dr. O'Neill was drawn to a future in medicine early on. "When I was six years old," he recalls, "my mother died of pneumonia the same year that penicillin was discovered. I know that was a major influence on my life's direction." As he studied medicine he became intrigued by the precise and delicate procedures required in ophthalmic surgery, especially in children, and the great benefits of early detection and treatment.

After graduating with honors from the Mount in 1952 with a degree in biology, where he was one of four brothers who attended the school, he entered Georgetown University School of Medicine and then trained in ophthalmology at the University of Cincinnati and Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver. Following several years in military medicine, he went on to spend a year training in pediatric ophthalmology at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He then joined the practice of Dr. Frank Costenbader, considered to be the founding father of pediatric ophthalmology.

As a full-time faculty member at Georgetown, which he joined in 1983, O'Neill served as director of the center's Ophthalmology Residency Training Program and established the center's first pediatric ophthalmology service and post-residency fellowship training program. He also continues on the senior attending staff at Children's National Medical Center.

His commitment to helping others see has not stopped there. Dr. O'Neill has volunteered his time and talents teaching and operating in many other countries. He has served as a member of the expert professional review panel for the International Eye Foundation's "Seeing 2000" program to expand eye care for children in the developing world. In 2004, he received its Promotion of Peace and Vision Award.

While at home, he volunteers to provide eye care for a pediatric mobile van serving children in Washington's inner city. He says, "There is great satisfaction in helping children who are underserved and might never receive eye care otherwise."

John is one of four brothers to attend the Mount including William, C'49; James, C'56; and Edward, C'59, MD.

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Dr. O'Neill operating on a patient with an ocular tumor while teaching in Eritrea through the sponsorship of the International Eye Foundation.

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A Call to Heal

Offering *a second chance*

Dr. Francis Delmonico, C'66

As a young doctor Francis Delmonico decided to specialize in the still relatively new field of transplant surgery. "By replacing an organ, you are enabling a person to again live a productive life," he says. "That appealed to me."

Now, 35 years later, Dr. Delmonico is considered a world-renowned expert in the field and has "seen children who were my patients grow up to be adults with children of their own. I can't imagine doing anything different with my life."

Dr. Delmonico, who grew up in New York and graduated from high school at 16, initially considered the priesthood, but chose medicine instead, seeing both as a way to help others. As a student at the Mount, "a nurturing environment," he says, he majored in biology and graduated with honors in 1966.

He went on to attend medical school at The George Washington University, but his experience at the Mount with its emphasis on spirituality remained with him. "To know the science of the human body is to view the genius of our creator," he reflects.

Dr. Delmonico's initial general surgical training was under the direction of pioneer transplant surgeon Dr. David Hume at the Medical College of Virginia, where Delmonico completed his training as chief resident in surgery in 1978. "This was an exciting and brand new field that held every promise to expand into what we see today–an accepted medical treatment for so many medical problems," he says.

Delmonico joined the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1980 as a member of the Transplantation Unit, having earlier completed a clinical and research fellowship there. Dr. Delmonico, who is also a professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School, then went on to became the director of the renal transplantation service at the hospital from 1990 to 2004, treating patients, conducting research and teaching.

He has served as medical director of the New England Organ Bank; as a board member of the American Society of Transplantation, where he received the Distinguished Service Award; and as a member of the advisory committee on transplantation to the United States Secretary of Health.

As chair of the ethics committee of the Transplantation Society, Dr. Delmonico convened international forums on the live kidney donor and the liver, lung, intestine and pancreas donor. He has spoken out against the selling of organs on the black market and developed the Donation after Cardiac Death initiative.

More recently Dr. Delmonico was appointed the Transplantation Society's director of medical affairs and named an advisor to the World Health Organization. He travels the world, from China to Kuwait to Guatemala, touching countless lives. In Guatemala, for example, he helped establish a center in pediatric transplantation and assisted in developing an organized system for organ donation.

"I feel very fortunate," he says of his work.

As are those the world over who may now have a second chance at life.

Francis' daughter, Laura McIntyre, graduated from the Mount, class of 1993.

Photo: Andrew Child Photography

"To know the science of the human body is to view the genius of our creator."

Dr. Delmonico with medical students in Karachi, the capital of the province of Sindh, and the most populated city in Pakistan.

Leading the Way

Dr. Christine L. Commerford, C'75

Photo: Bruce Weller Photography

"Being in a family practice, you deal with such a wide range of problems and meet all kinds of different people in all kinds of different situations. You are there for the joyful times and, of course, you are there for the very sad and stressful times, too. There is always an opportunity to help others."

Today, Christine Commerford is a successful doctor with her own practice in family medicine in Baltimore. However, women were just coming to the forefront of the medical profession when Dr. Commerford graduated with honors in biology from the Mount in 1975.

"It was a different time," says Dr. Commerford, who is the Mount's first female graduate to become a doctor. "In fact, when I enrolled at the Mount there were about 135 women on campus compared to 1,075 men. Later, when I enrolled at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, 25 percent of my class consisted of women. We thought that was wonderful at the time. Now, however, it is more like 50 percent."

Dr. Commerford had been interested in medicine since high school and made her commitment to pre-med once she arrived at the Mount. "I knew it was a good school and had a good environment for working in the sciences, which is what I wanted," notes Dr. Commerford, who went on to receive numerous academic honors and awards.

At the Mount she was encouraged and inspired. She fondly recalls Dr. William Meredith, head of the biology department at the time, as being "extremely helpful in guiding the students in pre-med." And Dr. George Morningstar, the campus physician, "introduced me to the idea of family medicine. He seemed able to take care of a bunch of different issues, from stitching up a banged-up athlete to treating a student with an upper respiratory infection," she says. "It made me think about family practice and doing what he did."

After finishing medical school in 1979 and her family practice residency at the University of Maryland Hospital in 1982, she chose to go into private practice. "I chose my own practice because I could make the decision to work the hours I wanted to work and focus on my family."

With the birth of her first child, Dr. Commerford, who had met her future husband at the Mount, worked just a few hours a day. "I wanted to be a full-time mom and a part-time doctor," she says. Gradually, as the years went by and her three children grew up she increased her hours and workload.

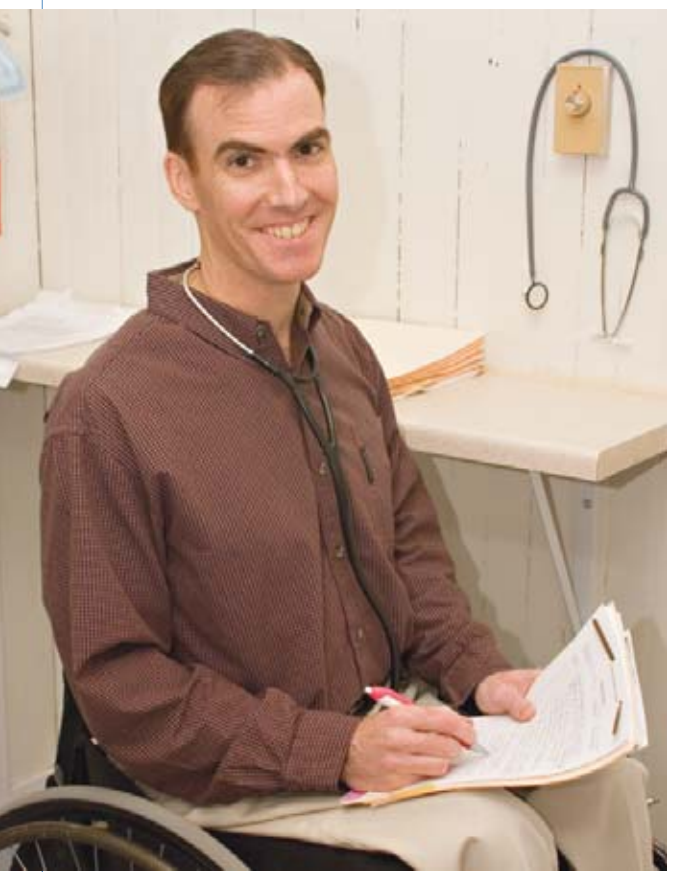
The Mount's first female doctor has not forgotten the lessons she learned there. "There was an emphasis on Christianity, doing the right thing and reaching out to others," she says. In many ways, it is why she chose medicine. "Being in a family practice, you deal with such a wide range of problems and meet all kinds of different people in all kinds of different situations. You are there for the joyful times and, of course, you are there for the very sad and stressful times, too. There is always an opportunity to help others."

Christine's husband, Harry Neiderer, is class of 1974.

A Call to Heal

Overcoming Adversity to help others

Dr. Dan Muldoon, C' 89



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Daniel Muldoon feels strongly that being a doctor is more than just a profession. "I have always felt that I was called to help people," he says. Recently, Dr. Muldoon, who has worked with a family practice for nearly 20 years, took that commitment one step further and helped established a free clinic for uninsured persons in rural Virginia. "It is very fulfilling," he says of this work.

But before he could help others, Dr. Muldoon had to overcome his own obstacles first. He entered the Mount as a young man interested in the sciences. During a summer job with construction following his first year in college, he fell two stories and was instantly paralyzed from the waist down.

As he recovered, he took great comfort in the support of his family and friends and the Mount. "From early on after the accident, the Mount was really helpful. They followed my progress all through my recovery," recalls Dr. Muldoon.

After taking off the fall semester and undergoing extensive physical therapy, he returned to a different campus. The Mount had made adjustments specifically for Muldoon's return, widening doors and cutting away curbs. "This was even before the Americans with Disabilities Act had been instituted," he explains. "It made a huge difference."

By then he was ready to pursue a career as a doctor. "The Mount prepared me well for medical school," he notes. He graduated with a degree in biology in 1989 and was accepted at Georgetown University Medical School. After completing medical school in 1995, he went on to focus on a family practice residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School, joining the Rappahannock Family Physicians in Fredericksburg, Va., in 1998.

As a result of his own injury he feels that he can relate to his patients in a "more empathetic and compassionate way." And of choosing family medicine, "I wanted to work with children and adults and be able to take care of full families, multiple generations," says Dr. Muldoon. "That probably comes from being one of eight children in my family."

That desire to help entire families now includes working with those who do not have health insurance and do not receive healthcare. Dr. Muldoon joined together with the parochial vicar at his parish, Jerome Magat, S'02, to establish the free clinic in 2005. "We felt there was a real need there," he says.

It is work that has truly inspired him. "One of our first patients was a woman who had breast cancer," he says. "We were able to arrange for her to have surgery and chemotherapy through volunteer physicians in the area. She's doing very well."

He adds, "I wouldn't have thought coming out of high school or starting at the Mount, that my life would have evolved this way. Now, I can't see myself anywhere else."

Treating *children*

Dr. Jennifer Sheehe Broome, C'95

Alumna Jennifer Broome comes from a family of dentists and graduates of the Mount – her father and uncle. But, while she appreciates the dental aspect of the medical field, she decided to follow a slightly different path and become a pediatrician. "I always liked working with children," she says.

That interest has taken Dr. Broome, who graduated from the Mount with honors in biology in 1995, to her current work as a pediatrician with a private practice in Baltimore. "I enjoy watching children grow and thrive and develop personalities," she says.

Born into a military family, Dr. Broome spent most of her growing up years in Maryland and Kansas. When it came time to choose a college, the choice was obvious. Besides her father and uncle, her cousins are graduates as well. "Once I got to the Mount, I was even more glad that I had chosen to attend school there than before," says Dr. Broome. "You have this whole community. I enjoyed the small classes. I made great friends, and the faculty members were always so supportive."

And familiar. "I had some of the same professors that my dad did," chuckles Dr. Broome. "They remembered him."

At the Mount, she says that she was not only well prepared for medical school with her sciences background, but her liberal arts education came in handy as well. "One class I had in medical school required a lot of writing," recalls Broome. "People I knew had trouble with it. But I didn't. You write a lot at the Mount, in all your classes."

She attended the University of Kansas School of Medicine and after graduating in 2000, she was a resident in pediatrics at John Hopkins from 2000 to 2003. During that time she was honored as the female medical student who stands first in her graduating class and as having the most outstanding student performance in the clinical rotation in pediatrics.

Dr. Broome went on to work at several hospitals, including the Center for Neonatal Transitioning Care with the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital in Baltimore. She joined Willoughby Beach Pediatrics, a private practice, in 2006.

"This is a career in which you learn something new on a daily basis," she says. "You are dealing with such a broad spectrum of patients, from birth until 21 years of age." Still, some cases stand out more than others. "I remember families, these amazing families that could be so kind in times of crisis," says Dr. Broome.

It is during these same times of crisis that she turns to her own faith as a "great source of strength." And a necessary one. "You need a strong sense of faith to do the job that we have to do."

Jennifer's father, Dr. John Sheehe, is class of 1961, and her uncle, Dr. Frank Merolla, is class of 1963. On March 11, Jennifer gave birth to her first child, Jason Lewis Broome, who weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 oz.

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SMALL PROGRAM. Big Opportunity.

By Annliese Scott, C'07

AT THE MOUNT, STUDENTS WITH SCIENCE DEGREES GO ON TO DO BIG THINGS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF EARNING THEIR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES FROM A SMALL, LIBERAL ARTS INSTITUTION.

Above: Nick Ferrari, senior biology major, counts trichomes (tiny hairs) on the leaves of Wisconsin Fast Plants(TM).

"I'm noticing a trend of more and more students in the science department wanting to go on to Ph.D. programs," observes Dr. A.J. Russo, professor of biology at the Mount. "Providing research opportunities seems to be influencing them to consider going on in the profession."

Because of the small size of the department, each student who wishes has the opportunity to work one-on-one with a faculty member conducting research. The department emphasizes group work—a staple of medical school programs—and encourages internships. "Science majors have internships at the National Cancer Institute, the United

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—Rebecca Gilbride, C'05

States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, the National Institute of Standards and Technology and other sites," notes Dr. Patti Kreke, chair of the science department.

Recent Mount science graduates have gone on to medical, pharmacy, dental, podiatry, nursing and graduate schools, as well as to physical therapy and physician's assistant programs. According to Kreke, "Out of 25 to 30 graduates each year, about half go on to advanced studies. About 75 to 80 percent of our student applicants are accepted into medical school directly after college."

The opportunities for research have only grown in recent years. For instance, Russo, as the recipient of the Class of 1964 Professorship, has established a Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE). The five students who will participate each summer are required to present their findings at the Mount Student Research Festival and at an off-campus conference of their choice.

Russo and his students have been focusing on research in autism for the past several years, and recent findings have led to collaborative work with Dr. Andrew Wakefield, a world-renowned gastroenterologist. Currently, eight undergraduates have joined Russo in conducting a blind clinical study with Dr. Wakefield's research crew.

Rebecca Gilbride, C'05, who is enrolled in an MD/Ph.D. program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, worked with Russo on autism research in her time at the Mount. "Dr. Russo and I published an article while I was an undergrad and received a grant to further our research," says Gilbride. "The Mount's science program was challenging and helped me develop the study skills I need and use every day to succeed in graduate school."

Dr. Jen Staiger, assistant professor of biology, is conducting research that examines the role of a particular gene in promoting growth, survival and cytokine expression in both normal and cancer cells. At present, three students are completing their honors projects—researching cell growth—in Staiger's lab. Her most recent student-researched endeavor is with Deepal Dharia, C'09. "He will be exploring the effect of high protein levels on IGF-I levels and cell growth in normal versus tumor cells," explains Staiger.

MED SCHOOL

Kreke, who has served as the science department's health professions advisor since 2002, works with students who are interested in medical school. According to Kreke, "Our qualified pre-med students are accepted into medical or dental schools including the University of Wisconsin, Oxford University, the University of Maryland, Jefferson Medical College and Temple University."

Both Kreke and recent alums report that they feel students are well prepared for medical school upon graduating from the Mount. Because of the Mount's formal agreement with Gettysburg Hospital, opportunities for internships exist there, as well as with independent physicians, the Mount Wellness Center and the Mount Athletic Department. "Physicians are impressed by our students," Kreke says.

At the same time, Mount alums seem impressed by the academic rigor and unique challenges offered by their experience at the Mount. "The opportunity to perform clinically related research inspired me to continue to pursue research beyond Mount St. Mary's," explains Gilbride. "The core curriculum gave me the confidence and compassion to be able to relate to many different kinds of people from a variety of backgrounds, exactly what I need to one day become the dedicated and understanding physician-scientist I strive to be."

Recent graduate and Jefferson Medical College student Ryan Cleary, C'06, worked with Kreke during his time at the Mount. He is standing out as a member of one of the largest medical school classes in the nation. "The Mount prepared me extremely well for medical school," he confirms. "In fact, I was asked by my course director for my last class here at Jefferson to be a tutor for students who are struggling with the material," suggesting that science students at the Mount are not just as prepared for medical school as their peers, but better prepared.

CLASS OF 1964 PROFESSORSHIP REPORT TO DONORS

Since he began holding the Class of 1964 Professorship last fall, Dr. A.J. Russo has established the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, continued his research on autism and developed a podcast website for the Introduction to Biology course. He has written a complete Report to Donors on these exciting developments, available at **www.msmary.edu/64professorship.**

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—Patti Kreke, Science Department Chair

NURSING SCHOOL

In 1992, Dr. Bob Richman, professor of chemistry and the nursing program advisor, was approached by Director of Admissions Mary O'Rourke of Johns Hopkins about creating a 3/2 articulation agreement with the Mount. "Students spend three years at the Mount as biology majors and then two years in the nursing bachelor's program at Hopkins," Richman explains.

Only about 12 other schools have this agreement with Hopkins. "All Mount students who complete the requirements get into Hopkins, and every one of our students who has gotten in has graduated from Hopkins," according to Richman. "Students often get better grades there than they did at the Mount."

The Mount also offers a dual degree program in physical or occupational therapy with Sacred Heart University.

"I especially appreciate the 3/2 program because it allowed me to get a liberal arts education and choose a specialty career but take less time," says Michelle Milly, C'07, a junior at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing who will also be earning a biology degree from the Mount this spring. "I couldn't have done that if I had gone straight into a nursing program, or to a school that didn't offer a dual degree program."

In the 15 years the Mount has offered the dual degree program with Johns Hopkins, 29 students have participated. In recent years, nursing has become a more popular profession, and the responsibilities of nurses have expanded due to the priority of cutting healthcare costs. "Getting an education at a nationally ranked place like Hopkins," says Richman, "really prepares students for their expanded and challenging jobs. There can be lots of upward mobility in the profession and Hopkins also prepares them well for that."

RESEARCH TOOLS

The effectiveness of the pre-med and nursing programs—among the others offered by the science department—is enhanced by its laboratory resources.

The research Dr. Christine McCauslin, assistant professor of biology, performs with her students will benefit from new, state-of-the-art equipment. Her current research investigates regulation of gene expression during stress response in the brain. She and her students are focusing their experimental efforts on changes in gene expression, and will use a new DNA sequencer—scheduled to arrive in the summer of 2007—to perform such experiments. The sequencer, a 4300 DNA Analysis system, allows users to determine the sequence of DNA fragments. Half of the $76,000 cost of the sequencer is covered by a grant awarded to the Mount's science department in October 2006 from Li-Cor Biosciences, through their Genomics Education Matching Fund Program.

"Our ability to conduct research on campus and teach our students has increased significantly over the past five years," says Kreke.

The department has acquired approximately $500,000 worth of state-of-the-art laboratory equipment through donations from alumni, NIST and NCI-Frederick in the past two years. Among the equipment has been a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer, high speed ultracentrifuges and a research quality argon ion laser.

Dr. Danny Miles, professor of chemistry, is planning to use the argon laser "as a stimulus source in a biophysical project that will attempt to study microorganism motility." According to Miles, "it is somewhat unusual for a department and institution of our size to have such equipment."

Equipment, however advanced and up-to-date, is only a small part of the preparation Mount students receive. In truth, the achievements of those who go on to attain medical degrees, complete nursing programs, or find success in other scientific fields are due to the relationships they share with professors, the motivation and guidance these relationships foster, and the manifestation of the Mount's mission in the work they do.

"The education I received at the Mount certainly now gives me an advantage in the classroom," says Cleary, "but more importantly, it taught me that the true path to enlightenment lies not in books, but in just and compassionate engagement with the world."

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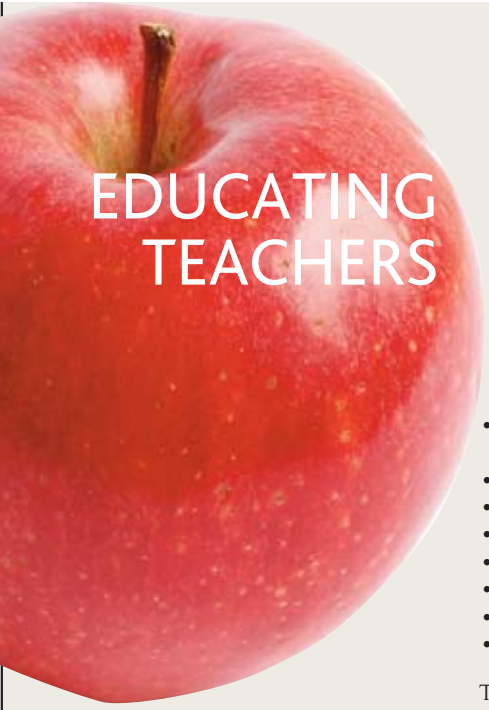

EDUCATING TEACHERS *for Today and for Tomorrow*

By Barbara Martin Palmer, Ph.D., Chair, Education Department

U.S. schools are experiencing an increasingly acute shortage of teachers. Though numerous factors contribute to the deficit, the one most cited is new teacher attrition. As many as a third of all new teachers exit the field within the first three years, and an alarming 50 percent leave by five years. The demands on teachers to increase student achievement in a new standards-based, accountability-driven educational system are greater than ever. At a time when the nation needs to raise both the quantity and quality of its teacher force to raise student achievement, teacher education has come under scrutiny.

A report released in the fall of 2006 by the Education Schools Project revealed the strengths, weaknesses and overall performance of the more than 1,200 schools and departments of education at colleges and universities across the U.S. "Educating School Teachers" was written by Arthur Levine, president of Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and former president of Teachers College, Columbia University. Levine conducted a series of case studies over a four-year period and concluded that programs vary greatly from one institution to the next. He identified nine characteristics of exemplary schools of education:

- a clear purpose that is connected to P-12 learning
- a coherent, rigorous curriculum
- an integration of theory and practice
- a faculty who is active in local schools
- stringent admissions criteria
- high graduation standards
- institutional support
- a system of continual self assessment

The Mount's Education Department regularly reviews candidate and alumni data to evaluate its performance. In one study, the director of the Office of Institutional Research (IR) interviewed a cohort of elementary education majors as freshmen, sophomore, juniors and seniors; then again by phone as they concluded their first year of teaching. This project, supported by the Standards-based Teacher Education Project (STEP), revealed that candidates cited major courses and experiences, core courses and co- and extracurricular activities as contributing to their development as teachers. In another study, IR and the education department surveyed alumni who had completed internships in professional development schools (PDS). Responses from alumni five years after graduation consistently credited the time spent in PDS classrooms observing and teaching and the close relationships with education faculty (i.e., encouragement, support) as contributing to their success.

The Mount aspires to prepare teachers for today and for tomorrow. Teacher candidates plan and teach lessons under the close supervision of a mentor teacher and university supervisor. Candidates also reflect on and provide evidence of students' learning. This requires that candidates go beyond factoring grades for the grade book; they examine students' answers on a quiz, for example, to find which concepts are still not fully understood. They then plan follow-up lessons for a section of the class to ensure learning. Candidates also engage in a collaborative action research project that supports a PDS goal. With school personnel, candidates frame research questions such as "Do computer-based reading programs improve students' reading achievement?" or "Does a schoolwide incentive program improve student attendance?" Since beginning teachers are held to the same standard as experienced teachers, our candidates must enter the workforce prepared to promote student achievement. Thus, we focus on teaching *and* learning.

Dr. Palmer and Linda Kelley Junker, C'89, director of institutional research, recently presented "Preservice Teachers' Perceptions of the Contribution of Liberal Arts and Major Courses to Teacher Development" at the conference of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in New York City.

Photo: Ryan Myers, junior, interning at New Market Middle School, where the principal is Daniel Lippy, class of 1995.

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125 Years of Mount Baseball

The Mount hosted Pennsylvania College 125 years ago in the first collegiate baseball game in school history. Many of the records from those early years have been lost, including the final score of that first-ever game, but what is clear is how important baseball was to the college.

By the end of the 19th century, baseball was the sport on campus. Crowds for home games ranged from 500 to almost 1,000 fans. The team was successful and the Mount had five players who went on to play in the major leagues.

Edward Kenna, C'1898, and his teammates were so confident of their abilities that they even challenged the Washington Nationals of the National League (who later became the Senators) to a game. The Nationals routed the Mount, 16-1. Kenna went on to become the first Mount player to play in the major leagues, playing for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1902.

The Mount opened Echo Field on April 17, 1902, with a 12-2 loss to Penn State before a crowd of 799. Despite the loss, the Mount continued to perform well on the baseball field in the early part of the 20th century. Led by **Joe Engel, C'11**, the Mount went 15-2 in 1912. Engel, who spent seven seasons in the major leagues with the Senators and the Cincinnati Reds, went 10-1 with a 1.86 ERA in that season, including a no-hitter with 16 strikeouts against Mount Washington.

Other stars in that era included second baseman **Dan Costello, C'14, John Chapman, C'22** and **Ed Edelen, C'33**. Costello played for the New York Yankees and Pittsburgh Pirates. Chapman played for the Philadelphia Athletics, while Edelen played for the Washington Senators. At the Mount, Edelen pitched a remarkable 30 consecutive scoreless innings during the 1931 season.

Baseball lost some of its prominence at the Mount as the 20th century progressed. Legendary Mount basketball coach Jim Phelan coached the squad from 1955-65, eventually handing the reigns to Tom Ryan, who coached until 1976. Though the win-loss records were not as great, the Mount tradition continued.

A new era came to Mount baseball in 1989 when the school moved to NCAA Division I and became a member of the Northeast Conference. With the step up in competition, Mount baseball struggled until recent years. It's now enjoying a resurgence. **Brian Santo** was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 2003 and played in their minor league system before injuries led him to retire. **Dustin Pease, C'07**, and **Josh Vittek, C'08**, were named Louisville Slugger Freshman All-Americans, and the team set school records in Northeast Conference wins in recent seasons.

The future of Mount baseball looks bright. The Mount unveiled E.T. Straw Family Stadium this season, a $400,000 improvement of the baseball facility that included bleachers and a press box. With the team steadily improving, a return to the early winning tradition of Mount baseball seems hopeful.

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BASKETBALL SEASON WRAP-UP

MEN'S BASKETBALL CONTINUES TO BUILD TOWARD FUTURE

Mount St. Mary's men's basketball coach Milan Brown continues to see his program make strides toward the top of the Northeast Conference. This season, the Mount added another brick to the foundation with the school's first NEC Tournament win in seven years.

The Mount finished in fourth place in the NEC for the second-straight season. With tiebreakers, the Mount earned the No. 5 seed in the NEC Tournament and traveled to Robert Morris for the first round matchup. With solid play by senior guard **Mychal Kearse** (19 pts., 8 rebs.), the Mount earned a 78-61 win in the quarterfinal victory, the Mount's first in the NEC Tournament since 2000.

The Mount advanced to the NEC semifinals and fought hard against eventual champion Central Connecticut State, falling 74-68. The Mount held a four-point lead with just under eight minutes left before the Blue Devils rallied for the victory.

Kearse, named the NEC Co-Defensive Player of the Year, was the Mount's leader on the court this season, averaging 11.5 points and a team-high 5.9 rebounds. He became the first player in Mount history to lead the team in rebounding four straight seasons. In addition, Kearse is the only Mountaineer to record more than 1,000 points, 700 rebounds, 200 assists and 150 steals, finishing his storied career at the Mount with 1,060 points, 725 rebounds, 207 assists and 152 steals.

Other top performers for the Mount this season included junior guard **Chris Vann** and freshman point guard **Jeremy Goode**. Vann led the Mount in scoring at 13.6 points per game, scoring 20 or more points in three of the Mount's final four games. Goode set the Mount's freshman record for assists in a season (155) while averaging 10.1 points per game.

KRUMBERGA SPARKS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL'S SUCCESS IN 2006-07

Senior **Dita Krumberga** had one of the most memorable seasons for the Mount St. Mary's women's basketball team in 2006-07. Krumberga, who was named to the All-Northeast Conference (NEC) first team, posted the sixth most points in a single season (520) in Mount history and became only the eighth player in program history to eclipse the 1,000-point plateau in three seasons. The senior posted double figures in 24 of the team's 29 games, including 12 20-point performances and two 30-point contests.

Krumberga was one of the major reasons the Mount posted its first winning league record in five years with a 10-8 mark. The Mountaineers also notched their second straight 12-win campaign, putting Mount St. Mary's three wins away from 600 victories in program history.

Junior **Tiffany Green** continued to rack up the hardware after she was named the NEC Defensive Player of the Year for the second year in a row. Green averaged 9.4 points per game and ranked fifth in the conference in steals (2.14 spg.).

MORE BICENTENNIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS

Check out the back cover of this issue for a complete calendar of events. And be sure to visit **www.msmary.edu/bicentennial** for details and updates.

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

To find Mount caps, shirts and more, visit **www.mountathletics.com** and click on "Merchandise" at the top.

Dan Carroll
NAMED DIRECTOR OF GIFT PLANNING

In October 2006 the Mount welcomed Dan Carroll as director of gift planning. He assists those seeking to merge their support of the Mount with their long-term financial and estate planning.

Dan joined the Mount after serving the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, in various positions, including financial director. Before that, he was in private practice as an attorney in Frederick, Md., from 1987-2000.

"I am delighted to be at Mount St. Mary's University doing gift planning," he says. "I have the opportunity to get back into the legal field a little while still doing advancement, which I enjoy."

Born in Honolulu, Dan earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and his JD from the University of Baltimore. He lives in Walkersville with his wife, Mary Ann, and two children, Michael and Sarah.

An avid gardener with a good sense of humor, he notes, "This year we grew a variety of ornamental popcorn. The stalks got more than 10 feet high and looked like the most productive corn in the area. I had people stopping to ask what kind of corn it was. It was a little embarrassing to tell them it had no real use other than to look at!"

MYSTERIES OF LIGHT NOW ADORN THE GROTTO

With the help of several generous donors, the Grotto's Rosary Walk now includes the five Mysteries of Light (the Luminous Mysteries) added by Pope John Paul II. These recount the Baptism of the Lord, the miracle at Cana, the preaching of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration and the institution of the Eucharist.

The Grotto's mosaics were made in Italy, as were the previous 15 Mysteries. Lead donations by Hector Ayuso (in memory of his wife Doris), Mr. and Mrs. John Cillo, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Palencar, Dianne Schaeffer, Laura Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thrasher, Mr. and Mrs. William Tronolone (in memory of their parents), and an anonymous donor were augmented by gifts from many other friends of the Grotto to make these beautiful additions possible. Our deepest thanks to all who have enhanced the spiritual environment of this very special place.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S CHINQUAPIN SOCIETY

WHAT IS GIFT PLANNING?

It can be a number of things. Some obvious examples of planned gifts would be a bequest in a will or a gift annuity agreement. Other less obvious examples would be a present gift of a life insurance policy. Planned gifts always involve planning for the future of both Mount St. Mary's University and the donor.

One project we're working on now is a will planning kit to make it easier for people to gather the information they need and ask themselves the right questions when setting up their estate plans. No one really wants to talk about his or her will, even with a spouse, but younger people, especially those who are just starting their families, really need to make some plans. These efforts lay the groundwork for the future of your family.

Any of the gift planning vehicles make the donor eligible for the Mount's legacy society, the Chinquapin Society. If you don't know what a Chinquapin is, we did a little research. The Alleghany Chinquapin is a small nut tree related to the American chestnut. It is sometimes overshadowed by bigger neighbors, yet nourishing and enduring. The cottage the Rev. Dubois first lived in when he came to Emmitsburg was called Chinquapin.

As Mount St. Mary's enters its third century, it is more than enduring; it is prospering and nurturing young people with the sweet fruits of knowledge and faith.

Chinquapin Society members are planting seeds that will bear fruit for years to come and provide nourishment to generations of future Mount students. Planned giving helps to plant the right seeds for donors and the Mount.

The Mount introduced a **Presidential Leadership Lecture Series** this year. Speakers explore the concept of leadership in today's modern society—whether it be in government, the corporate world or religion. Presenters have included D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl and Matthew McKenna. This year's series will end with a presentation by NPR show host Diane Rehm.

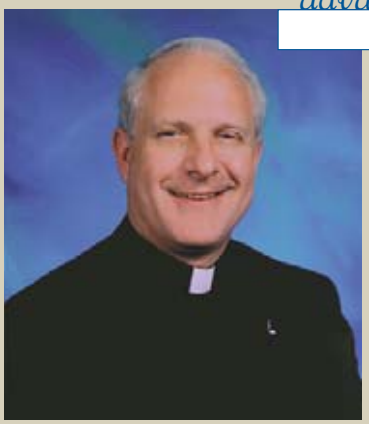
BENEFITS THROUGH NEW LOCAL PARTNERSHIP!

Mount St. Mary's University is pleased to announce two new partnerships with the Gettysburg Wyndham and The Links at Gettysburg. The preferred Mount rates at the beautiful Gettysburg Wyndham are as follows: January-March and November-December, $97; April-October, $107.

The Links at Gettysburg offers a 20% discount on a round of golf anytime Monday through Friday, or after 1 p.m. on weekends and holidays when availability permits. Also, Mount wedding parties choosing The Links for their reception will receive an additional hour free ($1,000 value).

"Partnering with a neighbor as historic and prestigious as the Mount is a flattering association for The Links," said Links General Manager Ken Picking. "Considering our proximity, and the value we each bring to this partnership, it is a natural. We are excited to welcome Mount alumni, students, parents, management and staff to our facility."

In order to take advantage of these great rates, employees and current students will need to show a Mount I.D. card and alums will need to identify themselves as graduates of the Mount and present a photo I.D. for verification with the alumni directory on file at these locations.



IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Joseph Hacala, SJ

We are saddened to report that Mount Board of Trustees member the **Rev. Joseph Hacala, SJ**, passed away on Feb. 19. The former president of Wheeling Jesuit University and rector of its Jesuit community, Father Hacala had served on the Mount's board since 2004. During his life of service, he was director of the National Office of Jesuit Social Ministries at the Jesuit Conference in Washington, D.C.; executive director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; special assistant to Secretary Andrew Cuomo at the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and director of HUD's Center for Community and Interfaith Partnerships in Washington, D.C.

Edward F. Egan, C'52

We also extend condolences to the family and friends of **Edward F. Egan, C'52**, who passed away suddenly on March 4. A former board of trustees member and a devoted alumnus, he received the Brute Medal in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise; eight children, including Mount alums **Ed Jr., C'77**, and **Cara, C'89**; and 12 grandchildren.

Ed enjoyed a successful career in the surety business, founding the surety and insurance agency Hess, Egan, Hagerty & L'Hommedieu in 1966 in Chevy Chase, Md. He retired in 1999 as president of the firm. He shared his time, expertise and energy with many institutions and causes, coaching CYO football and serving on the boards of Providence Hospital and Academy of the Holy Cross as well as the Mount. Throughout his lifetime, his generous spirit touched countless people.

1940
▲ *Edward T. Burns*
etburns2@netzero.net

1943
▲■ *Philip A. McDonnell*
dunmore3@pacbell.net

⚐ **John D. Armstrong, C'43**, who was commissioned as a Naval officer after his graduation from the Mount, and later received financial training at Harvard, may soon mark an enviable record. After WWII, John joined the predecessor company of his present employer, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, as a stock broker. Now in 2007, as the company's first vice president of investments, he marks his 60th continuous year with the same firm in the same California city of San Diego.

John (Jack) Connor, C'43, and Sheila Decker have married and merged two large families. Their Christmas card greeting contains a directory of names that might qualify the combined family for the Guinness Book of Records. Jack continues his association as a Villanova economics faculty retiree after some serious surgery.

⚐ **Harry A. McGill, C'43**, a Notre Dame Navy Midshipmen's School WWII graduate and an ex-FBI agent, recently marked his 87th birthday. Based on his experience as a Wall Street broker, Harry spends his leisure time in accounting and counting margins and options. He and his wife, Flo, a medical doctor, continue to do their grandparenting rounds of the Middle Atlantic and Carolina states as well as stay in touch with Chestnut Hill and Mount classmates.

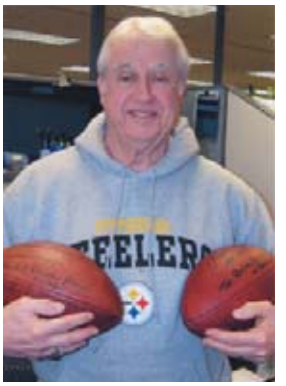
Thomas B. Schmidt, C'43, a former trustee at the Mount, is doing well in Port St. Lucie, Fla., where he and his Hood College alumna spouse, Gina Kurbyweit, often play hosts to their growing clan of Harrisburg descendants. Granddaughter **Kara E. Sporik, C'10**, is now a student at the Mount.

⚐ **Joseph J. Velky, DDS, C'43**, is a WWII Navy veteran of the invasions of Southern France and Okinawa and the occupation of Japan. Following the war, Joe obtained his graduate degree in chemistry at University of Pennsylvania, and his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland. He was a chemistry instructor at the Mount for three years before practicing general dentistry for more than three decades.

1947 – 60th Reunion
▲ *Paul E. Peksa*
paulsr26@adelphia.net

1952 – 55th Reunion
◆ *Mosignor Jerry Green*
◆ *Dr. Jack Baker*

1954
⚐ **Thomas F. Brown, C'54**, former captain of the aircraft carrier USS Midway in 1978 and recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the Mount, recently had the opportunity to tour the USS Midway at its museum location in San Diego. He was accompanied by Dennis Wilkinson, who captained the first nuclear submarine, and Mac Showers, a member of the World War II intelligence team that broke the Japanese code leading to the victory at Midway Island. This occasion was a recent reunion of the WWII alumni of Northwestern University's Navy Midshipmen School that also included **Phil McDonnell, C'43**, who introduced Admiral Brown as the guest luncheon speaker aboard the USS Midway. Pictured are Dennis, Mac and Thomas.



1955
George C. Meyer Sr., C'55, and his wife, Theresa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January 2006.

1957 – 50th Reunion
▲ *Benjamin Ciocca*
BBCiocca@aol.com
◆ *Jack Graham*
◆ *Ike Cadden*

1959
Joseph W. Cook, C'59, officiated at the Northeast Conference Indoor Track Championship in February 2006. In May 2006 he officiated at the NEC Outdoor Track Championship, Coach Jim Deegan's final meet. Joseph was a sprinter on Jim's first track team at the Mount.

1960
▲ *Michael P. Meyer*

Bob Burke, C'60, is the proud owner of two footballs autographed by the Pittsburgh Steelers, thanks to his Mount roommate **John Rooney, C'60**, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers franchise. Bob received the first ball in 1988 when he and his sons visited Art Rooney a month before he passed away, and the second this Christmas – an unexpected gift from the Rooney family.

1962 – 45th Reunion
▲■ ◆ *Louis T. Armelin*
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Dennis Potter, C'62, and his wife, Ellen, recently went on a pilgrimage with other members of their parish to Medjugorje in Bosnia.

1963
Rich Costello, Bob Grella, Sal Salerno and Mike Sperendi, all C'63, celebrated their annual holiday dinner with their wives in New York City this year.

Joe Danek, C'63, and his wife, Marita, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June 2006. They live in Annapolis, Md., and have three children and one grandchild. Joe is the senior vice president of the Implementation Group in Washington, D.C.

Dennis Doyle, C'63, is a semi-retired commercial real estate investor working at his son's company in Hunt Valley, Md. He now has nine grandchildren. He enjoys golfing and doing volunteer work for the Mount.

David L. Maloney, C'63, retired on Sept. 30, 2006, from his position as vice president for development at the University of Oklahoma. David helped the university earn the CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Circle of Excellence Award for Educational Fundraising in 2002 and 2006. David and his wife, Roberta, plan to stay in Oklahoma, where their two daughters also live.

1965

Tom Payne and Al Rufe, C'65, and Steve Connor, C'66, got together in Indiana and Ohio this August for some golf and fun. All three are now retired: Tom from the federal government, Al from the University of Massachusetts, and Steve from a 35-year teaching career. Pictured are Al, Steve and Tom with **John Devlin, C'65**.

A GATHERING OF MOUNTIES

The Fort Belvoir Catholic Community held its annual Priests' Appreciation Dinner on January 27 at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. As the priests gathered and talked, there came a realization that it was indeed a Mount St. Mary's Night. Four of the honored priests and the coordinator of the Belvoir Catholic Hospital Ministry discovered they shared a common background: they were all Mounties.

A photo was taken to commemorate the occasion. Shown, left to right: the **Rev. (Lt. Col.) Gary Studniewski, S'94**, a former pastor now assigned to the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains Office; the **Rev. John Mudd, S'69**, executive director for institutional advancement, Bishop Carroll High School, and contract priest to the Fort Belvoir Catholic Community; **Burket E. 'Bud' Tyler, C'72**, coordinator of the Belvoir Catholic Hospital Ministry; the **Rev. Jerome Daly, S'87**, retired priest and contract priest to the Fort Belvoir Catholic Community; and the **Rev. Eric Albertson, S'86**, major, U.S. Army, pastor of the Fort Belvoir Catholic Community.

1966

Al Vertino and Dan Mahoney, both C'66, recently got together in Naples, Fla., where Dan now lives. ⮝ *(upper left)*

Bill Lewis, Al Vertino and Jim Brolley, all C'66, attended the wedding of Armin Ramirez and Erin Brolley, daughter of Jim and **Anne (SJC'68)** in Hilton Head. ⮝ *(upper right)*

1967 – 40th Reunion

◆ *Jim Flynn*
jflynn@udel.edu

Joseph Lee Cutuli, C'67, and his wife, Nancy, have moved to southwestern Florida after 61 years in the Philadelphia area.

John (Jack) Salaki, MD, C'67, now has three grandchildren. His son, **John Salaki Jr., C'98,** and wife, Mary, had a baby boy, John III, in September 2006. His daughter, **Beth Ann (Salaki) Griffin, C'95,** and husband, Neal, have two boys, Timothy (4) and Patrick (2).

1968

Edward M. Leitch, C'68, and his family live in Babylon, N.Y., where his CPA practice is located. An avid golfer, he is the president of Southward Ho Country Club in Brightwaters, N.Y.

Patrick J. McGlade, C'68, has been promoted to director of finance (VP) at Winpak in Senoia, Ga. Pat, his wife, Marta, and their three children live in Peachtree City, Ga.

1970

John McCauley, C'70, is proud to report that his eldest son, Matthew Healey, had his third child. John now has three grandchildren: Aidan (4), Kathleen "Kate" (2) and Meghan. He also recently met up with **John McTague, C'70,** in New York.

1971

▲ *Robert K. Dunn*
bob.dunn@wellsfargo.com

▲ *Jack Ellis*
jellis@warwick.net

▲ *George J. Savastano Jr.*
lgsgjs@aol.com

▲ *John V. Sherwin*
john.sherwin@fcps.org

Peter J. Ferrario Jr., C'71, retired from his position as the counseling department chair at Concord High School in Wilmington, Del., on June 30, 2006.

1972 – 35th Reunion

▲ *Frank G. Lidinsky*
Flidinsky@Flidinsky.com
◆ *Steve Bury*

Thomas P. Harrity, C'72, recently joined National Penn Bank's Manufacturing Group as vice president. He will be responsible for developing and managing new customer relationships in Lehigh Valley and surrounding counties.

Harry M. Henderson, C'72, and his wife, **JoAnne (Youngstrom) Henderson, SJC'72,** have been married for 36 years. They now have four children, ages 25 to 35. Two of their children are married and one is in law school at Tulane University in New Orleans. They also have two grandchildren. Harry received his MA in business management from Central Michigan University in 1978, and has been working with IBM for 15 years.

Scott J. Newkam, C'72, retired Dec. 31, 2006, from his position as chairman, chief executive officer and president of the Hershey Entertainment Resorts Company. Scott had been president and CEO of the company since September 1999 and was named chairman in April 2000. He looks forward to spending more time with his family, including his first grandchild.

⚐ **Bill Spanos, C'72,** has been married for 40 years and now has two children and three grandchildren. From 1964-84 he was a major in the U.S. Army; from 1984-93 he was a program manager with Control Data Systems; and he is currently a partner/owner at McLean Realty Group.

1973

▲ *Mark J. Swetley*
mjswetl@us.ibm.com

Peter A. Romeika, C'73, participated in Remembrance Day on Nov. 18, 2006, at the Gettysburg National Military Park in Gettysburg, Pa. His reenacting unit is the 98th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company A, 6th Corp Army of the Potomac, which was a German-Irish regiment from Philadelphia, Pa. Peter and his regiment are pictured above. ⮝

1974

■ *John L. Jaffee*
MSMClass74@yahoo.com

Bill Dix, C'74, has been married to his wife, Karen, for 29 years. They have three boys: Chris, Tim and Will, all in their twenties, and an adopted daughter, Amelia, who is 10. Bill is a sales manager for the New England and Mid-Atlantic region for Weather Shield Mfg., a custom wood window manufacturer based in Medford, Wis. He and Karen have been living in Conowingo, Md., for 20 years, and have been active foster parents for six.

Belinda (Lowry) and John L. Jaffee, C'74, have moved to Naples, Fla. John sold his insurance business and has started his second career in real estate, and Belinda has "retired" after 30 years with the state of Maryland. The couple, who met at the Mount, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in September 2006. Their wedding story was featured in *Mount Magazine* in 2001. Check it out at **www.msmary.edu/bicentennial-memories**

1975

■ *Paul F. Spinelli*
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▲■ *Jeffrey T. Hardy*
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1976

▲ *Frederick S. Horn*
horn2@frontiernet.net

Marco F. Salinas, C'76, is a State Farm agent in Lancaster, Pa. He is married and has two children.

1977 – 30th Reunion

▲ *James R. Cantwell*
taxsav2000@aol.com
◆ *Betsy Hacke*
◆ *Ed Egan*

Robert Henke Jr., C'77, recently starred as King Arthur in "Camelot" at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center in Hanover, Pa. Last spring he was featured as Henry Higgins in "My Fair Lady."

1978

Robert D. Kane Jr., C'78, is the senior vice president of Corporate Lending at PNC Bank and has four children.

DAVID W. EDGERLEY, MBA'77, APPOINTED TO HEAD MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

On Feb. 7, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley announced the appointment of **David W. Edgerley, MBA'77,** as secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development. Edgerley brings economic development experience gained in Allegany and Montgomery counties. Business leaders and state officials believe this background in two such vastly different regions of Maryland will serve him well as the state confronts the challenges of today's globalized economy.

Edgerley is known for his creativity and success in luring the right companies to Allegany and Montgomery counties. He was instrumental in Silver Spring's downtown revival and in establishing five technology incubators in Montgomery County; another two are in the works.

Ann J. Saltzman, C'78, is retired from Northwest Hospital Center in Randallstown, Md. She spent 32 years as an RN at the hospital, and has been nursing for a total of 43 years. She recently took a trip to Scotland.

1979

John F. and Tracy (McDaniel) Barrett, both C'79, have a true Mount family! Their son, **John F. Barrett Jr.**, graduated from the Mount in 2004, and their daughter, **Kelly M. Barrett,** is a member of the class of 2007.

⚐ **Paul E. Schmidt Jr., DDS, C'79,** recently retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve after more than 22 years of service.

1980

▲■ *Timothy C. Dec*
tdec@corvis.com
▲ *Charles J. Haberkorn*
chaberkorn@comcast.net

Gail (McGarity) Zanecosky, C'80, has three children: her oldest daughter is a student at the University of Pittsburgh; her middle child is in his freshman year at Holy Name High School; and her youngest son is in first grade.

1982 – 25th Reunion

▲ *William J. Frank*
bfmjffamily@comcast.net
▲ *Michael J. Neuman*
mjneuman@comcast.net
◆ *John Graham*

Michael Joyce, C'82, is the director of the Center for Streamline Detox and Drug and Alcohol Treatment, located in Neptune, N.J.

Frank Mitchell, C'82, and his wife, Linda, have four sons: Kevin, Derek, Michael and Jake. Frank is self employed as a security consultant, and is the founder of the Cure Jake Foundation, which is dedicated to the treatment of those affected by autism.

Linda (Fegan) Spiker, C'82, has triplets who are now sophomores in college, two attending JMU and one at Virginia Tech. She also has three children at home, and is the director of religious education at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, Va.

1983

Philip J. Greene, C'83, has accepted the position of CyberLaw Fellow at Victoria University School of Law in Wellington, New Zealand. Phil's tasks will include research, writing, teaching and outreach in the area of Internet law. Phil will continue to work on a part-time basis for the U.S. Department of Commerce, providing counsel in trademark, copyright and Internet law. Phil's wife, Elise, and their three daughters will also make the trip, and are looking forward to spending 2007 abroad.

⚐ **Col. David J. McCauley, C'83,** received a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., on Nov. 15, 2006. On Dec. 15, 2006, he was appointed commander of the 17th Field Artillery Brigade in Fort Sill, Okla. David and his wife, Kathleen, have two children: Michael and David.

Patrick Francis Sprankle, C'83, recently celebrated his 21st year as a Catholic youth minister in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He is currently working on his doctorate in applied ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Ind. He has been happily married to his wife, LeeAnn, for 18 years, and they have three children.

1984

David R. Hart, C'84, was recently named the executive director of development, donor relations at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA).

Mary Ann (McMullen) Snyder, C'84, is married to Tom Snyder and lives in Cumberland, Md., with their four children: Katie (13), Robbie (11) and twins Caroline and Mickey (8). She works part time in the office at her children's school and does freelance writing for local publications.

1985

▲ *Thomas R. Arrowsmith*
tmarrow@charter.net

1986

Christine (Goodrich) DeSantis, C'86, and her husband, Christopher, have four children: sons Matthew (7), Michael (6) and Daniel (3) and daughter Olivia (2).

1987 – 20th Reunion

■ *Elizabeth (Liz) Malia*
emalia22@hotmail.com
▲■◆ *Thomas F. Cahill*
thomas_cahill@ml.com

1988

▲ *Kathleen Gill McDermott*
kmcdermott@windwardcg.com

Richard (Rick) Folio, C'88, and his wife, Tracey, have three children: Faith, Hope and Brooks. They reside in Reisterstown, Md. Rick is an executive vice president, chief financial officer and chief operating officer for Midwest Railcar Corporation.

Kathleen (Gill) McDermott, C'88, is keeping busy as a stay-at-home mom with Griffin (13), Grady (11), Keelin (9) and Brecken (3). She enjoys playing tennis on the Bell Haven Country Club team and watching her children play competitively in the USTA.

1989

▲■ *Lorraine (Leo) Knepple*
knepples@comcast.net

Garrett W. Hayden, C'89, was promoted in summer 2006 and is still working for the United States Department of Defense.

1990

■ *Kelly (McLaughlin) Catania*
Kellyps128@hotmail.com
▲ *The Rev. Rick Hilgartner*
Hilgartner@msmary.edu

Heather (Hill) Carpenter, C'90, and her husband, Craig, have been married for 17 years. They have two children, a daughter who is 11 and a son who is 14. Heather recently completed her Master of Education and is enrolled in a program to become a registered nurse.

William (Bill) Dowd, C'90, recently secured a job at Nucletron in Columbia, Md. He and his family will be moving back to Maryland this spring after living in Wisconsin for almost seven years.

Julie Hofmann, C'90, and her husband, David, have been married for two years and have one daughter, Samantha Joan. They live in Arbutus, Md., and Julie works for the Dept. of Natural Resources, Boating Education Division. David is a settlement officer.

Christie (Hamilton) Kirkpatrick, C'90, has been married to Lee Kirkpatrick for 14 years. She is a nurse practitioner at the Metro Nashville General Hospital Emergency Room. Christie and Lee have two children: Brenna (9) and Braden (6). They were delighted to have Mount visitors, **Kathleen (Sheridan) and Scott Linzey, both C'90**, last fall for a Titans vs. Ravens game.

Beverly (Karsteter) Liddell, C'90, earned a master's in elementary education from Syracuse University in June 2006. She teaches math and technology in the Chittenago School District, located in central New York. She lives in Warners, N.Y., with her daughters: Clara (7) and Maggie (4). ▲

Jim Morgan, C'90, hosted several alums at his house on Long Island to celebrate the 40th birthday of **Bob Molz, C'90**. Pictured are members of the class of 1990 who were there (left to right): (front) **Karen Imbach, Tom Bateman, Bob Molz, and Annie (Nordberg) Karpinski**; (middle) **Leah (Cangemi) Humphries, Melissa Doherty, Stacey (Meli) McMahon, and Liza Horan**; (back) **Patti (Galati) Oakley, Kate Breslin, Alison Walsh, Jen (Cincotta) Lynch, Jim Morgan, and Shawn Lynch**. ▲ *(upper right, bottom)*

Gretchen (Tickle) Morton, C'90, and her husband, Niles, recently adopted a baby girl from China. Julia Daewa turned one in July 2006 and is doing beautifully. Big brothers Nicholas (9) and Jack (6) are enjoying having a sister.

Elizabeth (Edgette) Mulle, C'90, and her husband, Mark, currently live in Lancaster, Pa., but are building a house in Chester County due to a relocation for Mark's job. They have three daughters: Clara (8), Anna (6) and Aileen (1).

John Nelson, C'90, and his wife, **Karen (Moore) Nelson, C'91,** have five children: Emily (11), Maggie (10), Caroline (8), John (4) and Chris (1).

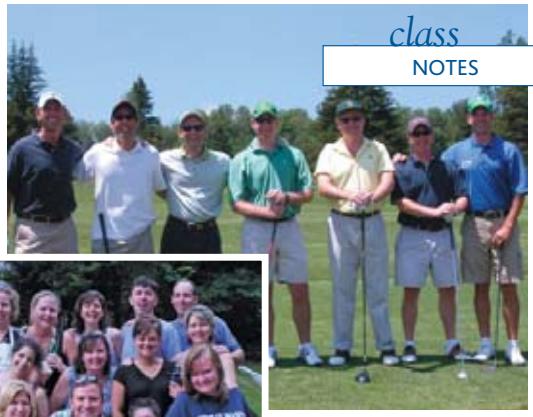
Ellen (Myers) Scheeler, C'90, and her husband, Rick, have four children: Paul Frederick (7), Mary Viola (5), Catherine Therese (3) and Bernadette Colette (1). Ellen and Rick started out in Arlington, Va., moved to Chicago, then to Milwaukee, and are now in the Cincinnati area. Ellen is happily a stay-at-home mom after 12 years of working.

Jose Terrasa-Soler, C'90, and his wife, Alicia, have one daughter, Sara Lauren, who is one year old.

Jenna (McCloskey) Turvold, C'90, and her husband, Tyler, live in Dallas, Texas, with their two girls, Cosette (6) and Marit (2). Jenna manages an event team at Microsoft and is slowly but surely becoming a true Texan.

1991

David Kashen, C'91, was ordained a priest on Nov. 4, 2006, in Baltimore by His Excellency, Bishop Mitchell Rozanski. In attendance at the Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving were **Gary Herwig, Greg Dorsey, Theresa Hodge, Mary Grimmig, Leslie (Lenhoff) Grace, Marie (Caine) Dunbar, Ruthie (Stalter) LeCompte and Deborah (Nagy) Mirabile, all C'91,** and **Katie (Grimmig) Burgos, C'93**. Fr. David entered the Conventual Franciscan Order in 2000 and is now stationed as parochial vicar at the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, in Massachusetts.



Left: Bob Molz, C'90, birthday party. Above: John Fee, C'92 hosted a weekend of fun including a golf outing.

1992 – 15th Reunion

◆ *John Criswell*
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John Fee, C'92, hosted fellow Mounties **Mike Fanning, C'91, and Jeff Cannon, Dave DiLuigi, Mickey MacMillan, Will Milligan and Pat Cunningham, all C'92,** for a weekend of fishing, golf, fun and laughs in July 2006 in the Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania. ▲

1993

Matthew Falvy, C'93, executive vice president, senior investment advisor and chief operations officer with Rich Investments, Inc., has developed the Dynamic Catholic Values investment portfolio. Matt wanted to give clients a pro-life, pro-family approach to investing money, where equal emphasis is placed on investment performance and moral criteria. Matt lives in Red Lion, Pa., with his wife, **Karen (Rich) Falvey, C'94,** and their three children: Taylor, Amanda and Seth.

Robert Lohfeld Jr., C'93, is a practice leader at Project Performance Corporation in McLean, Va., where he manages data center relocations and IT disaster recovery projects. He and his wife, **Kristin (Hebert) Lohfeld, C'95,** have two daughters, Caitlin (2) and Alexis (6 months).

1994

▲ *Bridget Daul Kelly*
bak_520@yahoo.com

Katie (Shepard) Milner, C'94, and her husband, Terry, are now living in Temecula, Calif., with their two children: Julia (4) and Scott (2).

Terrence Moore, C'94, recently earned his master's in marketing management with Distinction from the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University.

1995

■ *Jennifer (Firlie) Dunn*
jdunn1405@yahoo.com

■ *Stella Barry*
stellabarry@comcast.net

Kevin S. Barlotta, MD, C'95, lives in Birmingham and was recently named assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Heather (Wable) DeWees, C'95, is currently coaching the varsity girls basketball team at Oldfields School, a private boarding school for girls in northern Baltimore County, Md. She will also be directing the Hooked on Hoops Basketball Camp for Girls again this summer in Catonsville, Md. This will be the camp's 10th year.

Patrick Dennis Dolan, C'95, is an officer for the police department of Durham, N.C., where he lives with his wife, Deborah, an East Carolina University graduate.

Edward A. Everett Jr., C'95, and his wife, Amy, have three children: Morgan (5), Samuel (3) and Grace (2). Edward finished his fellowship training in neonatology at the University of Pittsburgh and accepted a position as staff neonatologist at Janet Weis Children's Hospital. He was also named codirector of the Center for Prenatal Pediatrics.

Steven Paul Wernick, C'95, is a supervisor of elementary instruction for Washington County Public Schools in Maryland. He and his wife have a 2-year-old son.

1996

Brendan Moag, C'96, has been married to his wife, Christie, for more than three years, and they have a daughter, Chase Madeleine (1). Brendan is working for Under Armour Performance as a sales representative in Philadelphia, Pa.

Sean (Barth) Rox, C'96, may very well be the first member of the class of 1996 to travel around the world. He and his wife, Cassandra, have visited 44 different countries on six continents. They are shown here in the Swiss Alps.

Jennifer (O'Dea) Sprungle, C'96, was promoted to director of business management at Telecommunication Systems in Annapolis, Md., in May 2006.

1997 – 10th Reunion

■ *Kelly A. McLaughlin*
kellyamclaughlin@hotmail.com

◆ *Mike Smith*
smittie123@comcast.net

Dr. Robin Weatherhead, C'97, is a staff scientist in the Intellectual Property Department at Choate, Hall & Stewart. Prior to joining Choate, Robin was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University in the laboratory of Nobel Laureate professor E. J. Corey.

1998

■ *Alice (Wylie) Baumer*
aew516@yahoo.com

■ *Steven R. Wheeler*
stevenwheeler28@comcast.net

▲ *Harry C. Benjamin*
hbeach98@hotmail.com

▲ *Jennifer Lynn Harris-Eyler*
eyler5@adelphia.net

Alice (Wylie) Baumer, C'98, completed her master's in adult education and human resource development at Fordham University in August 2006. She and her husband, Brian, reside in Islip Terrace, Long Island, N.Y.

Brian J. Bolger, C'98, and his wife, **Susan (Bailey) Bolger, C'99,** have three children: Jacob (5), Leah (3) and Brian (2).

1999

■ *Tara Bunchalk-Orefice*
tbunchalk@hotmail.com

▲ *Kevin J. Kalis*
kevin_kalis@yahoo.com

▲ *Gordon F. Creamer*
rockvillefly@yahoo.com

▲ *Cynthia Kratz*
cikratz@hotmail.com

Stacy L. Gelhaus, C'99, received her Ph.D. from UMBC in spring 2005 and is now working towards her postdoc at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Center for Cancer Pharmacology.

2000

■ *Mae Richardson*
mae@shgparish.org

■ *Laura (Portier) LaLumiere*
laura.portier@gmail.com

▲ *Anne Stocker Kalis*
anniekalis@gmail.com

2001

■ *Kimberlee (Bates) Ilardi*
kim.bates@whiting-turner.com

▲ ■ *Peter B. Mannix*
pmannix@goretti.org

▲ *Anthony Solazzo*
anthonysolazzo@hotmail.com

The Rev. Elijah Bremer, C'01, was ordained a priest in the Orthodox Church on Aug. 28, 2006. He served his first Sunday Divine Liturgy on Sept. 3 at his home parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Saint Clair, Pa. Fr. Elijah and his wife, Panyi Matka, have a one-year-old son, Jonah Alexei.

2002 – 5th Reunion

■◆ *Kelly (Klinger) Soffe*
soffekel@wcboe.k12.md.us

▲ *Lizette Chacon*
lizard11080@gmail.com

Steven Manley, C'02, is now working at St. Mary's Piscatawney in Clinton, Md.

Elizabeth Ann Olson, C'02, attended Wheelock College in Boston, Mass., and received certification to become a child life specialist. She is presently working at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital at New York-Presbyterian in New York City.

⚐ **Capt. Timothy G. Platoff, C'02,** is currently serving his second tour in Iraq. His first tour was in Sadr City, Baghdad, where he was recognized for his bravery under fire. His present tour is on the Iraq-Iran border, preventing insurgents from crossing into Baghdad. He is embedded in an Iraqi Army unit as one of 10 U.S. military on a Military Transition Team.

Vivian Pounds-Gray, C'02, MBA'06, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Wells Fargo Bank. She is also a realtor with Long & Foster Real Estate. She has focused both careers in assisting first-time homebuyers, ethnic minorities and low-to-moderate income consumers make their home ownership dreams come true.

Mindy Stamer, C'02, recently began studies at the Penn State College of Medicine as a member of the class of 2010.

2003

Thomas J. Burns, C'03, participated in the U.S. National Bobsled Championship in Lake Placid, N.Y., on Jan. 2, 2007. His team earned a third-place finish, qualifying them to compete in the World Championship in St. Moritz, Switzerland, which took place Jan. 22 through Feb. 4.

Chantelle (McCullum) Custodio, J.D., C'03, graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law in May 2006 and has been admitted to the Maryland Bar. She is currently an associate attorney with Meyers, Rodbell & Rosenbaum.

Jed Spencer, J.D., MBA'03, recently joined the Ober| Kaler law firm as an associate in the firm's Intellectual Property Group. Jed handles matters involving copyrights, trademarks, licensing, patents, trade secrets, e-commerce and Internet law. He received his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 2006.

2004

■ *Peter J. Cwik*
pcwik@email.msmary.edu

▲ *Kathryn E. Shea*
pigletk8@yahoo.com

Joshua Adam Ches, C'04, is married to **Caryn (Cassizzi) Ches, C'04**, and is working as a management trainee for Hajoca Corporation.

Phillip B. Lawrence, C'04, is a deputy sheriff at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office in Maryland.

2005

■ *Rachel Lawruk*
rlawruk@email.msmary.edu

▲ *Elizabeth A. Nell*
enell@email.msmary.edu

Laura Saccente, C'05, recently started a new job as an eighth grade English teacher at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria, Va.

2006

Cara Marie Bleecher, C'06, lives in Frederick, Md., and is working at Cambrex in Walkersville, Md.

Dennis DiBenedetto, C'06, has entered the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word in Birmingham, Ala.

Krista Jeanette Miracco, C'06, is currently working in the Mount St. Mary's Seminary. She is an administrative assistant in the Office of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations.

Matthew J. Simantel, C'06, began working at Northrup Grumman Corporation as purchasing buyer/product procurement in September 2006.

IN MEMORIAM

Aug. 31, 2006 through March 25, 2007

1930s

Dr. William T. Muse, C'36
Jan. 11, 2007
Mr. Michael Emmett Sweeney, C'37
Dec. 2, 2006

1940s

Monsignor Anthony J. Norkunas, S'44
Jan. 6, 2007

1950s

Mr. Martin J. Brennan, C'50
Nov. 4, 2006
Mr. Louis P. Godina, C'50
Jan. 25, 2007
Mr. Edward F. Egan, C'52
March 4, 2007
The Rev. Robert L. Strome, C'55
Feb. 11, 2007
The Rev. Robert W. Davey, C'58
Dec. 19, 2006
The Rev. Thomas E. McCann, S'59
Jan. 12, 2007

1960s

Mr. Michael J. Grassy, C'63
Sept. 25, 2006
Mr. James Patrick O'Connell, C'63
Nov. 18, 2006
The Rev. Matthew M. Grant, C'64
Feb. 27, 2007
The Rev. Theodore J. Macunas, S'64
Nov. 17, 2006
Mr. Richard Travis Berling, C'65
Oct. 3, 2006
Mr. Christopher J. Gannon Jr., C'66
Dec. 19, 2006

1970s

The Rev. Steven Joel O'Connor, C'71
Feb. 13, 2007
Mr. Merritt P. Jones, C'73
Feb. 10, 2007
The Rev. Robert G. Pohley, S'75
Nov. 23, 2006
The Rev. Philip J. Cascia, C'77
Jan. 16, 2007
Mr. Robert A. Flynn, C'79
Jan. 12, 2007

1980s

Mr. Randy E. Rager, MBA'81
Jan. 6, 2007
Mr. David J. Bonsack, C'86
Dec. 23, 2006

1990s

Mr. Richard P. Evans, MBA'95
Nov. 5, 2006
Mr. Richard P. Bindie, C'97
Feb. 27, 2007

DUBOIS MEDAL

Presented by the Mount's National Alumni Association to an individual who has rendered service to the Church, State or Nation of an outstanding nature.

Everett Alvarez Jr.: Author, attorney and distinguished naval officer, Everett Alvarez Jr. was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for more than eight years. He went on to serve in various leadership roles with the Peace Corps, Veterans Administration, Hospital Corporation of America and other organizations. He co-authored two books about his captivity and life afterward.

SIMON BRUTÉ MEDAL

Presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves through their career, commitment to their community, to the Mount or service to their fellow citizens, and whose recognition will bring honor to Mount St. Mary's University.

Robert F. Horan, C'54: Commonwealth Attorney for Fairfax County, Va., since 1967 and a retired Lt. Col. in the U.S.M.C.R., Robert Horan is recognized for his tough stand on law and order and drug abuse, and led the Fairfax County prosecution of the Washington snipers. He has spoken often at Mount Pre-Law Society events and served on several Class of 1954 Reunion committees.

Dean Sprague, C'57: Dean Sprague arrived at the Mount after serving in the U.S. Army; he was president of the student body and graduated first in his class. From 1958-68 and 1974-78 he dedicated his professional life to the Mount. He established the Office of College and Alumni Relations and was responsible for several major fundraising projects.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Last fall, National Alumni Association President **Pat Goles, C'64**, asked me to chair the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, made up of 14 alumni leaders. The committee has been charged to evaluate the alumni association, our events and programs, and to identify the programs, benefits and services that best meet the needs of our alumni and the university. I accepted his invitation anxious to be part of this important process.

Since October, the committee, with the help of our alumni leaders and the Office of Alumni Relations, has performed a self-evaluation, interacted with alumni through focus groups, and invited alumni to participate in a survey. As we evaluate the data acquired through these assessment processes, we are learning more about what our alumni want and expect from the National Alumni Association.

The work of the Strategic Planning Committee will continue throughout this spring. I am confident our work will produce a plan that the National Alumni Association will adopt to align its goals with the university's and take the association to a whole new level of service.

I look forward to communicating with you the results of this very important process in the near future. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at dconaghan@msmary.edu.

David Conaghan, C'81
Chair, Strategic Planning Steering Committee

Tracey A. Coleman, C'88, and Joseph Coleman
Sophia Dawn
Feb. 16, 2006

Mari "Rafi" Jacobs, C'89, and Patrick Jacobs
Samuel Wolff
Aug. 22, 2006

John Birrane, C'90, and Mary Camilla Birrane
Genevieve
June 29, 2006

1 **Catherine (Holtzer) Boarman, C'90, and Gerard Boarman, C'91**
Henry Michael
Jan. 4, 2006

Mary (Gerard) Carlton, C'90, and Charlie Carlton
Sawyer Alan
Aug. 9, 2006

Kate (Breslin) Chaar, C'90, and Thomas Chaar
Molly Rose
February 2006

Lisa Guy-Britt, C'90, and Antiney Britt
Dylan Anastasia
March 9, 2006

Cristin (McCarthy) Krokosz, C'90, and Matt Krokosz
Matthew Dennis Jr.

Mary (Ellsworth) Pastore, C'90, and Jeff Pastore
Nolan Gerard
April 21, 2006

Joe Pinto, C'90, and Kristen Pinto
Andrew Michael
June 27, 2006

2 **Gary Ranallo, C'90**, and Dayle Ranallo
Adam Michael
July 2006
Photo: Adam with older brother Brandon David (3)

Tracey (Barnes) Ruddy, C'90, and Jack Ruddy
Piper Anne
May 2006

3 **Jennifer (Walsh) Scanlon, C'91**, and James Scanlon
Connor James
May 13, 2006

4 **Erica (Bailey) Daniels, C'92**, and Alvie Daniels Jr.
Kayla Rebekah
April 27, 2006

5 **Chris Ginsburg, C'92, and Jennifer (Roderick) Ginsburg, C'98**
Nicholas Reid

6 **Mary Beth (Minichino) Thompson, C'92**, and Andrew Thompson
Olivia Brooke
Aug. 4, 2006

Patricia (Allen) Torrice, C'93, and Caleb Torrice
Brody John
July 31, 2006

Kelly (McLaughlin) Barnes, C'94, and Wilson Barnes
Wilson Barnes IV

Bridget (Daul) Kelly, C'94, and Joe Kelly
Anne Marie
Nov. 27, 2006

Christine (O'Hanlon) White, C'94, and Matthew White
Patrick Timothy
July 26, 2006

Stella Barry, C'95, and Michael Barry
Margaret "Maggie" Frances
July 21, 2006

Kristin (Brandt) Dwyer, C'95, and Kevin Dwyer
Kevin James
May 15, 2006

Holly (Brandon) Lehigh, C'95, and Brian Lehigh
Nathan Brian
May 30, 2006
Nathan with big brother Alexander Brandon (4).

Jennifer (O'Dea) Sprungle, C'96, and Jim Sprungle
James Robert
Feb. 21, 2006

7 **Helen (Haenn) Davidson, C'97**, and Matthew Davidson
Alexa Baker
Nov. 3, 2006

Kelly (Klein) and Michael F. Smith, both C'97
Amelia Marie
March 11, 2006

Karen (Beane) Egan, C'98, and Matt Egan
Katherine Elizabeth
April 20, 2006

8 **Anthony S. Rachuba, C'98**, and Stephanie Rachuba
Samantha Jane
May 16, 2006

9 **Kacie (Daugherty) Weston, Esq., C'98**, and Rob Weston, Esq.
Claire Juliette
July 14, 2006

10 **Maria (Mercurio) Dorsch, C'00**, and Jeff Dorsch
Mia Bella
July 13, 2006

11 **Crystal (Shafer) Tressler, C'00**, and Nick Tressler
David Nicholas and Sophie Irene
Aug. 29, 2006

12 **Matthew and Stephanie (Dorwart) O'Mara, both C'01**
Joseph Curran
June 27, 2006

13 **Danielle (McKay) McLamb, C'02**, and Mike McLamb
Noah

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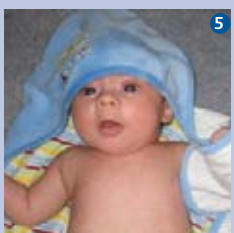
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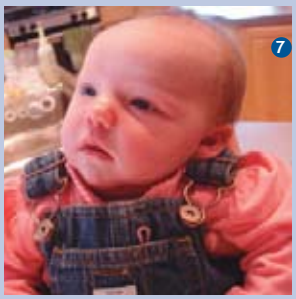
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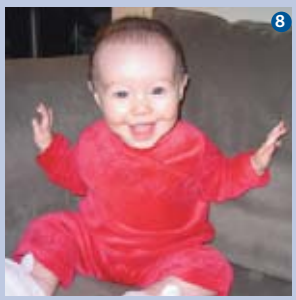
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Kim (Cavener) Cramer, C'99
and Marc Cramer
Kendall Maria
Jan. 5, 2007

CLASS NOTES, BIRTHS, WEDDINGS

Don't forget to share all your important moments with the Mount—babies, weddings, promotions and, of course, reunions with Mounties. Email your announcements to alumni@msmary.edu. Feel free to include a JPG, preferably 300 dpi or higher.

TOP LEFT: Rob Weed, C'93, National Alumni Association Vice President; Ken Swomley, C'66; Maureen Plant, C'82, Director of Alumni Relations; Tom Ryan, C'63; Woody Stoner, C'62; Rick Kidwell, C'76; Susan Janowiak, C'81; Mike Pearson, C'79; Vanessa Blair, C'92; and Coach Jim Phelan. TOP RIGHT: Joe Baldacchino, C'70, and his wife, Nell. LEFT: The Dowd family, adults left to right: Joe Dowd, C'66; Theresa (Dempsey) Dowd, C'92; Joe Dowd, C'92; Linda Dowd; Jerry Dowd, C'90. Kids left to right: Nick Boudreau; Allison Dowd; Tommy Dowd; Jack Boudreau.

WINTER HOMECOMING

Alumni from near and far gathered in Emmitsburg on February 10 to celebrate Winter Homecoming 2007 at the Mount.

The day began with the Alumni Leaders Winter Meeting, where more than 40 alumni volunteers gathered to discuss the association's future and plan this year's activities. The traditional Blue & White All-Star Basketball game, which went co-ed this year, was played at noon in Knott Arena. Afterwards the Lady Mountaineers topped St. Francis (Pa.) with a final score of 75-68.

Mass was held at 4:30 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, then it was on to the alumni pre-game social where all enjoyed food and drink and received their "spirit sticks" to help cheer on the Mountaineers. The Men's match up versus Robert Morris was a close one, but in the end the Mount fell, 60-65.

2007 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Capt. Thomas P. Sullivan, Class of 1993, *is the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Young Alumni Award.*

The award was presented at the Class of 2007 Young Alumni Dinner on Thursday, February 8 with Sullivan's wife, **Debbie (Ruane), C'93**, accepting the award on his behalf. Sullivan is currently serving in Iraq with the United States Army Reserves.

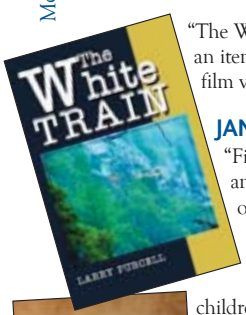
Sullivan was recognized with this award for his display of courage and compassion during the September 11th attacks and his continuing loyalty to serving our country in the reserves. To read his story please visit **www.msmary.edu/alumni** and click on "What's New" and "Featured Alumni."

The Distinguished Young Alumni Award was established in 1976 to honor the achievements of Mount alumni who are less than 15 years post-graduation. This is the first year the award has been presented since 1995, thanks to the hard work of the award committee, chaired by **Michael Smith, C'97**. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 award. Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations to receive a nomination form or visit **www.msmary.edu/alumni** and click on "National Alumni Association" and "Awards" to download a copy.

Debbie (Ruane) Sullivan, class of 1993, and her children, Sean and Jack (5) and Grace (2), accept the 2007 Distinguished Young Alumni Award on behalf of Capt. Thomas P. Sullivan, class of 1993. The family is pictured with John Butler, vice president for university advancement, and Pat Goles, C'64, president of the National Alumni Association.

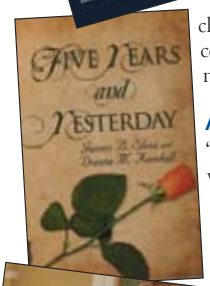
RECENT PUBLISHED WORKS BY ALUMNI AUTHORS

LARRY PURCELL, C'57



"The White Train" is a suspense fiction novel that has become an item of interest to three filmmakers. The script title for the film version has been changed to "Ghost Dancers." (2003)

JAMES B. SHEA, C'76



"Five Years and Yesterday" – a true story of a terrible tragedy and the struggle of one mother to cope with the loss of her only child (2006)

JUDY MAZZEO ZOCCHI, C'80

More than 50 children's books that help empower children to be good citizens in their homes, families and global communities. Judy writes under her own name and under the name of Molly Dingles.

ANNE BOLD, C'82

"The Naked Wall" – inspiring ideas for paint, unique finishes, wall coverings and art (2006)

DAVE WOODS, C'84

"Be Contagious," a work diary published in the book "What Is Your Life's Work? Answer the BIG Question About What Really Matters ... and Reawaken the Passion for What You Do," by Bill Jensen (2005)

MAJ. (DR.) SAM GALVAGNO, C'96

"Emergency Pathophysiology: Clinical Applications for Prehospital Care" explains the pathophysiology of disease states commonly encountered by the prehospital care provider, and provides detailed guidelines for using that knowledge to manage effectively the disease or disorder involved. (2003)

AMY LANGVILLE, C'96

"Google's Page Rank and Beyond: The Science of Search Engine Rankings" – the first book of its kind that uses mathematics to explain how search engines work (2006)

Megan (Skewers) Lally, C'01, and Jordan Lally, C'02
Sept. 30, 2006
The bride and groom pictured with fellow Mounties at their wedding: Jessica (Skewers) Williamson, C'96; Brad Glass, C'00; Stephanie (Shipley) Martino, Alissa Cornette, Kelly Wardenfelt, Tara Schlerf, Lorien Halligan and Larry Hughes, all C'01; Corey Giaquinto, Jay Delevante, Vaughn Sawdon, Nick DiEmidio and Colin Kegel, all C'02; and Charlotte (Horning) and Scott Ryan, both C'03.

Erica Kristine (Bailey) Daniels, C'92, and Alvie Thomas Daniels Jr., May 22, 2005, Key West, Fla.

Chris Ginsburg, C'92, and Jennifer (Roderick) Ginsburg, C'98

Emily (Wright) Druckman, C'97, and Stuart Druckman
June 18, 2006
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg, Pa.

Daniel K. Gaertner, C'97, and Monica Almojvela
Dec. 17, 2005, Baltimore, Md.

1 **Lenny Palermo, C'97**, and **Elizabeth (Geelan) Palermo, C'00**
Sept. 23, 2006

2 **Melissa (Chiasson) Belcher, C'98**, and Westley Belcher
April 2006, Dominican Republic

Bradley Boyd, C'98, and Bridget Vargo
July 29, 2006, Our Lady of Fatima School, New Castle, Del.

Moira (Gannon) Denson, C'98, and Joseph Denson Jr.
Nov. 12, 2005, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Washington, D.C.
Mounties in attendance included (pictured) Patrick Gannon, C'93; Matthew Gannon, C'96, MBA'98; and Lindsay (Vizzi) Gannon, Karen (Beane) Egan, Julie Whelan, Ann (Gerrity) Lupo, Erika (Schukraft) Terl and Katie Flynn-Fuchs, all C'98. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. John Hurley, S'82.

3 **Vicky (Chhim) Campbell, C'99**, and Joe Campbell
July 28, 2006, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Burlington, Vt.

4 **Jamie (Entwistle) Conti, C'00**, and Michael Conti
Sept. 17, 2005

Kelly Anne (Lunnen) Jones, C'00, and Eric Jones
June 24, 2006, Naval Academy Chapel

Josh Kelley, C'02, and Nicole (D'Auria) Kelley, C'05
May 27, 2006

Ben Olewiler, C'02, and Kara Fuhrman

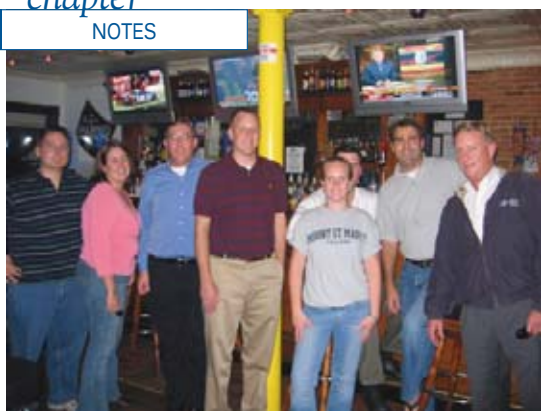
Kathleen (Allen) Seiler, C'02, and Christopher Seiler, C'02
Aug. 5, 2006

Steve Kelly Jr., C'03, and Kim Winters
Nov. 4, 2006, Annapolis, Md.
The bride and groom pictured with their wedding party, which included fellow Mounties Brendan Kneeland, Brian Gillen and Ryan Collins, all C'03.

Debbie (Devlin) Lajewski, C'94, and John Lajewski
Sept. 16, 2006, Avalon, N.J.
Mounties in attendance included (from left to right), bottom row: Joe Devlin, C'77; John Devlin, C'65 (father of the bride); John Lajewski; Debbie (Devlin) Lajewski, C'94; Kevin Gallagher, C'06; Al Rufe, C'65. Middle row: Lisa (Gable) Fluehr, C'94; Patricia (Devlin) Daly, C'88; Bernie Devlin, C'68; Dennis Sweeny, C'65. Top row: Christine (Camberi) Kay, C'94; Christina (Mobley) Gillman, C'94; Maura Hagen-Gordon, C'94; Brad and Dani (Griffin) Borman, C'94.

Dale (Rader) Phillips and Jay Phillips, both C'05
Nov. 25, 2006, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Mount
The bride and groom pictured with some of the many Mounties in attendance at their wedding: Gail Pearson and Erin Morris, both C'05; Nicole Wells, Caitlin Stanley and Rebecca Showalter, all C'06; and Erin Martin, Alison Kopreski and Amberly Battersby, all C'07.

Stephanie (Lopez) Anderson, C'00, and Stephen Anderson
May 13, 2006, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Mount
The bride and groom pictured with just some of the Mounties in attendance: maid of honor Kelly Shaffrey Dixon, C'00; bridesmaids Julia (Baum) Melody, Kristy (Smith) Galante, Anne (Stocker) Kalis, Jennifer (DiPisa) Siegel, Kelly (Lunnen) Jones, all C'00; and co-celebrant Deacon Pat Goles, C'64, president of the National Alumni Association.



BALTIMORE

Mount alumna **Karyn Dillon, C'98**, was a gracious host to the Baltimore Chapter at her sports bar, Bleachers, for a happy hour on Oct. 19, 2006. *top*

Two months later the chapter held an event at another Mount-related establishment in Baltimore, Canton's Portside Tavern, owned by Jim Weisgerber, husband of **Kelly (Holland) Weisgerber, C'84**. On Dec. 10, 2006, more than 25 alumni gathered to donate toys for a Christmas toy drive and catch up with each other before the holidays. *bottom*

The Baltimore Chapter also hosted a luncheon at Loyola College in conjunction with the Mount St. Mary's vs. Loyola men's basketball game on Dec. 2. In addition to all the alumni in attendance, the Mount brought two busloads of students to the game, billing it the "Catholic Clash." After the game, alumni joined **Debbie Powell, MBA'98**, director of annual giving, at the Mount Washington Tavern for a post-game social.

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Chapter gathered for its annual Loyalty Luncheon on Dec. 2, 2006, at the Stony Hill Inn in Bethel, Conn.

FREDERICK

The Frederick Chapter held a very successful Happy Hour hosted by **Ashley (Rusk) Raiford, C'02**, at Brewer's Alley on Dec. 7, 2006. Many local alums turned out to catch up and share some holiday cheer.

PHILADELPHIA & DELAWARE

The Philadelphia and Delaware chapters held a Happy Hour at the Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant in Media, Pa., on Nov. 29, 2006. Chapter presidents **Pat McGinn, C'98** (Philadelphia), and **Ellen Callahan, C'81** (Delaware), hosted the event.

READING, PA.

Dr. Powell traveled to Reading on Oct. 11, 2006, to host a dinner and Third Century Conversation at the Viva Good Life Bistro with the Reading Chapter. In attendance were John Butler, vice president for advancement; **Pat Goles, C'64**, National Alumni Association president; and **Scott Hoover, C'77**, Reading Chapter president.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Washington, D.C., Chapter has had a busy couple of months, starting in October with its traditional monthly Happy Hour on the 26th at McFadden's.

On Nov. 5 the chapter held a Mass of Remembrance at the National Shrine, celebrated by the **Rev. Andrew Fisher, S'98**, followed by brunch at Kelly's Ellis Island. Attendees included: John Butler, vice president for advancement; **Elaine Vining, C'80**, a member of the board of trustees; and **Peggy Tripp, C'85**, a member of the Bicentennial Commission.

Finally, for a little after-Christmas fun, Chapter President **Anthony Solazzo, C'01**, hosted a pregame social before the Mount vs. University of Maryland game on Dec. 28. The event was cosponsored by the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore chapters and was held at the Santa Fe Café. Attendees nearly took over the restaurant before heading to the Comcast Center for the game!

D.C. CHAPTER CHARITY DRIVE

With just a few days left until Christmas, **Anthony Solazzo, C'01**, D.C. Chapter president, and **Nick Meekins, C'03**, weren't at the mall doing their last-minute shopping.

With a 16-foot Penske truck full of donated toys, clothing and other items, and a full tank of gas, the two Mounties set out from Washington, D.C., on Dec. 21 bound for Cincinnati, Ohio, to play a little Santa Claus of their own.

All of the donations were given directly to Glenmary Home Missioners, a Catholic service organization. Each year the Mount sends students on a service trip to Glenmary Farm, a volunteer program run by the organization, to help out for a week over Fall Break. Glenmary Farm is located in Vanceburg, Ky., in one of the poorest counties in America. The donations from this drive will benefit the people of Vanceburg as well as the many other communities Glenmary serves.

The idea for the charity drive came to Nick after he returned from the Mount's service trip to Glenmary Farm this fall. He participated as an adult leader and wished there were something more he could do to help, so he began collecting donations.

Before he knew what was happening, the charity drive snowballed and donations were coming in from not only his friends and family, but from people and companies he didn't even know. **Katie Sherman, C'01**, D.C. Chapter vice president, helped coordinate Nick's efforts and arranged to use the annual D.C. Chapter toy drive as a final push for donations. She also secured the rental truck at a deeply discounted rate to transport the donations.

Early in the morning on Dec. 22, Nick and Anthony arrived in Cincinnati and delivered all of the donated goods to the employees at Glenmary. "Almost immediately the donations began to be distributed," said Nick.

Anthony, Nick and Katie would like to thank all of the Mounties who donated to this cause. Nick commented that due to everyone's support, "what started off as a little dream quickly became reality."

BRINGING FAITH TO LIFE THROUGH HEALING

By Thomas J. Butler, Executive Director, Callings Program

This issue of Mount Magazine affords us unique insight into the lives of alumni who have invested time and talent in the healing profession. This focus coincides with the theme of the Mount's recent Callings Conference 2007, "Bearers of Hope and Healing."

Often we are drawn to the role of a doctor or nurse when we think of healing. Clearly, they represent a very tangible example of "the healing profession." Their stories are often dramatic and inspiring. For instance, imagine the skill and talent of Dr. Ben Carson as he carefully separates Siamese twins.

While standing in awe of such persons, I am drawn also to the less dramatic but nonetheless significant number of countless individuals who day in and day out create healing environments. Perhaps you are one of them. Are you the caregiver parent nurturing a disabled child, or an adult child nurturing a parent with dementia? Are you consoling young children through a painful divorce, visiting an elderly neighbor or spending time as a hospice volunteer? Some of us have turned our investment of healing into a profession. Others have simply given of themselves in this way because it is the right thing to do. Opportunities to engage the healing process are numerous, and the more we do the closer we come to one another, the more integral we become as persons ... and the potential for union with God deepens.

I have great hope in the future. The students I meet every day assure me of this. My own faith allows me the conviction that God is truly a God who loves, desires union, wholeness and holiness.

Through the pages of this magazine and in the experience of our Callings Conference, I see how the goodness and dedication of others will inspire and motivate future generations of caregivers at all levels of life. In realizing the significant contributions of our alumni, I am grateful that I can expend my energies at the Mount encouraging people to use their gifts in ways that promote healing, service and hope.

The Callings Program is a collaborative initiative between Mount St. Mary's University and the Lilly Endowment to plan programs for the theological exploration of vocation.

The program is exploring ways to highlight the contributions of alumni in the healing profession. Does your professional or personal work reflect the ministry of healing? Please let us know if you or other alumni would be open to sharing your story with the Mount community. Contact Thomas Butler at 301-447-7435 or email healingstory@msmary.edu.

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

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APRIL 2007

Sunday, April 22
Frederick Chapter Mass and Brunch at the Grotto

Saturday, April 28
11th Annual Boat House Row Party, Philadelphia Chapter

MAY 2007

Saturday, May 5
Washington, D.C. Chapter, University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup

Monday, May 7
Baltimore Chapter–Golf Tournament 12:30 p.m., Maryland Golf & Country Club

Wednesday, May 16
Graduate Commencement

Sunday, May 20
Undergraduate Commencement

JUNE 2007

Friday, June 1 – Sunday, June 3
Reunion Weekend!

JULY 2007

Sunday, July 8
Delaware Chapter – Annual Beach Picnic, Cape Henlopen State Park

SEPTEMBER 2007

Saturday, Sept. 8
Baltimore Chapter – Annual Orioles Bullpen Party & Game

Saturday, Sept. 15
Young Alumni Committee – Annual Clipper City Cruise

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

For details and updates, visit www.msmary.edu/bicentennial or call 301-447-3416.

2007

Bicentennial Convocation, Mass and Opening Ceremonies
Aug. 22-24

Unveiling of Documentary Film
September

Family Weekend
Sept. 21-23

Bicentennial Baseball: 125 years
Sept. 29 ***(Read more on page 28.)***

Academic Symposium
October

Service Trip to Peru
October 4-10

Bicentennial Gala – New York, NY
Oct. 20 ***(Read more on page 11.)***

Bicentennial Concert
Nov. 3

NCAA Sports Dinner
Nov. 7

Bishops' Mass
Nov. 11

Bicentennial Men's Basketball
Dec. 8-15

2008

St. Joseph's Alumnae Dinner
March 29

Academic Symposium
April 2-5

Mount at Mount Vernon
May

Trip to Rome
April 6-16 ***(Read more on page 10.)***

Invitational Track Championship and Centennial Celebration
April 19

Congressional Luncheon, Washington, D.C.
April 24

Bicentennial Stamp Card Dedication Ceremony and Maryland Symphony Orchestra Concert
April 26

Bicentennial Commencement
May 11

Trips to Costa Rica
May 24-June 3, June 14-24 and July 12-22 ***(Read more on page 10.)***

Bicentennial Reunion Weekend
June 6-8

Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia
July

Remnant Trust Foundation
Fall

Academic Symposium
September

Priests Reunion
Oct. 8 & 9

Seminary Lecture
Oct. 9, 10 & 11

Closing Gala
Oct. 11

Bicentennial Men's and Women's Basketball Challenge and Men's Centennial Celebration
Dec. 13