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Thomas J. Harrington, C'78, has seen the evil in the world. Yet he has never lost his faith in the good.

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President's Letter

Monday, March 8, 2010, was an historic day for the Mount community. On that date, our Board of Trustees, chaired by Gene Waldron, C'64, adopted an aggressive Vision Statement to guide the continued growth of our university. Our new Vision Statement is an overarching roadmap of where we, in the Mount community, hope to be by 2015. The strategic initiatives outlined designate the necessary allocation of resources that will better serve our students, alumni and community.

Let me highlight a few aspects that will be of interest to our alumni and friends. ***First, the Trustees reasserted their unwavering commitment to five broad areas of activity that will characterize the Mount:***

- A strong, vibrant Catholic identity
- Excellence in academics
- A comprehensive student life program
- A strong financial base
- A national recruitment program to attract talented students

Some specifics that the Trustees have asked us to focus on during the next few years include:

- Revising our core curriculum, to continue to stress the importance of the liberal arts in the formation of virtuous citizens
- Establishing a Leadership Institute to better prepare our students for those responsibilities
- Enhancing the services provided by Campus Ministry to further engage our students in understanding and practicing their Catholic faith and to help our students of other faiths to develop a mature spiritual life
- Maintaining the distinctive quality of our seminary as we reach out to dioceses throughout the nation
- Initiating new academic programs in human services, biological sciences and nursing
- Growing the endowment from a current value of $40 million to $54 million in order to provide more scholarships for students

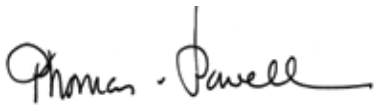
Within the Vision Statement, our Trustees have also set some ***new goals for the physical development of our campus. These projects will include:***

- Retrofitting Sheridan and Pangborn residence halls with fire suppression systems
- A new student fitness/ wellness center
- A walking/running trail system for the east campus
- A visitors' center for our Grotto for the many pilgrims who visit annually
- The development of a Mount village to provide homes for our faculty and staff
- Continuing our commitment to develop a sustainable, environmentally-friendly campus with a solar farm and new use of geothermal technology
- Adding new academic space in Bradley Hall
- Upgrading our antiquated electrical infrastructure

While these new programs will require new resources, we will keep our tuition and fees at the median of our peer institutions. This will require modest growth in our student body, particularly in the areas of continuing and graduate education and through online learning opportunities.

Our Trustees, along with campus leaders and faculty, recognize that the Mount must continue to grow and respond to our ever-changing society. Indeed, this is what we have always done to keep our historic campus vibrant for future generations of Mounties. However, throughout this articulation of our future, we have also reasserted what we will always be–a proudly Catholic university. We are committed to the Catholic faith, the pursuit and witness of truth, and grounding all of our students in the liberal arts. As we bring the uniqueness of the Mount experience to new students, our undergraduate, residential program will continue to be our primary focus.

I urge you to look at the entire Vision Statement at **www.msmary.edu/vision**. I am confident that you will find it inspiring in charting a course for our future.



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In addition to our Mount community outpouring of support (tens of thousands of dollars) for Haitian relief efforts after this winter's devastating earthquake, several Mounties assisted in person.

Chris Fletcher, C'96, sent us word that his father, ***Dr. H. Stephen Fletcher, C'63***, and others assisted in Milot, Haiti (70 miles from Port au Prince). This group of volunteers, led by Dr. Fletcher, is part of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Malta. Dr. Fletcher, a general and vascular surgeon, has been volunteering in Haiti for the last several years and leading a team of doctors, residents and nurses to provide care where it is needed. His team arrived four days after the earthquake and saw the worst.

Read Dr. Fletcher's full journal on the web at **www.msmary.edu/FletcherJournal**.

Recent graduate ***Samantha Russell, C'09***, is currently a volunteer teacher with The Haitian Project and was in Haiti during the earthquake. She was fine and provided treatment and direction for her Haitian students. Samantha's mother provided periodic updates and noted, "Samantha continues to grow in her faith, and her experiences at the Mount helped her to draw on her strengths, her knowledge of survival skills and the character building she received."

THE MOUNT IS ON facebook

We have more than 2,000 fans and are waiting for you to join. Become a fan of the Mount's Facebook page and keep up with former classmates, plus see the latest in sports, student happenings, academics and even job openings. You can also visit the "Fan Photos" section and see pictures dating back to 1962 as well as present-day activities. Or post your own!

Visit **www.msmary.edu** and click on the Facebook image on the homepage.

SAFETY FIRST

The Mount's Department of Public Safety officers and Residence Life staff members took part in a two-day safety training seminar during winter break. The seminar, conducted by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, ran the Mount officers and staff members through real-life scenarios including kidnappings, hostage situations and the how and why's of preserving a crime scene.

"This type of training and hands-on experience is essential for us so we can stay ahead of the curve in keeping the Mount campus safe," says Mount Dean of Student Affairs Michael Taberski. "We need to be prepared for anything."

This kind of seminar is just one of many workshops and real-life training exercises the Mount's Public Safety officers and Residence Life staff members attend each year.

PARTNERSHIP BRINGS CLEAN ENERGY PLANT TO MOUNT CAMPUS AND FREDERICK COUNTY

"FAKE OUT ON CHRISTMAS"

A team of Mount St. Mary's students worked with the Maryland Christmas Tree Association this past year to develop a media plan for a $24,000 grant received from the Department of Agriculture. Their recommendations to promote local tree farms included online media placement and radio advertisements concentrated around the farm locations. The MCTA even hired one of the students, Gary Phinith, for an internship position to implement the recommended media plan.

Students developed the "Fake Out on Christmas" theme and urged consumers to buy their Christmas trees from local farms. They promoted the **www.marylandchristmastrees.org** site and the MCTA's Facebook page to help visitors locate a nearby farm.

The results? Nearly half of the MCTA member farms surveyed noted increased activity for the season—this despite a December blizzard that put a chill on travel the weekend before Christmas. More than 60 percent of customers mentioned the real vs. fake theme.

Just one more example of Mount students thinking green!

Members of the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team who worked on this project include **Sarah Winters, Matt Bernardo, Gary Phinith, Jeffrey Bocar** and **Karen Ramos**, all class of 2010.

Mount St. Mary's University recently announced a partnership with Constellation Energy Group to create and house one of the nation's largest solar photovoltaic power farms.

This project is part of the statewide initiative, Generating Clean Horizons, to use clean, renewable resources to supply power to Maryland universities and many state-run offices.

"This unique partnership with Constellation Energy strengthens Mount St. Mary's University's commitment to Maryland and to the promotion and creation of clean energy. It continues the 'greening' of the Mount," says President Thomas H. Powell. "Our students will be on the forefront of responsible land use and creation of renewable energy resources. Frederick County will benefit not only from our generation of clean energy but also from the reduction of dependence on more traditional use of coal, natural gas and fossil fuels."

The power system is expected to be completed by December 2012 and create 15.9 megawatts of power annually, with 1.2 megawatts being supplied back to the Mount.

"Constellation Energy is pleased to be partnering with the state of Maryland and Mount St. Mary's University on the Generating Clean Horizons initiative to develop new sources of clean power and stimulate the economy through the growth of the clean energy sector," says Mayo A. Shattuck III, chairman, president and chief executive officer, Constellation Energy. "This large-scale solar facility will make a significant contribution to our shared goal of a cleaner energy future."

The Mount is dedicating 126 of its 1,400 campus acres to this initiative.

Dr. Jeff Simmons, Mount environmental studies professor, notes, "This agreement advances the Mount several steps closer toward its goal of a sustainable university. Converting sunlight energy into electricity is one of the cleanest and most environmentally benign methods for producing electricity on a large scale. Plus, having the solar panels right here on campus will provide extraordinary learning opportunities for our students."

Mount St. Mary's presently serves as a pilot school model in the nation's American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment and the Clinton Climate Initiative.

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— Dr. Jeff Simmons, Associate Professor of Science, School of Natural Science and Mathematics

HARRISBURG BISHOP KEVIN RHOADES, C'79, BECOMES BISHOP OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Bishop Rhoades at Mass in his honor at Mount St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Chapel.

The Mount said goodbye to one of its strongest supporters when Bishop Kevin Rhoades left the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., in January for his new position as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in Indiana. Bishop Rhoades has strong ties to the Mount, having taught canon law and theology since 1994 and served as seminary rector from 1997 until leaving for Harrisburg. Over the past five years, Bishop Rhoades remained an involved member of the Board of Trustees at the university. His guidance and support have been essential to the growth of the Mount and the blossoming of our Catholic identity.

In a recent article in the National Catholic Register, Bishop Rhoades talked about being committed to the 1990 Apostolic Constitution Ex Corde Ecclesiae, Latin for "from the heart of the Church." His new diocese has five Catholic colleges and universities, including Notre Dame, which became mired in controversy when the school invited President Obama to speak at graduation. It triggered numerous debates about the mission, purpose and academic freedom within Catholic universities.

In the article, when asked about the ongoing debate, Bishop Rhoades cited the Mount as an example of a university in touch with its Catholic identity:

"While I served as vice president of Mount St. Mary's University (while rector at the seminary) in Emmitsburg, Md., I saw that it [Ex Corde Ecclesiae] had a great impact. There were widespread discussions on campus about the document, and the faculty, administration, staff and students were very engaged in discussing the Mount's Catholic identity and mission. That identity and mission strengthened considerably as a result of the serious assimilation of the teachings of Ex Corde Ecclesiae as well as the full implementation of its norms.

"During the past few years, I have been a member of the board of trustees of Mount St. Mary's University. I am proud to say that the board last year explicitly reaffirmed the critical importance of Catholic Identity in all operations, asserting that a strong Catholic Identity is central to the university's mission. In this statement, the board asserted the university's commitment to the Church and the Church's teachings, as well as its full compliance with both the letter and spirit of Ex Corde Ecclesiae. In addition, it affirmed the university's recognition of the direction of Mount St. Mary's University. It was clear to me that Mount St. Mary's in no way considered the bishop to be a mere external agent, but as a true participant in the university's life, particularly in terms of its Catholic Identity.

"Let me give an example: A Catholic university must be deeply committed to the truth about the dignity of every human person created in the image and likeness of God. To deny this truth or to dissent publicly from Church teaching concerning the innate dignity of the human person (from conception to natural death) in the name of academic freedom is not acceptable for a professor in a Catholic university. The exercise of academic freedom must be in conformity with the university's Catholic identity. … In choosing a Catholic college or university I would encourage prospective students and their parents to ask a lot of questions about the college's commitment to its Catholic Identity and mission and to the teaching and norms of Ex Corde Ecclesiae. I would also encourage them to visit the campuses and check out for themselves the college environment, the campus ministry program, the liturgies, as well as the curriculum and extracurricular activities. You can usually tell if a place is proud of its Catholic identity or if it tries to minimize its importance."

From "Heart of the Church," in the Dec. 13, 2009, issue of the *National Catholic Register* (NCRegister.com)

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—Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

LEARNING SERVICES AT THE MOUNT

We like to say at Mount St. Mary's that "no student falls through the cracks." When students arrive for summer orientation, they meet and interact with a faculty member who will teach their Freshman Seminar course and who will also serve as advisor. Once classes begin and students find themselves facing academic challenges and difficulties, they can always go to their teacher, to their advisor, to Learning Services, to the Writing Center or to a counselor to get the help they need.

Learning Services has a staff that can engage with students on issues related to time management, note-taking, test-taking, and learning to read and comprehend better. Learning Services also works with students who have disabilities.

Furthermore, a special committee of faculty and administrators from all over campus has been assembled to review students who may be at risk of academic and personal difficulty; this group meets three times each semester. On the basis of the work done by that committee, instructors, advisors, academic affairs staff and student affairs staff reach out to students and help guide them through challenging times. In short, the Mount helps ensure that students who come here meet with academic and personal success.

NEW RECRUITING TOOL

The Mount's Office of Communications and Admissions Office worked together last fall to develop a new microsite on the Web for prospective students. The streamlined design makes it easy for high school students, and their parents, to find what they want quickly: information on academics, what students are like and how to afford college.

As of March 10, 2010, 15,155 unique visitors have visited mountadmissions.com.

You can check it out at **www.mountadmissions.com.**

Pictured l. to r.: Tyrone Perry, director; **Stephanie Guzman, C'11; Kierstin Fennell, C'12; Joel Sanchez, C'11; Kaneisha Richardson, C'12; Luis Batista, C'13; Christopher Baysmore, C'12; Mariah Soldier Wolf, C'13; Brenda Balcarcel, C'13**

CENTER FOR STUDENT DIVERSITY

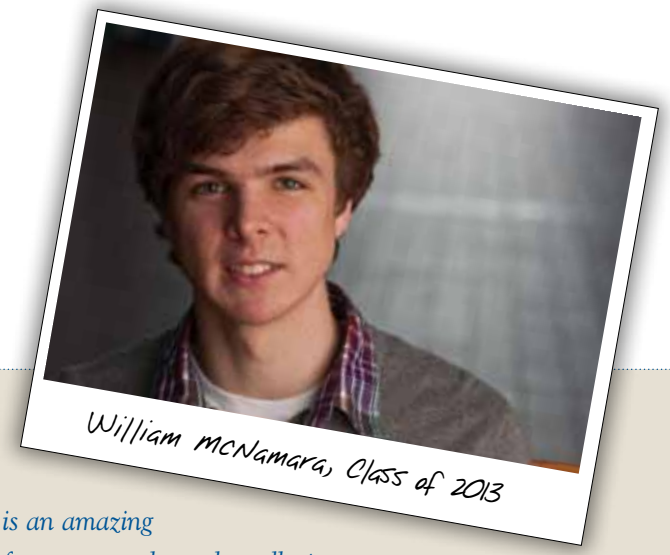
The newly organized Center for Student Diversity was established to aid Mount St. Mary's University in its efforts of fostering inclusion, collaboration and relationship building across campus. The center provides academic, social and transitional support in addition to programming, leadership training and inclusive workshops for all students. It promotes exchange and dialogue between individuals of diverse backgrounds.

The Center for Student Diversity oversees intercultural development programs, the Horning Fellowship, student support programs (including the Third Century Scholars program and the American Indian program) and cultural programs. The office also supports cultural organizations, conducts diversity awareness programs, assesses the climate and needs of diverse groups, and advocates on behalf of underrepresented students.

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

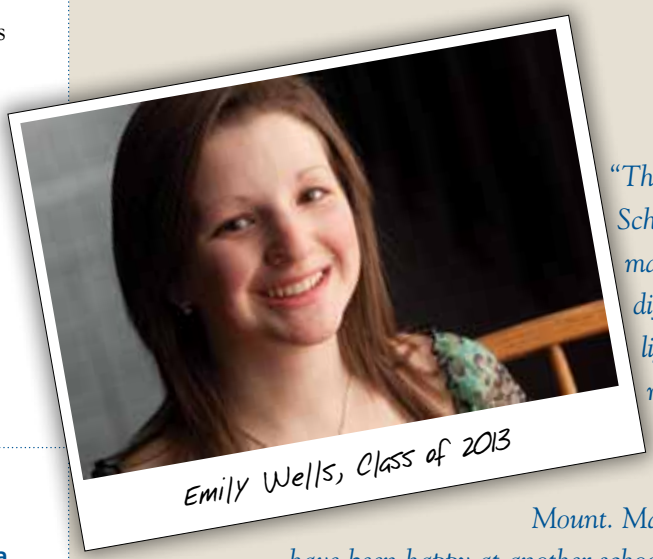
The University Honors Program provides intellectual challenge and stimulation for highly motivated and talented students. It offers an integrated curriculum emphasizing individual initiative, small class size, close faculty-student interaction, and sustained inquiry in interdisciplinary and major areas of study, all culminating with a senior thesis project mentored by an expert faculty member in the student's major. Our faculty is dedicated to providing experiences for a successful transition to graduate school or a profession. This year's honors scholars will be showcased in a two-day University Research Festival called SPARC (Scholarship, Performance, Action, Research and Creativity), beginning on April 28.

Faith, Discovery, Leadership and *Community* at the Mount are integral to the achievements of students participating in the honors program. Just as important as the challenging honors curriculum is the atmosphere of collegiality developed among the students and honors faculty through a series of socials, study groups, discussion dinners, lectures and field trips taking place under the auspices of the George Henry Miles Honor Society. The honors program encourages students to offer their time and talents to the university and to the local community through service programs also sponsored by the George Henry Miles Honor Society.



William McNamara, Class of 2013

"The Founder's Scholarship is an amazing opportunity for me to study at the collegiate level without financial strain on my family. It will give me the opportunity to study abroad with the money my parents would have spent on tuition. This will benefit my education since I plan to double major in international studies and French."



Emily Wells, Class of 2013

"The Founder's Scholarship has made a profound difference in my life. If I hadn't received it, I could not have come to the Mount. Maybe I could have been happy at another school, but I am sure that no other college could compare to this one. The Mount has everything I was looking for. It is a tight knit community, it has a Catholic tradition that enables me to learn about my faith, and, of course, it has beautiful mountain scenery!

"Initially, I took the Founder's Scholarship essay component to open up my options. At that point, I hadn't looked at the Mount very much because I knew I couldn't go without significant financial aid. However, I returned to campus several times after taking the essay test. The Mount became familiar to me, and I felt so welcomed here. This university really is perfect for me. I owe all of my amazing experiences here to the Founder's Scholarship."

MEET THIS YEAR'S FOUNDER'S SCHOLARS

Many of our honors students are recruited through their participation in the Founder's Essay Competition. This competition for full-tuition scholarships brings gifted students to campus for a comprehensive exam and extensive interviews. Those with superior essays earn one of the Mount's most prestigious awards.

This year's winners are two intelligent and deserving individuals, **William McNamara, C'13**, and **Emily Wells, C'13.** Their journey of discovery through the University Honors Program will allow them to achieve a clear understanding of the traditions that have shaped the communities in which we live; cultivate a mature spiritual life; and live by high intellectual and moral standards—all central tenets of the Catholic, liberal arts mission of the Mount.

Please direct inquiries about the Mount's Honors Program to Dr. Jennifer Staiger (staiger@msmary.edu), director of the University Honors Program. Inquiries about the Founder's Essay Competition should be directed to the admissions office (admissions@msmary.edu).

A VIEW FROM THE MOUNT

Q&A with Joe Lebherz, director of the Mount's Center for Professional and Continuing Studies

By Christian Kendzierski

Q: What does your background in local business and political experience bring to the Mount and the newly established center?

A: I hope that I bring strong knowledge of the regional market, a track record in getting things done, creativity and innovation in programming, and integrity in dealing with individuals of all stripes. By the way, the center has a new name, but the university has offered programs in Frederick for years, seven years now in our current location on Spectrum Drive.

Q: Why is it important for people to consider graduate degrees?

A: Because every organization, like every community, needs leadership and depends upon it. Smart organizations nurture and cultivate it. Graduate schools lay the groundwork for leadership. Good economies or bad, leadership is essential and is always in demand.

Q: Why is it important for adults to consider returning to school and getting their undergraduate degree?

A: As a practical matter, businesses and corporations value individuals with a college degree. Businesses are nothing if not pragmatic, and they would not stress the value of having a degree if it did not improve their organization. And then there is this crazy accelerated life we all lead – it has become more imperative to learn anew throughout your life, in order to keep pace. And of course there is the deep fulfillment that comes with obtaining an undergraduate degree, regardless of whether it plays or leads directly into one's work: it means that one has learned how to learn. And that's a treasure that no one can ever take from you.

Q: What is unique about the Center and programs offered by the Mount?

A: The programs offered here are designed to fit the lifestyles of the working adult. It's usually the other way around – students conform to the way things are and are presented. Our programs conform to the customer/adult student, beginning with scheduling – evening and weekend classes, in an accelerated format that mature, working adults can handle, usually very well. These programs offer convenience, small class sizes and outstanding, dedicated instructors at very reasonable costs. And, best of all, they have the brand and the rigor of Mount St. Mary's University and its accredited programs behind them.

Q: What makes the Center stand out?

A: What makes it stand out, to my mind, is this: if the university had not made the decision and the investment to bring this program to the greater Frederick community, hundreds of working adults may have never completed their undergraduate degree or pursued their graduate education. It has made a difference, a remarkable difference oftentimes, in the lives of many.

Q: What future plans does the Center have?

A: You will see additional graduate programs, a more diverse array of undergraduate programs, certificate programs and probably even noncredit offerings in the coming years. The educational product available in the greater Frederick area will expand and become more comprehensive as it meets the expanding needs of the dynamic market we share.

NEW FREDERICK COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

TRACY BOYD

Communications Manager Center for Professional and Continuing Studies, Frederick Campus

Tracy graduated with a visual communications degree from the University of Delaware and has specialized in publication design and communications for various organizations, including the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Pulse Publishing, F. Schumacher & Co., and *Washingtonian Magazine*. She will continue as an adjunct professor teaching graphic design at both Frederick and Hagerstown Community Colleges.

UNCONDITIONAL JOY

By Stephanie Kreiner, C'10

In Scripture, Job is reminded during a time of trial that "once more will He fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with rejoicing" (Job 8:21). Every college student experiences daily challenges that arise from academic agitations such as tomorrow's exam, practical ones such as a growing pile of laundry, and, particularly, spiritual ones such as pursuing a Christian lifestyle that is not always easy to live. At the Mount, where saints have walked, where our institution aspires to spiritual maturity, and where our Campus Ministry's mission is to "radiate Christ," we have extraordinary reminders to live each day with purpose and joy.

Since fall 2008, FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students) has helped encourage such joyful Catholicism on campus. As a nationwide outreach program, FOCUS is on 48 college campuses across the United States. At Mount St. Mary's University, ***Danielle McKenna, Leah Sedlacek, Will Targy*** and team leader ***Jared Smyth*** have joined our Campus Ministry team. They help college students develop a "vision for life" as they lead weekly Bible studies, mentor individuals and engage students in living their faith. With approximately 100 students participating regularly, FOCUS has become the most actively attended program within Campus Ministry. It not only cultivates a strong sense of faith, but a caring group that junior Kevin Hamilton says "has one thing in common—we are running toward Christ."

Young adults receive such varied messages today regarding how to socialize, date and succeed; it's also challenging to find time for prayer and spiritual growth in a busy schedule. The FOCUS staff and the students they work with testify to the beauty of the Catholic faith and truly practice Christ's call for us to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) in their programs and everyday activities. Their examples are reminders that we're made for more than this life and made to share the faith we fall in love with. Smyth calls it "a real honor to serve at one of the oldest institutions of Catholicism in the country, helping students intentionally grow in virtue," and as junior Jed Crook tells it, "we don't pretend to be perfect, but we do try to let Him bring us to perfection together."

Seventy members of the Mount community, including several alumni and staff members, spent five days of their last Christmas break in Orlando, Fla., attending the FOCUS biennial national conference. There they celebrated Mass and adored the Blessed Sacrament with 4,000 other college students, rang in 2010 with a swing dance, and attended talks by FOCUS founder Curtis Martin, Australian author Matthew Kelly, EWTN personality Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Monsignor Stewart Swetland, the Mount's own chair for Christian Ethics. Sophomore Sarah Conrad felt inspired seeing hundreds of other young Catholics at the conference, yet she knows "it may be hard to live out your faith fully, depending on the people you are surrounded with. We need to remember how awesome Jesus is and that He is the one who created us, wants us to succeed, and will always love us. Unconditionally!"

Do realizations like these mean studying for that test will be easier, or that our laundry will wash itself? If only. But that we can grow together in holiness, laughing and rejoicing all the way? Absolutely.

At top: FOCUS missionary Leah Sedlace with freshman Samantha "Samme" Shepard, C'13.

Below: The FOCUS team with Mount student Bible study leaders; Seventy Mounties attended the FOCUS national conference over Christmas break.

MOUNT UP!

By Lauren Maruskin, C'04

Many young equestrians are eventually faced with a tough decision—they must give up their horse when they go to college. At the very least, riding must take a backseat. Right?

Not so, at schools like Mount St. Mary's with an active equestrian team as part of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. Mount St. Mary's Equestrian Team coach Janis Groomes has coached the team since 2004, and "as a former horse-crazy college student myself, I know how important it is for the kids to be able to stay connected to something they love while moving on up in the world."

A major perk is that IHSA competitions allow students to compete without needing to own a horse. There are about 10 shows per year, and each competition's host school provides the horses and even the tack (equipment such as saddles) for the show. Riders hold a random drawing to determine which horse will be their partner, and without practicing they must head into the ring to be judged on their riding performance, position and style.

Students do need to pay for lessons and show clothing; however, the MSMET holds fundraisers throughout the year to make riding on the team more affordable for all who want to join.

While some schools have enough riders to fill the coach buses they bring to shows, schools like the Mount have fun and remain competitive with smaller teams. Groomes says that she enjoys coaching at the Mount "because I really get a chance to know the students."

The MSMET may be small, but they can still give larger schools a run for the blue ribbons. Playing fields are leveled because each school must choose only one "point rider" per team, per show division. In divisions ranging from Beginner Walk-Trot to Open Jumping classes, only the point rider's performance will count toward the team's overall points. Strategy is crucial, as coaches must submit their choice for point rider before the competition even starts.

The Mount St. Mary's Equestrian Team is still in its relative infancy. The team was founded in 1997 by *Clarice Dionot, C'01*, *Julia Andersen, C'01*, *Amanda Ditsky, C'01*, *Cheryl Sullivan Gildea, C'02*, and *Shannon Sherrock, C'01*.

Other schools that compete with Mount St. Mary's as part of IHSA Zone IV, Region 1, include Goucher College, University of Maryland, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Hood College, University of Mary Washington, Christopher Newport University, George Mason University, University of Richmond, Georgetown University, The George Washington University and American University. Top finishers may eventually compete at IHSA Nationals, which will be held this year at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington in May.

Learn more about the IHSA at **www.ihsainc.com.**

Lauren Maruskin competed as a member of the MSMET from 2000-04. This year she is returning to the IHSA ring as an alumna rider representing her alma mater.

Left to right: Susanne Maruskin, Team Advisor; Janis Groomes, Coach; Anna Cantirino, C'13; Sara Demes, Club Vice-President, C'12; Jenn Ball, C'12; Laura Crane, C '12; Amber Jackson, C'13; Haley Blevins, Team Captain, C'10; Emily Howse, Club President, C'12; Colleen Brandt, Club Secretary, C'13; Not pictured: Fiona Durkin, C'11

FIGHTING TERRORISM ...

MOUNT STUDENTS RECEIVE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

The Mount's criminal justice program recently partnered with Frederick-based company Visual Analytics Inc. to instruct both adult and traditional students in advanced analytical tools and techniques for identifying and thwarting terrorists and criminal organizations.

The rigorous course, *Solving Complex Problems: Using Visual Intelligence Analysis for Law Enforcement, Military and Homeland Security*, is being taught by three professors with varying perspectives. Mount criminal justice professor Joe Vince, a former federal special agent, teaches along with two Visual Analytics' experts, CEO and author Christopher Westphal and the company's chief analytical instructor Steve Pycha. They provide students with advanced analytical theory as well as real-world experience.

"With the recent terror-attack attempt on Christmas day, a course such as this prepares students to meet the challenges facing the nation's security in the 21st century," says Vince. "We have found that coupling advanced CJ courses with the Mount's strong liberal arts education has made our students very attractive to law enforcement and intelligence agencies seeking qualified candidates for prominent positions." *(See story on the FBI and Mount alums, pages 16-21.)*

Mount students at the Frederick Campus learn about how software can help identify and locate terrorists in a criminal justice class with Visual Analytics. Joe Vince, right, introduces Steve Pycha. Photo by Sam Yu, courtesy of *Frederick News-Post*.

MOUNT APPOINTS MICHAEL HARPE AS FIRST HORNING FELLOW

"With this honor comes a certain responsibility to make sure that I contribute to the academic environment of this campus, work collaboratively with my colleagues in the School of Education and Human Services and across disciplines on campus, and am a true part of the Mount community."

The Horning Fellowship was established by **Joseph, C'53, and Lynne Horning** and Mount St. Mary's University in the spring of 2009 as an active step to increase the number of African American faculty on campus.

Says Mount President Thomas Powell, "As we prepare new leaders for social change, it is the intent of the Horning Fellows program to serve as a catalyst for student learning, self-reflection and discovery through interactions with a more diverse faculty."

The Horning Fellows will have an initial two-year appointment at the Mount. Each Fellow will teach half time and complete his or her dissertation. In addition, the Fellow will play a central role in the Mount's Center for Student Diversity, helping achieve systematic change to ensure a diverse, welcoming Mount community.

Michael Harpe, who received an Ed.D. in educational leadership/higher education from Fayetteville State University this spring, teaches in the Mount's School of Education and Human Services. "We are thrilled to have Michael in our school," says Education Dean Barbara Palmer. "His experience, contributions and perspective are quite an asset." Among his many duties, Harpe guest lectures, serves as a member of the Research Committee, is working on policy and procedures for the M.Ed. thesis oral defense, and has led a session of Courageous Conversations sponsored by the Center for Diversity.

"I am honored to be the first Horning Fellow," says Harpe. "With this honor comes a certain responsibility to make sure that I contribute to the academic environment of this campus, work collaboratively with my colleagues in the education school and across disciplines on campus, and am a true part of the Mount community."

Harpe received his B.A. in English/media journalism from North Carolina Central University. He earned master's degrees in counseling and special education from NCCU and Fayetteville. Prior to joining the Mount, he worked for Fayetteville as a site coordinator for NC TEACH and the NC Model Teacher Consortium. Harpe also served as the dean of student services at Sampson Community College for four years and as an associate dean of enrollment management for six years at Forsyth Technical Community College.

"We thank Michael Harpe for bringing his background and expertise to our campus," says Mount President Thomas Powell. "And many, many thanks to the Horning family for supporting this crucial fellowship that allows the Mount to continually grow and expand."

MOUNT PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR EARNS NEH GRANT

Thane Naberhaus, assistant professor of philosophy, is busy at work on a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Naberhaus and his collaborator, Sebastian Luft of Marquette University, were awarded a substantial and prestigious grant in June 2009. The grant supports a translation of a major work by the German philosopher Edmund Husserl (1859–1938).

Husserl was the founder of the movement known as "phenomenology" and has come to be acknowledged among the most important philosophers of the 20th century. Husserl's "lecture course" from 1923/24, Erste Philosophie ("First Philosophy"), is considered the most sustained and comprehensive statement of his mature phenomenological system, which he defends as the only true philosophical method.

However, First Philosophy has never before been translated into English. Naberhaus and Luft's translation is slated for publication in the acclaimed English edition of Husserl's collected works, coordinated by the European Husserl Archives, and is expected to have a large impact not just in philosophy but in the social sciences and cultural theory. The work is also significant for Catholic theology. A number of important Catholic thinkers–including Edith Stein (Saint Teresia Benedicta of the Cross) and Karol Wojtyła (Pope John Paul II)–were very influenced by studying phenomenology.

Naberhaus came to the Mount in 2004 after receiving his Ph.D. from Georgetown University. He has taught logic, philosophy of knowledge, and modern philosophy, as well as Freshman Seminar and the core courses in philosophy. He helped start *Tolle Lege*, the Mount's student journal for philosophy and theology, in 2006. And he was instrumental in designing and implementing one of the Mount's newest graduate programs, the Master of Arts in philosophical studies.

The prestigious and competitive NEH grant brings distinction to Naberhaus and the Mount. With one of the largest of grants awarded under this program, the two scholars and their institutions will share $235,000, enough to support their full-time work on translation for one year, with follow up in later years. Mount St. Mary's is supporting Naberhaus by granting him release from his teaching duties to spend full time on the translation project during calendar year 2010.

COMMENCEMENT 2010

Ken Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services, will serve as the Commencement Speaker at this year's ceremony scheduled for May 16. CRS is one of the world's most effective and efficient relief and development agencies, with operations in more than 100 countries and a global staff of nearly 5,000. Mr. Hackett has led CRS since 1993. He was named a Knight Commander of the Papal Order of Saint Gregory the Great, one of the highest Papal honors.

For more information on commencement visit **www.msmary.edu/commencement.**

TENURE AND PROMOTIONS

The following faculty members have been awarded tenure, which will commence in August:

- ***David Cloutier***, Associate Professor of Theology
- ***Luca Petrelli***, Associate Professor of Mathematics
- ***Michael Epstein***, Associate Professor of Chemistry

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Fr. Brett Brannen, S'91, Seminary Vice Rector: Published *To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide To Discerning A Vocation To Diocesan Priesthood*, Vianney Vocations, 2010.

In January, philosophy professor ***Trudy Conway*** was elected president of Delta Epsilon Sigma, the national Catholic honor society, and theology professor ***David Cloutier*** became the Mount's Zeta Chapter moderator. Conway served for almost 20 years as the Mount's chapter moderator and has served multiple terms on the society's Executive Committee, including a previous term as president.

Peter Dorsey, English Dept. Chair**:** Published *Common Bondage: Slavery as Metaphor in Revolutionary America,* University of Tennessee Press, 2009.

Caroline Eick: Represented the Mount at the Maryland Statewide Colloquium on International Education/Teacher Education. Eick discussed the School of Education and Human Services' recent efforts in strategic planning, course development for "Globalization and Education" and the projected service learning trip to the Cameroon in a poster session titled "Internationalizing Teacher Education: a Liberal Arts University Approach."

John R. Hook, Professor Emeritus of Management: Published *The Leadership Touch: The Search for a Rare Quality*, IUniverse, 2009. Hook's test for "the touch" in a leader is that subordinates would (figuratively) follow that leader over a cliff. Using several examples, including Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, he provides guidance to those seeking this extraordinary leadership capability.

Fr. Frederick Miller: Published *The Grace of Ars: Reflections on the Life and Spirituality of St. John Vianney*, Ignatius Press, 2009.

Monsignor Stuart Swetland, S'91, Flynn Chair of Christian Ethics: Invited to deliver the Commencement Address for Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

MOUNT PROFESSOR OPENS DOOR ON MODERN ITALIAN HISTORY

By Lisa Gregory

"The world could learn much from Alcide De Gasperi," says Steven White, an associate professor in the Mount's Department of History. And White is doing his part in providing that education. A scholar of the Italian leader's work and life, he is now working on a biography of De Gasperi. White has also taught at the U.S. State Department, most recently presenting a seminar last year on "The Italian Parliamentary Tradition" to foreign service officers.

De Gasperi was an Italian politician who founded the Christian Democratic Party. He was Italy's prime minister from 1945 to 1953 and one of the founders of the European Union. But for the most part, historically speaking, De Gasperi, according to White, has been greatly ignored.

"Frankly, Italy is not seen as a very powerful or influential country once Mussolini falls," says White, a scholar of modern Italian history and politics and recipient of the Morrison Professorship in International Studies at the Mount. "For example, there are fourteen biographies on the French leader Charles de Gaulle in English, but only one on De Gasperi in English, and that one just takes his career up to 1943."

Italian politics, with its many and varied parties, is stereotyped as a "complicated and corrupt mess," say White. But this is not true in De Gasperi's case. "He was an unusually honest and modest politician. He was very dedicated to making the parliamentary system work and saw the importance of the Italian parliament as an expression of Italian democracy."

White is hoping his biography will open doors to understanding more about Italy and its leaders, past and present. "With De Gasperi, I want to give a face to the Italian Republic," he says.

Below: White with a bronze statue of De Gasperi in the entryway to the Alcide De Gasperi Museum in the village of Pieve Tesino; White conducted his research with the assistance of his wife, Alica, the head librarian of the Penn State Mont Alto Library. She and White are currently working on an annotated bibliography of works, both in English and Italian, that have been printed about De Gasperi in the last three decades.

THE MOUNT COMBATS THE RISING PRICE OF TEXTBOOKS

PRESIDENT POWELL AIMS TO CUT COSTS

Mount St. Mary's University announced recently that all students transferring to the Mount with an associate's degree will receive free textbooks. This announcement is the Mount's first phase of examining the escalating price of college textbooks for undergraduate students.

"We realize this is a bold but necessary move to help our students with the huge cost of today's books," says Mount President Thomas H. Powell. "The Mount has been looking for ways to make it easier and more affordable for transfer students from community colleges. This is what needs to happen."

According to a recent study by the Student Public Interest Research Groups, the average cost for a college-level textbook is $131.44 per book.

In this initial step, transfer students who received their associate's degree and enrolled at the Mount for spring semester 2010 are awarded free textbooks for two academic years or four semesters.

Mount officials will review the results of this beginning phase and assess the outcome in hopes of broadening the reach and making textbooks more affordable for all Mount students. The Mount is also working with our partners at Barnes and Nobles on a plan to control the cost of textbooks.

"If you haven't visited the Grotto lately, you must plan a visit soon! We have exciting news to share with you. If you can't come in person, please stop by our website, ***www.GrottoOfLourdesEmmitsburg.com.****"*

By Bill Tronolone, Director of the Grotto

MEET OUR NEW CHAPLAIN

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our new chaplain, Father William Kauffman. Father Kauffman most recently served as a chaplain in the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Medical and Regional Office Center in Wilmington, Del., and as the chaplain of Port of Wilmington and Seamen's Center from 1996 to present. From 1995 to 2001, Father Kauffman was rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington.

He is a great addition to our team and feels blessed to be chosen as chaplain of Our Lady's Grotto. He is eager to serve at the Grotto and be involved in the larger university and seminary community.

THE BELLS

Last September a new Carillon Master Bell Control System was installed in our 125-foot Pangborn Memorial Campanile. The Verdin Bell Company from Cincinnati, Ohio, did a magnificent job installing the system, which is a solid-state digital control system utilizing state-of-the-art electronic technology. The Carillon Master provides unmatched, simplified scheduling functions and the widest range of bell ringing features available in the industry. The system offers hundreds of programmable hymns, songs and carols, peals and tolls.

THE VISITOR CENTER

We continue to work towards our goal of $2.5 million for this much needed facility. Even in our present economic conditions, we are confident that the center will be built.

As of February, we have raised $1.2 million towards our goal. We were most encouraged recently with two gifts in the amount of $150,00 each! We hope to break ground within the next two years.

There are plenty of opportunities to be part of the Visitor Center at Our Lady's Grotto, and donors are excited to know their names will be associated with this holy shrine forever! To find out more or make a gift, please visit **www.msmary.edu/grotto** or contact Director of Grotto Relations Bill Tronolone, 301-447-6725 or tronolone@msmary.edu.

EASTER SERVICES

Our longstanding tradition for Easter Sunday at the Grotto again took place this year as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord with all denominations of faith, represented by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. All joined together for our annual Easter Sunrise Service and the Easter Sunday Masses.

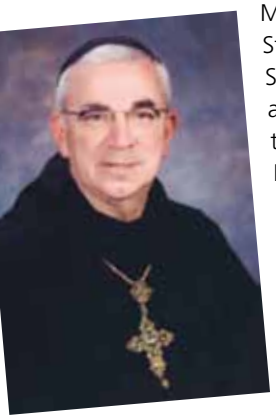
The Grotto staff looks forward with anticipation to the beginning of another pilgrimage year of hosting people from all over the United States and from outside our country.

GIFTS TO PURCHASE

Purchases made through the Grotto are considered donations and are fully tax deductible. All proceeds go toward supporting the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

- **Grotto Print:** Print depicting the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. $50
- **Rosary:** Rosary filled with Holy water. $20
- **Grotto Water:** Two oz. bottle filled with Grotto water. $5

ARCHABBOT REILLY, O.S.B., TO BE RETREAT MASTER



Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs, S.T.D., rector, has announced that the Most Rev. Lambert Reilly, O.S.B., will serve as retreat master for the annual Seminary Alumni Retreat to be held on the Mount campus from June 21-25, 2010. A noted educator and author, Archabbot Reilly served as archabbot of Saint Meinrad Abbey in Indiana from 1995-2004, and over the past four decades has directed numerous retreats for bishops, priests and religions on spirituality and prayer.

For more information or to make reservations, alumni priests should contact Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations Phil McGlade at 301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu.

Barbara Murphy traveled to the Mount from Germany to join her son, **Conrad**, First Pre-Theology (Archdiocese of Washington), for Seminary Family Weekend.

Photo by Howard Korn, courtesy the Archdiocese of Baltimore

MOUNT MOURNS DEATH OF MONSIGNOR TINDER

The Rev. Monsignor F. Dennis Tinder, C'64, S'68, one of the longest serving members of the Mount's Board of Trustees, died on Dec. 5, 2009, from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). At the time of his death, he was pastor emeritus of Immaculate Conception Parish in Towson, Md. In notifying the Mount community, President Thomas H. Powell said, "It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Monsignor Tinder, a true and faithful Son of the Mount."

After receiving his B.A. in philosophy from the Mount in 1964, Monsignor Tinder entered the Seminary and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1968 by the late Cardinal Lawrence Shehan. Over the next 40 years, his assignments included: pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Fullerton, and St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, Pasadena, and director of vocations, coordinating the mentor training program. He was also on the boards of Archbishop Curley High School and the Archdiocesan Retreat House. In 1988, Monsignor Tinder received the archdiocese's Medal of Honor in recognition of his outstanding support of youth ministry.

In spite of his arduous schedule and responsibilities in the parish and the archdiocese, Monsignor Tinder remained very active in the Mount community. He served four presidents as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1987, and later several terms from 1990 until 2009, when he had to resign due to his health. During his years as a trustee, Monsignor Tinder was a member of the Executive Committee, Academic Committee, Seminary Committee and was also Board of Trustees Vice Chair (1994-95 and 2006-07) and Secretary (1996-97 and 2007-08).

On Dec. 12, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien was the celebrant of the Funeral Liturgy, and Cardinal William Keeler presided, at Immaculate Conception Church, the parish of his youth, where he ministered as pastor for nine years. He was buried at St. Joseph's Church Cemetery in Fullerton.

In remembering his classmate, ***Daniel F. Curtin***, chair of the Rector's Council and former chair of the Board of Trustees, said:

"Monsignor Tinder was passionate about his priesthood and his commitment to Christ and the church. He was a warm and compassionate man, who was truly devoted to Mount St. Mary's and its educational mission. He will be missed. God be good to him."

FAMILY WEEKEND HELD AT THE SEMINARY

They traveled to the Mount by auto, airplane and RV from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina, Louisiana, Texas and as far away as Germany. Ninety family members—parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces—of 35 seminarians participated in the annual Family Weekend festivities held last October. Thirteen sending dioceses were represented.

Family members socialized, met with faculty and were provided an overview of a seminarian's journey to the priesthood, with a focus on academic programs, spiritual life, human formation, pastoral field education and seminary life. It was another in an annual series of memorable weekends.

The next Seminary Family Weekend will be Oct. 22-24, 2010. A block of 25 rooms has been reserved by the Seminary at the Sleep Inn-Emmitsburg (301-447-0044). When making reservations, family members should mention they are with the Seminary. For more information about the events, please contact Phil McGlade (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu).

SAVE THE DATE! 2010 SEMINARY REUNION

The Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, S'60, archbishop emeritus, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis will be the main celebrant at the traditional Seminary Alumni Reunion Mass on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010. The Homecoming Mass is offered for deceased alumni priests and seminary benefactors.

In making the announcement, ***Rector Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs, S'76***, stated, "It will be truly an honor to have Archbishop Flynn return to the Mount for the reunion, especially during his Golden Jubilee of ordination to the holy priesthood." Archbishop Flynn served the seminary from 1965-79 as a faculty member, dean, vice rector and rector. He is also a trustee emeritus of the Mount's Board of Trustees.

In addition, the reunion will feature the presentation of the 35th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award at the Reunion Dinner and a Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday morning.

A block of rooms for the reunion has been reserved at the Sleep Inn-Emmitsburg, located off U.S. Route 15, a mile north of the Mount. For reservations, and a special Mount rate, call 301-447-0044 and be sure to mention the Priests' Reunion.

For more information about reunion activities, contact ***Phil McGlade, C'70***, Office of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations, (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu).

Bishop James Conley, S'85, the 49th Mountaineer bishop, and **Rector Monsignor Steven Rohlfs, S'76** at the Bishops' Monument on the Terrace following the Priests' Alumni Reunion Homecoming Mass.

2009 PRIESTS' ALUMNI REUNION

President Thomas Powell and Rector Monsignor Steven Rohlfs welcomed Mountaineer priests from seven decades, 35 classes and 28 dioceses to the traditional Priests' Alumni Reunion held in the fall at the Mount. **The Most Rev. James Conley, S'85**, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Denver, served as the main celebrant at the Homecoming Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

Rector Monsignor Steven Rohlfs, S'76, and **Father John Mudd, S'69,** trustee emeritus, join in the presentation of the 34th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award to **Father F. Michael Bryant, Ph.D., S'69,** Archdiocese of Washington, for his outstanding and devoted service to the mission of the Church.

Deacon Jeff Couture (Diocese of Bridgeport) and his family (L-R): Brother-in-law, Bruce; nephew, Chris; sister, Michelle; brother, Chris; brother, Mike; and father. (Deacon Jeff, Chris and Mike are triplets!)

INSIDE THE FBI

Thomas J. Harrington, C'78, has seen the evil in the world. Yet he has never lost his faith in the good.

By Lisa Gregory

Sometimes on weekends when he is running errands near his home in Northern Virginia, he finds his vehicle making an unscheduled detour to the Mount. For 25 years with the FBI, he has known and experienced much of what is not best about society. So he finds himself driving toward a place of peace, the Grotto at his alma mater and the graves in the Mount cemetery of his beloved parents.

Thomas Harrington made such a trip a year ago when he was appointed by FBI director Robert Mueller III to head up the bureau's largest operational entity, the Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch. "My dad was my hero," says Harrington. "On his headstone is the FBI seal. When I was deciding whether to take this particular job or not, I needed to know he would be there with me. After that visit, I knew he would be. I had no doubts."

If Harrington seeks relief from the weight of the world, it is understandable. During his career with the FBI he has worked in white collar crime, counterterrorism and

"After 9/11, we both understood that this was something I had to do. At the Mount, we were always encouraged to go put some skin in the game. In other words, you can't complain if you're not willing to try to help fix things."

cyber crime. In fact, following 9/11 he was called upon to help create and guide the bureau's new focus on counterterrorism and national security.

"I've been witness to a lot of very bad things," he says. "But I also know there is good as well. There are those who would do harm, but there are also those who are dedicating their lives and careers to preventing it."

Those like Harrington.

Terrorism Never Takes a Holiday

This past Christmas, Harrington was seated in a pew with his wife, two daughters and son for a 2 p.m. Mass. "Right before Mass my BlackBerry began to vibrate," he says. "I looked at my message from the Strategic Information Operations Center, got up and found myself in the back of the church, in the foyer, making calls around the world for the entire Mass."

The call was regarding an unsuccessful attempt by a young Nigerian man to blow up an airplane that had left Amsterdam and was headed towards Detroit. While those in church were celebrating Christmas Mass, Harrington was "getting our folks up and moving to backtrack the steps of this young man and collect and preserve evidence and records," he explains.

He adds, "Our enemy needs only to be right once to be judged successful. While we are safer than we were before 9/11, our efforts must remain ever vigilant."

Dad Was a G-Man

Ask Harrington when he first realized he wanted to be an FBI agent and he replies, "Always." And means it. His father was an FBI agent and young Harrington, the fourth Thomas J. Harrington of the family, wanted to be one too. "As a little boy, I remember he had a gun and a badge, and I thought he was so cool," says Harrington.

The elder Harrington began his career as an agent in Los Angeles, before moving the family, which included Thomas as well as two younger brothers, ***Kevin, C'82***, and ***Dan, C'86***, and a younger sister, Sharon, to outside of New York City. "That's where I really grew up," he says.

The summer between Harrington's junior and senior year in high school, though, the family moved again, this time to Washington, D.C. "I was not so happy about that," recalls Harrington. However, the move would put him closer to the college that would help him prepare for his dream job.

The Meaning of the Mount

After graduating from high school, Harrington knew that he wanted to major in accounting because it is one of the professions the FBI historically recruits from.

He applied to the Mount based on the encouragement of his dad and distant cousin and alum ***Peter O'Malley, C'60***, who had sung the praises of the Mount at family get-togethers. Harrington was a soccer player and made the Mount's varsity team as a freshman. He did well on the field. In fact, the Mount's team was ranked nationally that year in 1974. But he did not fare so well with his grades. The dean of academics at the time invited Harrington into his office for a chat. "He reminded me that I wasn't at the Mount just to play soccer," says Harrington. "I made the dean's list after that. I guess all kids go through an adjustment. I really grew to love the place."

Harrington was not the only one smitten by the Mount. "My father attended college in Canada, and a coach and priest he knew there had gone to the Mount. He had heard these wonderful stories about the school before I even went there. Then, once we got there and saw it, we both fell in love with it."

So much so that Harrington's two brothers would also attend, graduating with degrees in accounting, as "required by the old man," says Harrington with a chuckle. "My sister is the black sheep of the family. She went to Boston College and became a nurse," he says with a grin.

The elder Harrington, after retiring from the FBI, went to work for the Mount in 1979 as the director of development for the Mount's 175th anniversary. It was then that he and Harrington's mother made the decision to be buried at the Mount's newly created cemetery.

Harrington feels the Mount spoke to his family's long tradition of faith and public service. "Two of my aunts were nuns," notes Harrington. "One great uncle became a monsignor and was a missionary in China, where he was held prisoner by the communists for many years. We had this history, and I grew up hearing these stories. In fact, at that time I thought I might consider the priesthood if the FBI didn't work out."

The Son Becomes a G-Man

After graduation, Harrington used his degree in accounting to work for a public accounting firm and a large financial institution. "Finally, the bureau called," he says.

Harrington joined the FBI in 1984, serving as an agent in Denver, Colorado, and specializing in white collar crime, including financial institution and securities fraud investigations.

"In Denver, I conceived and executed a two-year undercover effort where I took two FBI-controlled companies public," says Harrington. "We were focused on the corruption within the penny stock market, as it was called. This was the first operation of this type for the FBI, and it clearly illustrated the corruption of stock promoters, brokers and con men who took millions of dollars of savings from investors."

In 1990, he graduated with honors from the American Bankers Association's Stonier Graduate School of Banking "as a way to better prepare myself for the work I was doing," he says.

By 1991, he was assigned as a supervisory special agent at FBI headquarters in D.C. in the criminal investigative division, overseeing the bureau's national insurance and securities fraud initiatives. Two years later, he was moved to Philadelphia and named supervisory special agent of the economic crimes squad and the white collar crime coordinator within the Philadelphia division. In fact, Harrington would play a key role in proposing and establishing a Russian and Eastern European Criminal Enterprise Squad in Philadelphia to combat the rise of organized crime from that part of the world in the area.

Among accomplishments achieved during this time was Harrington's executive oversight of an undercover operation that penetrated the leadership of the Philadelphia Mob. As a result, Ralph Natale, the boss of the family, became the first Mafia boss to flip, turn government witness and testify against the Mob. "So it was a pretty big deal," says Harrington.

And, more recently, a case that he first became involved with in Philadelphia has resulted in a major crime figure being named to the FBI's 10 most wanted list. "Semion Mogilevich is head of a Russian organized crime family and one of the most powerful organized crime figures in the world. We opened a case on him back in Philly for stock swindling in which millions of dollars were lost on an international level. I supervised this investigation for several years."

Mogilevich was eventually indicted in 2002. His illegal activities include money laundering, securities fraud and false filings with the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission. "Now that he's on the top 10 list, we're putting a lot of pressure on him," says Harrington. "This is no minor list. Bin Laden is on this list. And now so is Mogilevich."

Life and Work after 9/11

During his time in Philadelphia, Harrington found great contentment with not only his work, but his personal life as well. He and his wife, Marla, had two daughters and a son. Harrington coached his daughters in soccer and his son in baseball. "Life was good," he says. "Then came this colossal nightmare, 9/11."

On that day, United Airlines Flight 93 was high jacked and crashed in Pennsylvania. Shortly after, Harrington was asked to go to Newark, N.J., where the flight had originated, to oversee a portion of the command post there. He would do so for the next three months.

"You have to remember," says Harrington, "that the director for the FBI, Robert Mueller III, had only been the director of the bureau for two whole days when 9/11 happened. The bureau as we had known it was going to change. Two thousand employees were removed from other jobs and placed within the counterterrorism area. At that time, the biggest challenge for the director was identifying people for his leadership team."

This would include Harrington, though he wasn't aware of it at the time.

After his assignment in New Jersey, Harrington was sent to FBI headquarters in D.C. for another 90-day temporary duty assignment. One Friday evening, he was leaving headquarters and driving back home to Philadelphia when his cell phone rang.

"The director comes on the line, informs me that I have been given a new appointment, deputy assistant director for counterterrorism, and then adds, 'I don't know whether congratulations or condolences are in order,'" says Harrington. "I thanked him for the job I didn't actually apply for. Then I spent the next two and a half hours thinking how I was going to explain to my wife that I had been given a new assignment and just a week to report to work in D.C. I had never even done work in counterterrorism before."

His family was supportive. "I could not have done and achieved what I have without the support of my family and especially my wife," he affirms. Adding in good humor, "She tells me that the only reason I remember how long we've been married is because it is one year after I joined the bureau."

"After 9/11," he continues, "we both understood that this was something I had to do. At the Mount, we were always encouraged to go put some skin in the game. In other words, you can't complain if you're not willing to try to help fix things."

Harrington was the right man at the right time. He has been credited with bringing a new strategic outlook to the FBI.

Taking on his new role in 2002, he provided managerial responsibility for the Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force, the Counterterrorism Operational Response Section and the National Threat Center. Harrington was instrumental in the bureau's efforts to expand its Joint Terrorism Task Forces from 35 to 106. He also played a significant role in developing and implementing the Investigative Data Warehouse, which contains documents of both the FBI and other government agency records supporting national security and criminal operations. Harrington was involved in setting up the Guardian database, which tracks terrorism threat information, and in the initial design of E-Guardian, a web-based system that shares that threat information with state and local law enforcement partners.

And, in 2005, he played a major role in the establishment of the National Security Branch (NBS) of the FBI. The NBS combined the FBI's national security workforce under the leadership of a senior FBI official.

As a result of his achievements with the counterterrorism program and the NBS, Harrington received the 2007 Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive Award, conferred by the President on a very select group of career civil service employees.

Speaking Up

During his time in counterterrorism and on behalf of the FBI, Harrington spoke out against the mistreatment of terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay. Harrington led a team of investigators at Guantanamo Bay in identifying cases of abuse. This investigation resulted in him writing a letter to Maj. Gen. Donald Ryder stating the bureau's concern about the evidence discovered. Ryder was the Army's chief law enforcement officer investigating abuses at the U.S.-run prisons in Afghanistan, Iraq and Guantanamo.

"History bore us out," he says. "We were on the right side of this matter." In fact, President Barak Obama's first executive order as president was to close the facility within a year.

Harrington looks back to his Mount days when discussing moments such as this. "I find it interesting that some schools are suddenly promoting this idea of teaching ethics like it is some kind of newfound science," he says. "Well, the Mount has been doing that for the last 200 years. It is ingrained in students as a core value. It becomes who you are. And it is an important part of who we are at the FBI."

Reaching Out

Harrington is known up and down the ranks of the bureau for his personal touch. Countless coworkers talk about how he supports them. He describes the bureau as a family. His family.

No doubt, George Piro would agree. Agent Piro was responsible for interrogating Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein after his capture, interviewing him five hours a day, every day, for seven months.

Harrington recalls, "Here was this young man leaving his family and going to Iraq, while I was coming home to mine each night. Often he was unable to talk with them and share what he was doing. Then there was the pressure he was under from the intelligence community and the military, all wanting results.

"I would reach out to him and make sure he knew that someone was thinking of him and what he was going through. I wanted him to know that I was there."

Even now as their careers have taken different paths, they remain in touch.

The Next Phase

Now as the executive assistant director of the FBI's Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch, Harrington is again focused on investigating financial crime, white collar crime and organized crime. The branch also oversees all computer-based crime related to counterterrorism, counterintelligence and criminal threats against the U.S.

These are busy days for the branch. "We're in a national economic crisis so we're seeing more mortgage fraud, corporate fraud and securities fraud," says Harrington.

For example, not long after taking on this new assignment, he was involved with shutting down a $70 million mortgage fraud scam. Proof that after two and a half decades with the bureau, his commitment to his work never falters. "I get up at 3:15 in the morning, get to my office by four and don't leave till 7 in the evening every night," he says. "There's just not enough time to do what I want to do."

Faith and Family

In the midst of a job that provides ever-changing and ever-threatening challenges, Harrington clings to his faith and his family.

"When my father died, my sister took the flowers from his funeral and had rosaries made for each of us children," says Harrington, softly. "I carry that rosary every day at work. If I'm having an especially difficult day, I just reach inside my pocket."

There he finds comfort in his faith and in the love of his family, including his father, the former FBI agent, "who I know is watching over me," says Harrington. ★

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THE MOUNT *and the* FBI

By Lisa Gregory

As successful as **Thomas J. Harrington** *has been within the FBI (see story on p. 16), there is nothing he enjoys more than the success of others. "He goes out of his way to make sure you have what you need to progress in your career," says Kelly Grisier, a recent graduate of the Mount now working for the FBI.*

Harrington, a Mount alum who has been with the bureau for 25 years, has become so invested in the future of others at the FBI that he created a recruitment program enabling college graduates to work for the bureau at an entry-level position as staff operations specialists. After a few years, they can then decide if they want to advance to a position as an intelligence analyst or special agent. The program began in 2006.

The FBI has been to the Mount's campus several times to interview students for the staff operations specialist program. As a result, 29 students have been awarded job offers to date. Harrington couldn't be more delighted. "Graduates from the Mount and the FBI are a good fit," says Harrington.

"The Mount's core values are about faith, discovery, leadership and community," he says. "The FBI core values are about obedience to the Constitution, compassion, fairness, accepting accountability and leadership. The two are very similar. So it only makes sense that students coming from the Mount would be a good match with the FBI."

Those hired through the staff operations specialist program are not the first to come to the FBI from the Mount, though. As Harrington's presence attests, the bureau has been hiring Mount alums for quite some time.

"If you're committed to service and want to help people, the FBI is a great place to be," says Harrington.

Other Mount alums agree. Mounties Kelly Grisier, James Costigan, KaraLynn Saab and Michael Bantner recently shared their feelings about being a Mount alum and working for the FBI and why they feel the two are a "good fit," as Harrington puts it.

KELLY GRISIER, C'07, POLITICAL SCIENCE

Joined FBI in 2007
Staff operations specialist

"I wanted to be in public service, and my dream was to work for the FBI. My father was a Marine for 26 years and was working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff on September 11. He was supposed to be working at the Pentagon that day, when it was hit by the plane. In fact, he would have been in the area that was struck by that plane. But he had taken the day off to change the tires on his car. He was okay. That day changed my life and is the reason I now work at the FBI. Through my work I play a role in protecting the United States and helping make sure another attack never happens here.

"While I was at the Mount, one of the important things President Powell stressed was community. Here at the FBI we are a community, too. In a lot of my classes at the Mount, I realized that you needed to work as a team. You can't always do things on your own. It's important to use different people's strengths to reach a common goal. That's true at the FBI as well. The goal is just bigger. Here we're trying to win a war on terror."

JAMES COSTIGAN, C'82, ACCOUNTING

Joined the FBI in 1990
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

"I joined the FBI after serving as a pilot in the U.S. Navy for seven years. The father of my roommate Kevin Harrington (Tom Harrington's brother) was an FBI agent, as were my father-in-law and his son. My wife, Anne, who also graduated from the Mount in 1982, was used to the FBI demands on a family. It was a career I thought would be different and exciting.

Standing, l. to r.: Jesse Mohler, C'09; Ryan Martin, C'08; Kourtney Pearson, C'07; Kelly Grisier, C'07; Laura Butler, C'08; Brianna Hearn, C'08; Victoria Johnson, C'09; Michael Cuff, C'98; Jamison Smetana, C'07, and Nicholas Jackson, C'07; Seated, l. to r.:TJ Harrington, C'78; Karalynn Saab, C'91; Kyle Daddio, C'06, and Julie Ascosi, C'08

"The Mount allowed me to grow into the person I am today. I learned how to expand my horizons through my involvement with such activities as the Student Government Association. There is no skill more critical in this job than the ability to talk to all sorts of people. The demands of this job differ day to day and sometimes hour to hour. One moment, I can be talking to a CEO and the next a homeless individual who was a witness to a carjacking.

"I find great satisfaction in doing things that have an impact on our society. The responsibility for civil rights and corruption investigations falls on the FBI. Not all people have the same moral compass, but if they worry about being caught, it sometimes points them in the right direction."

KARALYNN SAAB, C'91, BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Joined the FBI in 1991

Intelligence analyst

"After I graduated from the Mount I attended a career fair, and this was a job that I couldn't pass up. It seemed so interesting with so many possibilities. Pretty enticing to a 21 year old.

"Since joining the bureau, I have held a number of positions, from working in counterterrorism with Tom Harrington to my current work in the criminal division, working on gang issues such as the Bloods in the western United States. We work closely with federal, state and local law enforcement, and I find it satisfying to see all the different levels coming together to combat this problem.

"At the Mount, I was recruited to play tennis. I was born with a congenital amputation of my lower left arm, but growing up my family treated me no differently. I learned to play tennis; I swam, golfed, went horseback riding, played the trumpet, took dance and played basketball. During my time at the Mount, I was given a good foundation academically and socially, and after graduating I felt there wasn't anything I couldn't do if I set my mind to it."

MICHAEL BANTNER, C'89, ACCOUNTING

Joined the FBI in 1995

Special agent

"I was in the ROTC and after I graduated I went into the 101st Airborne, during the first Gulf War. After I got out of the Army, I went to work for an accounting firm and was sent to a career fair at Mount St. Mary's to recruit for the company. At the booth next to mine was Tom Harrington, and since we were both Mounties, we started talking. I told him I had always wanted to be an FBI agent, and less than a year later I was working for the FBI.

"In my line of work, a typical day is never typical. I have worked on cases involving kidnappings and bank robberies. I may be in the office typing up reports from interviews and reviewing records or going out on an arrest. Last week I went down to Houston to apprehend a man who had abused his two stepdaughters. For years he couldn't be found. Finally, he was captured. We were able to provide those girls with closure. That made me feel good.

"At the Mount, the mentors I had were the important thing. There was a real interaction between students and faculty. You felt they really cared about you. They knew me and guided me, and I was a better student and person for it. My wife, Patricia McDonough, who graduated from the Mount in 1990 with a degree in sociology and criminal justice, says the same thing."

"If you're committed to service and want to help people, **the FBI is a great place to be.**"

—THOMAS J. HARRINGTON

THE PEACE CORPS
A Journey of Discovery

By Dick Hart, C'65, Peace Corps-Bolivia 1965-67

I SET OUT TO ANSWER THE QUESTION:

Do the pillars of Mount St. Mary's University and the goals of the Peace Corps dovetail with each other?

THE PILLAR OF FAITH

Larry Tremonti, C'60, has an interesting story. He studied to be an MD from Yale, got an MBA from the University of Chicago and subsequently retired as VP at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. Then, 41 years after graduating from the Mount, Larry and his wife, Monica, joined the Peace Corps and served in Romania from 2001-03.

Currently, he is assisting the Maryknoll Fathers in Cochabamba, Bolivia, as a health volunteer. I lived there for one of my two years in Bolivia. Larry says, "Since retiring, I enjoy volunteering for religious and charitable causes."

A number of Mounties delayed joining the Peace Corps, some by a year or two, others by four or five. ***Ellen Fritz, C'85***, was like Larry. She delayed for 23 years before joining to serve in Panama in 2008-09. She is our most recent known volunteer.

THE PILLAR OF DISCOVERY

I graduated in 1965 and was the first Peace Corps volunteer from the Mount. I went to Bolivia from 1965-67 to set up credit unions. I discovered while at the Mount that I needed to go for what I wanted when I orchestrated professors Gerry Orosz and Tom Leonard (and thus the Mount and St. Joe's) to let a Mountie take a Latin American history course at St. Joseph's for credit–likely the first to do so.

I discovered that altruism did not suffice as the sole motivator for someone being a Peace Corps volunteer. Good people failed the three-month training program or got sent home from Bolivia if they didn't have other driving reasons for going into the Peace Corps. For me, it was to learn about other people, cultures and language.

I discovered that the skills I learned in Bolivia were readily transferable to my career back in the States. In a job interview following Wharton graduate school, I was asked why I felt I was qualified for the position. My answer was, "If I could get other people, in a different culture and in a different language, to do what I wanted, I can do the same for you." I got the job. I also used these skills outside the workplace while in the Jaycees, the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the Lions Club.

Editor's Note: Alum Dick Hart, the Mount's first Peace Corps volunteer, set out last year to discover more about Mounties who had served in the Peace Corps. Estimates ranged up to 40 Mount alums; Dick tracked down 26 of them!

The Peace Corps was set up by President John Kennedy in 1961. It has three goals: 1) helping people abroad; 2) helping them get a better understanding of Americans; and 3) helping Americans get a better understanding of those peoples.

Almost 200,000 Peace Corps volunteers have gone abroad to 139 countries; 7,700 are currently overseas. Sixty percent of them are female and the average age is 28. Lillian Carter, President Jimmy Carter's mother, joined when she was 68, and the oldest joined at age 86.

Dick Hart on Huayna Picchu above Machu Picchu ruins (top) and at Pailaviri Mine.

THE PILLAR OF LEADERSHIP

Chad Close, C'04, served in Ukraine from 2004-06 working in community service. Learning how to deal with a mix of Ukrainian and Russian high school students—and get them to work with each other—was quite an experience. He led a clean up hike to Ukraine's highest peak, Mt. Hoverla, which mandated a patient leadership skill based on the three C's: Communication, Coordination and Cooperation. He quipped, "My classmates would be surprised to see the amount of patience I developed while in Ukraine."

Another example of Mount leadership (and multigenerational to boot) is the Purkis family. ***Dan Purkis, C'93***, is the son of ***Ray Purkis, C'63***. He was in The Gambia working in agroforestry from 1994-96.

THE PILLAR OF COMMUNITY

John Lynch, C'74, went into the Peace Corps right out of college working to fight blindness and never stopped. He started in Columbia (1974-76), had the good fortune to meet world leaders at a blindness conference and truly got hooked in his community effort to fight for the blind. He went on to grad school at Boston College, out to Fiji and down to Peru, where he met his wife of 25 years; he doesn't stay still. John is now executive director at Helen Keller Services for the Blind on Long Island.

His experience of having a career based on his work in the Peace Corps is common. ***Vic Barbiero, C'72***, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV)-Ethiopia '73-75, spent 22 years with USAID and is now on Peace Corps staff in Malawi. ***Paul Pometto, C'74***, RPCV-Benin '74-76, has spent 17 years in 51 of the 53 countries in Africa. He is now deputy chief of mission in Djibouti. ***Cuyler Jackson, C'02***, RPCV-Kyrgyz Republic '07-09, was teaching English as a Foreign Language. He is still doing that in Shanghai. ***Brian Persse, C'03, M'05***, RPCV-Thailand '06-08, stayed there to continue his teaching career.

THE ANSWER

And the answer to the opening question is … "Very well, thank you!"

This response is proven true simply by mentioning that ***Tom Finan, C'64***, RPCV-Bolivia '67-69, was the Mount's 2009 Bruté Medal recipient.

It is further confirmed by the fact that three Mounties put in multiple tours of duty as volunteers and/or staff. ***Jim Scanlon, C'57***, S'61, put in a total of 13 years during four tours spanning a 23-year timeframe. When talking to me, he told me he'd enjoy doing another one. ***Gerald Doetzer, C'71***, RPCV-Sierra Leone '71-73 and Belize '75-78, and ***Vic Barbiero, C'72***, were the other two.

Hey, Mounties—you could do much worse than join the Peace Corps; but I doubt that you could do any better. Give it some thought—you will be the beneficiary. Check them out at **www.peacecorps.gov**. My two years in Bolivia are still two of the best years of my life.

ON THE TRAIL

Kathleen (Ryan) Jingwi, C'87, RPCV-Cameroon '90-93, said to me, "Identifying all the RPCVs who are MSM grads sounds like a difficult task. Good Luck!!" It was fun tracking them down. The Mount knew of a few, and I knew of some. But the best sources of leads were our own Class Agents and the Peace Corps headquarters. Thank you to all the agents (going back to ***Philip McDonnell and Harry O'Neill, both C'43***) who got back to me. The Peace Corps sent emails and regular mail to the Mounties on their list. In all, I learned of 26 grads who were Peace Corps volunteers and/or staff.

MOUNTIES IN THE PEACE CORPS

Know someone else who should be on this list? Please submit the name to Dick at ihike@sbcglobal.net.

James Scanlon, C'57, S'61	ANEAP-Staff '73-75 Solomon Islands – Staff '75-78 Peace Corps Headquarters – Staff '88-93 Caribbean – Staff '93-96
Lawrence Tremonti, C'60	Romania '01-03
Thomas Finan, C'64	Bolivia '67-69
Richard Hart, C'65	Bolivia '65-67
Thomas Baker, C'67	Micronesia '72-74
Gerald Doetzer, C'71	Sierra Leone '71-73 Belize '75-78
Victor Barbiero, C'72	Ethiopia '73-75 Malawi – Staff '09-present
Robert Halstead, C'74	Tunisia '76-78
John Lynch, C'74	Columbia '74-76
Paul Pometto, C'74	Benin '74-76
Grace Goodman, C'77	Paraguay '81-83
Yolanda Takesian, C'79	Mali '82-84
Ellen Fritz, C'85	Panama '08-09
Kathleen (Ryan) Jingwi, C'87	Cameroon '90-93
Robert Meyring, C'90	Tonga '94-96
Peter Suhosky, C'91	Ecuador '92-94
John Kirwan, C'92	Domestic Staff, yrs unknown
Daniel Purkis, C'93	The Gambia '94-96
Shawn Walsh, C'94	Solomon Islands '98-99
Steven Jost, C'95	Bolivia '97-98
Ryan Moore, C'98	Nepal '99-01
Rashida Graham, C'99	Guinea '01-02
Edward Cuyler-Jackson, C'02	Kyrgyz Republic '07-09
Brian Persse, C'03, M'06	Thailand '06-08
Chad Close, C'04	Ukraine '04-06
Jack Weller, Employee	Philippines '76

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

THE GLENNA DEWITT OSNOS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By Lisa Gregory

The Glenna DeWitt Osnos Scholarship Fund was established in 1989 by David M. Osnos, a former member of the Mount's Board of Trustees, in honor of his wife, Glenna.

"Glenna and I became extremely fond of the Mount," says David Osnos, a longtime Washington, D.C., lawyer. "We decided we wanted to do something special for the school and its students."

Osnos first became involved with the Mount when he was asked by his close friend, fellow lawyer and Mount alum ***Peter O'Malley, C'60***, to serve on its Board of Trustees. "After visiting the Mount, I decided I'd be happy to serve," he says.

This despite Osnos not being Catholic, but Jewish. No matter. "This is a top-grade institution with a dedication to the values of decency and education," he says. "Both Glenna and I have enormous respect for the Mount and its people."

Although his wife suggested that the scholarship be in both their names, Osnos joked that the title would be "too long." If truth be told, he was eager to honor his wife and her interests in history, art, horticulture and botany. As such, the scholarship is awarded primarily on merit to an undergraduate student with an interest in one or more of the above areas.

"Glenna and I wanted to enable highly talented people to receive an education when they might otherwise have a problem doing so," says Osnos. "We wanted them to attend school, graduate and make a real contribution to society."

CYNTHIA KRATZ LAUTA, C'99

As a very small girl, Cynthia Kratz Lauta remembers going to see her pediatrician and informing her mother that someday she would be one, too. "I would hear babies crying and say to my mother, 'I'm going to be a doctor that doesn't make babies cry,'" she recalls with a chuckle.

Her desire to pursue a career in medicine intensified after her older brother was diagnosed with advanced-stage cancer at the age of 14. "I was only 10 years old at the time, yet that experience made me realize that there is such joy in helping others, and that's what I wanted to do." Her brother would go on to recover and is now a physician.

Today, Lauta has realized her dream of being a pediatrician. But she admits that it may not have happened without the Glenna DeWitt Osnos Scholarship. "The Osnos' generosity helped me complete my education at the Mount and go on to realize my dream," says Lauta. And touch countless little lives.

Lauta graduated from the Mount with a double major in biology and French. She credits her Mount education, particularly science professors such as David Bushman, now dean of the School of Natural Science and Mathematics, for preparing her well for the rigors of medical school. She went on to receive her medical degree from the University of Maryland in 2003 and completed her pediatrics residency through the State University of New York at Buffalo at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo. After her residency, she worked at Mercy Hospital in South Buffalo for a year, until returning home to Maryland to be married in 2007.

Lauta currently practices pediatrics part time in a variety of settings: at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md., caring for newborns in the nursery as well as educating residents and medical students; in a private practice in Germantown, Md.; and for the Community Clinic, Inc., in Takoma Park and Gaithersburg, Md., providing outpatient care for uninsured and underinsured children. "It is a privilege to work with children, and to use the skills God has given me to make a difference in these young lives," she says.

"It's amazing to see these little helpless newborns grow into beautiful young people."

For now, Lauta has cut back on her hours as a doctor to focus on her own little one, her baby daughter Irene. "I have a greater respect for the parents of my patients," she says, smiling. "Being a mom makes me realize what an honor it is to have parents entrust their child's health to me."

Even as she focuses on her own family, she still plans to remain involved in her work as a pediatrician. "I love working with children, and I always pray before work that God will guide me in caring for them," she says. "I can't think of a better investment of time. These children are our future. We have a responsibility to take care of them and nurture them."

BETH KITCHIN, C'09

Beth Kitchin grew up fascinated with Russia. "My mother was a linguist and she had studied in Russia before she became a stay-at-home mom," says Kitchin. "So growing up she told me all these wonderful stories about the country and its people. Sometimes she read Russian poems to me."

Kitchin, who received bachelor's degrees in political science and history at the Mount, is now pursuing a master's degree in international relations at American University. She is focusing mainly on Russia.

"I wanted so badly to attend the Mount, and the Osnos Scholarship enabled me to do just that," she says.

Attending the Mount meant all the more to Kitchin when it provided an opportunity for her to visit the country she had heard so much about. In the fall of 2008, she participated in an academic trip to Russia and visited South Ural State University, where she was involved with a research project surveying students there about current international relations events.

"That experience really inspired me," she says. "It is one thing to think about a country theoretically, but quite another to interact with its people. It made a huge difference for me in understanding Russia."

Once she receives her master's degree, Kitchin plans to pursue a Ph.D. as well. "While studying for my Ph.D., I plan to work as an analyst on Russia for a government think tank or a business."

She hopes to eventually become a college professor, teaching others about the country she has learned so much about. "I want to be like the professors I had at the Mount who had this excitement about their subjects and wanted to share that," she says. "I really would enjoy sharing what I have learned with others and having them discover that same joy and interest in the subject."

Recently, Kitchin had the opportunity to meet with David and Glenna Osnos. "It was just amazing to meet the people who had made so much possible for me," she says. "They were so interested in what I was doing and the plans I had for the future."

She adds, "A scholarship such as this can be the most important contribution a person can make. You are allowing people to do what they really desire, not just what they can make do with. It's life changing."

"I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR RECEIVING THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND THIS HONOR. …"

The most recent recipients are **Colleen Brandt, C'13; Sean Brogan, C'12;** and **Arthur Farnin, C'11.**

Brandt is a first-year student who is considering a major in history. She enjoys horseback riding and reading along with theater and singing. She also loves being outdoors, volunteering with children with disabilities and singing with her church choir.

Brogan is currently a sophomore and is planning to pursue a major in history and then attend law school for a career in criminal law. He enjoys sports and played three varsity sports in high school. He is currently on the lacrosse team at the Mount.

Farnin is a junior majoring in history, who has also decided to pursue a minor in political science and is excited about taking such courses as Comparative Politics in Africa. He enjoys playing hockey and is a Washington Capitals fan, an interest he shares with David Osnos.

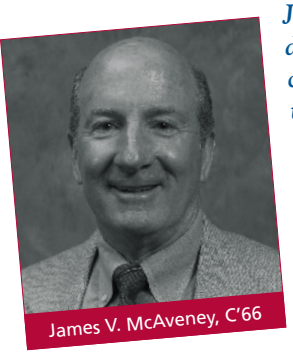
WE'RE ALMOST THERE! WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR GOAL

With a formal announcement in February, the Mount officially kicked off the public phase of a two-year, multimillion-dollar capital campaign. Charged with leading the aggressive campaign are three cochairs: trustees Jack Bransfield, C'63, James V. McAveney, C'66, and Monsignor John Enzler, S'73. They sat down with the Mount Magazine this spring to explain the goals of the campaign.

Jack Bransfield, C'63

Jack, can you talk about the dollar target for the campaign?

Based on the $50+ million we've already raised through our quiet phase, we've set a $60 million goal. It's a number that will challenge us, yet we're hoping to exceed this goal by at least $7 million.

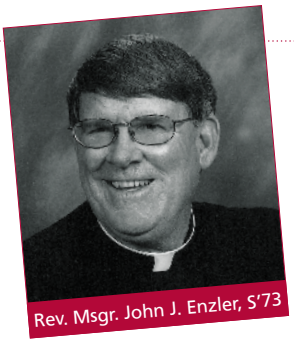

James V. McAveney, C'66

Jim, could you describe the components of the campaign?

There are three overarching priorities for this campaign. One is to transform our historic but outdated facilities through a comprehensive renovation of the Terrace residence halls, the conversion of Flynn Hall into the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center and the full restoration of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. We also want to construct a brand new Visitor Center to serve the hundreds of thousands who visit the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes.

Another major focus is on students, both undergraduate and graduate. A primary goal is to build endowed support for scholarships and fellowships. We also want to open up new opportunities for student research and further invest in other initiatives that extend learning beyond the classroom and help students become more globally focused. Key to offering these visionary academic programs is being able to compete with the best institutions for hiring new faculty. Many of those institutions have more money and larger endowments than we have. We have to be very strategic in our efforts to attract, and retain, top professors.

And then the third component is creating greater strength and flexibility through the Mount Annual Fund. Because our endowment is low, we rely on the funds raised each year to cover our operating expenses. For instance, we had to replace the old coal burner in February. We purchased a new natural gas boiler, which we couldn't have done without our annual support. It's something we were very happy to do because the Mount will benefit from improved efficiency and a greener campus environment.


Rev. Msgr. John J. Enzler, S'73

Monsignor, to what degree is this campaign going to deal with issues of financial aid and providing access for students from diverse backgrounds?

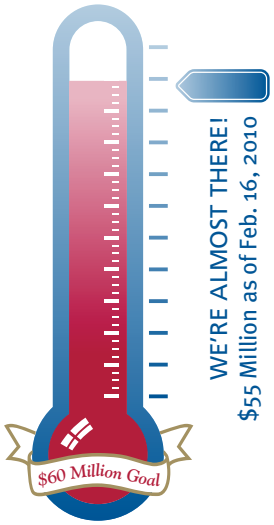
Our financial aid funding needs are $10 million in this campaign. Many of our peer schools have sizeable endowments, and they are tapping those more fully to provide even more substantial financial aid packages. The Mount's endowment is considerably more modest, and that puts us at a bit of a competitive disadvantage, but we still have to be in the game and we still have to allow students to afford the Mount experience. So building private support for scholarships and graduate fellowships is crucial.

For instance, the Mount would like to see its Third Century Scholars Program fully endowed to support seven new students each year. This program assists low-income African-American and Hispanic students from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area in obtaining their bachelor's degrees. It provides financial support, mentoring activities and a positive social environment to help students succeed. In 2009, a total of 22 students were enrolled in this ever-growing program.

Jack, this public launch follows two years of what's called a quiet phase of the campaign, and now another two to three years is planned. How do you keep the campaign uppermost in the minds of alumni?

We have assembled a committee of alumni from around the major metropolitan regions to assist us in planning a series of regional public launches. The first one was just held in Baltimore on April 15, and it was tremendously successful. Three more are planned. These events and others will take the Mount back on the road and generate excitement again about where we are in the campaign and how we're starting to use the money that's been raised.

With a brand new Terrace almost completed, the announcement of our four new schools and college, and many other exciting academic programs and plans, we're building upon the vision President Powell has laid out for us. We are ready, the alumni leadership is excited, and the president is fully committed to making the campaign a tremendous success.



Monsignor, are there other specific challenges?

We need a couple of very large and significant gifts—transformational gifts of $1 million and above.

And the person who's giving $50—we need them to give $75. The person who's giving $200—we need them to think about $250. We need our alumni base to stretch a little bit more in this effort and our parents and community to give generously as well. That's what's going to make this campaign successful.

OPENING OF THE DELAPLAINE FINE ARTS CENTER

Mount St. Mary's University is enjoying unprecedented growth as we enter our third century. The Delaplaine Fine Arts Center is an important part of that growth, providing a world-class teaching and learning environment for students in the arts. The $10 million renovation of Flynn Hall includes:

You will be invited to this special event celebrating this magnificent building made possible with the generosity of our friends, alumni and donors. Date to be announced. Invitations will be mailed.

GENERATIONS HONORARY CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

BETTIE DELAPLAINE, H'97

A Frederick philanthropist, Bettie has made support for the arts a priority in her life. The Delaplaine Fine Arts Center in newly renovated Flynn Hall is named in honor of Bettie and her husband George's generous gift for this campaign priority.

ARCHBISHOP HARRY J. FLYNN, DD, S'60, H'85, TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Archbishop Flynn served Mount St. Mary's Seminary from 1965-79 as a faculty member, dean, vice rector and rector. Archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, he celebrates his Golden Jubilee of ordination this year.

JOSEPH F. HORNING JR., C'53, H'90, TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Joe and his wife, Lynne, good friends of Catholic education and the arts, are especially sensitive to the needs of minorities and the poor. Most recently at the Mount, Joe and Lynne have supported the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center and established a fellowship in minority studies.

JOHN WALSH, C'58, H'04, TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Many will remember the success of "Walsh's Warriors," consisting of devoted alumni who raised significant gifts for the Mount's Connections Campaign, which ended in 2001 and raised millions above its original goal.

SAVE THE DATE

REGIONAL PUBLIC LAUNCH EVENTS

- Baltimore, April 15
- New York City, May 25
- Philadelphia, Sept. 16
- Washington, D.C., Oct. 28

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Make your gift online, read testimonials from alumni who gave and more about the goals of the campaign.

LEAD GIFT RECEIVED FOR TERRACE RESIDENCE HALLS RENOVATION

Dr. Mark Sobus, C'89, and his wife, Christina, recently made a $100,000 gift to support the Terrace renovations in honor of his 20th reunion. For many alumni, the Terrace is where they forged a bond with roommates, enjoyed good times and created lasting friendships. Mark's gift and the class of 1989's generosity have named the newly completed activity lounge in DuBois Hall.

Mark said, "I believe Mount St. Mary's was crucial to my professional success. The attention I received from Mount professors over my four years was exceptional." After receiving a degree in psychology from the Mount, Mark went on to receive his law degree and a Ph.D. in psychology from the Law and Psychology program at the University of Nebraska. Now a skilled litigation consultant with R and D Strategic Solutions, Mark, Christina and their two boys, Benjamin and Thomas, reside in Kingwood, Texas.

The Mount thanks Mark, his family, members of the class of 1989, and many other generous alumni for their selfless support of the Terrace residence halls through the Generations Campaign for the Third Century.

THE CLADDAGH LOUNGE OPENS IN McCAFFREY HALL

Trustee Hilary Camp O'Donnell, C'83; and her husband ***Michael, C'84***, met and fell in love at the Mount. That's one reason why the Mount is an integral part of their philanthropic giving activities. Another reason is their belief that the mission of the Mount, founded in the four pillars of faith, discovery, leadership and community, must continue to be provided for current and future generations. When asked about the connection that they have to the Mount, Hilary stated, "The Mount was and still is an important part of our lives and provided us both with a superior education and the core foundation for our lifelong values and beliefs." Their daughter, ***Kristen, C'12*** added, "People say you go away to college, but at the Mount, you come home to college."

Recently, they made a major gift of $150,000 to name the large lounge in McCaffrey Hall. "The Claddagh Lounge" was named as a tribute to the O'Donnell's heritage and dedicated in loving memory of Hilary's Irish mother, Virginia Marie O'Donnell Camp. Hilary and Mike's hope is that many Mount students will forge lifelong friendships while enjoying the lounge.

The lounge sports walls of bright apple green paint and modern contemporary seating in shades of lime green and navy. To promote and encourage an enriched student life experience, the O'Donnell's furnished the lounge with two large flat screen TVs, a Wii game system, a 62 multi-game arcade system and a Golden Tee game machine. It's so much fun to be there, in fact, the trustees have been making a habit of gathering in the lounge in between board meeting activities to relax and enjoy its amenities.

In addition to Hilary's duties on the Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees, Hilary and Mike also serve as cochairs for the Alumni Gift Committee for the *Generations Campaign for the Third Century*. They also have a son, Sean, and can be seen cheering on the Mount athletes at various games throughout the year.

"People say you go away to college, but at the Mount, you come home to college."

—Kristen O'Donnell, C'12

NEW ORGAN PURCHASED FOR CHAPEL

Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, a new Walker, Aeolian, Skinner digital reproduction organ has arrived at the Mount and is now in the choir loft of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. This beautiful liturgical instrument will truly enhance the dignity of the music during Mass and Vespers celebrated in our historic chapel.

The Mount extends sincere and heartfelt thanks to Mr. Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, for the most generous $250,000 naming gift from the Knights of Columbus. The organ will be named to honor Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights.

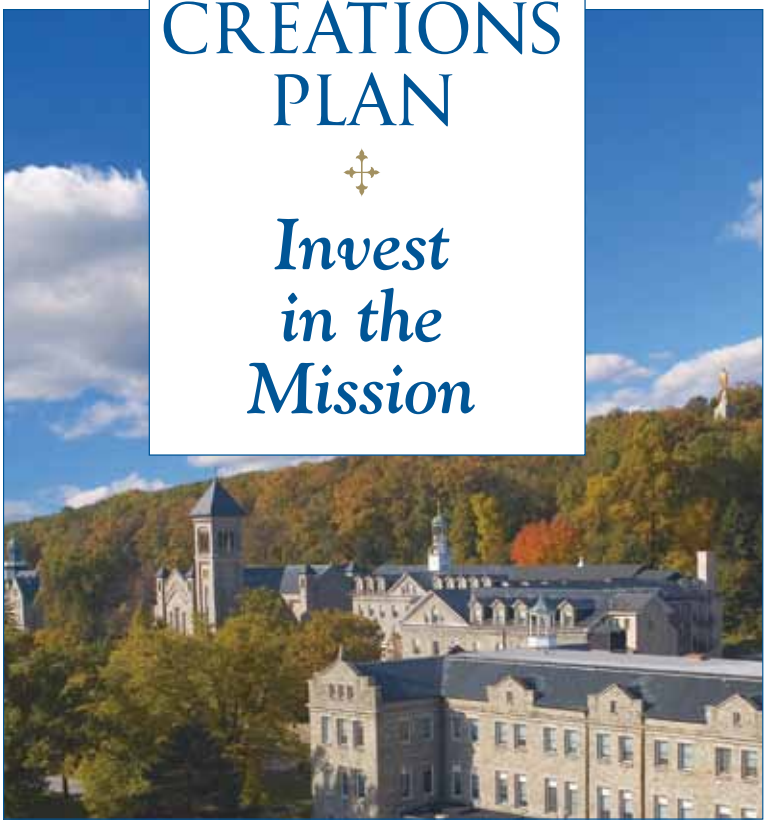
The Mount has a long and proud association with the Knights of Columbus. We point with pride to Mount St. Mary's Council 1965, the oldest continually active college and university council in the United States, and to our own **Most Rev. William Lori, S'77**, bishop of Bridgeport, Supreme Chaplain.

It is most appropriate that the Father McGivney Organ was played for the first time in the chapel during the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for our beloved seminary professor Father Robert Zylla, O.S.C., who held many offices with the Knights, including associate state chaplain for Maryland.

The current $2.5 million restoration plan for the chapel remains on schedule and work will continue in intervals over the next 18 months. Thank you to those who have given so generously towards this important project.

CAPITAL CREATIONS PLAN

Invest in the Mission



Thanks to a partnership established with the Cambridge Companies, located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Mount St. Mary's University has launched a unique initiative that will benefit participant, and provide the Mount cash it can use today. This recently patented program combines bonds with a Charitable Remainder Trust to create a charitable deduction and long-term, tax-free income. These non-callable bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of Mount St. Mary's, will pay an annuity of 5.25%, and with the charitable deduction and tax-free component, can create an effective tax yield well in excess of 5.25%, depending on personal circumstances.

Approved by the Board of Trustees in 2009, "This investment-based philanthropy plan has been well vetted by our attorneys, and successfully used by other universities," Dr. Powell noted. "Funds raised through this program will help us complete the Terrace renovations, and contribute to the success of our *Generations* Campaign."

In December 2009, the Mount issued the first series of these bonds, in the amount of $1.2 million. It will make a second tranche available in June 2010. ***Jack Bransfield, C'63***, Trustee and Generations Campaign Co-Chair who participated in the first issue, stated "While this program may not be for everyone, those in a position to take advantage of this extraordinary offer can secure an attractive rate of return, and at the same time, make a meaningful gift to the Mount. In this current economy, I have not seen anything like it."

If you are at least 65 years old, and would like more information on this creative investment and philanthropic program, please contact Vice President for University Advancement John T. Butler at 301-447-7432 or jbutler@msmary.edu.

BB&T CENTER FOR MORAL FOUNDATIONS OF CAPITALISM ESTABLISHED

This past winter, President Powell announced the creation of the BB&T Center for the Study of the Moral Foundations of Capitalism, funded in part by a $500,000 grant from Branch Banking and Trust Company of North Carolina. The center will be located in the School of Business at Mount St. Mary's University and have a strong focus on the importance of individual and corporate responsibility. Additionally, the grant will establish a BB&T Scholar in Business, Capitalism and Ethics who will lead the center's activities.

BB&T Senior Vice President Rodney Hughes said, "BB&T is proud to be affiliated with Mount St. Mary's University. The Mount is to be applauded for its outstanding commitment to higher education."

Dr. William Forgang, dean of the School of Business, noted that funding from BB&T will support classroom and public symposia to explore the morality of capitalism and its causal links to economic well-being and social justice.

This grant reinforces and enhances the Mount's reputation for addressing today's social challenges by offering strong leadership in moral and social responsibility. Said President Powell, "It is important to us that every program meets the highest academic standards and encourages students to hear all points of view. We thank BB&T for supporting our School of Business and the importance of ethics in the classroom and our community."

Instrumental in the effort were BB&T executives Senior Vice President **Rob Tuggle, C'93**, Regional President Mike Oster and State President Brant Stanbridge. The Mount also thanks Dr. Forgang, Morrison Professor Dr. Kirk Davidson and Dr. Lisa McLeod-Simmons, former director of foundations and corporate relations, for their expert efforts in writing this grant.

PUSHING THE LIMITS

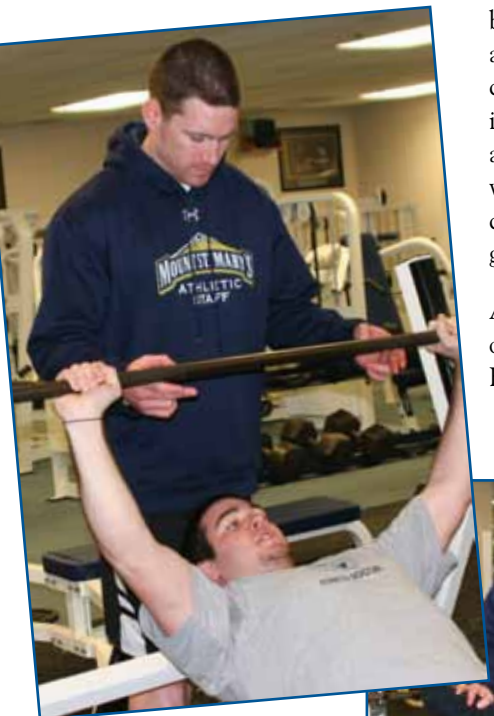
Thomas J. Burns, C'03, brings a world of experience to Mount athletes.

By Mike Hardisky, Associate Director of Athletics

He does not look like a strength and conditioning coach. Granted, he's not slight at 6'3" and 218 pounds, but he's far from the hulking strength coach you see on the sidelines of big time collegiate football programs.

Nor does he look like an Olympic bobsledder. Or does he? What does an Olympic bobsledder look like? Perhaps he looks more like an assistant women's basketball coach at a Division I collegiate program? Or a strength coach for a Major League Baseball team?

Or, perhaps, ***Thomas J. Burns, C'03***, looks just like a typical Mount St. Mary's University graduate—driven to be the best he can be.



"T.J." Burns has been around the world, a couple of times, and has brought back that experience and knowledge to his alma mater as the athletic department's strength and conditioning coach.

"I became interested in strength and conditioning when I was working with the women's basketball team here at the Mount right after I graduated from college," said Burns. "I was approached a year later by [noted strength and conditioning coach] John Philbin; I helped him open his gym and basically lived there for two years straight, learning everything I could from him."

Someone who always enjoyed working out, Burns took his new vocation to a new level as he became passionate about lifting and conditioning. He took every class he could. Became certified in the many different concepts and training regimes. T.J. began working with high school and collegiate athletes, both in the gym and out in the schools.

And while all of this was going on, someone took notice: USA Bobsledding.

ON TRACK FOR THE OLYMPICS

"I never would have expected this," said Burns about his membership with Team USA. "I was at the right place at the right time."

It was Philbin, who's been involved with USA Bobsledding for the past quarter century, who saw the potential and steered his young protégé in yet another career direction.

"I always loved to work out in college, but I never understood how to do it properly," said Burns. "I had the typical meathead philosophy—come in and do bench-press three to four times, lifting as much as possible, doing bicep curls and developing a great beach look—but I never understood the dynamics of lifting. There has to be a balance between your upper and lower body, and things of that nature.

"When I graduated, I started training with John and training for bobsledding. It was then I finally understood and started to take it to the next level."

The next level took him to Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Vancouver, as he competed as the number two or three pusher on USA 3 in the World Cup Series, helping Team USA qualify three sleds for the 2010 Winter Olympics. An event Burns did not compete in.

After five years of training, lifting, conditioning, working on sleds and traveling around the world, the top nine pushers were selected and Burns missed

the cut by two-hundredths of a second. As the first alternate, he has no regrets.

"To me, it's the greatest honor you can have to represent your country in a competition like that," said Burns. U.S. bobsledders went on to gold in this year's Olympics.

But will Burns continue to train in the hopes of making the Olympic Team in 2014?

"Competition is mentally draining," said Burns. "Races are determined by hundredths of a second. At 79 miles an hour, that might be an inch and a half. You're doing 5 Gs in a turn. You're living out of suitcases for six, seven, eight weeks at a time in places where no one speaks your language; you're eating food you're not used to and it all starts to add up after a while."

And still he's undecided as to whether he'll continue to punish his body as an unpaid athlete for another four years with the same possible ending again in 2014.

"It's an interesting group of people who choose to throw their bodies 90 miles an hour down an ice track with nothing more than a motorcycle helmet protecting them," said Burns. "We've had countless people walk away after their first trip saying, 'No way.'"

Accidents are part of the job. Todd Hays, one of America's top sled drivers, retired just months before the Olympics when a crash left him unconscious for several minutes. Being knocked out is not something new for Olympic-level sledders, but further tests showed bleeding in his brain, and his retirement came the next day. Burns' cracked helmet is a testament to the inherent danger of his sport.

"All this so I can push hard for five to seven seconds and go for a ride," said Burns.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

There are no rides on this snow-covered morning in February. It's six in the morning and still dark outside. Inside, Burns has the Mount St. Mary's women's soccer team in the weight room going through the paces of a team workout. As the Mount's first strength and conditioning coach, Burns has already made a difference after just a year on the job.

"He's definitely made us grow by leaps and bounds physically," said men's head basketball coach Milan Brown. "He's helped us not only to be stronger playing on the court but to prevent and recover from injuries. I tell him all the time that he helped us get our first championship and a lot of people probably don't know that."

The student athletes who work with him have no doubt about the importance of a strength and conditioning coach. Of course, there is an occasional challenge, which normally leaves the student athlete spellbound as Burns squats 405 pounds, in sets of 10, or leg presses more than 1,000 pounds.

Not all of his work is conducted in the weight room. His goal is to get athletes in the best physical condition to compete, and that takes more than lifting weights.

"We spend a lot of time on tracks and hills conditioning our athletes so they can compete in whole games and not get tired at the end," said Burns. "Almost every game is won in the last five to ten minutes.

"We also do a lot of agility work so that when an athlete is put in an awkward situation, the body will not have to think about what to do because we've already put that athlete in that situation in our drills. This also lessens the chances of injuries."

Never tired, Burns will spend what little free time he has left this summer in Washington, D.C., assisting Philbin, who is now the strength and conditioning coach for the Washington Nationals of Major League Baseball.

And as he's done since he arrived at the Mount, T.J. Burns will continue to push himself and others to be the best they can be.

You can even see the Mount's Athletic logo on T.J.'s helmet!

"It's an interesting group of people who choose to throw their bodies 90 miles an hour down an ice track with nothing more than a motorcycle helmet protecting them."

THE WIZARD OF ODDS

Pat Connelly, C'02, helps the Washington Wizards by being a pretty good judge of collegiate basketball talent.

By Benjamin Gleisser

Photo credit: Wizards Photos

Pat Connelly, C'02, is a Wizard, but don't ask him to cast any spells. He's much happier watching his team making magic on game nights.

Connelly, 29, is the Washington Wizards' advance scout/college scout, and his behind-the-scenes job with the NBA organization involves having a keen eye and being a shrewd judge of athletes' strengths and weakness. As an advance scout, he watches games of opposing teams and prepares reports for the coaches. And as a college scout, he attends hoop contests across the country, seeking the best collegiate players.

Many times, that means doing lots of talking–to the player himself, of course, and then to the player's coaches, teammates, the team's equipment manager, college sportswriters and even the fans.

Why all the conversations? "Kids are on their best behavior when I talk with them, but I need to get a total feeling about someone," Connelly says. "His athleticism and how he competes is important, but I also want to see how he interacts with his teammates. I also look a little into his background. This is important, because we might be making a multimillion-dollar investment in him."

Scouting professional and amateur athletes for the Wizards for four seasons has sharpened Connelly's intuition about not only a player's talent, but what's in his "heart." Plus, he gets some pointers now and then from his older brother, Tim, the Wizards' director of player personnel.

"Everyone works together," Connelly says, then laughs. "I get to give my two cents."

Born in Baltimore, Connelly grew up in a sports-minded family. In fact, four of the five Connelly boys are affiliated with basketball at either the collegiate or professional level. He played basketball in high school and college, but "I realized my skills weren't great, so I decided to focus on other things." He graduated from Mount St. Mary's with a business degree.

But hoops and parquet were in his blood, and in 2003 he journeyed to England to serve as an assistant coach with the Brighton Bears. Connelly enjoyed helping the Bears win the British Basketball League championship that season, but says British basketball was far less glamorous than the NBA.

"I didn't just coach, I also helped sell tickets and wash uniforms," he remembers. "Some coaches even drove the bus, and we often had nine-hour bus trips. But it was a lot of fun."

After that season he returned to the United States and attended Baylor University, where he earned a master's degree in speech communication and served as a graduate assistant for the men's basketball team. In 2006, he became part of the Wizard's organization.

Today, after evaluating hundreds of aspiring NBA athletes, Connelly is confident that he knows the difference between a wilting wannabe and a budding pro. But he's also grateful to know that he can still call on one of his mentors, Mount St. Mary's men's basketball coach Milan Brown, for sound advice.

"I think Pat's doing a great job for the Wizards," says Brown. "I know that it hurts him to see the team's not doing well right now, and that's good. That means he cares about the organization. Pat has always had a good eye for the game and I'm proud of his NBA success."

A group of Mount fans tailgating in 'The Pit' prior to the Mount St. Mary's @ Robert Morris NEC semifinal playoff basketball game on March 7th. L. to r.: Scott Little, Dan Reaver, John P. Foley IV, C'06; Jane Moore, Tony Little, Jason Epps, C'05; Gustavus B. Durr, C'08 ; unidentified, Brian Carroll, C'05; Kevin Heyden, Jay C. Loughry, C'07; unidentified, Kevin Lynch, C'08, Anthony Battaglia, Jon Malek, and Chad Newmaster, C'07

TO MY FELLOW MOUNTIES,

The new NAA Leadership team has hit the ground running! We have hosted wonderful events on campus and throughout our chapter system.

Last October, the class of 2010 was inducted into the NAA at the Young Alumni Reception, where we awarded the Distinguished Young Alumni Award to **Heath Tarbert, C'98**.

The Young Alumni Committee is a vital factor in the success of our Strategic Plan and the growth in participation at all alumni events. I would like to thank **Rob Weed, C'93**, for his outstanding leadership in developing this committee from its inception in the early 1990s and for mentoring today's leaders who serve on the YAC. This is a vibrant group of alums focused on engaging all alumni in service to our alma mater.

The newly formed Carolinas Chapter hosted their first Mass and luncheon this March; the Generations Campaign launch events are coming to Baltimore, NYC, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.; and many other community service events are planned throughout the coming year. Also, Reunion Weekend is shaping up to be spectacular as we dedicate the Veterans Walkway, celebrate class anniversaries and reconnect with old friends.

I look forward to meeting with you on campus or at an event in your hometown.

To the Mount!

David Conaghan, C'81, President

Mount St. Mary's University
National Alumni Association

JBL BLUEFISH INVITATIONAL 2009

Photo from the *John Bailey Lloyd, C'65,* Bluefish Tournament held in his honor to support enjoyment of bluefishing. *Stephen Schwing, C92,* is the reigning champ for 3 years in a row.

1940
- Edward T. Burns

1943
- Harry St. A. O'Neill

1947
- Neil White

1948
- Phil Hurray

1949
- John W. Burkhard
- Thomas B. Grasberger
- Robert J. Landy
- Bill O'Neill
- James P. Stanton

1950
- Edwin C. Gibbons Jr.
- ■ Bernie Jacobs
- ■ Steve Sweeney

1952
- Monsignor Gerard Green
- Robert J. Keene
- William Neville O'Grady
- John F. O'Neill

1954
- Leo E. Green

1955
- ◗ ■ Jack McMullen

1957
- John D. Graham
- Jim Quinn

1960
- ■ Jim Courtney
- ■ Bill Kennedy
- ◗ ● Matt McHugh
- ◗ ● Mike Meyer
- ■ Peter O'Malley
- ■ Joe Quinlan
- ■ John Rooney
- ■ Dick Russo
- ■ Larry Tremonti

See sidebar note from *Maj. Gen. John "Tony" Studds, C'60* ➢

1961
- John Neil Fink
- Karl Miller
- Donald P. Quinn
- Charles J. Shimkus

1962
- Louis T. Armelin
- Michael L. McCarthy
- Dennis G. Potter
- William Zimmerman

1963
- Dennis Doyle
- Joseph E. Farrell
- Col. "Jack" Lauer

Dr. H. Stephen Fletcher, C'63, recently assisted in Haiti; see article on page 2 or visit **www.msmary.edu/FletcherJournal.**

1964
- ◗ Dan Curtin
- ◗ George Gelles
- ◗ Pat Goles
- ◗ John Hogan
- ◗ Ron Krilla

Members of the class of 1964 gathered at the house of *Gene Waldron, C'64,* in South Carolina to play golf for four days. Photo taken by *Jack Hughes, C'64.* ➢

1965
- ◗ ■ Dave Davenport
- ■ Dick Hart
- ◗ John McKee
- ■ Wayne Mascia
- ◗ ■ Dennis Molloy
- ● Nicholas G. Otzel
- ■ John Williams

1966
- ● Tom Barry
- ● John Kaheny
- ● John F. Toale

1967
- ● Dr. Edward A. Dolan

1968
- ● John J. Gallagher
- ● Thomas Werzyn

1969
- ● Tom Pruitt

Harry Marra Jr., C'69, is still a decathlete. He just accepted a job offer to coach at the University of Oregon, currently the reigning men's NCAA indoor champions. Previously, he was a member of the United States' coaching staff at the IAAF World Championships in Paris (2003), Helsinki (2005) and Osaka (2007) and was an assistant coach for the 1999 Pan American Games, where U.S athletes won five gold medals, four silvers and a bronze and set a pair of meet records. He was also a coach for the 1981 and 1982 U.S. Olympic Festivals.

William "Wilbur" Wills, C'69, and his wife, Sue, have surpassed 7,500 performances on stage. Between the 20 years of running their theatre company in Ocean City, Md., and their current "Presidents and First Ladies, dramatically speaking" touring program, the Wills have amassed an amazing record. To add icing to the cake, their daughter, Jennifer, is the current leading lady in "The Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway.

Maj. Gen. John "Tony" Studds, C'60, writes: "Classmates from the class of 1960, I encourage you to purchase a naming brick on the Veterans' Memorial Walkway in recognition of your active or reserve military service, or in recognition of a family member's or friend's. Please call Phil McGlade at 301-447-5017 for information. Any donation to this superb expression of the Mount community's perpetual contribution to our national defense is also a donation to our 50th Anniversary Class Gift. Once we have attained the goal of the Veterans' Walkway Campaign, all remaining donations will be applied to the Terrace Renovation Project. May Our Good Lord bless each of you!"

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Class Notes

1970

- ■ Joe Ackler
- ■ Pete Benninger
- ● James F. Clarke
- ■ Larry Donato
- ■ Kevin Dowd
- ● Joseph J. Dougherty
- ◗ Bill "Mace" Hunt
- ◗ Phil McGlade
- ■ Bill Reilly
- ■ Mike Rodgers
- ◗ Ted Shearer
- ■ Brian Smith
- ◗ Tom Wilson

Luis Grillo, C'70, has been inducted into the Anne Arundel County Sports Hall of Fame. The Annapolis resident was a Division I NCAA basketball official for 13 years and worked the Final Four in back-to-back seasons before moving up to the NBA and becoming one of the most respected referees during a 21-year tenure.

1971

- ● Robert K. Dunn
- ● Jack Ellis
- ● George J. Savastano Jr.
- ● John V. Sherwin

1972

- ● Carl Harbaugh
- ● Frank G. Lidinsky

Ray Sloan, C'72, and ***Frank Lidinsky, C'72***, at the Grotto—not at the Mount, but at the University of Notre Dame. Ray and Frank finally made that road trip they talked about in sophomore year, 40 years ago, traveling 1,300 miles round trip to see Notre Dame defeat Boston College. Frank's nephew, Dennis Mahoney, is number 71 for the Fighting Irish.

1973

- ● Timothy L. O'Shea
- ● Mark J. Swetley

Xavi DeCaire, C'73, is proud to announce his granddaughter Josephine Catherine DeCaire. Born on June 22, 2009, to Xavi's son and daughter-in-law Nic and Anne DeCaire. Seen in photo with Josephine is Xavi and his wife Maria Elena.

Richard Doherty, C'73, writes, "Still friends (and still crazy) after all these years. Forty years to the month after we arrived at MSM in September 1969, we regrouped for a weekend of salt water fishing on Long Beach Island, N.J." From left to right (all C'73): Host and skipper ***Lou DiGiovanni***, ***Capt. Mike Stiber***, ***Rick Doherty***, ***Col. Tim Brooks, USMC Ret.,*** and ***Bruce Lowen*** (first mate). Photo taken by Pat Casey (not shown), who was also a denizen of Bruté Hall in 1969. Both Mike and Tim made the trip from their residences in Florida. Most repeated line from the weekend: "What were we thinking??"

1974

William J. Healy, C'74, was recently appointed to vice president, regional operations, of the continuing care division, a supportive health corporation of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest Catholic health systems. Healy will work with the continuing care division to provide consultative and management services to organizations unaffiliated with CHE, helping improve and enhance operations at continuing care retirement communities.

1975

- ◗ John Binau
- ◗ Bob Cardoni
- ● ■ Michael P. Connolly
- ● ■ Keith W. Heagey
- ◗ Martha Kenney
- ● ■ Romas Laskauskas
- ● ■ George Randall
- ■ Charlie Sherron

Steven Colferai, C'75, a 33 year veteran with the Montgomery County Police Department was recently honored by the department for his dedication and commitment as an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course instructor. Steve has been cited as an inspiration to his students and fellow instructors through his positive attitude and dedication to his job. The Montgomery County Police Department recognized Steve by naming the newest building on the driving track in his honor.

1976

- ● Jack J. Causa
- ● Frederick S. Horn

Master Sgt. Ronald Pitts, C'76, was presented the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for serving as a volunteer with Employer Support of the Army National Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense volunteer program. The award recognizes individual dedication to volunteer service and signifies service to the community and country with distinction.

1977

- ● Maryann Solak

1978

- ● Robert G. Baker
- ● Robert A. Herb

1979

- ● Dave Cohill
- ● Marianne T. Mulligan
- ● Kenneth E. Pringle

Bill Gorman, C'79, a partner in McGladrey & Pullen's Timonium, Md., office, has been named a member of the McGladrey & Pullen Board of Directors for a four-year term, effective Dec. 1, 2009. This 10-member, independent governing body was elected by the firm's more than 600 partners. The board sets the firm's strategic direction on a national basis and oversees the financial, operational, management and quality assurance functions of the firm.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, C'79, was transferred to be appointed as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Nov. 14, 2009. He was named rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in 1997, a role he fulfilled until his appointment by Pope John Paul II as bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., on Oct. 14, 2004.

1980

- ● ◗ Timothy C. Dec
- ◗ Maureen Cashen Dolan
- ◗ Phil Dolan
- ● Charles J. Haberkorn
- ◗ Elaine Holland
- ● Nancy Philion Scharff
- ● Judy Mazzeo Zocchi

The Daily Record recently named ***Marty Brunk, C'80***, managing director of RSM McGladrey in Timonium, Maryland, one of sixty Influential Marylanders. Marty is the first CPA to receive this honor.

1981
- Patricia Parrish Bay
- Ellen M. Callahan
- David Conaghan
- Thomas P. Whelan

Mary Hammond, MBA'81, the deputy director/chief of the Training Support Division for the School of Information Technology at Fort Gordon, is the newly appointed special assistant to the national FEW president for military women. Her primary mission is to attract more military women from all services, active and reserve, to use and view the FEW as a resource for training and networking.

1982
- Michael Berens
- Michael J. Neuman

Nancy Graham, wife of *John Graham, C'82*, and mother of Mount student *Brittany Graham, C'12* submitted this photo of the Mount St. Mary's vs. Loyola College rugby game in Baltimore. "In this picture John is jumping over the Loyola players. John has never given up the sport or his loyalty to the Mount! He continues to stay in touch with the rugby team and supports it because he had so much passion for the game and his school!"

Dennis Maguire, C'82, was appointed president in October 2009 of Paramount Pictures Home Entertainment Worldwide. In this role, Maguire holds operating responsibility for the division's sales, marketing and distribution of home entertainment content for the Paramount Motion Picture Group in the United States and the division's 12 offices in other territories.

David Yhlen, C'82, recently accepted a position as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern University. David still holds his position at Virtua Health as the VP of hospital operations. He graduated from Eastern with his MBA in health administration. He teaches in the master's level health administration program and teaches healthcare economics in the RN to BSN program.

1983
- Mary Camille Brown
- Thea Ackerman Carey
- Joanne Weed McShalley
- Mark Panetta

1985
- Thomas Arrowsmith
- Bob Brennan
- Therese Draddy
- Mary Free Kruft
- John McNulty
- Frank McShalley
- Don Stevenson
- Peggy Nolan Tripp

Fr. Michael J. Kavanaugh, S'85, has been named pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Augusta, Georgia. Most Holy Trinity is a downtown congregation with approximately 950 registered households. It sponsors Immaculate Conception Elementary School. This year the parish is celebrating its bicentennial.

John Lonergan, C'85, is a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles County, Calif. He was recently named the winner of the 2009 Prosecutor of the Year Award. In addition, John was named the Ken Lamb Distinguished Achievement Award winner, an award recognizing his achievements and contributions to the office throughout his career. John, who was an ROTC Scholarship student while at the Mount and continues to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves, was also recently promoted to the rank of colonel by the Department of the Army.

1986
- John Singleton

1987
- Timothy J. Buck
- Thomas F. Cahill
- V. Kelly Mulholland
- John Prout

Tim Buck, C'87, and *John Greene, C'87*, founded Keys to Design with Jeff Highfill. This is a sales, service and facilitation company in Huntersville, N.C., servicing the furniture and services needs of myriad companies. As many other furniture entities shrink, Keys to Design is finding new ways to answer age-old problems. With a strong background in sales, Greene and his partners are finding new ways to service many different industries. Buck's background includes finance, procurement and project management; he is a former consultant to the furniture industry and has more than 22 years of business experience. Greene and Buck met while attending the Mount and have remained close friends ever since. Visit their website at **www.keystodesign.com.**

1988
- Patricia Crimmins Kunzman
- Kathleen Gill McDermott

1989
- Thomas B. Berenato
- Mark Damato
- Julie Wright Hyland
- Monsignor Robert J. Jaskot
- Linda Kelley Junker
- Lorraine (Leo) Knepple
- Patrick Nield

Derek Jess, C'89, MBA'92, reports that members of the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials have elected him as the organization's new second vice president for the 2009-10 school year. Jess worked for the City of Perth Amboy, the KPMG tax and auditing services firm, and the Spotswood Borough Board of Education before taking a position as the Perth Amboy Public Schools business administrator six years ago.

1990
- Kelly (McLaughlin) Catania
- Jerry Dowd
- The Rev. Rick Hilgartner
- Karen M. Imbach
- Karen Manto-Corrao
- Jim Morgan
- Robert Molz
- Alison Walsh

1991
- David Cassese
- John Bransfield

John Bransfield III, C'91, ran in the New York Marathon on Nov. 1, 2009. He ran to honor his classmate *Beth Logler, C'91*. Beth was killed in the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11. John is doing his part to raise funds for the Class of 1991 gift. That class gift will be designated for Terrace Renovations and will be presented at the class's 20th Reunion in 2011, approximately 10 years after Beth's death.

Michael W. Dawson, C'91, has recently been elected by the Constitution Party of Maryland to lead the party's state central committee. Dawson earned a B.A. in political science. He lives in Perryville, Md.

Betsey Kamm, MBA'91, has been appointed the first managing director of the Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development. Kamm, a certified fundraising executive, will manage administration, marketing and fund development at the agency. An experienced nonprofit administrator, Kamm served most recently as director of institutional advancement for The Nord Center in Lorain. Prior to that, she was executive director of the Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Class Notes

1992
- Charles "Chuck" Schley

David Steinour, C'92, has been selected by The George Washington University to serve as chief information officer following a national search. Steinour had been serving as the interim CIO after joining GW as the deputy CIO in February 2008. He brings to the position more than 20 years of higher education IT experience.

1994
- Bridget Daul Kelly
- Colin P. Ward
- Mike Zinzi

Marty Qually, C'94 is bringing 20 years experience in the food service industry to his new restaurant, Smokehouse Alley in Emmitsburg, where he serves as general manager and chef of the restaurant. Smokehouse Alley has become the newest addition to the Emmitsburg business community; the new venture opened in November of 2009.

1995
- Stella Cinoa Barry
- Adam Burch
- Patrick D. Dolan
- Deborah Stocker Giles
- Kevin Murphy
- Frank Pardavilla
- Meg Gleeson Taft

Karen O'Shaughnessy, C'95, has taken a position as VP of media services at Sage Communications, a Vienna, Virginia-based marketing communications agency in the government, technology and healthcare industries in Washington, D.C.

1996
- Jennifer O'Dea Sprungle

1997
- Sarah (Moncada) Brion

1998
- Alice (Wylie) Baumer
- Harry C. Benjamin
- Bradley M. Boyd
- William J. Frank
- Greg K. Kirby
- Mike T. Kirby
- Patrick M. McGinn

Christina Weaver, C'98, has accepted a position in Lancaster, Pa., as an assistant professor of mathematics. Previously, she was a postdoctoral fellow for six years at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine.

1999
- Angela P. Fatula
- Cynthia Kratz Lauta

Kelly (Stewart) Cash, C'99, was recently promoted to resource manager at a national security agency located in Wiesbaden, Germany. She and her husband will be living in Wiesbaden for a three-year tour. They are looking forward to the many opportunities to travel the world.

Jaime Cevallos, C'99, still loves baseball! A swing coach, he has been receiving significant media attention. His new bat, the MP30 Baseball Training Bat, was recently featured in *ESPN, The Magazine, Baseball America, Yahoo! Finance*, Fanhouse.com and DRaysBay.com, among others. Check him out on his website, **www.theswingmechanic.com.**

2000
- Stephanie Lopez Anderson
- Anne (Stocker) Kalis
- Laura Portier LaLumiere
- Stephanie Jodrie Travis

2001
- Peter B. Mannix

2002
- Lizette Chacon

2003
- Nick Meekins

2004
- Robert L. Posey
- Martin L. Valerio

2005
- Megan Kelly Beno
- Erin Bradin
- Maria Burke
- Ryan M. Coleman
- Andrew Diffenderfer
- Rachel Lawruk
- Justin McMahon
- Elizabeth Connolly Protani
- Dale Rader Phillips

Erin Bradin, C'05, has been promoted to senior associate at Warschawski, a public relations and advertising firm, where she has worked since 2006. In her new role, Erin will oversee all aspects of client servicing, including strategic planning, campaign development and execution, media relations and account management. In her previous role, she handled day-to-day account management activities for a number of the agency's clients, including Under Armour, DEWALT, W.L. Gore Associates, Buster Sports, Milestones Achievement Centers of America and the Capital Funding Group.

2006
- Alba Alvarez
- Kathleen Coleman
- Bradley Duggan

2007
- Justina Dillon

David S. Campbell, MBA'07, has been hired by Graystone Tower Bank in Chambersburg, Pa., as commercial relationship manager. He most recently held the position of small business relationship manager at F&M Trust. In addition, Campbell is an adjunct faculty member in the Business and Economics Department at Wilson College.

Lt. John Paul Snook, (USA) C'07, is currently deployed in Kabul, Afghanistan, on a 12-month tour that started last August. He will return to Germany this August and remain there for about six more months, finishing out his three-year tour there, then off to the Captain's career course.

2008
- Ryan Audy
- Crysten McKenzie

2009
- Emma Dusenbery
- Sara Garbarini
- Jessica Halliday
- Melissa Sipes
- Andy Wassmann

Ed Krumpotich, MAT'09, has been named Teacher of the Year by the Friends of Catholic Education, Frederick County, Maryland. Ed was honored at the Teacher Recognition Dinner on Jan. 31, 2010.

Kathryn Rosario, C'09, is mentoring and facilitating mentoring at Big Brothers, Big Sisters in Sitka, Alaska, with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest.

SECOND ANNUAL DUSTIN BAUER,C'08 MEMORIAL 5K AND 1 MILE WALK

DeWitt Bauer, C'03 held the 2nd Annual **Dustin Bauer, C'08** Memorial 5K & 1 Mile Walk on November 15, 2009 at Oregon Ridge Park in Cockeysville, MD. This event raises money for The Dustin Bauer Memorial Fund, which is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) created by DeWitt in 2008, whose goal is to grow a solid foundation of giving and continue in Dustin's example of humane kindness and help as many students/athletes as possible. Dustin's Memorial Fund provides monetary donations for scholarship contributions of educational and athletic purposes to students at Mount St. Mary's so that they may continue their quest for knowledge, lifelong learning and athletic grace at the Mount!

TWO OUTSTANDING ALUMS GAIN TRUSTEE EMERITUS STATUS

WILLIAM T. KENNEDY, C'60, TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Mr. Kennedy graduated from Mount St. Mary's with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, earned his C.P.A. certification in 1967, and had a 30-year career with accounting firm Ernst and Young, where he was partner.

Bill is a member of the prestigious American Institute of CPAs, New York State Society of CP's and chair of the National Association of Accounting.

His dedication and commitment to the Mount and its mission were evidenced by his active role on the Mount Board of Trustees, where he served as chair of the Finance Committee and an ad hoc member of the Residence Hall Committee.

Mr. Kennedy's frequent and long-term generosity to the Mount's Annual Fund, the Connections Campaign, the Bicentennial Celebration and the current *Generations Campaign* is a further testament to his loyalty to his alma mater.

Bill and his wife Marilyn have raised four children, Maureen, Tracey, Christine and Scott, and are the proud grandparents of Chloey, Luke, Robert, Steven, Travis and Renee.

JOHN J. WALSH, C'58, TRUSTEE EMERITUS

John Walsh graduated from Mount St. Mary's with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics earning his MBA from New York University. He had a distinguished career with Lord Abbett & Company where he became partner in 1980.

Mr. Walsh has been a member of the New York Society of Security Analysts, president of the Wall Street Utility Group and on the Board of Trustees for Brooklyn Hospital Center. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Marine Reserves.

John has been honored as a loyal son of the Mount for his distinctive service with the 34th Annual Bruté Medal in 1998, the 2002 Pride of the Mount Award, and induction into the Mount St. Mary's Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

His dedication and commitment to the Mount and its mission are unquestioned; his service includes chair of the Founder's Club, chair of the *Connections Campaign* and Walsh's Warriors, and chair of the Board of Trustees.

John most recently took a leadership role in the *Generations Campaign.* ensuring its success, just as his leadership was essential to the Bicentennial Celebration.

John has two sons, Brendan and Matthew, and is a proud grandfather to Ryan, Nicholas, Evelyn, Millie, Hugh and Oliver.

Walk participants: Ashley Hutchinson, C'09; Melanie Schwer, C'09; Sara Brown, C'09; Stephanie Dickerson, C'08; Mallory Longfield, C'09; Dana Collins, C'09; Monica Wolf, C'08

THE MOUNT BROUGHT US TOGETHER

Associate Director for Residence Life Jennifer Lenfant and Assistant Director of Admissions Edward Wright, C'06

During her first year in graduate school, Jen met Eddie at the graduate assistantship interviews at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. Little did she know that eventually a small Catholic university in Emmitsburg, Md., would change their lives.

When they met, it was as if they'd known each other for years. Jen recalls Eddie always telling her about a magical place called "the Mount" where "everyone knew your name." The first time Jen visited "the Mount," she was enthralled by the magnificence of the architecture, mountains and landscaping. Eddie told her on many occasions that he dreamed of returning to the Mount to work and give back to his alma mater.

However, the couple's relationship was put to the test over the next two years as job opportunities at other schools kept them apart.

Then Jen was contacted about a job opening at the Mount. She moved, began her work as the new associate director for residence life and, just as she hoped, the Mount and its "amazing community" truly became her home.

A few months later, Eddie applied for and was offered the assistant director of admissions position under the new dean of admissions, Mike Post. The couple was ecstatic. It seemed like their lives were finally aligning.

Shortly after Eddie moved back to the Mount, he proposed to Jen. They are now engaged to be married at the Grotto's Glass Chapel on July 10, 2010.

In the end, it was the Mount that finally brought Jen and Eddie together … an extraordinary community and a wonderful place where their dreams came true.

THE ALUMNI LEGATI PROGRAM

DEAR ALUMNI,

Would you like to share the value of your Mount experience with interested students and their families?

Are you looking for a meaningful way to volunteer your time?

Through phone calls, handwritten notes and face-to-face conversations, alumni can add another layer to the personal touch that is the cornerstone of Mount student recruitment.

The Alumni Legati initiative depends on volunteer commitment to achieve a highly focused, very personal approach, so we are asking alumni who would like to participate to sign up for a yearlong admissions recruitment cycle. If you volunteer, the Office of Admissions will train you to help us in one, or more, of the following ways (your commitment level is completely up to you):

CALL ACCEPTED STUDENTS

The Mount may be one of many options an accepted student is considering. A phone call from a proud graduate to say "Why I love the Mount" goes a long way.

SEND MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY POSTCARDS

The Office of Admissions will provide volunteers with postcards to send to select students. In our age of technology, a personal, handwritten note can make a big impact.

ATTEND ON-CAMPUS ADMISSIONS PROGRAMS

The Office of Admissions hosts numerous events for prospective students throughout the year. Having volunteers on campus to talk informally about their experience helps students envision themselves at the Mount.

PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL EVENTS

We frequently "take the Mount on the road" to make it easier for students to learn about us. If we travel to a location near you, your participation could involve speaking to a group of prospective students and parents formally, or mingling before and after the event.

REFER POTENTIAL STUDENTS TO THE MOUNT

Do you know a high school student who would be a great fit at Mount St. Mary's? Fill out our simple online referral form and we will waive the student's application fee should he or she decide to apply to the Mount.

Interested in helping? Go to **www.msmary.edu/legati** to volunteer. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Michael A. Post, C'97
Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management

THE SAINT OF BOYS TOWN? GROUP WANTS MOUNT ALUM CANONIZED

"There are no bad boys. There is only bad environment, bad training, bad example, bad thinking."

—Fr. Edward J. Flanagan, Mount Class of1906

According to an article in *Our Sunday Visitor,* a group is proposing canonization for Mount alum **Fr. Edward J. Flanagan C'06,** the founder of Boys Town. Father Flanagan, born in 1886 in Ireland, came to the United States and the Mount in 1904 and entered the priesthood shortly thereafter. He was ordained in 1912 and five years later established Boys Town in Omaha, Nebraska.

Biographer Fr. Clifford Stephens, himself a graduate of Boys Town, says Fr. Flanagan's time at the Mount was an important period in his life; he frequently visited here after his graduation.

In his work on behalf of America's orphaned, abused and abandoned young boys, Fr. Flanagan won international acclaim and recognition. He was immortalized in a 1938 film starring Spencer Tracey. In that same year, Fr. Flanagan received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during the Mount commencement.

Fr. Flanagan's loving care of children also brought him to the attention of the U.S. government. At the end of World War II at the request of the government, he traveled to Japan and Europe to advise occupational forces on the care and welfare of children affected by the war. He died a short time later in 1948 in Berlin.

Fr. Stevens said, "In each boy he met Fr. Flanagan could see the possibilities. He was also a pioneer in ecumenism before he even knew that word; he was the first priest to begin work with Jews and Protestants on social issues."

According to the report, the Father Flanagan League is dedicated to "providing information about his sanctity to the Church as well as spreading devotion to him." More about the work of Father Flanagan can be found at: **www.boystown.org**; click on the "discover" tab at the top.

Alan Hahn, C'72

Alan Hahn, C'72, passed away on Oct. 14, 2009. His wife, **Maureen Hinke Hahn, SJC'73**, sent us a beautiful tribute article printed in the Christmas edition of the Catholic Review, the Archdiocese of Baltimore's newspaper. She writes:

"Alan attributed much of what he became in life to the faith, inspiration and education he received during his years at the Mount. For the past twelve years, he has anxiously looked forward to chaperoning the St. Ursula 8th grade each October or November to Emmitsburg to visit the Grotto, the Mount for lunch, and then the Seton Shrine, acting as a tour guide/historian. Even last spring, he went with me to Emmitsburg for the St. Joe's Reunion (I graduated from St. Joseph College in the last graduating class before the closing of the college). We actually met in college, so the Mount brought us together and gave us a very happy 35 years of marriage and four beautiful children!"

Maureen teaches seventh and eighth grade at St. Ursula in Parkville, Md., and Alan served on the school board and with Boy Scouts and youth basketball.

ANDREW "WALLY" WALL, C'09

It is with deep sorrow that we share the news of the passing of **Andrew Wall, C'09**. After graduation, Andrew was working on an organic farm when he was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor after collapsing at the farm.

While at the Mount, Andrew, an Annapolis, Md., native, excelled at his studies. He studied abroad and was a vital member of the Mount Rugby Club. He was also a member of the George Henry Miles Honor Society.

Dr. Roberta McFadden, Mount professor and the English major's advisor, says "Andrew was always interested in getting as much out of his college experience as possible. He was a solid beginning scholar."

IN MEMORIAM

Through March 1, 2010

1930s

Mr. William B. Lebherz, Jr., C'39
February 23, 2010

1940s

Mr. Paul B. Rhoads, Jr., C'40
January 18, 2010

Dr. Robert Peter Whalen, C'47
December 24, 2009

Dr. Robert J. Lyden, C'48
March 9, 2010

1950s

Mr. Hugh Dalton Sterling, C'50
October 18, 2009

Mr. Philip Cogan Waterman, C'51
January 10, 2010

The Rev. Pierre A. Botton, S'56
January 3, 2010

The Rev. Thomas M. McLernon, C'53, S'57
December 25, 2009

Mr. James E. Peterson, C'57
February 6, 2010

Mr. Richard A. Leadem, C'56, S'59
February 9, 2010

Mr. James J. Mattis, C'59
November9, 2009

1960s

Mr. Ronald Arthur Huether, C'60
November 17, 2009

Mr. Kevin J. Maher, C'61
January 11, 2010

Mr. J. Raymond McGill, Jr., C'62
January 10, 2010

Mr. John Joseph Green, Jr., C'64
October 26, 2009

Rev. Msgr. F. Dennis Tinder, S'68
December 5, 2009

1970s

Dr. Jerry M. Orosz, Jr., C'70
December 2, 2009

1980s

Mr. Kenneth Williams, C'80
November 15, 2009

Mr. Brian J. Barklage, C'84
November 15, 2009

Mrs. Anne Ward Glynn, C'87
January 7, 2010

2000s

Mr. Andrew L. Wall, C'09
November 18, 2009

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Mount's web site now features an In Memoriam page that is updated monthly and includes an entire listing of deceased alumni. Visit www.msmary.edu/alumni and click on "In Memoriam."

Weddings

Kari (Vaughan) Aversa, C'01, and Alex Aversa
Dec. 19, 2009
Negril, Jamaica
Kari is now a greenhouse/perennial assistant at Kingsdene Nursery while working on a second degree in horticulture.

Jason Mitchell, C'03, and **Laura Jezek, C'06**
August 2009
Orchard Park, New York

Mounties in attendance: Liam McCusker, Marian Wargo, Leslie Walter, Chuck Zitrick, all C'03; Jay and Dale Phillips, both C'05; Dom Colardo, C'03; Carl Bilotta, C'03; Theresa Bilotta, C'04; Brennan McDevitt, C'03; Katie Widdoss, C'07; Dan Long, C'07; Dave Hinton, C'05; Nick Dalidowitz, C'05; Sebastian Ponce, C'03; Dave Stewart, C'03; Fallon Daniels, C'06; Sean O'Beirne, C'06; and Coach Jim Deegan.

Tiffany Hoke Vandevoordt, C'03, and Tom Paul Jos Vandevoordt
May 2, 2009
Baltimore, Maryland

The bridal party included Mount alumni Kimberly Nadeau, C'03, Crystal (Dypsky) Rhoad, C'03, and Charlotte (Horning) Ryan, C'03. Mount alumni wedding guests included: Scott Ryan, C'03; Teri Dunham, C'03; Candice (Lynch) Beaubien, C'03; Sara Baragona, C'03, MBA'07; Mike and Lynsey (Nadeau) Mullenholz, both C'04; and Steve and Kim (Young) Meyers, both C'03, with their daughter, Emily.

Meghan (Brown) Fulmer, and **Harry Fulmer, both C'06**
August 8, 2009

Mounties in attendance (pictured): Kerri Sharr, C'06, Emily (Mayer) Warner, C'06, Matt Warner, C'06, Pete DiPietro, C'10, Paige Chenet, C'10, and Gary Cover, C'06. Christine Short, C'03, not pictured.

PHOTO GUIDELINES

When sending photos digitally via e-mail for possible inclusion in Mount Magazine and Class Notes online, please follow these guidelines:

Digital photos and scanned prints should be AT LEAST 2x3 at 300 dpi (dots per inch). Photos should be saved as JPEG files.

When taking a photo be sure to make the subject as large as possible within the frame of the photo. If you are taking pictures of large groups of people, arrange them in several rows in front of each other.

E-mail photos to alumni@msmary.edu.

Births

❶ *Kristin (Brandt) Dwyer, C'95*, and Kevin Dwyer
Triplets **Kennedy Grace, Rian Madeline and Abigail Elizabeth**
Nov. 2, 2009
They join big brother Kevin James (3 1/2) and big sister Ireland Mary (21 months).

❶ Kennedy Grace, Rian Madeline and Abigail Elizabeth join Kevin James (3 1/2) and big sister Ireland Mary (21 months).

Elizabeth (Cavanagh) Kaliski, C'95, and Drew Kaliski
Sean David
Dec. 30, 2009
He joins big brother Grady.

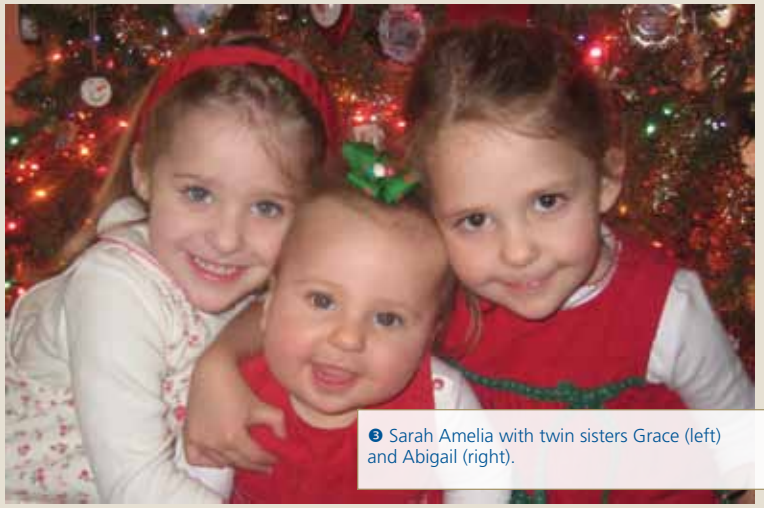
Tina (Martini) Bergman, C'98, and Brad Bergman
Susan Joy
Nov. 19, 2008
She joins big sister Allison.

❷ *Megan (Kowalski) Stellato, C'99*, and *Mike Stellato, C'98*
Olivia Rose
Jan. 7, 2010
Pictured with big brother Jack and big sister Elizabeth.

❷ **Olivia Rose** with big brother Jack and big sister Elizabeth

Jaime Entwistle Conti, C'00, and Michael Conti
Chloe Cecelia
May 26, 2009

❸ *Peter Mannix, C'01*, and Marleen Mannix
Sarah Amelia
April 23, 2009
Pictured with twin sisters Grace (left) and Abigail (right).



❸ Sarah Amelia with twin sisters Grace (left) and Abigail (right).

❹ *Lizette Chacon, C'02*, and Harry J. McMahon III
Cole Felipe
Nov. 11, 2009

Amy (Harris) and Joseph Danahy, both C'02
Ryan Joseph
Sept. 19, 2008

❹ Cole Felipe McMahon

Chapter Notes

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

Congratulations to the 2010 recipients of the National Alumni Association awards!

You can read more about this year's award winners at **www.msmary.edu/alumni.**

BRUTÉ MEDAL, JUNE 4, 2010

- *Kevin Dowd, C'70*
- *Judy Mazzeo Zocchi, C'80*

HALL OF FAME, MAR. 13

L. to r.: *David Conaghan, C'81*; NAA President; *Jen Stocker Buckles, C'98*, Lacrosse; *Mike McNulty, C'90*, Lacrosse; *John Walsh, C'58*; Baseball, Outstanding Support of the Mount's Athletic Program; and *Robert Herb, C'78*, National Alumni Council. Not pictured: *Heather Moul Kitching, C'98*, Cross Country and Track; and *Crystal Woodard, C'83*, Basketball.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD, OCT. 3

David Conaghan, C'81, NAA President, and *Heath Tarbert, C'98*, honoree

Mount Magazine

BALTIMORE

- 17th Annual Orioles Bullpen Party, Sept. 19, 2009
- Baltimore Chapter Moonlight Cruise, Nov. 14, 2009
  Always a fun event, young alumni enjoyed an evening cruise on Baltimore's Inner Harbor.
- Toy Drive & Christmas Party, Dec. 6, 2009
  Many thanks to our hosts John, C'94, and Kathy, C'94, Burke of Alexander's Tavern, Baltimore. This year more than 100 toys were collected for Baltimore area children.
- Polar Bear Plunge, Jan. 30, 2010
  This year, Maggie's Mounties raised more than $30,000 for Special Olympics Maryland. There were 30 Plungers this year on the team, including alumni and current students!

NEW YORK

- Long Island Ducks Baseball Game, Sept. 18, 2009

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Capitol Alumni Network Flag Football
  Congratulations to the DC Chapter flag football team on a great inaugural season!
- Chapter Social at Chef Geoff's at MSM @ American Game at Bender Arena, Nov. 18, 2009
- Toy Drive & Social at MSM vs. Georgetown Game at Verizon Center, Nov. 30, 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 17, 2010 – Baltimore Chapter 4th Annual Golf Tournament at Hunt Valley Country Club
- June 4-6, 2010 – Reunion Weekend
- Sept. 11, 2010 – Dragon Boat Race, Baltimore
- Sept. 18, 2010 – Orioles vs. Yankees – Camden Yards, Baltimore

CONNECTICUT

- Annual Loyalty Luncheon, Dec. 5, 2009
  Guest speaker was President of the National Alumni Association Dave Conaghan,C'81. Outgoing President of the Chapter John McKee,C'65, and incoming President Dick Hart,C'65, were honored. Rosemary "Sis" Brennan, widow of Martin Brennan, C'50, was recognized as an honorary member of the chapter.

PHILADELPHIA

- Open House at the Painted Plate, Dec. 3, 2009
- Christmas Social, Dec. 16, 2009

CAROLINAS

Many thanks to ***Tim Buck, C'87, John Greene, C'87, Tim Bahr, C'84***, and ***John Driscoll, C'87***, our new chapter leaders in the Carolinas! These dedicated alums have formed the Carolinas Chapter.

We look forward to posting your events and activities in the future.

CHAPTER CONTACTS

One of the National Alumni Association's greatest assets is our chapter network. Our chapters keep alumni connected to the social, intellectual and spiritual life of the Mount. Whether you are a recent graduate or celebrating your 50th reunion, our chapters provide an opportunity to reconnect with your classmates, relive your favorite Mount memories and stay up-to-date on the exciting changes happening at the Mount. If you are interested in joining a chapter, contact your local chapter representative.

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L. to r. : John Greene, C'87; Karen Imbach, C'90; Tom Cahill, C'87; Tim Buck, C'87

The Dowd family's annual Homecoming trip to the Mount.

AN *Amazing* LIFE, JOHN RIEGER, C'39

By Andrea Novotny Foley, C'76

RIEGER'S 1939 CLASS PHOTO

RIEGER IS SECOND FROM THE LEFT

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AND RIEGER, HUNGARIAN REFUGEE CAMP, AUSTRIA

ARMY CAPTAIN RIEGER IN THE EARLY 1940S

CLASS OF 1939 MOUNT REUNION IN THE 1980S. RIEGER (TOP ROW, FAR RIGHT)

For about 10 years, I've worked closely with my friend, Ann Rieger, to advocate for abused and neglected children here in Fairfax County, Va. Over time, she would tell me stories of her 93-year-old father's fascinating life that, frankly, sound like the plot of an epic novel:

Raised in New York City by German immigrant parents, John Rieger spent 1934, at the height of the Depression, working as a bellboy on ships sailing through the Panama Canal making $25 a month plus tips. After completing a master's degree and being drafted, Army Captain Rieger survived more than two years of World War II combat in Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and Southern France. He went on to capture the Vichy Government Ambassador in the Austrian Alps, a war criminal later executed during the aftermath of the war. And, then recruited by the State Department, her father held top posts in Germany, Brazil, Austria, Israel, India, the Sudan and Thailand, working and forming friendships with Chester Bowles, Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Kenneth Keating. In the 1950s, he created the Hungarian Refugee Program for the State Department, personally involving Eleanor Roosevelt in the program. Even after retiring, Ann's father worked with Catholic Relief Services assisting Vietnamese refugees. Along the way, he married Mary Ahearn, the beautiful and brilliant love of his life, and raised a family of three children who, while living in India, volunteered alongside Mother Teresa. Oh, and did I mention the private audience with the Pope ….

One day, Ann mentioned in passing that her father, prior to getting his master's at Fordham University, graduated from Mount St. Mary's College. What? The Mount? MY Mount St. Mary's? Yep, John Rieger, MSM class of 1939.

Ah, now all these stories weren't just about my friend's father, but about a fellow Mountie; one who had been a front row witness to a great deal of 20th century history. But, in reflecting on John Rieger's remarkable and inspiring life, I'm really not surprised that he's a Mountie. His whole life has been one of sacrifice for his country, service to others and devotion to his family and faith. After all, these are the values that the Mount has been dedicated to nurturing in young people for more than 200 years; young people like John Rieger in the Depression years of the 1930s, my husband and I in the Hippie 1970s and the kids there now that will make the history of the 21st century.

More than 70 years later, John Rieger cherishes his memories of the Mount—being part of a hunger strike protesting lousy food, working in the library with the Rev. Hugh Phillips (Nickname: Sweat Socks), even spending a summer on campus doing maintenance work for room, board and the following year's tuition. John recently told me that he left his heart at Mount St. Mary's. Don't we all?

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VETERANS' WALKWAY

Please join us during Alumni Reunion Weekend as we recognize and thank the veterans of our Mount community, who have served this great nation, in peacetime as well as war, to preserve and protect the God-given rights of all citizens of the world.

SAVE THE DATE
SAT., JUNE 5, 2010
2-4:30 P.M.
PATRIOT HALL PLAZA

Check out the May "Around the Mount" enewsletter for an article by Capt. Stephen Bury, C'72, that recounts the WWII heroics of Mount professor "Doc" Marshall. *Not receiving the enewsletter? Sign up by emailing alumni@msmary.edu.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement
Sunday, May 16, 11 a.m.

Reunion Weekend
Friday-Sunday, June 4-6

Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat
Monday-Friday, June 21-25
Archabbot Lambert, OSB - Reilly, Retreat Master

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