“For me, the games have never ended. I started playing in second grade. I continued through high school, college, the service, the NBA. I've had a touch of everything. What could be better than that?”

Van Horn scores 33 as Sixers beat Heat

Penn boasts to victory in its Ivy opener

No hoopla for him, just hoops

After 49 seasons of winning big-time at a small-time school, Jim Phelan is retiring.
Thanks, Coach!

We’ll never forget you.
real issues, real commitment, real men
ake sure you look over this issue of Mount Magazine from cover to cover.

From profiles by Barb Ruppert of sociology professor Marty Malone and alumna Tricia Thomas, C’93, to Matt Lane’s in-depth look at the Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, there is plenty to interest everyone.

Yet we saved the best for the cover story. At a standing-room-only press conference held on the floor of Knott Arena in January, the legendary Jim Phelan announced his retirement at the end of the season — after 49 years at the helm of the Mount’s men’s basketball program.

The outpouring of affection greeting Coach Phelan following the announcement was nothing short of contagious. At home and on the road, well wishers pressed to get close to the winningest active coach in collegiate basketball – showering him with well-deserved accolades.

And faithfully by his side, as she was throughout his career, was his wife, Dottie.

Much has been written about Coach Phelan’s historic coaching career. This issue of Mount Magazine is no exception. Frank Fitzpatrick, a sportswriter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, Coach Phelan’s long ago hometown newspaper, wrote the wonderful feature you will find beginning on page 18.

But Dottie, we’ve reserved this column for you! There is no question Dottie Phelan was her husband’s, and the team’s, biggest fan through the years. One need only look at the location of her seat – squarely behind the bench in Knott Arena, and to watch her squirm and fidget as the games proceeded – to understand just how passionate she was about Mount basketball.

Current and former players alike went out of their way in describing her as a mother figure, a confidant, or a trusted friend. It was Dottie who first suggested her husband wear a bow tie to “work,” and who helped her husband back to health after undergoing prostate cancer surgery during the 2000-01 season.

Indeed, the Mount community is hard pressed to discuss Coach Phelan without using Dottie in the same breath. Rumor has it that it was Dottie Phelan who came to her husband’s defense a few years back, leaking information about a college plan to oust him to the local media. And, quite nobly, she was, and continues to be, Coach Phelan’s strongest supporter in the bid to make the Basketball Hall of Fame. Phelan has been nominated twice, but never elected.

Dottie has other plans. “He’ll be in someday,” she said to me – eyes glistening and a look of quiet determination on her face – before the January press conference. “Just you wait and see.”

Dottie Phelan was honored with 49 roses following the last home game this season, March 1 vs. Central Connecticut State — signifying the number of years that she, too, has been part of the fabric of the men’s basketball program, and an ambassador for Mount St. Mary’s College.

It is our pleasure to honor you here as well, Dottie.

Dottie Ross
Editor

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Mount Magazine
Mount St. Mary’s College & Seminary
Introducing: President-Elect Thomas H. Powell

Thomas H. Powell was appointed the 24th president of Mount St. Mary’s College and Seminary at the December meeting of the board of trustees.

Powell, currently the president of Glenville State College in Glenville, West Virginia, succeeds the retiring George R. Houston, Jr., effective July 1, 2003.

“I am both pleased and honored to be given this opportunity,” said Powell. “The Mount is about many things, but chiefly it is about people – about talented students, staff and faculty. It was meeting the people of Mount St. Mary’s and experiencing this community that convinced me this is where I should be.”

Powell, 49, came to Glenville State College (enrollment of 2,500) in 1999. He is credited with completing a major campus renovation program, revitalizing the college’s Foundation, developing its first annual fund program, increasing the college’s endowment, and initiating a program titled “A Renaissance of Shared Values” to focus attention on the key values of academic integrity.

Prior to Glenville State College, Powell was a professor of education and dean at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina (1994-99); and a professor of special education and dean at Montana State University (1990-94).

He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in special education from Montana State University, in 1976 and 1979, respectively, and completed an Ed.D. in special education from Vanderbilt University in 1981.

Powell’s selection caps a six-month national search in which many outstanding candidates emerged. In all, the 16-member presidential search committee – composed of a cross-section of the Mount community – including trustees, faculty, administrators, staff, students and alumni – reviewed 41 candidates.

Thomas G. O’Hara, a 1964 graduate of Mount St. Mary’s and chairman of the search committee, said Powell is the right choice to lead the college and seminary – especially as the Mount prepares to celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2008.

“As we move forward in meeting the challenges and opportunities facing us, we are indeed fortunate to have someone with Dr. Powell’s background and talent at the helm,” O’Hara said. “With his understanding and respect for a liberal arts education and his deep Catholic faith, Dr. Powell is well positioned to advance the mission of Mount St. Mary’s as we prepare for our third century.”

Powell and his wife, Irene, have three children: Nicholas, Thomas Henry and Cathleen.

Mount Justice Program Debuts at the Mount

Mount St. Mary’s College is offering a new accelerated Bachelor of Arts degree completion program in criminal justice for working adults.

The curriculum, designed for professionals who want to advance in or switch to careers in the criminal justice field, is being offered at two Mount St. Mary’s adult learning centers in Frederick and Westminster, Md.

“There are many people working in the criminal justice field, such as state, county and city police officers as well as professionals in related fields, who have associate’s degrees, but would like to complete their bachelor’s degree,” said Linda Martinak, Ph.D., dean of continuing studies at the Mount. “Because of their work commitments, they are unable to go to school full time. This program gives them the opportunity to continue their education in a high quality program during evening sessions.”

The Mount bachelor’s degree program will be held in conjunction with similar two-year criminal justice degree programs at Carroll and Frederick community colleges.

Classes are held one night a week and most courses are five weeks in length, rather than in the traditional 15-week college format. The Mount already offers an accelerated B.S. in business program, which has proven successful in the central Maryland area and was named a “Distinguished Program Award” recipient in 2001 by the Maryland Association for Higher Education.

In addition to full-time Mount faculty members, a number of seasoned criminal justice practitioners will be teaching the accelerated courses. Timothy Wolfe, associate professor of sociology at Mount St. Mary’s and an expert on juvenile delinquency, is teaching the first course, “Crime and Justice in America.”

For further information about the accelerated criminal justice degree program, contact the Division of Continuing Studies in Frederick toll free at 1-877-982-2329, or visit the college’s website at www.msmary.edu/adult.
New Graduate Programs Offered

The Mount is now offering four new graduate programs in education, leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) graduate degree with certification for public, private and parochial school teaching.

Aspiring teachers can obtain both a graduate degree and a license to teach in four different programs: the MAT with Initial Certification in Elementary Education; MAT with Initial Certification in Elementary and Special Education; MAT with Initial Certification in Secondary Teaching (including biology, business education, English, French, German, Latin, mathematics, social studies, and Spanish); and MAT with Initial Certification in Art Education.

The programs are designed to appeal to those who do not have a degree or background in education. It allows for an individual who may have experienced other fields of work and study to conveniently obtain the necessary education requirements and certification to teach in Maryland.

“This program will be a major feeder for the recruitment of teachers in the county and in the region,” said Christopher Blake, Ph.D., education department chairman.

Continuing Studies Moves to New Frederick Site

The Mount has moved the offices and classrooms of its Division of Continuing Studies for adult learners to a larger site in Frederick, Md.

The new 16,000-square-foot facility is at 5350 Spectrum Drive in the 270 Technology Park next to Francis Scott Key Mall. It is just three blocks away from its previous location at 5320 Spectrum Drive. A grand opening for the site was held January 31.

“Growth is the number one reason for the move,” said M. Linda Martinak, dean of the Division of Continuing Studies. “We simply needed more space because of the increasing enrollments in several of our programs. In addition to our own site, we had been renting space in three other Frederick locations in order to hold all of our classes. Now all Frederick classes are consolidated at one location.”

The new site triples the size of the old facility and has 10 classrooms, including a room set aside for a state-of-the-art, distance-learning lab.

This move marks the third expansion in four years for Mount St. Mary’s in Frederick. In October 1999, the Mount opened its first site with one classroom and 22 students. This soon grew to the opening of three classrooms in fall 2000.

“We’re delighted with the new space,” said Martinak. “It is an impressive facility and we’ve received many favorable comments about it from our students and faculty.”

The site offers convenient access to both I-270 and 70 and offers plenty of free parking, a necessity since all of the adult students are commuters and attend class in the evening.

Mount St. Mary’s also has additional adult learning sites on its main campus in Emmitsburg, in Hagerstown on the campus of Hagerstown Business College and in Westminster on the campus of Carroll Community College. Weekend College classes in its teacher education program are also held on the campus of Frederick Community College.

Mount St. Mary’s offers an accelerated MBA, an accelerated undergraduate degree in business, a weekend B.S. in elementary education, a teacher certification program, master’s programs in teacher education and a graduate certificate program in public sector information management.
Founder's Day Medal Awarded

he 2002 Mount St. Mary's Founder’s Day Medal was presented to Mark Pacione at a Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on December 9. Pacione is the director of the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

This is the 19th Founder’s Day Medal to be awarded since 1983. The purpose of the medal is “to honor people who make concrete use of the values of the college,” said Provost Carol Hinds. “Mark Pacione is a wonderful example of that.” The Founder's Day Medal also honors Father John DuBois, founder of the college and seminary.

In 1975, Pacione began ministering to youth at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Arlington, Va., after which he became the coordinator of parish youth ministry, and director of religious education at St. Margaret Church in Bel Air, Md. He has been with the Archdiocese of Baltimore since 1985. “The joy of working with young people is watching them encounter faith issues and discover God present in their own lives,” said Pacione. “I find that really fascinating.”

In addition to the Founder's Day Medal, Pacione received the 2000 National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Award. He has also spoken at the National Catholic Education Association conference and other national gatherings. “I was very honored that Mount St. Mary’s even considered me for the award,” Pacione said. “It is doubly sweet because it is such a respected institution.”

By Dale Rader, C ’05

Cultural Diversity Surveyed on Campus

he Mount St. Mary’s Center for Intercultural Development (CID), in association with the Department of Sociology, completed a student survey last fall to gauge campus diversity opinions and experiences within the college community.

The survey was conducted to learn more about student intercultural attitudes and experiences on campus. More than 330 undergraduates were surveyed.

According to the survey findings, the overall experience of students at the Mount seems to be one of increasing exposure to people different from themselves. “We are pleased to see a lack of a sense of antagonism among students as well as a lack of intergroup problems to any great extent,” said Marty Malone, sociology department chair and former CID faculty director. “Furthermore, the statistics indicate that minority students do not seem to feel excluded in the Mount campus community.”

Students also reported increased contact with a variety of people of different backgrounds, with more than 90 percent saying they encounter students of different cultures daily or weekly.

Most students also reported a sense that their experience at the Mount has increased their understanding of other cultures – from 16.3 percent for freshman to 31.5 percent for seniors.

But there is work to be done. The report also indicated there are areas regarding intercultural development that need improvement. One issue Malone says the CID team will begin to address is minority recruitment for students, faculty and administrators.

When asked if students thought there was enough diversity at the Mount, the majority of respondents (56.1 percent) admitted that the environment would be a more positive place if the college was more diverse.

Malone says the Center for Intercultural Development team will discuss the results and implications of the report with different constituencies on campus – including students, faculty, campus ministry and campus life. The team will also continue to work with campus life, academic departments and programs to collaborate in the planning of cultural programs. It will then present a comprehensive report of additional ways in which the Mount can expose students to cultural diversity on campus.
November, education department chairman Christopher Blake presented Mount President George R. Houston with the Friend of Education award — in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the department’s efforts over the past eight years.

The annual award is given at a reception celebrating the achievements of students and mentors in the department’s internship program.

This year’s reception was held at the president’s home, with more than 200 guests in attendance — including representatives from the Mount community, Frederick County Catholic schools and the dioceses of Harrisburg and Baltimore.

“President Houston was the obvious choice for this year’s award,” Blake said. “He has been a true friend to the department and we thank him for his support, goodwill and hospitality. As a teacher himself, he recognizes the importance of the Mount’s education programs and academic quality.”

By Lauren Maruskin, C’04

President Houston begins farewell from the Mount.

This will be a busy spring for Mount St. Mary’s College and Seminary President George R. Houston Jr.

The Mount’s 23rd president, who is retiring in June, will be honored in a series of events in the coming months. The festivities include:

- The Mount community will honor President Houston’s accomplishments with an on-campus celebration May 15.

- At Commencement Exercises May 18, President Houston will be presented with an honorary degree on behalf of the institution.

- President Houston, along with Dr. Frank P. Merolla, C’63, will be awarded the 39th Annual Brute’ Medal at the Alumni Reunion Banquet, June 7. For more details, see page 33 of this issue of Mount Magazine.

- The George R. Houston Jr. Tribute Dinner will be held June 10 at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Md.
James Moynihan: An Irish “Founder” of the Mount

As college historian, one of my favorite pastimes has been to highlight individuals from our history who have somehow or another been nearly forgotten over the years. One of these persons is James Moynihan.

The Story of the Mountain does not even mention his existence, though even a quick perusal of Father DuBois’ letters from those first years finds regular discussion of this “modest and pious” young man, as the founder refers to him in a letter written to Bishop Carroll on November 28, 1805.

His background is unknown prior to his coming to Fredericktown from St. Mary’s County in Maryland, where he had been teaching briefly in a Methodist school. He contacted Father DuBois, then pastor in Fredericktown (now Frederick), requesting that he be tutored in “…the studies of Languages, Philosophy and Divinity…” (Ibid.). In that same letter, DuBois says, “I have now with me a gentleman by the name of Moynihan who introduced himself as one whom you intended to recommend to me, had he, as he expected, come back from Saint Mary’s County to Baltimore. He says he wishes yet to continue his studies in order to prepare himself for the holy orders, but that his resources being scanty, he means to keep a school for a support in the meantime.”

As soon as the bishop’s recommendation came for James to begin his studies, Father DuBois contracted with a Mr. Joseph Smith (Ibid.) to assist James in founding a school to educate the Catholic children who lived in the vicinity of the Elder home in Emmitsburg. That school began in 1805, with classes held in a building referred to in several letters as “The Brick House.”

Fifty years later this “cradle of the Mount” is pointed out as “Chinquapin,” but that was a log and stucco building and so would hardly have been cited as “The Brick House.” Wherever that first academy was located, it met with great success from the beginning and attracted students from beyond the circle of the Elder home and the new church Father DuBois built on the mountain, St. Mary’s.

Two years later, in 1807, James was accepted by the Sulpicians to begin his studies in theology. That year, Father Nagot, superior of the major seminary in Baltimore, notified him by mail, however, that he would continue not in Baltimore, but in Pennsylvania at their new minor seminary at Pigeon Hill. Father Nagot would tutor him while he taught the young students.

There he remained until April 28, 1809, when he transferred with the students to Father DuBois’ school in Emmitsburg. Because he was ill, Father Nagot could not continue at Pigeon Hill, and with no priest on the faculty there, it was thought better to accept DuBois into the Sulpicians, and name him superior of Mount St. Mary’s. Ten students transferred to the Mount, along with two seminarian-teachers, Moynihan and Roger Smith. There they joined some 20 students already in residence and seven or eight day students.

By the end of 1809, there were 39 students being educated in the log building known as “The White House,” near where McCaffrey Hall now stands. Considering his early difficulty with languages, it seems curious that James was employed in teaching Latin, according to the earliest marking books of 1811. According to a note in the marking book of the following year, it appears that Moynihan was not considered an outstanding teacher! His struggle with languages was obviously not at an end. In a letter to Archbishop Carroll (November 23, 1812), DuBois notes that Moynihan is then teaching reading and writing to the “small boys.” One would think it was a relief to the struggling language teacher.

By 1811, according to the marking books in our archives, there were 101 students resident at the college and some 12 day students. The next year, Father DuBois wrote to the Sulpicians indicating that he would admit both seminarian and lay students, and indeed, non-Catholics, to his school. (Noted in letters to Father Garnier, Superior of the Sulpicians in Paris, on April 14, 1820, and again on February 16, 1821). That was probably prompted by the fact that the War of 1812 with England had severely reduced the number of paying students, creating a problem for DuBois, who had to support himself, his school and his three seminarian teachers, Roger Smith, John Hickey, who had arrived in 1810, and James Moynihan.

Roger Smith left for Baltimore in 1812, and was ordained in 1815. Shortly after that, in 1813, James also transferred to Saint Mary’s in Baltimore and was ordained in 1817. His later years were spent as a pastor, apparently in Saint Mary’s County, where he had begun his teaching career so many years before that.

Trying to reconstruct the primitive foundation is a bit difficult, but it appears to be that in 1805 Father DuBois began the small academy to be a source of support for his lone seminarian, James Moynihan. The academy prospered to the point that in 1809, when the Sulpicians needed a place to transfer their minor seminarians, they found it the obvious place. By 1812 certainly, it was already the kind of foundation we are familiar with, a college and seminary with a small but dedicated faculty.

Until he left in 1813 for his final years of theology in Baltimore, James Moynihan was a central figure in all this, indeed a founding figure. Surely, he cannot in any sense replace the venerable founder, Father DuBois, but he deserves better than to be forgotten entirely in the history of the Mount.

By Father Dan Nusbaum, Ph.D., College Historian
Sylvia Ann Hewlett’s recent book on the toll on women who postpone children for their careers sparked national discussion as to whether women could, indeed, have it all. The question continues to surface: Is it better to walk one path or the other rather than balancing on the tightrope between them?

Mount alumna Tricia Thomas—first female partner in her accounting firm’s mid-Atlantic offices and number-one cheerleader for sons Michael and Chris—demonstrates that sometimes the balancing act works just fine, thank you.

The road to partner

Thomas came through Catholic schools in Baltimore, knowing that she wanted to attend a small, Catholic college and major in accounting. Her father, who died when she was a child, was an accountant, and her mother was proud that Tricia pushed herself so steadfastly toward her goals.

The Mount was just the right distance from home, and Thomas quickly became part of the Mount community. She served as president and vice president of the Student Union Board, was active in the Student Government Association and the Business Society, and helped on campus with student recruiting efforts. Her senior year apartment was dubbed the “Power Penthouse” because it was home to Thomas (SUB president) as well as the SUB vice president, the SGA president, and both the president and secretary of her class.

“I couldn’t imagine going to school without being involved on campus,” she reflects. “My leadership roles at the Mount were great preparation for the real world.”

Thomas’ story makes the road to career success look almost, well, easy. During an internship the summer after her junior year, she was offered a job with an accounting firm in Towson, Md. She stayed with that firm from graduation through partnership and was named Baltimore Magazine’s Top Tax Accountant in 1998. After a merger in 1999, she became the first female partner among the 250 employees in the company’s Mid-Atlantic client service center. Today she continues with Clifton Gunderson LLP, specializing in auditing, tax and accounting services with an emphasis on construction contractors and nonprofits.

Thomas shares her professional expertise in several ways. She chairs the finance committee for the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier, is a frequent speaker for the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations, and has had several risk-management articles published in construction journals. A career mentor and recruiter at the Mount, she was named one of the Mount’s Distinguished Young Alumni in 1995.

The road to motherhood

In 1984, Tricia met fellow accountant Kent Thomas in a CPA review class. A Mount classmate who worked with Kent, Ben Petrilli, reacquainted the two a year later, and the couple’s first date was his office Christmas party. In May 1987, Tricia and Kent married.

When sons Michael and Chris were born in the 1990s, Thomas carefully chose a nanny to come to their home in Hunt Valley. “I made the most of my time with them as babies,” she recalls. “My oldest even obliged me by taking his first step the night before I left on a business trip!”

After second son, Chris, was a year old, she cut back to part time. Life settled into the young family routine of parks and playmates, gradually growing into a school-age routine of sports. Big time sports.

Now that Michael is in 6th grade and Chris in 3rd, five days out of every seven are filled with practices or
games—lacrosse, soccer, basketball—year round, thanks to indoor sports. Mom or Dad is at almost every game. “We can count the ones we’ve missed on one hand,” Thomas notes proudly. She is active in the community’s recreation council, where her husband also coaches. ESPN is the favorite TV channel at home, and college dreams revolve around who has the best lacrosse teams.

Strong family traditions are a constant in their hectic schedules. Dinners together are sacrosanct on nonpractice nights, as is Sunday Mass. For Thomas, family comes first.

And what exactly does that mean? It means working late at night after the kids are in bed. It means hands-on time with homework and studying—“Yes, we’re still standing after Michael’s mid-terms!” she jokes. It means insisting on chores despite the protests. Thomas pushes her boys to develop habits that will serve them throughout life: working hard, setting goals and staying organized. When asked what is most important to pass on to her sons, she immediately answers, “Morals. Respect, for each other and for us, is our number one rule.”

**Balancing**

Of course, Thomas isn’t saying it’s easy to balance everything. She credits her husband’s support and her firm’s flexibility for much of her success. She works 35 to 60 hours a week (“I guess you can’t really call that part time, anymore,” she muses), but on a schedule that changes with her children’s needs and allows her to work from home.

“During the company’s merger in 1999, I was nervous about how new staff members would perceive my flexible schedule,” she recalls. Her worries about being taken seriously proved to be unfounded, however.

Thomas is as committed to creating a good work environment as she is to a good home environment. She mentors several employees and is a passionate advocate for them, which “comes from being a mom!” She participates in office activities such as cookouts and email Bingo because she wants employees to like their jobs—which they seem to do, judging from the firm’s fairly low turnover rate.

“I’m satisfied with the path I’ve taken. I’ve set goals and achieved them, and that’s the personal definition of success I want to teach my boys,” Thomas says. “You’re always reaching for the next goal, always learning—success isn’t something that ends.”

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Seminary Nationally Reaccredited for Next Decade

Good news! Based on more than two years of exhaustive self-study involving almost every member of the Mount St. Mary’s Seminary ... a 112-page Self-Study Report with a 132-page volume of appendices ... and a comprehensive evaluative visit in September 2002, the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada recently reaffirmed the seminary’s accreditation for another 10 years, including the M. Div. and M.A. programs.

The arduous self-study process was directed by Sr. Ann Miriam Gallagher, R.S.M., professor of church history and chair of the seminary’s ATS Self-Study Steering Committee. The seminary community assessed all aspects of its programs based on standards established by the ATS as well as the major documents of the Roman Catholic Church dealing with priestly formation. All members worked together in the belief that the critical examination would help the seminary continue to improve its vital service to the Church in the United States.

More than 216 schools in North America, including virtually all Catholic seminaries, are accredited by the ATS, the only major accrediting body devoted specifically to theological schools. Sr. Ann Miriam notes, “Accreditation is a significant credibility boost. It greatly increases the value of our formation program, including the degrees we grant, and adds to the national recognition we’ve gained for nearly two centuries of successful priestly formation.”

The visiting committee applauded the seminary’s strengths, including:

1. A clearly formulated mission, supported by the sending bishops, alumni and benefactors
2. A strong collaborative relationship with the college
3. Effective institutional planning
4. An energetic and highly competent leadership
5. A commitment to the globalization of the student population and the formation programs
6. A spirit of collegiality and dedication among administration, faculty, field supervisors, students and staff
7. A state-of-the-art infrastructure for educational technology
8. Well-managed financial resources and a highly effective development effort

Oberves Fr. Kevin Rhoades, seminary rector, “In addition to encouraging us to maintain and enhance our strengths, the ATS evaluation committee gave us valuable suggestions for improvement in areas we ourselves had already identified. These include the need for further development of the financial base for seminary operations, and more effective strategies, at the highest level of the institution, for the recruitment, retention and support of qualified faculty.

“From beginning to end, the process was characterized by a spirit of cooperation and openness on the part of all the members of the seminary community and our constituencies. This made for an effective self-study and a strong collective reaffirmation of our important mission in the church.”

Sr. Ann Miriam Gallagher, R.S.M.
Successful Recruiter Joins Mount Team

After four years as director of priestly vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.—and with his own ordination less than 12 years behind him—the Rev. Bill Parent brings unique personal insight to share with seminarians in his new position at the Mount.

“I’ve seen a lot of men go from that earliest sense of experiencing the call through seminary to ordination,” Fr. Parent notes. “I’m honored to be at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, and I welcome the opportunity to become involved in formation at a deeper level.”

He leaves the archdiocese with the largest number of men in years in the seminary. “Many good men recently have seen this as their opportunity to step up to the plate. They’ve seen how much the church needs them.”

Fr. Parent arrived in January and is teaching the third-year preaching practicum, finishing as a full-time graduate student at Catholic University, assisting with a few campus ministry activities and, in his spare time, settling in at the Mount. (“I’ve ordered bookshelves,” he smiles, gesturing at the bare white walls of his office.) In June, he will begin his duties as vice rector.

When asked about his goals, with typical modesty he expresses his hope that he can play a small role in helping this spring’s third-year students become better preachers. He himself honed his preaching skills through years as associate pastor at St. Peter’s Church in Waldorf, Md., and Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md. A former staff writer for a leading preaching journal, he brings a very human, common sense approach to homiletics.

He also hopes to continue the “very fine work” of vice rector Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, who leaves the Mount to minister in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. In replacing Msgr. Langsfeld, Fr. Parent will supervise the formation teams that advise and evaluate the seminarians. “It’s very humbling to help these men develop into future priests,” remarks Fr. Parent in quiet earnest. “I’ve become quite familiar with the Mount in the past four years, and these are good, holy men here, intellectually gifted, talented and very spiritual.

“I’d like to help them cultivate their natural gifts and interests, to realize that beyond prayer and the sacraments, they can share Christ with others as ordinary men in ordinary experiences.”

Fr. Parent, an “ordinary man” whom one might find on the Stairmaster at the Knott ARCC or playing softball with students, has certainly followed his own advice. His résumé is peppered with parish youth group, Boy Scout and school service, as well as a few marathons.

“Our challenge as priests is to be able to find the Christ of the Blessed Sacrament wherever we go—and to help others do the same.”

Mount 2000 and Beyond

Mount 2000 and Beyond, a Eucharistic retreat weekend organized by Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, was held February 7-9. In its eighth year, this retreat seeks to assist young people in developing a closer relationship with Christ through the ministry of the Church.
National Symposium Held at the Mount

This March, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary is hosting the Third Annual Symposium on the Spirituality and Identity of the Diocesan Priest. Specifically designed for bishops, diocesan priests, vocation directors, seminary faculty and seminarians, the symposium provides a forum for research, reflection and publication.

The theme this year is “Spiritual Fatherhood: Living Christ’s Own Revelation of the Father.” Notes Father Kevin Rhoades, rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, “This topic emphasizes an aspect of diocesan priestly life that, while deeply traditional, deserves greater attention in today’s world and in today’s Church. As the mission of Jesus Christ can be understood as revealing His Father, by both word and deed, so the priest is called to live that same mission with Christ, in word and deed.”

The keynote speaker is His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., archbishop of Chicago. Several other expert speakers are offering presentations followed by time for prayer and conversation. Mass celebrants include Cardinal George; His Eminence, William Cardinal Keeler, archbishop of Baltimore; and His Excellency, archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio.

Previous symposia were held at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Mount St. Mary’s Seminary is cosponsoring this year’s symposium with the Institute for Priestly Formation, based in Omaha.

Look for further coverage of this event in the summer issue of Mount Magazine.

Summer Retreats
Enjoy a breather for body and soul!

Mount St. Mary’s Seminary invites alumni and friends to enjoy a summer retreat amid the picturesque foothills trod by saints and patriarchs of the early church in America.

Participants will enjoy comfortable, air-conditioned accommodations in Bishop Keating Hall as well as meals in the new McGowan Center and access to the Mount’s recreational facilities. Renowned retreat directors are even now preparing their “spiritual feasts.”

To register, call or e-mail Susie Nield, 301-447-5017, nield@msmary.edu.

For more information, contact 301-447-5295.
Why did she choose to have a tiger tattooed on the small of her back?

It could be that the tattoo shows her desire to prove herself as she considers a traditionally male career (a paratrooper, in this case). Or it cloaks her in an air of mystery as she decides whether or not to reveal the meaning when asked. Or it simply makes her distinctive in an era of mass-produced clothes and shoes.

It could be.

Discovering the larger patterns that may explain why we behave as we do: that is the realm of Marty Malone, Mount professor and sociology department chair. During his doctoral studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, and his first 10 years at the Mount, Malone explored how we present ourselves through talk. After summarizing his work in the 1997 book Worlds of Talk, he turned his attention to body image and self presentation. He notes that in modern thinking, the body has become increasingly central to our sense of self-identity. “We view it as a project to work on, something we can control and that reflects who we are.”

This idea of the body as a project has contributed to the growing prevalence of tattoos among younger middle class people. No longer relegated to sailors and radical counterculture, tattoos have become a relatively acceptable way to rebel, much as long hair was in the 1960s and purple hair was in the early ’80s. Unlike ancient times, when tattoos formally marked one as a member of a specific group, today they are one of many choices we can make as we work on our bodies.

To find out what lies behind this particular choice, Malone conducted interviews with Mount students who had tattoos. He found that tattoos were often either a commemoration or a way to make one distinctive. “I often heard the remark, ‘This is mine and no one can take it away from me.’”

Malone is currently working on an article on tattooing, part of a larger project on appearance. He eventually plans to write a book on different aspects of beauty, including the influence of catalog fantasy worlds; relations between social class, health insurance and attributes such as straight teeth and clear skin; and the symbolism of body piercing and tattooing.
“Thin and Tan”

In another article he prepared for publication while on sabbatical last fall, Malone explored why we consider “thin” and “tan” to be attractive. He was intrigued because students often cited these characteristics when he brought up the topic of beauty in his classes. He interviewed several people about dieting and exercise and found that self-control was a strong underlying theme.

“When we see someone as attractive, we see them as a good person: they’re more disciplined, smarter, they take care of themselves better. I’m sure you’ve heard someone say, ‘Oh, I was bad—I ate a chocolate bar.’”

Malone debunks the idea that “thin” is desirable because it’s healthier, noting that neither anorexia, bulimia nor the use of smoking to stay slender is healthy. Citing one of his students’ research projects, he notes that advertising even sends women the message that food is the enemy. The student reviewed fashion magazines and found that only one woman in 800 pages of ads was shown eating food (if an ice cube counts, that is).

“Our middle-class notions of beauty today are linked to morality and social class,” Malone comments. “No, I’m not saying a young man looks at a thin, tan woman and says, ‘Wow! She’s so self-disciplined—and imagine all that leisure time she must have to get outside and tan!’ But these common underlying associations are part of what formed the preference for women like this.”

The Teacher at Work

Augmenting Malone’s strong academic curiosity is a true dedication to teaching and community. He explains that he joined the Mount because it put students first. He’s had time to focus on teaching and a cause dear to him, cultural diversity.

“Inequality is a major interest for sociologists,” Malone says. He’s been involved in the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice in Gettysburg for more than 10 years, serving on the board and establishing a racism/social issues book group that still meets today.

Building upon his efforts to bring speakers to campus to increase college awareness of racism, he became the faculty co-director of the Mount’s Center for Intercultural Development in 1999. The CID hosts programs such as student performances and the Martin Luther King Faculty Lectures. Malone also works with other professors to find ways to address diversity in their classes. “We want to show how important it is to interest ourselves in different cultures and backgrounds.”

When asked what he is most proud of, he doesn’t mention the national award for one of his books or the papers presented across the globe. He cites the local Peacemaker Award he and his wife, Jane, received in 2000 for helping the cause of peace in Adams County, Pa. (noting that his wife has done much more than he has).

Of course, Malone promotes the cause of peace simply by doing what he loves: encouraging others to think critically. “I try to get students to understand who they are as Catholic, East Coast college students of the 21st century, not just as individuals. I want them to think from a larger perspective as to why they act the way they do, and why they’re treated the way they are.”

Then, speaking of why we act the way we do, he pulls up a digital photo on his computer and asks, “Here, why do you think he has the number three tattooed on his arm?”
Five Professors Awarded Tenure

Andrew B. Rosenfeld has been professor of music at the Mount since 1997. In addition to courses in the music department, Rosenfeld teaches courses in western civilization and Freshman Seminar. He also serves as the conductor of the Mount Chorale.

Father James M. Donohue is a professor of theology. He is an active member of the Mount community, serving on several committees and organizations including the Athletic Advisory Board, the Mount Council, Campus Ministry, and the Student Development Council, Campus Ministry, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Committee, and the Admissions and Career Services Committee. He also serves as the coach of the Mount's ice hockey club team.

David M. McCarthy has been a professor of theology at the Mount since 1998. McCarthy is the author of the book Sex and Love in the Home: A Theology of the Household, and he currently has another book in the works. He is a member of the Mount’s Library Committee, the Technology Advisory Committee and the Campus Life Committee. He also serves as a theme house advisor, and is involved in both intramural basketball and softball.

Timothy W. Wolfe, professor of sociology, has taught Freshman Seminar, e-commerce and advanced research methods, and data analysis, in addition to a variety of sociology courses. He has been involved in the Experiential and Service Learning Committee, the Undergraduate Academic Council, the President's Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Board, and the Freshman Seminar Steering Committee. Wolfe has created the Alternative School Suspension Program, arranged several service trips for Mount students and chaperoned the Mountward Bound Retreat. He has published six articles and is in the process of producing a book manuscript.

Sabbatical Appointments

Three Mount professors will be taking sabbaticals in the coming year.

Nicholas Kierniesky will complete the manuscript for his book Basic Psychological Statistics: a Conceptual Building-Block Approach, published by the University Press of America. The goal of this book is to present a different approach to teaching statistics to undergraduate students. His sabbatical leave will be in the spring semester of 2004.

Trudy Conway will take a semester of leave from the philosophy department during the spring of 2004. She will expand on some of her earlier work by composing several articles and presentations on the subject of tolerance and cross-cultural understanding and dialogue. Conway also hopes to write a series of essays devoted to the same topic, directing her writing toward Western and Middle Eastern audiences.

Sabbatical Appointments

David Rehm

David Rehm was recently named an Outstanding First Year Advocate by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, as well as by the Houghton Mifflin Company. The award is given each year to college faculty, administrators and staff who work with first-year students. Rehm was nominated for his service to the Mount's nationally recognized Freshman Seminar Program, which he has directed since 1997. He was one of only 10 recipients nationally.

Rehm was honored at the Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience in February, in Atlanta, Ga.

New Science Department Chair Named

Chemistry department professor Patti Kreke is replacing David Bushman as the science department chairperson. She will serve from 2003-06, while Bushman will fill the position of director of the assessment program.

Portier Leaving the Mount

William Portier (above), theology department professor, is leaving the Mount after 24 years of service. He recently accepted a position as chairperson of Catholic theology in the religious studies department at the University of Dayton, beginning in the fall of 2003.

“Over the years, the Mount has become more like my home than my job,” Portier said. “Leaving here is like leaving home.”
Soccer team falls short in NEC playoff bid

The Mount’s men’s soccer team fell short of the Northeast Conference playoffs after a hot start during the season. The Mount played well throughout the year, including a double-overtime loss to NCAA Final Four participant Maryland in the season finale.

All-NEC midfielder Brandon Scarfield, who had a team-high eight goals on the season, led the Mount. Key returnees for next year include four of the top five scorers and freshman goalkeeper Mark Murphy, who was the only player in the conference to be honored as both the conference’s rookie and player of the week.

Fresh attitude brings promise for women’s soccer

Despite falling just short of an NEC tournament appearance, the Mount set a foundation for coming seasons.

“I was really impressed with the team’s poise, performance and attitude all season,” said head coach Paul Wood. “We had a lot of inconsistencies, but kept ourselves focused right up to the end.”

Individually, Keli Stevens was named to the NEC first team after recording a stellar season on the Mount’s defensive back line. Stevens also recorded two goals, both on free kicks against UMBC. Hayley Howe led the team in scoring with six points on the season, followed by Stevens, Danielle Hume, Leisha Jones, Gina Lattanzi and Shannon Riley. In the net, Naomi Campano and Margaret Pyzik split time all season, combining to make 141 saves and three shutouts.

Cross-country teams finish well in NEC Championships

The Mount St. Mary’s cross-country teams completed their seasons at the NEC Championships. The men’s team finished fifth overall, while the women brought home a sixth place finish.

Leading the way for the Mount men was freshman sensation Cleophus Koros. His time of 25:56.1 led all Mountaineers in the race and was good enough for fifth place overall. Koros was also honored as the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Year for his performance not only in this meet, but throughout the cross-country season, finishing as the top Mountaineer competitor in all of the Mount’s cross-country meets.

Running well for the Mount women was Michelle Rafeedie. Her time of 19:23.4 placed her 20th overall in the meet. Brynn Dutcher captured the next best Mount time with a mark of 19:34.5, finishing in 26th place. On her heels was fellow Mountaineer Kari McCarty with a time of 19:38.4, giving her 27th place in the meet.

Tennis squads build momentum for spring

Head coach Mary Ann Narutowicz’s men’s and
women’s tennis teams completed a successful fall season. The men’s team went 5-1, led by #1 singles player Phil Holliday, who went undefeated with a 6-0 record in singles matches. Bobby Cozzillio also played well in the fall, posting a 5-1 record.

The women’s team went 3-3 in the fall, led by #1 singles player Kelli Louis, who went 3-2 in individual matches.

Both teams are gearing up for the Northeast Conference (NEC) Championships that will be held at the end of April.

Golf teams see improvement and positive signs

With a combination of young talent and strong play from some of the Mount’s more experienced players, both squads built a solid base in the fall – leaving nothing but the highest expectations for the upcoming spring season.

“We had a short fall season with only four events, but we played very well and showed positive strides in the direction that the men’s program is going in,” said head men’s golf coach Josh Leibfreid.

Individually, Andrew Hill and Rusty Staubs shot the most consistent rounds all season for the Mount, with Hill averaging 76.9 strokes per 18 holes and Staubs averaging 77.1. Freshman Colby Jacobs also showed great ability, emerging in the Mount’s No. 3 spot.

“We started the season really well and played strong at our first three tournaments, but illness and problems staying healthy forced us to play a couple of people before the spring,” said head women’s coach Bud Nason.

The Mount’s top team performance was at the Seton Hill (Pa.) Invitational – where they finished second with a team score of 397. Rowena Pedrena and Megan Wertner led the charge, firing a 93 and 95, respectively.

Experience key for baseball’s NEC chances

Head coach Scott Thomson has been gearing his Mount St. Mary’s baseball squad for this season.

A senior class that has received extensive playing time over the past few years, as well as a good mix of upperclassmen and newcomers, has put the Mount in position to contend for a spot in the NEC Tournament.

“This is the year we’ve been waiting for,” said Thomson. “Our seniors have had a lot of playing time the past few years and it’s their time to shine. We have a really deep pitching staff and have a good mix of freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the lineup.”

Women’s lacrosse looking to contend

The Mount’s women’s lacrosse team, under the direction of second-year head coach Courtney Martinez Connor, looks to contend for a conference title this season.

One of the key players for the Mount will be junior Kim Keene, who has started 34 of 35 career games. She ranked third on the team last season with 44 ground balls and will be taking on a new role in the midfield this year.

In addition to Keene, the Mount will look to Kelly Nangle, an all-conference selection last year, and Sarah Frederick, for solid contributions this season. Nangle, who led the conference in caused turnovers last year by averaging 2.88 per game, is expected to...
lead the Mount's defensive unit yet again this season.

**Men's lacrosse has eye on NCAA tournament**

After a heartbreaking 9-8 loss to Manhattan in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship game last year, the 2003 men's lacrosse team is looking to challenge for a spot in the NCAA Tournament this season.

Leading the way will be All-MAAC attacker senior Josh Warfield, who had 31 goals and 40 points last season. Fellow senior Kevin Merlini, a second-team All-MAAC selection last year, will help the offense, while second team All-MAAC performer Billy Jautze will patrol the midfield.

**Experience key for softball team**

The Mount St. Mary's softball team returns nine players from last year's squad, including seven starters, and hopes to mesh earlier with seven newcomers in order to make a bid at one of the four spots in the NEC Tournament.

“In order to be successful this season we need to be able to adjust to new roles and maintain our momentum throughout the season,” said head coach Tricia Fiut.

Some top returnees that should set the pace for the Mount will be Allison Moraca, who pitched in more than 100 innings last year, and Val Petillo, Eileen Williams, Jen Sansevero and Shalise Tolention, all of whom started in all 39 games last season.

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**Brown Named Men's Basketball Coach**

Mount St. Mary's men's basketball associate head coach Milan Brown will take over as the new head men's basketball coach, effective July 1.

Brown becomes the 21st coach in Mount history. He succeeds Jim Phelan, who retired after the season, his 49th at the school.

“We had a great opportunity of finding an energetic, talented and resourceful young professional right in our own backyard, who is highly capable of continuing to build on the strong foundation that already exists,” said Harold P. Menninger, director of athletics.

“We have been able to witness the resourcefulness of Brown, with the immediate impact of this year's recruiting class and the signing of two very talented players for next year.”

Brown, a native of Hampton, Va., signed a three-year contract that takes effect July 1.

“This is an exciting time in my coaching career because to become a head coach, especially at a place like Mount St. Mary's, is what I have been working towards,” Brown said. “This place is like family and I am very comfortable with the athletics, academics and the entire Mount community. I see a bright future for the Mount men's basketball program and look forward to leading these young athletes while building a strong program that will carry on the legacy Jim Phelan built the past 49 seasons.”

Brown began his collegiate coaching career by joining Old Dominion University's coaching staff in 1995. In his second and final season at Old Dominion, the Monarchs captured the Colonial Athletic Conference title and a berth in the 1997 NCAA Tournament. In his two years, the Monarchs went a combined 40-24, including 22 wins during the 1996-97 season, the most wins by a Monarchs’ team in 10 years.

The following season Brown left for Mount St. Mary's to assist Phelan. Two years into Brown's tenure, he helped guide the Mount to a Northeast Conference Tournament title and a bid into the NCAA Tournament. After the following season, Brown left the Mount for a two-year stint at William & Mary. He returned to the Mount this past season as the team's associate head coach.

Brown, who graduated from Howard University in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in marketing, earned All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference honors during his senior year and averaged 13.1 points and 4.4 assists per game. He currently holds the Bison's all-time career record for assists with 445 and ranks eighth in scoring with 1,102 career points. He led the Bison to their last appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1992.

Brown, 32, and his wife, Tina, who is working on her doctorate in psychology and counseling at Howard University, live in Frederick, Md.
After a record-setting 49 years, and hundreds of bow ties, Jim Phelan retired as head coach of the Mount’s men’s basketball team – leaving a legacy of success and accomplishment, and records that will never be broken, happily behind.

Dottie and Jim Phelan acknowledge the standing room only crowd following their final game March 1.
Phelan, who had never seen a farm until fate yanked him to Emmitsburg, Md., from South Philadelphia 49 years ago, looked out his office window toward distant, snow-cloaked orchards.

Like those gnarled apple trees, Phelan long ago put down roots in the rich Maryland soil. In nearly half a century as basketball coach at Mount St. Mary’s, he yielded an abundance of fruit: a small-college national title, 16 NCAA tournaments, 830 victories, and hundreds of grateful players, the oldest of whom now collect Social Security.

But when those bleak fields awaken next spring, the landscape around this rustic village will have changed forever. Phelan will be gone.

The 73-year-old Phelan, who has coached more games than anyone else in history (1,354), retired at season’s end and, for the last time, he shed one of those trademark bow ties that his daughters always hated, there was a tug on his emotions.

“For me, the games have never ended,” he said. “I started playing in second grade. I continued through high school, college, the service, the NBA. I’ve had a touch of everything. What could be better than that? It’s time to give somebody else a chance.”

He turns over the program to associate head coach Milan Brown, 31. Phelan and wife Dottie will not relocate to the Sun Belt. Instead they will stay in their modest house on the 1 1/2 acres a local farmer sold them 41 years ago for $550.

Oh, Phelan might play some golf in Florida each winter, but he’s more interested in his five children and nine grandchildren. They, like him, have remained in this appealing countryside of sturdy barns and rolling hills.

“Where else would I go?” he joked. “I love it here. I raised my family here. I don’t think we’d fit in my old South Philly apartment anymore.”

Over the years Phelan often thought about going home to coach. But his alma mater, La Salle, never asked, and with each passing season, his Mount St. Mary’s roots burrowed deeper.

In a curious way, it was two items tossed onto his desk, 49 years apart, that began and ended Phelan’s career at the Mount.

Phelan went to La Salle High, where he was an all-Catholic League performer and earned a scholarship to La Salle College. There, the serious, only child became the favorite of his aloof coach, Ken Loeffler. Phelan was named honorable-mention all-American as a La Salle senior in 1951, and envisioned a future in pro basketball.

After two years in the Marines, he came home to a job with the Philadelphia Warriors of the youthful NBA. That career consisted of four games, five rebounds and three points. Early in the 1953-54 season, Warriors coach George Senesky released his $4,500-a-year guard.

“He told me he had found someone who could pass the ball to (star center) Neil Johnston for $500 less,” Phelan said.

Phelan played with the Eastern League’s Pottstown
Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., second from left, and his wife Kendall, far left, enjoy a moment with the Phelan's.

More than 150 Mount students postponed their spring break to honor Coach Phelan and celebrate the 60-56 win over Central Connecticut State.
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Packers before Loeffler offered him a job as his freshman coach/assistant. As luck would have it, those 1954 Explorers, paced by Tom Gola, went on to win the NCAA championship, and their coach's stock soared.

One of the letters Loeffler received that off-season was from Mount St. Mary's. Officials there were not so much interested in him as in his young assistant.

“He threw the letter on my desk,” recalled Phelan, and said, “You ought to go down there. If you do, you’ll fall in love with the area, you’ll win a lot of games, and no one will ever hear of you.” He was right on all counts.”

On the three-hour drive from Philadelphia, Phelan gaped at all the farms, wondering whether he had mistakenly drifted into some alien universe.

“I was a city kid,” Phelan said. “What did I know about farms and farmers?”

Mount St. Mary's was then an all-men's school, and its president, Msgr. John L. Sheridan, hoped to upgrade a basketball program that had consumed six coaches in eight years.

“There wasn't much in the way of winter entertainment for students then,” Phelan said. “We had 12 scholarships, and he said, 'Let's use them.'” Despite its rural surroundings, the college is accessible from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Phelan found recruiting easy in those places, filling his rosters with urban guys.

“I thank God for Jim Phelan. If he hadn’t come along and given me a scholarship to Mount St. Mary's, I don't know what my life would have become.”

Fred Carter

His first three teams went 22-3, 20-8 and 27-5, the 1956-57 Mountaineers finishing third in the NCAA College Division tournament (for smaller schools).

By 1962, the Mountaineers were champions.

Phelan's teams gained a reputation for precision and patience. He first taught Loeffler's system, laden with motion and screens, and gradually adapted it. He demanded discipline and hard work, and his players loved him.

“[That’s because he will never toot his own horn],” his wife, Dottie, said. “Never.”

The winning continued. Along the way, Phelan interviewed at Georgetown, Virginia and Rutgers, with the NBA's Baltimore Bullets and elsewhere. He turned down numerous offers.

“[Rutgers intrigued me],” he said. “But when I told the kids, they started crying. They didn’t want to leave.”

Other advice from his children, his two oldest daughters, didn't turn out as well. The bow ties he had worn since getting the job – a tribute to Loeffler's favorite neckwear – embarrassed the teenage girls.

“They thought they were awful,” he recalled. “They persuaded me to ditch them. Well, that was 1971-72 and we went 6-17. The bow ties were back the next year.”

There were many more rewarding seasons to come. Phelan's teams made it into seven NCAA Division II tour-

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ornaments between 1979 and 1987, reaching Final Fours in 1981 and 1985. There were plenty of talented players too, including future NBA star Fred Carter. “I thank God for Jim Phelan,” said Carter, who scored 1,840 points in three seasons at the Mount, went on to play for the 76ers, Bullets and Milwaukee Bucks, and is now an ESPN analyst. “If he hadn’t come along and given me a scholarship to Mount St. Mary’s, I don’t know what my life would have become. “I can tell you that without him giving me that chance, all the good things that happened in my life might not have happened.”

In 1988, when Phelan was 59, the school moved up to Division I. While recruiting and competition intensified, Phelan got the Mount into NCAA tournaments in 1995 and 1999, as first-round opponents for Kentucky and Michigan State. “It’s hard for a small place like this to go against the big boys,” Phelan said. “That Kentucky team had eight future NBA players.”

On December 28, 1995, Mount St. Mary’s scored the most notable upset of Phelan’s tenure, stunning Georgia Tech, 71-69, in Atlanta. “That team had Matt Harpring and Stephon Marbury, an extremely talented group,” he said. “To beat them in Atlanta was special.”

The demands grew annually. Recruiting consumed larger chunks of days and weeks. There were always films to watch and prospects to call. Grandchildren were born.

Then, in 1998, he learned he had prostate cancer. He was treated successfully at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and now trumpets the fact that his PSA – Prostate Specific Antigen, the level by which prostate health is monitored – is a very healthy 0.5.

There were signs of wear in Phelan and his program. The Northeast Conference member went a combined 19-65 the previous three seasons. Suddenly, the prospect of hanging around for a nice, neat 50 seasons wasn’t so appealing.

This fall, Brown walked into the coach’s second-floor office in the building that also houses Knott Arena and handed a list of prospects to Phelan. “It listed the 700 best seventh-graders,” Phelan said. “That’s when I knew it was time to move on. That’s what changed the most. The recruiting. The kids have never really changed, just the recruiting.

“It’s a sickness. Why should we go to Vegas and Orlando and watch seventh-graders play basketball? Why can’t these kids just go hang out with their buddies? Suddenly, they don’t have a chance to be kids.”

Phelan has won more games than all but three men’s coach-
es – Dean Smith (879), Adolph Rupp (876) and Clarence “Big House” Gaines (828). They are in the Hall of Fame. Phelan is not.

“Would I like to be in? Yes. But you can’t miss what you’ve never had,” he said. “Besides, like someone told me, I’ll probably get more attention for being the only coach with 800 wins who isn’t in.”

So retirement will allow Phelan more time to spend with his family. The day before the January press conference announcing his decision, one of his young granddaughters brought Phelan in for show and tell.

“I was between two dogs,” he said, getting a large chuckle out of those gathered for the announcement.

“I am looking forward to sleeping in, not worrying about recruiting, not worrying about grades, and spending more time with my grandchildren,” Phelan said.

“Let me say this. I’ve been blessed with great people and great players over the last 49 years.”

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Darryle Edwards, C’85 and Paul Edwards, C’86.

The Phelan Family.
a world so small it remains undetected by the most powerful electron microscope, a factory of unimaginable complexity creates the components of life. In this factory are DNA strands wrapped in accessory proteins (called chromatin). The chromatin winks on and off, allowing and denying access of the “transcription machine” called RNA polymerase II to the underlying DNA strand. This machine is actually made of 60 or more proteins, dipping in and out onto the strand in a perfectly choreographed pattern that propels the machine along, transcribing the DNA to create a duplicate version called messenger RNA. The machine knows where to begin and end so that it copies a complete section—a functioning gene.

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Now that we’ve mapped the human genetic blueprint, the next question is: How does it work? Mount faculty and students are among those searching for answers that may hold the keys to aging, cancer, autism and other challenges.

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All the right tools
Cutting-edge research in genetics owes its origins to several factors. A sophisticated technique called PCR revolutionized the field two decades ago. The use of PCR (polymerase chain reaction) allows scientists to make billions of copies of a particular gene in a few short hours—enough so they can actually see the gene. The technique has contributed to criminology (making DNA fingerprinting possible), the study of evolutionary changes, and the Human Genome Project, an international effort to sequence and map all the genes of human beings. The first draft of the genome was published in 2001.

Add computer programs that can quickly run through dizzying numbers of variations, as well as some very curious scientists, and you’ve got an explosion in genetic research. Its repercussions are even now felt at the Mount.

Students get in on the action
“For me and several other faculty members, students play an intimate role in designing and carrying out long-term experiments—which is what being a scientist is all about,” says Russo. “The department prides itself on involving students in real research.” The Mount opens research opportunities to all science majors, which wouldn’t be possible at a larger school with larger classes. These experiences are vital for the department’s majors, many of whom aspire to graduate school or medical school.

In the case of Russo’s and Derbyshire’s students, those seeking careers in genetic research benefit from Mount projects because they become familiar with PCR and the general problem-solving approach applied to genetic disorders. Adds Derbyshire, “Biotechnology is so competitive today that the ones who can see ahead, who can predict, and who are technically skilled have the edge. Involving students in basic science research is important because it gives them these skills and understanding.”

Derbyshire, who is also a researcher at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Md., offers several ways for students to gain hands-on experience. She hires Mount independent study and honors students to work in her NCI lab during the summers. And many of her students at the Mount collect and post data on the web for a public database based at Stanford University. They apply microarray technology to capture a “still photograph” of the RNA in yeast strains from which protein components of the chromatin have been deleted. The information they gather is part of an international effort to describe the transcriptome, which is the total complement of RNA that is transcribed.

Derbyshire notes, “This experience is good for students’ imaginations and their
 careers—they’re part of something that’s just immense. They’re also performing a valuable community service, and that’s important to all of us at the Mount.”

Russo and several students are collaborating with Derbyshire on another project to unlock genetic secrets, one that could eventually lead to answers about aging and even cancer. They’re studying the E. coli cob-B gene, which may be similar to the human gene that causes chromatin to “close off” and thus maintain the integrity of each cell’s nucleolus. The nucleolus, a bundle of some of the most important DNA, disintegrates as we age, and researchers don’t yet know why or what the effect is.

The Mount researchers are working with several E. coli strains from an NCI project in which Derbyshire knocked out the cob-B gene and replaced it with a null (nonfunctioning) gene. They’ve confirmed that the null gene exists in these strains and are now comparing them to original E. coli to discern differences that will help them determine the gene’s function. Seven or eight students have written and presented abstracts of their research to the Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences. “To become published as an undergraduate is a big feather in a student’s cap,” remarks Russo.

Yet another fascinating area Russo pursues is unraveling possible genetic components of autism. Two years ago, using the gene catalog from the Human Genome Project, he decided to focus on two areas he thought might be involved: locations on chromosome 15 and the question of metallothioneins, proteins responsible for the absorption of heavy metals.

Students are involved in many ways. Russo’s immunology class last semester used antibodies that only attach to metallothioneins to identify levels of this protein in different individuals. And this semester his molecular biology class is using DNA from cells donated by families in the Autism Genetic Research Exchange to investigate whether a certain gene is present in autistic versus nonautistic individuals. In all, more than a dozen science majors have helped with the autism research through class, honors projects, independent study projects and simply volunteering in the lab. “Many students in the department, not just mine, volunteer to continue working on a project they began in class,” Russo notes proudly.

He adds, “Hundreds of labs are collectively working toward the goal of diagnosing autism earlier so treatment can begin before there are clinical signs. It’s exciting that Mount students are part of these efforts.”

Real science and real service—to students and to the world. It’s what the Mount is all about.
real men
Meet the men of hope.

One of the distinguishing things I have found here is a great clarity about what the priesthood is supposed to be,” says Bob Lacey, a second-year student at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. “It’s not wishy-washy; the Mount gives me a clear presentation of what’s to be expected for me as a priest — not in its own terms, but in the terms the church has put forth for us.”

In the midst of a nationwide scandal characterized by the aberrant crimes of some priests, Lacey, from the Diocese of Sioux Falls, S.D., is one of the many Mount St. Mary’s seminarians facing the challenges within the Catholic Church head-on by answering the call to a priestly vocation.

For many seminarians and priest faculty at the Mount, the church’s scandals over the past year have strengthened their resolve — now more than ever — that seminaries in the United States have a responsibility to form priests who are going to be faithful to the promises and teachings of the church.

“Would it be a terrible tragedy for us to react to the scandals by hanging our heads,” says Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, vice-rector at the Mount. “It is a time of challenge, and we have to meet this challenge with good solid answers so that young people can say: ‘We believe in the priesthood and we’re going to do this despite the difficulties.”’

Despite the well-publicized issues within the Catholic Church, the Mount seminary has a strong enrollment – boasting 147 seminarians between the ages of 22 and 50 years, from 29 dioceses across the country — coming from all walks of life. One left a career in culinary arts. Another served in the armed forces. There are former accountants, teachers and computer technicians. Additionally, 25 percent have come from foreign countries to assist American dioceses upon graduation.

There is a high spirit among the men at Mount St. Mary’s. They aren’t just classmates; they believe they are brothers in a family – following a path chosen for them.

“I want to be a priest because I know that it is my vocation, and I know God is calling me to that,” says John Caulfield, a fourth-year seminarian and deacon from the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Each year, a new class of priest-candidates comes to the Mount to discern a calling they hope will lead them toward greater growth and the priesthood.

The recent sexual abuse and pedophile tragedies in a number of the nation’s Catholic dioceses have resulted in serious questions about priestly celibacy – including celibacy education and formation in seminaries.

Mount St. Mary’s Seminary is no exception.

Thirty years ago, seminary instructors generally avoided talk of sex and celibacy. Today, these topics are addressed head-on at the Mount – in all areas of priestly formation.

“When I was in the seminary, we had very little education of celibacy,” says Langsfeld. “It was just assumed that you knew what it was all about, that you understood it — not only intellectually, but on a personal level. Now, there is specific attention given to the topic, as well as a lot more attention given to the area of human formation.”

Human Formation is one of four interrelated components of priestly formation at Mount St. Mary’s. The Mount’s Seminary Handbook – a staple reference guide for a candidate’s study — states that the purpose of human formation includes forming seminarians to become men capable of living celibacy in a healthy way.

Development in the area of human formation is essential for the seminarian in preparing to live a well-balanced priestly life. In the Mount’s screening of applicants and evaluation of candidates, it is a must that only men demonstrating integrity, maturity and good psychological and emotional health – including the area of sexuality – may advance in the seminary program.

According to Pope John Paul II, in his 1992 pastoral, Pastores Dabo Vobis: I Will Give You Shepherds, “Candidates to the priesthood need an affective maturity (the result of an education in true and responsible love) which is prudent, able to renounce anything that is a threat to it, vigilant over both body and spirit, and capable of esteem and respect

“I would describe the spirit here as one of hope; that from the present crisis, as the Holy Father has stated, ‘a holier priesthood, a holier episcopate and a holier Church’ might emerge. I pray that the Mount might play some small part in this reform.”

--Fr. Kevin Rhoades, Rector

Meet the men of hope.
in interpersonal relationships between men and women.”

The Mount’s mission in priestly formation remains in keeping with Pastores Dabo Vobis; the 224-page pastoral has been used as a primary resource for the seminary’s formation program since it was published in the United States in 1992. Vatican II’s Decree on Priestly Life and Ministry, which treats celibacy in depth, is also required study for candidates.

“The Mount has a strong reputation for its commitment to upholding Church teachings,” remarks Fr. Daniel Mindling, the seminary academic dean and a faculty member. “We’re unabashedly loyal to the magisterium.”

In a candidate’s fourth year of theology at the Mount, he is required to take courses in Sexual Ethics and Marriage and Family. Every year, a workshop with experts in the field of celibate sexuality is offered to seminarians in their second year of theology. In addition, the rector and the house spiritual director conduct special conferences on the topics of healthy and holy celibate living.

“My idea of celibacy has grown a lot,” says Wesley Schawe, a third-year seminarian from the Diocese of Dodge City, Iowa, who is preparing to become a deacon in May. “The seminary is so good about having solid workshops and a strong integrated formation program. I think if you have an understanding of celibacy, not as some sort of constraint or restraint, but rather as a way to give yourself entirely out of love to Christ, then you recognize: ‘Wow, this is something I’m not sure I could be a priest without!’”

While human formation may be the area of a candidate’s development that most addresses the matters of celibacy and sexuality, only together will the four components — human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral — provide a solid, well-balanced foundation for living a priestly life. Human formation acts as the foundation for the other three dimensions, and is treated as the area that integrates them all.

Spiritual Formation tends to the man’s relationship with God. Understanding the spiritual dimension provides the motivation for a seminarian to embrace a celibate life. Without the spiritual area, he would not know the value of celibacy as a gift of grace. It is this component that enables the candidate to look beyond celibacy as an admission requirement and external con-

“We have been reminded of the importance of our mission here at the Mount to form priests who will be faithful and holy instruments of the Lord Jesus. I am convinced that a strong program of priestly formation is essential.”

-- Fr. Rhoades
tion, but rather know it as an instrument for achieving undivided love for Christ and his Church.

“Mary is a foundation for us as well as the Eucharist; those are really the two pillars of our spiritual life here,” notes Caulfield.

Rich in history for the Mount seminary is its deep devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Just a short distance from the seminary, on the hillside identified since the 1700s as “St. Mary’s Mountain,” is a national Marian shrine, “The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes,” that represents and fosters the seminarians’ connection and relationship with the Blessed Mother. Today, a 120-foot-high memorial campanile at the entrance of the grotto serves as a symbol of Mary’s strength and presence on the seminary grounds. “The connection with Mary is sublime,” Lacey says. “It’s subtle but she’s always here,” he adds.

Intellectual Formation provides a candidate with the necessary knowledge he will need to counsel and preach outside of the seminary. Study for intellectual formation includes history, theoretical studies and practical application. After leaving the seminary, it is important for candidates to continue to grow intellectually and stay current on theology and church teachings.

Every year, candidates receive part-time placements outside of the seminary to engage in service-work – part of their Pastoral Formation. The purpose of the placements is to expose candidates to areas of the priesthood they may not yet have experienced – including caring for the sick and dying, prison ministry and working with the poor. The pastoral dimension of formation prepares seminarians for the many hats they will wear as parish priests.

Through spiritual direction and the formation-advising program, candidates are able to discuss celibacy, spirituality and many other topics relating to their personal formation. Upon entering the seminary, each candidate is required to choose a priest member of the faculty or administration as a spiritual director for his four years of study. The role of the spiritual director is to be a friend, a listener and a facilitator.

A formation advisor is responsible for a candidate’s formation in the priesthood – including all areas he must account for … to the seminary, to his bishop and to the Catholic community at large. In addition, the advisor is required, together with the formation team, to evaluate his candidate each year and, ultimately, recommend or not recommend him to the priesthood upon completion at the seminary.

Clemente Hernandez, a seminarian in his first year of theology from the Diocese of Wichita, Ks., describes his personal formation process using an analogy of the journey of a rounded, polished stone found on a beach: He entered the formation program as a rough-edged rock being washed into the ocean, and, as he gradually forms into a healthy priest, those hard edges begin to wear away.

At the end of his seminary formation, a wave will carry him onto the dry sand as a beautiful, sea-shapened stone.

“The ocean molds these rocks like our formation molds our lives,” Hernandez remarks. “We hope to become strongly formed men with no hard edges.”

Mount St. Mary’s Seminary strives to be a spiritual place, fostering a way of life and providing an atmosphere for priestly formation in all its aspects: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral.

**Human Formation** — the basis of all priestly formation. Seminarians are guided in cultivating human qualities necessary for priestly ministry. These include affective maturity, integrity, truthfulness, justice, generosity, affability and compassion. Future priests must also possess the capacity to relate to others and to bear the weight of pastoral responsibilities.

**Spiritual Formation** — the heart of seminary life. Seminarians learn to live in intimate communion with God through a disciplined life of prayer. This includes the daily celebration of the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours, daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, frequent reception of the sacrament of Penance, and the practice of meditative reflection on the word of God. Seminarians learn that genuine prayer bears fruit in the virtues, especially charity, and are trained in obedience, simplicity of life, and celibate chastity. They learn to love and revere the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Intellectual Formation** — the seminary as an educational community. Seminarians are engaged in a rigorous academic program, immersed in the Catholic intellectual tradition, especially in the study of philosophy and theology. They are prepared to proclaim and teach the Gospel of Christ and to communicate the mystery of God to people today. Their life of study in the seminary also equips them for the continuing lifelong pursuit of truth.

**Pastoral Formation** — the specific aim of all priestly formation. Seminarians learn to be shepherds imbued with the charity of Christ, filled with a missionary spirit, committed to the service of all, especially the weak and vulnerable, the sick and dying, the poor and outcast, immigrants and the oppressed. Through supervised pastoral field education, seminarians also develop pastoral skills and competencies. Their engagement in various pastoral activities of the Church prepares them for their pastoral ministry as ordained priests.
Mount Awarded $1.999 Million Lilly Endowment Inc. Grant

The Mount has been awarded a five-year, almost $2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to engage students, faculty and staff in a theological exploration of vocation, as well as their callings to service and leadership.

The $1,999,191 grant will be used to enhance current programs and create new opportunities for the college community to explore vocations — primarily to service and leadership. The program, titled A Vision for Vocation: Toward Our Third Century, will also support Mount students in developing the skills, attitudes and commitments they need to serve as leaders in the church and society.

Mount St. Mary's was one of 39 colleges and universities to receive a grant — part of Lilly’s $80 million commitment to the theological exploration of vocation. In all, more than 300 institutions of higher learning submitted proposals.

“For nearly 200 years, the Mount has prepared the next generation of leaders for the Church, the Republic and the professions,” said Mount St. Mary’s President George R. Houston Jr. “The Lilly Endowment has provided the Mount an opportunity to reflect upon our current programs and develop a vision to strengthen the exploration of vocation within our core curriculum, lay ministry programs and campus activities.”

The grant proposal includes:

- The establishment of development workshops for vocation in the Mount’s core curriculum
- Service learning opportunities to increase student participation and community involvement
- Co-curricular and extracurricular programs to explore vocation through lecture series, campus retreats, peer ministers and service volunteer fairs
- Lay ministry programs and scholarships specifically designed for students seeking a certification in lay ministry

Additionally, the grant provides an opportunity for the Mount to fulfill its mission more completely, said Carol L. Hinds, Ph.D., college vice president and provost.

“Part of the mission of the college is to deepen understanding of our faith and its practice in just and compassionate engagement with the world,” Hinds said. “The successful completion of this project will enrich the lives of students, faculty and staff by helping them consider how their faith commitments relate to their vocations to work, serve and lead.

“It will help the communities we serve. It will also provide the church with the next generation of ordained and lay leaders, which is particularly important in light of the challenges currently facing the church,” Hinds added.

McKenna Lecture Series Features Alumnus Paul J. Norris, C’70

Paul J. Norris, C’70, chairman and chief executive officer of W.R. Grace & Co., was the guest speaker for Mount St. Mary’s College’s Third Annual McKenna Lecture in Business and Professional Ethics, held March 27.

Norris, a 1970 graduate of the Mount, joined Grace as president and CEO in November 1998, and became chairman in January 1999. Grace is a leading global supplier of catalysts and silica products, specialty construction chemicals and building materials, and container sealants and coatings. Grace has 6,600 employees and operations in more than 40 countries, and has annual sales of $1.5 billion.

Matthew M. McKenna, senior vice president and treasurer of PepsiCo Inc., and a member of the Mount’s board of trustees, established and funded the lecture series in 1999 to discuss the issues and challenges of ethics within the corporate environment. Additionally, proceeds from the event help support scholarships for Frederick County students attending the Mount.

“During his six-year tenure as a member of the Mount board, Mr. McKenna has been involved in sponsoring lectures for Mount business students,” said Pam Zusi, executive director of development. “These presentations, given by corporate executives, have focused on some aspects of social responsibility in the corporation.”

Mount Magazine advancement news
Financial support of Mount St. Mary’s College has helped sustain our heritage. For example, many members of the class of 1943 are helping the Mount, and themselves, with a Life-Income Gift Arrangement (more commonly known as a charitable gift annuity). At our 60th reunion in June, the class of 1943 will present the college with one of the largest class scholarships in Mount history. Gift annuities have helped support the scholarship.

Philip A. McDonnell, C’43, has fulfilled his goals of supporting his class gift, the Mount and his cash flow. He thought this opportunity was worth conveying to his classmates. In November 2002, he sent the following letter.

Dear Classmates:

When we present our total class gift to the College at the 60th in June, it will wrap up an amazing endowed Scholarship Fund that will be our legacy long after our last classmate has passed on. We had hoped to reach a goal of $500,000 by next June, but the economy didn’t cooperate. We still have a chance to get very close with your help. A charitable gift annuity is a new opportunity.

The idea of giving a final lump sum of $10,000 was proposed recently, but frankly it gave me pause, until the investment advantages were outlined. Here’s a recap:

My wife, Catherine, and I will immediately get an IRS deduction of $3,378 on our income tax. Our income from the investment will be $770 each year for as long as either spouse is alive. (Two thirds of that amount is tax-free for the next dozen years.)

If you agree that this example is a painless way to give to the Class Scholarship and still have an opportunity to conserve much of your own money, please contact the Mount. Thousands of future Mount students will thank you in absentia. And so will our surviving classmates.

Philip A. McDonnell, C’43

Paul Rhoads, C'40, was honored as Distinguished Graduate of the Year by St. John Regional Catholic High School. The school presents the award to an alumnus who has demonstrated the ability to be a leader in the community, church and school.

Eugene Stevens, C'56, and his wife, Carol, recently spent time in Cape May, N.J., and reside permanently in Clayton, N.C.

The following members of the class of 1956 recently got together with fellow alumnus Don Quinn, C'61, to relive the happy memories of their time at the Mount: Bill Sheridan, Dave Heisler, Rich Stoerlein, Alex Belmonte and Bill Geppert.

Frank Smith, C'56, George Donahue, C'56, and Frank Notaro, C'56, are tuning up their golf games in preparation for the Reunion Class Golf Tournament, to be held on June 6th, 2003, during Alumni Reunion Weekend. Frank Smith has gone to Florida for spring training and is taking lessons from classmate Bill Stanley.

The Institute of Professional Environmental Practice has awarded Jose Juan Terrasa, C'63, certification as a qualified environmental professional.
Bruté Medal

National Alumni President Dennis M. Doyle, C’63, has announced that Mount President George R. Houston Jr. and former National Alumni President Dr. Frank P. Merolla, C’63, will receive the 39th Annual Bruté Medals at the Alumni Reunion Banquet on Saturday, June 7, 2003, in the new Patriot Hall.

The presentation of the Bruté Medal began in 1965, when the first award was presented to Joseph M. Fitzgerald, C’39. The medal is awarded to graduates and honorary alumni for outstanding service to the church, state, nation and the Mount. It is named after the Rev. Simon Gabriel Bruté, who taught at the Mount from 1812 to 1834 and later became the first bishop of Vincennes, Ind. Bruté, who served as a spiritual director of the seminary, is remembered as the “Angel Guardian of the Mount.”

George R. Houston Jr.

In March 1994, the Mount selected George R. Houston Jr., a former administrator and faculty member at Georgetown University, as the 23rd president of Mount St. Mary’s College and Seminary. President Houston graduated from Georgetown first in his class in 1961 and was a distinguished professor in Georgetown’s School of Business.

While at the Mount, President Houston increased overall giving 70 percent, alumni giving 120 percent and endowment growth 150 percent. He spearheaded the “Connections” capital campaign, which generated $40 million for the endowment, information technology and the construction of the McGowan Center, including Patriot Hall, and Bishop Keating Hall for the seminary.

President Houston brought new majors in communications and information systems to the Mount. He established the Accelerated Studies Outreach Program and implemented the successful completion of the Mount’s first NCAA certification process. He has strengthened the bond between the seminary and the college and is dedicated to the quality formation of future priests. He also balanced the Mount’s budgets and introduced campuswide representation in the budgeting process through the Mount Council.

Dr. Frank P. Merolla

Dr. Frank P. Merolla graduated from the Mount in 1963 and later earned a DDS degree at the University of Maryland. From 1966 until his retirement in 1997, he was engaged in private dental practice in White Plains, N.Y.

Since graduation, Dr. Merolla has served the Mount in countless ways. He has been a member of the Alumni Public Relations and Alumni Golf Tournament committees and chairman of the Alumni Scholarship Committee. He also served two terms as national alumni vice president and was the Lower Hudson, N.Y., area alumni representative for the Mount’s office of admissions.

In 1997, Dr. Merolla was elected president of the National Alumni Association. During his two terms in office, he spearheaded the transfer of the Alumni MasterCard® Program to MBNA America; recommended the inauguration of the Bishop James E. Walsh Award and the renaming of the Alumni Endowed Scholarship to the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship Program; invited Mount vice presidents and key administrators to alumni leaders’ meetings to provide important updates and briefings; challenged alumni chapters to schedule one community service program per year; and provided outreach to the officers and members of the senior and seminary fourth-year classes as well as the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association.

In his four years as alumni president, Dr. Merolla attended more than 80 alumni chapter/regional events throughout the country, promoting alumni programs and the Connections Campaign. In addition, he is a past member of the board of trustees and its Academic Affairs and Endowment committees and a current member of the athletic department’s Pro-Am Golf Tournament Committee.

Dr. Merolla and his wife, Mary Beth, now reside in Lewes, Del. They are the parents of three children—Susan, C’88, married to Bob Price, C’87; Christine, C’90, married to Dave Gabor, C’90; and Mark, married to Antonella—and eight grandchildren.
Mount Magazine classnotes

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Dennis M. Doyle, C’63, president of the National Alumni Association, announced that Athanasios “Tony” Pasiakos, C’71, William “Spence” Jeffries, C’77, Vanessa Blair, C’92, Kevin Booth, C’92, and Bronwyn Williams, C’92, are this year’s inductees for the Mount St. Mary’s Hall of Fame. This prestigious honor has been awarded by the National Alumni Association since 1971. The Hall of Fame annually recognizes former athletes who “have exhibited athletic prowess of an outstanding nature in an intercollegiate sport.”

Tony Pasiakos was a key soccer player for the Mount’s team from 1967-71. While playing for Coach Jim Deegan, he was a center/forward and established a new school record in career goals, breaking the old mark set in 1958. In addition to being the #2 career goal scorer in Mount soccer history, Tony also ranks #3 in total points (goals and assists). Deegan called Tony one of the Mount’s most talented scorers in his years as soccer coach.

William “Spence” Jeffries was one of the most dominant midfielders on the Mount’s early lacrosse team in the seventies. While playing for Coach Randy Kilgore, Spence earned a reputation for his skills and persistence in ground balls and face-offs. While teaming with Hall of Famers Brian Barry and Bob Barnett, Spence helped build the Mount’s strong reputation in the NCAA lacrosse competition. He was also the Mount’s MVP in 1976 and captain in 1977, his senior season. He is most remembered for the 1976 game he played against Villanova, where he scored three goals in 19 seconds.

Vanessa Blair was one of the most talented players in Mount women’s basketball history. She played center for Coach Bill Sheehan from 1988-92. During the 1989-90 season, she had 77 blocks, including eight against St. Peters. In her career she scored 1,488 points, grabbed 849 rebounds and had 42 blocks. In 1991 and 1992 she was named North East Conference player of the year. She was also named NEC player of the decade in 2001.

Kevin Booth played basketball for Coach Jim Phelan from 1988-93. During his career he made 265 three-point shots, and in a 1989 game against Widener, he was a perfect seven for seven from three-point range. Kevin was Second Team All-NEC, #2 in the NEC three-point percentage in 1989-90, and in the top five in the NEC three-point percentage for three years. In 10 games he scored 20 points or more in one half, and 30 or more points on three occasions. Kevin had 1,742 career points.

Bronwyn Williams was an outstanding tennis player during her career as a student athlete at the Mount from 1988-92. Teaming with Hall of Famer Teresa Horstmann Otterbein, she proved to be a dominant force in the NEC as well as the National/Volvo ITCA tennis rankings. In Bronwyn’s career, her singles record is 65-35, including 23-9 in 1988-89. In career dual matches she has a record of 41-20. Bronwyn was named NEC Scholar Athlete twice.

William P. Magee Jr., DDS, MD, C’66, along with his wife, Kathleen S. Magee, BSN, MSW, are founders of Operation Smile, a private, not-for-profit, volunteer medical service organization that provides reconstructive surgery and health-related care to children and young adults in developing countries and in the United States. Operation Smile recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.

1970s

Luis B. Grillo, C’70, has been appointed coordinator of men’s basketball officials of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Union County, N.J., prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan, C’73, has been appointed as the director of the State of Police Affairs.

John “Jack” Suchy, C’73, has recently retired after 27 years with the Norwalk Police Department. He is now the director of the Division of Liquor Control for the state of Connecticut.
1980s

Tom Looney, C’81, MBA’83, was recently named to the board of directors of a large Wilmington-based firm. He is also the chairman of the parish council at St. Mark’s, N.C., continued on next page

Class of 1961

Class of 1961 Mini Reunions

A group from the class of 1961 has been holding “mini reunions” for the past 29 years. In 1974 they began in Brigantine, N.J., at the home of Luke and Ronnie Fannon. The original group consisted of Dick and Mary Christopher, Jack and Maureen Burdian, Chico and Janet Clarke, Gene and Taphy Harscar, Jack and Pat Walsh, the Fannons, and Don and Kay Quinn.

They moved to Long Beach Island, where the Walshes had two houses on the same piece of property, and the group began to expand. Tom and Mary T. Gaffney were next to join in, followed by the Learns, the Granellis and the Bonners (Joe, aka “Binky”).

In 1989, the Quinns bought a beach house in Lewes, Del., six houses away from Dick Christopher’s, and in 1991, the class gathering was shifted to Lewes Beach.

Since the move to this area, the class gathering has grown. Last September, John and Pat Roth, Bill and Sandy Bruther, Tom Courtnney, Joe Healy, Billy Jenkins, Bob and Christie Thornett, Gerry and Joyce McGreevy, Mike Shaw and Patty, Larry Peterson, Jack Burdian, Mickey and Marie Scanlon, and Emmett Sullivan joined many of those previously mentioned. And within the last three years the group has included Jerry and Emily Trees, Pete and Judy Gallagher, Jim Gay, Ron Cooney, Bob Wasz, John McMannon, Chuck and Elaine Vadas, Bill McCarron, John and Pat Gill, and more.

Most arrive Friday night with their toys: tennis rackets, bikes, softballs, golf clubs, bird dogs, lists of jokes, etc. At the last one, there was a casual cookout Friday night, and Saturday the games began. Dick had the sails up and took friends to cruise the Bay. Dinner Saturday night was at Dick’s house, where he cooked the fish and anything else desired, ably assisted by Jack Burdian from Marietta, Ga., and advised by Larry Peterson from El Paso, Jack Walsh, and all the other class busters from the Middle Atlantic states.

Some went to Mass Saturday; some went Sunday; and all were invited to the Quinns for breakfast on Sunday. Those not in a hurry discussed the problems of the world and the future of the Mount, and continued to play games.

Bishop James E. Walsh Award

The Bishop James E. Walsh Award, sponsored by the Mount’s National Alumni Association, was presented to William J. Sullivan, C’36, at the Algonquin Club in Boston, Mass., on October 8, 2002, at a Boston Alumni Chapter reception.

William J. Sullivan came to the Mount in 1932. While a student, he excelled in both football and baseball. His athletic legacy on Echo Field has always been a source of pride to his fellow alumni, and in 1987 he was inducted into the Mount’s Alumni Sports Hall of Fame.

Following graduation, Bill’s career as a teacher was put on hold. At the outbreak of World War II, he entered service to his country as an officer in the United States Navy. He would later retire as a captain in the Naval Reserves.

During his career in education, Bill taught social studies at Quincy High School for 45 years. He also coached the football and baseball teams at Quincy, where he had starred as a youth. In October 2000, “Big Bill’s” football jersey, #15, was retired, the first time this had been done in the history of the school’s football program. What a wonderful tribute to a remarkable educator who had touched the lives of so many!

In his Walsh Award nomination, Dr. Frank Merolla, C’63, past national alumni president, stated: “Bill has spent his life teaching and mentoring America’s youth. He served his country and continues to honor and serve his alma mater. Mount St. Mary’s has honored him as an athlete and now should honor him for how he is living his life.”

The award was presented by Dennis M. Doyle, C’63, national alumni president, Mike Berens, C’82, and Mount President George R. Houston Jr. Bill and his wife, Linda, provided very moving remarks about their feelings toward the Mount and expressed thanks to the National Alumni Association for the honor.
and entering year two after having been named a Fellow in the Cameron School of Business at UNCW.

John Kane, C’84, accepted a nomination to become the new chairman of the Maryland Republican Party.

This summer, Rev. Kerry Prendiville, S’84, has become the pastor and moderator of the pastoral team for ministry and the Standing Rock Reservation in the Diocese of Rapid City, S.D. He and another priest now care for six parishes.

Dave Woods, C’84, started a new business, Resoursecure, in 2002. He and his family are involved in outreach programs and support the Sisters of St. Joseph with outreach in center city Philadelphia. They also provide gifts for the homeless in center city each year on Christmas Eve. Dave is currently an adjunct teacher of management and finance at both DeSales University and Gwynedd-Mercy College, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Dave and his wife, Pam, have three children—Megan (age 14), Greg (age 12) and Brennan (age 10).

Jim Sharp, C’85, released a new CD titled “Begin Again” in December 2001. Mark Swenarton, C’85, also coproduced the CD.

Martin J. MacCormack, C’85, was promoted to senior vice president with KeyCorp. Martin is responsible for corporate foreign exchange sales in the New York City, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania markets. Martin is married to Tricia (McAndrew), C’86. They live in Short Hills, N.J., and have two children, Harry and Hannah.

Robert L. Carter Jr., C’87, a Washington, D.C., attorney, died of a brain tumor on September 19, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Karen Kouvel Carter, C’87, and their two children, Robert III and John Charles; parents, Dr. Robert and Joan Carter; brothers John; and sisters Mary, Mercedes, C’91, Anna Sullivan, C’93, married to Jerry Sullivan, C’93, Kathryn, C’93, Deborah, C’95, and Elizabeth, C’99. Bob, who received his law degree from Catholic University, was buried in the Mount cemetery. Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, S’94, a close friend of Bob, Karen and the Carter family, presided at the mass of Christian burial blessing at the grave. Many of Bob’s classmates, as well as other Mount alumni, attended the viewing, mass and burial.

On November 2, 2002, the Philadelphia Chapter hosted its 7th Annual Boat House Row Party.

The event was very successful, with close to 100 alumni present. A special thanks goes to Pat McGinn, C’98, for organizing the event, as well as to Mike Smith, C’97, Stella (Cinoa) Barry, C’95, and Meg Gleason, C’95, for helping out with registration and setting up for the event.

The chapter held its fall reception at the Union League of Philadelphia, Pa. In attendance and representing the Mount were President George Houston Jr., Frank DeLuca, C’68, George Gelles, C’64, Pam Zusi, Phil McGlade, C’70, and Katie Sherman, C’01. After a brief introduction by National Alumni Executive Vice President George Gelles, President Houston provided a moving overview of his nine years at the Mount. Pat McGinn, C’98, announced plans for the Philadelphia Chapter’s Christmas party and Habitat project. The event was hosted by Dr. Edward Connolly, C’62, of Philadelphia.

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On November 22, 2002, John “Jack” Ellis, C’71, visited the Mount as a speaker in professor Tim Wolfe’s criminal justice classes.

While a pre-law student at the Mount, Jack attained a BS in history, graduating cum laude. After graduation, he became a U.S. postal inspector, a federal agent specializing in the application of the Mail Fraud Statute in the investigation of white-collar offenses. During his 30-year career, Jack has investigated high-profile financial mail fraud schemes involving insurance fraud; various types of investment fraud, including insider trading/stock and commodities fraud; healthcare fraud; art fraud; telemarketing and mail order fraud; collectibles fraud; and many other types of schemes. In 1986 he and his team worked closely with U.S. attorney Rudy Giuliani (later New York mayor) on an insider trading case that received national attention and led to the arrests of Dennis Levine, Robert Freeman, Ivan Boesky, Michael Milken and Drexel Burnham Lambert. He was also a team leader in the New York area Anthrax investigations.

Jack’s visit and lectures were well received and appreciated by Mount students and faculty. The Mount is fortunate and grateful to have had such a wonderful and caring member of our Mount family come back to campus to share his insights and experiences.

Anibal Gonzalez, C’87, and Carole, C’89, became the parents of Nicholas Edmund on November 18, 2002. Nicholas is their fifth child and joins his brother Daniel, 8, and sisters Ellie, 6, Bridget, 4, and Abby, 2. Carole is a full-time mom and part-time adjunct professor at Villa Julie College, where she teaches anatomy and physiology in the nursing program.

Anibal is employed as a real estate agent and manager for a Century 21 affiliate.

Elizabeth K. Malia, C’87, is the personal assistant to James Brown of FOX Sports. In addition to managing his schedule and requests for speaking engagements, she is a producer for The James Brown Show, launched on Sporting News Radio in March 2002. She books guests and directs the in-studio live broadcast five days a week for the nationally syndicated sports talk show, which has major markets in New York, Boston, Chicago and L.A.


Paul, C’88, and Nancy Dorflinger recently became the parents of Connor, born on December 14, 2002.

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Introducing the Mount’s Service Trip to Peru

Make a difference, explore a new corner of the world and renew your ties to the Mount! That’s what alumni Vanessa Ferragut, C’99, Irene Cuyún, C’99, Jaime Entwistle, C’00, Alison Skabez, C’00, and Justin Rogerson, C’00, will be doing this October on the Mount’s first fall break service trip to Peru.

Participants will spend mornings volunteering at a local orphanage or nursing home, and afternoons in intensive conversational Spanish classes. Courses and volunteer placements are offered for beginners and fluent Spanish speakers alike.

The trip includes time to sightsee in Lima as well as among the ancient Inca ruins at Machu Picchu and in the small, mountain city of Cusco, where the program is based.

Trip leaders for 2003 are Melissa Main of the campus ministry office and Dr. Diana Rodriguez-Lozano. They encourage alumni, faculty and students to begin making plans to join the 2004 trip.

For more information, contact Melissa, 301-447-5223 or main@msmary.edu, or Diana, 301-447-5322 or lozano@msmary.edu.
David Lishebo, C'88, MBA'90, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2002, from cerebral malaria. David was a native of Zambia and represented his homeland in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. An All American while at the Mount, he was the national champion in the NCAA Division II 400 meters in 1984. David was also a member of the 2001 National Hall of Fame and held numerous track records while a student athlete. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Michael and Cathi Yeager, C'88, were married in May of 2001 and recently moved into their new house in Hagerstown, Md.

1990s

Christine (Dornisch) Giesel, C'90, and her husband, David, celebrated the birth of their daughter, McKenna Peyton, on November 24, 2001.

Shawn Lynch, C'90, and Jennifer (Cincotta) Lynch, C'90, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Reese Taylor, on May 20, 2002. Reese joins her brother, Colin Thomas, age 2.

Christopher D. Grimm, C'92, was recently promoted to regional manager of the Greencastle and Chambersburg offices of First National Bank of Mercersburg.

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Alumni in South Korea

John Houston Jr., C'99, and class of 2000 Mounties Tim Mitchell, Alison Haak and Matt Campagna are currently teaching English to school children in Seoul, South Korea. John Cassidy, C'00, who recently left Korea, had arrived in December 2001 and worked in Ogeum near Olympic Stadium. He is now living in Rome.

John Houston arrived in Korea in November 2002 and teaches at a private elementary called Kids Bee. Referred to as "John Teacher," he teaches 13 different classes, kindergarten through sixth grade. John's main focus is on helping the children with English pronunciation through stories and music. He lives about a mile from the school, in the suburbs of Seoul, up the street from Alison Haak.

John explained, "It's very industrialized here. Where I live is considered the suburbs, but you wouldn't readily know this because it looks more like an American city. Teaching here is an excellent opportunity to challenge myself, meet new people and experience a different culture."

He added, "People in Korea are unusually courteous—always bowing down to each other, extremely respectful. They're feeling hostility toward Americans right now because of the aggressions that exist between the Korean people and the American government and military, but most of the people are very friendly and very kind."

"Many are angry about the two Korean girls who were accidentally killed by American soldiers. One morning I came into class to see a drawing of the incident on the blackboard. The students, even the young ones, are very aware of what is going on in the world, especially about the ongoing conflict between Korea and the United States. However, my students have never treated me badly or differently because I am an American. I've never felt scared or unsafe."

Tim Mitchell arrived in Korea in November 2001 and is head foreign teacher at his "Ha-gwan" (school). He lives in the Mok-dong section of Seoul and teaches English through Lynn Kim's Kids English, a chain.

Tim remarked, "The biggest difference I find between schools here and schools back home is that we are allowed to show affection towards our children. If the children aren't hugging you and telling you, 'I love you,' then they're trying to gain your attention and affection by giving you a gift of some kind, be it food, origami, drawings, and on a few occasions, their old toys."

In regard to the rising tension between the United States and Korea, Tim observed, "I often see crowds chanting, 'Kill American soldiers!' outside of Immigration near my house. People get carried away with a 'solve violence with violence' attitude, and it leads to some very poor decisions."

Alison Haak arrived in Korea on October 2, 2002, and is currently living in Ilsan, a province of Seoul. She is employed at Lynne Kim's Junior English School. Every day, from about 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., she teaches children ranging in age from 3 to about 12. "The children here are amazingly affectionate. At any time they just run up and give me a hug. This has been, and continues to be, a very rewarding experience."

Matt Campagna arrived in Korea in May of 2002 and is teaching English for the school "Kids Herald" in Daechung. ▲
President George W. Bush appointed Greg Martin, C’87, to the Federal Aviation Administration on October 21, 2002, to serve as assistant administrator for public affairs. Martin is the FAA’s chief spokesperson and is responsible for the strategic development and overall management of the agency’s external and internal communications programs, media relations and website operations.

Martin joins FAA administrator Marion C. Blakey from the National Transportation Safety Board, where he had served the former Safety Board chairman as director for communications. Prior to his position with the NTSB, Martin was the corporate spokesperson for General Motors on key national and state public policy issues in the automaker’s Washington, D.C., office. Martin’s GM career also included heading the corporate communications operation for Saturn Corporation in Spring Hill, Tenn.

Martin previously served the federal government with the U.S. Department of Defense from 1988 to 1992 as a special assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. Martin was a civilian aide to the Pentagon’s chief spokesperson during a time of unprecedented military activity that included Operation Just Cause in Panama and operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf region.

Jeff Hull, C’92, has been promoted to in-charge accountant of Lanigan, Ryan, Malcolm and Doyle.

Rich Underwood, C’92, was married to Julie Lackland on September 28, 2002.

Melissa (Dowling) Mack, C’94, and Craig Mack celebrated the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Dianne, on February 12, 2002.

Frankie Corsi, C’95, is a CPA and has recently joined Ridgecrest Investments Inc. as a financial chief advisor.

Deborah Stocker Giles, C’95, and husband, Jason, welcomed their son, Jack, on September 11, 2002.

Kimberly Patrey Sneckenberger, C’96, and her husband, Richard, became the parents of Hallie Renae on April 15, 2002.

Michael (Smitty) and Kelly (Klein) Smith, both C’97, recently completed their first triathlon on September 14, 2002, in Dewey Beach, Del.

Sara D’Amelio, C’98, is currently living in Washington, D.C. After graduation, she created a Washington, D.C.-based skin care company called Skincando Inc., which manufactures and distributes all-natural personal care products to the United States, Europe and the Far East.

Bryan Fencel, C’98, was married to Jennifer DiSalvatore on July 20, 2002.

Andrew Lobley, C’99, is now working for Ober|Kaler in the firm’s commercial finance department.

John Miller, C’99, is a journalist in Belgium and recently had an article published in TIME Magazine.

Katherine E. Brown, CPA, C’00, has recently been promoted to in-charge accountant at McLean, Koehler, Sparks and Hammond.

Lillie (Diaz) Cross, C’00, was married to First Lieutenant Seth Cross on September 17, 2002. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army after graduation and is now living in Friedberg, Germany. She met her husband while attending Officers Basic Course in Aberdeen, Md.

Sabina Kaniowski, C’02, is currently working in Oceanic and Naval Contracts for Northrop.

R.J. Matava, C’02, was awarded first prize in the expository formal category (research paper) for his paper “Accepting Side Effects and Personal Vocation,” which he submitted to the national writing competition sponsored by Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Catholic Honor Society. The award carries a $500 prize. The executive committee was so impressed with his paper that they decided to publish it in the DES journal.

Keep Those Notes Coming!

Please send alumni news to Katie Sherman, C’01, assistant director of alumni relations, at ksherman@msmary.edu.
Meeting Mikey

on a Thursday evening in December, Mike Stewart was born in Brussels, Belgium.

The next Saturday, I went to visit him for the first time.

His parents are Rob and Katie. Rob was my boss last year at the International School of Brussels. He's a stocky Canadian who likes hockey, hard work and beers with buddies. Katie, who is from Virginia, teaches fourth grade but I don't know her so well. They are an excellent married couple; and this was their first child.

Babies don't scare me. I'm the oldest of six and they were always present during my first 15 years. But until that Saturday, I had never, as an adult, seen friends bring a life to being. I have plenty of friends, colleagues and relatives with children; but never has anybody who I see every two or three days become a parent during the time when I saw them every two or three days.

So here they were, Rob, Katie and Mike in their first-floor room in the maternity ward at Saint Elisabeth Hospital in south Brussels. Rob wore jeans and a t-shirt and Katie a nightgown. They looked tired and happy. The baby lay wrapped in a blanket in a plastic box perched next to Katie's bed. He had black hair, chubby cheeks, tiny eyes and was the size of a shoebox. Rob offered a beer or Coke from the hospital-provided bar, which he was proud of. I took a Coke and sat down.

Giving birth wasn't as bad as you hear, said Katie. She explained that this is the first, so the following children will be easier to bear. Rob works and coaches with great preparation and attention to detail. So it was with his wife's pregnancy. He described the experience with vivid fact: the water broke the day before the pregnancy was to be induced because it was a week late; the labor lasted a little over six hours, during which time Katie had a pain-killer injected into her spine, and he cut the umbilical cord. After it was over, the doctor handed Katie her boy. They didn't know the sex beforehand. Rob checked – but not immediately, he said – that it was indeed a boy.

He was big too, Rob added, almost eight pounds and everybody at the hospital was impressed.

Rob picked up the baby and asked me if I wanted to hold him. I sat down and Rob handed me a brand-new person. New name. New brain.

I was a little scared. What if I dropped Mike or gave him germs. His eyes were half-open. Would you give a million dollars to know what he's thinking? I asked. He's probably not thinking much, said Rob. Then Rob, football coach and tough hockey player, lapsed into baby talk: "Look Miller's holding you, Mikey, he's going to be your friend," and so on.

If ever there was a cliché worth repeating, it is the story of the baby who is new and innocent and perhaps perfect – but so fragile that friends who hold him are afraid. But it is a second cliché that touched me as I drove home from the hospital: the idea that understanding what a baby means can change everything for new parents and for their friends – and I'm not only thinking of baby talk.

If you spent regular time with two-day-olds, is there any way that you would not feel stronger - or even different - about God, love, family, your own parents, marriage, sex, death, war, you name it? And is Christmas – a holiday where some celebrate God but everybody sings about the baby in a manger – not only about the Son of Man, Redemption and the rest, but also about all births, which even in the worst circumstances and even if only for a short time bring hope, pride and joy?

Rob, Katie and Mike might soon move to Canada, Virginia or Maine.

But from now on, I will think about my Saturday visit every Christmas.

By John Miller, C'99, is a journalist and TIME Magazine correspondent in Belgium.
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