For several students, the Mount legacy is part of their family history. Meet some of the almost 100 students on campus who have followed a grandparent, parent or other relative to Mount St. Mary's.
THE LEGACY CONTINUES

Mount St. Mary’s gives meaning to the word “legacy” in so many ways. Our cover story features several of today’s students who continue the Mount’s legacy within their own families. An article on fascinating alumni Colin Ward, C’94, and Dana Pirone Ward, C’97, also illustrates how the Mount becomes part of a family. As a shining example of the scientific legacy the Mount community is creating, you will meet alumnus Robert Diegelmann, C’65, a medical pioneer whose new discovery is revolutionizing emergency care.

Our faculty essay comes from history professor Michelle Patterson, who seeks to connect the lessons of the past to her students’ lives today. And our newest campus capital project respects the architectural legacy of a revered Mount landmark, the Terrace, while preparing it for future students.

The Mount community is blessed with inspiring individuals. In this issue, read a brief sampling of faculty and student achievements introduced by magazine editor Germain Grisez, author of John Singleton’s essay on Christian ethics, and our unique sports chaplaincy program that helps prepare our student athletes and seminarians for life beyond the Mount. We also honor the memory of President Emeritus George Houston, who lost his battle with cancer this winter.

This year, early spring was a time of great pain and great pride. On one hand, we struggled to come to terms with the death of Mount senior Dustin Bauer (right) of Lutherville, Maryland, in a tragic accident. Somehow the tragedy seemed to fuel the basketball team to give the campus something to lift their heavy hearts.

The courage and strength of the Mountaineers was apparent when, after losing a classmate and close friend, the team still surged forward on the court. The huge victories continued to add up—overcoming Quinnipiac, Robert Morris and Sacred Heart to win the NEC finals, the play-in game beating Coppin State in Dayton, Ohio, and then the road to Raleigh. The thrill of winning a spot in the NCAA tournament was a sweet victory and one that Dustin would have been cheering for as a Mount maniac. There is no question UNC was a challenge, but the team went to the Big Dance and played their hearts out against North Carolina, the top seed in the country. March Madness brought out alumni, students, faculty and administrators, who pulled together to witness one of the Mount’s 2008 special moments when media people were all asking, “Who is Mount St. Mary’s?”

As we move toward the culminating events of our Bicentennial Celebration, we honor the generations who have gone forth from the Mount to create a legacy that has shaped our country and our world. And we look forward to the good work of generations to come.
LEGACIES AT THE MOUNT
For Mount St. Mary’s, legacy is part of our core; it is the glue that makes history and tradition combine to create a fresh flavor.

A MARRIAGE OF SCIENCE AND SPORT
Mount science professor Dana Pironne Ward, C’97, and husband Colin Ward, C’94, prove that opposites attract.

A REVOLUTION IN EMERGENCY CARE
Robert Diegelmann, C’65, has invented a revolutionary new technology that will save lives on the battlefield and beyond.

WHO IS NATALIE CURTIS?
And what is she doing at the Mount?
By Dr. Michelle Wick Patterson, History Professor

PRESIDENT EMERITUS GEORGE R. HOUSTON REMEMBERED
George Houston, 23rd president of Mount St. Mary’s University, passed away in January.

FACES OF THE BICENTENNIAL CLASS
As the class of 2008 prepares to graduate, some of those we introduced you to in 2004 reflect on their time at the Mount.

WHY WE PLAY AND PRAY
The Mount’s sports chaplaincy program reminds us what being the best is all about.
By Barb Ruppert
Plans have been finalized for the renovation of the Terrace, the residence hall that most Mount alumni have lived in during their four years at the school.

“For two hundred years, the Terrace has been the hub of our Mountain campus,” says Phil McGlade, C’70, director of seminary development and former director of university alumni relations. “Almost every student and seminarian, since Fr. DuBois and Fr. Bruté guided the Mount, has lived in DuBois, Bruté and McCaffrey Halls. The restoration of these historic residence halls is incredibly important for the Mount as it enters its third century of educating future generations of leaders for our nation and the church.”

The Terrace will keep its historic look while providing a state-of-the-art residence for students. Construction is to begin in May, immediately after commencement, with the majority of construction taking place during summers and breaks. The $24 million renovation will occur in phases over the next three years, with DuBois Hall the first residence hall to close for renovation. When completed, the Terrace will have a sprinkler system, elevators, wireless access, student lounges and a new HVAC system.

The first DuBois Hall was completed in 1824 and cost $16,000. On June 6, 1824, very shortly after it was finished, a fire destroyed the building. Construction immediately began on the current DuBois Hall, which was completed on Dec. 16, 1825.
Mount students can begin early in their college career on the path of selflessness by giving the gift of community service. Below we list a few of the projects undertaken this bicentennial year that have promoted the goodness of the Mount community through faith, discovery, leadership and community.

Projects include: Food drives, tutoring, sports clinics, reading projects, rallies against the death penalty, hosting speakers, caroling at nursing homes, recycling, and craft activities for children.

Organizations benefiting: Emmitsburg Food Bank, Daughters of Charity, National Institutes of Health, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg Elementary, Thurmont Primary, Sabillasville Elementary, Taneytown Youth Basketball, Taneytown Elementary, Cascade Elementary, Littlestown Elementary, Junior Mountaineers, the Girl Scouts, Arthritis and Breast Cancer foundations, St. Jude’s Hospital, Family Fest, Respect for Every Animal Life, Knights of Columbus, ARC of Frederick County, victims of the Peruvian earthquake, Campaign to End the Death Penalty, St. Catherine’s Nursing Home, Habitat for Humanity, The Seton Center and the Special Olympics.


Students participating: 449

Total hours: 3,700 hours devoted to volunteer work by Mount students.

Mount students seem to know the four pillars of the university are not just words but paths to growth for learning character and values that will make a difference in the lives of others.

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

ST. LABRE SCHOOL DRUM GROUP PERFORMS

The St. Labre Indian School Drum Group performed at the Mount in January. St. Labre Indian School, located in Ashland, Montana, was established in 1884 and offers preschool through high school education for Crow and Northern Cheyenne children. The drum group is under the supervision of Mr. Benjamin Headswift, who is also the lead singer. Mr. Headswift, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, has been involved in traditional Native music and drumming since his youth.

In 2006, the Mount established four $15,000 presidential scholarships for St. Labre graduates to help Native American students attend college. Karl Little Owl is the first St. Labre Indian School graduate to attend the Mount.
IT’S EASY TO BE Green

Bicentennial Hall, the Mount’s newest student residential hall, is now open and has students seeing green. The environmentally friendly or “green” residence hall includes a geothermal heating and cooling system and carpet tiles made from recycled materials.

Bicentennial Hall is composed of suites, containing four private rooms for students, a private bathroom and a common living space. As the first Mount students moved in, they were thrilled with their new living space—and that the Mount was doing something good for the environment.

“It’s a good feeling to know we are helping out by living here ... every new building should just follow the green pattern. That’s what I like about this school,” says Mount student Jeremy Romanoski.

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The Mount’s environmental science program and Grounds Department along with the Frederick County Watershed Management Office received a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to restore local streams. In November, 25 volunteers planted 160 trees and shrubs along a stream on the Mount campus between Rt. 15 and the ARCC.

This sign will be on the Mount campus. The images below are details of the sign.

Where is Mount St. Mary’s University in the Upper Monocacy River Watershed?

Mount St. Mary’s University is located in Frederick County, MD, and is situated in the headwaters of Tom’s Creek along St. Mary’s Run. Water from St. Mary’s Run flows into Tom’s Creek and then into the Monocacy River and eventually the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Mount St. Mary’s has taken the initiative to improve storm water quality, reduce flooding, create wildlife habitat, and recharge groundwater in the Tom’s Creek watershed by planting a buffer of native shrubs and trees along St. Mary’s Run.

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a specific body of water — a stream, river, lake, bay, or wetland. It can be as small as a backyard or as large as the entire Chesapeake Bay, 64,000 square miles, including parts of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and New York. Watersheds are defined by natural topography (mountains, valleys and hydrology—the water cycle), and often cross political and jurisdictional boundaries.

Watersheds are part of the water cycle, as shown in the diagram. Precipitation falls on land, which fills streams, creeks and rivers. Some water soaks through soil, which acts as a filter to remove pollutants from the atmosphere, roads, lawns, and farms, and other surfaces. The cleaned water helps recharge groundwater aquifers.

Hard surfaces such as roads, parking lots, roads, and sidewalks are called impervious surfaces. These areas increase as development increases, reducing the amount of land surface that permits water to seep into the ground. Water flows off these areas into storm drains collecting sediment and pollutants along the way and then flows into a stream or river, unfiltered, trees, shrubs, and native grasses along a stream help to absorb sediment and pollutants before they flow into our local waterways.

Native Trees & Shrubs Planted at Mount Saint Mary’s University

What is a Riparian Buffer?

A riparian buffer is the area of land along a stream or river that is comprised of native grasses, trees, and shrubs, similar to the area planted nearby. These areas are critical in water quality because of their ability to slow and filter water prior to it entering the creek. The roots of the plants help to stabilize the soil. The plants provide important food and wildlife habitat as well.
Mount St. Mary’s University has achieved accreditation from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education for its undergraduate majors, accelerated adult degree completion program and MBA program in the Department of Business, Accounting and Economics.

The IACBE is a premier professional accrediting organization for business programs in student-centered colleges and universities in the United States and around the world. It was created in response to the expressed needs of higher education presidents, chief academic officers, and business deans and chairs who wanted an accreditation process that was mission-based and outcome driven.

“Students in today’s market are looking for aggressive and successful goal-oriented business curriculums. We offer that at the Mount and are thrilled the IACBE recognized our commitment to excellence in business education,” says Mount President Thomas Powell. “We are the only university in the area with IACBE accreditation.”

The IACBE accreditation followed a three-year approval process. It came with a special commendation for the faculty: “The amount of scholarly and professional activities is one of the strengths of Mount St. Mary’s University’s business faculty, and it is commended.”

“The successful peer review and accreditation of our programs reflects the quality of the faculty as educators and business professionals who seek to graduate students with appropriate technical skills and a strong commitment to ethical decision making,” says Mount Department Chair Dr. William Forgang. “Given the strengths of the faculty and their commitment to continuous improvement, our programs will continue to grow in size and academic quality. Our students and their employers will be the primary beneficiaries of the accreditation.”

Mount St. Mary’s was honored with two awards at the Maryland College Personnel Association’s fall conference last November. MCPSA’s purpose is to provide leadership to the student personnel profession in the colleges and universities of Maryland. Each year the organization asks professionals in the state to nominate colleges and universities in five different categories; the Mount captured the Dedication to Diversity Award and the Innovative Program Award.

The Mount’s Student Leadership Advisory Committee, founded by Student Government Association President Laura Fenaroli and led by Sean Adams, director of campus activities, won the Innovative Program Award for its outstanding college student-focused programs. To earn the award, programs must demonstrate innovative best practices and produce quality results in student learning, development, engagement, satisfaction and/or organizational performance.

These prestigious awards from MCPSA indicate that the Mount’s programs serve as role models for student affairs practices in colleges and universities throughout Maryland.
FACTOR FOCUS: Dr. Charlie Beitz

On Jan. 1, 2008, President Thomas H. Powell announced the promotion of Dr. Charles Beitz from the rank of Full Professor to the distinguished rank of University Professor.

Dr. Beitz, professor of leadership and management studies, is an anchor in the Mount’s business program. He has helped students learn to navigate treacherous, uncertain and ever-changing business waters and worldwide economic climates. We asked him to share his life as a teacher.

You’ve been teaching at the Mount for a long time. How long?
I began teaching at Mount St. Mary’s University in 1981 in both the graduate and undergraduate programs in business. I have taught eight years in the Freshman Seminar Program, Gender Studies Program, Non-Western Studies Program, Honors Program and the Accelerated Undergraduate Program.

Why should parents send their students to the Mount?
Mount St. Mary’s has a strong Catholic identity and is a safe place to grow. Right from the first semester, students are given a formal introduction to the academic community through our Freshman Core Curriculum, in keeping with Plato’s belief that “the beginning is the most important part of the work.” Students are given the fundamental basis of academic life: critical thinking, reading with insight, listening, researching, speaking and writing clearly, which make all of their other courses more valuable.

Tell us about your family—and what you do in your spare time?
My wife, Ann, and I were raised in Philadelphia and have been married 51 years this year. We have six children and six grandchildren, ranging in age from 50 to two. In my spare time—I grade!

What has given you the most satisfaction in your time here?
“I touch the future; I teach.” This was the motto of Christa McAuliffe, the teacher who died in the Challenger catastrophe. What a powerful message! What an awesome responsibility! What an opportunity to touch someone intellectually, emotionally and even spiritually!

A former student sent me a note with the following poem that said to me that at least in this case I had translated my philosophy into action:

Come to the edge.
No, we will fall.
Come to the edge.
No, we will fall.
They came to the edge.
He pushed them, and they flew.
—Apollanaire

Dr. Beitz was honored by the National Board of Directors of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration, for his 28 years of leadership of the local chapter. Under his guidance, the Beta Pi Chapter has recognized and honored 833 students at Mount St. Mary’s. The proclamation reads: “Dr. Beitz, through his many accomplishments and contributions continually reflects and demonstrates integrity, wisdom and genuine helpfulness.”

Noted Dr. William Forgang, chair, Department of Business, Accounting and Economics, “One of Dr. Beitz’s teaching themes is servant leadership; he lives those values, and we are honored by his contributions to the department.”

Shown, left to right, are: Dr. Forgang, Dr. Beitz and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. David Rehm.

“How could be more satisfying than to be engaged in work in which every capacity or talent one may have is needed, every lesson one may have learned is used, every value one cares about is furthered?”
—John Gardner
A SAMPLING OF Faculty Achievement

GRANTED TENURE & PROMOTION
Sr. Mary Kate Birge, to Associate Professor of Theology
Michael Miller, to Associate Professor of Philosophy

PROMOTION
Dennis Cali, to Professor of Communication Studies

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS


Kathleen Guidroz: Co-editor, The Intersectional Approach: Transforming Women’s and Gender Studies through Race, Class, and Gender, UNC Press, forthcoming.


David McCarthy: Editor, The Heart of Catholic Social Teaching: Its Origins and Contemporary Significance, Brazos Press. Special bicentennial preview editions will be available during the Mount’s fall celebration.


SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS


**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**


Michelle Bower: Co-Chair and Site Coordinator, Maryland “Mathematics For All” Meeting the Need of All Learners Conference, Maryland K-5 mathematics curriculum specialists, mathematics coaches, mathematics resource teachers, special educators, gifted/talented teachers, and university mathematics educators, Mount St. Mary’s University, May 2007.

Trudy Conway: Elected, second term, Director of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World and Vice-President of Delta Epsilon Sigma.


Caroline Eick: Member, Restructuring Committee, Department of Education Policy Studies, University of Maryland, 2007.


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


Jeffrey A. Simmons: Grant, “Nutrient Sources in Tom’s Creek Watershed,” The Chesapeake Bay Trust’s Mini-Grants Program, September 2007.


Dana Ward: $308,000 grant from the American Heart Association to study the effects of microenvironmental cues on vascular cell growth, 2007.

**COMMITTEE SERVICE**

William Collinge: Chair, Adams County Heritage Festival, September 2007.


Sandi Sjoberg: Member, Middletown Primary School Leadership Team.

John Sherwood: Featured address, the 9/11 Remembrance, Jefferson County, West Virginia.

Guest Speaker, Harpers Ferry/Bolivar, West Virginia Veterans Day Celebration.

**AWARDS**

Trudy Conway: Peacecrafters Award for work in promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding and furthering social justice initiatives in Frederick County, Maryland.

Laura Corbin-Frazier: Maryland Association of Science Teachers Excellence Award.


**FACULTY BICENTENNIAL MEDALS**

Opening Day Ceremony August 16, 2007

William G. Meredith, Ph.D.

Tom Ryan, C’63

Kick-off—Opening Convocation

August 22, 2007

Rev. Dr. David W. Shaum

Rev. Paul V. Redmond

Priests’ Homecoming Mass October 2, 2007

Rev. Michael J. Roach

Presidential Lecture Series December 6, 2007

Sue Helder Goliber, Ph.D.
**THE MOUNT TAKES THE CAKE**

The Mount’s bicentennial cupola cake was featured on the March 13 episode of the Food Network’s “Ace of Cakes.” Following the Baltimore regional bicentennial celebration, the beautiful and delicious cake was transported, very carefully, back to campus, where Mount students made short work of it! See photo on page 47.

So now—how to top that? Send us suggestions for cake designs that will make a fitting tribute to the Mount at the bicentennial finale in October. If we can design it, Ace of Cakes can make and bake it. So stretch your imagination and help us find the perfect way to top off the end of this spectacular year of celebration. Email your ideas to communications@msmary.edu.

**CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION**

The Mount St. Mary’s Charter Day Celebration on Feb. 27 included a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the bicentennial exhibit that graces the Miller State Senate Building in Annapolis.

Above: The display in the Miller State Senate Building. Below, left to right: Senator Thomas M. Middleton, C’68; The Honorable William J. Frank, C’82

**Bicentennial Ring Available**

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

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

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**Celebrate with us!**

See the back cover for a calendar of upcoming events. For a full bicentennial schedule or more information visit www.msmary.edu/bicentennial. While you’re on the website, check out the “Bicentennial Shop.”
THE BICENTENNIAL AT WINTER HOMECOMING

On Feb. 2, 2008, the Mount celebrated Winter Homecoming with a day that began with the traditional Blue & White alumni basketball game and was followed by a luncheon in the Horning Hospitality Suite.

The Mount women’s and men’s teams hosted Robert Morris that day, and approximately 250 alumni and members of the Mount community attended the evening’s pre-game social. President Thomas H. Powell welcomed the community and acknowledged all former Mount basketball players. Each returning player received a bottle of the Mount’s own private label “Bicentennial Wine,” graciously donated by Kelly Roche Hughes, C’82, chair of the Bicentennial Basketball Committee.

Bicentennial Medals were awarded to Coach Jim Phelan and Executive Vice President Dan Soller during a packed half-time celebration.

See page 45 for the new Hall of Fame members inducted at Winter Homecoming.

NATIONAL CHAMPS—1962!

One alum recounts a memorable night ... and one memorable man.

By Frank Vlossak, C’62

I was privileged to experience our championship win and to attend the games in Evansville, Indiana, as the photographer for the Pridwin.

After the first game I decided to visit my sister, who was attending St. Mary of the Woods, a distance of about 120 miles from Evansville. My intention was to bring her back to see the next game or games.

Unfortunately, she could not leave that day, and after too much time spent trying to convince the good nuns that I really was her brother and there really was a basketball game, I had to leave because time was running out for me to get back.

I was hurrying back and was stopped by one of Indiana’s finest. He took me to a small town Justice of the Peace, where I pled my case. After my fine, except for some pocket change I was broke. Not only that, but I would never get back in time to get my camera gear at the hotel and make it to the game.

I then had an idea to call Coach Phelan. Somehow, I got him on the phone and told him I would be late. I asked him if he could get my camera gear to the game in order to save me some time. He said he would and he did!

In later years I marvel at that—the biggest game of his coaching career and he didn’t bat an eye and did me that favor. The coach of the National Champions—making sure that my equipment got to the game. Can you imagine that scenario with any other team, any other school? Or any other coach?

I don’t remember thanking him, so in case I didn’t, here it is. “Thanks, Coach, you were not only a great coach but a great human being.”

Photo from the 1962 yearbook of Frank with his camera equipment.
**Becoming the School of Today:**
**The Past 50 Years**

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

**1964**
**Coad Science Hall Dedicated**

**1968**
**Women Admitted**

**1961**
**Cogan Student Union Opens**
**DuBois Medal Established**
James L. Rowley, director of the U.S. Secret Service, is the first recipient.

**1965**
**Improvements at the Grotto**
The Pangborn Memorial Campanile is dedicated and Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore proclaims the site a Public Oratory.

**Bruté Medal Established**
Joseph M. Fitzgerald, P’35, C’39, is the first recipient.

**1972**

**1978**

**1978**

**1983**
**Restoring the Past**
As part of the festivities celebrating 175 years of Catholic education at the Mount, the John Hughes cabin is restored near the Grotto.

**1981**
**The Final Four**
Twelve buses take Mount students to Springfield, Mass., where they create the biggest crowd the national college basketball tournament has ever seen.
1988

MOUNT GOES DIVISION I AND ATHLETICS EXPLODE
To complement the booming athletics department, which boasts Olympic gold medalist Peter Rono, C'92, the college razes the old farm and barns to open the new Knott ARCC.

1998

MOUNT 2000 BEGINS
Run largely by the seminarians, Mount 2000 is a Eucharistic retreat designed to encourage participation in the Catholic Church among today’s youth.

1995

MOTHER TERAESA RETURNS TO THE MOUNT
Twenty years after her first visit to the Mount, Mother Teresa returns to spread her message of prayer and love for Jesus Christ.

“I am very happy to be here because I know that after I go back this seminary will become like a powerhouse of prayer for us, that we may not spoil God’s work.”—Mother Teresa

2004

UNIVERSITY STATUS
The Mount achieves university status, beginning a new era of academic excellence.

2008

TOMORROW’S MISSION
The future of Mount St. Mary’s University lies within the foundations of its past. As Charles Hodges, the valedictorian of the class of 1958, stated:

“The future that awaits us is as boundless as our vision and our imagination, as rich and as full as our spirit, as rewarding and gratifying as our courage and skill will make it. We are well prepared to make our way ... for here we have learned responsibilities, an obligation to our parents, our college, our country, our God.”
Mount 2008 Prayer: God our Father, your love for us is so great that you sent your Son into the world, born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to save us from sin and death so that we might become holy. Fill us with Your grace, which we obtain through Your Holy Sacraments, where we find love and mercy. Allow us to encounter Your Son, to Seek the Face of Christ, especially in the Most Holy Eucharist, so that we might become like Him, and truly live as children of God. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
JENKINS FAMILY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Rev. Mr. John Rapisarda, of Bel Air, Md., has received the annual scholarship from the B. Larry and Catherine Jenkins Family Trust. The trust was established for the benefit of seminarian education with the Catholic Family Association in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Deacon Rapisarda, a member of the Fourth Theology Class of 2008, is a graduate of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and John Carroll High School in Bel Air. His archdiocesan assignments have included service at St. Louis Parish, Clarksville; St. Joseph’s Parish, Fullerton; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Essex; and St. Margaret’s Parish, Bel Air. Deacon John is the son of Deacon Greg Rapisarda of Bel Air and the late Carol Rapisarda.

SEMINARY FACULTY HONORED

Dr. Carol L. Houghton and Father Lawrence J. McNeil, both from the Diocese of Harrisburg, were invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem on Sept. 29, 2007. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Apostolic Nuncio and Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, conferred the honors in a ceremony held at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York.

Dr. Houghton, a member of the faculty since 1985, is associate professor of canon law. She is diocesan chancellor and a tribunal judge for Harrisburg. Father McNeil is an adjunct professor of church history and pastor of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Parish in Conewago, Pa. In the photo, former rector, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, also a member of the order, congratulates Dr. Houghton and Father McNeil at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Harrisburg.

CARDINAL KEELER TO PRESIDE AT 2008 ALUMNI REUNION HOMECOMING MASS

Monsignor Steven P. Rohfs, rector, has announced that His Eminence Cardinal William Keeler, archbishop emeritus of Baltimore and former chancellor of the seminary, will be the main celebrant of the traditional Homecoming Mass at the Priests’ Alumni Reunion on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008. Other highlights will include the presentation of the 33rd Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award at the Reunion Dinner, and Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Alumni will be able to extend their visit and attend the Marian Symposium, Oct. 9-11, as part of the bicentennial celebration.

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

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

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Visit the seminary at www.msmary.edu/seminary!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9-13
Seminary Alumni Retreat
Fr. Thomas Acklin, O.S.B., Retreat Master

Oct. 8-9
Priests’ Alumni Reunion
Homecoming Mass Celebrant–Cardinal William H. Keeler, Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore

Oct. 9-11
Marian Symposium

Oct. 11
Bicentennial Gala
Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg, Pa.

Oct. 12
Bicentennial Closing Mass
Celebrant–Archbishop Harry J. Flynn, S’60, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Oct. 24-26
Seminary Family Weekend

June 22-26, 2009
Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat
Retreat Master – Archbishop Harry J. Flynn, S’60

For more information, contact Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations Phil McGlade (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu).

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For Mount St. Mary’s, legacy is part of our core; it is the glue that makes history and tradition combine to create a fresh flavor. It is true that generations of sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren have come here because of fathers and mothers telling stories about their incredible experience at the Mount.

This “word of mouth campaign” adds to the legend that the Mount has touched lives everywhere. One Baltimore broadcaster, Jamie Costello of News Channel Two, put it this way: “No matter who you talk to, someone knows somebody who went to the Mount.”

It is, of course, more than that. The underlying message is that Mount St. Mary’s is special, even magical, where grandparents meet on campus, get married, produce children who meet their mates on the steps of Flynn Hall, get married and send their kids to the Mount. It implies that those who’ve gone before are people the children want to emulate, who have the values, faith and character one seeks in one’s own life.

We invited all Mount “legacy” students to participate in our cover story. Here we highlight a few of these promising young men and women.

ALEXIS OTT, C’09
Fine arts major from Emmitsburg, Maryland

Relatives who have attended the Mount:
Elizabeth (Mummaugh) Davis (aunt), C’81
Carolyn (Mummaugh) Ott (mother), C’84
Patrick Ott (uncle), C’72
Robin (Glass) Hodge (cousin), C’96
Jeremiah Ott (cousin), C’99
Lynn Ott (cousin), C’01

“My family has a long history with Mount St. Mary’s. I am a direct descendant of William Elder, an early settler to the area who donated the land for the seminary and college. My grandfather is in the time capsule (scheduled to be opened in 2083) for his work as project manager when building the apartment towers. My mother and many other relatives have attended the Mount. There is even an ancestor who was an English professor from 1910-30!

“I grew up around the Mount, and I love attending it! I believe I’ll gain a superb education and the opportunity to use my degree to fulfill my dreams.”
"My father inspired me to come to the Mount. His stories from this place captivated me. And all of my relatives who went to the Mount are extremely successful."

NATHAN O. THOMAS JR., C’08
From Meyersdale, Pennsylvania
Degree in biology

Relatives who attended the Mount:
Dr. Frank Thomas (uncle), C’53
Dr. Terrence Thomas (uncle), C’55
Don Bolden (cousin), C’57
Dr. Nathan O. Thomas (father), C’66
Dr. Eric Miller (cousin), C’69
Dr. Charles Stotler (cousin), C’70
Dr. Charles Bolden (cousin), C’82
The Rev. Alan Thomas (cousin), S’91
Charles Stotler Jr. (cousin), C’02
Meghan Bolden (cousin), C’04

“My father inspired me to come to the Mount. His stories from this place captivated me. And all of my relatives who went to the Mount are extremely successful.

“I have had a tremendous experience at this college. The clubs and activities are so numerous that not one student can go four years without belonging to something. These activities have helped an otherwise shy person become active in the Mount community.

“One of the best experiences is the recent success of the men’s basketball team. I have been attending Mount games since grade school, when I gave a report on Coach Jim Phelan’s autobiography, “King of the Mount.” The success the team has encountered in my senior year is a great send off.”
NOELLE M. HOLLOWAY, C'09
Sport management major from Michigan City, Indiana

Relatives who attended the Mount:
Father James Forker (great-uncle), C'60
Dom Forker (great-uncle), C'61
John Forker, C'61
B. Scott Holloway (uncle), C'76
Brian T. Holloway (uncle), C'76
Eddie Forker, C'80
Todd Holloway (father), C'85
Karen Boyle Donahue, C'92
Annie Boyle, C'97

“I would call my decision to attend the Mount, ‘divine intervention.’ My parents wanted me to go to MSM because they both went here, but I had my heart set on another school. My application came in too late for that school and so I came here. When I arrived for freshman orientation I immediately realized this is the best place for me; it’s become my second home.

“The Mount has far exceeded my expectations. Not only am I receiving an excellent education but I am developing a better understanding of who I am as a person and a deeper connection with my faith. The Mount too has honestly given me a greater understanding of community and family. The friends I made here are more like sisters and brothers than acquaintances.”

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ELIZABETH TRENTACOSTE, C’09
English major from Garden City, New York

Relative who attended the Mount:
Elaine Fitzpatrick Trentacoste (mother), C’81
Paula Fitzpatrick (aunt), C’83

“My aunt was an English major and always talked about her favorite English professor, Dr. Ducharme, who I now have as a professor. I love the sense of community here, and one of my best experiences has been going to the NEC Men’s Basketball Championships and winning!”

SHANE DELANEY-LAZAR, C’08
From Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
Degree in English and education

Relative who attended the Mount:
Joseph F. Delaney (great grandfather), class year unknown; James M. Delaney (grandfather), C’50

“I have always heard stories about the Mount from my grandfather. His love for reading led him to pursue an English degree, and I am following in his footsteps. Inspired by my grandfather, I came to visit the Mount and just fell in love. On my visit I ran into President Powell, who addressed each of the students in the group; I realized then how important the sense of community is at the Mount.”

BRANDA REYNOLDS, C’08
From Hagerstown, Maryland
Degree in psychology

Relative who have attended the Mount:
Michael Milihram (uncle), C’80

“My uncle always told me how much he loved the Mount and shared with me how his professors inspired him to be much of what he is today. It was important to me that I would be more than just a number; I wanted my professors to know me and encourage me, and now they have become my mentors and my friends whom I will keep in contact with long after graduation. They have pushed me to grow and not settle for anything less than what they know I can be.

“Being a student leader of the Outdoor Adventures program (CRUX) has been the most rewarding experience of my life. I have grown to be an independent woman, a confident instructor and an important piece of our community puzzle. The leadership skills I have developed will follow me everywhere I go. I know I could not have found an opportunity so great at any other college.”
Siblings at the Mount

So many say the Mount is a second home and an extended family. What is it like for those brothers and sisters who experience the Mount together?

"Because of our hectic schedules, with work and sports and academics, it’s hard for us to hang out, but we make it work on the weekends."

BARNABY FAMILY
From Tacoma Park, Maryland
(L. to r.) Calvin, C’11, majoring in biology; Joshua, C’09, majoring in accounting; and Oneil, C’08, majoring in math with a history minor

Oneil comments below on what it is like being at the Mount with his two brothers.

"Initially, being here with my siblings felt like a nuisance, but I’ve come to realize the importance of family, especially as the eldest. Whatever I do my brothers will take to heart—so I have to make sure I set the bar at a high but reachable level so they won’t slip through the cracks.

“All three of us came here to experience a world in which we didn’t see people who looked like us. And we are all athletes. I have a scholarship to run track, Joshua has one for soccer, and Calvin is working on obtaining a basketball scholarship. When people hear the name ‘Barnaby,’ we want them to know that we are respectful, respectable and responsible student athletes.

“Because of our hectic schedules, with work, sports and academics, it’s hard for us to hang out, but we make time on the weekends. I love my brothers and they love me, and we look out for one another.”

CHRISTINE FELDMANN, C’08
From Germantown, Maryland
Degree in art education

Followed brother Scott, C’06, to the Mount

“I came to the Mount because I felt very comfortable here and I have always followed my brother around. If he did something first I knew it was something that must be good and safe.

“I’ve experienced a full education of which I can be proud. I love the art classes I have taken, which taught me so much and helped me look at the world in a new way. I also love hiking behind the campus and soaking in the beauty of Mount St. Mary’s. I’ll leave with strong friendships and a deeper religious faith.”

"...I have always followed my brother around. If he did something first I knew it was something that must be good and safe."
NOEL FAMILY
From Mt. Airy, Maryland
(L. to r.) Danny, C'11, majoring in accounting;
Mary, C'09, majoring in history; and
Paul, C'08, majoring in communications

Relatives attending the Mount:
Larry Noel (uncle), C'73
Mike Noel (uncle), C'76
Marilyn Noble Noel (mother), C'77
Harry Noel (uncle), C'79
John Noel (uncle), C'81
Tom Noel (uncle), C'83
Rita Noel (aunt), C'84
Meradith Black (cousin), C'07

Paul comments below on what it is like being at
the Mount with his siblings.

“It felt like a second home when I came as
a freshman. The whole atmosphere is very
focused on community.”

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A Marriage of Science and Sport

Some couples just seem meant to be.
IN DANA AND COLIN'S CASE, THE MOUNT HELPED THEM ALONG.
by Lisa Gregory

MOUNT SCIENCE PROFESSOR
DANA PIRONE WARD, C'97, AND
HUSBAND COLIN WARD, C'94,
PROVE THAT OPPOSITES ATTRACT.

In the early 1990s, Dana Pirone and Colin Ward were both students at the Mount. He was a senior majoring in rhetoric and communications, and she a freshman majoring in both biochemistry and biology. However, neither recalls crossing paths with the other. Colin jokes that it was because Dana "spent all her time in the library, and I didn't!"

While the statement is made tongue-in-cheek, Dana and Colin do give credence to the age-old adage that opposites attract. For example, Dana recently joined the faculty at the Mount as an assistant professor of biology, conducting cutting-edge research on the impact of smooth muscle cell growth on vascular diseases. Colin has spent a large part of his professional life in sports media work, including directing Baltimore Ravens football games for WBAL and WIYY radio.

"Colin has a more outgoing personality," says Dana of her husband. "I'm more reserved."

In fact, both have taken the Myers-Briggs type inventory—and discovered they were the exact opposite of each other in all 16 categories. But some couples just seem meant to be. And, in Dana and Colin's case, they had the Mount helping them along. In the summer of 2004, Dana and Colin both became involved with the Mount alumni team's dragon boat race for Catholic Charities, racing canoe-like boats in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

At that time Dana, who had gone on to receive her Ph.D. in tumor biology from Georgetown University in 2001, had just finished up work as a postdoctoral fellow with the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University and was preparing to become a postdoctoral fellow with the Department of Bioengineering at the University of Pennsylvania. Colin was in the midst of making a career transition from sports media to earning a master's degree in health finance and management from Johns Hopkins. He had worked for the Baltimore television station WBAL and in the production department at the ESPN Zone restaurant chain.

Colin was interested in Dana, but "I kept thinking if I ask her out and it doesn't work, I'm stuck on this boat with her for the next ten weeks training for this race," he recalls.

There was no need to worry. By October 2006, two years later, they were married. "The funny thing was that once we started dating, we realized how many of my friends had married his friends. At the Mount it all seems connected," Dana reflects.

It is a connection they both value deeply. So much so that Dana distinctly wanted to return to her alma mater as a faculty member. "The Mount is a close-knit, nurturing community. I loved the interaction I had here with my professors. I wanted to interact with my own students in the same way."
Colin’s father is a graduate of the class of ’65 and his sister a graduate of the class of ’91. “I didn’t apply to any other school but the Mount,” says Colin, who grew up in Bel Air, Md. Dana, who is from Pasadena, Md., was the first in her family to attend the Mount, but has set the course. Her sister graduated in 2003 and a cousin is currently a student. “We’re beginning a tradition,” she says.

Coming into the Mount, Dana knew she wanted to study science. “As far back as I can remember, I’ve always wanted to understand how our bodies work. It was just always so fascinating for me.”

She followed her passion for science not only during her four years at the Mount but as a graduate student at Georgetown University, where she focused on breast cancer research. As her education continued on to Johns Hopkins and the University of Pennsylvania, she became more and more intrigued by the study of cells and how they function, including cell shape and movement.

Colin, on the other hand, came to the Mount with an early interest in sports. “Let me put it this way,” he says, “I knew that one local channel had sports on at 5:50 and that another channel came on at 5:55 and that I could catch both.”

He solidified his career choice once at the Mount. As part of the freshman seminar course, “we were encouraged to interview someone in the field we were interested in pursuing,” he says. Colin met with Vince Bagli, a local legend and sports announcer at WBAL. “We talked for a couple of hours, and I knew after that meeting that I wanted to go into producing and directing sports.”

Colin interned with the station and then joined WBAL as a full-time sports producer after graduating, covering such events as the breaking news story of the Cleveland Browns’ move to Baltimore and Orioles baseball player Cal Ripken’s 2,632 consecutive game-playing streak. “It’s something to be at all these interesting events helping shape how the story is told,” he says.

However, the demands and pace of the job began to wear on Colin after a few years. He considered other options. Around this time, the ESPN network launched a chain of restaurants called the ESPN Zone, with the first opening in Baltimore. Colin became production coordinator there in 1998, going on to work his way up to manager of creative content with the company’s headquarters in Bristol, Conn., by the next year.

Yet he still felt something was missing and decided to pursue what he refers to as the “family business.” “My father, sister and aunt all have worked in healthcare,” he explains.

He went back to school for a master’s in health sciences and then joined LifeBridge Health in Baltimore in 2003 as an administrative resident and later as an operations consultant. In May 2007, he joined the Greater Baltimore Medical Center as director of corporate strategy. “I’m trying to make sure we’re providing the best care and the right kinds of services to our patient population,” he says.

Colin often finds the information beneficial to his strategic planning work in the healthcare field. “Dana gives me an advance look at where the science is going and maybe what’s coming down the line,” says Colin. “She’s very good at what she does.”

In turn, Dana attempts to follow Ravens football. After all, her husband’s association with the Ravens has made her popular with some fellow faculty members. “They’ll ask what’s going on with a certain player or who will be playing at a certain position,” she says, grinning.

She’s a good sport about it all. However, when tested on her knowledge and jokingly asked what position popular player Ray Lewis plays, she hesitates and looks to Colin for help. He endearingly responds by mouthing the word “linebacker.”

No matter. “We’re good for each other,” he says.

Dana agrees. “Together it works. We work.”
Robert Diegelmann, C’65, is an EMT as well as a professor of biochemistry, anatomy and emergency medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. He has seen firsthand the impact of trauma and injury. With injuries involving severe bleeding in particular he often wished he could do more. “All you can do is put pressure on the wound and get them to the hospital as fast as possible,” he says.

The EMT may have been frustrated. But the scientist was seeking solutions. The result is WoundStat, a revolutionary technology to control severe bleeding. And, although Diegelmann has spent 35 years studying the healing process of wounds and how to better treat them, even he admits that WoundStat is something special. “This stands out,” he says. “It has such lifesaving potential.”

Indeed. Woundstat is a lightweight, granular substance that can stop deadly arterial hemorrhaging in less than three minutes and lasts for more than three hours. WoundStat was recently developed by Diegelmann and his fellow researchers at VCU’s Reanimation Engineering Shock Center (VCURES) using a mineral compound and a highly absorbent polymer. “The material we use is both absorbent and adherent, which helps quickly stop the bleeding while simultaneously facilitating clotting,” explains Diegelmann.

WoundStat, which is being further developed and marketed by TraumaCure, Inc., can be used on wounds that are not reachable by a tourniquet. It is easy to carry and can be applied on the spot. The product received FDA clearance last September after only six weeks of review, and will be made available first to the military. Uncontrolled bleeding is the primary cause of death on the battlefield. In fact, Army estimates state that 20 percent of such deadly injuries could be avoided with an effective hemostatic agent such as WoundStat.

“To be involved with something like this that could help so many people is extremely gratifying,” notes Diegelmann.

THE ROAD TO RESEARCH

For Diegelmann, WoundStat is a continuation of a career that has focused on improving lives. “All research has its place,” he reflects. “But I believe research that helps alleviate human suffering is in a league of its own.”

Diegelmann’s own path as a researcher began early on when he discovered a love for biology in high school—quite by accident, he says. “We had a choice to take biology or typing class. I chose biology.” He adds with a grin, “I’m not very fast on the computer. I still hunt and peck.” Originally from Washington, D.C, Diegelmann attended Catholic schools throughout his education and knew he wanted to attend a Catholic college as well. “I visited the Mount and fell in love,” he says.

Pre-med at the Mount, Diegelmann recalls the faculty as inspiring and encouraging, especially William Meredith, then assistant professor of biology. “He triggered a curiosity in his students,” remembers Diegelmann. “Later, I found myself teaching a lot like he did. He led his students along the trail of discovery.”

On campus, Diegelmman found his place with fellow science students. “The education and history guys called us the ‘Tubes,’ for test tubes. We were always stuck in some corner going
over our organic chemistry notes,” he says with a chuckle.

He adds, “The Mount was a class act school that fostered lifelong values. Here you were on this beautiful campus with its stone buildings and the mountain behind you. And we were close as students. We never needed a fraternity. The whole place was our fraternity. We all looked after each other.”

After graduating and despite being a strong student, Diegelmann struggled with the standard testing process and was unable to get into medical school. Instead, he decided to attend Georgetown University for his master’s degree. While there he became involved with research on the biosynthesis of an anti-cancer drug called Actinomycin D. The drug was developed to treat Wilm’s tumor, a kidney cancer found in children, and is still used today.

Diegelmann had found his calling. “I loved research,” he says, “and that whole experience of working on a project to develop new applications no one knows about yet.”

He went on to receive his Ph.D., teaching second-year medical students along the way. “Ironic, huh?” he says. His time at Georgetown was quickly followed by a three-year stint as a postdoctoral fellow at NIH’s National Cancer Institute’s Laboratory of Physiology. While there he studied the biosynthesis of collagen, the protein that makes up skin, bone, tendons and ligaments. By 1972, he had joined Virginia Commonwealth University’s medical college at the urging of a former colleague from NIH. “He had started up the division of plastic surgery,” says Diegelmann, “and recruited me.”

settling in
At VCU, Diegelmann established the Wound Healing Research Laboratory in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. During those early days, he remembers often accompanying his colleague and friend on rounds. “I’d see the patients who had been in auto accidents or suffered some other type of blunt force trauma. Many had facial injuries. I’d think to myself, ‘What can we do to find ways to help patients heal and feel better?’”

“There are so many problems in dealing with wounds,” says Diegelmann, who is now the director of the Laboratory of Tissue Repair at VCU Medical Center. “With excessive healing you have scar tissue and fibrosis. On the other side, there are patients who don’t heal, with chronic pressure ulcers or diabetic ulcers.

“Treating wounds was based on a trial and error approach in the past. No one really understood what was happening within a wound on the molecular and biochemical level. When tissue is disrupted what comes into play to allow that wound to heal? Once we understand this process better, we can design better treatments.”

Diegelmann cofounded the Wound Healing Society and co-edited the textbook, “Wound Healing: Biochemical and Clinical Aspects.” He has published well over 150 scientific manuscripts and book chapters on wound healing. His research has been continuously funded by NIH, the Department of Defense and private industry. Currently, he is a senior scientist with VCURES and is the program director of the NIH Post Doctoral Training Program on Signaling in Tissue Injury and Repair.

As a member of the VCU medical school faculty, he has taught countless students and found much gratification. “I find it very enjoyable to interact with students,” he says. “It keeps you thinking and keeps you young.” In 2005, he was recognized with the school of medicine’s highest award for teaching excellence.

Life outside of the lab and classroom has been full as well. He and his wife, Penny, have five children. A son and daughter, now grown, are pursuing careers in the medical field. The Diegelmanns for a number of years opened their hearts and home to foster children through the Catholic Charities program. “When babies were put up for adoption, the mother had 30 days to think it over,” says Diegelmann. “We kept the babies those 30 days before sending them off to their new families. We’d take a lot of pictures and document what took place that first month for the adoptive parents. We loved having the babies around.”

In the early 1990s, he joined the Forest View Rescue Squad near his Virginia home as a volunteer EMT. He went on to serve as deputy chief, captain and vice president and has been honored for his work there. Diegelmann finds the experience challenging and invigorating. “You never know what you are going to see—from an elderly lady who has fallen to a massive multi-car pile up with severe injuries.”
“It’s my way of having patient interaction. That’s important to me.”
And, in many ways, to his research, as well. “You clearly see the need,” he says.

THE BIRTH OF WOUNDSTAT
With such a need in mind, he and his fellow researchers several years ago began searching for a way to better treat wounds involving severe bleeding. “We were screening a variety of mineral and organic compounds, looking at materials that could facilitate blood clotting,” he explains. They were without much success.
Then, while home during Christmas break, Diegelmann had an idea about a particular mineral compound that might just do what they needed. “I called up my colleague, Kevin Ward, an emergency medicine physician, and told him what I had in mind,” recalls Diegelmann. “He said, ‘Meet me in the lab tomorrow morning.’”
The two did just that. The mineral compound proved successful. “It not only stopped the bleeding, but actually pulled the fluid out, as well as triggering clotting,” says Diegelmann. “I remember, we looked at each other thinking, ‘We really have something here!’”

According to Diegelmann, WoundStat appears to absorb the fluid components of blood so quickly it causes the platelets to release their clotting factors, thus resulting in clot formation. “A fibrin clot forms after only 10 seconds when blood is exposed to WoundStat,” he says. In addition, WoundStat becomes very sticky and forms a mold-like structure around the injured artery, sealing off the area.
With backing from the university, the researchers applied for a patent. “It was a big investment,” says Diegelmann. Thus far, however, WoundStat has far exceeded even initial expectations. A study published in the Journal of Trauma comparing WoundStat technology to then-existing products revealed that WoundStat succeeds where others fail. And it appears to have a long shelf life and does not cause any serious side effects.

“There’s a lot of excitement in the lab these days,” remarks Diegelmann.
Besides its use on the battlefield, Diegelmann envisions WoundStat being kept in police cars and ambulances as well as at schools and other facilities. It could be used during natural disasters or “any place someone is responding to an emergency situation,” he explains.
He and his fellow researchers also hope to develop a way to use WoundStat to control internal bleeding. “We’re looking at the same basic chemical components but with a different delivery system.”

ON TO THE NEXT CHALLENGE
Diegelmann eagerly anticipates new challenges ahead. In November he was awarded a $1.6 million grant from the U.S. Army for a new three-year project studying the optimization of wound healing to limit infection.

“It’s like having a favorite hobby that you are passionate about and get paid to enjoy. Every day is different and exciting. I’m having a lot of fun.”
And helping save a lot of lives.
Natalie Curtis (1876-1921) devoted most of her life to the study of Native and African American music. A classically trained musician from a well-established eastern family, she seemed better suited for a career in the music halls of a major city than one spent on isolated Indian reservations. A trip to the Southwest, where she became captivated by Navajo singing, altered the course of her life. After this Curtis published books, articles and music scores on what she termed America’s “folk” music. Her fascination with Indian and black songs led her to advocate for better understanding and treatment of their singers.

So that’s who Natalie Curtis was—but the question remains, “Whatever will you do with your research?” And one might add, knowing that I teach at a liberal arts institution, “How could she possibly impact your classroom teaching?” After all, Curtis never appears in textbooks used in American Experience or even in women’s history. What, then, is Natalie Curtis doing at the Mount?

First of all, she reminds us that the study of women’s experiences matters. Women’s historians have increasingly turned their attention toward the lives of ordinary women. Studying people like Curtis allows us to understand society’s expectations and beliefs about the roles and responsibilities of its members. These understandings of what it means to be a woman or a man shaped women’s opportunities and outlooks. Examining gender allows us to study and teach the past in exciting new ways.

Secondly, this research has pushed me toward a range of sources and an interdisciplinary methodology. I not only pored over “traditional” sources like Curtis’s published writings or the papers of Theodore Roosevelt, but I also consulted family photo albums, field notebooks and musical scores. My research became interdisciplinary as I discovered that I needed the insights provided by scholars of music, anthropology, art and literature. Teaching at a university that values interdisciplinary connections has been especially rewarding, allowing me to share with Mount students the exhilaration of creative and engaged research in many areas of the liberal arts.

Finally, Curtis’s story is important because she provides a vehicle for critically assessing questions of social justice and responsibility. Her life revealed that these are often complicated questions. For example, Curtis portrayed herself as a “white friend” to Native and African Americans. But in doing so she resorted to stereotyping and romanticizing, often patronizing the very people she sought to liberate. My struggle to reconcile these contrasting impulses has allowed me to pose similarly complicated historical dilemmas to my students. More importantly, though, her willingness to forgo an easy, sheltered life to advocate for these oppressed groups serves as an important example of social responsibility.

These lessons reaffirm how crucial it is for scholars at “teaching colleges” to maintain an active research agenda and to share, in their own ways, their findings. I still don’t expect my students to be able to answer the question, “Who is Natalie Curtis?”—but I hope that the important lessons from her life remain with them.
A funeral Mass was held for President Emeritus Houston on Jan. 25 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

From the eulogy given by President Thomas H. Powell

Albert Schweitzer said it best, “Example is not the main thing in life…it is the only thing in life.”

George Houston taught us at the Mount to be an academic community where people speak and listen carefully and respectfully to each other, where virtues are perceptively present and effectively operative, where interpersonal relationships are prized, where accomplishments are celebrated and where integrity is the hallmark.

Look around Mount St. Mary’s, as George would say “This Old House,” and you see the love, generosity and leadership of President George Houston.

He taught us about humor... to be serious in our work, but not to take ourselves too seriously. His humor, which marked his intelligence and joy for life, was always at his expense, never another’s. He taught us about the importance of little acts of kindness. He taught us of the importance of scholarship. He was continually learning. There were not too many subjects he could not discuss or was not interested in. It was no doubt why he made easy friends with strangers.

So our task today is to pay tribute to this wonderful man who enriched our lives by living in a Christ-like fashion of love, generosity and example:

- To be better Christians, informed, inspired and guided by God’s love;
- To be selfless in service to others;
- To be scholars...to keep ourselves young at heart by learning and reading; and,
- To laugh more.

We are sad today, because he will not be with us on the rest of our life’s journey... and for our loss of his generous love.

Make no mistake; his seeming absence is in us and not him. For Christians, death is not an end but a new and better beginning. Our hope and prayer is that he is with us today, not as a colleague but now as an intercessor in the communion of saints.

His life, his love, his generosity were the legacy he left us. We would all do well to follow his great example.
From the eulogy given by Father Gasper F. Lo Biondo, S.J.,
director of the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown
University

George was an accounting teacher, who taught so much more than
accounting.

From the eulogy given by family friend Michael Bento

George was an accounting teacher, who taught so much more than
accounting.

I didn’t take accounting. I never learned whether the debits were
by the window or the door. But I learned so much more, thanks to
my friend George.

Complete text of all eulogies can be found at
www.msmary.edu/houston.
FACES OF THE BICENTENNIAL CLASS

In the fall of 2004, we introduced you to several new members of the Bicentennial Class. As the class of 2008 prepares to graduate—approximately 80 undergraduates, 100 graduate students and 46 seminarians—some of those we interviewed earlier reflect on their time at the Mount.

Shaun Moran, C’08
Long Island, New York
B.A. in theology and philosophy

“The best part of my past four years at the Mount was making friendships that will last for the rest of my life. I also grew in my faith and understanding of God and what He is doing in my life.”

Lauren Neville, C’08
Poolesville, Maryland
B.S. in biology

“The best part of my time at the Mount was my experience in undergraduate research. Working in a biology lab over the past four years helped me develop my technical research skills and, more importantly, developed my love for the field and allowed me to fully appreciate my potential as a scientist.

“My experience in the science department led me to seek an internship at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md., where I have been working on a therapeutics study for the Ebola Zaire virus. I plan to attend graduate school this fall in a biomedical research Ph.D. program.

“Our class represents the progress the Mount has made over the past 200 years; yet future generations will be able to look back at our class and reflect on how far they will have come as well. It’s important to reflect on the Mount’s rich history, yet at the same time look toward the future for the great things that will continue to come from this institution.”

“I feel honored to graduate as part of the Bicentennial Class. I remember freshman year when I heard that my class was going to be the Bicentennial Class, I thought, ‘Wow, we are a huge part of this school’s history now.’ I feel privileged to be part of this community.

“After graduation I plan to pursue my master’s in theology here at the Mount while I finish up my final year of eligibility for the lacrosse team. When I am finished with my master’s, I hope to return to Long Island and find a position working with young people in the Catholic Church.

“One person who had a big impact on my life was a seminarian last year who is now a priest in Vermont. Through his work with Kairos he was able to show me the impact that God can have on a person’s life if they are willing to let Him. Father Schnobrich showed me what it meant to be a true Christian and taught me how to persevere through all the tough times in life.

“My favorite thing about the Mount is the entire campus, including its students. Every time I drive down Route 15 on my way back from a break, I look for the giant statue of Mary on the Mount. When I am finally able to see that statue, I know I am home.”

“My favorite thing about the Mount is that it gives every student an ability to thrive. Aside from the many social and extracurricular activities available to students, there is an underlying framework at the Mount that allows for the educational and career development for anyone who is interested. My personal experience at the Mount reveals some of the opportunities for students in the sciences, but there is a plethora of opportunities here for every student, no matter where his or her interests lie.”

Lauren at her sister Erica’s graduation from Poolesville High school in June 2007; Lauren with her fiance Stuart Neighbours
Daniel Ketter, S’08
Atlanta, Georgia
M.Div. and priest for the Archdiocese of Atlanta

“The best aspect of my six years here at the Mount has been the relationships—my relationship with God, first and foremost, but also my relationships with so many great guys from around the country and around the world. We’ll always share the bond of having been prepared for the priesthood at the Mount, of being ‘Mount priests.’

“Shortly before my ordination in May my archbishop will tell me to which parish in Atlanta I have been assigned. Prior to beginning that assignment I plan to attend some of the ordinations of my classmates in different parts of the country.

“It’s an honor to stand in such a long line of tradition and be part of an institution that has played a significant role in building the church in the United States. The challenge to us is to honor those who preceded us these past 200 years by being strong, holy men of the Mount and of the church.”

Karyn Farrar, C’09
Mount Airy, Maryland
B.S. in psychology

“I really enjoyed playing soccer here at the Mount; it’s where I made some of my best friends, and most of my best memories. It was great to see the new stadium built and the Mount community rally around the teams this year.

“The best part about the Mount was the freedom I gained by coming here. Outside of the classroom, I’ve had an opportunity to learn time management, money management and responsibility. Oh, and how to cook!

“As for a career, I decided last summer that I would like to go into physical therapy. So I will actually be going into a fifth year of undergraduate study to finish all of my prerequisites before applying to doctoral programs in physical therapy.

“There are a few people I will never forget here at the Mount. My soccer co-captain Anna Lebo signifies what it means to be a great person. She is caring, considerate and a great friend. She taught me a lot about what’s important in life, and how to manager the stressors that come with college.”

Daniel at his Lector Promise with Bishop David Foley, now retired Bishop of Birmingham, Alabama. Daniel with the Cassar Family, a family from Atlanta with whom he is very close and godfather to their oldest son, Simon. (L. to r.): Kathleen, Simon, Carina, Daniel, Colette, Andrew (in Joe’s arms), Paul, and Joe.

“One of my favorite spots on campus these years has been St. Bernard’s Chapel in the main seminary building. I, like every man who comes to the seminary, have done a lot of soul searching with God in that little chapel. The size, the lighting, the decor make it a very comfortable place to relax and pray. A lot of our daily liturgies, conferences and retreats have taken place in St. Bernard’s Chapel so it’s a place loaded with significant memories for me. It will be a joy to return to the Mount as an alumnus and offer Mass in that special place.”

“Top, left to right: Jen Baker, Karyn Farrar, Emily Menotti and Anna Lebo; Karyn playing soccer.

“The other person I’ll never forget is one of my professors, Dr. Robert Keefer. He is my academic advisor and was my advisor for my senior psychology project. He really challenged me. He has high expectations for his students, and he taught me that to get anywhere in life, I’m going to have to work hard.”
From the venues to the topics, the Mount St. Mary’s Presidential Leadership Lecture Series 2007-08 has been a huge success in Baltimore and Washington this year. Speakers at the dinner or the luncheons have run the gamut from education for student athletes … to women of faith … to Osama Bin Laden. The sign of a successful speaker is not just the applause at the end but the lively discussions that ensue when the speech is over. To say that top FBI guy Thomas Harrington, C’78, generated interest about terrorism in the post-9/11 world is an understatement!

Whether it’s the Center Club or the Sulgrave, the elegant surroundings have served as backdrops for invited guests to mix and mingle and participate in engaging question and answer periods with the speakers. The series’ second season began in November and runs through May, when the final guest speaker is the amazing George Weigel, Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, who names the pope and the president among his closest friends.

Visit www.msmary.edu/lectures for complete text of all addresses.
NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

MONSIGNOR JOHN J. ENZLER, S’73
Monsignor John Enzler is the pastor of Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament parish in Washington, D.C. He is also the Archdiocese of Washington’s vicar for development and has been the moderator of the Cardinal’s Appeal since 1994. He has held several leadership positions in the archdiocese’s Office of Youth Ministry and is currently the OYM coordinator of development.

At the Mount, Enzler is co-chair of the Generations campaign and serves on the Rector’s Council. He served on the President’s Council from 1995-2002 and rejoins the board after serving from 1987-95.

JAMES V. MCAVENEY JR., C’66
Mr. James McAveney enjoyed a 30-year career in accounting and banking, serving as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Loyola Federal Savings Bank before retiring in 1995. He has held offices in the Financial Managers Society of Savings Institutions, the Maryland League of Financial Institutions and the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants. He also helped organize the Greater Baltimore Chapter of Operation Smile, which he chaired for five years.

McAveney has served on the Business Advisory Council for the Mount’s business department and is currently on the President’s Council.

ROBERT J. SMITH, C’64
Mr. Robert Smith is a nationally recognized partner in the Labor and Employment Practice of Morgan Lewis, where he counsels employers in the public and private sectors. Before joining Morgan Lewis, Smith held several leadership positions with Texas Instruments, Inc. He received his J.D. in 1972 from Georgetown University Law Center.

Smith has served on the boards of Catholic Charities, Friends of the National Zoo, the National Chamber Orchestra and St. Coletta School of Greater Washington, Inc.

MAJ. GEN. JOHN A. “TONY” STUDDS, C’60
Retired Maj. Gen. Tony Studds was the former commanding general of the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Western Recruiting Region, San Diego. His personal decorations include: the DON Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat “V,” and National Intelligence Medal of Achievement, among others.

Following retirement from the Marine Corps, Studds was the president and CEO of the Data Interchange Standards Association. Since retiring to Florida, he has served as president of the Baytree Community Association.
From ethics violations to abusive language on the sidelines ... performance-enhancing drugs that damage health and integrity ... criminal charges against athletes at all levels ... what do we become when the message is, ‘Win at all costs?’

In an age when athletic competition often seems to bring out our worst, the Mount St. Mary’s University sports chaplaincy program reminds us of sport’s potential to bring out our best.

The Mount, a small Division I school for several years now has paired varsity and club teams with chaplains chosen from among the men studying for the priesthood.

Team chaplains lead prayer before practices and games or in times of crisis; gather student athletes for retreats and special Masses; and assist the teams in community service efforts. They also monitor study halls and encourage students academically (very much appreciated in required theology and philosophy courses). They are mentors, authority figures and friends.

University President Thomas H. Powell believes the program is an important way to support Mount athletes. “Student athletes are held to a higher standard—and they often have higher GPAs—as they balance academics with a demanding practice and competition schedule.”

He continued, “Even a small Division I program can reassert the value of intercollegiate athletics. We’re here to develop a trilogy of mind, body and spirit.”

To the Rev. Leo Patalinghug, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary director of pastoral field education, competition is valuable—for the right reasons. “College athletics should be about the desire to be the best athlete you can be, not simply wanting to win,” he said. “Our chaplains are there to help men and women ask, ‘What am I going to do with these God-given talents? Who am I playing for, and to what end?’”

Chaplains are carefully chosen and normally paired with a team for the duration of their seminary training. When a seminarian expresses interest, Patalinghug works with the seminary rector, vice rector and formation advisor to determine whether or not he is a good fit for the program. Candidates must be healthy, have good grades and have the potential to be relevant and effective in the ministry.

An interest in athletics is essential, explained Patalinghug, who is a third-degree black belt and former member of the U.S. martial arts stickfighting team. Chaplains have played on college varsity and intramural teams, majored in physical therapy or are avid runners. Many continue to play on Mount intramural teams or on the seminary’s champion Rector’s Cup soccer team.

Noted Patalinghug, “The pressures of a popular athlete become very difficult, and the chaplains are there as a sounding board, a reminder that God is everywhere and He can help you learn to win—and lose—well.”

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Coaches have called on chaplains to talk to an entire team whose members are making unhealthy choices. Many athletes agree the chaplains are valuable mentors because they add a fresh perspective without being judgmental. Several say they feel comfortable asking their chaplain for help with everything from relationships to school work to disciplinary issues.

Said Vincent Berry, a junior soccer team captain, “The chaplain is a man of God, a man of many virtues, and so I feel I can trust him fully. He brings a different perspective because he’s not a teammate or a coach.”

Added captain Steve Cant, a senior, “I appreciate the chaplain’s openness and willingness to help. I’ve discussed everything with him. He wants to see the team win and do well, but he also
“Even a small Division I program can reassert the value of intercollegiate athletics. We’re here to develop a trilogy of mind, body and spirit.”—President Thomas H. Powell

remembers that sport is about our growth as individuals.”

Strong friendships often develop between a chaplain and team members. Noted sophomore Katie Bollinger, who plays defense on the women’s lacrosse team, “Our chaplain offers friendship to everyone and sincerely cares about the whole team and coaching staff. You can tell him anything in confidence and know he is there to listen and guide you in the right direction. I value Bill as a respectable friend from a higher authority.”

As with many college friendships, bonds often last far beyond graduation. Coaches and students have attended their chaplains’ ordinations and asked them to preside at weddings. Former chaplains have come back to campus for games or traveled to their team’s tournaments. Remarked Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Lynne Robinson, “The program is incredibly positive and enriching for both student athletes and seminarians.”

THE BIG PICTURE
Many at the Mount believe the program’s spiritual connection gives student athletes an advantage in their sport and much more. Casey-Mae Fleischer, a senior on the cross country and track teams, explained, “Having a chaplain who reminds us to pray enables us to see the purpose beyond that particular race on that particular day, to see how we should strive to glorify God in the quality and effort we put into competing. This really gives us an edge in competition.”

It is an edge that can carry over into all aspects of life. Reflected Head Cross Country and Track Coach Jim Stevenson, “Seeing God in their passion for sport helps the students see God as an integral part of their life. Having a team chaplain can forge a connection to their life beyond college and sports.”

Jason Weber, the men’s soccer team chaplain, noted that he actively encourages team members to look beyond soccer and the pleasures of college life. “Part of this is encouraging them to practice their faith, whether it’s getting the Catholics to Mass or helping those of other faiths find a church nearby,” he said. “I try to draw out that a lot of life choices they’ll make—marriage, career, growing spiritually—will require sacrifice and commitment, just as in their training for soccer.”

The chaplains stress the value of the many virtues intercollegiate athletics can foster: discipline, dedication, perseverance, teamwork, leadership. These form a person of character, someone ready for life’s challenges.

Said Patalinghug, “When you rely on inner strength, whether you recognize it as God’s or not, you don’t have to just play to the crowd or rely on drugs. You achieve a focus that helps you be your best.”

A WINNING COMBINATION
The program is a natural for the Mount. According to Monsignor Stuart Swetland, S’91, vice president for Catholic identity and mission, “More than one-fifth of our students are athletes, plus we have a strong seminary program—it’s a win-win situation that builds leadership and community, pillars of our university.”

Seminarians benefit as much as student athletes. Tim Naples, cross country and track chaplain and assistant coordinator of the chaplaincy program, said, “It’s a taste of the ministry we’ll have one day as priests. It’s a challenge, to bring faith into ordinary situations without being pushy.”

Weber added, “The experience is very practical, the fellowship is inspiring … and I get to watch great soccer!”

Swetland reflected, “The chaplaincy program is among the best field training our seminarians get because it’s so real. Athletes are dealing with the struggle to balance their commitments, just as our future priests’ parishioners will be struggling to balance career and family. The need to balance is a fact of life.”

Balance, character, inspiration, our best: The very soul of intercollegiate athletics is what the Mount St. Mary’s University sports chaplaincy program is all about.

REFLECTIONS FROM AN ALUMNUS
The Rev. Rich O’Donnell, S’05, now a pastor in Vermont, looks back fondly on his four years as chaplain to the Mount baseball team. He deeply treasures the friendships he made with team members and Head Coach Scott Thomson.

“The chaplaincy program is one of the best programs the Mount offers to athletes and seminarians. Throughout my time there, students were able to deepen their faith by team prayer and social outreach projects. One year over October break nine baseball players and I went to Kingston, Jamaica, to help teach children, rebuild homes and just listen to people’s stories.

“I remember so often road trips would turn into conversations about life, goals, hopes, failures and faith. Once while we were on the road a baseball player had a family member commit suicide, and I know that having a chaplain there brought comfort to the family and helped us talk about it as a team.

“I still talk to many of the players, and the head coach and I have become best of friends. I will always be grateful for my time as chaplain.”
The Mount St. Mary’s men’s basketball team enjoyed a memorable season, riding a late hot streak that saw the team capture its third Northeast Conference Championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1999. The Mount’s win over Coppin State in the NCAA Opening Round game was the Mount’s first NCAA Division I Tournament victory.

Things did not look so bright in mid January after the Mount fell to Sacred Heart, 67-59, at home to fall to 8-10 on the season. It was at this point that head coach Milan Brown made a key decision that helped spur his team down the stretch.

After seeing his team score under 60 points in each of the previous four games, Brown decided the Mount needed to become an up-tempo team, handing the keys to the offense to lightning-quick point guard Jeremy Goode.

After falling to Wagner, 74-70, in the first game after the switch, the Mount went 11-4 the rest of the season, averaging 75.6 points per game to finish with a 19-14 record, the second-best mark in the Division I era at the school. Included in that run was a six-game winning streak that saw the Mount capture the Northeast Conference title and the NCAA Opening Round game against Coppin State.

After finishing fourth in the NEC, the Mount rattled off three straight victories to capture the league crown. After dispatching Quinnipiac, 80-70, at home in the quarterfinal round, the Mount downed top-seeded Robert Morris, 83-65, in the semifinals to earn a spot in the NEC title game.

The Mount relied on its defense and the hot shooting of tournament MVP Jean Cajou to earn a 68-55 win over Sacred Heart in the NEC final to advance to the NCAA Tournament for the third time in school history. The Mount earned a spot in the NCAA’s annual Opening Round game against Coppin State. Before a national television audience on ESPN and a crowd of more than 8,000 in Dayton, Ohio, the Mount downed the Eagles, 69-60, to move on to a matchup with No. 1 North Carolina.

Mount St. Mary’s stayed true to what brought them to the tournament by running with the Tar Heels, one of the top scoring teams in the nation. The Mount trailed 41-33 late in the first half before North Carolina closed the half on a 19-to-8 run for a 60-41 lead. North Carolina eventually earned a 113-74 victory before a partisan crowd at the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C.

With virtually the entire roster back, the Mount men’s basketball team has high hopes to challenge for the NEC title again next year.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL NEWS
The 2007-08 Mount St. Mary’s women’s basketball team had a fresh look thanks to a new head coach and 10 newcomers.

First-year head coach Bryan Whitten picked up his first Mount win at Lafayette (55-51) on Nov. 17. Senior Tiffany Green (pictured left) became the 23rd player in program history to reach 1,000 points and finished her career in 13th place (1,246 points).

Freshmen Mary Dunn and Lauren Howell each had an impressive first season. Dunn earned a spot on the NEC All-Rookie team after posting 250 points and 234 rebounds. Howell connected on 14-straight 3-point attempts to tie the NCAA Division I record for consecutive makes.
Greetings fellow alums!

As students at the Mount are gearing up for their end-of-year exams and making summer plans, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the things going on in the National Alumni Association.

First on my list is the Bicentennial Celebration. So far, we have held some wonderful events up and down the East Coast, allowing our guests to reconnect with old friends and view a portion of the Mount’s bicentennial documentary, which is sure to bring a lump to anyone’s throat. If you are able to attend one of the upcoming bicentennial events, I guarantee you will be glad you did.

I also want to urge you to attend Bicentennial Reunion Weekend (June 6-8, 2008). It will be a spectacular weekend of celebration for our 200th birthday, with a festival on Echo Field, a live concert by the Fabulous Greaseband, and a special fireworks display!

My next item is a request for help – as you may know, we are always looking for volunteers to serve as Class Agents. These alumni help facilitate communication among their classmates and remind them to support Mount St. Mary’s through the Annual Fund. Please consider becoming an agent for your class. If you are interested, contact Marianne Dempsey, the director of annual giving, at dempsey@msmary.edu or 301-447-5360.

Finally, I lay down a challenge to you! Dr. Powell has asked the National Alumni Association to join his efforts in increasing our alumni participation in the Annual Fund to 40%. This would put us near the top among our peer institutions and be a great source of pride for the Mount. Remember, it is not so much the amount of your donation that matters, but your participation!

Don’t be left out! Register today ...

VISIT WWW.MSMARY.EDU/ALUMNI AND CLICK ON “MOUNT ONLINE”

We have all benefited from the labor and sacrifice of those who have gone before us these 200 years. Please join me in making certain that we do for future Mounties what has been done for us. I suggest that it is not only an opportunity, but a responsibility for us. Since much has been given to us, much should be expected!

Be well,

Patrick J. Goles
President, National Alumni Association
The Honorable James P. Courtney, Jr., C’60, celebrated his retirement as a judge in the Superior Court of New Jersey on January 16 at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant, N.J. The event was sponsored by the Ocean County Bar Association. The Mount’s Vice President for Advancement John Butler presented Judge Courtney with a proclamation from President Powell acknowledging January 16 as “Judge James P. Courtney, Jr. Day” at Mount St. Mary’s University. Judge Courtney, a former member of the Board of Trustees, also served the Mount as National Alumni Association president from 1985-89, and as a member of the Bicentennial Commission and chair of the New York Gala Planning Committee.

Judge Courtney, seen below, left, with Vice President for Advancement John T. Butler

1940
- Edward T. Burns
  etburns2@netzero.net

1943 – 65th Reunion
- Philip A. McDonnell
dunmore5@pacbell.net

Phil McDonnell and the Rev. Joseph C. Rusin, both C’43, got together in September 2007 in Dunmore, Pa. Father Joe is now retired and has written two books, “Immigrants of Whites” and “Good Samaritans Are Still Around.” He graciously donated a copy of each book to the Mount St. Mary’s Phillips Library.

1947
- Neil White
  jwhite@windstream.net

1948 – 60th Reunion
- Phil Hurrar
  philhurray@aol.com

James Henderson, C’48, has retired after 41 years working in education as a psychologist for the Springfield, Mass., School Department.

1949
- James P. Stanton
doctby@sbcglobal.net
- Thomas B. Grasberger
tgrasberger@verizon.net
- Bill O’Neill
  ok@weoneill.net

1950
- Bernie Jacobs
  brj4822@earthlink.net

John McLean, C’50, is a happily retired lawyer with seven children and 11 grandchildren. He and his wife spend their winters in Naples, Fla.

John Rossi, C’50, served as a sergeant major in the U.S. Army during World War II, is a retired English teacher, and is the vocational school director at Kaynor Technical School.

1952
- Monsignor Gerard Green
  msggreen@hotmail.com
- Robert J. Keene
  bobemmal1@verizon.net

1953 – 55th Reunion
- Leo Gribbin
- Neil Carmody

1954
- Rear Adm. Thomas F. Brown III
  tfbii4@sbcglobal.net
- Leo E. Green
  leogreen.senatepast@comcast.net

Robert F. Horan Jr., C’54, the longest-serving prosecutor in the state of Virginia, will retire this year as Fairfax County’s chief prosecutor, a position he has held for 40 years. Bob earned his law degree from Georgetown University and served as an assistant prosecutor in Fairfax for two years, then worked as a defense lawyer before he was appointed commonwealth’s attorney in 1967. In June 2007 Bob received the Simon Bruté Medal, the highest honor presented by the Mount’s National Alumni Association.

1955
- Jack McMullen
  jack.mcmullen.gntrg@atlanticbb.net

1958 – 50th Reunion
- Dick Ridgway
- Al Edwards
- Paul Caggiano
- John Walsh
- Dan Mmagle
- Dick Toomey
- Bob Lanniello

1959
- Ed McGroarty, C’59, is a lector at the Basilica of the National Shrine in D.C., at the Franciscan Monastery and at his parish, St. Anthony’s. He also helps out with events such as the Right to Life March. He says, “It is wonderful to associate with all of the inspiring priests, deacons, religious and others. It calls to mind much of my Mount experience—individuals, courses and traditions that must have sunk in more than I realized as a student.” He is very anxious to see the “old gang” at their 50th Reunion next year.

1960
- Michael P. Meyer
  mmchugh10@cox.net

Gene Sullivan, C’60, recently represented the Mount at the installation of Eastern Connecticut State University’s new president, Elsa Nuñez.

Robert J. Sullivan Jr., C’60, is teaching a class about historic Harrisonburg, Va., in the Life Long Institute at James Madison University. In May 2006 he “retired” from J.M.U. after 36 years as a part-time professor of political science. His full-time career as city planning director lasted from 1965 to 1991.

1961
- Charles J. Shimkus
  C_Shimkus@sbcglobal.net
- John Neil Fink
  lucky lou@bcl.net
- Karl Miller
  kmiller195@aol.com

Paul McCloskey Little, C’61, chairman of the Corpus Christi Men’s Retreat, has enjoyed the annual retreat each year since they began in 1978 at the Mount.

1962
- Louis T. Armelin
  larmelin@chesapeake.net
- Michael L. McCarthy
  mike.mccarthy@nmfn.com
- Dennis G. Potter
dgelp@rcn.com
- William Zimmerman
  bill@thetidewatergroup.com

Judge John A. Connor, C’62, served 15 years as a trial judge in the Court of Common Pleas General Division. He is running for the 10th District Court of Appeals next year.
1963 – 45th Reunion

- Dennis Doyle ddenisdoyle@comcast.net
- Joseph E. Farrell sailaction@pecom.net
- Col. “Jack” Lauer jlauer1342@aol.com
- Walt Robinson
- Frank Merolla
- Ed Kuhn
- Denny Doyle
- Brian O’Mea
- George Amoss
- Steve Fletcher
- Ray Parks
- Kevin O’Connell
- Tom Ryan
- Jack Bransfield

Ed Kuhn, C’63, was recently featured in the High School Sports Magazine “Where Are They Now?” column, which gave an overview of his accomplishments as a high school athlete and what he has been doing since. His 2007 induction into the Mount St. Mary’s Hall of Fame was mentioned.

1964

Patrick Flynn, C’64, recently retired as president and CEO of Freeway Corporation, where he has worked for the past 10 years, and began his next career as a professor of accounting at Baldwin Wallace College.

Robert Whalen, C’64, was recently hired as chairman and CEO at Westcliff Medical Laboratories, Inc., of Santa Ana, Calif. Bob was previously CEO at Unilab, Inc., of Tarzana, Calif.

1965

- Nicholas G. Orzel ngo1@psu.edu

1966

- John F. Toale john.toale@sungard.com

J. Edward Bollinger Jr., C’66, retired from Bollinger Roofing Company on March 31, 2007. He recently purchased a travel trailer and wonders if any of his classmates need company!

Donald Leedy, C’66, was recently appointed to the board of directors for the Hepatitis B Foundation, a world-class nonprofit research organization headquartered in Doylestown, Pa. Donald is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Fox Chase Cancer Center. He and his wife currently reside in Marlton, N.J.

John Toale and Al Hudson, both C’66, drove from Totowa, N.J., and Winter Park, Fla., respectively, to attend the Bicentennial Kick-Off events at the Mount Aug. 22-24. Also in attendance were Jim McAvaney and Al Vertino, both C’66, and Al’s wife, Sheila. They had a mini reunion on the Terrace and Founder’s Plaza.

1967

- Dr. Edward A. Dolan emontrie67@aol.com

Joe Perreault, C’67, participated in the 21st National Veterans Golden Age Games in Houston, Texas, in August 2007. He represented the state of Vermont, competing against 700 other veterans, and received a gold medal in golf and a bronze medal in the discus for his age group.

1968 – 40th Reunion

- Thomas Werzyn werzyn@comcast.net
- John J. Gallagher jjgall222@aol.com
- Tom Corrigan
- Tom Caulfield
- Jim Donnelly
- Mike Collins
- Frank DeLuca
- Tom Holmes
- Zeke Kane
- Dick Mathers

1970

- Joseph J. Dougherty

Vincent Castranova, C’70, is currently a member of the Catholic Academy of Science in the United States.

Jeffrey Gill, C’70, has retired as a federal probation officer and is now consulting on federal sentencing guidelines. He also works as a substitute teacher.

1971

- Robert K. Dunn bob.dunn@prosperitymortgage.com
- Jack Ellis jellis@warwick.net
- George J. Savastano Jr. lgsgio@aol.com
- John V. Sherwin sherwin@msmary.edu

John Calamia, C’71, was interviewed by CBS earlier this year for his work in the field of dentistry. The segment aired on the Early Show Jan. 18, 2008.

1972

- Carl Harbaugh charbaugh1@adelphia.net
- Frank G. Lidinsky Fildinsky@Fildinsky.com

1973 – 35th Reunion

- Timothy L. O’Shea toshea@catamaranmedia.com
- Mark J. Swetley mswetley@hotmail.com
- Joseph Hager, C’73, retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years and served as a high school teacher in Texas for 15 years before retiring in 1999.

1974

- John L. Jaffee MSMClassic74@yahoo.com
- Joe McCullin, C’74, works as a teacher and the athletic director at Rising Sun High School in Cecil County, Md.

Charles Spliedt, C’74, was honored by the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness at their first annual One in a Million event in November 2007. Chuck battles a lifelong skin condition in addition to multiple sclerosis. Despite his disability, he has been active since his early teen years with running, biking and racquetball. He holds three master’s degrees and has seven adopted children with his wife of 19 years, Cynthia. Chuck continues to run five to six times per week, often every day, even though his MS can cause him to lose balance and have vision issues.

1975

- Michael P. Connolly mpc7@dcx.com
- Jeffrey T. Handy jeffreythardy@gmail.com
- Romas Laskauskas rlaskauskas@comcast.net
- Paul F. Spinelli topreff@comcast.net
- George Randall, C’75, spread some Christmas cheer to his friends and family this year by dressing up as none other than Santa Claus himself.

1976

- Frederick S. Horn hom2@frontiernet.net

Lt. Col. Allison P. Clark III, C’76, was promoted to the rank of colonel. Col. Clark was assistant chief of staff for personnel, Europe Regional Medical Command, Heidelberg, Germany, and will be reassigned as chief, Military Personnel Division, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. His father, Lt. Col. Allison P. Clark Jr., C’51, was also a career U.S. Army officer.

Gregory Curliss, C’76, recently retired as executive director of the Cumberland County Board of Social Services after 30 years with the board. Greg resides in Vineland, N.J., with his wife, Ginny, and son, John.
1977
- Maryann Solak
  msolak@cox.net
- John Coyne III, C'77, enjoyed an impromptu Mount St. Mary’s reunion when he happened across two fellow Mounties while on vacation in St. Thomas this winter. Meghan Rueter and Brian McMahon, both C’07, are employed at the Ritz-Carlton where John was staying, and according to John, “Meghan was the concierge at the hotel and was doing such a wonderful job in helping my family that I asked where she had gone to school, and she very proudly told me ‘Mount St. Mary’s University!’” Pictured (left to right) are Brian, Meghan and John.

1978 – 30th Reunion
John, C’78, and Kerin (O’Brien) Dezell, C’79, are proud to announce that their daughter, Mary Rose Dezell, graduated from the Mount in May 2007 with a degree in business and finance. Mary is currently employed by Bank of N.Y. Mellon in Philadelphia, Pa.

Ronald V. Joiner, C’78, MBA’84, was recently appointed to the District of Columbia Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation Board of Directors. He was sworn in on Oct. 3, 2007.

1979
- Dave Cohill
dcohill@msmary.edu
- Gary Engelstad, C’79, and his wife, Stephanie (Swenarton) Engelstad, C’81, are pleased to announce that their daughter, Victoria, along with a team of fellow student architects at Catholic University, created the winning design for a chair and altar used by Pope Benedict XVII when he visited Washington, D.C., in April. The project was part of the Papal Design Contest sponsored by Catholic University and the Archdiocese of Washington. Victoria, who is graduating in May, is joining the Peace Corps and leaving for Africa for a 27-month stay shortly after graduation.

1980
- Liz Kiesel Beatty
e.beatty2@verizon.net
- Timothy C. Dec
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- Charles J. Haberkorn
  chaberko@knouse.com
- Nancy Philion Scharff
  lounam4@cs.com

1981
- David Conaghan
david.conaghan@us.cibc.com
- JoAnn (Dello) Bueno Hallahan, C’81, has recently accepted a position as communications director for St. Matthew’s House in Naples, Fla. Her daughter, Kathleen Hallahan, is a junior at the Mount and captain of the tennis team. JoAnn resides in Naples, Fla., with her husband, Robert, daughter Kathleen, and son Bobby.

Rayburn Thompson Jr., C’81, is an executive vice president for Carilion Clinic in Roanoke, Va. He has two children in college; Alex attends the University of Tennessee and Emily attends the University of Virginia.

1982
- Michael Berens
  mbberens@comcast.net
- Michael J. Neuman
  michael.neuman@kennedykrieger.org
- Dennis Rice, C’82, Paul Alberti, C’83, and Tom Cantwell, C’85, recently attended Dining Out Reunion when he happened to Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glymco, Ga. He says that Father Delaney’s criminal law classes and teachings inspired him to go into a law enforcement career.

1983 – 25th Reunion
- Mark Panetta
  mpanetta@mindspring.com
- Joanne Weed McShalley
  francis.mcshalley@verizon.net
- Patrick Allocco, C’83, chairman of AllGood Entertainment, was recently featured in Pollstar Magazine for his “90210” model of live entertainment booking guarantees, which is unique in the industry right now.

1984
- Steve Markey, C’84, has opened Extra Innings Baltimore, an 18,000-square-foot baseball, softball, and strength and conditioning center. The center has eight multi-use pitching tunnels, batting cages, a gym and a pro shop.

Kevin Whalen, C’84, is training for a 1,000-mile law enforcement ride from Georgia to D.C. in memory of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty, and to benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial museum. Kevin has been a federal law enforcement officer since 1987, when he graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glymco, Ga. He says that Father Delaney’s criminal law classes and teachings inspired him to go into a law enforcement career.

1985
- Thomas R. Arrowsmith
  Thmarrow88@msn.com
- Mary Free Kruft
  Mary.Kruft@rsni.com

1987
- Timothy J. Buck
  fourbucks@mindspring.com
- Thomas F. Cahill
  thomas_cahill@ml.com
- Elizabeth (Liz) Malia
  emalia22@hotmail.com

1988–20th Reunion
- Kathleen Gill McDermott
  kmcdermott@windwardcg.com
- Theresa (McAuliffe) Barczy
- Kelli (Digman) Kunert, C’88, is lucky to be the mother of twins Timothy and Katelyn (8). She has been married to husband Timothy for more than 15 years now. She is currently working as the director of admissions and program development for the Foundation Schools.

Class Agents | Class Correspondents | Reunion Chairs | Armed Forces
TOP DOG: MOUNT ALUM HOLDS LEASH

Every dog has its day, including Snoop Dog, better known as Uno, the first beagle ever to win best of show at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Uno, owned by Mount alum Eddie Dziuk, C’85, was named Top Dog at the show in New York in February, where he beat out “two perfect poodles, a top Sealyham terrier, a sleek Weimaraner, an Australian shepherd and an Akita” according to the Associated Press. Plus he set the entire Kennel Club on its ear.

Eddie Dziuk, of Columbia, Missouri, is one of four co-owners of “K-Run’s Park Me in First,” the formal name for the dog who prefers to be called Uno. Eddie has been showing dogs since he was a kid.

Reports say being a beagle is definitely not a plus for winning at Westminster; none have won in the hound category since 1939. Apparently no one told Uno that a beagle is considered a “common” dog and not supposed to win at Westminster. He entered the ring prancing and showing off his personality to the roar of the crowds. He shimmered with star quality as he stopped in front of the judge and began the howling and baying that beagles are known for. When the winner was announced, the crowd went wild and gave the three-year-old pup a standing ovation.

Uno took the whole celeb and paparazzi thing in stride, munching on the microphone cords of reporters who were more interested in interviewing his handlers and owners than the perfect pooch himself.

Zena Edwards Lutz, C’89, was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Berks Basketball Hall of Fame, organized by the Reading/Berks Basketball Old-Timers. Fellow Mountie Mike Schorn, C’66, is the chairman of the organization’s Hall of Fame committee. Zena is also a member of the Mount St. Mary’s Hall of Fame committee. Zena is also a member of the Mount St. Mary’s Hall of Fame for her achievements in basketball and softball.

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- Jennifer (Finley) Dunn
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- Deborah Stocker Giles
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Susan (Casey) Scanlon, C’95, had a big year in 2007. In addition to giving birth to her first child (see Birth Announcements), she graduated magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore School of Law in January, passed the bar exam and was admitted to the Maryland Bar in June.

1996
- Jennifer O’Dea Strangle
  odeaj@yahoo.com

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- Sarah (Moncada) Brion
  sbrion@um.edu
- Kelly A. McLaughlin
  kellymclaughlin@hotmail.com
- Mike Smith
  smitted123@comcast.net

Anne (Sluck) Hainsworth, C’97, was named director of public relations at Koroberi, Inc., an integrated marketing firm in Chapel Hill, N.C. Over the summer Anne spent six weeks in Africa volunteering in orphanages in Ghana.

1998– 10th Reunion
- Alice (Wylie) Baumer
  aau516@yahoo.com
- Harry C. Benjamin
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- William J. Frank
  lnemethnk@comcast.net
- Jennifer Lynn Harris-Eyler
  Theyler6@comcast.net
- Steven R. Wheeler
  stwheeler28@comcast.net
- Pat McGinn

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- Julie Wright Hyland
  juliehyland@verizon.net
- Monsignor Robert J. Jaskot
  rjaskot@archbalt.org
- Linda Kelley Junker
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- Lorraine (Leo) Knepple
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1990
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- The Rev. Rick Hilgartner
  rhlgartner@usccb.org
- Karen Manto-Corrao
  karan113@yahoo.com

1991
- David Cassese
dcassese1@juno.com

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- Lorraine (Leo) Knepple
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- Steven R. Wheeler
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- Pat McGinn
Class Notes

1999
- Tara Bunchalk-Orefice, bunchalk@hotmail.com
- Kevin J. Kalis, kevin_kalis@yahoo.com
- Cynthia Kratz, cikratz@hotmail.com

Thomas R. Tray Jr., C'99, was recently promoted to assistant controller of Incyte Corporation, a publicly traded biotechnology company located in Wilmington, Del. Tom’s responsibilities include managing the external auditor and Sarbanes Oxley process, preparing all SEC quarterly and annual/proxy filings, and various other functions in the Finance department. Tom currently resides in Broomall, Penn., with his wife, Danielle, and son, Thomas III, who recently turned 2 years old. Tom and his wife are expecting another child in March 2008.

2000
- Anne (Stocker) Kalis, akaalis@advertising.com
- Mae Richardson, mae@shgparish.org
- Laura (Portier) LaLumiere, laura.portier@gmail.com

2001
- Kimberlee (Bates) Iardi, kimbates@whiting-turner.com
- Peter B. Mannix, Mannix614@aol.com
- Anthony Solazzo, anthonysolazzo@hotmail.com

Forest Caveny, C’01, is currently enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Michigan. He lives in Michigan with his wife, Angela, and their daughter, Sienna.


2002
- Lizette Chacon, lizard1108@gmail.com
- Kelly (Klinger) Soffel, soffelk@ubcsc.k12.md.us

2003– 5th Reunion
- Rebecca (Walker) Shoemaker, ikasdlaslo@gmail.com
- Brennan McDevitt
- Katie Holahan
- Liam McCusker
- Sarah Murphy

2004
- Kerri-Elizabeth Buccellato, C’04, recently joined Jefferies & Company, Inc., a global investment bank and securities firm, headquartered in New York City as a project management analyst for technology. As part of her career development, Kerri is taking an eight-week PMP preparatory course at Columbia University.

Nathaniel L. Fissel, C’04, was recently promoted to supervisor at Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC. Nat works in the company’s Hanover, Pa., office.

Sarah Frederick, C’04, was recently hired as a financial development associate at U.S. Lacrosse, the national governing body of the sport of lacrosse.

2005
- Jordan Coon, C’05, was recently promoted to senior in the Audit, Accounting and Consulting Department at Ellin & Tucker, Chartered.

Sheila Mulligan, C’05, was recently accepted into the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine on the campus of the National Naval Medical Center located in Bethesda, Md. Sheila will be studying basic science, parasitology, combat medical skills, medical and military history, officers professional development, military applied physiology, epidemiology and several other courses.

2006
- Alba Alvarez, alba_alvarez@email.msmary.edu

2007– 1st Reunion
- Mary Cohill, mecohill@email.msmary.edu
- Justina Dillon, jmdillon@email.msmary.edu
- Emily Senekevitch, senekevitch@email.msmary.edu
- Michelle O’Donnell
- Annie Scott

Ashley Monsour, C’07, is working for Rayer, Lehman & Houck, CPAs, an accounting firm in Frederick, Md. She is continuing her education at Mount St. Mary’s University in the MBA program. She visited Hungary, Czech Republic, Austria and Italy over the summer of 2007.


Bruté Medal
The National Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 2008 recipients of the Simon Bruté Medal. The Bruté Medal honors alumni who have distinguished themselves throughout their career, shown commitment to their community, Mount St. Mary’s or their fellow citizens, and whose recognition as a recipient of this award will bring honor to Mount St. Mary’s University.

John R. Bransfield Jr., C’63
Former president, Roslyn Savings Bank, Jericho, N.Y.; member, Board of Trustees St. Joseph College, Brooklyn; member, Board of Directors, Long Island Philharmonic; chairman, Tilles Center for Performing Arts, Brooklyn; cochair, Mount St. Mary’s Generations campaign.

Dr. Daniel Monagle Jr., C’58
Retired manager, Analytical Sciences, Hercules, Inc., Wilmington, Del.; former assistant vice president, MBNA; past president, Delaware Chapter; past member, National Alumni Council; past member, Science and Math Advisory Council; class of 1958 representative, Alumni Reunion Weekend.

In Memoriam


1940s
- Mr. William J. O’Connor Jr., C’42
  Oct. 30, 2007
- The Rev. Aloysius Galvin, SJ, C’44
  Nov. 23, 2007

1950s
- Dr. Joseph P. O’Connell, MD, C’50
  Oct. 4, 2007
- Mr. Samuel Freeland Kenney, C’51
  Nov. 28, 2007
- Mr. Joseph F. Gelish, C’52
  Dec. 7, 2007
- The Rev. Hugh M. Gloninger, C’52
  Nov. 22, 2007
- The Rev. William C. Eelman, S’53
  Nov. 29, 2007
- Mr. Richard N. Kerr, C’54
  Jan. 11, 2008
- Dr. Garrett B. Lyons, C’56
  Dec. 14, 2007
- Mr. H. Eugene Lindemann Jr., C’58
  Oct. 10, 2007
- The Rev. William F. Ruehl, S’58
  Dec. 19, 2007

1960s
- Mr. Robert H. Camp, C’60
  Dec. 5, 2007
- Mr. Michael M. Wyatt, C’61
  Dec. 14, 2007

1970s
- The Rev. Michael D. Kelly, S’71
  Dec. 24, 2007
- Mrs. Rosemary J. Harmon, C’79
  Dec. 23, 2007

1980s
- Ms. Margaret F. Large, C’81
  Dec. 20, 2007
- The Rev. Philip L. Luther, S’87
  Jan. 9, 2008

1990s
- Mr. William A. Blose II, C’93
  Dec. 3, 2007

2000s
- Ms. Mary C. Sayers, MBA’02
  Jan. 25, 2008
Frank Miele, C’87, and Amy Miele
Elisabeth Grace and Emma
Catherine
Nov. 12, 2007
1. Glenn Watkins, C’87, and
Sandra Watkins
Grant William
Dec. 3, 2007
2. Catherine (Holtzer) Boarman,
C’90, and Gerard Boarman, C’91
Jake William
Oct. 13, 2007
3. Robert A. Mentz, C’91, and
Kristin Mentz
Trevor Jacob
Aug. 30, 2007
Pictured with big sister Chloe (3)
Elisabeth (Wall) Montante, C’91, and
Michael Montante
Audrey
July 25, 2007
4. Kevin, C’94, and Tricia
(Schofield) Little, MBA’96
Riley Anna
Sept. 19, 2007
Pictured with big sister Erin and big brother Michael
5. Inga Rohe-Prevett, C’94, and
James Prevett
Sophia Cathleen
July 26, 2007
6. Allison (McGinn) Keefe, C’96, and
David Keefe
Kyle David
Aug. 17, 2007
Pictured with big sister Maeve (2)
7. Jennifer (Smith) Griffis, C’97, and
Michael Griffis
Katherine Elizabeth
Oct. 9, 2007
Pictured with big sister Emilie (3)
8. Bridget (Hanlon) Cooper, C’98, and
Christian Cooper
Fintan James
Aug. 14, 2007
9. Jennifer Harris-Eyler, C’98, and
Kevin Eyler
Maura Brooke
April 22, 2007
Pictured with big sisters Mackenzie
Leanne (left), Morgan Brenna (right) and Madisen Harris (holding Maura)
Kristi (Hoban) White, C’98, and
Michael White
Michael Edward
Sept. 25, 2007
Aaron Price, C’98, and Sarah Price
Natalie Beatrice
Jan. 31, 2007
Laura Portier-Lalumiere and Ryan
LaLumiere, both C’00
Ethan James
July 18, 2007
10. Forest Caveney, C’01, and Angela
Caveney
Sienna Teanne
Feb. 13, 2007
Kate (Coleman) Malone, C’01, and
Brady Malone
Margaret (Maggie) Claire
Jan. 3, 2007
Ken, C’00, and Thea (Maddox)
Hofgesang, C’01
Landon Tyler
Aug. 25, 2007
11. Tom, C’02, and Lindsey
(Langella) Dryer, C’04
Benjamin
Pictured with big brother Matthew (3)
12. Susan (Casey) Scanlon, C’95, and
Timothy Scanlon
Madaline Mackenzie
Aug. 15, 2007
C. Newton Weaver, C’75, and Ekaterina (Saduyan) Weaver
Sept. 17, 2007
Ocean City, Md.

Melissa (Joy) Dowd, C’92, and Thomas Dowd
Dec. 1, 2007
Little Baker Chapel, Westminster, Md.
Several of Melissa’s family members who are Mount graduates were in attendance at the wedding: Donald Joy, C’53, father of the bride; Sandra (Joy) Raines, C’84, sister of the bride; and Cindy (Joy) Raines, C’87, sister of the bride.

Lenore (O’Connor) Dustin, C’98, and John Dustin
Sept. 22, 2007
St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Rockville, Md.

Kim (Taylor) Hohenstein and Randy Hohenstein, both C’00
Sept. 29, 2007
Baltimore, Md.

Erin (Callahan) Woerner, C’01, and Patrick Woerner
July 28, 2007
Newark, Del.
Mounties in attendance included:
Jen (Sealing) Cleary, Kerry (Yates) Murphy, John Murphy, Becky (Batchelor) Sebber, Dan Sebber, Gen (Almskog) Mulderig, Kathleen Tunney, Patrick “Buddy” McCuen, Mary (Saynuk) Monroe, Katie Hopkins and Ryan Buss, all C’01, and John Cleary III, C’00.

Kevin Davis, C’01, and Bernadette (Laracy) Davis, C’05
Aug. 18, 2007
Jersey City, N.J.

Mary (Saynuk) Monroe, C’01, and Albert Monroe
Sept. 9, 2006
Mounties in attendance included:
Katie (Coleman) Malone, Katie Hopkins, Jen (Ramult) Sonnenlieter, Erin Callahan, Erin (McCartin) Smigal, Alison (Helman) Wolski, Roy Masser, all C’0.

Erica (Boyle) Hilliard and Justin Hilliard, both C’03
Dec. 22, 2007
Cherry Hill, N.J.
Mounties in attendance included: Bill Boyle, C’73 (father of the bride); Joe Simonetta, C’76; Mike Simonetta, C’77; Jamie Leigh Bissett (Hughes), Eric Myers, Merideth (Prone) Cordisco, Dan Bree, DeWitt Bauer, Julie Jeffery, Genevieve Mc Bryan, Mike Hofstetter, Lori Richter, Joe Paciella and Katie Staab, all C’03; Katie Hanley, Nate Beidle, Alex Shetty and Chris Lawton, all C’04; Monica Clark, Chris Hilliard and Betsy Neil, all C’05; Nick Bartel and Laura Baer, both C’07. Also in attendance but not pictured was Pat Conner, C’03.

Courtney (Gebhard) Dickinson, C’04, and Kieran Dickinson
April 20, 2007
Immaculate Conception Chapel at the Mount
In attendance were Katie Jaffe, Amy DalPezzo, Theresa (Smith) Bilotta, Meghan (Kelley) Dawes, Claire Ruschnieier, all C’04, and Karl Bilotta, C’03.

Jennifer (Cubbage) Long, C’07, and William Long
Jan. 4, 2008
Immaculate Conception Chapel at the Mount
Mounties pictured: (top row) Cassie Simpson, Michelle O’Donnell, Laura Davidson and Anniese Scott, all C’07; Lauren Rock, C’08; (bottom row) Natalie Norris and Jennifer Cabbage, both C’07; Nicole Conrad, C’08.
The National Alumni Association is pleased to announce the newest members of the Mount St. Mary’s University Sports Hall of Fame: Dennis Toomey, C’91 (Golf), Amy Langville, C’97 (Basketball), and the 1981 Men’s Basketball team. The induction ceremony took place on March 15, 2008.

Dennis Toomey was a two-time Northeast Conference individual champion, and the only Mount player ever to win Northeast Conference medalist honors in golf. He was named MVP in 1988 and 1989, and was the Gettysburg Times “Athlete of the Week” in April 1990. Dennis also won medalist honors at the Dickinson Invitational and was the only golfer to break par at the Annual Lebanon County Amateur Golf Tournament in 1990.

Amy Langville was instrumental in the Mount’s three consecutive Northeast Conference championships (1993-1995), and was named to the All-Tournament team in those three seasons and tournament MVP for the 1994-1995 season. She holds a spot on four top-ten lists at the Mount: made 3-pointers (104); attempted 3-pointers (304); assists (513); and assists per game (4.9). Amy was named All-Northeast Conference First Team twice and Second Team once. She was also named NEC Player of the Year for the 1995-1996 season.

The 1981 Men’s Basketball Team is the only Mount team other than the 1962 NCAA Champions to ever play in an NCAA Championship game (the team lost to Florida Southern). The team’s season winning percentage (.908) remains a school record and four members of the team are presently Hall of Fame members: Steve Rossignoli, Jim Rowe, Durelle Lewis, and Joe Reedy.

LEGACY CELEBRATION BRINGS MOUNT ALUMNI TOGETHER
By Cathy Melanson, C’87

On Saturday, February 23, 2008, the Mount hosted an annual event which brought together members of the Phoenix Karatedo Association Kyokushinkai, the parent group of the Mount St. Mary’s Karate Club. Headed by Executive Vice President Dan Soller, this organization has deep roots at the Mount going back to its founding at the college over 27 years ago. Current club president Matt Balaban welcomed everyone with a toast opening the evening’s events. Black belts from as far as Rwanda, Ukraine and Ethiopia attended the event. Donations were collected for the karate program the Association supports in Ukraine. Those in attendance included: Nancy Reburn, C’85; Gary Reburn, C’85; Cathy Melanson, C’87; Carolyn Kramer O’Kane, C’87; Paul Dempsey, C’87; Marty Mullaney, C’85; Anthony Codispoti, C’91; Dan Ryan, C’00; Gary Herwig, C’91 and Matt Dixon, C’94.
Baltimore
Chapter President: Stephanie (Lopez) Anderson, C’00 • stephclopez@yahoo.com

In December the chapter held its annual Christmas Toy Drive at Bleacher’s Sports Bar in Canton. Several Mounties turned up to enjoy the Christmas season together and donate toys to children in need. And a very brave group of Mount alumni, family, friends and students turned up at Sandy Point State Park on one chilly January day to brave the cold at the Polar Bear plunge. Many thanks to Kevin Kalis, C’99, for his hard work organizing this event and to all the team members who raised almost $30K for Special Olympics.

The Chapter held its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on May 5. This is also the year of the always-popular Dragon Boat Races on Sept. 13. If you are interested in joining the Dragon Boat team, please contact Stephanie (Lopez) Anderson, C’00, at stephclopez@yahoo.com. (Remember, information about these and more alumni events is on our web site at www.msmary.edu/alumni!)

Connecticut
Chapter President: John McKee, C’65 • jmckee26@charter.net

The Connecticut Chapter is pleased to announce its new president, John McKee, C’65 (pictured). On June 24 the chapter will again sponsor its annual Donald P. Quinn, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament. This year, the tournament will move to Oxford Green, in Oxford, Conn., an exciting new venue for a traditionally fun event. This event is the most important fundraiser for the chapter’s Scholarship Fund.

Washington, D.C.
Chapter President: Anthony Solazzo, C’01 • anthony.solazzo@hotmail.com

The Washington, D.C. Chapter is as busy as ever with monthly happy hours and more. Several game-watches were held throughout the area as the men’s basketball team played their way to the NCAA tournament. Check the web site (www.msmary.edu/alumni) to see the complete schedule of happy hours and service events the chapter has coming up, and if you are a baseball fan, or just want to check out the brand new stadium, join us for a Nationals vs. Orioles game and picnic on Sunday, June 29!
BICENTENNIAL REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS

Our alumni embody our history, so in gratitude we are bringing the Mount to you to help us celebrate 200 years of graduating men and women strengthened in their faith, dedicated to the pursuit of truth and inspired by Catholic values.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA
Northern Virginia celebrated the Bicentennial November 13, 2007 at Marriott Tysons Corner. Medal recipients were Thomas G. O’Hara, C’64 and David Osnos (1).

BALTIMORE
The Baltimore Chapter celebrated the bicentennial in style with a first-class event held at the Marriott Inner Harbor in late November 2007. Bicentennial Medals were awarded to Jerome Geckle; Robert A. Herb, C’78; Maureen Keelty Suelau, C’77, on behalf of the Keelty Family; James V. McAveney Jr., C’66; Monsignor F. Dennis Tinder, C’64, S’68; and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc. The Mount was pleased to have Charm City Cakes create a special bicentennial cake for this event, in the shape of the Terrace cupola. A film crew for the hit TV show “Ace of Cakes” was on hand to film the cake’s unveiling, and the episode aired on the Food Network in March.

FLORIDA
The bicentennial came to Florida for almost a week. The celebrations began with the annual Rooney Golf Tournament on Feb. 18, then a cocktail reception Feb. 20 at the Marriott West Palm Beach, and a dinner Feb. 22 at The Inn on Fifth in Naples.

Bicentennial Medals were presented in West Palm Beach to:
- J. Frank Cashen
- Most Rev. William B. Friend, S’59
- JoAnn W. Rooney
- Mr. and Mrs. Erwin T. Straw, C’52

Bicentennial Medals were presented in Naples to:
- Dr. John H. Baker, C’52
- Sebastian J. DiMeglio, C’53.

PHILADELPHIA
The Philadelphia Regional celebration was held March 26, 2008 at the Union League. Medal recipients were the Bolte Family (below, bottom) and the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia (below, top).
CONSERVATION OF EFFORT: A CHANCE MEETING WITH Germain Grisez

By John Singleton, C’86, MBA’87

When Winston Churchill was asked the secret of his success in leading Great Britain through the challenges of World War II, he replied instantly: “Conservation of effort: never stand up when you can sit down, and never sit down when you can lie down.”

It is in this spirit that I recall my single chance encounter with Germain Grisez at Mount St. Mary’s in 1983. Newly arrived on campus that fall, Grisez was already known as one of the world’s foremost teachers of natural-law theory. Yet for some unknown reason, Grisez was assigned temporary housing on the Terrace until his permanent residence across Route 15 was completed. So for quite a few months he and his wife, Jeannette, endured living on Dubois Hall among several hundred occasionally uproarious undergraduates.

Did I fully appreciate the “culture shock” visited upon the Mount’s new professor of Christian ethics in this unique environment? Did I think to keep my voice at a temperate volume as I passed the Grisez’s door after a late Saturday night? Did anyone consider notching down the stereo on a given weekday afternoon?

After all, the Grisezes were a married couple with paying jobs and adult commitments. To boot, I had studied this modern day philosopher’s ideas in Professor J.D. Broussard’s philosophy class. Grisez was already a living legend whose ideas would go on to profoundly influence Pope John Paul II, especially in his encyclical Veritatis Splendor. You’d think the man might merit a little peace and quiet.

Well, youth is wasted on the young, and as such, I’m not sure the Grisezes ever experienced a good night’s sleep during their brief stay on the Terrace. However, it was several weeks after their arrival that I had a personal encounter with one of the Catholic Church’s most influential thinkers. It was in the parking lot outside of 1st Mac about 10 p.m. on a balmy Friday night. The campus was abuzz with activity. Grisez was headed in for the evening. I was headed out.

“Are you Germain Grisez?” I asked, sounding every bit as sophomoric as the sophomore I was. “Are you the great philosopher?”

Grisez did not reply. But I was still feeling good. It was, after all, Friday night. For a few moments we took our measure of one another. It was a Mountaineer stand-off.

There I was, an audience of one, with a guy the Catholic Church considered to be one of its most profound moral theologians; a man who wrote so brilliantly in support of human freedom and divine law and the dignity of human life. Yet all I could muster was the detached and ironic swagger of the post-modern undergraduate. In my mind’s eye I recall the Grateful Dead’s “Sugar Magnolia” blaring out of a window in the background.

“Since you are such a wise man,” I continued foolishly, “Can you tell me something wise?”

Grisez answered instantly. “Keep quiet.” His tone was firm, but unhurried.

I was dumbstruck by the economy of his reply. It seemed fraught with meaning on so many levels. As I watched Dr. Grisez walk off into the lively Friday night ambience of the Terrace, I was most impressed with his conservation of effort. Why use a sledgehammer to swat a mosquito?

Twenty-five years later, in the Mount’s Bicentennial Year, I am happy to report that in my adult life I have been richly informed by Dr. Grisez’s continued wisdom and profound impact on our church and culture. And with a wife and three children of my own, I have a renewed appreciation for the concept of a little peace and quiet.

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May 28

SUMMER

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June 6-8
Greaseband from Southern New Jersey performing
Bicentennial California Celebration
Week of June 16
Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia
July 10
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Aug. 28

FALL

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Fall
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September
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