Chairman Emeritus Thomas O’Hara, C’64, and his wife, Patti, are two of the Mount’s biggest fans. Page 14.
The year was 1964; the country was still reeling from the assassination of the first Catholic President, John F. Kennedy. Young people were growing up quickly. And so began the journeys of two men, class of ’64 graduates Tom O’Hara and Pat Goles. They came to the Mount with very different backgrounds. Their paths would separate and then, in a unique Mountie way, they each found themselves back at the Mount on a parallel path of service.

It’s hard to imagine two finer men than those featured in this spring’s edition of the Mount Magazine.

In 2003, they were for me then, as a new incoming president, as they remain today: a gift. In Tom, the longest serving Chairman of the Board, and in Pat, the equally long-serving National Alumni Association president, we find a real love of the Mount and a code of responsibility that runs deep and true. We find two alumni who are ultimate examples of servant leadership.

Starting with our cover story, the theme of service is woven between these pages. We focus on ordinary people doing extraordinary things—something upon which the Mount prides itself. The number of students working for God in the Church and the country grows every year; you will find a story of recent grads heading off to the Peace Corps and other service commitments. There is more on another Kennedy-era program, the Special Olympics, which has been a 20-year labor of love here at the Mount.

The arrival this year of FOCUS student missionaries has given our faculty, staff and students firsthand examples of the daily manifestation of our Catholic identity; you’ll meet them in an update on our vibrant Campus Ministry program. We also take you from Emmitsburg to Prague to Russia in exploration of a global economy and to learn how students are broadening their worlds.

The Mount world, too, is growing and is setting the pace for a new Third Century attitude with an impressive academic reorganization. Here we show you how this dynamic plan better serves our students, faculty and staff.

And finally, in the midst of some of the worst unemployment in recent history, our Career Center is playing a key role in helping students and alumni establish a relevant network for job seekers.

These stories, as well as a look at a Third Century Scholar absorbing lessons and life at the Mount, an update on our historic Veterans Walkway, and news on the transformation of the revered Terrace into a work of modern renovation, are all in this issue.

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Mount St. Mary’s University President Thomas H. Powell and the Board of Trustees announce that, effective July 1, 2009, Mount St. Mary’s University will implement an academic reorganization creating three schools and one college within the university, each with its own dean.

The rebirth of the university in this way refocuses and re-energizes faculty, staff, students and administrators at the start of the Mount’s third century.

Academic reorganization will improve educational excellence at the Mount by having deans who, through strategic thought and planning, can oversee, strengthen and improve their specific academic program. Under the current structure the large number of people directly reporting to the Vice President of Academic Affairs results in this person functioning primarily in a reactive mode. The new structure challenges the deans to focus on strengthening curriculum and the Vice President of Academic Affairs to develop strategic goals for the university, both of which will enhance the educational experience for students and faculty alike.

The new structure includes the College of Liberal Arts, School of Business and Leadership, School of Education and Human Services and School of Science.

**The College of Liberal Arts** encompasses all humanities and social sciences as well as the Mount’s core curriculum and will be led by Joshua P. Hochschild, Ph.D. Dean Hochschild is currently director of the master’s degree program in philosophical studies and says, “I was drawn to the Mount because of its award-winning core curriculum and its community of dedicated teachers. The new position as dean of the Liberal Arts College is an opportunity to serve the Mount’s Catholic liberal arts mission.”

**The School of Business and Leadership** will focus on business management, accounting, economics, marketing and sports management. William G. Forgang, Ph.D., professor and current chair of the department, has been named dean. “The re-designation from a Department of Business, Accounting, and Economics to the School of Business and Leadership reflects the academic strengths and complexity of our undergraduate and graduate degree programs,” explains Dean Forgang. “It challenges the faculty and staff to engage more actively with the regional business community. We hope to develop new degree and non-degree programs designed in collaboration with area employers to meet the area’s workforce needs.”

**The School of Education and Human Services** will guide education majors and prepare them to be fully accredited teachers or members of school administrations. Dean of the school is Barbara Martin Palmer, Ph.D., associate professor of education and chair of the education department since 2004. “It is a distinct honor to be named dean of the School of Education and Human Services,” says Dean Palmer. “We envision a school responsive to changing needs, one that will be recognized for creating innovative programs in teacher education, leadership and human services rooted in the university’s Catholic liberal arts mission. One of our first tasks will be to develop a B.S. degree program in human services.”

Dean of the **School of Science** is former Mount science professor David W. Bushman, Ph.D. Dr. Bushman, currently president of Lees-McRae College in North Carolina, believes it’s an exciting time to return to the Mount. “I am honored to rejoin the university as it expands a strong commitment to excellence in math and science. By tradition and proximity to extraordinary resources … the Mount is well positioned to take a leadership role and the new School of Science is a very public commitment to making that vision a reality.”

The newly appointed deans are expected to reach out to community organizations on behalf of the university.

The academic restructuring at Mount St. Mary’s University is the first facet in its revolutionary Third Century Plan for Excellence. The Mount has been named one of the most “Faithful and Affordable” Catholic colleges in the country in the *Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* published by the Cardinal Newman Society.
The Mount’s Division of Student Affairs thrives as one of the nation’s top honored higher education programs. This academic year the division was honored with two prestigious national awards as well as four regional awards.

The National Association of Campus Activities presented its National Diversity Award for Programs to the Mount for the innovative Museum of Oppression exhibit held in the fall.

The NACA award recognizes institutions who contribute positively to the development of programs and services promoting cultural diversity, understanding and/or awareness.

The Museum of Oppression contained five rooms—each focused on a form of oppression, including religious, racial, gender, social/political and respect for life, which highlighted abortion and the death penalty. The exhibits included examples from the United States and around the world.

The Campus Activities and Intercultural Development offices organized the exhibit. The rooms were designed by Mount Students for Life, the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, Campus Ministry, the Hispanic Cultural Association, Amnesty International, the Black Student Union and the Women’s Empowerment Program.

“As a university, especially one strong in our Catholic mission and identity, working to help others in need is a necessity,” said Sean Adams, assistant dean and director of campus activities. “By helping educate on the different forms of oppression, and offering hopeful and positive actions we can each take, our goal was to empower those who visited the museum to make a difference.”

Student Affairs also received a bronze medal Excellence Award from NASPA, a national organization for student affairs administrators that affirms the commitment of student affairs to educating the whole student and integrating student life and learning.

The award recognized the Mount’s “Benchmarking and Quantitative Analysis Report” as being a top notch example of best practices in student affairs assessment and administration. A comprehensive review and analysis of the Mount’s student services, the report reviews the division from top to bottom, to identify what works and why, and to move towards continuous improvement and excellence.

“We must always meet the needs of our students. With the excellent leadership of Michael Post and Sean Adams, we provide our Mount students with a high quality and active college environment,” said Dan S. Soller, the Mount’s executive vice president.

The office’s regional awards from the NACA include: Outstanding Leadership Program – Student Leadership Advisory Committee, Outstanding Educational Program – Cultural Events Series, Outstanding Student Designed One Color Poster, and Outstanding Student Designed Theme Publicity – Campus Activities Board, all awarded in the fall of 2008.

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**SHEDDING LIGHT ON VIOLATIONS AGAINST NATURE**

So often, when we think of crime we think of street crime. Images of young urban thugs dominate television news and newspaper articles dealing with criminality. But there exists a growing crime problem that goes largely unnoticed: environmental crimes committed by “respectable” persons who don’t look menacing.

As part of its environmental studies and criminal justice majors, the Mount offers an Environmental Crime class that focuses on the nature and extent of crimes committed with the intent to harm, or with potential to cause harm to, ecological and biological systems.

Violations of environmental law have resulted in tens of thousands of human deaths. Some of these deaths are slow (e.g., cancers caused by toxic chemicals that leach into the water table), while others are more immediate (e.g., the Union Carbide case in Bhopal, India).

The Environmental Crime class has been featured in national news stories. Says Associate Professor of Sociology Tim Wolfe, who teaches the class, “I hope the course goes some way to change the way we think, the way we feel, and the way we behave toward our environment and one another.”

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Dr. Tim Wolfe’s fall 2008 Environmental Crime class took part in one of the largest tree plantings ever for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The class requires students to take part in service activities that benefit the earth.

Michael Post, Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management, and Sean Adams, Assistant Dean/ Director of Campus Activities
REAL LEADERSHIP ... REAL RESPONSIBILITY

Many Mount grads got their first taste of what it means to be a leader by serving as resident assistants.

Do you remember your RA? Most alumni do. As any resident assistant can attest, the RA position is one of the most challenging, albeit rewarding, student jobs on a college campus.

Former RAs remember many adventures in the resident assistant position. There are the unique memories of three feet of hay on B-Deck and a deer in Pangborn lounge.

But there are stressful memories, too—of solving roommate conflicts, counseling a grieving student and making difficult decisions in an emergency. And there are the rewarding moments of helping a student feel more welcome so he or she didn’t leave on Day Two, or the hug from a parent as their son or daughter graduates.

The Mount’s resident assistant program continues to evolve, but even in its infancy it has had the ability to transform ordinary students into astounding leaders. Perhaps the most well known nationally is Heath Tarbert, C’98.

Heath was an RA at the Mount who went on to earn several degrees including a master’s in legal research at Oxford, a doctorate in juridical science from the University of Pennsylvania and another doctorate in comparative law, again from Oxford. With his distinguished education, it’s no wonder Heath went on to serve as law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and then was appointed special counsel to President George W. Bush last year.

Heath credits the Mount with preparing him for the world: “The Mount provided a world-class education that enabled me to succeed in law school and beyond. More important, being an RA developed my leadership skills, fostered in me a spirit to serve others, and strengthened my Catholic faith.”

Robert Pastoor, C’76, is president of St. John’s Prep School, the only Catholic high school in Frederick County, Md. After his stint as an RA, Bob returned to the Mount as dean of students and helped rebuild the student life program. He went on to become vice president of student affairs at both Carroll College in Montana and the University of San Diego.

Annie Kennedy, C’96, another distinguished alum who began as a Mountie RA, is vice president of advocacy for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Washington, D.C. Annie began her work as a healthcare services coordinator before being named director of MDA’s ASL Division at MDA headquarters. “Few courses, training programs, or internships have provided me with skills as valuable—personally and professionally—as those that I acquired while serving as an RA at the Mount.”

Recent grad Eddie Wright, C’06, is coming back to the Mount as the new assistant director for admissions after receiving his master’s in higher education from Canisius College. “Being an RA taught me much about serving others and helping my peers get the most out of their college experience. There are many skills I learned as an RA that I use today … but I also learned a lot about myself.”

Current and former RAs agree that the best part of the job is the honor of being able to impact Mount students, especially at the beginning of their college careers. Every RA watches some 60 residents grow from unsure high school graduates into mature college students and then into men and women who lead productive lives in their communities, their nation and their church.
Mount St. Mary’s University announces the appointment of Reverend Monsignor Stuart Swetland to the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Endowed Chair for Christian Ethics. The chair is responsible for investigating moral truth both in the light of human reason and the light of the Catholic faith.

Presently, Msgr. Swetland leads the President’s Council for Catholic Identity that promotes ongoing discussions about implementing faith in everyday life across campus. In addition, Msgr. Swetland has also created a series of one-day retreats for administration and staff based on interpretation of the Mount’s four pillars: Faith, Discovery, Leadership and Community.

“Msgr. Swetland’s campaign, creating discussion on our Catholic identity, has had tremendous success,” says Mount President Thomas H. Powell. “He has opened the door for ongoing dialogue and he is one of our brightest and most valuable resources; students are lucky to have him as a teacher and we’re fortunate that he is a member of our community.”

The chair position, previously held by Dr. Germain Grisez, also is responsible for promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church. According to Dr. Grisez, who continues his work here at the Mount, where he will concentrate on the completion of his fourth volume of *The Way of the Lord* along with several other projects, “Monsignor Stuart Swetland has already proved to be an excellent teacher of both seminarians and collegians, and is ready to undertake serious scholarly work of his own. So I am delighted by his appointment and confident he will do outstanding work during the coming years.”

A graduate of the Naval Academy, Msgr. Swetland was selected as co-chair of the Veterans Memorial Walkway project on the Mount St. Mary’s University campus, due to be completed by fall of 2009. He is also a well regarded commentator for the National Catholic Conference of Bishops; a regular contributor on Relevant Radio, a Catholic station; and host of a series on Catholics on campus for the religious television network EWTN and many other secular media outlets.
LONGTIME MOUNT EMPLOYEE’S RELAY FOR LIFE

By Anne Costigan, C’10

There are 164 active and retired Mount employees who live in the Thurmont and Emmitsburg communities, who collectively have 2,414 years of service to Mount St. Mary’s University. This is a story about one of them.

In 2007, Sharon Ott, employed at the Mount since July of 1988, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her mother and sister had both died of the disease; their deaths might have motivated Sharon to schedule regular mammograms, but she was too scared. Even after she felt a lump in her breast it took awhile before she went in for an exam, knowing in the back of her mind what the diagnosis probably was. She thought it was a death sentence.

It took some time before Sharon’s optimism and faith convinced her that this was happening for a reason. Today, she believes she is alive to help other people through the same experience she has been through and to show how important it is to stay positive even when the horizon is cloudy and your spirits are low.

Now in remission, she feels blessed to have met some wonderful people through her experience. “The Mount community offered amazing support,” Sharon says. “From meals to prayers to cards, I felt the Mount with me.” One of her favorite places to go during this time was the Grotto. “I would go up there to pray and drink the (holy) water.”

Sharon believes the water helped her strength and her attitude. Something is certainly in the water, if that’s the case, because her positive attitude and strength are unbelievable!

On Feb. 6, Sharon participated in the Mount’s first Relay for Life to raise funds for cancer research. More than $37,600 was raised by more than 400 people. Throughout the night, Sharon’s relay team, Bosom Buddies, made up of family and friends, walked and enjoyed quality time with each other. At the end of the event, Sharon joined 18 other cancer survivors for the Survivor Lap as the onlookers cheered and clapped. These survivors have done what so many people dream of doing: beaten cancer.

Sharon has been an inspiration to the Mount community throughout her courageous fight against cancer. She now works not only on educating others about the importance of awareness and mammograms, but also to be a supportive and positive presence for others with cancer. Sharon’s message to women: “Have that mammogram even if you’re scared. If they get it early, they can cure it; don’t be afraid.”

For Sharon, the battle through cancer is not the end of the journey—rather, a new beginning.

HOPE FOR A CURE

Throughout the 12-hour Relay for Life, Allison Pressimone, C’10, did everything from handing out lollipops to playing music, cheering the whole time.

She had joined the planning committee to bring this event to the Mount because her grandfather had cancer and a family friend recently passed away from melanoma. She eventually became cochair.

Allison, a double major in chemistry and French, spent last summer working in a biochemistry lab at a children’s research hospital. The experience allowed her to work alongside doctors who are making strides in finding a cure for cancer.

“I now have hope for a future without cancer,” she says. “I saw great progress for cancer research within that small lab. Every day I think about the thousands of research centers throughout the world making just as much, if not more, progress as the hospital where I worked.”

After college Allison plans to volunteer outside of the United States, something she feels called to do. “My main goal in life is to help as many people as I can.”
I wanted to attend college for my parents. My father completed his GED a year before he died and was in school to obtain a degree in business management. Ever since his death, my mother has been the sole provider for my family. She became the self-sacrificing mother by working 18 hours a day, seven days a week, as a cook. I owe everything I am today to her; she's my reason for being and the most important person in my life.

Because we are a close knit family, one of the challenges I faced when deciding where to attend college was how far away I wanted to go. As a senior, I was faced with the dilemma of going to school in Florida and getting my education paid for or staying close and taking out loans. I started as a freshman at a university in Miami, but I did not feel like I belonged there. When my mother fell ill, I realized I wanted to go back home.

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I am the marketing chair person for the program. I am also a member of the Hispanic Cultural Association, Sophomore Class Advisory Board and Founder’s Day Celebration Committee. I am a Mount Ambassador for the admissions office and a student worker in the president’s office.

I want to get my MBA and one day open a business or become a CEO. As an active person in my community, I enjoy volunteering, but I would like to be able to give back through not only service, but monetarily as well. I have received so much and want to help make a difference.

The best aspect of being part of the Mount is the genuine people one gets to interact with everyday. The people here are incredible, amazing, always willing to help. I love it here. As with the Third Century Scholars program, the greater Mount community is like a blanket that provides warmth. The Mount fills that void felt when I am away from home. For this year, I hope to continue building relationships with people on and off campus, perhaps try something new like a sport, and continue creating the memories that will last a lifetime.

There are currently 14 Third Century Scholars at the Mount. Funded by a generous anonymous donor, the need-based program provides financial aid and other support to minority students from high schools in Washington, D.C.
On Jan. 22, millions gathered in Washington, D.C., to see history being made as President Barack Obama was sworn in. I was one of them.

My friend Phoebe and I drove to Silver Spring, Md., on Monday night to avoid heavy traffic early Tuesday morning. We woke up at 5:45 a.m. and, unlike most people at the inauguration, getting on the subway was surprisingly a fairly easy process for us.

Getting through the crowds while trying to stay together was an entirely different experience. We finally settled in next to the Washington Monument around 9 a.m., next to Baltimore City school teachers.

It was now time to face the weather. Luckily, I had prepared for the cold and wore three layers of pants and four shirts. When I looked on the big screen that was documenting the event, I was amazed by how many of the famous people who arrived did not seem to be freezing in their fancy hats and high heels.

As Obama was sworn in as president, people were crying, while others were jumping up and down in excitement. Millions of us had just witnessed history. In Obama’s speech, he confidently spoke to our nation, as one people, not divided by race, ethnicity, class or gender. I had no words after his speech, but simply smiled.

After Obama spoke, people tried to quickly disperse, but due to the great crowds, this was far from possible. I held my camera above my head and took photos to see where people were headed, and quickly realized that they were headed everywhere. There was no way to avoid the masses, so I stayed close to Phoebe and her family and hoped for the best.

The city certainly was prepared with porta-potties. The only things visible in the photos I took are people, toilets and trees.

While being quickly hustled through the crowds, I caught a glimpse of a man in a tree waving a peace flag. I yelled to him, and he responded in an enthusiastic peaceful manner. Other people held up signs stating, “Mr. President, I HOPE for Peace.”

Luckily, Phoebe’s family knows D.C. extremely well, and after we were able to leave the hoards of people, we took a different route from the masses and found our way home.

I saw the inauguration of President Barack Obama. I experienced the cold, the porta-potties, the masses of people, and I survived while witnessing history.
MISSION STATEMENT
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SEASONAL DESTINATION: PRAGUE
By Anne Costigan, C’10

During the fall semester of 2008, Mount theology professor Fr. Jim Donohue, along with 14 Mount students (including myself), flew across the Atlantic Ocean to live and study for three months among the brilliant architecture, cobblestone streets, castles and famous Charles Bridge of Prague, Czech Republic.

While in Prague, we witnessed firsthand the effects of communism on a nation, from the distrust of strangers to the prevalence of atheism. “I read a lot about World War II, but I learned so much more about the causes and effects of both the First and Second World Wars,” said Fr. Jim. “We also developed a new perspective on the effects of communism, particularly as an oppressive social system.”

The Mount group was impressed by the variety and appreciation of music in Prague and took advantage of the readily available venues. “We attended two operas, went to several jazz clubs, listened to many organ recitals and—to top it all off—went to my first concert (James Blunt),” said Fr. Jim. The countless daily concerts within the city exposed us to different kinds of music and also introduced aspects of the Czech culture not necessarily covered in museums or textbooks.

We studied religion, Czech history, and Czech life and culture. It was amazing to walk around the streets of Prague and understand how different sculptures and buildings greatly impacted the history of the city. I wouldn’t have been able to fully appreciate this without studying the nation and seeing it all with my own eyes.

It was an experience of a lifetime, and now while we sleep, most of us dream of the cobblestones and Czech language. We would return in a heartbeat.
FACTORY TENURE

Dr. Joshua Hochschild: tenure granted, Associate Professor of Philosophy.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS


SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS


Barbara Martin Palmer: While students learn, teachers learn/ Mientras aprenden los estudiantes, aprenden los maestros, with Janice Almasi, 22nd World Congress on Reading, International Reading Association, San Jose, Costa Rica, July 2008.

Isabella Notar: “Gateway to Cultural Evolution -- The Catholic Church in Jiangmen, China,” Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2009.


POPE BENEDICT XVI NAMES THREE MOUNTAINEER PRIESTS AS BISHOPS

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI recently elevated three seminary alumni to the episcopacy. The new Mount bishops—numbers 49, 50 and 51—include the Most Rev. James D. Conley, S’85, auxiliary bishop of Denver; the Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, S’89, auxiliary bishop of Washington; and the Most Rev. Edward J. Burns, S’83, bishop of Juneau.

Rector Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs notes, “We are thrilled that His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has elevated three Mountaineer priests to the episcopacy. We are truly proud and honored that Bishop Conley, Bishop Knestout and Bishop Burns will be included in our Cradle of Bishops.”

**Auxiliary Bishop James D. Conley, S’85, Archdiocese of Denver**
The Most Rev. James D. Conley was appointed auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Denver on April 10, 2008. Bishop Conley became the 49th Mountaineer priest to be elevated to the episcopacy.


At the time of his appointment, Bishop Conley was serving in the Diocese of Wichita as pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Wichita. Previously, he served the Holy Father as an official in the Vatican Congregation for Bishops in Rome.

**Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout, S’89, Archdiocese of Washington**
The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout was named as the new auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington on Nov. 18, 2008. Bishop Knestout is the 50th Mountaineer priest to be elevated to the episcopacy.

At the time of his appointment, Bishop Knestout served as moderator of the Curia and vicar for administration for Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl. He also was cochair of the Papal Visit Planning Committee in 2008, overseeing many of the plans and preparations for the Washington, D.C., visit of Pope Benedict XVI in April 2008. Bishop Knestout was ordained by Bishop Wuerl on Dec. 29, 2008, during a Mass of Episcopal Ordination at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. Rector Monsignor Steven Rohlfs represented the Mount at the ordination.

**Bishop of Juneau Edward J. Burns, S’83**
The Most Rev. Edward J. Burns was named the new bishop of Juneau on Jan. 19, 2009. The announcement was made by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States in Washington, D.C. Bishop Burns became the 51st Mountaineer priest to be elevated to the episcopacy.

At the time of his appointment, Bishop Burns was the rector of Saint Paul Seminary and director of vocations for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He also served as the executive director of the Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., from 1999-2008.

Bishop Burns was ordained by the Most Rev. David A. Zubik at Saint Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh during a Mass of Episcopal Ordination on March 22, 2009. Fr. J. Daniel Mindling, academic dean, represented the Mount at the ordination. He was installed as bishop of Juneau on April 2.
THE MOUNT MARCHES FOR LIFE

By Rev. Mr. Peter Sharpe, S’09, Diocese of Fargo

On the 36th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Mount seminarians and a group of colleagues participated in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Some of the Mounties traveled down the night before to take part in the Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, joining priests, deacons and bishops in the entrance procession that starts in the lower church. The actual day of the March began with what amounts to one of the largest annual Catholic youth gatherings—the morning Mass at the Verizon Center.

Every year this seems to fill up earlier in the day; happily for seminarians riding a bus that must wind its way through the morning rush, places are reserved for clergy, and they let you in if you are wearing a Roman collar.

For this year’s march, the weather was more cooperative than it has been in the past.

The crowd, for which no official estimate was reached, was probably over a hundred thousand. One of the seminarians, Kristian Engelsen S’14, Peoria, said that it was amazing to be walking up the hill towards the Supreme Court and to be able to look backwards and forwards at the mass of people—all pro-life, and willing to make a public statement about it.

The Pro-Life March doesn’t gather much attention in the media or from anti-protesters. The pedestrians who see it are affected, as well as the office workers looking down on the march. For the Christians who make the yearly trek, it is a moment to realize that they are not alone in this battle to promote the value of human life and to combat the culture of death. The seminarians, who will be helping to coordinate this battle on a local level someday, are honored to be part of this March each year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22-26
Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat
Retreat Master – the Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, S’60, Archbishop Emeritus of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (pictured right)

Archbishop Flynn served the seminary from 1965-79 as a faculty member, dean, vice rector and rector. He is also Trustee Emeritus of the Mount’s Board of Trustees.

To make reservations, alumni priests should contact Phil McGlade at 301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu.

October 7-8
Priests Alumni Reunion

Presentation of the 34th John Cardinal McCloskey Award at the Reunion Dinner; Main Celebrant of Homecoming Mass will be the Most Rev. James D. Conley, S’85, Auxiliary Bishop of Denver; Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday morning.

A block of rooms for the Reunion has been reserved at the Sleep Inn-Emmitsburg, located off US Rt. 15, one 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 on these events, contact Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations Phil McGlade, 301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu.

For news and updates, visit the seminary at www.msmary.edu/seminary.

Spring 2009
BUILDING THE American Dream

Chairman Thomas O’Hara, C’64, and his wife, Patti, are two of the Mount’s biggest fans.

By Lisa Gregory
Thomas O'Hara was homesick. Horribly homesick. It was 1960 and the young man from a tight-knit Irish family in Newark, N.J., was living away from home for the first time as a new student at the Mount. “That first night, right after my parents dropped me off, my stomach dropped. I couldn’t eat that evening and went back to my room and cried,” remembers O’Hara.

But, typical of the Mount, O’Hara’s unhappiness did not go unnoticed. “The interesting thing was that the kids didn’t make fun of me,” he says. “I remember some of them sitting around and talking to me, saying things would get better.”

They did, thanks in part to John (Jack) Dillon Jr., the athletic director at the time. He suggested that O’Hara, who had been a manager for his high school basketball team, join the Mount’s team as a manager. “That really turned things around for me,” says O’Hara. “It got me involved.”

A meeting with Coach Jim Phelan sealed the deal.

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O’Hara was born the seventh child of nine to parents who were Irish immigrants. His father owned and operated an Irish saloon. “Neither one had gone to school beyond eighth grade,” he says. They were determined that life would be different for their own children. “My parents came to this country with nothing and had to struggle so hard,” explains O’Hara.

In choosing a college, the dean of students at Seton Hall suggested the Mount. “It was a smaller Catholic school, and he thought I would do best there,” recalls O’Hara. “He was absolutely right. I needed a small and nurturing environment, and the Mount provided that.”

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As he finished law school, he and his wife were expecting their first child and O'Hara was planning to go to work as a law clerk back in New Jersey, near family and friends. “I wanted to be a labor lawyer,” he explains. “The plan was for me to go back home and put up my shingle, starting out as a law clerk.”

Just before O'Hara was supposed to begin work, however, he received a call that the clerk he was replacing had failed the Bar and so the job was no longer open. With a young family to support, O'Hara faced a real dilemma. “Then my father-in-law got me an interview with a tax lawyer he knew,” says O'Hara. “I had no idea what being a tax lawyer was all about. But it was a job.”

O'Hara went to work for the Internal Revenue Service’s corporate tax branch and was trained to specialize in insurance tax laws. Not long after, while working on a case involving the Prudential Insurance Company of America, he was offered a job by Prudential. He quickly climbed the ranks, from a tax law specialist to assistant and then associate general counsel by the time he was 30 years old. In 1980, he became vice president of government affairs, working in Washington, D.C., where he remained until he retired eight years ago.

“I’ve always been a bit of a political junkie,” says O'Hara, who earlier in his career was elected to the city council of the small New Jersey town where he lived. “And here I was right in the middle of politics, working with senators and congressmen and the White House. I loved that job.”

A DAUGHTER REMEMBERED

Between raising a family of four children and enjoying a successful and challenging career, the future looked quite bright for O'Hara and his wife. Then tragedy struck.

On June 30, 1988, their oldest child, Kelly, a student at the University of Virginia, was killed in a car accident. Kelly was planning to follow in his footsteps and go to law school, pursuing her interest in politics and public policy issues. “She was just this gifted and amazing individual,” says her father.

Described by her father as a “spiritual person with a deep sense of faith,” Kelly frequently prayed with one of her professors at UVA. “He told us how if he was having a rough day she would come in and pray with him and lift him up.” O'Hara also recalls how she could not walk past a homeless person without offering some change. “As difficult as it was to lose her, we held fast to our belief that she was with the Lord,” says O'Hara.
The O’Hara family was determined to celebrate and remember Kelly’s short life by establishing a scholarship in her name at UVA. Young women entering their third year at the school can apply for the scholarship by submitting a statement expressing how their priorities and aspirations reflect Kelly’s own.

In reading those many essays throughout the years, O’Hara admits that he and his family often hear “Kelly’s voice” in the words of others. “It is a wonderful way to keep her near while helping other young women like her.”

Despite the loss of Kelly, O’Hara says the family still has much to be grateful for and to celebrate.

“During the last decade, we’ve had three weddings and the birth of six grandchildren. Those are blessings indeed.”

Kevin, the O’Hara’s son, and his wife, Jodi, have three children, Parker, Josephine and Liv, and live in Nashville, Tenn. Courtnney, their second daughter, is married to Jay Taylor and lives in Washington, D.C., with three children, Ryan, Charlie and Frances. And the youngest daughter, Erin, recently married Patrick Block and also lives in Nashville.

LEADING HIS ALMA MATER

“As owners of this institution we must do right by it.”

Long after his graduation, O’Hara remained involved with the Mount. “I’d always go back for alumni events and basketball games to catch up with my friends and classmates,” he says. “Just the regular alumni activities.”

And a bit more. He was named Distinguished Young Alumni in 1981 and served as vice president of alumni affairs for the Mount’s National Alumni Association from 1985 to 1987.

In the mid 1990s he was invited to lunch with then-president George Houston Jr., who asked if he would be interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. “I was thrilled,” remembers O’Hara. He has been a member of the Board since 1995 and its chair for the last six years. In fact, he was asked to serve an unprecedented third consecutive term in preparation for the Mount’s Bicentennial, so valued was his leadership and experience. He traveled frequently from his home in McLean, Va., to be a constant presence at bicentennial events and activities.

“Serving on the board and especially as its chair has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life,” says O’Hara, who was also chosen to receive the Pride of the Mount award in 2002. “I’ve seen a lot of challenges and changes during that time.”

“Tom O’Hara was the right person at the right time. He has this way of weighing all of the options and looking at each detail carefully,” says Dan Curtin, who graduated in 1964 and is currently executive director of the National Catholic Educational Association’s department of chief administrators of Catholic education. Curtin also served on the Board of Trustees and as chair. “He has a great commitment to his alma mater, and it comes through in everything he does as a board leader.”

Perhaps no one knows this better than President Powell himself. “I remember very distinctly one night after applying to the Mount for the position of president,” recalls Powell. “Tom called me. This was the first time I had ever spoken with him. What stands out for me is how he was selling me on this wonderful place called Mount St. Mary’s. I had had some other offers at the time, and if it hadn’t been for Tom, I would not be here today. I instantly recognized that this was a man who was absolutely committed to his alma mater and the mission of Catholic higher education.”

That commitment comes with a deep sense of conviction. “A strong board and a strong president make for a strong institution,” asserts O’Hara. “President Powell always points out that as trustees we are the owners of this institution. That’s empowering. It gets your attention and makes you realize that as owners of this institution we must do right by it.”

In March, as O’Hara stepped down as chair of the Board, several other board members also completed their terms. O’Hara does not take this transition lightly. As he puts it, “Now this new group of individuals will be the owners, the ones taking us into the Third Century, and they better do it right!”

Tom O’Hara would have it no other way.
As president of the Mount’s National Alumni Association, Patrick Goles has gone above and beyond the call of duty. This was especially true during the Mount’s recent year-long bicentennial celebration. Director of Alumni Relations Maureen Plant estimates that during the year Goles attended 35 events, traveled 8,500 miles and met more than 3,800 people. All at his own expense.

Those who know Goles best are not surprised by this involvement. “Pat has this real passion about the Mount,” notes Mount President Thomas H. Powell.

And a passion for giving of himself. “I think we all are given certain gifts, and one of the ways we’re going to be judged is on how well we use the gifts the Lord gave us,” says Goles. In that regard, Goles is a busy man. Not only has he given of himself to his alma mater, but in other countless ways as a teacher, coach, principal, deacon and counselor. He and his wife also volunteer as court appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children.

“Followed a Calling

Goles grew up in Steelton, Pa., in a “little Croatian community. All of my grandparents were from Croatia,” he says. His parents owned a store and the family lived above it. Times were tough. “Our lives revolved around the local steel mills,” says Goles.

Goles first became aware of Mount St. Mary’s College by way of “a fellow in the community” who had attended the school. Goles was intrigued and decided to apply to only two colleges, the Mount and Notre Dame, eventually becoming a student at the Mount. He studied history and education and dealt with an early sense of being a bit overwhelmed. “The Mount was my first huge step out of my little cocoon—the first time I interacted with others who weren’t Croatian.”

Goles, however, discovered many like himself—the first in their families to attend college, often coming from not much money but having an intense sense of purpose. “At the Mount there were guys just like me. Guys who knew who they were and didn’t pretend to be something they weren’t,” he explains. “We all supported and cared for each other. It was a wonderful time in my life.”

Made all the more wonderful when he met his future wife, Chrystie, a student at nearby St. Joseph’s College. After receiving his degree in 1964, he was ready to begin his life with her. He went to work as a marketing representative in Baltimore, Md. “I had a nice job, a new wife, a nice car, money in my pocket and an expense account,” he recalls.

But soon he felt a calling to be elsewhere. “One of the most important things I learned during my time at the Mount was that success lies in how you interact with other folks and make them feel, not so much what you wear and drive,” he says.

In 1967, he took a “tremendous salary cut” and became a teacher and coach of track, basketball, cross country and football at John Carroll School, a Catholic school in Bel Air, Md. He would spend the next 17 years devoting his career to working with children. “I wanted to have an impact on young
lives,” he says. “This became the focus of my life.”

While at John Carroll, he worked to attain his master’s degree in education as well as a certificate as a school counselor. He left John Carroll in 1974 to become the principal of St. Margaret School, also in Bel Air. There, he was the youngest principal, the first lay principal and the first male principal in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. “I took a school literally on its last legs and in four years doubled the enrollment,” he recalls.

Besides his roles as teacher and principal, he wanted to do something more for his students. He pursued a certificate in alcoholism and substance abuse counseling. “So many kids suffer in silence and get lost in the shuffle,” he explains. “I wanted to help. I wanted to reach out to those no one reaches out to.”

Coaching was yet another way to reach out. “As a kid, I was always the last guy picked for a team,” he says with a chuckle. “But as a coach I tried to find a place for everyone, something for each child to do.”

During his time as principal he also became a deacon. “I felt it was important for the student athletes to see me in this role,” he says. “They would see me on Friday kicking their butts on the field and then on Sunday assisting at Mass. I wanted them to see the spiritual element in my life.” He often assists with Mass at the Mount.

**The Next Generation**

By 1984, as his four sons were coming up on college age and Goles and his wife were looking at tuition costs, he decided to change careers again. This time he went to work as a senior vice president of investments for Legg Mason. He immediately rose to the top of the profession, becoming one of the top brokers at the firm, as well as in the top one percent of all brokers nationally. From Legg Mason, he went on to work for Wachovia Securities, leaving as a senior vice president in 2003.

Goles is now an investment executive with RBC Wealth Management, where he works with his sons Chris and John. “I work with my two oldest sons, and it’s unique because Chris is also my manager,” he grins. Michael, the Goles’ third son, works in information management for the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta, and Greg, the youngest, teaches at a charter school in Santa Fe.

Goles, like so many other alumni, remained connected with the Mount throughout the years, receiving the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award in 1984. “My wife and I always enjoyed attending the reunions and other events,” he says. “So many other Mount alumni had married young women from St. Joe’s, so it was a chance for all of us to be together and catch up on each others’ lives. It gives my wife and me a unique bond that is a real blessing.”

He became even more invested when his youngest son, Greg, attended the Mount. “Let’s just say we’re leaving him a lot more in the will than the other three,” he teases of his son choosing his alma mater. Greg was a talented lacrosse and soccer player, and his father often returned to campus to watch his son play.

“When I was presented with an opportunity to become more involved with the Mount,” says Goles, “it was a no-brainer for me.”

He has served on the Mount’s Board of Trustees and is a member of the President’s Council and its advancement committee. In 2003, he became president of the National Alumni Association. “For anyone following in his footsteps, he has set the bar pretty high,” notes alumni director Maureen Plant. In fact, he has served two back-to-back terms as president at the request of President Powell. “With the bicentennial coming, we thought it was important for him to remain in this role,” says Powell. His term will end in June.

Goles not only served on the Bicentennial Commission Alumni Committee that helped plan the events for the year of celebration, but he made sure to be there. He and Chrystie traveled to events from one end of the East Coast to the other. However, his work with the National Alumni Association was not confined to the bicentennial alone. “He’s determined to cultivate alumni and help them develop a sense of priority for the university,” says Plant.

“People don’t know what they’re missing,” he says of the Mount. “I grumble sometimes about having to drive two hours to get to campus from my home in Bel Air. Then I come home and can’t fall asleep because my energy level is so high. I have been so blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Mount and to work with people whom I have grown to love.”

For others in the Mount community, the feeling is mutual. “You know the scripture about hiding your light under a bushel?” says past alumni president Rick Kidwell. “Well, Pat doesn’t hide his light. It is shining, and shining bright, as an inspiration for the rest of us.”

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Left to right: Pat with Fr. Rick Hilgartner; Pat with his son, Greg, when he was inducted into the Mount’s Sports Hall of Fame; Pat with Dr. David Rehm and his mother, Diane Rehm.
Twenty years ago saw the beginning of a new relationship between Mount St. Mary’s and Special Olympics Maryland. It was in the fall of 1988 that Special Olympics Fall Fest began, held at the Mount with the golden colors of foliage as a perfect backdrop for the 300 athletes racing across the soccer fields to show off the skills they had acquired through many hours of practice.

Special Olympics offers training and athletic competition from regional through international events to adults and children with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Maryland offers 24 sports. Soccer was the lone sport at Fall Fest back in 1988; today the number of sports at the event has grown to four, including soccer, power lifting, cross country running and tennis. Past years also saw the sport of volleyball, with athletes competing to clear the net for each point.

The number of sports is not the only thing that has grown over the years. The number of athletes has doubled, with each Fall Fest now seeing more than 600 athletes competing for the gold, silver and bronze medals. With that many athletes competing, the number of volunteers has also increased tremendously. In 1988, volunteers mainly came from the local town community; now, with more than 200 volunteers needed to make this event a success, many of them come from the campus community. Students from all majors and backgrounds come to Fall Fest to help and cheer on the Special Olympic athletes, showing their love and support for all the hard work that each athlete has done.

The volunteers often comment on how the experience affects their lives, and how they often leave with more than they felt they were able to give. Matthew Himes, a sophomore at the Mount, has been involved with the Special Olympics Fall Fest for the past two years.

Matt states: “I am majoring in elementary education with special education certification, so I wanted to work with Special Olympics to gain a better understanding and experience of the different people that I may encounter in the future. It turned out to be a fantastic experience. The love and compassion these people have for each other, their team and their sport is almost indescribable. This love and sportsmanship that these athletes have has been life changing and a true inspiration to me since I first volunteered.”
Mount student volunteers have taken a major role in the Special Olympics Fall Fest, especially since the partnership between Special Olympics and the Mount’s business department began in 2007. Through the efforts of Dr. Julie Higgins in the Sport Management program at the Mount, students have taken on leadership roles in the planning of the event. In one class, students get real hands-on experience in all aspects of conducting a Special Olympics competition as they implement a small spring sports festival. Some are then chosen as interns for the Fall Fest.

Senior Liz Kessler speaks of her experience: “I got involved with last fall’s Special Olympics after taking the Program Development & Implications class in the spring of 2008. I found the course was an excellent way to help strengthen my public relations and event-planning skills, which, ultimately, is my career path. It was a wonderful experience.”

Students have also taken leadership roles in finding and organizing volunteers for this event. These students take on event-day responsibilities from greeting volunteers at registration to providing them with a t-shirt and lunch ticket, and then directing them to their assignment for the day. At the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony, these student leaders make the rounds to each venue, making certain there are sufficient volunteers and re-assigning volunteers as needed. Volunteers are the backbone of a Special Olympics event, helping bring success to both the event and the athletes.

Special Olympics Maryland and Mount St. Mary’s University have a relationship that has lasted more than 20 years, and it still continues to blossom. The number of people who have been involved in this event is extensive, and the enthusiasm continues to be extremely high. Bright smiles, cheering crowds, high fives and the wonderful courage to get out on the court or field and do well … these are the ingredients that will continue to make Special Olympics Fall Fest the biggest event of the season at Mount St. Mary’s University.

### A SPECIAL CONNECTION

One athlete with special connections to the Mount is Willie Shank of nearby Fairfield, Pa., who began participating in the Fall Fest in 1995, at 47 years old. In 2004, he began working part time in the President’s Office at the Mount. Having a great love for many sports, Willie has participated in soccer, basketball, floor hockey, skiing, track and field, duckpin bowling, swimming and softball throughout Maryland. His favorite sport is whichever one is in season at the time. His sister, Nita, who has coached Willie in many of the sports, states, “If he were to single one out, it would probably be basketball or softball. But he really does love them all.”

Now at the age of 60, Willie has experienced some health issues that need to be taken care of before he can get back onto the court or field. But Nita says confidently that “we'll eventually get back to it.”

When Willie is not practicing sports, you can often catch him working in President Powell’s office, running errands around campus and bringing smiles to all those with whom he comes in contact. If you want to start a great conversation with Willie, just ask him about the Pittsburgh Steelers, his number one team!
The Mount Is “Radiating Christ”

How do we help students integrate who they are with who they’re called to be?
The Mount’s Office of Campus Ministry and Community Service has come up with some inspiring answers.

This past year, Campus Ministry established the vision to “Radiate Christ,” inspired by a prayer written by Cardinal John Henry Newman. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her sisters prayed this daily to ask for the grace to allow Christ to live in and through them. Our students are seeking to do the same.

Allie George, a junior who is the president of our Campus Ministry Student Organization (CMSO) explains, “The vision of Radiating Christ has been contagious. Seeing students energized about their faith has really set a positive tone for the Mount community.”

One of the fruits of the vision was to establish 10 values that student leaders strive to live by. They are “Joyful; Faithful; Faith-filled; Embracing of all people; Loving without conditions; Encouraging, not judging; Bearing witness greater than words; Grateful; Humble servant leaders; and Sharing and inviting.”

“The energy that comes from being surrounded by others who are striving to live their faith according to these values is amazing,” says Allie.

Catholic Identity
“Joyful, Faithful and Faith-filled”

Catholic students at the Mount can choose from numerous ways to embrace their faith and make it their own. CMSO activities include Men’s and Women’s Fellowships, retreats such as KAIROS and the Busy Person’s Retreat, Praise and Worship Evenings, Bible studies, the “Why Catholic” program, Mount Students for Life, the Campaign to End the Death Penalty and other prayer groups. A growing number of students attend daily Mass and receive the sacraments.

Campus Ministry reaches out to students in creative ways. This past fall on Oct. 1 (the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux), students handed out roses with quotes from “the Little Flower,” as she is known. This young saint said to her Carmelite sisters before she died, “I will spend my time in Heaven doing good on earth” and will “send a shower of roses” on those who ask for her prayers. This innovative way to share our belief in the prayers of the communion of saints was well received by the Mount community.

Also in October, Father Brian, Father Peter Ryan and Campus Ministry gave a popular presentation on “Angels and Demons.” Students enacted skits showing caricatures of what many people believe about these angelic spirits, followed by an elaboration on what our faith teaches about this intriguing topic.

This semester, Campus Ministry is creating humorous videos to engage people in their faith. A favorite video included a comical compilation of “student-on-the-campus” interviews asking the question, “If you could choose one thing your roommate had to give up for Lent, what would it be?” The video was used to remind people of the true meaning of Lent.
Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS)
“Humble Servant Leaders, Sharing and Inviting”

This year, through a Callings grant, the Mount welcomed four FOCUS missionaries to our Campus Ministry Team: Jared Smyth, Mariana Uribe, Luke Agnew and Christi Ruseikas, all who are in their early 20s. FOCUS is a national organization that works with existing campus ministry programs to help meet college students where they are and invite them to examine the meaning and purpose of their lives. Through their presence, leading of Bible studies and one-on-one mentoring, FOCUS staff introduce college students to Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith, empowering them to share His love with the world.

“It’s been a blessing to see all the wonderful things the Mount has to offer and the openness that many of the students have to learning about their faith,” says Jared. “I hope we can help the Mount continue to create authentic witnesses to the love of Christ.”

Between 60 and 80 students participate in eight Bible studies that meet weekly. FOCUS staff also host off-campus parties that bring together fun and fellowship in a positive and student-friendly environment.

Liz Andreulewicz, a junior, describes her experience with FOCUS at the Mount: “They are so welcoming and have really been able to get people more involved with their faith. They are awesome role models and just great people to be around.” Jimmy Morgan, also a junior, says, “The power of their Catholic witness has helped me grow spiritually deeper and become more serious about my faith. They all truly live the words of St. Francis: ‘Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words.’”

Welcoming of All Peoples
“Embracing of All People, Loving without Conditions, Encouraging not Judging”

One of the concerns of students from other Christian denominations is that they may not feel welcome at a Catholic university. At the Mount, many students think differently. “It’s been a wonderful experience to be at the Mount,” says junior Jo Lanigan, a practicing Presbyterian. “I’ve learned the importance of investing time in how I’m called to live as a Christian adult. I’ve never felt out of place at the Mount or in Campus Ministry. I have always felt encouraged to grow and share my faith with other students and faculty.”

Our popular “come as you are” Praise and Worship evenings in Pangborn chapel have been a great place for Christians to come together. In addition, this year we began an interdenominational Bible study to give Christian students an opportunity for fellowship with one another in a more intimate environment. Campus Ministry has also worked on several ecumenical events, including a Living Stations of the Cross and a Festival of Worship and Christian Witness.

Community Service and Outreach
“Witness Greater Than Words, Gratefulness”

One of our most established and successful programs over the years continues to be community service. Whether it is through working in soup kitchens and nursing homes or helping with Special Olympics, Mount students put their faith into action through selfless giving. Their involvement in the surrounding area has become a major asset to the local community, with about 50 percent of the student population volunteering their time. More than 7,500 service hours were totaled in 2007-08.

Service trips taken during semester breaks have become one of the most popular events offered to students. With five domestic trips and one international trip (cosponsored by Community Service and the CRUX outdoor adventures program), students are able to experience different cultures and lifestyles while serving those in need. These trips usually fill to capacity very quickly. Reflection and prayer are part of every trip, allowing the students to understand more fully the meaning of their service, both to themselves and to those whom they are reaching out to help. Senior Katie Rosario states, “Reflections allow me to more fully understand how God is working in and through me in serving others.”

Service is very much a part of the hearts and minds of Mount students. Through giving of their time and talents, they become more enriched as faithful and active citizens, spreading God’s love to all those they meet and serve.

In so many ways—through faith, fellowship and love for their neighbors in need—Mount students continue to grow in and radiate Christ.
There is far more to college life than studies. While the ultimate goal is to walk away after four years with a degree, many Mount students leave upon graduation with experiences that go beyond what is taught in a textbook. These are often life-changing, faith-deepening, self-esteem building experiences, where students have grown beyond anything they could have ever imagined as freshmen.

The giving of self to others is the main ingredient, and in return, growth of the soul leads to a more profound walk of faith. Whether through service organizations or religious institutions, Mount students are answering the call to give of self. We’d like you to meet a few of them.

Lauren Mackey, C’08, is currently living in Duran, Ecuador, working with Rostro de Cristo, an organization that helps the poorest of the poor who are struggling through everyday life. It is a one-year commitment, living in a community of volunteers, all who are giving of their time and talents to help those in need. Lauren speaks of her experience as follows:

As a volunteer, I work at two sites. In the mornings, I work at Damien House, a foundation hospital/clinic for patients with Hansen’s disease (leprosy). In the afternoons, I teach 7th- and 8th-grade English at a foundation school called Nuevo Mundo. Most of my time is spent either with my Ecuadorian community or my house community. With Rostro de Cristo, there is a focus on five pillars: simplicity, spirituality, service, hospitality and community.

Lauren was very active with the Office of Campus Ministry and Community Service throughout her four years at the Mount. She credits her involvement and experiences with CMCS in helping guide her decision in post-graduate service work. Lauren states:

Through participation in Campus Ministry and Community Service events, retreats, service trips and even just Christ-centered conversations on campus, I came to discern that I really felt God was calling me to something different after college. My discernment was not easy, but I had so many avenues on campus to turn to for support throughout the process. I felt like God was calling me to use my life for something more this year. My experience at the Mount was the perfect platform from which to jump into my life as a volunteer. I could not have been better prepared in my heart to be filled with compassion and love, spirit and hope for the poor.

Maria Parker, also a graduate of 2008, left the mountains of Emmitsburg to join the ranks of FOCUS missionaries (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Working at Ramapo College in New Jersey, leading and guiding students on a deeper faith level, Maria speaks about her desire to help others and how her work with FOCUS has helped her grow spiritually:

FOCUS has allowed me the opportunity to grow more fully in my spiritual life and build up my peers in taking their faith to a real and active next level. As a recent
college graduate, I am at a prime time in my life to have the opportunity to actively serve others and promote the faith, while preparing for the future.

Maria became involved in Campus Ministry and Community Service her freshman year in college, and through her involvement and leadership she was guided to her post-graduation decision:

My experiences at Mount St. Mary’s have contributed in so many ways to my decision to serve as a FOCUS Missionary. From my initial involvement as a freshman in Campus Ministry to my engagement in various service projects and trips with Melissa throughout all four years, I was continually able to come alive by doing service and encouraging others to get involved. I was taught practical life skills, how to grow deeper in my faith and how to live out servant leadership. These experiences set the foundation for the course I have embarked on for the rest of my life.

Samantha Russell, currently a senior at the Mount, will begin a two-year program with the Peace Corps beginning in August 2009. Sam is very active at the Mount, with a special interest and involvement in the Outdoor Adventure program. Entering Outdoor Adventure as a freshman, Sam now uses her many hours of training and skills to lead groups of students on a variety of excursions, both locally and in other states. It was through this program, along with the guidance from others at the Mount, that Sam realized her call to serve. She states:

My time here at the Mount has been so blessed. I have had professors, mentors and friends who have helped me on my journey of self discovery and my own personal mission in the world. I have been given so much in this life, and am eager to give back to my community—more specifically, my global community—as much as I can. My work with the Outdoor Adventure program has prepared me for volunteer work in youth development, and I intend on serving in the Peace Corps in the Eastern Caribbean for two years and then applying to grad schools in the D.C. area in public health, community development or international relations.

The Mount’s Career Center has also been instrumental in advising students who wish to apply to the Peace Corps. In addition to Samantha, Mount senior Erin Fox has been accepted to the Peace Corps this year.

These students are a small sample of the many who graduate from the Mount answering the call to serve and reach out to those in need around the world.
By Dr. John Larrivee, Associate Professor of Economics

Ex Corde in Fifty Words or Less
What is a Catholic university? The central message of the papal encyclical Ex Corde Ecclesiae can be summarized in two sentences:

A Catholic university is the place where the church intellectually engages the world.

To do so, it ought to have at least one faculty person in every department who faithfully integrates questions of faith and field in their research and teaching.

The world and our understanding of it change in ways that affect every dimension of life. While eternal principles such as the omnipotence and transcendence of God and the dignity of the human person may not change, our understanding of human life, and the best means to live out our principles, may.

Consequently, the church needs places in which real reflection can be made in real time. That is what Catholic universities exist to do. Like every other university, we do research and teaching, but some of that is done as part of the particularly Catholic dimension of directly engaging questions of faith and field.

In many ways, this type of mission is already widely accepted for other types of schools. Howard University strives to have at least one African-American in each department who specializes in questions of race and the field. Wellesley College seeks to have at least one woman in each department who specializes in questions of gender and that discipline. A Catholic university provides a greater consideration of faith. And just as state schools devote some of their teaching and research to the needs of the state that funds them, each Catholic university bears some responsibility to the people of God to provide the unique intellectual environment needed to ensure the church can continuously dialogue with the world.

We also owe it to our students. As they go out into the world, they can best live up to the vocations God has given them if we have helped them form a healthy understanding of their discipline. To not provide this integration at all, or to leave it up to the theology department alone, is to imply that such integration cannot be done, and perpetuates the belief that what one learns on Sunday has no relevance to the work one does Monday through Saturday.

Faith and Economics
Some examples from economics may illustrate the many ways such integration could occur. Moral questions regarding markets often fall into two categories: material justice, and the spiritual issue of how markets affect character and society and how character matters for economic behavior. Today these categories are linked more than ever.

In terms of well-being, Nobel winner Robert Fogel argues that in the developed countries material conditions rose so fast in the 20th century that we are now increasingly confronted with the challenge that
material well-being is only a poor indicator of overall well-being. At the intersection of psychology and economics, research has found that beyond basic goods, additional material gains provide little additional happiness compared to marriage, religious faith and practice, charitable work or productive activity.

In terms of justice—i.e., the distribution and determination of income and wages—in a world where human capital matters far more than physical capital, human agency matters far more than ever before. The rise of human capital to be 65 to 75 percent of the productive power of our economy underscores, as Pope John Paul II wrote, that the most important resource is people not things.

But human capital is more than a well-trained workforce. It involves capacity to work with others and entrepreneurial vision and creativity. Even knowledge must be something people want to make the effort to learn. As Nobel winner James Heckman shows, people’s willingness to build those capacities is greatly shaped by how much they want to learn and how much effort they want to put into productive efforts and social interaction (including with family). Given this greater role for human agency, Fogel argues that “spiritual resources” (essentially a combination of virtues and worldview) are far more important determinants of both market outcomes and the capacity for living a good life. As he writes, “The most serious threats to egalitarian progress—certainly, the most intractable forms of poverty—are related to the unequal distribution of spiritual (immaterial) resources.” Thus, efforts to raise well-being will have to be focused on social capital and spiritual resources.

While our current recession probably has less to do with “moral failure” than with the distortions of regulation, financial complexity, and interest rates kept too low for too long, there is no doubt the term’s older meaning applies here to some extent. Circumstances arose in which some people, from businesses to individual homeowners, took actions that went beyond imprudent to downright greedy. Does that imply the market is uniquely bad in undermining morality? Far from it.

We have had similar bubbles before with similar effects. More importantly, other economic systems have had far worse outcomes. Many of the 20th century’s horrors were driven by regimes (Communist, Fascist, Nazi) rejecting the classical free-market order for its expected impacts on social justice and morality. The results were horrendous economically, politically and morally: 100 million dead under communism alone, wars from Nazism and fascism. Aleksander Yakovlev, director of propaganda for the Soviet Union who became Gorbachev’s righthand man in reform, forcefully argued that bad as communism was economically, its worst impact was destroying the moral ethos.

This last point is especially important for Christians, not to defend markets, but as a defense of the importance of Christian worldview. Proponents of those other systems naively believed that if you simply changed the political/economic arrangements, people would be good and society would function harmoniously. Pope John Paul II, who lived under both systems, knew better. Having seen the human failings induced by communism and capitalism, he argued that if you see the same problems under both systems, the cause must be philosophical, not economic, in origins. Thus, he repeatedly emphasized that while economic concerns matter, the philosophical view of human existence is most critical for society.

That is precisely what Christianity and Christian institutions can help bring to the world.
The War was over and America was moving into a new future … one that was uncertain and exciting. Millions of young men were deciding their future after serving their country in World War II.

Congress had passed the G.I. bill that provided tuition and living expenses for those vets who wanted to further their education. The Mount benefited greatly from the G.I. bill: in September 1946, the largest freshman class entered the school—more than 500, most of them veterans, ranging in age from 20 to 33.

THE MOUNT IN 1946
The Mount residence halls, Brute, DuBois and McCaffrey, had the spartan look of the military base: gray furniture, bunk beds and blue/olive drab blankets. Even the dining facilities were militaristic metal trays, a food line and a Navy menu.

The college had a sizeable number of priests as teachers and administrators. Monsignor Sheridan was president and most of the departments were headed by priests such as Fathers Gordon, Berry, Coad, Kearney, O’Donnell, Burke, O’Neill and Shaum. Fathers Kilcullen, Fives, Berry and Klein were involved in management and teaching. Father Phillips was the librarian and in charge of the Grotto.

The athletic department consisted of Wally Opeakum, coach of the football, basketball and baseball teams and “Campus Handyman.”

Where the Knott Complex now stands was the Mount farm where crops were raised and animals were kept. Echo Field was home to baseball and football teams for play and practice, and the seminary was where it is today just beyond the field.

There were some interesting happenings including Fr. Berry’s logic class. His first test was 8-10 questions, mostly definitions. It wasn’t a hard test yet only one person passed. We were dumbfounded. When we checked our answers they were correct. We confronted Father Berry, who said, “The book is wrong … throw it out the window.” The whole class threw their textbooks out the windows of the classroom.
There were 11 p.m. bed checks, no alcohol allowed on campus, no women in the dorms, permission slips required to go off campus on weekends, and during Lent church services were mandatory. Tuition was $400 per year; laundry and room cleaning cost $65 more per month.

As an all-male institution, we looked to St. Joseph’s and Hood College for our social life. There were mixers at St. Joes where we left the Mount dressed in collar and tie, with jacket, signed in and were led to a room to wait for our dates. The young women arrived and we were matched up by the good nuns! Then we were checked in by the nuns as we boarded the bus to Gettysburg, where we were checked off the bus into the movie. After the movie we were checked back onto the bus, returned to St. Joes, checked off the bus and sent back into the waiting room, where the nuns remained with us until we were told to leave. Hood College became the favorite place, more like a college, and the reception was always cordial for Mount men.

Other than the brief forays to the mixers, the mainly male bonding consisted of drinking beer and telling stories. Our favorite hangouts were the V.F.W., the Palms and “Fitzies” or to “go up the Mountain” to drink beer and roast hot-dogs on balmy spring and fall days.

Pinochle was the card game of choice but we also played poker for pennies since we didn’t have much money.

The Frederick Armory was our home court during the basketball season since the old gym was not acceptable to the Mason-Dixon Conference. Our basketball program was excellent; we played against Loyola of Baltimore, Catholic University, Georgetown, American and other regional colleges.

There were very few cars so the accepted means of travel was hitchhiking. Many of us would hitch home after class on Friday to work part-time Saturday jobs, back in time for bed check Saturday night. Some of us met some interesting people while thumbing rides: The founder of Penguin pocket books had a weekend retreat in Taneytown, and a limo picked us up and took us to Baltimore. Former Governor of Maryland Ted McKeldin gave us rides, too, as well as salesmen, farmers and other trusting people who would pick up the “nice Mount boys.”

Some of the other memorable moments and characters during this period:

- Fathers “Legs” Diamond and “Pooch” McNelis waking the entire school for 7 a.m. Mass
- Father “Spike” Cogan tending his flowers on the Terrace
- Father “Beaner” Burke quelling an uprising on 1st Dubois after a night at the Palms
- The Irish Sisters who ran the infirmary with great compassion—if you had a test that you hadn’t prepared for, they’d admit you for treatment. God love those wonderful ladies.

Of course, our military experience came with us to the Mount. “Holty,” an airman, was a POW in Germany during the war; Bill, a commander of a PT boat in the Pacific. Joe, also an airman, survived the Polesia raids but suffered some form of delayed reaction; he saw airplanes on the ceiling in his room. Bill, an Army paratrooper, lost his leg jumping into France on D-Day.

Every man who served had a story and they were as diverse as the men themselves … these were but a few of their many adventures.

Well, these are some of the remembrances of one member of the class of 1950. We were 500 strong at the beginning and now we are down to about 60 or 65.

The times were different and we were different, but the four years spent at the Mount were unforgettable. I went into the world well equipped both intellectually and spiritually; the days at the Mount prepared me well. I was able to successfully compete with Ivy League grads. But even better, I had something they didn’t have … the Spirit of the Mount.

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THE SWORD & NO STONE

Comments and reflections during research on Mount alumnus William Whelan (1808-65)

By Capt. Stephen J. Bury, USN (Ret.), C'72

R esting quietly above a doorway in a dusty closet of the Mount archives, a naval officer’s sword hung unceremoniously on two nails. Being the “old salt” I am, my attention was immediately attracted. I could only spend a few moments back then pondering its owner and significance. My initial thought was, “Just how is it that this sword engraved ‘Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy’ ended up here in a closet at the Mount?” My reflections drifted to that certain kinship shared by all naval officers and the link to our heritage. Could this be a significant link to U.S. naval history? Why is it here at the Mount? I then went about my other research.

Now four years later, the sword is displayed on President Powell’s wall in a place of prominence for the bicentennial. What is the story that brought this sword to be displayed here and now?

The sword is a quality crafted and sharp naval officer’s sword from the mid 1800s. It is not made like any of today’s swords. It appeared to be designed for ceremony in a time when adventurous men on sailing warships used swords as weapons protecting our young country’s reach. The engraving on the brass of the sword reads:


From the moment the sword reappeared on the President’s wall, I just knew that I would have to find out how it came to rest there. The engraving on the sword was self explanatory—a graduate who loved the Mount and a navy surgeon general. There were no details on the man, his life and character, or how his sword came to rest at the Mount. I then went about my other research.

The Story

William is born Sept. 4, 1808, and enters the Mount at age nine in August 1817. He graduates in 1826 at the age of 18. There is some indication that Fr. Bruté, a physician himself, might have inspired Whelan to be a doctor. He goes on to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, graduates in 1828 with a medical degree, and joins the Navy as assistant surgeon. For the next 24 years he rises in naval rank and stature, spending many years sailing in the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Mediterranean Sea. Along the way, he meets Adeline Smith (1815-1900), the daughter of a U.S. Congressman. They marry and have five children.

That first call to Deputy Historian/Publications Manager Andre B. Sobocinski at the Naval Bureau of Medicine and Surgery launched this into a much bigger quest. The Navy had a photograph and were seeking detailed information on their longest-serving and third chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (1853-65), which they were titled at that time. Thus a new mystery: why is the sword engraved Surgeon General when this title was not bestowed until 1871, six years after his death? Andre and I were determined to get to the bottom of this.
We learn of William’s love of the Mount and how deeply he was influenced by Fr. Bruté from his wife’s letters.

On September 23, 1853, he is appointed chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery by President Franklin Pierce. He holds that office until his death on June 11, 1865. He had won a high reputation for clearness of comprehension, decision, skill and gentleness.

At nearly 12 years, he was the longest serving chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Among the Navy medical highlights during his tenure as chief are the construction of several naval hospitals, the establishment of the first Navy hospital ship, and use of the hypodermic syringe and improved anesthesia.

The Mystery
There is a lack of records in the Navy Medical archives. Whelan’s role and duties in the “War of Rebellion” were certainly demanding and many. There is conjecture that his successor and longtime rival might have purged documents from the normal places they should reside. The deputy historian believes there is some cause to question it, as there is very little regarding the man who was the longest-serving chief of medicine and surgery.

We know of the existence of Whelan’s journal he kept during his travels. It would be an extremely exciting find, with interesting tales of a Navy surgeon on the high seas. We can only hope it is still gathering dust in some archive.

As I write this article to share my experience, it is amazing this story did not come to light earlier. Here is a new example of the Mount’s early offspring who clearly exemplified ideals of Faith, Discovery, Leadership and Community. I cannot help thinking how coincidental this discovery was, during the time of the Mount bicentennial and the establishment of the Veterans’ Walkway.

There is no ending yet to this story. We have been unsuccessful in finding his final resting place. We will continue to search for Surgeon General William Whelan’s burial site, which is believed to be within the Washington, D.C., area. And now you know about The Stone!

Join the Hunt!
You, too, can share the adventure in discovering the Mount’s past. Help us locate the burial site of Surgeon General William Whelan (1808-65) and find his journal. Tell us what you learn and find. Email: sjbryan@email.msmary.edu.

Capt. Bury is a member of the Seminary Rector’s Council and has also investigated the Mount’s WWII Memorial. He discovered that the anti-aircraft gun that has been on campus since 1946 was in fact on the USS Detroit and helped shoot down one of the raiding aircraft at Pearl Harbor.

For the complete version of this essay and clues in the search, visit www.msmary.edu/whelan.
This year, Mount St. Mary’s University partnered with South Ural State University in Chelyabinsk, Russia, to provide a hands-on learning opportunity in global business practices. A group of 12 students traveled to Russia for an educational and cultural immersion experience that was centered on peer-to-peer interaction with students from South Ural State University.

The two-week trip was developed through the efforts of Mount professor, Sandra D. Sjoberg and her colleague, economics professor Dr. Mike P. Barry. Professor Sjoberg is a business professor and the faculty advisor of the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization on campus. SIFE is the largest student organization in the world. It focuses on creating educational outreach projects by taking classroom learning into the community. Professor Sjoberg reached out to SIFE teams in Russia and organized a learning experience with the SIFE team of South Ural State.

Professors Sjoberg and Barry were interested in creating a student trip to Russia because the nation is an emerging economy that is important for Mount students to understand as future leaders. In 2003, the term “BRIC” became known in the business world. BRIC is an acronym for four emerging economies in the world: Brazil, Russia, India and China. These four countries represent 43% of the world’s population, and it is projected by 2050 these countries have the potential to be the four most dominant economies in the world, larger than the United States and Western Europe combined. In addition, Dr. Barry is a Russian linguist with primary research interests in Russia and Central Asia.

The two teamed together to offer a class that provided a unique blend of marketing, economics, history, culture and international travel. The class attracted students from business, political science, history and psychology.

The students learned about global business practices through cultural discussions, classroom activities, a comparative advertising analysis and a tour of a Russian business. The students participated in the development of an advertising campaign for an actual product that was recently introduced into Russia, Knorr’s Soup Mix. They developed campaigns for both the U.S. and Russian markets. Key differences emerged as the students learned that Russian advertisements are very informative and educational about the specifics of the product, whereas American advertisements focus more on providing entertainment and memorable tag lines.

In addition to the global business experience, the students also had an unforgettable cultural experience. They gave both time and money to a Russian orphanage and were able to raise enough to purchase a washing machine and camera for the children. A similar orphanage was featured last December in an NPR series of broadcasts about the Chelyabinsk region.

Mount students were engaged with South Ural State students from morning to night and were able to experience life as Russian college students. They developed lasting friendships and continue to strengthen their relationships with the Russian students by communicating frequently through email and the Facebook website.

The School of Business and Leadership hopes to offer similar short-term study abroad programs in Russia and China in the near future.
MEN’S SOCCER VIES FOR CONFERENCE CHAMPION

Last fall the Mount St. Mary’s men’s soccer team notched one of its best campaigns in 10 years and played in its third Northeast Conference (NEC) Championship game.

The Mount advanced to its fifth NEC Tournament as the No. 4 seed after posting a 5-4-0 league record. The squad defeated top-seed and host Monmouth in the semifinals. The two teams battled to a scoreless standstill for 110 minutes before the game was decided by penalty kicks. Senior Vinnie Berry (Helensburgh, Scotland) and freshman Chris Wheeler (Newcastle, Australia) both converted their attempts, and the score was tied at 2 after four rounds with one kicker left for both sides. In the final round, sophomore Eric Detzel (York, Pa.) gave the Mountaineers a 3-2 lead when he found the back of the right netting. Mount St. Mary’s advanced to the NEC Championship game when the Hawks’ final player’s shot sailed over the cross bar.

The win against Monmouth set up the Mount’s third NEC Championship game appearance after also making the title match in 1994 and 1999. The team lost to Fairleigh Dickinson 7-2 in the championship game, but came a long way from being selected ninth in the league’s preseason poll.

Berry, Wheeler and senior Steve Pathroff (North Ridgeville, Ohio) were named to the All-Tournament team.

Head coach Rob Ryerson was named the NEC Coach of the Year for guiding the Mount to a 9-10-1 overall record and its first NEC Tournament berth since 1999. Wheeler, who tied the Mountaineers’ Division I record with 12 goals, was named the NEC Rookie of the Year while earning a spot on the All-NEC second team and garnering College Soccer News third-team honors. Berry became the second Mount player in program history to earn three all-conference honors after nabbing his first All-NEC first-team nod as a senior. Berry finished the season with one goal and five assists for seven points.

Mount St. Mary’s paced the league in assists (35) and ranked second in goals (36) and points (107). The Mountaineers lost Berry, Pathroff and fellow seniors Joshua Barnaby (Takoma Park, Md.) and C.J. Cover (Joppa, Md.) to graduation from this tournament squad. Pathroff recorded a goal and two assists for four points, while Barnaby and Cover helped anchor the defense that notched seven shutouts, the most since the 1999 season.

The team now has a tournament championship in its sights for next season.

WOMEN’S SOCCER RECAP

The Mount women’s soccer team had a tough season in 2008, posting a 2-16-1 overall record and a 1-7-1 mark in the Northeast Conference.

Highlighting the season were a 2-0 win over NEC rival Sacred Heart and a 5-2 win against New Jersey Tech. Freshman goalkeeper Alicia Miller (Lititz, Pa.) set a school record with 128 saves on the season, while junior forward Emily Menotti (Dover, Pa.) paced the team with three goals and nine points.

A young team with plenty of potential, head coach Tom Gosselin’s squad has a chance to be much improved next year.
In 1954, Jim Phelan missed out on a trip to Kansas City. He was the lone assistant coach for the La Salle basketball team then, and even though the school made it to the Final Four, Phelan was told the program didn’t have enough money in the budget to send him. So he stayed home and listened on the radio.

The next season he became the head coach at Mount St. Mary’s. And in his 49 seasons there, well, Phelan earned another trip to Kansas City.

Phelan was inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame here Sunday night as one of seven honorees in the hall’s third induction class.

Reggie Minton, deputy executive director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, introduced the inductees to a gathering of media, family and friends in a pre-ceremony news conference. He read over Phelan’s numbers—the 830 wins that rank fourth all-time among NCAA coaches, the unmatched 1,354 games coached.

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“Most of us haven’t done anything 1,354 times,” Minton said. “He’s the Iron Man of college basketball.”

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And then Phelan and his bow-tie stepped to the podium.

He was engaging and funny, starting with a joke about fellow inductee Charles Barkley’s golf game before explaining how he got here.

He spoke of his brief NBA career with the Philadelphia Warriors.

“I lasted 25 games. I committed more personal fouls than points,” Phelan said.

He told that story of when his alma mater La Salle won the national championship in Kansas City while he listened at home. He met the team when it arrived back at the airport.

“As they got back and got off the plane in Philadelphia, I met (La Salle coach Ken Loeffler),” Phelan said. “I said Ken, ‘How was it?’ He looked right in my face and he said, ‘Jim, it was routine. Nothing but routine.’”

He had been to Kansas City since missing that trip, but his reasons for returning Sunday were especially significant. So he made the most of his time at the podium.

“I’ve taken more than my two minutes,” Phelan said. “I just want to say how much I’ve appreciated the game. It’s been awfully good to me. Who would have thought that I would stick around with my livelihood depending on 17- to 21-year-olds wearing short pants? And how in the world could you make a living that way?”

Phelan found a way.

When he was 24 years old, he was offered an initial three-year contract to coach at the Mount. He opted for a one-year deal instead.

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“I wasn’t sure whether I would like it or (if) my wife would like it,” said Phelan, who was 25 when his first season began.

He never left. He interviewed for jobs at Georgetown, Virginia, Rutgers and with the then-Baltimore Bullets along the way. But he never left.

“He didn’t have that craving to be a big fish in a big pond,” his wife Dottie Phelan said Sunday. Had his alma mater La Salle ever called, Phelan said he might have been tempted to go. Instead, he coached at the Mount until retiring in 2003 at the age of 73.

In 1962, Phelan’s Mountaineers won the National College Division Championship (later Division II).

“It remained fun,” he said.

Longtime ESPN broadcaster Dick Vitale was also inducted Sunday night, and he recalled covering Phelan’s Mount St. Mary’s team in a postseason game one year.

“I think what makes him special is the fact that he understood players. He communicated so well,” Vitale said.

“We did the game, and preparing and going there to practice and watching him, he had such great rapport with his players. Players loved him, and that was half the battle of getting kids to perform. ... I would summarize him as a teacher.”

Phelan was one of two coaches inducted Sunday, along with former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson. Vitale and longtime CBS broadcaster Billy Packer went in as contributors to the game.

Former Kansas standout Danny Manning and Utah’s Arnie Ferrin were inducted as players.

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Phelan said he received a call from NABC executive director Jim Haney last April Fool’s Day, informing him of his inclusion.

“I didn’t know I had been nominated for this,” Phelan said. “To get this call, ‘This is Jim Haney, I’m happy to tell you you’ve been selected’ ... I had some reservations because I thought it was some smart (alec) friend of mine giving me a call.”

Nope, just the national recognition that current Mount coach Milan Brown said is long overdue.

“It’s funny how someone of his stature and the wins that he’s accumulated, how he can go missed nationally,” said Brown, who was in attendance Sunday. “But hopefully events like this will continue to propel his name throughout the country, and hopefully he’ll not only be in Kansas City, he’ll be in Springfield.”

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CROSS COUNTRY RECAP

The Mount men’s cross country team had a solid season last fall, capped by a second-place finish at the Northeast Conference championships. Three Mount student athletes earned All-NEC honors at the meet. The women’s cross country team finished eighth at the event.

Junior Kyle Ryan (New Market, Md.), above, and freshman Dylan Bernard (Frederick, Md.) paced the Mount at the NEC Championships, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively, to earn All-NEC honors. Ryan finished the 8K course in a time of 26:49.7, while Bernard had a mark of 27:01.7. Senior Matt Logie finished his stellar Mount career by earning All-Conference honors for the fourth consecutive season. Logie finished in 13th place at the NEC Championships.

The Mount women were led by Liz Kessler (Mount Laurel, N.J.), who placed 35th in the field.

Spring 2009
For today’s students, the quality of campus residences can be a significant factor when choosing a college—and they expect the comforts of home when they arrive. If you lived on the Terrace, as the vast majority of our alumni have at some point, you knew the simple truth then—the Terrace, our historic landmark dating back to 1825, was in great need of major renovation. Due to the enormous nature and cost of the task, it was put off time and again, leaving it to future generations to undertake. Finally, the situation could not be ignored any longer. It was time for a major renovation.

“We had to do something because we could no longer afford to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars patching and repairing this 184-year-old structure,” said President Thomas H. Powell. Two years ago, the Board of Trustees and President Powell made the decision to move ahead with a renovation plan for the Terrace (DuBois, Bruté and McCaffrey Halls) to upgrade the building’s wiring, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, floors, and walls. Plans also include installation of elevators, wheelchair accessibility, and modest remodeling to refresh study lounges, meeting rooms and activity spaces.

The renovation plan maintains the historic nature of the buildings and is not elaborate. Much of the work cannot be readily seen. Candidly, while not a fancy plan, it provides the essentials that our students need, and allows the Mount to remain competitive with peer institutions. The overall cost of the renovation is $24 million, and based upon the critical need of this project and our record of fundraising, a bridge loan was secured to begin construction. The financing for this bridge loan, at a total cost of $8 million, is what must be raised by 2010 if we are to continue with this important project.

“The magnitude and urgency of this project leaves no room for failure. And I know its success can ONLY be guaranteed with your generosity. With this said, I am officially launching a fundraising drive to raise $8 million for our Terrace, and I take this opportunity to lay out the case for your support.”

—President Thomas H. Powell

Hilary and Michael O’Donnell, classes of 1984 and 1983 respectively, urge alumni, parents and friends to make a gift to ensure the success of this project. They themselves have made a significant pledge and subsequent gift to the renovation. To facilitate commitment, they note gifts can be pledged and paid over a two-year period. Letters mailed out to members of the Mount community include a gift agreement form explaining how a gift can be made over time.

We ask you to join us in making this essential and urgently needed renovation a success. To preserve and maintain this historic residence hall for generations of future Mounties, please consider making a gift to the Terrace Renovation Campaign. A gift of $1,000, $700, $500, $250, or $100 will help us reach our goal of $8 million by August 2010. We know all too well that this is a difficult economic time but please give as generously as you can. If you are able to do more than $1,000, please do so!

For more information regarding the Terrace Renovation Campaign or for more naming opportunities, visit www.msmary.edu/terrace or contact Campaign Director Deborah Powell at 301-447-6872.
Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Veterans’ Walkway were held on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, following a Mass marking the closing of the bicentennial celebration. In his remarks, President Thomas H. Powell told the 300 attending: “This Walkway will recognize and honor all members of our Mount community, their families and loved ones who have served our beloved nation in all branches of the military to preserve and protect the God-given rights of all citizens of the world. It is also an appropriate way for Mount St. Mary’s University, as we enter our third century of service to the church and nation, to thank our veterans for their faithful and selfless service.”


The Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, S’60, archbishop emeritus of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, blessed the site. The Walkway will be located on the plaza between Patriot Hall and the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center.

Construction will begin following Alumni Reunion Weekend, with the dedication to take place in the fall of 2009.

Several naming gift opportunities are available to help meet the project goal of $250,000. For more information about the Walkway or to make a gift, visit www.msmary.edu/veterans or contact Walkway Coordinator Phil McGlade at 301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu.

The Class of 2009 is proud to finally be a part of another longstanding tradition at the Mount, the tradition of the Senior Class Gift. This year, the senior class is turning a tragic event into an opportunity that will touch many. The Class of 2009 Nicole Spencer Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to incoming freshmen who have devotion to faith, interest in the field of education and are active in campus ministry. These values were those of Nicole Spencer, a member of the Class of 2009 who died in a car accident the summer before her senior year. To show their commitment to philanthropy and this very worthy cause, the seniors have held several fundraisers this year, with more on the way. They soon hope to reach their goal of $25,000 and add their class stone to the Senior Walkway, taking their place in the Mount’s history.

To read more about the 2009 Senior Class Gift, please visit www.msmary.edu/annualfund.

Spring 2009

SPRING PHONATHON HELD MARCH 18 THROUGH APRIL 8

The Office of Annual Giving reports phenomenal success with the Mount Phonathon – made possible by the generous support of alumni, parents, friends and a fantastic group of student callers. Specific accomplishments include:

1. Surpassing our Fall goal
2. Implementing highly successful regional Mount Phonathons
3. Recruiting record numbers of student callers

The students say they enjoy talking to alumni and parents about how the Annual Fund and the Phonathon are excellent ways of giving back and showing dedication and commitment to the Mount.
A NEW SERVICE FOR ALUMNI AND STUDENTS

The Career Center and the Office of Alumni Relations are excited about partnering with ReadyMinds Counseling to provide greatly needed career counseling to our alumni and students affected by the economic crisis. We have seen a tremendous increase in the number of alumni using the services provided by the Career Center, as well as students wanting to start early in their job search process. ReadyMinds counseling will provide licensed counselors to help both alumni and current students with career counseling, as an extension of the services provided by the Career Center.

Telephone and email counseling will be available for a limited time. The partnership was launched on Feb. 16 and will continue for up to six months, after which the service will be evaluated and sustainability of the service will be discussed. We feel this will be a great resource that will enhance the services the university already offers.

Among the services ReadyMinds’ counselors provide are: analysis of interests, skills and values; one-on-one counseling; strategies for educational and career exploration; self-marketing strategies including networking, resume writing and interviewing; and a comprehensive career report and action plan.

ReadyMinds is available only to alumni and students of the Mount. It is a complimentary service—no extra charge or fee.

Mount alumni and students can access the service by going to www.msmary.edu/career and clicking on the link for ReadyMinds Counseling. You will be directed to fill out an online form with some basic information to help the counselors determine your needs. A counselor will be in touch with you within 72 hours. Counselors can also be contacted at 1-888-225-8248.

THERE ARE A MILLION WAYS TO REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE TODAY

Networking… connecting… communicating… joining… linking… relating… No matter what you call it, nearly everyone does it. Pick up a pen and write a letter, pick up the phone and call someone, or simply turn on your computer and hit “send.”

You may have grown up using a computer, use one every day for work, or just learned how to use one. No matter what your experience, computers and the internet have become part of life for most of us. Through the vast network of the internet, we can do research, connect with our family and friends by sending and receiving “mail,” or while away the days playing games.

What’s in It for YOU?

At the Mount we use several ways to communicate with our alumni:

1. email messages
2. the Around the Mount electronic newsletter
3. email event notices and invitations
4. through our website www.msmary.edu

Through all of these methods our Mount family stays informed – you can find out what’s happening on campus, check our sports scores, offer help and advice to current students through the Career Center, register for alumni events and, of course, reconnect with your classmates by joining our online community, Mount Online (www.msmary.edu-mountonline)

You can help us stay in touch with you by updating your current email address. Connect with us anytime, day or night, with suggestions, ideas or the latest success in your life.

Can You YouTube? How’s Your Facebook?

Commercial networking sites have become another large part of how Mounties connect with Mounties. LinkedIn, a business-oriented social networking site, is used mainly for professional networking; Facebook promotes social networking for lots of people and groups. Both are free and reach millions of people around the world in seconds.

Currently, there are nearly 5,000 Mount alumni registered on LinkedIn, of which 420 are members of the Mount’s alumni group; and more than 5,300 Mounties registered on Facebook. These numbers represent one third of our alumni base!

The Stats Tell the Story:

More than 56% of our alumni receive messages and invitations through email from the Mount, and the number of registered members of our Mount Online community is 10% of alumni and growing daily.

So stay connected! Make sure we have your current email address and join Mount Online.

Look for the official Mount St. Mary’s groups on both LinkedIn and Facebook and join the crowd of other Mounties connecting with each other. Finding old friends on Facebook is easier than you think. Increase your connections with LinkedIn, or take advantage of online career counseling through ReadyMinds and the Career Center (see sidebar). Most importantly, make sure you join the Mount’s online community; it’s simple and easy and will keep you in touch so you can stay connected with the Mount and all of your favorite Mounties.
Richard Boaman, C’62 is retired from the U.S. Air Force and is living in Vero Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Ann, SJC’62, have been married for more than 46 years!

The Hon. John A. Connor, C’62, was recently elected to the 10th District Court of Appeals in Franklin County, Ohio. As an appellate judge, he will sit from time to time on the Ohio Supreme Court by assignment. Previously, he served as Common Pleas, General Jurisdiction trial judge in Columbus, Ohio, since succeeding in 1993 Judge Paul W. Martin, C’42 (D), who served for more than 20 years.

Dr. William Curtis, C’61, took temporary vows as a secular member of the Order of Discalced Carmelites; Dr. Curtis is a clinical psychologist and lives in Media, Pa.

Michael F. Scanlon, C’61, Col. USMC Ret., is a member of St. Mary’s parish, the first Catholic parish to send a workforce to Biloxi to rebuild the homes paid for by parish donations. Read more online www.msmary.edu/magazine

Richard C. DuLaney, C’55, visited his classmate Ron Scezbeki at his home on the water this summer. Joining them were Joe Tague, Bob Flanigan, Jack McMullen and Bill Tammaro, all C’55.

Harry Jordan, C’55, recently published Rendezvous With Emma. He lives in Northern Virginia and spends his time writing and tending to his pets.

Dr. Anthony F. Huston, C’66, is a cardiologist with his classmate Dr. Edward Palank and reports that it was nice to see each other after 40+ years. Ed is a cardiologist in Florida.

Dr. Beverly Dunn, C’64, has been elected president of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry; he is an Honored Fellow of the AAID and lives in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Michael McCafferty, C’64, won second place in the 8-ball tournament; read about it at http://FastMikie.com

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1960
● Mike Meyer
● Matt McHugh

1961
● John Fink
luckylou@bcpl.net
● Karl Miller
kmiller1958@aol.com
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● Charles Shimkus
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1964
● Dan Curtin
dcurtin@cox.net
● George Gelles
ggelles@msmary.edu
● Pat Golecs
cgoles@comcast.net
● Tom O’Hara
● Gene Waldron

1966
● John Kaheny
jmkaheny@cox.net
● John Toale
john.toale@sungard.com

1967
● Edward Dolan
emountie67@aol.com

1963
● Dennis Doyle
ddennisdoyle@comcast.net
● Joseph Farrell
sailaction@peconic.net
● Jack Lauer
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1964
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● Bernie Jacobs
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Read Bernie’s article on page 28.

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● William O’Grady
● John F. O’Neill

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● Leo E. Green
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● Dick Kelly

1955
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1943
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● Jim Hafey
● Al Skidmore

1947
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Arch Gleason, C’69, president and CEO of the Kentucky Lottery Corporation, has been elected to his second two-year term as president of the World Lottery Association (WLA). He was re-elected at the association’s biannual convention in Greece in October 2008. Gleason has served as WLA president since February 2006.

Dr. Vincent Castranova, C’70, received the 2008 Charles C. Shepard Award for Lifetime Scientific Achievement from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Vincent is the chief of the Pathology and Physiology Research Branch at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in Morgantown, W.Va.

Paul J. Norris, C’70, has been appointed to the board of directors at Nalco Company, a global leader in water, energy, air and process technologies and services. Paul took up his post on Feb. 12, 2009. He will serve as a member of the Compensation and the Safety, Health and Environment committees.

Father Robert Geis, C’72, published two books in 2008: The Christ From Death Arisen and Same-Sex in Scripture by Rowman and Littlefield. A third, Linus or Peter, was published in March 2009. Fr. Geis has also written Personal Existence After Death (Open Court) and Cloning Christ (Orion), as well as an article on immortality in The Failure of Modernism (CUA Press, 2002).

Burket Tyler, C’72, has been retired for almost 20 years and has kept himself busy writing six books.

Mark Walker, C’72, and his brother Stephen Walker, C’78, had a wonderful visit with Fr. Paul Redmond this summer at his cottage on East Campus along with their spouses. Brother Patrick, C’75, could not be there that day.

Joe Becht, C’73, partner of Ernst & Young’s Health Sciences Advisory Services, spoke at the Knowledge Congress’ webinar “Healthcare Finance Update 2009: How to Cope With Bad Debt, Shrinking Charity & Reimbursement Levels, and Expense Management.”

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Kelly McCleaf Karwacki, C’80, has been selected as teacher of the year by the local VFW Chapter and will compete for the VFW state Teacher of the Year title in May. Kelly teaches at Sparrows Point High School, in Sparrows Point, Maryland. Kelly, Crystal Clingan Redding, Liz Kiesel Beatty and Kim Dlugosz Gallbreath, all C’80, enjoyed a mini reunion at Clydes in Columbia, Md., recently.

Lynn Schub, C’83, and her husband, Jimmy, C’82, participated in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in Charlotte, N.C., in fall 2008 along with Joel Levy, C’08, and Sara Garbarini, C’09. Through various fundraisers on campus and through the Mount men’s lacrosse team, fellow Mounties contributed more than $2,000 to their team for breast cancer research.

1984
- John J. Ford
- Karen Hawkins
- Tom Leddy

D.J. Monagle, C’84, was recently promoted to senior vice president and managing director, PPC of Minerals Technologies, Inc. He has been with the company since 2003.

Kevin Whalen, C’84, has been an honored member of the Police Unity Tour, Virginia Chapter 4, since 2007. In 2007 he rode 240 miles with hundreds of other law enforcement officers from Portsmouth, Va., to the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial, to raise funds and awareness for the Memorial in honor of officers who died in the line of duty. In 2008, he rode over 1,000 miles, from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia to the Memorial in D.C., starting with 12 riders and finishing with 1,000 riders. He is now training to ride another 1,000 miles from Charleston, S.C., to the Memorial.

1985
- Tom Arrowsmith
- John Singleton

Peter Quinn, C’85, completed an Army War College Senior Service Fellowship at the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) in June 2007; he recently accepted assignment with CJTFPhoenix as J-5 director of strategy and plans. He will mobilize in April and deploy in June to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

1986
- John Singleton

Fred and Maureen (Sehl) Owusu, both C’86, traveled to Emnitsburg in May 2008 to see their daughter Frances graduate from the Mount. Pictured are the Owusus with their children, Ethan (14), Frances, C’08, Graham (4) and Elliot (17).

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- Tim Buck

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- Thomas B. Berenato

William McManus and Bill Cosgrove, both C’89, recently volunteered to set up thirty pee wee soccer fields for the Manasquan Soccer Club. McManus and Cosgrove are also volunteer coaches in the league.

1990
- Fr. Rick Hilgartner

1991
- David Casses

1993
- Daniel J. Schrider, MBA’93

1994
- Bridget Daul Kelly

Shannon (Carragher) Loughrey, C’91, and her husband, Peter, directors of the Los Angeles Modern Auctions (LAMA) were featured on SOLID!, a 60-minute, behind-the-scenes documentary featuring LAMA’s February 2008 auction. The show aired in October 2008.

1994
- Colin Ward

1995
- Mike Zinzi

Class Notes

1981
- Patricia Parrish Bay
- Ellen Callahan
- David Conaghan
- Susan Janowski
- Tom Whelan

1982
- Michael Berens
- Michael J. Neuman

1983
- Thea Ackerman Carey
- Joanne Weed McShalley
- Mark Panetta

1984
- John J. Ford
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Maj. Erik Krivda, C'94, is currently deployed to Iraq for the third time. He is the S-3 for Task Force 2-28, a mechanized infantry battalion. He graduated from the General Staff and Command School and finished the School of Advanced Military Science at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 2007. He was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, for a year in the V Corps prior to going to Iraq.

Scott H. Szeliga, C'97, is an audit principal in Reznick Group's Baltimore office. Szeliga has 11 years of experience, all with Reznick Group. He is a member of AICPA and the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA). He also serves on the Mount's Business Advisory Committee.

Kevin Kalis, C'99, his wife Anne (Stocker) Kalis, C'00, and other Baltimore Chapter Mount alumni, students, friends and family teamed together for the Polar Bear Plunge 2009 on Jan. 24. For this Special Olympics Maryland fundraiser, “Maggie’s Mounties” jumped into the icy cold Chesapeake Bay from Sandy Point State Park. The team raised $27,500, the fifth-highest donation total out of 275 teams. Maggie’s Mounties is named in honor of Kevin and Anne’s two-year-old daughter, who has Down syndrome.

Sarah McGinley Turner, C'99, is one of the team physicians at Virginia Tech and is on the clinical faculty at the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is also the head coach of the Wall High School bowling team; last year one of his students won the boys' individual state championships.

Albert R. Cea, C'01, recently concluded a five-year enlistment in the U.S. Army and has accepted a commission as a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. Department of State. In February he was posted as vice-consul at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela. Albert is pictured at his swearing-in with Deputy Secretary of State Negroponte and Under-Secretary of State Kennedy.

Matt Lynch, C'01, celebrated his birthday in 2008 with 15+ of his friends from the Mount.
Beth Foster, C’04, is a Marine now stationed at Camp Pendleton in California. She has served one tour in Iraq.

Kristin Costanza and Amnlie Scott, both C’07; and Laura Fenaroli, C’08, volunteered at WHOBILATION, a community Christmas celebration at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md. Children were treated to arts and crafts, festive face painting, a show and a visit from Santa! Kristin works at the Nativity and was the brainchild of this great event.

Theresa M. Becker, MBA’08, was recently promoted from staff associate to senior associate at Smith, Elliott, Kearns & Company. She joined the Hagerstown, Md., office in 2005 and specializes in tax preparation and small business accounting services for a variety of industries, including manufacturing, construction and retail.

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

The Mount’s web site now features an in Memoriam page that is updated monthly and includes an entire listing of deceased alumni. Visit www.msmary.edu/alumni and click on “In Memoriam.”
David Lazaras, C'99, and Kristen Serina
June 7, 2008
Grey Towers Castle, Arcadia University

Sarah (McGinley) Turner, C'99, and Billy Turner II
October 11, 2008
St. Matthias in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.
Mounties in attendance:
Matron of Honor Laura (McGinley) Ponce, C'94; and
bridesmaids Christie (Troha) Gesin, Melissa (Harps) Kiely and Kelly (Stewart) Cash (all C'99); Holly (Hinkel) Gibson and Julie (Yanik) Machione, C'99.

Jonathan Franciose, C'00, and Allison O'Neill
Oct. 4, 2008
St. Mary's Church, Shrewsbury, Mass.
The bride and groom with fellow Mounties:
Suzanne Brown and Karen Folliot, both C'99; Tim Mitchell, Eric Seebach, Matt Campagna, Lori Beil-Goldhammer, Rick Murray, Andy Beil, Dominic Brown, Doug Dawulski and Jason Folliot, all C'00; Dave Henson and Jennifer Murray-Thompson, both C'01.

Traci (Miller) Poole, C'02, and Larry Poole
September 27, 2008
Immaculate Conception Chapel at the Mount

Nick, C'01, and Kelly (Shiel) DeFelice, C'02
Annapolis, Md.
Pictured are the bride and groom with fellow Mounties:
Rob Wees, C'93; Maureen Williams, C'94; Barry Stailer, Matty Lynch, Anthony Solazzo, Kevin Rosso, Meaghan (Clarke) Rosso, Ryan Landy, Bryan Cole, Suzanne Gill, Dan Koch, Mike Strazzone and Jamie Lawson, all C'01; Chris Stack, Ken Sheridan, Lisa (Mutz) Minutoli, Katie Harmer, Tom Dryer, Mike Freundel, Erika (Gunderson) Freundel, Kristen (Stanley) Hogg, Chris Seiler, Kate Seiler, Rachel (Gaes) Morrison and Shannon (Ricker) Berry, all C'02; Robbie Gilliss and Teddy Peyton, both C'03; Lindsay (Langella) Dryer, John Leubecker and Sam Hogg, all C'04; and Fr. Andrew Royals, S'06.

Amy (Harris) Danahy and Joseph Danahy, both C'02
March 29, 2008
Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, Millersville, Md.

Brendan McMahon, C'03, and Jennifer (Haenn) McMahon, C'04
Pictured are the bride and groom with fellow Mounties:
Joseph Pettijohn, C'85; Colleen Sousa, Helen Davidson, both C'97; Corey Serio, Kelly Heister, Christopher Erdman, all C'03; Michael Lashinsky, Matthew Schwartz, Brian Moore, Sheila Mulligan, Mary Pat Loeliger, Britt Farrall, Heather Showers, Derek Hiester, all C'04; Justin McMahon, C'05.

Lindsay (Clarke) Abruzzo, C'04, and Mark Abruzzo
February 23, 2008

Mounties in attendance and in the picture were, from left, Jenn Saunders, Sarah Frederick, and Kathleen (Riff) Hatton all C'04; Meaghan (Clarke) Rosso and Kevin Rosso, C'01. Other Mounties in attendance were Ryan Landy, Suz Gill, Allison (Heine) Novelli, all C'01, and David Rosso.

Aaren (Gonzales) King and Robert King, both C'04
September 6, 2008
At the Antrim 1844 in Taneytown, Md.
Christina (Talarico) and Bryan Becker, both C'04
July 12, 2008
Pictured are the bride and groom with fellow Mounties: Robert Murray, C'03; Christina Sapraicone, Jennifer Goldberg, Emily (Bittner) Stevens, Philip Rothschild, A.Jay Siscone and Andrew Scott, all C'04; Jenny (Grim) Rothschild, C'06; Jenna Talarico and Aileen Flanagan, both C'07; and Theresa Becker, MBA'07.
Baby Notes

Tom Leddy, C’84, and Karen Leddy
Sean Farrell
February 3, 2009
Pictured with big brother Mac.

1. Michael and Kelly (Klein) Smith, both C’97
Penelope Jade
Aug. 13, 2008

2. Michael Kirby, C’98, and Erica Kirby
Megan Elizabeth
Aug. 25, 2008

3. Jennifer (Stocker) Buckles, C’98 and Scott Buckles
Charles Thomas (Charlie)
March 10, 2008

4. Marianne (Martin) Kreiner, C’99, and Andrew Kreiner
Nicholas Cameron
May 12, 2008

5. Michael May, C’99, and Jennifer Ellis May
Michaela Vegas
May 3, 2008

Genevieve (Almskog) Mulderig, C’01, and Ben Mulderig
Twins Maddie Elizabeth and Brady Joseph
August 12, 2008

6. Sarah (Wassner) Flynn, C’01, and Mark Flynn, C’00
Eamon Joseph
August 17, 2008

Amy (Harris) and Joseph Danahy, both C’02
Ryan Joseph
September 19, 2008

7. Lauren (Kokotajlo) Grace, C’03, and Jason Grace, C’01
Tucker
March 20, 2008

8. Christine (Kratz) and John Butto, both C’03
Jarek Killian
January 3, 2008

9. Stephanie (Kramer) MacDougal, C’08, and Donald MacDougal
Liam Camden
January 1, 2008 in Frederick, Md.
Baltimore

Feb. 28, 2009 100 Days Party (Countdown to Reunion)
Jan. 29, 2009 Polar Bear Plunge (see Kalis pg. 42)
Dec. 14, 2008 Christmas Party

Members of the Baltimore Chapter gathered to enjoy a Ravens game and celebrate the holidays at Alexander’s Tavern in Baltimore owned by John and Kathleen (Clark) Burke, C’94. Attendees donated more than 100 gifts and toys, which were distributed to local families in need.

Dec. 6, 2008 Rockettes

More than 100 Mounties enjoyed the ROCKETTES, in Baltimore for their Christmas show.

Nov. 14, 2008 MSM vs. Loyola

A great show of fan support at the game and later at the Baltimore Chapter-hosted social.

Oct. 18, 2008 Party Cruise

The Baltimore Young Alumni Event was a great success. Chairs Rob Weed, C’93, and Annlie Scott, C’07, with Joe Entwistle, C’07

Frederick

Feb. 27, 2009 100 Days Party

Nov. 27, 2008 Turkey Trot
Laura Davidson and Elizabeth Plant, both C’07, before the race

Philadelphia

Dec. 23, 2008 MSM vs. LaSalle
Dec. 6, 2008 Longwood Gardens

Nov. 20, 2008 Painted Plate

One of the very successful family centered events was held at the Painted Plate, owned by Mounties Chet and Leah (Murphy) Raber, both C’93.

Young Alumni Committee

Feb. 6, 2009 Relay for Life

Pictured: Annlie Scott, C’07, Mike O’Grady, C’75, Laura Fenaroli, C’08, Michelle O’Donnell, C’07, and Chrissy McKenzie, C’08

Eight alumni joined the Mount community for Relay for Life on February 6th. The alumni team raised $1,876! And our very own Mike O’Grady was one of the top five participants in the entire relay! Mike “O” ran almost the entire 12 hours, totaling about 31 miles!!

Overall, the event raised about $37,705 for the American Cancer Society through the effort of 40 teams.
**NEW YORK**

**Nov. 13, 2008 Binghamton, NY Dinner**  
Left to right in the group photo: Joe McKinney, C’58, Jim Savage, C’81, Charlie Carroll, C’56, Mark Woodruff, C’87, Andrea Bogart, C’03, Ike Cadden, C’57, J.P. Costello, C’98, and Jerry Kane, C’57. All enjoyed an evening sharing Mount stories and a great dinner in Binghamton, N.Y.

**Oct. 31, 2008 Community Service - St. John’s Church, Newark**

**Oct. 9, 2008 UNCORKED**  
New York alumni enjoyed an evening of wine tasting at UNCORKED – hosted by owner Jane Mackie Lambert, C’89

**WASHINGTON, D.C./VIRGINIA**

**Dec. 20, 2008 MSM vs. Georgetown**  
A great way to spend a pre-holiday afternoon – Mount vs. Georgetown at the Verizon Center, Washington, D.C. After the game, Mounties gathered at the Green Turtle to show their Mount Spirit.

**Nov. 27, 2008 Trot for Hunger**

**Nov. 25, 2008 MSM vs. George Mason**  
Mounties love basketball and enjoyed a pre-game gathering in Northern Virginia.

**Oct. 18, 2008 Community Service – Bread for the City**

**SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

On March 14, 2009, the National Alumni Association inducted five new members to the Mount St. Mary’s Sports Hall of Fame.

From left to right: Jaeho Brian Song, C’84, Soccer; Michael Grimes, C’88, Basketball; Rebeccah Wassner, C’97, Cross Country, Track & Field; John O’Brien Clarke, Jr., C’65, Track & Field; J. Patrick Fick, C’97, Lacrosse.

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If you know someone interested in attending the Mount, feel free to contact either one or pass along their contact information.

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**CONNECTICUT**

**11.09.08 Loyalty Luncheon**  
The Connecticut Chapter presented the Bishop Walsh award to J. Roger Schmiedel, C’59. Family and members of the chapter gathered at the Annual Loyalty Luncheon to honor Roger for his outstanding service to the Mount and his community.
When Dr. Rodriguez passed away I was torn, as were other people in the Mount community. His funeral was packed with teachers, students and friends. He touched the lives of many. As my advisor for four years he meant so many things to me. He taught me a great deal about politics and philosophy, but I learned more from the way he lived. In his actions, he showed me how to be both an intellectual and friend. He approached the pursuit of truth with an undying passion. His positive attitude rubbed off onto his students.

Dr. Rodriguez was not perfect. Sometimes he would go off on tangents and hand back our papers late, but for him education was an ongoing conversation between the student and teacher. His classroom was anywhere from the benches outside to the walkways throughout campus. Many a day we would sit in that cramped office and chat about politics, philosophy and economics. It was the big questions that brought us together: “Who are we?” “Where are we going?” and “How shall we live?” We didn’t always agree on the answers, but we both harbored a love for ideas.

As an advisor he was supportive and open-minded, whether I was studying the capitalist writings of Michael Novak or the musings of Alexis de Tocqueville. This was ironic considering our ideological differences. I was a libertarian conservative. Dr. Rodriguez leaned more to the left. His encouragement was especially comforting when I wrote an op-ed on capitalism stirring up some controversy on campus. He gave me the courage to say what I believe is true, even when no one else agreed.

A humble man, he was not one to boast of his intellectual accomplishments. In fact, I do not recall him discussing his own writings or publications. If he did, they were of secondary importance to his students’ work. Never did he attempt to control a student’s project. He was merely a guide, quietly listening and raising questions.

Beyond being an advisor, he was a friend and advocate. He genuinely wanted to see me succeed in life. As a multiply disabled person I struggled at times to complete my assignments. Sometimes I had to drop courses, change courses and do incompletes. Through all this he supported me and understood the difficult times I was going through.

Lastly, he had a love for humor and a taste for the eccentric. When I last saw him, we were chatting away in the dining hall. Someone approached us and asked what we were talking about. Without hesitation, my advisor quipped, “Guns, women and politics.” This was classic Rodriguez. I learned that one can be an intellectual and not be serious about everything. Actually, I think creativity and humor worked hand in hand. Both in his jokes and insights, he pushed me to think out of the box.

Dr. Rodriguez elevated teaching to an art and showed us it can be fun and entertaining. Grading papers, publishing books and giving lectures were part of his job, but they were not what he lived for. He lived for his students and the pursuit of truth. He gave his heart away

Since graduating from the Mount, Kevin Coyle is living in Frederick, Md., and has become involved in a program for deaf individuals with disabilities. He is also continuing to take courses, including one in creative writing.

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At one time or another almost every Mount student has lived on the Terrace. Many still refer to the Terrace with fond memories of friendships formed during their Mount experience. An innovative restoration will remodel the inside of each hall while preserving the exterior architecture well known to alumni.

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Reunion Weekend is June 5-7. For more information on the Terrace Renovations visit www.msmary.edu/terrace or read more on page 36.
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Baltimore Golf Tournament
Monday, May 4, 2009

Speed Networking, Washington, DC Chapter
Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 6–8:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Commencement
Sunday, May 10, 2009

Reunion
Friday-Sunday, June 5-7, 2009

Seminary Alumni Retreat
Monday-Friday, June 22-26, 2009

Delaware Beach Picnic
Sunday, July 19, 2009

Annual Orioles Bull Pen Party and Game
Saturday, September 19, 2009

Priest Reunion
Wednesday-Thursday, October 7-8, 2009

Founder’s Day Celebration
Saturday-Monday, October 17-19, 2009

The National Alumni Association of Mount St. Mary’s University will hold its election from April 6 through May 1, 2009. Alumni will be asked to elect a president, three vice presidents and seven council members.

For the first time, alumni will have the opportunity to vote online using our secured online ballot.

The ballot along with a brief bio and statement from each candidate can be found online at www.msmary.edu/alumnivote.

Voting deadline is May 1, 2009.

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