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Dear Mount Magazine

Thanks for covering the Rugby Team. The fall 2001 issue presented news of a program that has been in place for four years at the Mount and continues to be of interest to Division 1 men's clubs. My children have grown up around sports and have shared their home with touring British, Russian, and Zimbabwean players. Rugby experiences form strong business and social bonds among its participants internationally. To be referred to as a member of the cadre of Mountain Ruggers is a unique statement about one's values. It means one is loyal, a team player, can think under pressure, “out of the box”, is down to earth, rough and usually successful in life.

I had the honor playing for a MSM alumni and regular side last summer 2001 during a major rugby tournament at Sea Girt, N.J. A few weeks later, I was elected the team and its supporters at my home in Annapolis after its matches with Navy. Through this I got to know an extraordinarily fine group of people. In addition to debunking the outdated myths about rugby and its participants as described in the article, there are reasons to get behind this sport at the Mount.

Rugby is the fastest growing youth sport in America. Like soccer, the participants are boys and girls of all ages. New ing freshmen will expect a rugby program because they will have played high school. The vast majority of colleges and universities already have established programs. Rugby is now organized nationally under one unified organization that oversees professional refer- ees, youth rugby, collegiate clubs, men’s clubs, divisions and the national team that competes for the Rugby World Cup. Mount Rugby is part of this organization.

The basic building block for rugby is the “club”. A club in an international term that goes beyond the concept of team. A men’s rugby club would tra- ditionally have a club house for hosting visiting sides, its own dedicated manicured pitch and a staff of coaches. Men’s clubs incorporate youth, women and old boys sides under the club organization. Rugby clubs are traditionally outreach oriented and perform charity functions for the local community. The charitable services that the Mount Rugby Club currently performs are the norm not the exception.

The Mount St. Mary’s Rugby Club is very, very well run and well organized. The Mount Rugby Club is very, very well run and well organized.

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We flew over 85 missions directly helping the relief efforts in both New York and Washington D.C. Our pilots flew blood, American Red Cross personnel, firefighters, and search dog teams, includ- ing the dogs. We also contin- ued to fly financially needy families to medical care during this trying time. This group of volunteers gave back to the community selflessly.

I am now acting executive director of this amazing organi- zation and truly proud of their efforts. Thank you for letting me tell you about this Angels.

Tamara Bream, C’85

Remembering Our Heroes

There are two World War II memorials on our campus. The military programs at the Mount are both fairly unknown to cur- rent students, even though full of memories to our alumni. They are, of course, Memorial Gym and the anti-aircraft gun from the USS Detroit, which survived the tragic Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

It was at the meeting of the old College Council under then-president Monsignor Sheridan that Father Cahalan, treasurer of the college, pro- posed that a war surplus steel hangar be purchased and adapted for use as a gymnasium. The date was April 28, 1948. The hangar was on board a ship in California waiting to be shipped to the Pacific front when the war came to an end and was never used by the military. At a cost of $55,330, which included shipping and building mate- rials such as cement for the foot- ings, the hangar was acquired by the college. Instead of heading for the Pacific Islands, it began a jour- ney through the Panama Canal into the Port of Baltimore from where it was then transported via truck to Emmitsburg. The campus site was chosen by a committee of priests appointed by Monsignor Sheridan that included Fathers Cogan, Gordon, and Carl Fives. They oversaw the construction of the building as well. By the time it was opened on November 5, 1949 as a homecoming basket- ball game against Shippensburg University, many of our alumni were in the service in World War II. The formal ceremonies took place on April 27, 1950 at which time the building was opened for use by St. Mary’s College students.

Sixty years later, we honor the memory of the Mount alumni veterans who had served in the two world wars, noting particu- larly the 17 who died in World War I and the 28, including three chaplains, who were killed in World War II.

As you leave the building to climb the few steps up to Echo Field, on the left is the anti-air- craft gun that for many years stood at the edge of the upper terrace in front of the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. The Navy, through the efforts of Lt. Commander Bernard L. Meher, C’40, provided the gun to the Mount in recogni- tion of its outstanding service during the Second World War as a training base for the Navy. It had come from the light cruiser USS Detroit that on December 7, 1941 was berthed under the command of Captain Lloyd J. Wilne. On that fateful morning, the ship went to general quarters and began firing at the incoming Japanese planes. Fortunately, the Detroit suffered only minor personnel and material damage, but it is credited with shooting down two of the attacking planes. The cruiser went on to see action at Attu, two Jima, Okinawa, and off the main islands of Japan. In all, the Detroit won six battle stars for service in World War II. It was decommissioned on January 11, 1946 and later sold for scrap. The same year, the Washington Chapter of the Alumni Association, under the leadership of their president, Father James A. Caiffield, C’28, assumed the expenses of transporting and erecting the gun on campus.

In the late seventies and early eighties, the campus community, selflessly, painted the gun in its own colors and with their own slogans “fire as directed”. Not everyone approved of this use, for the gun, and in 1983 it was moved to its present loca- tion. Now it stands nearly for- gotten and away from the main life of the campus.

For fifty-one years after Memorial Gym was built, and 55 years after the gun from the USS Detroit arrived on cam- pus, both memorials have lost their original luster, but their significance should not be lost on this generation or the gener- ations still to come. We cannot afford to forget our heroes; to do so is to forfeit the founda- tions of our future.

By Fr. Daniel C. Nusbaum, college Historian, in coopera- tion with Tara Hennessy, C’05, and Steven Finley, C’83
Delaney Center for Public Sector Information

Our years after the death of Mount St. Mary’s beloved sociology professor Father James Delaney, the Mount has launched a unique graduate-level program that honors his life and legacy. The Delaney Center for Public Sector Information (CPSI), founded through a grant from the Delaney Foundation, began offering courses in January as part of a certification program to educate and train professional data analysts who work in the field of intelligence in both the private and public sectors.

“The launch of CPSI was an important first step in filling a critical shortage of qualified data analysts in the United States,” said Center Director Joe Vince, a former official with the Department of Treasury’s Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division. “Law enforcement agencies at all levels – local, state and federal – are collecting huge amounts of data every day, and there is a real need for professionals who know how to analyze and understand what all that information means.”

CPSI’s inaugural offering, an accredited certification program in Information Management/Analytical Intelligence, represents an extension of Mount St. Mary’s mission to “educate men and women who are ethically mature and who seek to resolve social problems.” The Center’s goals are to provide relevant, quality educational opportunities for current professionals, improve the understanding of the ethical use of information technology, apply the results of basic social research to solving public-sector problems and support and develop a national standard of excellence for data analysis. A unique aspect of the Delaney Center’s program is its commitment to recruiting public safety officers who have been physically injured in the line of duty. This focus on providing professional re-training to disabled individuals is a particularly significant need to upgrade their analytical skills, as well as those who want to enter the burgeoning field of data analysis. Vince said the program offers a viable career for aging law-enforcement officers, as well.

Vince, a 28-year veteran of law enforcement, has worked since his appointment in November 2000, to forge partnerships and support from various public and private sector organizations to create an elite advisory board that includes among its many dignitaries the deputy director of the White House’s National Drug Control Policy, the superintendent of the Maryland State Police and the rehabilitation supervisor of the Maryland State Department of Education. In addition, the CPSI advisory board boasts unparalleled corporate and academic support from a variety of insurance agencies, software manufacturers, and accredited educational institutions.

Both practicing professionals and academic scholars will serve as the instructors to participants who will hail from public and private sectors, said Dr. Martin Malone, chair of the Mount St. Mary’s department of sociology and the college’s liaison/advisor to CPSI.

“We at the Mount see this certification program as the first of many graduate-level offerings related to criminal justice and analysis,” Malone said. “The Delaney Center is at the forefront of a national initiative for the ethical and informed analysis of data in the new economy of the 21st century.”

“Mount St. Mary’s has long been known for its commitment to socially responsible professionalism and is now positioned to offer unprecedented service to thousands of professionals in the area.”

For additional information on CPSI please call 301-447-3416 or visit online at www.msmary.edu/cpsi.

Laughlin Lecture Hall Dedicated

November 27, 2001 the Mount dedicated the newly renovated Laughlin Lecture Hall. The facility is named in honor of the property’s sole benefactors, Dr. Henry P. Laughlin, M.D. and M. Page Laughlin.

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The Delaney Center for Public Sector Information (CPSI) Director, Joe Vince.
McGowan Center: Phase One Completion Scheduled for Late Spring

Remarkably favorable weather and a surplus of materials and manpower have certainly helped one of the main visions of the Mount’s Connections Campaign become a reality. Under the strong guidance and leadership of Sister Paula Marie Bulley, vice president and treasurer of the Mount, and Phil Valentine, director of the physical plant, all phases of construction are in progress and remain on schedule. Nearly 90% of the exterior stonework is completed, which provides a visible preview of how beautiful and uniform the center will be upon completion. Crews have also begun the process of grading the grounds immediately in front of the building, making way for the construction of a driveway and piazza.

Work on the interior of the building has also progressed at a rapid rate. Nearly all of the fire system, plumbing and electrical connections, kitchen hoods, and refrigeration are complete. Furthermore, the preliminary drywall work and ceiling grids are in place as most of the steel studwork has been completed. Perhaps one of the most difficult tasks facing the interior work crews during the cold winter months is the installation of the very impressive terrazzo floor of the west side of the building. This wall certainly adds to the aesthetic pleasure of both the interior and exterior of the building, allowing natural light to illuminate the food court and café.

Additionally, the Mount is currently negotiating contracts with companies to furnish the new center. It is the college’s intent to purchase high quality, attractive furniture to complement the building’s already impressive visage. A contract is also pending for an elaborate cash register system that would easily tie the food court, café, the book store, and vending and laundry machines to declining balance. Furthermore, the system will include card readers that will allow students, faculty, administration, and staff to add funds to their declining balances. The new technology also enables users to check their balances via the Mount’s website. The near-$85,000 system will most assuredly prove convenient to all users and is one small example of the technological advances the McGowan Center will bring to the Mount for the twenty-first century.

As the Mount prepares for the bicentennial, the McGowan Center is a testament to the Mount’s endurance and the continuance of its mission. Mount students and alumni will undoubtedly benefit from the center as it takes its place in an already impressive tradition, a tradition called Mount St. Mary’s.

Marriage and Celibacy

Mount St. Mary’s is a testament to the campus of young college students, most of whom will embrace the vocation of marriage, combined with seminarians, men called to the priesthood who will embrace the gift of celibacy “for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.”

“At his own special gift from God,” Saint Paul wrote. Both marriage and celibacy come from the Lord Himself. Each is necessary, in its own proper way, for the building of the community of the Church. Each involves the gift of self. Each is a reflection of God’s love for His people. Each is a call to imitate Christ’s love.

Marriage and celibacy complement each other. Celibacy for the kingdom affirms marriage. The union of man and woman in marriage freely embraces the gift of celibacy, not because they devalue marriage or fail to recognize its great dignity. After all, Catholics believe marriage is a great mystery, that “the vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator,” and that Christ the Lord has raised the matrimonial covenant between baptized persons to the dignity of a sacrament.

Recognizing the sacred and lofty vocation of marriage and “the supreme gift of marriage,” the gift of children, seminarians, through their personal relationships and the development of true friendships are important in this regard. As Pope John Paul writes: “Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is meaningless if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not participate intimately in it.”

Priestly celibacy is rooted in the vocation to love. It must be founded in a strong and personal love for Jesus Christ that overflows into love for everyone. Good, strong friendships are an important

New construction and renovations continue on the McGowan Center at a rapid pace through the winter months.
An authentic and disciplined formation at the Mount, whether it be the community life of the seminary, living together in fraternity, or the routine of individual and communal prayer, or just learning to live a healthy and balanced life of work, study, prayer, and leisure— all involves formation in celibacy. Living on the same campus with college students and frequent interactions with them, as well as with teachers and staff, remind the seminarians that theirs is a unique calling, not to a life without love nor isolation from others, but a life with love of a different kind, lived in solidarity with, and in service of, others, according to the example of Jesus. It is a life of loving sacrifice.

These two complementary vocations, marriage and celibate priesthood, are both "gifts of the Spirit." The Mount is a place where one can meet those who have responded to God’s call and prepare to live lives of faithful love in celibacy or in marriage, both building up the great community of the Church, the People of God.

By Father Kevin C. Rhoades, vice president and rector of the seminary

Defending Our Country
A Navy Chaplain’s Perspective

September 2001, the battle group of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) left Norfolk, Va. on a regularly scheduled six-month deployment. For the sailors currently supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in the southwest Asia region, the circumstances of this mission are anything but business-as-usual.

Navy Captain William A. Petruska, S’73, is a chaplain on board the Roosevelt. This year, being deployed over the holiday season was especially meaningful for Petruska. “Being older and having been away from family and friends for many holidays, it’s made me realize that the real blessing is what I can do for those who are having this experience for the first time,” said Petruska.

The Roosevelt, a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, is considered a centerpiece of forward presence in conflict, capable of supporting the mission of the deployed air wing. These men and Navy’s largest warships, it carries a crew of more than 5,000 sailors, including the members of the deployed air wing. These men and women are responsible for the daily operations of this floating city.

“In this class, seminarians learn to understand the intrinsic goodness of marriage, for without this they will be unable to communicate to married couples the dignity and significance of their vocational call to be married to each other. Placing emphasis on the intrinsic goodness of marriage helps seminarians see why Church teachings about marriage and sexuality make sense. Seminarians come to see that the Church’s teaching—the need for sex to be open to life and reserved to marriage, and about marital exclusiveness and indissolubility— springs from the very meaning of marriage.”

As priests, these men also need to care for those who are experiencing marital difficulties, including those who are civilly divorced and remarried. So, part of the course equips priests to offer proper pastoral care. This includes a discussion of annulments, for in certain cases, couples can have the Church officiate to fulfill that original commitment and not undermine the integrity of the marital act or violating the good of life. In fact, NFP proves to be very effective in promoting marital communion.

By Father Kevin C. Rhoades, vice president and rector of the Mount seminary

Learning to Officiate a Wedding

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By contributing writer Misty Trent, journalist at the Public Affairs Center in Norfolk, Va.

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Moments after walking into Dr. Sarah Stokely’s office it is obvious what’s important in her life: her profession, her family, her students, and her relationship with God. At first glance her office resem- bles that of any other Mount professors with reference books, novels and texts filling the shelves. What makes her office unique is the framed photos of each and every one of her Freshman Seminar classes and a few other classes that she has taught through- out the past decade. “I’m beginning to take pictures of all my classes now,” explained Dr. Stokely, as she reached to straighten an offset frame. She takes tremendous satisfaction in how her students develop from freshman orientation to com- mencement and pictures serve as a reminder of their journey together.

Dr. Stokely arrived at the Mount in the fall of 1991 as a lecturer of writing. Her cur- rent department, the depart- ment of rhetoric and communica- tions, had yet to be estab- lished. Thus, she thought the Mount was but a mere stop, certainly not a destination. Since then, she has taught rhetoric and communications courses and this past summer was appointed departmental chair. Dr. Stokely has certainly come along way over the past 11 years, but it has been through teaching Freshman Seminar that she feels she has connected most with her stu- dents. The program, com- bined with the Mount’s small school atmosphere, allows Dr. Stokely to not only advise her students, but also become their friend. “I can talk to stu- dents about their whole lives,” she reflects. “It’s freeing.”

Dr. Stokely firmly believes that Mount’s Freshman Seminar program helps stu- dents get places. “It broadens student’s definition of suc- cess,” she explains. Through its multi-discipline structure, students are able to make con- nections from the classroom to real life, thus aiding them in life-structuring decisions. “Our lives are truly woven together,” she commented. For students, making such connections is the one of the bedrock goals of the Freshman Seminar program and profes- sors like Dr. Stokely make it a complete success.

Students enjoy her classes so much that some return their sophomore year as declared rhetoric and communications majors. There are even those who move on to other majors but still keep in close contact with Dr. Stokely. She often serves as an advisor and friend, both academically and personally, to many of her for- mer students. “Dr. Stokely really knows how to teach solid communication skills,” reflects Joe Creamer, C’01, and former freshman seminar student. “Most of the material from that class stuck with me which for an accounting major like myself, was, and continues to be, very helpful.”

Creamer also reflected on how Dr. Stokely sent him an email his junior year congratulating him for an article about a service project in which he par- ticipated in that appeared in the Frederick Newsi Post. “She always makes students of the Mount feel welcome and proud of their work,” reflected Creamer.

Dr. Stokely also feels privi- leged to have worked with the very talented and distin- guished Mount faculty. “I am fortunate to have such won- derful colleagues,” comment- ed Dr. Stokely. “They influ- ence me in a very positive way.” She also strongly believes that the Mount Facul- ty contribute collectively to the success of Mount students and the Mount’s mission over- all. “Every professor on this campus is personable and encouraging,” she comments.

Throughout her eleven years at the Mount Dr. Stokely has received profes- sional praise and acclaim as being one of the pioneers of the college’s rhetoric and com- munications major. From lect- urer to departmental chair, she certainly has much to be proud of.

Mount Bids Farewell to Scholar and Friend

Dr. William S. Williams

On December 3, 2001, the Mount lost a great mentor and advisor to many of its students and former students. Dr. Williams passed away after a long and hard-fought battle with a brain tumor. A funeral Mass for Dr. Williams was held on Thursday, December 6, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The service was a fitting tribute to a friend, teacher and father, bringing together those who shared in his life. Father Jim Donohue, of the Mount, and Rev. George Reed, pastor emeritus of St. Mary’s, Barnsville, Md., cele- brated the Mass, confessing those in attendance and invok- ing the memory of Dr. Williams’ Christian example and courage in the face of adversity. Brandt Urban, C’00, performed a saxophone solo in tribute; Harry Benjamin and Brad Boyd, C’98, presented the gifts. Dr. Jack Campbell and Stephanie Williams completed the service with eulogies that celebrated Dr. Williams’ role as a friend, mentor and loving father. Dr. Williams arrived at the Mount in 1989. Since then, he has served as associate profes- sor of government and interna- tional studies, a department in which he acted as chair for three years. Proud Mountie and advisor to countless poli- tical science majors, Dr. Williams acted not only as an official in his field, but also as a friend and mentor to his stu- dents and colleagues. An accomplished scholar, Dr. Williams held four degrees of higher education from West Virginia University, including a Ph.D in public policy, an MA in health education, an MPA in public administration, and a BSW in social work. He pre- viously served as a professor of political science at the University of South Alabama and Spring Hill College from 1985-1989. At the Mount, Dr. Williams has taught courses on public policy, health policy, public administration, and research methods and statistics as well as foundations of american government, in which he taught students of all majors.

Dr. Williams has been quot- ed in many publications, as his expertise in the area of public policy was, and continues to be, well respected. Area news- papers would frequently turn to him for his opinions and interpretations of current political events. A proud American, he would both commend the United States Government’s actions and crit- icize them. It was his commitment to Catholic ideals and morals that Dr. Williams was most hon- ored for. He was a dedicated parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Frederick, Md. and served as an academic repre- sentative on the St. John’s...
George Williams was a champion of the "little guy," of the underdog. George was a firm supporter of unionists and their causes. He did so much to help the poor and underprivileged. He was the epitome of the concerned and compassionate Christian. I also remember George as one of the fastest talkers I've ever known! He could spout whole paragraphs in a fraction of a second, or so it seemed. To me that meant he was a fast thinker as well.

Dr. Bill O'Bole, department of mathematics and computer science

George traveled to Canada with me four or five times. These visits really brought George to life as a teacher. I'll always remember George as my Canadian summer program colleague. One night, as we sat with students in a restaurant after a lovely dinner in Niagara Falls, Ontario—we could see before us the falls and America on the opposite side of the Niagara River-- George looked at me and waxed philosophically, "This is fantastic! To sit in the second most beautiful country in the world looking across at the most beautiful country in the world! ..." He was, in his good-humored way, needling me. I quickly replied, "I know just what you mean, George! That's exactly what all those New Yorkers over there are thinking as they gaze across the river!" I miss George's needling, and I miss his enthusiasm for teaching. We always talked about offering a second Canadian summer study-travel program, but George's struggle with cancer stopped us. I'll never be able to visit Quebec City without remembering George and his friendship and offering a toast to him.

Dr. Jim Krywick, department of history
Mount Student-Athletes Among Top-20 Academically

The recently released NCAA Graduation Rate Report places Mount St. Mary’s College’s student-athletes with the 16th best graduation rate in the country. The Mountaineers must recent graduation class (1994-95) had 83 percent of its class graduate, 25 percent better than the national rate for all NCAA Division I schools and 13 percent above fellow classmates at the Mount.

“First and foremost, this is a tremendous accomplishment by our student-athletes,” said Mount St. Mary’s athletic director, Dr. Harold “Chappy” Menninger. “I’m proud of our student-athletes but I’m also proud of our coaching staffs, our athletic administration, academic support and the Mount St. Mary’s faculty because this can only be accomplished through a team effort both academically and athletically.”

The Mount is also one of only three schools in the country to graduate all of its international student-athletes. The other two schools are Duke and Stanford.

Of the 85 Division I-AAA schools, a classification that Mount St. Mary’s currently holds, the Mountaineers placed among the Top-10 programs with a graduation rate 25 percent better than the national rate. The national graduation rate for the 111 Division I private school athletic programs is 60 percent, 23 percent below the Mount’s.

The report also released the graduation rate for the general student population of all Division I schools and Mount St. Mary’s exceeded those national rates as well. Mount St. Mary’s 70 percent graduation rate exceeds the national Division I rate of 56 percent.

The NCAA report disclosed that nationally white female student-athletes and black male student-athletes continue to graduate at rates significantly higher than their counterparts in the overall student body. White female student-athletes were 11 percentage points above overall Division I rates for the 1994-95 cohort, with a graduation rate of 72 percent compared to the student body. Black male student-athletes graduated 11 percentage points higher, 42 percent compared to a general student body rate of 31 percent.

Only student-athletes who enroll as freshmen receive athletic grants and financial aid and graduate from that institution within six years of initial enrollment are tracked. Student-athletes who transfer to good academic standing to another institution count against their original institution as not graduating and are not counted in the freshman cohort rate for their second institution.

Mount marriages

A Love of Track That Led to More Than A Career

Jim Stevenson and Kristen Hazel Stevenson, C’95, came to the Mount as freshmen from completely different sides of the world with one common bond, a desire to excel at track. Stevenson, a native of Sheffield, England and Hazel, from Drexel Hill, Pa., were nothing more than teammates for much of their time together on the Mount track team but during their junior year a relationship developed. Upon graduating they knew the Mount had helped make each of them stronger individually and as a team, but it was time to move on and put to use their valuable education and experiences in the “real world.”

Kristen utilized her degree in political science helping troubled youth in a variety of jobs in Delaware, while Jim remained in Frederick County teaching elementary education for the Frederick County Public School System. Faced with an expiring work permit, Jim contacted former Mount track coach Jim Deegan seeking advice. Coach Deegan knew of an opening for a graduate assistant coach at East Tennessee State University and within a short period of time Jim moved south leaving Kristin behind.

He spent two and a half years at ETSU, seeing Kristin only once every three months. A year and a half into his tenure at ETSU and feeling the pain of separation from his love, Jim decided it was time to take the next step and propose marriage. “I knew I wanted to ask her to marry me” he said. “I knew she was the one I wanted to marry. My life was so upside-down and she provided me stability.”

On January 1, 1997, after receiving permission from her parents, Jim “popped the question” while on holiday in England.

Back in the States, the newly engaged couple resumed their long distance relationship until their wedding on January 2, 1998. In an ironic twist of fate the couple returned to the Emmitsburg area in 1999 when Jim accepted a position in the Mount’s admissions department and a part-time position as assistant track and field coach.

Today Jim is the head coach for the Mount’s cross-country team and the associate head coach for track and field team. Kristen works in Rockville, Md. as a project coordinator for Aspen Systems. They have come full circle. Their time together began at the Mount and here they are, back in the area – together. “You meet your wife and she’s the dearest person in your life and then you realize that if we both hadn’t chosen to go to the Mount...” Jim’s voice tapers off. “The Mount is why we’re together and why I had such a good experience in track and field. It is an environment to make good friends and I found the one I loved and married.”

The Mount provided Jim and Kristen the opportunity to compete at a high level in the sport they both love. They have been fortunate enough to find each other and carry on as Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson – a marriage formed at the Mount.

Julie B. Young

Mount Magazine
Mount Hires Nationally Recognized Women's Lacrosse Head Coach

Mount St. Mary's has hired former Maryland stand-out Courtney Martinez-Connor as the new women's lacrosse head coach. “I'm excited to add a head coach with the national experience that Courtney brings to our women's lacrosse program,” said Mount St. Mary's athletic director, Dr. Harold “Chappy” Menninger. “It's not every day that an Athletic Director can add a head coach with five national championship rings to his department.”

A 2001 graduate from the University of Maryland, Martinez-Connor is coming off an honor-laden season as a defender on the seven-time national champion Maryland Terrapin women's lacrosse squad. NCAA Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2001, she played on five national championship squads. NCAA Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2001, she was inducted into the Orioles Hall of Fame last summer. The Mount's season opener is Friday, March 1 at home against Longwood College followed by Howard University on March 6. Both games start at 3 p.m. on the Mount St. Mary's College Lacrosse Field. Last season the Mountaineers finished 5-13 overall and 3-3 in the Northeast Conference.

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“When we think of the Mount, all we can think about is the tradition and the community. Our time at the Mount not only developed us as adults, it shaped our lives as a couple. We were able to grow together in every aspect: intellectually, socially, and spiritually. And because of that, the Mount is part of who we are. The Mount is not just the place where we met and went to school, but our first home together. A home where we learned about ourselves, individually, and together as a couple. A home full of family members that supported us through every good time and bad.”

Danielle Bourman, C’94

In January 1956 while completing my tour of duty in the U.S. Army in Japan, I applied for admission to the Mount. That August I arrived on campus and took up residency on 3rd Basil with a number of other freshmen veterans.

On our second or third evening on campus a square dance “mixer” with the freshmen from St. Joseph’s College was held at Memorial Gym. Of course the men of 3rd Basil wanted to check out these young ladies so a march to the gym was in order. From my seat in the bleachers I became fixated on one particularly appealing St. Joe’s girl. Knowing nothing about square dancing I overcame my reluctance to participate and set out to become a part of the foursome, which included the freshman who had piqued my interest. I soon learned that the freshman was in fact a senior and one of the organizers of the mixer. Taken back but undaunted, I pursued Eileen Regan from that day forward.

Courtship with a St. Joe’s girl in the 50s meant campus visits in a coat and tie and only double dating at college approved functions or sites. All of which was endured.

In August 1958, during the summer prior to my junior year we were married in New York City with Monsignor Kline officiating before an audience of Mount men and St. Joe’s girls. As newlyweds we had arranged for campus housing in the revered “shacks” at a cost of $11 per month. Most of that July had been spent fixing up our campus home with fresh paint, new linoleum, and restoring the kerosene heater. Among our neighbors were Professors Kalis, Meredith and Williams.

Our first of six children was born in September 1959, with one, Mary Beth being christened by Msgr. Kline at St. Anthony’s Shrine across from Jordan’s store. Following graduation in June 1960 we handed over the keys to our “shack” to other newlyweds and departed our mountain home.

Forty-three years have passed but we still fondly recall our idyllic start down the terrace from Pangborn Hall.

William Barrett, C’60
In the fall of 1970 Belinda Lowry entered St. Joseph’s College and I entered Mount St Mary’s College. Due to the clos- ing of St. Joe’s, Belinda transferred to the Mount as one of the first resident females in the fall of 1972. During our four years in Emmitsburg, we had become friends, but never dater.

About a year after graduation our paths crossed again, and what started as a friend- ly get together, soon turned to romance. In 1973, I asked Belinda to marry me. At that time, I was running my own con- struction business (with former Mount roommate, Ed Horn, C’75). Shortly before becoming engaged my construction firm was awarded the contract to build the new Chapel at the Grotto. When it came time to make arrangements for the wed- ding, I suggested to Belinda that we be married at the new Chapel. We then approached Msgr. Phillips with the request to be married in the yet to be constructed chapel on September 18, 1976. The antic- ipated completion date was October 1976, so when Msgr. Phillips heard that a September wedding was planned, he read- ily agreed — as he knew his project would be completed ahead of schedule.

A brutal winter placed the project behind schedule, but as spring broke, the Grotto was a beehive of activity as the enormous pre-stressed concrete members were hoisted into place, concrete poured and stonework completed. As September approached it was evident that meeting the wedding deadline was going to be close, but I was confident my crew would have the Chapel ready on time.

The day before the wedding every avail- able hand from the construction company was on site to complete the last minute details, with the last workers finally leaving the site late in the afternoon. The next morning dawned a beautiful early fall day in Emmitsburg and at 10 a.m. on September 18, 1976 Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips and Fr. James Delaney co-celebrated the first Mass ever to be held in the new Grotto Chapel, the wedding of Belinda

**Honeymooning at Fort Bragg**

Lee and I were married at the Immaculate Conception Chapel 19 years ago, on May 15, 1982. Monsignor Robert Klone blessed our marriage in a beautiful ceremony. We were married the day after finals ended because the following week at graduation we both would be sworn into the Army. Time was of the essence since we were scheduled to report to Ft. Bragg, N.C. within 24 hours of graduation!

The rehearsal for our wedding was right after finals on Friday. In fact, our wedding party; Tricia Luchi, C’82, Kim Shertzer, C’83, Katie Reid, C’82, Dennis Rice, C’82, and Zach DeCarlo, C’82, came directly from their exams. Although Lee and I were nervous about getting everything just right, everyone was in a very festive mood. My bridesmaids even wore army boots! After the rehearsal, we all headed to a dinner hosted at Captain Thomas Jackson’s home. He was one of the ROTC officers for the Mount at the time.

Much later in the evening and after much celebrating, my bridesmaids, many other Mount sisters, and I painted the large naval gun that used to be in front of the Chapel. We painted it white and cov- ered it with blue Betty Boop hearts and signed it “Lionel + Rosalind.” A picture is in our wedding album. Jim McMaxin, C’80, did a wonderful job of explaining the security why we should be allowed to paint the gun. Thanks Jim!

Usually, students are supposed to return home right after finals. Since 50 percent of our senior class was to attend our wedding, we had special permission to spend two additional nights on cam- pus. Our Nuptial Mass was at 4:00 p.m. Monsignor Klone, an avid fan of horse racing, had the Preakness on TV in the sacristy. We had a military wedding with the ROTC acting as ushers. At that time I was the only female in the ROTC pro- gram. LTC Karsteter, the commanding officer of the ROTC, graciously provided swords for the saber arch.

After 19 years of marriage, Lee and I still have our wedding pictures on display and a lovely pen and ink print of the Immaculate Conception Chapel hanging in our living room. Our time at the Mount was a fantastic four years culminat- ing in our wedding.

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**Our First Home Together**

It started eleven years ago. The journey of two kids heading to the Mount — one from New York and the other Maryland. They came to the Mount expecting to have the time of their lives. Both had family who had attended the Mount, so they were sen- sitious to have some of the same great experiences and create some of their own. The one thing that the two didn’t expect was to find each other, especially during the first few months of the often-tedious freshman year. Never in a million years would they have believed that the person standing in front of them was in fact their future spouse. But

Eleven years later we have a beautiful little girl, Emma, and a wild and crazy dog, Pangborn (yes, named after our freshman dorm). We still take quick trips up to the Mount to visit and retrace the steps that began this journey. We still have the strong friendships we made at the Mount, and we will always have the Mount with us. We can never let go of the Mount tradition and community because it is truly what we are as a family.

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**A New Chapel for a New Bride**

In October 1997 we were married in the Chapel of the Pangborn Hall. We spent many late nights talking there during our freshman year so it is just the place where we met and went to school, but our first home together. A home spiritually. And because of that, the Mount is part of who we are. The Mount is not just the place where we learned about ourselves, individually, and together as a couple. A home full of family members that supported us through every good time and every bad time. In 1996, almost six years after we met, Brad proposed to me in the stairway of Pangborn Hall. We spent many late nights talking there during our freshman year so it seemed all too appropriate. In October 1997 we were married in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception by Father Keith and Father Andrew Fisher, C’94.

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Bending the "Double-Date" Rule

Johanna (Carter) Moore, SJC C'64, and I met on a blind date on January 7, 1961 at the Semi-Formal Winter Dance at St. Joe's. When I returned from Christmas I decided that I wanted to go to the winter dance. I contacted one of the seniors at St. Joe's who was on the "blind-date bureau", which the seniors ran mainly for the freshmen girls, but also for any girl who wanted to go to the dance, and didn't have a date.

We had a really great time at the dance, and began to date. Being that I was two classes ahead of Johanna we questioned maintaining a long-distance relationship upon my graduation. When the time came, we chose to continue to date and face the two-year period apart.

The first year after I graduated from the Mount, I taught junior high science in Baltimore City. This was the hardest year as I was quite busy with lesson plans and such, so trips to Emmitsburg were not as frequent as we both would have liked. Towards the end of the 1962-1963 school year I decided that I wanted to go to graduate school. This was the only exception for the 1963-1964 school year. As alumni from this time period will all readily remember, St. Joe's had a "double dating" meant that the "guy" in the other couple, almost invariably, would be a student at the Mount. After a conversation with Sister Mary Ann, dean of students at St. Joe's, she recognized our problem. Her way around this was to grant Johanna permission every time we wanted to go somewhere. This way the "double date rule" was still technically in affect!

We are not aware of this rule being "bent" like this before, but we know that we were the only exception for the 1963-1964 school year. She was also allowed out on weeknights to attend faculty affairs with me. Another fond memory was that I was asked to walk in the academic procession for Johanna's graduation. So I was on the stage with other faculty members as she received her diploma.

I then entered the University of Maryland in the summer of 1964 and graduated with my M.S. in June of 1966. We were married on July 2, 1966. This year we celebrated the 40th anniversary of our meeting and our 35th wedding anniversary.

A First Kiss at Christmas

James was the first guy I met during Freshman Orientation in 1994. My parents had just finished helping me move in, and everyone was preparing to meet with their Freshman Seminar class. James and I were in the same class and he lived one floor directly above me in Pangborn Hall. We became good friends. Everyone always thought that we were more than just friends because we spent so much time together - they didn't believe us when we said we were just studying in his room! But that year when we went to the Christmas Dance together, it was just as friends.

During our sophomore year, our friendship changed. (By pure coincidence, I lived one floor directly above him in Mac.) We both were without a date when he asked me to the Christmas Dance. That night we had our first kiss and we've been together ever since. We were recently married at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception and couldn't imagine getting married anywhere else! The Mount has many wonderful memories for us both.

Erie Kunkel Watkins, C'98

One-of-a-Kind Thanksgiving Celebration

It was a rainy Thanksgiving Day, November of 1964. Everyone who attended the Clark-Carron wedding at the Mount Chapel was then treated to the traditional turkey and all the trimmings at the Hotel Gettysburg, which consequently burned to the ground within two months.

Four years earlier I had graduated from the Mount and was now teaching there. I often ate in St. Joe's cafeteria (the food was much more appealing) and it was there that I met my bride, Marilyn Carron, who was a teacher at St. Joe's.

Msgr. Robert Kline was president at the time and had to approve such a ceremony-taking place in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Msgr. Walter Shaull, a product of the Cradle of Bishops, officiated. Without his intervention the ceremony would not have taken place at the Chapel.

Some things have changed and some haven't since our wedding 38 years ago. The Green Parrot on West Main Street in Emmitsburg where we held our rehearsal dinner is now defunct and our wedding records reside at St. Anthony's. My best man and former Mount roommate, Neil Kenney, C'60, is still a good friend all these years later, and my love for my wife and mother of our two sons has only grown.

This story has not reached its denouement, but that too will take place at the Mount, maybe even where it all began, in the Chapel, as Marilyn and I will find our eternal resting place in the Mount cemetery.

John Clark, C'60
Saved From Tragedy
How One Mount Family is Giving Back

On the morning of September 11th, as the entire country sat mesmerized by the words and images on their televisions and radios, it dawned on the Mikules family that Carol’s life had been spared. It was very emotional for Carol, as it was for myself. Carol knew these people. She knew their stories,” commented Paul.

Carol had escaped tragedy and according to the couple, they realized she was here for a reason. The Mikules, like so many Americans, decided they wanted to make a difference. They wanted to somehow help those individuals who were affected by this great tragedy. Within weeks reports began to emerge about the misuse and misallocation of funds raised for victims. The Mikules decided to establish a scholarship fund at the Mount in remembrance of the victims of the September 11th tragedies and for children of parents who served in the U.S. military.

“This was our way of confirming that Carol was spared for good reason. We have good feelings about the Mount and the educational opportunities that it offers students,” commented Paul.

On the eve of Christmas, with a pen stroke, the Carol A. Mikules Scholarship was founded. In the future children of the victims of the September 11th World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania terrorist attacks or children of parents who are currently serving or have served in the United States military will be eligible to apply for this scholarship. For additional information on this scholarship please contact the office of admissions at 800-448-4547.

“Now the Mount will always have a reminder of the national tragedy that we endured on September 11th,” commented Holmes. “My hope is that Mount students always remember September 11th, whether it is today or in thirty years.”

The establishment of the September 11th Remembrance Fund was in response to the many requests received to memorialize friends and classmates who perished on September 11, 2001. J. Scott Wilfong, C’72, member of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Mount Annual Fund, was so moved by the loss of alumni that he made a request to his company, SunTrust Bank of Maryland, to contribute $25,000 as a memorial gift. They did. He then asked others to join in this memorial by designating new and increased support to the Mount Annual Fund. New and increased gifts received prior to December 31, 2001 were placed toward this effort.

The goal of the September 11th Remembrance Fund is to support financial aid given to Mount students during the spring 2002 semester. Approximately 1,250 students receive some form of financial aid from the college annually.

To date the Remembrance Fund has raised $170,854, surpassing its goal of $150,000. Alumni from the classes personally affected by the tragedy, the Classes of 1983, 1986, 1991 and 1993, contributed close to 10% of the total amount raised. A plaque will be placed on campus listing the names of those who died.
1950s

Jack Sisson, C’56, has been in Guatemala, Mexico, for the past two years organizing seminars in U.S. History for Autonoma University. The courses enable adults with existing degrees to be certified as teachers, and to participate in an exchange program with a Sutton, Texas area school. Jack (along with his wife, Alice) raised dollars for multiple sclerosis research and was initiated by Dick. He is the chief corporate sponsor. Family and friends joined Dick and Don in the two-day ride from Delaware to the Chesapeake Bay. Congratulations!

Michael D. Schorno, C’66, retained his seat on the City Council of Reading, Pa., following the November 6, 2001 election.

This past fall, J. Patrick McCarthy, C’68, joined the teaching staff at Westfield High School (Fairfax County, Va.). Pat had retired from full-time teaching in Fairfax County Public Schools in 1998, after more than 30 years at Marshall High and Lake Braddock Secondary Schools, where he had taught journalism and served as a newspaper advisor. He came out of retirement to take a part-time teaching position at Westfield and serve as advisor to the Watchdog, the school’s newspaper. After graduating from George Washington University, he was the first full-time journalist in Virginia.

1960s

Pete Rometza, C’73, presented a reading of a letter that Major General Gordon Meade wrote to his wife, Margaret, from a camp near Fredericksburg, Va., during the Civil War. The reading was part of a daylong symposium sponsored by the General Meade Society in Philadelphia, Pa. (General Meade had three nephews who attended the Mount).

Master Sergeant Ronald L. Pitts, C’76, a member of the Maryland National Guard, is serving as a public affairs non-commission officer at the Maryland National Guard Headquarters in Baltimore, Md. He has been in the military for 23 years, and is a veteran of two major conflicts. Pitts served with the 525th Military Intelligence Group in Vietnam, as well as in support operations for Operation Desert Storm. He also works as an employer services representative for the Maryland State Job Service’s in their Frederick, Md. office.

Robert Pastoor, C’76, will become vice president for student affairs at the University of San Diego in March. He will be leaving Carroll College in Helena, Montana, where he has been serving as vice president for student affairs.

1970s

Susan Janowick, C’81, is now serving as director of the acquisition and resources management staff at the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. She has been with EPA since 1982, working at both EPA headquarters and the Region III office.

Henry F. Garazo, M.D., FAC, C’85, has a plastic surgery practice in Hagerstown, Md. He and his wife, Mary Beth Garazo, M.D., reside in Hagerstown with their son, Henry F. Garazo, Jr.

1980s

Thomas Pitts, C’84, married Karen Farrell on November 10, 2001. The wedding took place at St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church in Alexandria, Va., and was followed with a reception at the Ronald Reagan Federal Building in Washington, D.C. The best man was Paul Whelan, C’84. Other offspring in attendance included Joe Farley (C’83 and C’86, the bride’s uncle), Lori (Genite) Whelan, C’84, Tim Quigley, C’84, Mark Condon, C’84, Tom and Trish Looney (C’81 and C’82), Frank and Joanne (Weed) McShalley (C’85 and C’83) and John and Mary Kane (both C’84). The couple followed their celebration with a honey-moon in Fiji and Australia, and will reside in New York City.

1990s

Michael Lloyd, C’91, a CPA, recently finished his degree at University of Maryland Law School. He is a tax associate for Baker & McKenzie, the largest law firm in the world. His wife, Laura, is a 1991 Mount graduate.

Regina McFadden DiLuigi, C’92, and her husband, David, C’92, welcomed a daughter, Grace, in October 2000. Michelle Falcinelli, C’92, is currently in Rome, Italy, teaching middle school mathematics at the American Overseas School.

Beth Jowdy, C’73, ran in the Honolulu Marathon on December 9, 2001. She traveled with the Joints in Motion Team, raising funds for the Arthritis Foundation.

Chrsy Tambarino, C’73, married David Huber on October 13, 2001, at Loyola Blakefield, Baltimore, Md. Members of the Class of 1993 in attendance included Dr. Ed McCormon, Lisa (Tamborino) Fitt, Margaret Walsh and Matt Mulligan.

May 2002

On Friday, December 7, 2001 the New York Chapter held its second annual "Kids Christmas NYC" event at Tin Lizzie. $3,000 was raised for NYC Cares, and over 150 books and gift certificates for Toys R Us. These funds and toys were then distributed through the Archdiocese of New York to families affected by the World Trade Center tragedy. Kelly McLaughlin Catania, C’90, M.Ed. ’96, and Tom Ledyd, C’83, worked diligently to plan this charitable Mount event.

On Saturday, November 17, 2001 the Philadelphia Chapter held its 6th Annual Boat House Row Party at the Fairmount Rowing Association, Philadelphia. The social attracted over 80 alumni from the area and remains one of the most popular chapter events of the year. Rob Weed, C’93, planned the event and facilitated the use of the boat-house.

On Friday, February 2, 2002. Players, coaches and staff were reunited to commemorate the 20th anniversary of their exciting and memorable trip to the NCAA Division II Women’s Final Four Tournament in Springfield, Mass. A reception and dinner was held at President Houston’s house to acknowledge the returning team.

On Saturday, May 31, at Mountain View Golf Course in FAIRFAX, VA. Proceeds of this event benefitted the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship Program.

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On Saturday, June 1, 2002. Fr. Dan Mode, S’92, to Discuss The Grunt Padre at 2002 Alumni Lecture. Rev. Daniel L. Mode, S’92, will be the featured speaker at this year’s annual Alumni Lecture on Saturday, June 1, 2002. The event is one of the highlights of Alumni Reunion Weekend. The lecture will focus on the life and work of Rev. Vincent Robert Capodanno, a Maryknoll missionary who served as a chaplain and was tragically killed during the war in Vietnam.

On Saturday, June 1, 2002. The National Alumni Association honored the 1982 Lady Mountaineer basketball team on February 2, 2002. Players, coaches and staff were reunited to commemorate the 20th anniversary of their exciting and memorable trip to the NCAA Division II Women’s Final Four Tournament in Springfield, Mass. A reception and dinner was held at President Houston’s house to acknowledge the returning team.

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Egan and Graham to Receive Bruté Medals

Dennis M. Doyle, C’63, National Alumni Association president, has announced that Edward F. Egan, C’52, and John D. Graham, C’57, will receive the 38th Annual Bruté Medal at the traditional Alumni Reunion Banquet on Saturday, June 1, 2002.

Egan is a founder of Hess, Egan, Hagerty, & L’Hommedieu in Chevy Chase, Md. and currently serves as the firm’s chairman. Over the years, Egan has served as president of the Washington Alumni Chapter, chairman of the National Development Council, chairman of the Achievement II Capital Campaign Committee and chairman of the Mount Fund. Since 1994, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees and its Finance and Advancement Committees. Egan and his wife, Mary Louise, a Saint Joseph College graduate, reside in Silver Spring, Md. and are parents of eight children, including Edward T., C’77, and Cara Marie, C’89.

Graham is a financial representative with New England Financial in Wayne, Pa. He is a past member of the National Alumni Association’s National Alumni Chapter and the Philadelphia Area Capital Campaign for the ARCC, and is a current member of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter’s Board of Directors. In addition, Graham is a past member of the Board of Trustees and served as chairman of the 2000 Phelan Testimonial Dinner. Currently, he is chairman of the Class of 1957 Reunion Committee and chairman of the Mount’s Marketing Advisory Council. Graham and his wife, Pat, reside in Devon, Pa. and are the parents of five children, including John O., C’82.

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Ted Thompson, C’80, has joined National City Mortgage as a mortgage consultant in their Frederick, Md. office.

Kelly Saajna, C’00, received her B.S. in nursing from Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in 2001. She is currently working as an Oncology RN at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Kevin M. Whelley, C’00, is now employed as a case manager at the Commission on Economic Opportunity in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Michele Giarrusso’s, C’00, dog Barney the Beagle-Mix recently found fame as an actor in Washington, D.C. Barney was selected to be a runner car-training a dog for the TV show recipient who has carried his education into a growing career with the federal government.

After graduation, Benjamin was hired as an economist with the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS), Office of Field Operations, in Washington, D.C. He has remained in that job for over 3 years; a position, which he obtained after BLS representatives, visited the Mount in 1997. Later that year he received the Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship.

Harry Benjamin, C’98, is an alumni scholarship recipient who has carried his education into a growing career with the federal government.

For questions related to the DuBois Medal or the 2002 alumni reunion banquet, please call the alumni office at 301-447-5362.
World Marriage Day Celebration

keeping with the spirit of the Valentine’s season, the Mount held its annual celebration of World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 10, during the evening college Mass. The celebration, traditionally held on the second Sunday in February, honors and recognizes the importance of the institution of marriage and is sponsored by the Council on Campus Ministry. Council members select couples from the Mount faculty, staff, and administration, as well as parents of students and friends of the college and seminary. Past honorees include Mr. and Mrs. James Phelan, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Meredith, and Mr. and Mrs. George Gelles.

World Marriage Day was initially a grassroots campaign initiated by couples in Baton Rouge, La. who encouraged their mayor, state governor, and Bishop to include a more concentrated focus on the celebration of marriage in the traditional celebration of World Marriage Day. The idea was so well received the Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s National Leadership officially recognized it in 1981. By 1982, 43 U.S. governors formally recognized World Marriage Day, and it has been a popular celebration ever since.

The celebration is especially pertinent to a community of learning such as the Mount. “To love another person takes hard work,” comments Fr. Ray Harris, chaplain and director of campus ministry at the Mount. “Love is not just centered upon emotions, but it is an emphatic decision to work for the good of the other, and for the sake of the other. That is how a commitment endures and this is what we celebrate on World Marriage Day.”

The Mount has held the celebration for over a decade and honored an average of six couples a year. It is intentionally placed during the college Mass to demonstrate to students that strong, enduring marriages are possible and quite common in today’s society. “I think that it is a wonderful example for our students to witness as they continue to discern if God is calling them to vocations of priesthood and/or religious life, as a single person, or faithful marriage and family life,” commented Fr. Harris. “I am grateful for the opportunity to affirm these couples in the commitment that they have made.”