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April 25, 2009

Banff Mountain Film Festival 2008. Best Short Mountain Film, *If You're Not Falling*, Directed by Dave Brown, Produced by Paull Diffley, Production Company: Hot Aches Productions (UK), Photo: Cory Richards. Photo courtesy of the Banff Centre.

George Weigel to Speak at 201st Commencement Exercises

George Weigel is a Distinguished Senior Fellow and William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies. He is one of America's premier public intellectuals and one of the world's leading experts on the Catholic Church. [Learn more.](#)



Fr. Leo Appears on World News Tonight

ABC News featured the Mount's Director of Pastoral Field Education, Fr. Leo Patalinghug during his con-celebration of Palm Sunday Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. and his *Grace Before Meals* cooking demonstration.

[The feature appeared on ABC World News Webcast with Charlie Gibson.](#)



Fun Fact

Last month's feature on the historic chapel found in the Terrace was the most read article in the March issue! It's exciting here to watch the Terrace transform. [Find out how you can help the Terrace project.](#)



Mathletes Honored

Mount math students are among the best in the nation with recent honors at the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications Mathematical Contest in Modeling as well as the regional meeting of the Mathematical Association of America. [Find out what projects they presented.](#)



SIFE Team Heads to Nationals

The Mount's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team won the Regional Champion award at the March competition. This advances the team to Nationals where they will compete against 140 of the best SIFE teams in the USA.

[The National competition is in Philadelphia in mid-May.](#)



Popular Professors Retiring

John F. Donovan, Ph.D. and Robert Ducharme, Ph.D. will retire at the end of the academic year. [Read more.](#)



Faith: the Mount Experience

The first of the Mount's four Pillars, Faith, was fully celebrated April 19 when 11 members of the Mount community were received into the Church and confirmed by Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, the Elizabeth Ann Seton Vicar for the Frederick County area.

- Erin Fox, who works in the President's office, was baptized into the Catholic Church before her confirmation.
- Shannon Barton, Allen Frere, Logan Groh, William Phillips, Kaela Smersky and Alissa Troutman were received before their confirmation.
- Taylor Cathey, James Mudgett, Melanie Nyuydzefe, Lisa Rush and Drew Spriggs were also confirmed at the service.



Vinny's Kids

Freshman Vinny Cherry is being honored by MidPenn Bank as an "Everyday Hero" for his community service.

Vinny is the founder of Vinny's Kids, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide entertainment opportunities for hospitalized and chronically ill children in the central Pennsylvania area.

Vinny started his charity when he was 14 years old. [Learn more.](#)



Men's Lacrosse Player Fights the Odds

Nearly two years after undergoing brain surgery, defenseman Brendan Flanagan is winning on the Mount field. [Read the Baltimore Sun piece.](#)



Communion Dresses Overwhelm Communications Office

The plea went out earlier this year for First Communion dresses to take to Belize for the community service trip Mount students are taking in May with Ken McVeary's CRUX program.

[Voila! Dresses and more dresses came pouring in.](#)



Think Pink

Mount Alumni Director Maureen Plant and Assistant Dean and Director of Campus Activities Sean Adams, have been pounding the pavement getting ready for the May 2nd and 3rd Avon 39 Mile Breast Cancer Walk in D.C. They are members of the Mount Maniacs team and each have their own reasons for the months of training they've endured. When last we left them, their tootsies were soaking in hot water... [Read their stories on the Mount's Pink Page.](#)



Phonathon Exceeds Expectations

Mounties answered Father Farmer's call to 'do more' and increased their fall giving by 26%! This spring, even in the current economic environment, we are proud to report that we met and exceeded our spring goal. Thanks to our supporters, we increased our Spring Phonathon giving by 56% for a total of \$63,600!

[Learn more.](#)



Save the Date

Sunday, April 26

Honors Convocation
Knott Auditorium, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, May 1

Seminary Commencement Exercises
(includes the bestowal of an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity degree on Dr. Germain Grisez)
4:00 p.m., Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, May 9

Baccalaureate Liturgy
Knott ARCC, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

Commencement Exercises
Knott ARCC, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Graduate Commencement Exercises
Knott ARCC, 7:00 p.m.

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