

Our Family

PARENTS:
BRUCE AND BETHANY KARGER OF PITTSBURGH

STUDENT:
JANE KARGER, '08
GERMAN MAJOR WITH MINORS IN SPANISH
AND EDUCATION

MEMBER: Student Government Association (Treasurer, class of 2008), Peer Mentors, Women's Lacrosse (team captain and goalie), tutor and proctor for other athletes.

JOURNEY TO THE MOUNT: Jane was a three-sport athlete and a National Honor Society member at **Hampton High School** in her hometown of **Pittsburgh**. She spent four years on the women's lacrosse squad and the women's soccer team and three years on the swimming squad.

BEING AN ATHLETE AT THE MOUNT: "The lacrosse team has defined my Mount experience," says Jane, who knows well that being a Division I athlete brings challenges and joys. Jane must sacrifice time away from family during school breaks, skip many campus social opportunities and tightly budget her study time, all for the glory of participating in a sport she loves. In return for such devotion, she considers her teammates her extended family who share the title of Northeast Conference 2007 Champions.

Jane's experience is common to student athletes. Practices occur at all hours and games are regularly scheduled over weekends, breaks and school nights. "Being an athlete at the Mount has taught me to prioritize and concentrate on what is important to me, and to accept the sacrifices that must be made for something you love," she reflects. "Time management is paramount and keeping an open line of communication with professors and students in your classes is also key."

BEING THE PARENTS OF AN ATHLETE: Even though Jane cannot make it home to Pittsburgh as often as she would like, her parents travel to see their daughter play all home games. "We have established some very dear friends within the women's lacrosse family," notes Bruce. "We now look forward to sitting with our friends and cheering on the Mount to victory." The trip includes the well-traveled family dogs who have become a familiar sight at games.

A WELL-ROUNDED LIFE: Women's Lacrosse Head Coach Denise Wescott notes, "Jane is very mature; she has set her goals high as a student, an athlete and a human being, making smart decisions and working as hard as she can to achieve her potential." Jane goes the extra mile to be successful. She coaches several lacrosse clinics and camps, participates in community service projects and serves as a team captain because of the respect her teammates have for her. She is always willing to help younger players and takes the time to help the team bond and get to know each other.

FUTURE PLANS: Graduate school in education. Teach and coach. Says Coach Wescott, "I know Jane will go out into the world as a leader and will be an innovator creating new solutions in her workplace."

Books for Kenya

With the help of a small number of students, Jake Foster, C'07 collected 30 boxes of books here on campus. But then, with just the heroic help of his parents, loaded them onto his truck and two cars (Sunday, after graduation!) and drove them to his home in New Jersey. From there he transferred them to a van and drove them to the Strathmore Foundation collection center (at Penn State). The books are bound for Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya.

Thanks to all who contributed. Say a prayer for and/or thank Jake for all his work (and his parents, who clearly went beyond the call of parental duties that day). What a great outcome from a fourth credit service learning project.

For more information visit:
www.strathmorefoundation.org/BooksAcquisitionCampaign

Professor John Larrivee, Associate Professor in the Department of Accounting, Business and Economics, plans to continue and expand this project.

Summer of 2007 . . . Construction at the Mount

Since last May's graduation the physical plant personnel, student life leaders and business and finance officers have been busy with more than 30 on-going campus construction projects. The projects range from construction of a new residence hall to replacement of deteriorating sidewalks. The multi-level planning for the projects has been in the works for more than a year but the entire Mount community will benefit from the significant improvements made to the campus.

Specifically: Students will find classroom renovations in the Knott Academic Center, Flynn Hall, Barrett Hall and the Science Building and more than a third of the old classroom furniture in the Academic Center is being replaced. The Sheridan Hall attic has been transformed into two new 6-person apartments and preliminary work is planned to renovate the tennis courts. The Waldron Family Stadium, dedicated in August is now fully occupied. A "facelift" is also in the works for the bathrooms on the Terraces with new fixtures, paint and lighting. The Towers parking lot is being renovated and expanded while the sidewalk has been replaced west of Pangborn Hall. The largest project on campus is construction of the new 182-bed student residence at Bicentennial Hall where significant progress has been made and is on target for opening in 2008.

Faculty Members and Administrators will see new offices in the Academic Center where a third of the HVAC units have been replaced. The Language Lap in the AC will have a new look once the old furniture is replaced. Knott Auditorium is also undergoing an interior re-design including new carpet and newly painted walls. Planning and design for the theatre addition to Flynn Hall has begun with planning permits expected to be finalized by late fall.

Campus-wide a number of significant exterior projects were completed in time to celebrate the Mount's Bicentennial Kick-off in August. The new Founder's Plaza complete with the wall of water fountain sets a distinctive backdrop for the dramatic sculpture of the Mount's Founder, Fr. John DuBois. The plaza is now home to new outdoor furniture making it a comfortable focal point for the school with brick walkways taking people to and from the area.

The lower plaza outside of the Knott Academic Center has been redesigned and reconstructed similar to the Peace Plaza finished last summer. Bradley Hall also has a new look with the first floor re-carpeted and the second floor has been tiled.

Campus roadways are undergoing improvements as well. The ARCC will have new entrance gates installed at the front and the roadway at the back leading to the Waldron Family Stadium is being paved and curbed with a new sidewalk.

At the completion of all of these projects dictated by the campus master plan, students, parents and alumni alike returning to the Mount will be pleasantly surprised by the new, fresh look as we move into our third century of existence.



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200 Scholarships 200 Stories

The Mount's history is a rich tapestry woven from the lives and achievements of those who have supported our community and those who have gone forth from it. Our challenge and our opportunity is to carry the Mount tradition into the future.

Father John DuBois, the Mount's founder, once accepted a horse as payment for tuition. In 1806 tuition was \$80 per year; by 1920 tuition had risen to \$150 per year. Today, the commitment to keep a Mount St. Mary's education affordable remains unchanged. For generations the Mount has depended on the support of alumni, parents and friends to fulfill its mission.

Endowed scholarships make a Mount education possible for deserving students. This year, 200 students will receive financial support from the scholarships created by those who care deeply about the Mount. Each of our scholarships tells a story.

One of our largest funds is the **Class of 1943 Scholarship** established on their 50th anniversary and dedicated to departed classmates and as a special tribute to those who lost their lives in World War II. Since its funding 60 Mount students have received this scholarship including **Jessica Newsome, C'08** who says "receiving this scholarship has enabled me to attend the Mount and accomplish my dream to become a CPA and work for one of the big four accounting firms."

In 2003, the Mount received a generous bequest from **Walter and Margaret Opekniun** who not only served the Mount for forty years, but also left their entire estate to establish a scholarship. Wally, as he was affectionately known, was economics professor, baseball, football and basketball coach and superintendent of the buildings and grounds. His wife Peg served as secretary to Mount legends Msgr. Kline and Msgr. Phillips.

The American Heroes Scholarship was established by the Class of 1986 on their 20th anniversary to acknowledge the heroism and sacrifice of those who protect our freedoms on a daily basis and honor their deceased. Along with the scholarship, the Class donated the American flag which flew over the battlefield of Gettysburg on 9/11 and now hangs in Patriot Hall. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in the fall of 2006 to sophomore, **Elisabeth Wagner**. Her father, Russell Wagner, a twenty-four year veteran of the United States Air Force, says "we are so pleased with Elisabeth's experience at the Mount. My wife and I looked at nine different colleges during the search process. The Mount stood out because it encouraged students to freely express and live out their Christian faith on a daily basis".



Michelle S. Milly, C'07 received the Sean Popper Memorial Scholarship at Opening Convocation.

The Sean Popper C'02 Memorial Scholarship was established by his Mount alumni parents to perpetuate his zest for life and to serve as reminder that great success can be achieved with enthusiasm and determination in the face of overwhelming obstacles and trials.

Established in 2001 the **Virginia O'Donnell Cole Scholarship** is awarded to a member of the Mount's tennis team. Virginia, C'80 excelled academically and athletically and was the first woman in Mount history to be inducted into the college athletic hall of fame.

The Waldron Nursing Scholarship funded by Mount graduate Eugene Waldron, C'64, is awarded to a student seeking a career in nursing. **Michelle Milly, C'07**, said in her thank you letter to Mr. Waldron that she "has received a first rate education that will benefit me for the rest of my life."

And the stories continue.

This fall, as part of Family Weekend, President and Mrs. Powell hosted a brunch for scholarship recipients and their parents to thank the stewards and founders of the scholarships for their generosity.

Calendar of Events

Bicentennial Events

Bicentennial Baseball: 125 years

September 29, 2007

Come back to the Mount to celebrate 125 years of baseball!
10:00 a.m. Mount St. Mary's University Alumni vs. Gettysburg College Alumni

1:30 p.m. Pre-game Ceremony
2:00 p.m. Mount St. Mary's University vs. Gettysburg College

4:30 p.m. Post-game Picnic

Bicentennial Concert

November 3, 2007

"MySpace Music Tour Featuring Hellogoodbye & Say Anything presented by

Extreme Style by VO5

Tickets are \$25 for public/\$20 for MSM students
A portion of the proceeds will go to Catholic Charities.
Tickets are available online at www.mounttickets.com

Academic Symposium

April 3, 2008

Lecture: 7 p.m., Marion Burk Knott Auditorium

Speaker: Professor Patricia Hampl

Acclaimed memoirist and essayist, Patricia Hampl has won many awards for her work, including a MacArthur Fellowship. She is a Regents' Professor at the University of Minnesota and lives in St. Paul.

Bicentennial Stamp Card Dedication Ceremony and Maryland Symphony Orchestra Concert

April 26, 2008

8 p.m., Athletic Recreation Convocation Center (ARCC)

Join us as the Mount presents, as part of the dedication of the United States Postal Stamp Card, a performance by the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, the Mount St. Mary's Chorale and pianist John Wickelgren. The all-Beethoven program will feature two major works, particularly the 5th Symphony, which premiered at the same time as our founding in 1808. Elizabeth Shulze, Music Director and Conductor of the MSO. Andrew Rosenfeld, Guest Conductor, Mount St. Mary's Professor of Music.

Presidential Trips to Costa Rica

Spring/Summer 2008

For more information, please visit our website: www.msmary.edu, click on the Bicentennial icon, then "Events" in the left column.

Remnant Trust Foundation

Fall Semester 2008

The Remnant Trust is a public educational foundation that shares an actively growing collection of original and 1st edition works dealing with topics of liberty and dignity with some pieces dating as early as 1250.

The Mount will host this rare collection of documents over the entire fall 2008 semester in the Marion Burk Knott Auditorium. Some of the works include:

- Summa Theologiae Pars Secunda, Thomas Aquinas, 1475
- "The Declaration of Independence," 1776, Third Edition
- A Vindication of the Rights of Women, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1792, First Edition

Marian Symposium

October 11, 2008

Join the Seminary for a Marian Symposium. Events will include: Mass, lecture, scriptural rosary, lunch, breakout sessions and evening prayer. For more information, please visit our website: www.msmary.edu.

Closing Gala—Wynndham Gettysburg Hotel

October 11, 2008

Celebrate with the Mount community at the final gala as we commemorate our 200 years of distinction. Look for invitations from the Bicentennial Office.

Closing Mass—11:00 AM October 12, 2008

Join us in The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception for the closing Mass. The Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D., Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, celebrant.

Kairos Retreats

The sign-up process is on a first-come first-serve basis. Sign-up at the Center for Campus Ministry with cash or check for \$30. There is almost always a waiting list for the women's retreats so sign up as soon as possible. The women's retreat averages between 20-25 participants, although last year there were nearly 30 participants. The men's retreat averages between 18-22 participants. *Read more about the Kairos Retreats on the other side "The Meaning of Kairos."*

Women's, Nov. 9-11, 2007

Men's, Nov. 16-18, 2007

Women's, March 7-9, 2008

Men's, April 4-6, 2008

L to R: Bethany, John, Jane and Bruce Karger



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The Meaning of Kairos

Kairos is one of the two words in Greek for time, the first being chronos. Chronos refers to the measured time your watch keeps. Kairos, however, refers to God's time. Kairos is a retreat that focuses on helping its retreatants discover and live in God's time.

The Kairos retreat is rooted in the Ignatian spirituality of the Jesuits and goes by different names – Emmaus, Search, Kairos and Chrysalis to name a few—when used by other denominations. Brought to the Mount Community by seminarians acquainted with the retreat, originally as an outreach of the sports chaplains, there have been nine Kairos retreats, with four planned for the 2007-2008 academic year with students from all aspects of university life participating.

The Kairos retreat, like the majority of the Campus Ministry sponsored events, are student led. The team is composed of Kairos alums; students who either experienced the retreats at the Mount or at their high school, and who applied to be a team member. Responsibilities of the team include everything from planning menus to scheduling activities and weekly meetings. The team attends student Mass once a week and participate in a “retreat” before the retreat to prepare themselves spiritually.

The slogan for Kairos could easily be, “what happens on Kairos stays on Kairos.” This may not sound very comforting at all, but it is. What the retreatants share on their weekend is an intense experience of God in themselves, in their family, friends, community and the world – in both their successes and their failures. So maybe the slogan should be “what is said on Kairos, stays on Kairos but what happens on Kairos changes the world...or at least the Mount community.”

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Want to add money to your son or daughter's MountCard?

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BWI Airport
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Greyhound
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717.255.6970

Medical

Frederick Hospital
240.566.3300

Gettysburg Hospital
717.334.2121

Poison Control
800.492.2414

Mount Safety: *Message for Mount St. Mary's University Parents and Students*

The University has implemented a new communications messaging system to dispatch time-sensitive information within minutes to students, faculty and staff in case of an emergency. Parents may also be notified if the student completes the information form and includes the home land and cell lines.

The service is built specifically for Higher Education and enables campus leaders to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages for up to six phone numbers and two e-mail addresses per person. All students and employees will automatically and simultaneously be notified when an emergency alert is activated.

Students and staff can be reached via:

- Voice messages to home, work and cell phones
- Text messages to cell phones, PDA's and other text-based devices
- Written messages to e-mail accounts
- Messages to TTY/TDD receiving devices for the hearing impaired

The response options will differ based on the nature of the event such as security concerns, snow delays, road closures, weather problems and possible health related emergencies. The Mount St. Mary's notification plan includes everyone unless they choose to “opt out” of the system by removing their personal information from the data base. A siren alert system will also be incorporated which can be heard campus-wide.



New Public Safety Director

President Powell would like to introduce Barry Titler, who recently joined the Mount family as our new Director of Public Safety. Barry comes to the Mount with more than twenty-nine years of experience in both university public safety and traditional law enforcement leadership.

Barry also happens to be the father of two daughters who are relatively recent college graduates, making him understandably aware of and sensitive to parents' concerns regarding the safety of their sons and daughters attending the Mount.

As Director, Barry has been tasked with advancing the professional services of our Public Safety Department and helping to facilitate the integration of the entire Mount community into the safety planning and preparedness process.

With the continued support and participation of faculty, staff, students, administrators and other community members it is expected that the Mount will become an even safer, more secure place to work, live and learn.

Appreciation for Trentacoste Family

Three years ago at June orientation, parent Elaine Trentacoste (C '81) inquired if the Mount offered bus rides home during school breaks. The answer was “No”, and she volunteered on the spot to organize a new venture for us. Based on her experience with another university, the MountBus was born.

Elaine, with her husband Joe, are richly deserving of our appreciation. They picked up the ball and ran; researching companies and options, handling student reservations and questions to insure that students had a safe, reliable and cost effective means of traveling home for breaks – while saving parents time off from work fetching their student four times a year! The Trentacostes also knew that even students who have cars on campus would use the service. Parents experience peace of mind knowing that their young, perhaps tired, student is not navigating home over long distances or during inclement weather. Not just for home destinations - students and seminarians have also used the service simply to travel to the Big Apple.

The success of the MountBus program has grown steadily. The Trentacostes' daughter, Elizabeth who has served as bus manager, will graduate this spring, and with her departure her parents will also move on from their volunteer roles! Mount staff this year will be taking over most of the management details, but we are looking for a new parent volunteer to serve as a liaison and coordinator. In the meantime, we salute the Trentacoste family for initiating a program which has benefited scores of Mount Families. They are great examples of **Leadership** and **Community**, two of the Mount pillars!



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Like branches on a tree, we grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.

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Swarm Theory?

Did you see the July 2007 National Geographic article about Swarm Theory? The focus of the article was on what scientists can learn from the behavior of insects (think ants and bees), and all manner of flocks, and animals that live together in colonies, and how those lessons of group intelligence can be applied to human creatures and employed to improve our own tasks. I wonder what applications may apply to Move-In Day at Mount St. Mary's when our academic migratory cycle begins anew! It is always a joyful occasion on campus in August when we welcome new and returning families from far and wide.



Feel free to contact me with any suggestions, questions or concerns you might have.

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FamilyFest

As we launch this historic Bicentennial school year, I hope you keep informed of many special opportunities for celebration. In this issue, on our website and through the monthly “Around the Mount” e-newsletter notices you will learn of the exciting events in store for this year. I hope to see you at FamilyFest, September 21-23 which promises to be especially festive this year! By the way, this weekend series of events is not just for families of First Year students, but offers opportunities for engagement throughout a family's association with the Mount. Visits with faculty and the chance to learn about International Travel, Service trips and Internships often become more important in the later years.

A “swarm” of over 1,000 students, seminarians, faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees, alumni and special guests attended this year's Opening Convocation celebrations.



Summer Activity

And speaking of swarms (better yet, “schools”- like fish!) our campus is a beehive of activity over the summer months. Campers, retreat attendants, Grotto pilgrims and campus visitors number almost 50,000. Did you know that in June nine area high schools stage their graduations in our facilities? While we are accommodating our guests and summer students, the physical plant team has been hard at work on finishing 30 projects totaling

over \$17,000,000 in expenditures. This issue includes information on the various campus improvement projects. When the dust settles,

I am confident you will be proud and pleased with the progress.

Communication

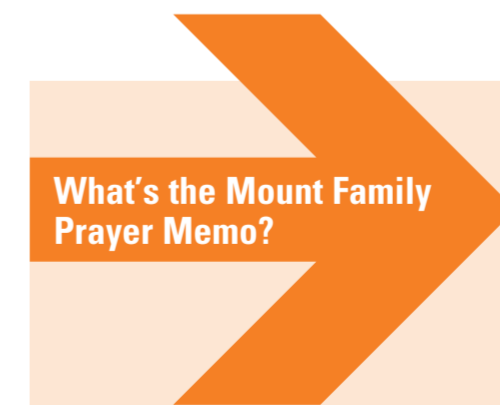
Last semester as the school year was drawing to a close, the entire nation's attention was riveted on the tragedy at Virginia Tech. I want you to be informed as to what has transpired on our campus as a result of that terrible event. Of course, we have always had an emergency plan, but it was quite rapidly reviewed, revised and expanded. In this issue we present for you information on new technologies that will improve communication during emergencies. See “Mount Safety” on back panel.

Communicating information is a primary focus of the Mount Family Association. May I solicit your help? If during the school year, you change your email address, or other contact information, please inform us. Our ability to contact you is only as good as the information we have on hand. Staying connected with the University and remaining open to the flow of information improves our “group intelligence!” When I send the **Mount Family Prayer Memo** to parents via email, upwards of one hundred are kicked back as undeliverable. You wouldn't want that to happen if an emergency message is sent! Please contact the Registrar's office as changes occur. See “What's the Mount Family Prayer Memo” below.

Reflection

Here is a closing thought for reflection: “A honeybee never sees the big picture any more than you or I do,” says Thomas Seeley, a bee expert. “None of us knows what society as a whole needs, but we look around and say, oh, they need someone to volunteer at school, or mow the church lawn, or help in a political campaign.” According to the author of the National Geographic article, Peter Miller, “Crowds tend to be wise only if individual members act responsibly and make their own decisions.” Isn't that what a Catholic Liberal Arts education is all about? Giving young people the tools to deepen their **Faith**, foster **Discovery**, sharpen **Leadership** skills and embrace **Community**.

We may not see the big picture, but we put our trust in God and follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.



Mount Family Prayer memos are email messages inviting parents to unite in prayer for special intentions of students, faculty and staff. Parents often take the time to express appreciation for this unique service which also serves as a vehicle to disseminate Campus Ministry related announcements or reminders of opportunities of campus programs which are open to the public. Gratitude for recognizing the power of prayer and allowing families and parents to participate with our University community in offering our petitions to God has been overwhelming!

Intentions regarding illness to a Mount Community member and/or their direct relatives may be sent to campusministry@msmary.edu or to Irene Q. Powell at ipowell@msmary.edu. Due to privacy reasons, intentions for those who are ill must have the consent of the individual or their family. If grandparents or other family members and friends wish to receive the Mount Family Prayer Memos simply contact Irene Powell with the name and email address, and the name and class year of the student family member.

