



MOUNT Recycle All That Stuff

RATS, Recycle All That Stuff, was formed by concerned staff members in 2005, after years of seeing graduating seniors and other students discard good reusable items when they begin to move out.

Couches, chairs, rugs, clothing, paper products, food—most particularly that college staple, ramen noodles and other pasta—lamps, silverware, blenders, the list goes on ... whole dorm rooms could be furnished by discarded items! May 10-12 will be collection dates this spring and on campus sales. The 13th is reserved as a public sale.

Volunteers will be needed to:

- Deliver food items to local food banks on Saturday morning.
- Direct students from the apartments on Wednesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday to collection areas.
- Help collect and sort items as they are delivered—beginning Thursday and continuing into Friday.
- Help with the sale.
- Deliver all leftover items after the sale to local charities.

RATS has an email account set up for this year. Volunteers and other interested people are asked to email: rats@msmary.edu

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The Callings Conference

A national conversation among professionals, scholars, students and the public—right here at the Mount.

Ever met a Hollywood screenwriter?—NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

"It Takes a Community: Supporting Vocations to the Arts and Media"—Barbara Nicolosi, screenwriter and founder/executive director of Act One, a successful Hollywood mentoring program.
Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium

What does faith have to do with the news?—ASK NATIONAL REPORTERS AND JOURNALISTS.

"How do the media portray faith?"—With the president and CEO of Faith & Values Media and a Duquesne University professor.
Friday, March 31, 9 a.m., Knott Auditorium

"How does your faith shape the way you do your job?"—With a Wall Street Journal reporter, the president of American Journalism Review, and a University of New Hampshire professor
Friday, March 31, 10:30 a.m., Knott Auditorium

So, how many international figures have you met?—NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

"Silence and Word: Trinity, Reciprocity and Community as Essential Elements of Communication"—Michele Zanzucchi, international researcher in communication studies and author of 27 books, including a report from post-war Iraq and a volume of interviews with Muslim leaders.
Friday, March 31, 3 p.m., Knott Auditorium

HOW DO FAITH AND VOCATION SHAPE THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATION?

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Mount 2000 and Beyond A Huge Success

By Tom Crowe, Pre-Theology, Diocese of Arlington



"This is the grandest cathedral on earth because He is here," thundered

Burlington's **Bishop Salvatore Matano**, pointing at the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament was reposed on February 10 during Mount 2000 and Beyond. Two thousand students and their chaperones filled Knott Arena to worship Our Lord in the Eucharist in spite of threats of snowstorms.



Bishop Matano's energetic homily fit well with the up-beat tone of the weekend of Eucharistic adoration and praise. He exhorted the gathered youth to, "Put out into the Deep!" He continued, "you are asked to be the disciples who, in 2006, bring the message of Jesus to your family, your friends, to your schools, neighborhoods and workplaces! The adult community sees in you the hope of the future!"



"Your grace is enough," sang music leader **Martin Doman** and the gathered throng at the end of Mass. Doman and his band provided rousing praise music throughout the weekend, assisted on electric guitar by **Deacon Greg Thompson** of Arlington. This was Thompson's final Mount 2000 as a seminarian, a significant event since his first Mount 2000 retreat—as a chaperone in 2000—was where he first felt a strong pull toward a priestly vocation. "It was a true gift from the Lord to be able to play at the retreat. I hope to be able to come back in the future to help with Confessions."



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Camille DiBlasi, founder and president of Healing the Culture, talked about the love of God manifested in the Eucharist and encouraged the youth to respect themselves. "The success of this conference for young people is that you just light them on fire for Christ. You make (the faith) make sense in their heads so they understand why they're Catholic."

Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Harrisburg celebrated Mass on Saturday morning. Bishop Rhoades, former rector of the Seminary, has attended all 11 Mount 2000 and Beyond retreats.



Matt Smith, who was voted off MTV's "Real World" program because of his controversial advocacy of chastity, talked about his experiences in the proverbial belly of the beast. He has put his experiences in the world of pop culture into practice in his websites that promote smart life decisions, www.lifeteen.com, and his new "chastity website for the rest of us," www.NoMoHo.com.



Mount 2000 also had the support of the university's undergraduates, led by senior **Nicole Wells**, and a cadre of student volunteers.

On Saturday afternoon, small games of football, soccer and basketball broke out on Echo Field, defying the snow that began to fall, portending the coming blizzard. By the end of the storm, "Put out into the deep" had a whole new meaning. All tolled, 10 inches of snow fell, hampering movement and giving all involved added opportunities for grace and self-denial. God always gives opportunities to grow in holiness.

Chairman Joe Yokum (S'07, Columbus) said this was "One of the largest Mount 2000 retreats that we've had; the glitches were few and far between, the overwhelming support of the seminary students, the college students, the administration, the faculty, and the ARCC staff was wonderful, the spirit of the weekend was phenomenal."

April 2006

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Spring 2006 Schedule

March 2024	Advising Week
April 13-18	Easter Break
April 30	Honors Convocation
May 8-12	Final Exams
May 18	Graduate Commencement
May 20	Baccalaureate
May 21	Undergraduate Commencement

Important Dates

Easter Break is April 12-18

For all students this is a good time to start bringing some things home in preparation for moving out of the residence halls in May. **Residence Halls close at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12.**

Final Exams are May 8-12

The campus has a very different feel and tempo during finals week. The quiet hours for residence halls are in effect 24-hours-per-day beginning May 5. We strive to work with students to be respectful of the needs of the community in preparation for exams.

End of Year Hall Closing

All students are required to move out of the hall within 24 hours of completing their last exam and no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 12. That means students are expected to move out completely and leave the campus at this point. We do this for two reasons. First, and most importantly, we want to maintain quiet, living learning environments, with minimal distractions for those students who are still preparing for exams. Second, it facilitates a smoother process for checking all of the students out of their rooms/apartments, etc. Your cooperation with this process and timeline is greatly appreciated.

This policy also applies to seniors. Students and parents of graduating seniors will receive information about commencement and all related activities in a separate mailing. Please encourage your seniors to read their email, check their mailboxes and complete all forms in a timely manner. This will insure that commencement goes smoothly for everyone.

End of the Semester Activities

Honors Convocation, April 30, 1 p.m., Knott Auditorium
Graduate Commencement Ceremony, May 17, 7 p.m., Knott Arena
Class of 2006 Barbeque, May 19, 6 p.m., Patriot Hall
Senior Social in the Quad, May 19, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
Baccalaureate Procession and Liturgy, May 20, 4:45 p.m., Knott Arena
Graduation Gala, May 20, 7 p.m., Patriot Hall
Commencement Ceremony, May 21, 11 a.m., Knott Arena

Campus Activities

Friday Night Comedy Series

9 p.m. in Purcell
 April 7—Jasper Redd
 April 21—Randy Riggie
 April 28—Lee Camp

Saturday Night Music Series

10 p.m. in Purcell
 April 22—Fooling April
 April 29—Causeway

Special Events

April 6—Barry Drake, "The Roots of Rock & Roll 1953-1963," 8 p.m., Knott Auditorium
 April 7—Swing Dance Lessons, 11 p.m., Purcell
 April 8—Spring Fling, 10 p.m., 2 a.m., Patriot Hall
April 19—Recycled Percussion, 6:30 p.m., Knott Arena, Cost: Mount students, \$5; Everyone else, \$10
 April 20—Coffee House featuring Vicky Emerson, 8 p.m., Purcell

Mount Family

The Delaware Alumni Chapter Beach Picnic

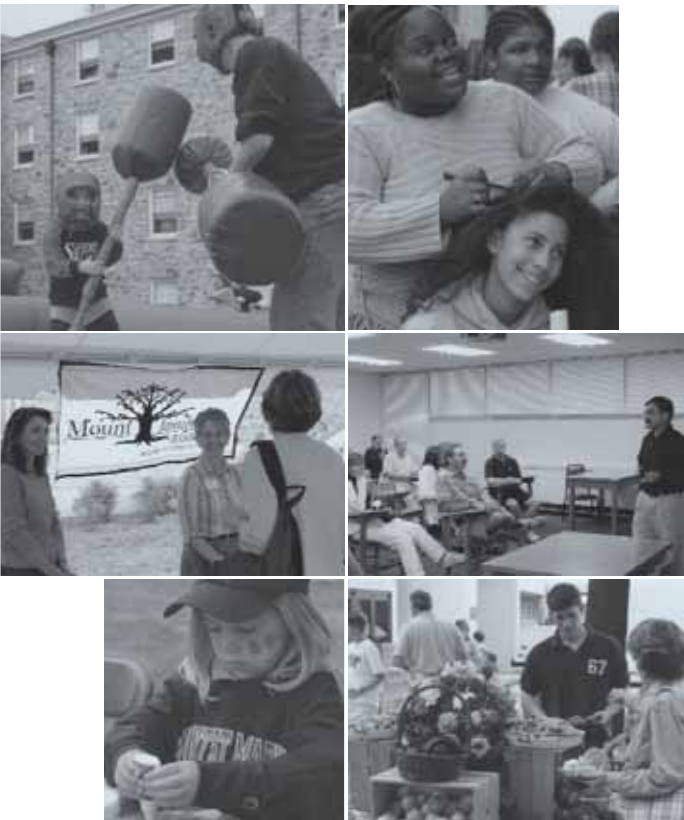
Sunday, July 16
 Held at Cape Henlopen State PA. Families of current Mount students are welcome. Call the Alumni office for details 301-447-5362

FamilyFest Offers A Rousing Good Time

The Mount will welcome parents, siblings and other relatives to campus for FamilyFest this fall— September 22-24, 2006—providing a great opportunity for relatives of current Mount students to experience life on campus.

Families can take advantage of numerous opportunities offered that week-end—including a “Mystery Dinner,” learning more about campus initiatives with President Thomas H. Powell, hearing about exciting study abroad opportunities, and meeting the professors their sons and daughters always talk about.

Don't miss out on your chance to share in the fun next semester. See you in September!



Bicentennial Celebration

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES TWO CENTURIES OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

By Liz Monahan, Bicentennial Director

As we prepare for our Bicentennial in 2008, we are working on the proposed celebrations and the role our students will have in these celebrations.

There are currently five students serving on the Bicentennial Commission. **Brian Audy**, **Richard Bolte III**, and **Laura Fenaroli** are all members of the class of 2008, **Dan Ketterer** is a member of the Seminary class of 2008, and **Jen Martin** is a graduate student in our MBA program. These students have been working together to propose a number of plans to the Steering Committee of the Bicentennial Commission. Some of those plans include service projects, a Seminary symposium, and a Bicentennial dance. We are confident all of our students will have an opportunity to par-

ticipate in the many proposed events that will take place—beginning with our kickoff in August 2007. To support this effort, Mount parents **Mary Beth and Edward Audy** are also members of the Bicentennial Commission. Additionally, we are working with students across campus on a number of initiatives. **Dennis Cali, Ph.D.**, professor of rhetoric and communication, is collaborating on a project involving students writing reports on the former presidents of Mount St. Mary's, with the goal of publishing their work on the Bicentennial web page. His students also spent time working with our Archivist, **Jennifer Harp**, to gather primary sources for research in their coursework.

A number of students were enlisted to aid Virginia Wolf Productions in the on campus

filming of the Bicentennial's documentary on the history of the Mount. This gave them a unique opportunity to shadow the film crew, the director and the scriptwriter. We will continue filming for the rest of the semester and our students will have more opportunities to assist in this process.

The Bicentennial will serve as an exciting celebration in which our students will be able to remember and honor our two centuries of Catholic education, and begin to explore ways in which they can contribute to our third century!

The Newsletter of the Mount Family Association

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A Good Read

A peek over the shoulder at what students are reading on campus this year.

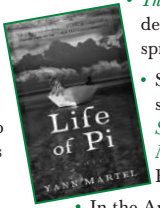
On March 21 the Delaplaine Professorship sponsored a campus visit from Stewart O'Nan. O'Nan is the author of *Snow Angels*, *The Names of the Dead*, *The Speed Queen*, *The Night Country*, and many more. O'Nan will meet with classes and lead an evening discussion in *The Vietnam Reader: The Definitive Collection of Fiction and Nonfiction on the War*.

Students taking Professor Carol Hinds' Catholic Novel course had a list of 10 novels to tackle, including author Diane Schoemperlen's *Our Lady of the Lost and Found* and Mark Salzman's *Lying Awake*.

The mission statement of Mount St. Mary's notes that we “affirm the values and beliefs central to the Catholic vision of the person and society.” That vision is often well-reflected in novels that are written by Catholics and in novels, whether or not they are written by Catholics, concerned with Catholic aspects of life and culture.

What else are Mount students reading?

- Honor students are reading *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett.
- Many Freshmen Seminar students are reading Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Others may choose between Chaim Potok's *The Chosen* or *My Name is Asher Lev*.



- *The Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel, is on deck for Professor Byron Stay's spring first year students.
- Sociology and criminal justice students are tackling: *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City* by Elijah Anderson.

- In the American Experience course, some of the titles covered include: Stephen Crane, *Red Badge of Courage* and *Maggie*; Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca, *Castaways: The Narrative of Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca*; Susanna Rowson, *Charlotte Temple*; Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life*; and Mary Rowlandson, *A True History of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson*.



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

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“THEY'RE BACK!!!”

Did your student arrive home during Christmas break with clothing no longer needed over the next few months? Storage is a problem in residence hall living! Did they come back to the Mount with their cold weather clothing? New Christmas presents? Remember—what comes in, must go out!

I read recently that college students throw away 640 pounds of trash a year. About a third of the total is in the last two weeks prior to clearing out for the summer. You might be amazed at all the perfectly good items that are thrown out or simply left behind! Couches, lamps, rugs, clothing (some with price tags still attached!), food ...



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

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Mount students are no exception to this average, but an exceptional group of Mount staff members decided to turn a problem into a solution! Administrative assistants **Barbara Levy** (parent of Joel Levy C'08), **Christine Joyner**, **Lisa Rhoads**, and **Judy Ott** banded together to form *RATS—Recycle All That Stuff!* More than 50,000 pounds of “trash” used to be thrown out on campus, much of it highly reusable. But not last year! Students were encouraged to bring small items to “recycling” sites in each residence hall, and haul large items to a tent set up in the quad. (15 couches were collected!) At the end of last year's spring semester, a community sale was held and a very successful event was born.

The highlights included:

- One van full of canned and dry good was delivered to the Catocin Community Agency Service (Emmitsburg Food Bank).
- Three vanloads of various supplies—irons, shelving, rugs, Tupperware, cooking utensils, lamps were delivered to the Seton Center in Emmitsburg.
- One van of furniture was delivered to the Rescue Mission in Taneytown.
- One carload of clothes and household items was delivered to Goodwill Industries in Thurmont.
- \$700 was raised for the Dave Copenhaver Spirit Fund—an emergency fund, managed by Campus Ministry, available on a confidential basis to all Mount employees.

This spring students may begin depositing their unwanted “stuff” May 10-12 (the last three days of exam week) in designated areas, and the RATS will scurry about handling all the details. On Saturday, May 13, there will be a public sale of merchandise. RATS has an email account set up this year. Volunteers and other interested people are asked to email: rats@mmsmary.edu. I know as parents you all join me in thanking our staff volunteers for undertaking such a worthwhile project!

ALL ABOARD THE MOUNT HOME BUS!

Switching topics, I am quite happy to report the success of our inaugural Mount HomeBus program. For the first time in campus history, students living in New York, New Jersey and parts of Pennsylvania were offered the option of reserving a chartered bus home for breaks. Notices were sent to almost 300 students living near the bus route, and a busload went up and back for fall and Thanksgiving breaks. One-way tickets are available to allow for greater flexibility, and from the final stop at Penn Station in New York City, students can arrange to travel even further.

Spring is just around the corner—I spied a few stray daffodils blooming already. Ashes have been imposed. Lent has begun. As we journey through this season of reflection, may we recall the promise of fulfillment inherent in Christ's sacrificial love, and may we strive to undertake our responsibilities with joy.



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